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“When I was in college...”

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“I’m from Florida so I didn’t realize the football rivalries, but when I saw people jump in Frog Fountain I was so proud I went to TCU”

Anne Miller
Senior marketing major



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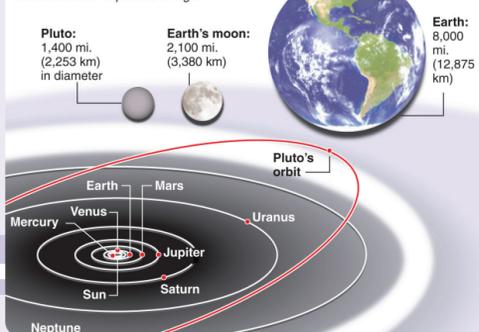


“That was my first division 1 football game to dress out for and to see the Amon Carter Stadium full of fans and to see the energy was incredible.”

Drew Combs
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Pluto gets kicked out of the planet club

A new definition by the International Astronomical Union of what is a planet leaves Pluto out and the official number of planets at eight.



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“I was really concerned about the Virginia Tech shooting because a good friend of mine goes to school there and I woke up with a text from him about the incident. So it really hit home.”

Thomas Moss
Senior finance and accounting major



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“The BLUU was a cool place to host a concert, it would be nice to enjoy these improvements, but times change and I’m happy for these changes.”

Ryan Elder
Senior finance major



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“After graduation I’m excited about being independent and the challenges at hand, but most of all TCU challenged me socially and academically.”

Amy O’Hoyt
Senior entrepreneurial management major

GRADUATION

Employers predicted to hire fewer graduates

By Chilton Tippin
Staff Reporter

Employers expect to hire 22 percent fewer college graduates on a national scale from the class of 2009 than they hired from the class of 2008, according to a study conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

The deteriorating economic situation is the catalyst for the anticipated decline in hiring, according to a press release issued by NACE.

John Thompson, executive director of Career Services, said the strain on jobs has affected students on campus graduating in 2009 as well.

"There is no doubt that it takes more time to get a job," Thompson said. "Last year you may have only had to go to four or five employers before you got a job. It may have only taken you thirty days or four or five weeks. This year because of the job market you may have to go see 50 employers, and it may take you as long as three or four months to really get a job."

Nate Arnold, a senior business information systems and advertising/public relations major, said the economy has prompted him to pursue his job prospects with increased vigor.

"I'm definitely worried," Arnold said. "Especially for advertising; it's not a great outlook for jobs."

Arnold said he plans on moving to New York to pursue a career in marketing.

"That's where all the new jobs in that area are, so I'm feeling a little more confident about that," Arnold said.

The strain on jobs has caused

many of his friends to take jobs they wouldn't have considered earlier, he said.

"It's definitely made me work so much harder," Arnold said. "I never take a contact for granted. Now, if anyone says anything about helping me or knowing someone I follow it up."

Esther Lee, a senior fashion merchandising major, said she has been searching for a job since January.

"I don't think I'm as stressed out as most people because I have several backup options in

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John Thompson
executive director of
Career Services

my head," Lee said. "I've always wanted to join the Peace Corps, and so that was one thing that I've applied to, and I can always interview for that if I want."

Thompson said many students have been adapting to the stringent job market by lowering their standards on which jobs to consider.

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SKIFF ARCHIVES

Internships improve odds of employment

By La Jean Akridge
The Daily Aztec
(San Diego State University)

As many graduates this spring may come to realize, a degree does not guarantee a job. While some graduates are able to secure jobs before graduation, others will struggle to look for employment while still holding onto low-wage jobs.

Internships are an option that might give college graduates the upper hand in the job market, Humberto Peraza, district chief of staff for Congressmen Bob Filner, said.

In a recent survey by Career Services polling San Diego State University December 2008 graduates, 43 percent of the respondents reported completing an internship before graduating.

Of this group, 42 percent were offered full-time employment.

"When considering applications, all employers will look for some experience in the trade," Peraza said. "Internships are great way to get your foot in the door."

As a former intern himself, Peraza said he could not have been where he is today if he did not decide to intern.

He, like many employers, said experience trumps knowledge.

"I look at people's resumes every day," Peraza said. "If they don't have experience, it doesn't matter if they have a master's degree — nine times out of 10, I'd hire someone who has interned over someone who has not."

For gerontology major Erika Castile and political science major Funmilayo Akinmulero, in-

ternships helped ease the anxiety of life after graduation.

Castile hopes to build her career around learning and helping the elderly. With the help of her advisers, she was able to complete multiple internships before graduation.

"By doing several internships, I was able to test drive jobs that I was interested in," Castile said. "I now have a better outlook on the jobs I would like to do and know the ones I'm not cut out to do."

As a political science major, Akinmulero decided to complete an internship for her capstone requirement. Gaining academic credit for her unpaid internship, she was offered a permanent position upon its completion.

"When I returned from Winter Break I was offered a position by Marty Block himself, as a field

representative for his office," Akinmulero said. "Due to class and work scheduling conflicts ... I had to decline the position, but the immediate offer just goes to show how important interning can be."

One downside for students is that internships require the time commitment of real jobs, sometimes without the pay, Peraza said.

"A lot of college students think that their degree means that they start out running things," Peraza said. "A lot of intern jobs and entry-level positions mean doing the brunt work, helping out and getting acquainted with the career environment."

However, students such as Castile and Akinmulero said the experience and knowledge gained was well worth the effort.

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Skillset key to media jobs

By Chris Clark
The Daily Iowan
(University of Iowa)

Newspapers are closing, newsrooms are consolidating, and the job market is the worst it has been in years.

University of Iowa journalism Professor Judy Polumbaum said for graduating seniors, "the hiring picture does not look good."

Journalism is changing: More people are turning to the Internet for their news, forcing professionals to work faster on numerous platforms while providing more content at a lower price. At the same time, the industry's job market is shrinking, making it difficult for journalism students to take part in the work force.

Although the dwindling economy isn't the only culprit, it's a major threat to local, state and national news organizations.

National newspapers are scrambling to adjust to the new demands of the industry. Most recently, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer canceled its print production and announced it will publish exclusively online.

Last December, the Iowa City Press-Citizen laid off 11 employees, and last month, the Gazette Co. cut 100 of its 600 employees, including more than a dozen from the Gazette newsroom. Gazette Co. officials cited the flood and economy as reasons for the reduction.

"We are reorganizing the structure of the company to make it more flexible going forward," said Gazette columnist and UI adjunct instructor Jennifer Hemmingsen. "There are a lot of people reading

newspapers, just not the paper edition."

As the job market becomes increasingly competitive, news organizations are looking for employees who can excel in multiple forms of media, Polumbaum said, adding that the trend for entry level

"These days, in the professional world, you can't see yourself as solely a TV person or solely a Web person."

Wayne Drash
CNN.com's senior producer
for TV/Web integration

journalists is to be in new media, especially Internet-based jobs.

"It's important to be comfortable picking up new tools, and it's important to spend time to teach yourself how to use them," she said.

Wayne Drash, CNN.com's senior producer for TV/Web integration, said it is imperative for reporters to have a wide variety of multimedia skills.

"These days, in the professional world, you can't see yourself as solely a TV person or solely a Web person — you need both skill sets to distinguish yourself as someone who can compete," said Drash, who earned his graduate degree at the UI in 1995 and finished an internship with CNN just as the organization launched CNN.com.

Although new technology is a determining factor for companies

looking to hire young journalists, Polumbaum said, practicing the fundamentals — investigating, storytelling, following major news media — is equally important.

"You need to be brave — to have a sense of adventure, which is why this is a career for young people," she said.

UI senior Katie Manning said she's not sure what she wants to do with her journalism degree when she graduates in May, but she's not "throwing in the towel."

"I'm enthusiastic and motivated," Manning said, "and the fact of the matter is that there are still jobs out there."

For some, graduate school is an attractive alternative to the formidable job market.

Amy A'Hearn, a UI career adviser for journalism students, said she has no general advice for students deciding whether to go the graduate or the professional route. Instead, she said, she thinks getting an internship before graduation can give students valuable experience working in a professional environment.

"(An internship) is a good way to get a taste of what the job might be like on a full-time basis. Experience like that will make their resumes make it to the top of the pile," she said.

Applications to the UI's Journalism and Mass Communications graduate program are down slightly from last year, said Betty Wood, the head of graduate and professional-school admission in the UI Admissions Office.

"Everywhere we look, we hear that journalism is dying," UI Professor Julie Andsager said. "So, why would you want to get an advanced degree in a discipline where doom is being forecast?"

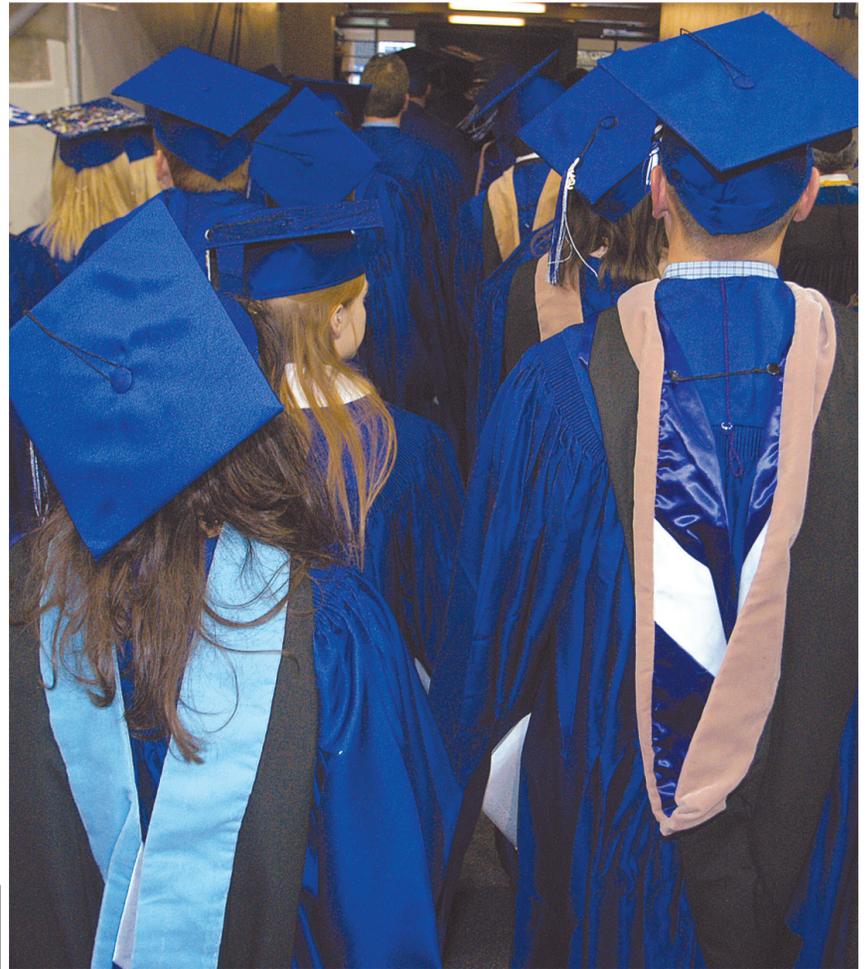
Andsager, who is also the director of graduate studies for the journalism program, said it's obvious getting a master's degree gives students a long-term advantage, but with developing technology and the current state of the economy, news organizations are more likely to hire tech-savvy young journalists who will work for less pay than veterans.

But for Polumbaum, succeeding as a young journalist amounts to one thing: the desire to serve the public.

"You have to be passionate. You need an inner drive, and no one can teach you that," she said.



