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Police break up fight with stun guns

Football player, bouncer receives shot from Taser at area club, student says

By TALIA SAMPSON
Staff Reporter

Fort Worth police who responded to a barroom brawl last week used electric stun guns on at least one TCU football player who was working security at the Stone Canyon Night Club, a student said.

Wide receiver Michael DePriest, an employee of the club, said police shot him with a stun gun after they were called to Stone Canyon to break up a fight that one source said occurred

around 1:30 a.m. Friday.

DePriest said the staff had handled the situation when the police showed up in response to what he said were exaggerated phone calls.

"Everything would have been fine if the cops hadn't barged in," said DePriest, a senior sociology major.

DePriest said the police caused people to panic because officers pushed and stunned several people who got in their way, including several club employees.

"The general manager got Tased, and even the owner almost got Tased," DePriest said. "I got Tased, too. People got hysterical. It was like a raid, and everybody was a victim. I don't blame

them, but I thought the situation could have been handled better."

The Fort Worth Police Department has not yet released a report for the incident, and numerous messages left since Monday for the Fort Worth public information officer and TCU neighborhood police officer Kirk Byrom have not been returned.

Operators for the records department for the Fort Worth Police Department declined to comment on the incident, except to say that four phone calls were made concerning Stone Canyon's address around the time of the fight.

Stone Canyon, which is located in the Stockyards, is open Thurs-

day through Saturday from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Management could not be reached for comment.

Head football coach Gary Patterson said Tuesday he had spoken with one player and planned to speak with others about the fight.

Mark Cohen, athletics media relations director, said Patterson has issued a gag order for players and requested that media direct further questions to him.

At least one other TCU football player is reported to be employed by the club, which Patterson said he was unhappy to hear.

"Doing the bouncer thing, there's See **BRAWL**, page 4



MIKE HILL / Photographer

A fight broke out early Friday morning at the Stone Canyon night club 114 W. Exchange Ave.

New dorms scheduled for fall 2007 completion

By ERIN GLATZEL
Staff Reporter

As soon as school ends May 12, groundbreaking will begin for the university's new \$42 million residence halls. Architects for the projects were chosen in January 2005, and plans and revisions have been made since then to fit exactly what the campus needs, said Harold Leeman, Jr., associate director of major projects.

"The new residence halls will have a total of 625 rooms and two of the buildings are set to have loft space in the attic to accommodate 12 more rooms," Leeman said.

Four new residence halls will be built where the 30-minute visitor parking and Frog Fountain are currently. These residence halls will be five stories high based on sketches currently on display at the Physical Plant. There will be four-bedroom floor plans, as well as two-bedroom floor plans available. Each student will have his or her own bedroom and will share a common bathroom and dinette area with his or her roommates, Leeman said.

Residence halls A and B, which are set closer to Colby Hall, will be completed in time for fall 2007, while residence halls C and D are not expected to be completed until spring 2008, Leeman said.

Who will live in these new residence halls has not been finalized.

"It will most likely be upperclassmen living in those residence halls," said Robin Williamson, associate director of housing, "although we have not made anything official as of yet."

Although construction will not begin until February 2007, planning for the \$40 million Student Union has begun. The Student Union, which is expected to be completed between October and December 2008, will be three stories high and have a dining hall with a terrace, as well as an area similar to a sports bar with large TVs, Leeman said.

The second story will house the main dining hall and offices, and the third story will house the chancellor's dining room and a conference room.

A stage for outdoor performances will be built in front of the Student Union, between the residence halls. There will also be a large clock tower

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RAINBOW CARNAVAL



CATHERINE TODD / Photographer

LEFT: Freshman biology and political science major, Lyndsay Peden, lifts her flag to the sky Wednesday evening at the Breaking the Silence event held by Frog Fountain. RIGHT: Rob Grebel, junior political science major, and Jessica Fleming, junior RTVF major, sit silently at their booth in the Student Center Wednesday morning.