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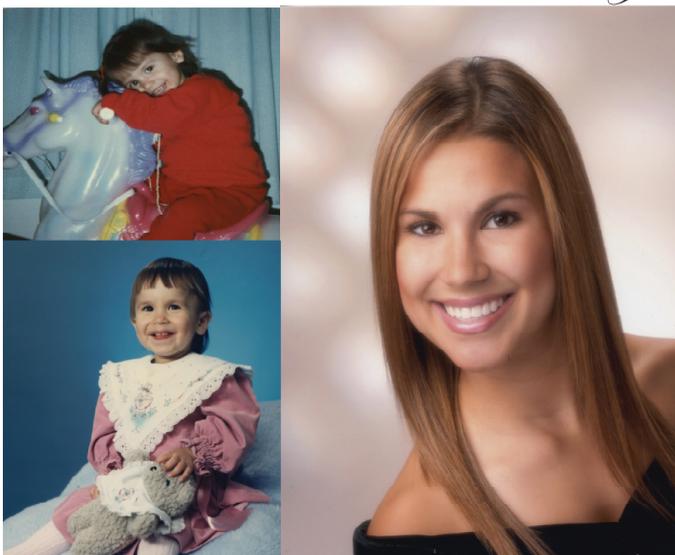


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Foreigners likely to return home after graduation

By Lizzy Karoly
Staff Reporter

International students graduating from universities across the U.S. are more likely to return to their home country than stay in the U.S. due to fears about the slumping economy, according to a new study.

According to the study, many international students will be leaving the U.S. after graduation because they believe economic opportunities in their home countries are better.

In the study from the Kauffman Foundation and several universities, "Losing the World's Best and Brightest: America's New Immigrant Entrepreneurs," survey respondents were those enrolled in or graduating from a U.S. institution of higher learning during the 2008 academic year. The organization studies the economic impact of entrepreneurship.

The study shows 7 percent of Chinese students, 9 percent of European students and 25 percent of Indian students said they think the U.S. economy's brightest moments are yet to come.

However, 74 percent of Chinese students and 86 percent of Indian students said their home countries' economies' brightest moments are yet to come.

Vivek Wadhwa, a co-author of the study and a senior research associate at Harvard Law School,

said he believes the results of this study show a long-term disaster for the U.S.

"We have always attracted the world's best and brightest and immigrants have fueled our economic growth and improved our global competitiveness," Wadhwa said. "Now we are sending them away. Other countries will benefit from our loss."

According to the study, 54.7 percent of Indian students, 34.6 percent of European students and 52.5 percent of Chinese students who wish to start their own business said they will probably do so in their home countries.

"Should their intentions turn into actions, the departure of these foreign nationals could represent a significant loss for U.S. science and engineering workforce, in which the immigrants have played increasingly larger roles over the past three decades," the study said.

John Singleton, director of international student services, said TCU is estimated to have 60 to 70 international students graduating in the spring, but final numbers have not yet been released.

Singleton said he does not know how many of them are planning to stay in the U.S. or return home.

"Right now it is all speculation because we haven't had the first graduation since the collapse of our economy," Singleton said.

"But there is thinking that more international students will go home because the economy is not as good and there may be fewer visas given."

Martha Cornejo, a senior graphic design major from Peru, said she plans to return home after graduating in May.

"I am going home to work in an international advertising agency," Cornejo said. "I am not sure how long I will stay in Peru, but I would like to spend at least a year with my parents before I move somewhere else."

Marco Riquelme, a senior entrepreneurial management and finance major from Paraguay, said he plans to stay in the U.S. and work as the district manager for a company in Florida. He said he is staying in the U.S. because he feels he has a much bigger opportunity for growth.

"I find that the foundation of U.S. corporations is something lacking in Paraguay businesses, and something that I will be able to use as a competitive advantage once I go back," Riquelme said.

R.J. Hesselberg, a senior communications studies major from Canada, said he hopes to stay in the U.S. when he graduates next December.

"If the economy gets worse and I couldn't find a job here then I guess I would probably go home, but if I can find a job here then I am definitely going to stay in the U.S.," Hesselberg said.

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CAMPUS RECREATION

Alumni memberships on hold

By Annie Cooper
Staff Reporter

Campus Recreation is not accepting any new applications or renewing alumni or community memberships put in effect on or after Jan. 1 of this year, according to a university official.

Steve Kintigh, director of Campus Recreation, said he has believed for some time that students would one day begin to drive out

"Alumni always receive the first semester after they graduate free so that is not going to change."

Greg Nord
facility team leader at the University Recreation Center

community and alumni members.

"The student body is growing and will continue to grow," Kintigh said. "It was time to put guidelines in place."

Kintigh said that the executive staff has met several times with the administration about the matter but whatever happens, the well-being of the students will be protected.

"Alumni will still receive a semester of membership free of charge," Kintigh said.

Greg Nord, a facility team leader at the University Recreation Center and senior communication studies major, said the University Recreation Center is a private university facility that must comply with certain rules.

Campus Recreation has exceeded the permitted ratio of community-to-student memberships, therefore no new membership applications can be accepted, Nord said.

Kintigh said he does not know the exact number of community-to-student memberships but that the facility is at capacity.

Nord said he has worked at the University Recreation Center for two summers and the crowd that frequents the facility has remained the same.

"We are not cancelling any memberships, so I don't anticipate seeing a downsize in the amount of people here," Nord said.

Nord said he understands the capacity issue, so he is not upset that he will not be able to join the facility as an alumnus.

"Alumni always receive the first semester after they graduate free so that is not going to change," Nord said.

Garett Essl, a senior entrepreneurial management major who uses the facility four or five

times a week, said he plans to return to Fort Worth in a couple of years and would like to think that alumni would still be taken care of when they return to the area.

"This is where I planned on getting a membership," Essl said. "I was looking forward to coming back to something besides just football games — a community that still feels like home."

Essl said those who contributed to the school and its facilities with their tuition dollars should not be prohibited from using the University Recreation Center.

"I can see closing it to outside community members, but I don't see why they would close it to the alumni base, especially those who are going to come back and support the school," Essl said.

Ilissa Telle, a senior psychology major, said she plans to stay in Fort Worth after graduation, and if she were to join any gym, it would be the University Recreation Center.

"TCU should take care of its students after they graduate and not close their doors on us," Telle said.

Kintigh said any decisions made about membership will keep the best interest of the alumni in mind.

"When you reach capacity you have to cap it somewhere," Kintigh said. "We are doing our best for alumni to take precedence."



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Tips to stand out in tough economic times, job market

By Patrick Burns
Staff Reporter

Graduating seniors hoping to get a job after receiving a diploma face the toughest market in decades, according to the Department of Labor. About 663,000 jobs were terminated and 3.3 million jobs were lost in the last five months. With companies hiring less and less, the resume now becomes more important than ever. Here are some tips for students to make sure their resume stands out to employers.

Don't forget a cover letter

A cover letter for a resume tells the employer why the applicant is interested in the job and gives the employer an overall preview of what the prospective employee has to offer.

John Thompson, executive director of TCU Career Services, said students often don't realize the importance of a cover letter and sometimes forget to include it with their resume.

"You've got to put your best foot forward in these things,"

Thompson said. "You're trying to get someone to interview you. If you don't impress them with a cover letter, they're probably not going to look at your resume."

Thompson said applicants should include why they believe they're equipped for the job and what kind of contribution they would make to the organization. Finally, applicants should ask when they could meet with the interviewer.

List accomplishments in previous jobs

Thompson said the biggest mistake students make when building a resume is listing only responsibilities from previous jobs and not accomplishments.

"Employers aren't interested in responsibilities," Thompson said. "Employers want to know what you've done."

For instance, Thompson said, if an applicant's duties included filing paperwork, try to show that they were proficient in that task.

Matthew Riordan, assistant director for career advisement at Career Services, said applicants

need to showcase their skills on a resume.

"Your skills are what come first, and what you technically did is a support to that skill set," Riordan said.

Proofread several times, then proofread again

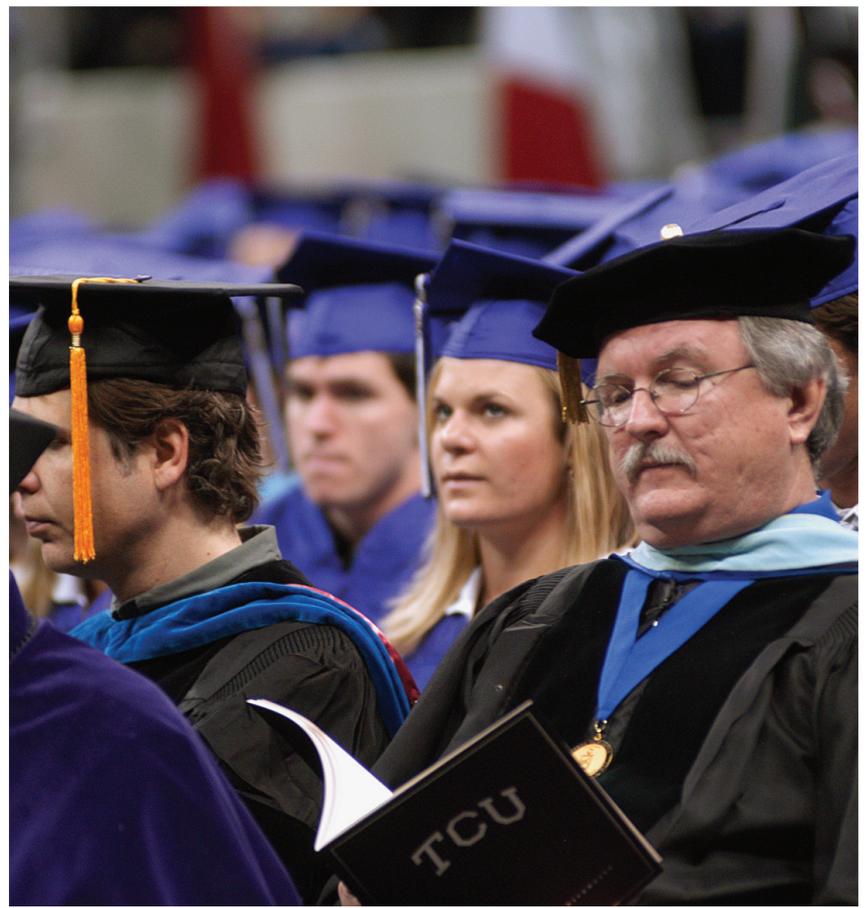
Although it seems obvious, going over an application for errors may be the most important thing in showing the employer that the applicant remains committed to every detail, Thompson said.

Riordan said grammar errors occur when students fail to proofread their resumes.

"More often, it comes from not sharing your work with someone else — having another set of eyes," Riordan said. "People are naturally a little apprehensive about that."

A grammar error can give the appearance to employers that applicants didn't take the time to check their work.

"That's absolutely the worst possible sin," Thompson said. "It makes it look like you just don't care."



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Nurse shortage extends to U.S. military

By Rachel Polchek
Daily Kent Stater
(Kent State University)

National demand for registered nurses is increasing, and the military is no exception.

In July 2008, there were nearly 20,000 Registered Nurse vacancies in the United States, according to the American Health Care Association.

"There's a greater demand for nurses because we started using them more," Lt. Col. Lowell E. Bailey Jr. said. "Nurses do more now. They're taking on more responsibilities."

He said military nurses are a hot commodity.

Military nurses in active duty must be able to care for soldiers and pilots suffering from minor injuries to near-death emergencies. Flight nurses must be able to take care of patients while riding on an airplane to the nearest hospital or clinic, Bailey said.

Many bases are forced to downsize from field hospitals to clinics because of the lack of (nurse) involvement, he said.

There are currently four nursing students in Air Force ROTC, Bailey said. This does not include freshmen or sophomores because they are technically not accepted into the nursing program yet.

Air Force ROTC offers scholarships and a monthly stipend to most cadets of any major. Express scholarships are offered to nursing students. An Express scholarship is not offered to a nursing student in the ROTC program until he or she is accepted in the nursing program.

Air Force ROTC scholarships

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Lowell E. Bailey Jr.
Air Force lieutenant colonel

can pay up to 100 percent of a cadet's tuition.

"Students are usually accepted into the program after their sophomore year," Bailey said. "We need a letter of acceptance from the nursing school."

Kristina Hoge is a senior in the nursing program and between her junior and senior years in the ROTC program.

"For my first three years of college, ROTC didn't even cross my mind," she said.

Hoge came to Kent State with the intention of becoming a doctor. After her first year, she decided to major in nursing instead because she knew there was a shortage and a guaranteed job after graduation, she said.

Hoge became interested in the ROTC program after learning she could train to be a flight nurse.

"I really like to fly. I like heights. I like jumping out of air planes and off buildings," she said. "I decided to take the military route."

She has always had an interest in the military, she said.

Additional post-graduation training is required for flight nurses.

"You can take the place of a doctor if there is no doctor on the plane, so there's a lot of training involved," Hoge said.

Hoge accepted the Express scholarship from ROTC for nursing and signed for six years. "They paid for my school, and after I graduate I go in (active duty)," she said.

After graduation, nurses are commissioned as a second lieutenant like all other cadets, Bailey said.

Hoge is graduating in December.

"I'm nervous, happy, anxious and kind of scared," she said. "I can't really describe it."



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There are currently four nursing students in Air Force ROTC, Bailey said. This does not include freshmen or sophomores because they are technically not accepted into the nursing program yet.

Air Force ROTC offers scholarships and a monthly stipend to most cadets of any major. Express scholarships are offered to nursing students. An Express scholarship is not offered to a nursing student in the ROTC program until he or she is accepted in the nursing program.

Air Force ROTC scholarships

"There's a greater demand for nurses because we started using them more. Nurses do more now. They're taking on more responsibilities."

Lowell E. Bailey Jr.
Air Force lieutenant colonel

can pay up to 100 percent of a cadet's tuition.

"Students are usually accepted into the program after their sophomore year," Bailey said. "We need a letter of acceptance from the nursing school."

Kristina Hoge is a senior in the nursing program and between her junior and senior years in the ROTC program.

"For my first three years of college, ROTC didn't even cross my mind," she said.

Hoge came to Kent State with the intention of becoming a doctor. After her first year, she decided to major in nursing instead because she knew there was a shortage and a guaranteed job after graduation, she said.

Hoge became interested in the ROTC program after learning she could train to be a flight nurse.

"I really like to fly. I like heights. I like jumping out of air planes and off buildings," she said. "I decided to take the military route."

She has always had an interest in the military, she said.

Additional post-graduation training is required for flight nurses.

"You can take the place of a doctor if there is no doctor on the plane, so there's a lot of training involved," Hoge said.

Hoge accepted the Express scholarship from ROTC for nursing and signed for six years. "They paid for my school, and after I graduate I go in (active duty)," she said.

After graduation, nurses are commissioned as a second lieutenant like all other cadets, Bailey said.

Hoge is graduating in December.

"I'm nervous, happy, anxious and kind of scared," she said. "I can't really describe it."



HILDA M PEREZ / Orlando Sentinel via MCT
Lt. Col. Susan Raymond of Winter Park, Fla., center, head nurse in intensive care at Germany's Landstuhl, is often the first person a soldier sees after surgery.

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ECONOMY

Consumer habits might remain despite recovery

By Donna Kato
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Carolyn O'Brien used to glide into Nordstrom, let the fashion moment seize her and buy whatever was in her price range, with little concern for sales or discounts.

These days, she combs the racks at Macy's or JCPenney, where coupons and discounts mean savings of 40 percent or more.

"I don't buy anything unless it's on sale now, and not just a little sale, it has to be at least 20 percent off," said O'Brien, who works for the California Skin Institute as a patient care coordinator. And, she said, she may keep her thrifty shopping habits even after the economy rebounds.

The Great Depression witnessed a generational change in consumer behavior, when learning to live with less became a habit — and one that many clung to even when the good times returned.

Now, some research suggests that even as Americans have downshifted their spending habits because of the current recession, buying only essentials, shopping less — and trading down when they do — they are seriously reassessing their consumerism, not just now but also for the long term.

"To what extent will this behavior persist even if the economy bounces back? That is the big question," said Frank Badillo, vice president and senior retail economist for Retail Forward, a consulting and analysis firm.

The firm conducted a survey in August and again in February to gauge consumer habits. It found both times that about three-fourths of the 4,000 survey respondents said they have significantly or somewhat changed their shopping behaviors because of the economy.

And once entrenched, this "recession shopping behavior" has the potential to linger even after the economy improves, according to the report.

U.S. consumer behavior changed drastically during the Depression, when 25 to 30 percent of the work force was unemployed. Frugality was the rule of the day, a mindset many continued for the rest of their lives. But in the decades since, easy money policies led to an explosion of credit, and consumption. Now, with the current crisis, many who have never had to economize are being forced to do so for the first time in their lives.

Some economists are uncertain whether new, thrifty shopping habits will stick. It's "normal for families to adjust their spending in deep recessions or when personal financial trouble hits," said Steve Levy, an economist and director of the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy.

The recession after the dot-com bubble burst saw spending fall, he said, as it did during the recessions of the early 1980s and 1990s. Historically, Levy said, consumers returned to old habits slowly over a few years, waiting until they felt secure that the economy and their jobs were stable.

The current consumer behavior most mirrors what happened in the early 1980s, when tax and interest rates were high and unemployment rampant, said Marti Kopacz, a retail distress expert with Grant Thornton, a corporate advisory and restructuring services firm. Just as they did then, consumers are trading down one level.

A Nordstrom shopper, for instance, might switch to Macy's, while a Macy's shopper might go to JCPenney or Kohl's. And those customers who have become comfortable buying basics at less-expensive

stores may continue to do so even after things improve.

In fact, experts say the category hurting the most and the one that may take the longest to recover is luxury goods, because it's the one area in which consumers can delay purchases.

"In a world where 95 percent of us had jobs, it was only natural to trade up on some things," said Mark Wilcox, managing director of retail programs at Affinity Solutions, a retail marketing and technology services company in New York. "These days, we're more likely to make systematic changes downward. The only ones benefiting are Wal-Mart, Costco and Goodwill."

Economist Levy argued that a return to previous habits will take time. "Families will spend more, and on more expensive items, as jobs return and incomes rise. We may not go back to the 'old ways' for a long time, if by old ways you mean people buying things they cannot afford without dangerous borrowing."

Homemaker Ana Rios said she has changed her shopping ways, though she's not sure it will be permanent.

"I used to stop by here when I came to the grocery store just to see what was new," said Rios, who was shopping recently at Marshalls. "Now I come here looking for specific things I need because I don't think now is the time to make mindless purchases."

Once a mall cruiser who loved to seek out sales, Rios said she is avoiding those temptations for now. Even though she hasn't had major financial upheaval in her life, she's aware how quickly it can happen.

She views the belt-tightening as an adventure. "It's like camping, instead of staying at a nice hotel," she said.



KAREN T. BORCHERS / San Jose Mercury News via MCT
Barbara Buldo, 58, of Sunnyvale, browses as she shops, April 8 in San Jose, Calif. Buldo has been unemployed for a year from her job as a field representative at a lumber company. She shops at thrift stores and discount stores.

Lauren Nicole Bortka



For every ending, there's a new beginning; for every memory, there's a dream ahead. The happy times you've had so far, the people you have met will always be a part of life you'll never quite forget. But even better, brighter days are waiting just for you. So dream your dreams and start in now to make them all true. Congratulations La!

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*Congratulations,
Dad & Wanda*



GRADUATION



SKIFF ARCHIVES

OPINION

Writing anxiety shaped identity

GILLIS HEDLUND

Sitting down in front of a white screen with a small cursor marker blinking at the top left- I think that pretty much sums up college anxiety for me.

In some way, the dichotomy built up between that little cursor and me is what I have to thank for every single achievement of my somewhat crippled and routinely underachieving student career. It was that cursor that ferociously stared me down when I decided to apply for an exchange program taking place between my Swedish college and TCU.

The cursor blinked in a Morse Code only we could understand, just me and my Microsoft Word, as if it was telling me that there was no use to even try. It was taunting me; it seemed to be saying, "Ha, how dare you even think about challenging me?"

I sweated and I cringed, I took long coffee breaks and I stared at it intensely for an eternity. I tried to be its friend, I tried to listen — as if I was subconsciously thinking that if I just gave it enough space, enough time, it would get on my side and it would change that lateral smirk into a welcoming smile. But it didn't change.

I waged war upon that cursor for hours until I had a cover letter for my application.

It worked. I could hardly believe it. In four months time I was off to TCU, and there was nothing that little cursor could do to stop me.

Trying to do justice to my first spring term at TCU on this page is impossible. I had the time of my life. I took some of the best courses I've ever taken and I learned from some of the best professors I've ever known. I was a sponge. I learned something every day. I learned about Jeffersonian democracy in the mornings and independent school district legislation before lunch. I learned that \$4 can get you a lot of delicious food from Taco Bell. I learned about TOMS Shoes and polo shirts. I learned about Mark Twain, F. Scott Fitzgerald and the American writing tradition. I learned about happy hour at Blue Mesa Grill, and the art of practical moral relativism through discussions on whether or not driving after a four-hour session of beer drinking should be considered "drunk" or "happy" driving, depending on the context.

I even learned that the most beautiful girl in the world was sitting two chairs over from me, and I learned that whenever I tried to nonchalantly look over at her she tried to hide a smile. Imagine my surprise when sitting in the computer lab, after logging onto eCollege and downloading my assignments, there it was again. My nemesis. My silent stalker. This time it was blinking with more intensely furious frequency than ever. It was saying, "They're all going to find you out! You don't belong around these people, look at them. They see right through you. You'll never conquer me." I almost didn't. But I hadn't come halfway across the world to let it beat me now. And besides, this time I had a girl to impress.

I struggled with every letter, spent half of my student loans on tall, black coffee from the Bistro Burnett in the library (I think

I might have single-handedly drank half of the coffee ever produced in Nicaragua) but finally words started forming. Then sentences slowly came creeping on to the page. Occasionally sentences would form paragraphs, and on the best days, the same paragraphs could be grouped as if to resemble papers.

I had to face that blinking cursor at the head of a blank page every day. I made myself do it. I read books on structuring

I had the time of my life. I took some of the best courses I've ever taken and I learned from some of the best professors I've ever known.

essays, I drank even more coffee. I sweated, I shook, I mumbled, I tapped my feet, sometimes so loudly and obnoxiously that the other guests of the library passed the point of annoyance and looked at me with a sense of pity. But I got it done. I got it done faster and better every time. At the end of the semester what had started as an intense staring contest turned into a quick nod of mutual disgust.

Had I won the war against my writing anxiety? Two years later, I can safely say that I had not. But I wouldn't be who I am today if it were not for TCU, and especially if it wasn't for my cursor. I learned more about myself in the six months I spent in Texas than I ever had before. I read, I wrote, I learned and I marvelled. I made friends for life, and I bought my first pair of snakeskin cowboy boots.

And that girl from two chairs over? We got married in February. But that is another story.

Gillis Hedlund was a spring 2009 exchange student from Malmo, Sweden.

Jenna Duvall



Jenna,

All the long hours and hard work have paid off! Congratulations on your graduation and a fantastic job!

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Kattlin Dowling



Kattlin,
We continue to be so proud of who you are! Congratulations on your accomplishments!

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You defeated the dragons and climbed your mountain! We are so proud of you and everything you've accomplished.

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Elliot,

We are happy for you as you cruise into the next phase of your life. Keep up the great work.