GSA raises awareness with Day of Silence

By Jessica St. John
Staff Reporter

Campus was a little quieter Wednesday thanks to TCU's second annual National Day of Silence.

According to the Web site www.dayofsilence.org, the National Day of Silence is a student-led day of action designed to create awareness of discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students and other victims of hate crimes.

The National Day of Silence began in 1996 and has grown over the past 10 years.

The TCU chapter of the Gay-Straight Alliance organized TCU's participation in the event, which included visual displays such as signs and posters at tables around campus.

GSA members took a vow of silence for the day and wore

black strips of cloth over their mouths, signifying the unheard voices of hate crime victims.

Rob Grebel, a junior political science major and member of GSA, took a vow of silence for the day.

"We are able to highlight injustice and help correct it through education and action, and also provide a safe haven and support for anyone who has suffered from injustice because of their sexuality," Grebel said.

Courtney Goode, a sophomore economics major, has been a member of GSA since her freshman year.

Goode said she is a part of GSA because she feels that if one segment of our society is oppressed, then everyone is affected. She said we all depend on each other and therefore, we

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KIRA MEDNIS / Photographer

Campus task force prepared in the case of an avian influenza breakout

By ALISON RUBINSON
Staff Writer

The often mentioned, rarely explained, avian influenza virus has spurred concern and preparation within the medical community and public health services. Now its potential to mutate has moved into the forefront.

Many citizens assuage their fears of a viral pandemic with the belief that avian influenza will follow in the footsteps of its hubbub-inducing virus brother, SARS, and boil the conversation about the dangers of the virus down to unnecessary panic, but TCU officials are still preparing.

In early January, campus officials created a task force to begin planning for the possibility of a pandemic, or worldwide outbreak.

Randal Cobb, TCU safety director, serves on the task force, which he said is compiled of people on campus with knowledge that would be helpful if the virus were to virus mutate. Among the representatives are people from the Health Center, the nursing department, the police department and the athletic department.

According to the World Health Organization, "Avian influenza, or 'bird flu,' is a contagious disease of animals caused by viruses that normally infect only birds and, less commonly, pigs."

The virus is spreading rapidly in birds, and based on migration patterns, it is predicted that the United States could experience bird flu as early as June, said Lorrie Adams, safety officer for Harris Methodist

HEB Hospital.

"If it comes in through poultry, it will be a relatively small-scale problem," Adams said.

The current worldwide concern is over whether the virus will mutate into one that is airborne, and therefore, contagious.

The mortality rate in birds is high, but it does not easily infect humans, said Giridhar Akkaraju, an assistant biology professor.

"By exchanging genes, however, there is possibility that a new form of the virus may come up that can infect humans easily and cause the high mortality of bird flu, this time in humans," Akkaraju said.

The campus task force is operating under the assumption that the virus will mutate and begin spreading human from to human, Cobb

said, adding that the task force plans include treatment, containment and faculty and staff cross training.

The committee has taken information from other universities and local government agencies and adapted the information to TCU's needs, Cobb said.

TCU is working with the Tarrant County Public Health Department to develop the plans.

On a national level, the United States government is developing a public health plan, said Ronald Blanck, former surgeon general of the U.S. Army.

If the virus mutates into one that is easily transmitted between humans and simultaneously retains its lethality, "millions and millions would become ill, despite our best efforts,"

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FUN FACT

A California carpenter who keeps his clothes clean by working in the nude was arrested after a client returned home early and found him building bookcases in the buff. —Associated Press

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FUND DEFENSE AGAINST IMMIGRATION, NOT IRAQ?

Wednesday the Senate voted to fund the fight against illegal immigration using some of the money Bush requested for the Iraq war.

—Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

More choice benefits customers

The latest round of competition for Metroplex airline customers has yielded some excellent benefits for consumers.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that Monday, Southwest Airlines began offering free alcohol to customers flying out of Dallas Love Field between now and Memorial Day. This is in response to last Wednesday, when American Airlines gave away 20,350 round-trip tickets to fans at a Dallas Mavericks game.