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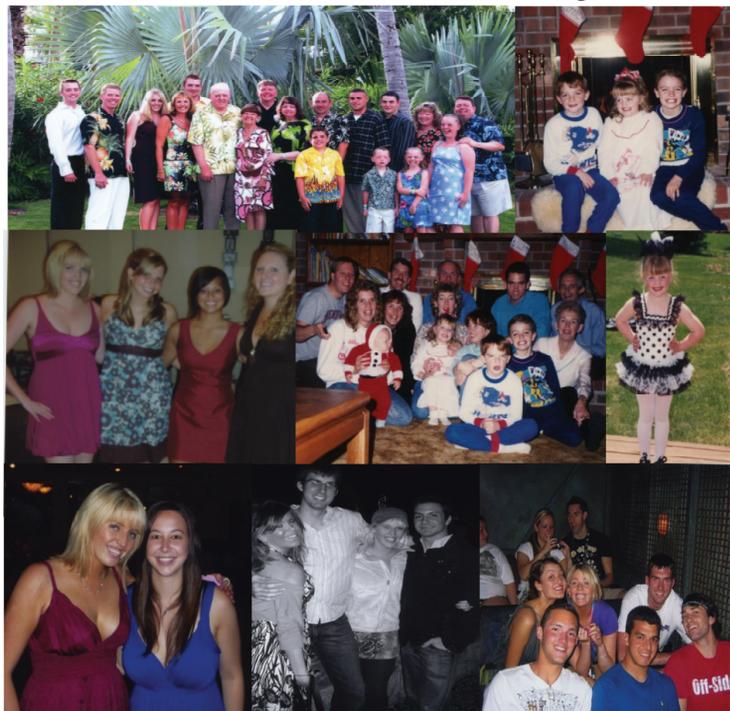
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Megan,

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Mom and Dad

OPINION

Don't forget about your friends



MICHELLE NICOUD

The biggest piece of advice I have as a soon-to-be college graduate might seem rather simple, but it can never be said enough: Get to know people. I've been hearing this for years, but it never really sunk in until recently.

After hearing this statement, no matter who it came from, I would always think, "What do you mean? I know plenty of people." But some things happened during the past nine months that made me realize that "knowing" people doesn't just mean saying "hi" to someone on the way to class, chatting with them on Facebook or meeting them in

the library to complete a class assignment.

Knowing a person is much more than that. It takes work, and it isn't easy. But you will get much more happiness out of it then the momentary joy you experience when you get an 'A' on that assignment you begrudgingly showed up at the library to complete.

The friends I've gotten to know during my final two semesters aren't just the type that wave to you on the sidewalk while they're busy on their cell phones. They are the ones who invite you out to dinner, give you rides to anywhere and everywhere without a second thought, listen to you when you are having a problem and even indulge your passion for sports.

I will still be calling these people in five years, and that is a great feeling as I prepare to leave college. Unfortunately, I haven't met or taken the time to get to know enough people like this.

Remember that life is not all about school and grades. For quite a long time, I was guilty of this way of thinking. Instead, life is really about the relationships

Life is not all about school and grades.

you form and the efforts you make to maintain them. Relationships are worth the effort, the happiness and the excitement. Sometimes, there will be sadness and pain, but that all comes with the ups and downs of life and should never be a reason to give up.

My last year of college has taught me an important lesson: a realization that I will attempt to use as my guiding stick as I move far beyond the classrooms, buildings and sidewalks of TCU.

Michelle Nicoud is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Dallas.

OPINION

Obama a model of positive impact

LAURA MYERS

Dear Father Jenkins,
I would like to commend your decision to accept the President of the United States as this year's commencement speaker. It is an honor to the University of Notre Dame and to its students, especially those in the class of 2009. If only I were so lucky.

Now, I know that some people are less than pleased about your choice. They say that some of the president's opinions differ from theirs, and thus you should rescind the offer immediately.

I struggled with this too, at first. The guy's a Steelers fan, for crying out loud. That's not something to take lightly.

However, I was raised to respect people for their opinions, not to ostracize them. I can also acknowledge that no matter how hard I cheer on the Browns, it will not make President Barack Obama any less of a Steelers fan. But I'm sure that everyone can find some common ground. As I told a friend at church camp a few years ago, she could freely root for the Steelers as long as she threw in a "Go Irish!"

I realize that many of those upset by the president's upcoming appearance feel that his

political actions violate Catholic Social Teaching, and I do understand their concern.

But what about Notre Dame's last presidential graduation speaker?

Former President George W. Bush spoke here in 2001, his first commencement address af-

Maybe our president is a good example of hard work paying off, of breaking barriers, of having a positive impact. Maybe that's what commencement should be about.

ter ascending to the presidency. Before that, he was governor of Texas and oversaw the execution of 155 people. How does that go along with Catholic social teaching?

Personally, I would be honored to have George W. Bush as my graduation speaker. I think his speech would be great.

I don't know this for a fact, but I bet that when the former president spoke here, those currently in an uproar were less

outraged and more akin to the "South Park" portrayal of tween girls at a Jonas Brothers concert. Please, please, Fr. Jenkins, do not Google that.

Maybe everything doesn't have to be about perfect Catholicism or even about politics. Maybe our president is a good example of hard work paying off, of breaking barriers, of having a positive impact. Maybe that's what commencement should be about.

I have always loved Notre Dame, from the days I toddled around in a cheerleader outfit to the days I got my acceptance letter, took my first theology class and sat in the press box on a football Saturday. Sometimes I just walk around and think about how amazing it is that I actually go here.

Obama obviously recognizes how special this place is as well — he chose us as one of only three colleges at which he will speak.

I respectfully request, Fr. Jenkins, that you do not let the voices of the few deter you from showing the president the same respect he has shown to this institution and all those who love it.

Laura Myers is a student at the University of Notre Dame. This column was originally published in The (Notre Dame) Observer.

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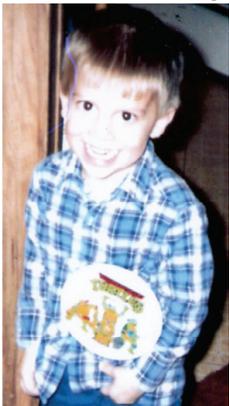


Liz,

We knew early on that fashion was a passion! Congratulations on fulfilling your dream. We love you and are so proud of the amazing young woman you have become. We wish you all the best that life has to offer.

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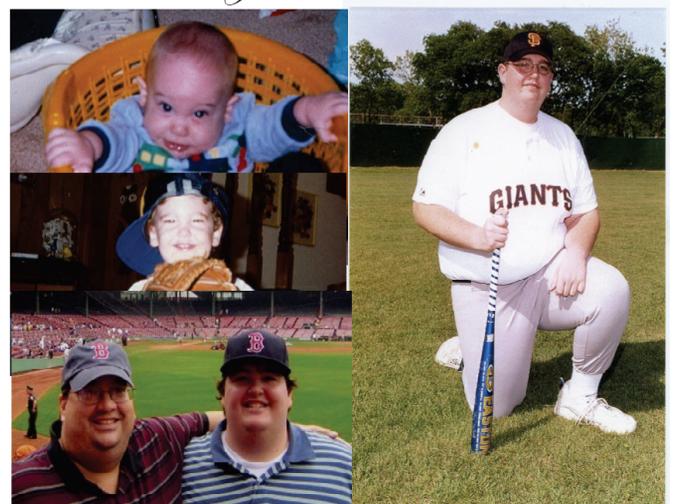
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*Love,
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Billy,

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Love,
Mom and Dad*

GRADUATION

Frog Camp makes lasting impact throughout college



Courtesy of REBEKAH HOOD

Senior marketing major Roque McCrae and senior broadcast journalism major Rebekah Hood pose for a photo. McCrae and Hood have been friends since they first met at Frog Camp Casa Nueva A during their freshman year.

By Courtney Jay
Staff Reporter

Often the first piece of the university an incoming freshman experiences is Frog Camp, a week-long program designed to meet other freshmen and learn about the university.

But for some, Frog Camp is more than a short vacation into the wide world of Horned Frogs. It's the place where they met their best friend, forming a bond that will last throughout the college years.

Jason Wallace, a senior advertising/public relations major, met his best friend Desmond Ellington, a senior theatre major, at Frog Camp Challenge B during the summer of 2005. Both eventually became facilitators at Frog Camp, and Wallace became a director for summer 2008.

"When I first met Jason, I was very intimidated by him because he was quiet and wasn't talking," Ellington said. "So I kind of met him through other friends he was hanging out with."

But he said by the second day, they were already friends.

Ellington and Wallace both agree their best memory of Frog Camp was the Saturday night luau, where they discovered their mutual dance skills.

"We just had a dance party and I remember, at that moment, I re-

alized he could dance as well as I could so that's kind of been the basis of it from there," Ellington said.

Rebekah Hood, a senior broadcast journalism major, met her best friend Roque McCrae, a senior marketing major, for the first time at a gathering before Frog Camp Casa Nueva A.

But Hood said after their time at Frog Camp, they knew they had found something special in each other.

"I think it made it real that we were going to be together for our college experience," she said. "At that time, I don't think we would have necessarily guessed we'd be living together all four years, but we definitely got to know each other better and stuck by each other's side and did everything but hold hands through the whole week."

Like Hood and McCrae, Ellington and Wallace are currently roommates.

Ellington and Wallace both pledged Alpha Phi Alpha while Hood and McCrae both rushed Chi Omega.

Wallace said Frog Camp made such an impression on him and his friend that they later became Frog Camp facilitators.

"At first, I didn't want to go to Frog Camp, but my mom pushed me to go, so if I hadn't gone, I probably wouldn't have met my core group of friends," Ellington said. "I met my

seven best friends at Frog Camp Challenge B and we've all been really good friends so it's a great way to meet people that will stick with you your whole life."

Hood said she also attributes some of her best college friendships to her time at Frog Camp.

"I'm so glad I went to Frog Camp because it just gave me a head start on my group of friends that I would keep for the next four years," Hood said.

Wallace said Frog Camp was a similar experience for him, but he realized its importance after meeting people who didn't go to Frog Camp.

"The friendships that I've made and things of that nature, it's just a great way for a freshmen to get integrated into TCU, and I've seen firsthand people who didn't go to Frog Camp and did not feel included or a part of the TCU community," Wallace said.

Hood said her relationship with McCrae would be best described as sisterly.

"We're going to be in each other's weddings — hopefully help raise each other's kids," Hood said. "I'm confident of that."

Ellington said there's no end in sight for his friendship with Wallace.

"He's my best friend so I have every intention of knowing him my whole life," he said.

Taylor Larson



Taylor,
We are proud of you beyond words! We have seen you "dig deep" into your soul to achieve this amazing goal. It is so exciting to see you "look out" into the "real" world and see all of the possibilities God has for you. Remember, "First you jump off the cliff and you build your wings on the way down." Sweetie, you are on building your wings, have a good flight! Congratulations.
Gordon & Momma

Chris Volpe



You have touched so many lives and you are a blessing to everyone. We are so proud of you! The world is yours, go for it!

Love,
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David Higgins



David,
You have grown up so fast and your TCU years are over in a blink of an eye. We are proud of you and love you very much. Congratulations, Mom and Dad



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Seniors launch T-shirt company

By Annie Cooper
Staff Reporter

Two students have launched a T-shirt company and are gaining entrepreneurial experience even before they graduate.

John Hallman, a senior accounting major, and Scott Meyer, a senior studio art and environmental science major, took a financier's pen to an artist's hand and blue-printed a new style — literally.

Hallman and Meyer are the owners of Applied Science, a small T-shirt label born in the heart of the TCU campus, specializing in aquatic prints. Not to be mistaken for the affliction tee, produced by companies such as Hollister Co. or Rock & Republic, Applied Science tees are original and handcrafted artist designs printed on Hanes T-shirts, for now, Hallman said.

"We're trying to build from the ground up," Hallman said. "I've been able to use what I have learned in business classes during the start-up process which helps a lot."

Hallman said that outside of the classroom, he has spent many long nights reading books

on Web design and marketing to get the company's Web site up and running.

Meyer, head of design and production for Applied Science, said he designs his aquatic prints digitally and produces them manually in the screen printing studio in Moudy Building North.

"In sum, the cost of materials and the number of man hours, is just under the cost of the tee itself," Meyer said.

The handcrafted tees are sold for \$15 each.

Meyer said his philosophy behind the business was to create something that would make his art more accessible to the public.

"Our biggest patrons so far are the employees at Shoe Gypsy," Meyer said.

Three weeks ago, Hallman and Meyer began a three-month consignment with the local boutique.

Tabitha Hunt, owner of the Shoe Gypsy boutique on Park Hill Drive, said young enthusiastic designers looking to sell their products are good for local businesses.

"It gives (the designer) the

"I've been able to use what I have learned in business classes during the start-up process which helps a lot."

John Hallman
senior accounting major



For a preview of Hallman and Meyer's business, visit www.scottyjohn.com or search Twitter for Applied Science.

opportunity to try their hand at merchandising without penalty," she said.

Hunt said that when starting a business one must supply a need for the area one is catering to. "I think the label is fresh," she said. "There's really nothing like it right now."

Recently, the two students have teamed up to produce a Web site for their designs, scottyjohn, an online retail merchandising Web site, which is still under construction.

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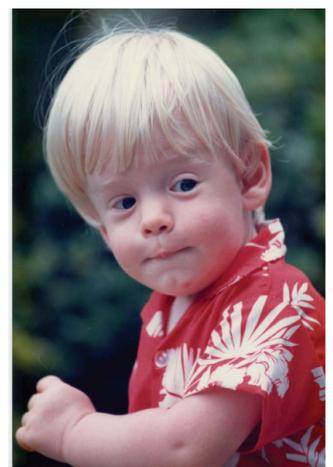
Cassie Bloss



Four years have passed so quickly and you have had so many great experiences. College is so much fun, but now it is time for the "Real World". Very Exciting! Education never ends, it just becomes less formal. CONTINUE YOUR LEARNING.

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We love you,
Mom and Dad

GRADUATION

Alumni return to campus as staff members

By Maddy Foxx
Staff Reporter

While some alumni can only be seen around campus for football season, charity events and fundraisers, others can be found on campus every day.

Alumnus Jason Eagar, director of student programs and young alumni for TCU Annual Fund, said that after he graduated in 2002 he began work at Enterprise Rent-A-Car. He said the job was a good opportunity, but when he was notified of an opening for a position at TCU, he could not turn it down.

"TCU graduates are loyal to TCU and 99 percent of the time they had a positive experience and want to give something back to the university," Eagar said.

In March of 2006, Eagar took the position of assistant director of alumni relations. He said that after a few years he was moved to his current position.

Eagar said the best part of working at TCU is the relationships built with students and employees.

"It's truly a community here," Eagar said. "I have the opportunity to interact with students from all different backgrounds on an educational and friendship level."

With the current economic crisis, Eagar said the university presents a great opportunity to make an impact on the students who are the country's future. He said working for the university allows graduates to help shape future generations.

Another graduate said that after she graduated in May 2000, she



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worked elsewhere for six years until given the opportunity to return to campus.

Elizabeth Perkins, director of admission communication and marketing, said that after graduation she began working at Casa Manana, the largest perform-

ing arts organization in Tarrant County. During her time at Casa Manana, Perkins said she moved from communications associate to public relations manager.

In 2004, Perkins applied for a position at the university and was turned down. She said she was

devastated, but soon after began working for Paige Hendricks Public Relations Inc., a public relations firm in Fort Worth.

Two years later, Perkins applied and was accepted for the position of director of admission communication and marketing for the university. She said working on campus is exactly the working

environment she has been looking for.

"I'm a creative person, so it's important for me to feel like I'm in an enticing environment," Perkins said. "There's an energy here, and I think the students and professors are passionate about the school and making a difference."

Perkins said her favorite part

about working for TCU, besides tulip season, is the academic and individual goals people on campus set for themselves and others.

"I love that people are here to learn and not meet the bottom line like at a lot of corporate places you work at or attend," Perkins said. "Here, it's about learning and growing into excellence."

Alex Boase



We blinked and time passed by so quickly. How amazing the journey has been; so full of laughter and love. Thanks for taking us along. Can't wait to see where your sense of adventure will take you next.

Congratulations,
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We are so proud of you. We love you so very much and are so happy you belong to us!

Love,
Matt & Matthew

Prissy,

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Mom & Dad

Courtney Diane Johnson



Dear Courtney,
Congratulations on an outstanding four years at TCU!

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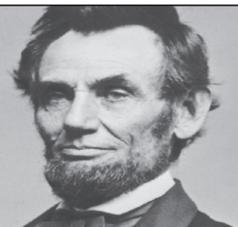
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OPINION

Horned Frog sports hold best memories



BILLY WESSELS

This is why the phrase bitter-sweet was created.

When I was first asked to write a column about sports for the graduation issue, I thought about declining because that would mean my time here is officially over.

This has been the best five years of my life and I am going to miss this school with all of my heart.

So much has changed since I started here in the fall of 2004.

When I got here we had the old bookstore, the old student center, the old Frog Fountain and the old residence halls and now we have updated versions of all of those things.

As far as my most memorable moments of the past half-decade, I have to start with watching the old bookstore burn to the ground. But just about all of the rest of my favorite memories here revolve around sports.

In fact, sports played a major role in how I got to this school. I won tickets to a Horned Frog football game at a Texas Rangers game my senior year of high school. That was the first time I set foot on this campus and it set the tone for the next five years.

I love all sports, but going to football games here and hanging out with everyone in the student section is where some of my favorite memories were made.

Whether it was going to Oklahoma to watch us beat the Sooners my sophomore year, watching us beat Brigham Young

University this season, seeing myself on SportsCenter after our overtime win against Northwestern at my first football game as a student here or watching our football program go from a novel BCS buster to now a perennial national title hopeful, they have all been among my greatest joys here.

But my time here has not been centered solely around the football program. Watching the baseball team dominate the Mountain West Conference has been great to see. Now we have a top-ranked, respected program getting some of the nation's top recruits.

The women's basketball team has had arguably the best five years in the program's history and every year has a chance of getting to the NCAA tournament and making waves.

The men's basketball team has been down for a couple years, but I see head coach Jim Christian doing big things with the program and I think we will be conference title contenders within the next three years.

The volleyball team is ever-improving and honestly, those games are just as fun as the football games. If you are reading this and will be back next year, go to more of the volleyball games. That team gets very little respect and the games are always exciting.

The rifle team and equestrian teams are competing for national championships every year. And I spent a lot of time at tennis matches and swimming and diving events.

This has been the time of my life, I am going to miss this place a ton and this great school will always have a place in my heart.

Billy Wessels is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Waxahachie.



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Sophomore wide receiver Jeremy Kerley scores after a 16-yard run to put the Frogs up 14-0 in the first quarter during the BYU game on Oct. 16.



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Sophomore guard Helen Sverrisdottir drives the ball against Air Force's Anna Gault during the first half on Jan. 17.



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Above: Texas Tech third baseman Jeremy Mayo waits for the ball as senior first baseman Matt Vern slides into third base during the fifth inning of the April 13 game.

Below: Senior Nirelle Hampton celebrates a point during the game against San Diego State on Oct. 28.



Staci Buescher



Congratulations, you did it! We love you and are very proud of you!

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Allison Barbee



Congratulations! It's been our pleasure to watch you grow from carousels to college cap and gown. Whatever path you choose, we are confident in your continued success.

We love you! Mom, Dad and Kristen

Elliott Merle Higgins



A wise child makes his parents rejoice (Prov 23). Thank you for the joy!

He who trusts in the Lord is blessed (Prov 16). May you receive continual blessings!

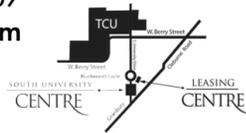
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Government jobs offer comfort in shaky career market

By Maricruz Salinas
Staff Reporter

What do an aspiring job market, a stable workforce and merit-based pay raises have in common?

According to John Thompson, executive director of Career Services, they are all characteristics of working in a government job.

The turbulent economy has fueled interest for government jobs among the public, especially students entering the working world, he said.

Thompson said students seek government jobs because of the stability offered and because the expansion of government resources has led to hiring more employees.

"The government doesn't do layoffs," Thompson said.

Mike Orenstein, representative for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, said the government does not capture the quantity of students applying for federal employment, but said the government has seen a growing number of resumes from college graduates.

Orenstein said a job fair in Washington, D.C., for individuals with advanced degrees had a huge turnout. The Presidential Management Fellows Program, the most elite intern program in Washington, D.C., received more than 5,000 applicants, a 40 percent increase from last year. The majority of these applicants held master's or doctoral degrees.

Orenstein said the government has been attempting to capitalize on student interest in federal positions by airing 30-second television spots in 20 different markets in areas where colleges or universities exist. Other factors of placement are areas with higher average unemployment rate or areas that have experienced recent job layoffs, he said.

OPM's Web site, USAJOBS.gov, experienced a large increase in hits and use, Orenstein said. Resumes uploaded to the site have doubled, he said.

Thompson said traditionally, government jobs are not as high paying as enterprise jobs, but in recent years the discrepancy has diminished.

"There are a lot of government employees who can retire in 20 or 30 years of full pay," Thompson said.

"It offers stability, job-wise, and it's a feeling of giving back to your country."

Daniel Frey
junior finance major

son said. "Federal employees are not on the Social Security system, so their retirement programs are structured differently."

These jobs have a systematic and structured environment, Thompson said. Government jobs base pay raises on merit-based systems that use employees' performance and years of service as primary criteria, he said.

"Just because the boss might not like you doesn't mean you may or may not be getting a pay raise," Thompson said. "It doesn't work like that."

Thompson said the Dallas-Fort Worth area remains an excellent source for government jobs because a branch of the United States Mint and the Naval Air Station are in the area.

"When you Google 'government jobs in Fort Worth,' you get over 5 million hits," Thompson said.

Orenstein said studies show that one of the benefits and attractions

for students who choose federal careers is finding themselves taking on greater responsibilities at earlier stages in their careers than peers in the private sector do. The shift from early government jobs of a clerical nature to professional or administrative federal jobs gives employees greater opportunities for greater responsibilities early on, he said.

"In addition to pay, federal jobs include benefits, a retirement program, Social Security benefits and a thrift savings plan that is equivalent to the 401k plan, which includes contributions from Uncle Sam," Orenstein said.

Boah Chung, a sophomore neuroscience major, said she thinks the economy provides more resources for students entering the job market, especially among departments that pay for tuition in exchange for service.

Chung said she likes the idea of staying in the medical field but still having a government job on the side. She said she would like to apply for a military surgeon position or work for the surgeon general.

"As a military surgeon, I'd get a little bit of everything," Chung said. "I'd be able to travel, be granting America a service, and I'd still be in the medical field."

Daniel Frey, a junior finance major, said he wants to apply for a government job when he graduates.

"It offers stability, job-wise, and it's a feeling of giving back to your country," Frey said. "I really enjoy politics so that would be a stepping stone in heading in that direction."

Frey said he would like to enter state or federal financial affairs and make his way into politics.

"I want to be helpful to the country and to the people," Frey said.



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James R. McCombs



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Students must be creative in job search

By Greg Connolly
Idaho Argonaut (University of Idaho)

Times are tough. According to a survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, recruiting by prospective employers is down 22 percent on college campuses nationwide.

"Regardless of your degree, employment is not a guarantee," said Jessica Berwick, manager for employer relations and communications in the Career and Professional Planning Office.

Berwick would know. After earning her Master's of Science in Counseling and Student Affairs degree, it took her eight months of searching before she found a job at the University of Idaho.

"It's definitely a more competitive job market," Berwick said. "As a new graduate, you're not only competing with other new grads, but people who were laid off and people who are coming out of retirement because they're uncertain of their future."