These incentives are aimed at getting and keeping customers. For American Airlines, which has only recently begun flying out of Love, it is about attracting customers to their new operation there. For Southwest, it is about ensuring that customers continue to travel with them regardless of American's presence at Love.

This type of competitive atmosphere will promote consumer satisfaction, as opposed to legislative measures such as the Wright Amendment, which limits which states airlines can fly to out of Dallas Love Field. The amendment favors certain specific businesses and ends up hurting consumers. Customers

may be forced to pay more for tickets, choose longer flights with layovers, or yield to sub-standard service when there aren't enough choices — for example, when a single airline holds a monopoly on a particular flight path.

Clearly, this competition is a good thing.

If businesses want customers, they should be required to compete for them, offering bonuses and incentives, or just plain good products and good service. They should not be able to merely lobby for legislative means to those same ends. The competition may require sacrifices from American Airlines, but in the long run, it may find its company improved as it is forced to find new ways to appeal to customers.

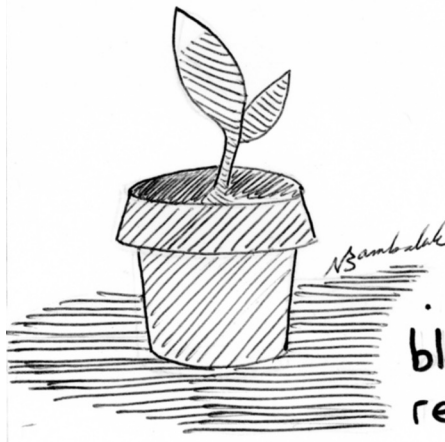
This competition is what capitalism is supposed to be about — the best business winning fair and square, or multiple businesses reaping rewards, and certainly the consumer being able to choose the best deal possible.

And as customers pour into Love Field, it appears that's what is happening.

Opinion editor Stephanie Weaver for the editorial board.

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This leaf represents interest in discovering alternative fuels...



...and this fat guy blocking his natural light represents our dependence on fossil fuels.



River project abuses eminent domain

Americans know little about the powers of our government. The power of eminent domain is no different. It is the process by which the government

can take private land for public use, provided just compensation is given in exchange for the property.

Locally, the Trinity River project is causing a stir because of its far-reaching use of eminent domain. Since the Supreme Court decided *Kelo v. City of New London*, private property can be taken for private development in addition to public development. The Trinity River Project justifies these takings under these new rules.

How can Fort Worth residents object to this plan under the new guidelines? Is it right to force out property-holders who have been there for generations?

Considering the frivolity of the project, this is an abuse of eminent domain.

First envisioned in the 1980s and adopted by the city in 2003, the projected cost of the Trinity Uptown project alone is \$435 million and will not be complete before 2015. It is a master plan to enhance 88 miles of the Trinity River and its tributaries in the Greater Fort Worth area, creating a large recreational area based around an urban lake. In addition to enhancing recreation, this plan will revitalize a light

industrial zone, turning it into a scenic commercial and residential area.

At first glance, the Trinity Uptown project sounds fantastic for Fort Worth. However, at an estimated cost of \$435 million, this project will strain local budgets and divert funding from other government services such as education and transportation.

An alternative to the Trinity Uptown project would be to improve flood control. This would only cost approximately \$9 million dollars and would raise the existing levees along the Trinity River. This alternative plan would provide updated flood protection as well as the recreational improvements promised under the Trinity Uptown Project. However, this plan differs from the Trinity Uptown plan in that it does not provide the same economic benefits, hence the passage of the current proposal.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are finalizing the exact route for the urban lake and will soon begin construction. However, as the plans are not yet finalized, there is still a chance to alter the project and protect Fort Worth property owners as much as possible.