Berwick encouraged students who are on the verge of entering the job market to be creative when applying for jobs.

According to NACE, business, engineering and technical majors are most in demand at the undergraduate level, and jobs in the federal government "appear to be the best bet for the top five majors in demand," according to the group's 2009 job outlook.

"Individuals might need to do some retooling of what's on their resumé and what skills they present," Berwick said. "A journalist who has great writing skills could work in a completely different industry, as a tech writer, for example."

Employers are also focusing on people with solid writing and communication skills, Berwick said.

"Employers say new graduates lack face-to-face communication skills, especially writing skills," the outlook said.

Aside from the decline in hiring on college campuses, the number of employers planning on raising their starting salary offers had dropped from 78.5 percent in 2008 to 59.1 percent in 2009, according to the outlook.

Employers are also looking at grade point averages. More than half of employers won't bother with someone that has a GPA below 3.0, the outlook said.

Internships are also feeling the squeeze, as hiring is down across the board for those as well, Berwick said.

Both Berwick and the outlook said it's important to begin the job search as early as possible. The outlook referenced a survey that found more than half of students beginning the job search before March 1 had secured a job by April 30.

Berwick said graduating students should weigh their options carefully.

"For some students, it's easier to take out student loans for graduate school because they'll start at a higher pay scale," Berwick said. "For other students, sometimes it's better to enter the workforce."

She said costs are rising in education, and students should remember if they wait to go to graduate school, there's no telling what it will cost two or three years from now.

"The right answer is different for everyone," she said. "Certain fields require an advanced degree."

Going back to graduate school The inclement economy has left many unsure of their future, which may prompt them to return to graduate school to appear more appealing to prospective employers.

"We have noticed a minor increase in graduate admissions," said Erick Larson, director of Graduate Admissions. "We're up about 22 percent for fall."

Larson said throughout history, recessions tend to be good for higher education, as more people return to school in hopes a better degree will land a well-paying job.

"We're seeing a lot of non-traditional graduate students coming in," Larson said. "There are a lot of baby boomers who want to further their education (and we're also seeing) layoff victims."

While UI is experiencing an increase in graduate applications, there's a different trend at work nationwide.

There has been a definite decline in the number of examinees taking the Graduate Record Examination subject tests over the last five years. In nearly all of the subjects, there has been a decline in test takers, with the exception of chemistry and physics, according to data from the Educational Testing Service.

The decline in people taking the GRE as well as other graduate admissions tests has left people in higher education curious, Larson said.

"There's a lot of speculation that it's because people are nervous about the funding," Larson said. "All higher education is now more expensive than at any other point in history."

While any attempt to gauge why numbers are down nationwide is speculative at best, Larson has identified some other areas that may have had influence.

"With the housing market the way it is, people aren't taking out a second mortgage to go back to school," he said.

Another reason for the declining graduate school numbers may be the proliferation of graduate programs overseas, where often times a graduate degree can be earned in less time than in the United States.

Larson said it often takes seven to eight years to go through the undergraduate years to a master's degree in the United States, while it can be done in five years at certain international schools.



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GRADUATION

Penguin lover heads to graduate school above the curve

By Christina Schams
Staff Writer

Brianne Kiester prefers a warm day at the beach over dressing in layers in below-freezing temperatures any day.

However, she has a passion for penguins.

Her mother, Debbie Kiester, said her daughter was never eager to sit on Santa Claus' lap during Christ-

mas, or smile for the Easter Bunny during spring. But she was fearless when it came to the costumed penguin at SeaWorld, which is what she calls a coincidence.

Brianne Keister first visited SeaWorld when she was 5 years old, which marked the day she fell in love with the tuxedo-dressed animals.

Kiester, now a senior environmental science major and the en-

vironmental science department's honor scholar, dedicates her time to her studies in hopes of becoming a marine conservationist for penguins.

After graduation in May, the Texas native is set to pack her bags and move on to Durham, N.C., in August to attend graduate school at Duke University.

At Duke, Kiester is enrolled in the graduate environmental man-

agement program with an emphasis in coastal environmental management. However, Kiester is not worried about adjusting to graduate school because she has done extensive undergraduate research at TCU.

Under Matt Chumchal, assistant professor of biology, Kiester has done one of the largest student research projects he knows, he said. Her undergraduate research is on the mercury contamination of marine fish.

"She has analyzed over 1,000 samples in under two years," Chumchal said.

Chumchal, who actively does research in mercury contamination, doesn't recruit students to do research. But Kiester did what all the best students do, he said. She asked if she could get involved.

Kiester operates at a near-graduate school level and her research has prepared her for grad school, Chumchal said. In addition to

completing research, Kiester has presented at two professional scientific meetings — quite different than her two years of experiences teaching ballet, tap and jazz.

Last summer Kiester spent some time with Table Mountain, Kangaroo and Plum Pudding. Those were the names of just three of the 77 penguins at the New England Aquarium in Boston, where Kiester interned.

Kiester spent many hours with docile animals, which she described as much like pets because of their relaxed behavior around humans.

Each experience from her research, internship and 16th birthday — a day she got to dress in a wet suit at SeaWorld and swim with penguins — has confirmed for Kiester that this is still her desired career path.

Besides owning her own scuba diving certification, Kiester adopted a penguin off the southern coast of South America, whose

name is Glacier. In addition to Glacier, she has a large collection of penguin paraphernalia — this includes penguin salt and pepper shakers, Kiester said.

Debbie Kiester said if there is a penguin on it, her daughter has it.

Debbie Kiester has spent hours with her daughter on trips to SeaWorld, many of which were spent at the penguin exhibit.

Her daughter's dream is too important for her to give up, Debbie Kiester said.

"If I have ever met someone that will follow through, it's Bri- anne," her mother said.

Her parents both feel proud that she has remained "single-minded" and dedicated to her passion because she could have easily gone in a different direction.

"She knows that there is not money in her field, but that doesn't matter to her," Debbie Kiester said.

Katy Mueller



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John Quincy Adams

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More students graduate early for financial reasons

By Greg Miller

Daily Orange (Syracuse University)

Eddie McLaughlin plans to graduate from Syracuse University a year early.

"I came in with 18 credits," said McLaughlin, a freshman television, radio and film major. "I stumbled upon graduating early actually, when meeting with my adviser. I realized if I planned it thoroughly, I could make it work."

McLaughlin said his decision was made for financial reasons.

"The school's a little rich for my blood," he said. "This is about minimizing my debts."

McLaughlin is one of many SU students looking to reduce college debt by graduating a year early. Education leaders have urged colleges to adopt such a program, but so far it has not caught on among students, The New York Times reported Feb. 24.

International relations and economics major Sujata Ramaiah said her plan to graduate this year is a financial decision.

"My mom is a single parent, so she does what she can," she said. "Graduating early is really helpful financially."

Ramaiah said she has been hampered by her college's academic requirements.

"The CAS core requirements have kind of been holding me back," Ramaiah said. "But my adviser was extremely helpful."

One school that has embraced an early graduation program is Hartwick College, a small liberal arts school in Oneonta, N.Y., about 2 hours away from SU.

Hartwick started programs directly geared toward students who want to save money by fitting a college education into three years.

"Our three-year degree is really just another option," said Francis Borrego, a representative for the admissions office of the school. "People who are looking at their finances, they can get the same experience at a lower cost."

Hartwick's program differs in that students take 18 credits each spring

and fall semester, as well as four over each winter break through a special winter semester, Borrego said.

The early graduation process is largely possible due to college credit students earn from the College Board's Advanced Placement tests in high school. A grade of 3 or 4 on an exam typically lands a student three credits toward total credits needed to graduate, but some colleges give up to six.

At SU, requests for an early gradu-

"We may well see more students opting for community colleges for a year or two to save money and then applying to SU to finish their degrees."

Susan Donovan

Syracuse admissions dean

ation program are not common, SU Admissions Dean Susan Donovan said.

"None of my staff has mentioned a student asking for a three-year program," Donovan said.

Donovan said that while graduating in three years may be financially appealing, it does not offer a complete experience.

"Most students want a full four-year college experience that lets them incorporate study abroad, community service, internships, and the full range of extracurricular activities that add so much to college life," said Donovan in an e-mail.

Donovan said students may try to find alternative ways to get an education while still graduating with a degree from SU.

"We may well see more students opting for community colleges for a year or two to save money and then applying to SU to finish their degrees," Donovan said. "As for the 'fast-track' approach, it may happen, but we haven't seen much interest in that so far."



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GRADUATION

Grad students juggle family, research, classes

By Amy Bingham
The Daily Texan
(University of Texas at Austin)

At 6:30 every morning, Paul Gavaza creeps into his children's bedroom to wake them up for school. At 7 a.m., the two kids hop on the school bus, and Gavaza jumps on the University of Texas shuttle, where he catches up on some reading during the short trip to campus.

For the next eight hours, Gavaza runs back and forth between his teaching assistant responsibilities, pharmacoeconomics dissertation research and graduate coursework before catching the 2:30 p.m. bus home, arriving just in time to greet his children as they get off the yellow school bus.

After math homework and a quick dinner, the young ones are off to bed, and Gavaza spends the next four hours skimming journal articles on pharmaceutical prices before slumping into bed around midnight.

Gavaza is one of nearly 12,000 UT graduate students trying to juggle family, research and coursework on limited funding. Gavaza, who came to UT from Zimbabwe, said his teaching assistant position is the only reason he can afford to stay in school.

"The most important factor for me was the benefit that my TA position was almost guaranteed while I'm a student here," Gavaza said. "There is no way I could

continue without my TA position. That would be the end for me, to be honest."

UT offers about 5,000 teaching- and research-assistant positions. While the pay varies by department, most full-time graduate employees earn between \$17,000 and \$37,000 per year in wages, about \$3,000 in tuition assistance and qualify for insurance benefits equal to those of faculty and staff.

"We've had situations where the very best students that receive fellowships have turned them down so they can get insurance."

Marvin Hackert
associate dean of graduate studies at University of Texas

The other 7,000 students rely primarily on fellowships, but they are not offered benefits such as health insurance.

Consequently, some students are forced to choose between a prestigious fellowship that brings outside funding to UT and a TA or research assistant position funded by the university that comes with insurance, said Marvin Hackert, an associate dean of graduate studies.

"We've had situations where

the very best students that receive fellowships have turned them down so they can get insurance," Hackert said. "There are a lot of people out there who are very worthy of support and don't have it."

Hackert, along with four other graduate school funding experts, instructed a small group of students about fellowship, grant and loan options Wednesday at a Financial Resources Workshop. The Graduate Student Assembly hosted the workshop as part of their Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week.

The week is designed to recognize graduate students for their contributions to the university, said David Spikes, president-elect of the Graduate Student Assembly.

"Research is vital to the university as a whole, and grad students do a great job in working along with professors in producing research that is necessary to society," Spikes said. "Their contributions are great and help put the university on the map."

The appreciation week celebrates graduate students' achievements but also provides a forum for students to discuss their challenges, Gavaza said. One of the most significant problems graduate students face is a shortage of funding.

"It's everyone's dream to take out a fellowship, and to take it and discover you would lose health benefits, I think people should never have to make that difficult decision," Gavaza said. "Health (insurance) is one of the most expensive things around here. I think it's a very unfair situation and it needs to be rectified."

The Texas Senate is discussing a bill that would provide graduate students who are awarded a fellowship of \$10,000 or more with the state employee benefits that TAs and research assistants receive.

If it passes, Hackert said it would make UT more competitive and attractive to top-notch graduate students.

"We'd love to be able to award more students with fellowships and not have them view that as an unfavorable option," Hackert said. "It's a big problem for a small group of students, which means it wouldn't be an expensive problem to fix."

5 things renters should know about insurance

By Mary Umberger
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — It is, unfortunately, an all-too-familiar news image: An apartment building smolders in the hours after a major fire. The traumatized residents have gone off to put their lives back in order. In all likelihood, they have lost most of their possessions.

Some of those tenants will find financial support for their losses through their renters' insurance policies. However, a majority of renters probably don't have coverage, either because they believe they can't afford it or because they don't even know such a thing exists, according to a 2007 survey by Apartments.com.

"The average renters' insurance in the U.S. is about \$200 annually," according to Loretta Worters, a spokeswoman for the Insurance Information Institute, a trade group in New York.

"A lot of people don't think about purchasing (it because they think) their landlord is responsible, but in reality, it's the tenant that's responsible for their own belongings," Worters said.

And the value of those belongings can add up, even in the households of many young adults just starting out on their own: Computers, stereos, plasma-screen televisions, etc., are part-and-parcel of many an urban lifestyle these days.

Insurers say beyond personal property, renters may need to consider another possession — protection from liability lawsuits in this litigious age.

Here are five things renters should know about insurance:

1. What's the real cost?
That \$200 annual cost is

a generalization, though it's generally regarded as a reliable one.

"It depends on where you live and how much property you're insuring," said Janet Patrick, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Insurance Association. "It also depends on the size of the deductible and other coverage."

Patrick said a \$250 deductible (an amount the insured party pays out-of-pocket before coverage kicks in on a claim) is probably most commonly found in the standard wording of renters' policies. "But you should take the highest deductible you can afford, maybe a \$500 one, because it's going to lower your (premium) cost," she said.

2. Two forms of coverage.

Policies usually cover property in one of two ways, providing either the "actual cash value" or the "replacement value" of the household objects in paying out a claim.

Actual cash value policies pay what a possession is deemed to be worth at the time of the loss. In other words, if your laptop cost you \$800 a few years ago, its value would be less today, an amount the insurer would calculate in determining how much to pay you for the loss.

Replacement-cost coverage is just what it sounds like — it pays out the equivalent cost if you were to go out and get a similar laptop today. Such coverage, because of the higher payout, carries a higher premium.

3. Beyond property

Policies cover more than lost property. For example, they also provide payment for living expenses if you're displaced from the unit for covered events, such as fires.

Another major area of cov-

erage is liability. "If somebody comes into your apartment or rented home and trips on a rug, that's still a liability issue," Patrick said.

Generally, policies include up to \$100,000 liability coverage, according to Worters. "However, experts recommend that you purchase at least \$300,000 of protection," she said.

4. Talking about catastrophes.

The list of catastrophes and circumstances that are likely to be covered by renters' insurance is a long one, ranging from such "typical" events as fire, vandalism or theft to such things as damage from frozen pipes or even riots. What often isn't included is damage from flooding, and insurance experts suggest if you live in a flood-prone area, you'll need separate coverage.

5. Other things affecting costs.

There may be ways to keep your premium costs down. Or drive them up.

Some policies, for example, may give you a discount if your building has a security system — especially if you have it connected to a central station alarm.

And then, there's a lifestyle consideration that might make your coverage pricier — that is, having a dog. "Some companies are concerned because of the additional liability of certain dogs that are aggressive in nature," Patrick said.

Additional dog-related insurance costs and whether you get coverage or not depend on the company, she said. "Some won't write a policy if you have a certain type of dog; others will take a look at the risk and evaluate it differently."

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COMMENCEMENT

Chancellor: No need for keynote

By Annie Cooper
Staff Reporter

Many graduates will bid farewell to their alma mater on May 9, but not before a few final remarks from the man upstairs — on the third floor of Sadler Hall, that is. Chancellor Victor Boschini said because the ceremony's focus will be on the graduates, it will not host a keynote speaker.

"The focus of the ceremony ought to be on the graduates, not on the speakers," he said.

Boschini said he has been at the university for 12 commencements

"He is very entertaining as a speaker."

Margaret Kelly
executive director of community projects

and thinks the number of times the university has not had a commencement speaker outnumbers the times there has been a commencement speaker.

"Sometimes the university hires a speaker but not all times and not often," Boschini said. "Whether or not a speaker is hired is dependent upon whether the opportunity presents itself, and this year it did not."

Margaret Kelly, executive director of community projects, said that if there is going to be an outside speaker, it is the chancellor who generally asks someone to speak.

Commencement Ceremonies

When: Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Kelly said Boschini will give his remarks to graduates at the morning and afternoon commencement ceremonies, and the only other speaker is Chris Curtis, the president of the National Alumni Association.

Boschini said he had worked at seven schools, some of which never have commencement speakers and some that always have commencement speakers.

"There are 3,500 colleges in America, and you can probably find it done 2,500 different ways," he said.

Kelly said she has never heard any complaints about Boschini's public addresses.

"He is very entertaining as a speaker," she said.

Brian Kym, a senior finance major, said his ideal speaker at graduation is someone who can send graduates off excited about life's ambitions rather than learning about someone's career path, but the chancellor wouldn't be his top choice.

"When I think about a graduation speaker, the first person that comes to mind is not the chancellor, but he is someone who is highly respected in this community, who also takes time to know this university's students, something that definitely qualifies him to send graduates into the world," Kym said.

College Board supports new immigrant bill

By Ben Meyerson
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A prominent group of more than 5,000 colleges and universities is supporting legislation that would offer some undocumented youths a path to citizenship through college or the military.

The College Board, best known for the SAT and advanced placement tests it administers, is stepping into the contentious issue for the first time just as President Barack Obama is signaling he may encourage lawmakers to overhaul immigration laws later in the year.

The bill the College Board is supporting, known as the Dream Act, would allow students who illegally entered the U.S. when they were 15 or younger to apply for conditional legal status if they have lived in the country for five or more years and graduated from high school or earned a GED. If they then attended college or served in the military for two or more years, they could be granted full citizenship.

Conditional legal status could make the immigrants eligible for in-state college tuition, depending on local laws, and would allow them to compete for some forms of federal financial assistance. A 2007

UCLA report estimated that 65,000 undocumented students graduate from U.S. high schools every year.

The College Board's trustees have voted unanimously to support the Dream Act, said James Montoya, a vice president of the College Board.

"These are students who have gone through our K-12 system and have achieved in a very high manner," Montoya said.

But Ira Mehlman, spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, said the Dream Act allows illegal immigrants to take scholarship opportunities away from native U.S. residents. It's un-

fair to reward those who violated the law to get here, he said.

"If you ask any illegal alien why they came to America, the answer, invariably is 'Well, I wanted to do better for my family,' and this gives them precisely what they broke the law to achieve," Mehlman said.

The Senate voted on the Dream Act in 2007, winning a majority but lacking the 60 votes needed to end a filibuster. The measure was then folded into more comprehensive immigration legislation, which died. It was reintroduced in the House and Senate last month.

OPINION

Surviving life after college still possible

AMY HOOVER

I'm going to graduate at the end of Spring Quarter, and the job market is looking pretty pitiful. I'd rather not attempt to look for my salvation in the sinking stimulus plan, so instead it might be best to consider the other possible ways we students can still manage to survive after graduation.

My first day of my economics class, my professor asked us to raise our hands to determine what rank everyone was. When she asked, "Rank 4?" my hand shot up in expectation of other seniors as frustrated with this class as I was, and found I was apparently alone in a sea of more than 500 sophomores.

She questioned me first with, "So, are you excited to find a job in this sinking economy after you graduate?" She of course followed it up with the reassuring remark, "The unemployment rate is up to 10 percent, the highest it's been for a long time. What do you think of that?"

Her questions infuriated me, not because she had the audacity to ask them, but because she was more honest than any professor I've ever had here at Ohio State.

Certainly, the job market is a field full of land mines and fox holes, but all hope is not lost. There are employers out there willing to pay students a decent wage. The question people have to ask themselves today is

whether they would be content with staying in their matchbox apartment a little while longer with that annoying roommate to save some cash, instead of chasing after a career in a collapsing market.

There are several ways to find these careers. All of us have connections from various classes and activities here on campus — so take advantage of them! I have friends in the nursing program who have helped me find internships available on campus to get my foot in the door, and others at my job who have given me numerous opportunities to freelance or fill in for spots at local papers.

In the grand scheme of things, a free market rooted

in capitalism looks like a great thing for those who can take care of themselves in perpetuity. But when there is a kink in this gigantic machine, production can be halted for a long time, and there is no telling how long this recession is going to last. It isn't up to a politician to fix all the broken parts, but since all of these things eventually manage to find a way to stabilize, why not wait it out and take advantage of the slim but present opportunities here and now?

Amy Hoover is a student at Ohio State University. This column was originally published in the (Ohio State) Lantern.

Randall Bryant



Randall,

You grew up in a few days, it seemed, wearing a toddler wardrobe of purple and white. Your preschool building blocks still bring back memories...how you built a small replica of the TCU Football Stadium; and the "Back to the Future" movie set (including the clock tower). Your imagination was endless. Your passions for music and Japan grew with each passing day...teaching yourself guitar which grew to RUF worship and learning new Kanji each day. Then, we will never forget your battle with cancer as a teenager. You were quick to share your faith and life to all who would listen...a life with meaning and purpose, firmly grasping what you knew to be the will of the Lord.

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GRADUATION

OPINION

Experiences at Skiff to be cherished



MAX LANDMAN

I am a slave to this newspaper. It owns my soul. It tests my sanity on a nightly basis. And even as the hours dwell on and my hair becomes increasingly disheveled from a sort of stressed caressing that only my fellow staffers truly know, there's still no questioning that — dammit — I love it. It's impossible to talk about my experience at TCU without

mention of the Skiff. Entering junior year after transferring from a larger, generally more icky and steer-glorifying institution to the south, I needed a job to help pay the higher bills of a private school. As a journalism major, the student paper seemed to make the most sense for that purpose, and I was fortunate enough to be hired as a designer by telephone before I even arrived. Little did I know that in just three short semesters I'd be editor-in-chief. When I graduate May 9, it won't be so much from the university, but from this newspaper. Nothing has taught me more about working relationships, or about management. Nothing has

given me more expertise in partying, and nothing has given me so many good friends in such a short time. Like everything on this earth, the Skiff is far from perfect. When I graduate May 9, it won't be so much from the university, but from this newspaper.

How often, for example, would one expect to have the namesake of the journalism school misspelled in a front-page photo caption on the very day of his symposium? But that happened — under my watch (sorry, Uncle Bob). And for those who have been "Skiffed," I can only say that this is a student-run paper, and it's going to have more goofs than a professional one, and with each mistake comes a genuine learning experience. Of course, it's not all bad, either. I'm proud of many of the journalists the Skiff has spurred on (most notably the aforemen-

tioned namesake), and the ones it continues to produce. Much of the work has been of a high quality and has made a difference in students' lives in one way or another. But what I will truly cherish from my time here is the people I have known, who have accompanied me to The Pub and been there for the good times and the bad. Each semester brought a few new ones. There are relationships born in a newsroom that I have every intention of keeping for my life's duration. That's nothing to sniff at. It's no secret that many newspapers are on the decline. That's one of the reasons I'm happy when I see people reading the Skiff, even if they're just doing the crossword to take the edge off of a morning lecture. I love newspapers, and I'm sad to see them die. For the sake of the university and the students, professors and staff who will forever be linked to it, I pray that the paper that has made such an impact on my life never suffers such a fate. Editor-in-chief Max Landman is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Uvalde.



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Communications firm lets people work in a virtual office

By John Boudreau
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Andrea Chavez works for a law firm with nearly 40 other attorneys. But she rarely sees her colleagues, because Virtual Law Partners isn't based anywhere — it's everywhere.

The firm relies on technology from San Mateo, Calif., startup RingCentral, which uses cloud computing software to create a communications system that ties everything together while giving the impression of a traditional practice with a central location and phone number.