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TRINITY UPTOWN PROJECT TENTATIVE TIMELINE

- 2000: Trinity River Vision Master Plan drafted
- 2003: TIF District created; Plan adopted by City
- 2004: Preliminary Trinity Uptown design completed
- 2004: Federal funding authorized
- 2005: Initial federal funding appropriated
- 2006: Receive Record of Decision from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 2006: Design and start construction of bridges and roadways
- 2008: Design and start construction of bypass channel
- 2010: Upper West Fork mitigation
- 2012: Modify University Drive
- 2012: Construct and install isolation gates
- 2013: Construct Samuels Avenue dam
- 2014: Extend White Settlement Road
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Pennies not worth cost; production should cease

The market price of zinc has tripled since the end of 2003 and is threatening to continue to cost the U.S. Mint more than 1.4 cents to make each penny — that one-cent piece we are all tempted to throw away or save into obsolescence. As such, we've got the perfect solution to Texas' public school finance problems: Let's all gather our penny jars and piggy banks and smelt our way to educational freedom.

OK, so our line of thinking runs into that whole "supply and demand" problem when the zinc market gets flooded with smelted pennies. But who can deny the glory of, say, Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, frantically searching the Capitol for smelting relics from the Republic of Texas' early days as a means to scrape together jury-rigged funds for public education.

After 1982, when the penny faced a similar economic infeasibility as a result of its 95 percent copper composition, the mint changed the coin's content to almost 98 percent zinc. But the scrap zinc in a single penny is currently worth more than 0.75 cents, and if the market continues to push up the metal's demand, it could be

"We've got the perfect solution to Texas' public school finance problem: Let's all gather our penny jars and piggy banks and smelt our way to educational freedom."

more economical to smelt the one cent piece instead of use it as currency.

Whether we try to turn a profit on our pennies, the U.S. Mint could certainly benefit from cutting down on making the damn things. They're already on pace to make some 9 billion pennies in 2006 — last year they minted 7.7 billion pieces, more than all of the other coins put together.

Abolishing the penny denomination would hurt the poorest of the poor, but we don't need to keep endlessly mining the earth to make coins that may be worth less than the metal from which they are made.

This staff editorial appeared in the Daily Texan at the University of Texas. It was distributed by U-Wire.

Opinion page is yours; use it

As of today, I've written seven opinion articles for the Skiff this semester. I've bashed old politicians and criticized rap music. I've longed for Western films and pulled my hair out over technology. Some of the articles I've written have been good and some could have used more work. In any case, all are representations of myself via my humble opinions.



John-Laurent Tronche

For the fall semester, I encourage each and every person at TCU, be they staff, faculty or student, to take the time and write to the Skiff.

It's easy, it's fun and entirely painless. You don't even have to be a journalism student to do it; all you need is an opinion and the ability to back it up logically.

But the Skiff opinion page isn't a soapbox; it's a forum.

It's a page for debate where, provided there is participation, we can all exchange ideas. We don't have to agree nor do we have to disagree, but at least we can appreciate an idea that isn't our own.

I don't write opinion pieces because I want people to know what I think. As cheesy as it sounds, I write these articles because I want to know what you think. I put my opinion on paper with the hope that someone will read it and find themselves motivated enough to write back; I offer my opinion so that maybe, just maybe, somebody can offer a valid argument for or against what I think.

Our varied opinions and beliefs are what make us all different and interesting. You can learn a lot about a person simply by what they think.

Even if you don't like what someone has to say in the Skiff, you can simply turn the page. But, on the off-chance that you really don't agree with

what someone says, you'll be motivated to write to us.

I love to argue. I love to be proven wrong, but more so, I love to prove others wrong.

Over the weekend, a fellow reporter and I managed to scream at each other about religion, sex, politics and Star Wars, all in under an hour. I loved every minute of it. I'm fairly sure we didn't find any common ground, but at least we gave it a shot.

My point is this: the opinion page is yours to make.

Criticism, when supported by logic, allows us to explore different points of views.

Winston Churchill, prime minister of the United Kingdom during World War II, sums up criticism more eloquently than I can: "Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfills the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things."

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attached to the Student Union that will be backlit, Leeman said.