"When our clients call, they want to know they are calling a law firm, a reputable business, not someone in their pajamas and bunny slippers," said Chavez, whose office is in her San Francisco house.

While the communications system frees Chavez and fellow attorneys at the 1-year-old law firm from having to show up every day at a brick-and-mortar office suite, it also provides something for their clients — seasoned lawyers at cheaper rates.

"Our attorneys don't make less money," Chavez said. "We just don't spend money on secretaries, fancy offices, those kinds of things."

RingCentral, a 6-year-old company, aims to provide small and medium-size companies — or perhaps even large families or social groups — with a sophisticated communications system without the expense of a PBX phone exchange, which can cost up to tens of thousands of dollars.

After signing up, RingCentral customers design their system through the company's Web site. They pick out a phone number that can connect with any number of telephones and devices with different numbers. They can create a phone tree that allows callers to choose which employee they wish to speak with. The call is then routed to the individual and can ring on multiple devices — cell phone, home line, PC "soft phones." Employees can change the configuration whenever they want.

"We are the switching station," said Mohan Gyani, former CEO of AT&T Wireless, who is a RingCentral board member. "Essentially, what we are doing is helping a small business create a virtual PBX. They don't have to own any new hardware."

The company is one of a handful introducing to the telecommunications industry the software-as-a-service model pioneered

by Salesforce.com, which allows corporate clients to rent some business applications over the Web rather than buy and install them. Fees for the system, which

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Andrea Chavez
Virtual Law Partners attorney

comes with an array of features, including voice mail and voice mail sent via e-mail as an audio attachment, are as little as \$10 a month.

"Each company is using just a slice of our infrastructure, so it's very cost-effective," RingCentral

Vice President Praful Shah said. "But each company thinks the system is its own."

RingCentral's system — a bank of servers located in the Bay Area and in Sacramento, Calif., — virtually straddles global phone networks. It processes incoming and outgoing calls for its nearly 100,000 small-business clients before sending them out across a phone network.

"We are connected with multiple telephone company networks," Shah said. "So we are part of the global network."

This "on demand" telecommunications system is a disruptive technology and business model in the telecom industry, said Jeffrey Kaplan, managing director of consulting firm ThinkStrategies. Among those who have noticed is Google. In summer 2007, it acquired GrandCentral Communications, a service that, like RingCentral, lets people use one number for all of their phones.

"This is the kind of instantaneous provisioning and flexible programming that companies of

all sizes are going to need in order to survive in an increasingly turbulent world," Kaplan said.

But Michael Suby, an analyst with global market research company Stratcast, believes that while such technology might work well for small operations, many large companies won't want to take on the task of managing their far-flung and complex telecommunications operations.

Also, RingCentral's sound quality is not as good as that of traditional phone services, Suby said. He's also experienced synchronization glitches — such as when the person picking up a call starts talking before the caller is switched to that particular line.

Another issue that could cause some companies to hesitate is that new outfits like RingCentral lack the "brand equity" of a large, established telecommuni-

cations company that gives users confidence it will be around for many years, Kaplan said, noting that many startups fail. He added, however, that the global recession has shown that even the most venerable corporations can experience meltdowns.

Chavez and her colleagues have no complaints.

Michael Ferrel, vice president of network operations at Virtual Law Partners, said the system's simplicity allows individual partners to manage their own settings. And it has helped the firm attract attorneys happy to eliminate the daily commute to the office.

"The majority of the partners are in the Bay Area," he said. "But one is in Colombia. He lives in Colombia and practices Silicon Valley law. He went there on vacation and won't come back."

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“Since I am going into the graduate program at TCU next year, I’m going to miss having my friends around since so many of them are moving to different cities for jobs.”

Liz Lombardi
accounting and finance major from Fort Worth



“The tulips that they plant in March. Our campus looks so beautiful during the Spring.”

Whitney Holt
accounting and finance major from Plano



“Having everything at your fingertips. Your friends, food, the gym and plenty of fun are all in a tight community all within walking distance.”

Chris Brown
finance and supply chain management major from Katy

What’s your biggest fear about graduating?



“Not getting a job or having graduate school pan out and of course — leaving Texas”

Melissa Bell
marketing major from El Dorado Hills, Calif.



“Being on my own and being out in the real world.”

Megan Vroman
political science major from Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Who was your favorite professor?



“Dr. Laura Meade. She teaches supply chain management. She is incredibly pro-students and really cares about our welfare as far as where we will be after graduation.”

Elliott Higgins
supply chain management major from Fort Worth



“My favorite professor is Greg Mansur in the radio-TV-film department because he’s the man.”

Joey Parr
radio-TV-film and political science major from Fort Worth



“Dr. Dodson in political science because his lectures are detailed, rich and concise.”

Becky Munson
political science and Spanish major, Roanoke, Va.

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Ann Marie Judd

Ann Marie,
You made it! Congratulations on a job well done. We are so proud of you.

Love,
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Michelle Nicoud

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The Brown-Lupton University Union staff would like to congratulate the following student employees and Student Government Association members on their upcoming graduation. Thank you for your dedication and hard work during the 2008-2009 school year!

Nate Arnold	Amanda Edmiston	Kate Jones	Kassie Portillio
Blake Billings	Jessica Fowler	Haley Murphy	Thomas Pressly
Justin Brown	Giovanni Guerra	Elizabeth Olson	Laura Prus
Kristen Chapman	Win Jackson	Joey Parr	Candace Ruocco

OPINION

Rising college tuition, student debt shrinks room for error

BEN PATTERSON

A recent study found the cost of attending college — with inflation factored in — has risen 439 percent between 1982 and 2007. Sounds like some promising news in a recession, right? While our nation's universities keep cranking out graduates and raking in tuition dollars, its graduates are forced into a limited-job economy with a mountain of debt gnawing at their heels. You would think the student would be the one to benefit in college, but it seems more like the university and banks pushing loans are the real winners.

A high school graduate generally faces two options after graduation. It's like the game of Life, but instead of the career or family choice, it's the crappy job or debt-filled college choice. Make your choice wisely because both routes may not get you anywhere in today's economy.

A high school diploma 50 years ago could secure a profession lucrative enough to support an entire family. Today, a high school diploma can get you a dead-end spot in the service economy. The amount of higher education available has simultaneously raised the bar for job requirements and increased

young people's debt. A bachelor's degree has essentially become the new high school diploma and every semester college graduates are confronting that reality in the job market.

Years ago, a college degree was more than enough to stand out in a crowd of applicants. College was a privilege and a rarity. In today's job market a college degree is assumed, and God forbid you don't

Years ago, a college degree was more than enough to stand out in a crowd of applicants. In today's job market a college degree is assumed, and God forbid you don't have one, your options get significantly slim.

have one, your options get significantly slim. Educating America's youth is

definitely not the problem though. Education has always been important in our society, but never before has such a manipulative system infiltrated that process and contradicted the purpose.

Kids opting for the college route and seeking more opportunity and higher pay must enroll in college and borrow large sums of money to later become competitive in the job market. Universities benefit from a higher demand for education, banks benefit from passing out loans like cookies to

first graders, and students become toys in the claw machine just waiting to get picked. The student has essentially become an investor in universities and banks, while he has put permanent red numbers in his checkbook.

Part of this problem will never be corrected. The notion high school graduates would, for some reason, boycott college is absurd. Everyone makes personal moves to advance themselves as much and as wisely as possible. The choice to avoid education is obviously more

stupid and ridiculous than taking on debt; however, college can no longer be four-plus years of trying to figure out what the hell you want to do with yourself.

Either universities are going to drastically lower tuition rates (which will never happen) or students need to enter college with a career choice already made. The only way to stand out in a pool of applicants is to be the person wearing all the medals. College can no longer be a place of experimentation and discovery; it now has

to be a job in and of itself if our generation is to position itself to succeed without years of loans to pay off.

As a senior, my hindsight is 20/20; I wish my foresight had been the same. But, for those still with years of education ahead of them, the time to put down the bottle and pick up a book is now.

Ben Patterson is a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This column was originally published in the (Wisconsin-Madison) Badger Herald.

Will Mac Carty



Will,
Great times. Great friends. Worked hard, Stayed focused. Caring professors. Cheered Frogs (and Horns). Med School. We're proud!!!

All our love,
All your family

Jillian Bailey



Jilli,
I am so proud of everthing you've accomplished. Congratulations.

Love,
Mom

Thomas Pressly



Congratulations Thomas! We are proud of you and all your accomplishments at TCU. Best Wishes

Always,
Mom, Dad and Catherine

Natalie Hodge



Natalie,
We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Congratulations! We love you,
Mom, Dad & Amanda

Jordan Haygood



Jordan,
WOW, how the time has flown by! Words cannot begin to describe how proud we are of you! Congratulations on your many accomplishments. God has big plans for you!

We love you,
Mom & Dad

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A year in review



Students gather around the Roulette table at Casino Night during Howdy Week 2008 in front of the University Recreation Center. SKIFF ARCHIVES



Pat Green performs in front of students, faculty and staff at the Brown-Lupton University Union plaza on Sept. 5. SKIFF ARCHIVES

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Emily Allen	Jason Fochman

GRADUATION · YEAR IN PHOTOS



MADISON MORGAN / Staff Reporter

A Coca-Cola truck clipped an overhanging branch on University Drive in front of the Palko Building on Jan. 21. There were no students passing by on the sidewalk and the driver was not injured.



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Sophomore social work major Shelly Newkirk, left, leads a group of students marching April 17, the National Day of Silence, to bring attention to LGBT issues.



PAIGE McARDLE / Design Editor

Senior advertising/public relations major Evan Berlin, left, junior theatre and entrepreneurial management major Lindsay Ray and Student Body President Kelsie Johnson, right, discuss the Campus Master Plan on Feb. 17 in the Brown-Lupton University Union. The plan will affect physical changes in the campus in the next five to 10 years.

Chloe Ochse



Chloe,
Another great accomplishment! It has been such fun watching you grow up. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and William

Daniel Sunday



Congrats on your graduation!

(PS, we changed the locks, so you'd better find a job quick)

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Lauren Gray



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Liz Gore



Liz-
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We love you,
Mom & Dad

Antoinette Nevils



WOW! Antoinette! The Best is Yet to Come. We love you and thank Jesus for you, our special joy from heaven. Congratulations!
The Nevils Family

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Alpha Chi Omega 2009 Graduates!

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Physical Plant employee David Dowell uses a leaf blower to move ice in front of the University Recreation Center on Jan. 28. Dowell was part of a team that used shovels and leaf blowers to break through the ice. The university was one of 242 schools closed after an ice storm moved through the area the previous evening.



"Full House" star Dave Coulier performs for more than 600 students for Howdy Week.

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Ashley Iszkun	Kristina Towster
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**We wish you well in the future.
Love your Zeta chi's**



Gov. Rick Perry addresses the packed crowd that gathered at LaGrave Field on April 16 for the Fort Worth "tea party" protesting President Barack Obama's policies.

Jennifer McCord



Jennifer,
Congratulations!!! We are so proud of you. This is what college is all about getting your degree, having fun and making the most wonderful friendships throughout the years, you could not ask for more!!! So, here's to you Jennifer and all your Horned Frog Graduates!!!!

Love,
Mom and Dad

GRADUATION · YEAR IN PHOTOS



Quarterback Andy Dalton celebrates with students after the Frogs' 32-7 victory against BYU on Oct. 16.



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Defensive tackle John Fonua sacks BYU quarterback Max Hall during the second quarter Oct. 16. Hall was sacked seven times during the Frogs' win.

Pi Beta Phi

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| Amanda Barton | Paige Guyton |
| Danielle Belanger | Heather Hollingsworth |
| Allie Brown | Ashley Homsher |
| Julia Brown | Molly Keating |
| Neely Davis | Erin Madden |
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- Dieterle, Ashley
- Douthey, Amy
- Euwer, Kimberly
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- Henderson, Holly
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- Lee, Grace
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