Something new will be the Heritage Room, which will also be housed in the new Student Union and will contain TCU memorabilia, Leeman said.

The current Student Center will remain where it is and will be the new home to AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as some administrative offices, such as admissions. In addition, Frog Fountain will be moved closer to the current Student Center.

The driveway in front of the Student Center is expected to be paved with bricks and will only be open to vehicles on moving day.

"It will be a walking path for students, since there will be no parking that way, and the food trucks and mail trucks will not have to deliver to the old Student Center," Leeman said.

Few administrators are open to discussing the changes in store for the campus because all these projects are still in the "programming phase" and certain ideas and concepts are likely to change by the time building is complete.

BRAWL

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always the opportunity for a fight," Patterson said. "I can't stop them from doing it, but I'm not sure it's a great choice."

Mike Russel, assistant dean for campus life, said his office had no knowledge of the brawl, and unless a complaint is filed, it is unlikely any disciplinary action will be taken against those involved.

DePriest said that as a result of the fight, Stone Canyon will implement stricter safety precautions, such as more distinct staff uniforms and a stricter dress code.

Chad Pendarves, a senior political science major who was at Stone Canyon when the fight broke out, described a chaotic scene.

"The police saw a struggle and couldn't distinguish between who was fighting," Pendarves said.

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said Blanck, who is currently the president of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

In the case of a pandemic, hospitals would require extensive equipment, such as ventilators, but most are financially unable to stock the necessary equipment when the year-round need is less severe, he said.

Hospitals prepare for any kind of epidemic, Adams said, but they "run at capacity, so to get anything above and beyond is difficult."

"If it does mutate, there will be high needs of respiratory protection," Adams said. "Ven-

tilators are hard to get, expensive to keep, and require qualified staff to run them."

But while SARS sent many citizens to buy protective masks, Blanck said there is no need for alarm at this point, suggesting people do the same as they would to prepare for any kind of natural or man-made disaster.

"Have a stockpile of food and water, a full tank of gas in your car, and have an emergency evacuation plan," Blanck said. "Other than that, there isn't anything we need to do at this point."

"The worst case is really terrible, but it is just that, a worst case. The likelihood is something less than that."

GSA

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all need to accept each other's differences.

"I hear a lot of people say things like 'oh, that's gay,' without realizing they are perpetuating hate," Goode said. "It's because of those comments that people live in fear of being who they really are."

The vow of silence ended during the "Breaking the Silence" concert and Rainbow Carnival at Frog Fountain. Other student organizations were encouraged to attend and set up booths. Frogs for Fair Trade, Wesley Foundation and TCU Allies were several of the organizations that participated in the event.

Jessica Fleming, a junior radio-TV-film major and GSA president, helped to organize the Day of Silence.

Fleming said events such as the National Day of Silence are important to the TCU community.

"TCU should be exposed to events like this because this school is making future community leaders," Fleming said. "We need to get in people's faces and let them know things like this are out there."

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BORN TO RUN

Bruce Springsteen released "We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions" on Tuesday. The disc reworks many of the traditional folk songs popularized by Pete Seeger and has been widely praised by critics.

School Dazed?

ADHD medication abuse on campus is on the rise

By ADRIENNE LANG
Associate Editor

Names have been changed to protect the identity of the sources.

Two weeks ago, Carrie had a dilemma — she had a trade theory test the following day. Not only did she anticipate the test to be difficult, but Carrie also hadn't studied for it at all. Lucky for her, she had a magic pill that would make her last-minute cram a little easier.

From past experience, Carrie knew that, in this case, the pill was just what the doctor ordered — just not by her own physician. Carrie, a senior international economics major, took a stimulant prescribed to a friend with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

The Numbers

Carrie's illegal use of ADHD medication may not be so uncommon. Yvonne Giovanis, assistant director for Alcohol and Drug Education, said the usage of ADHD medications are the fastest-growing drugs on college and high school campuses and use is expected to be on the rise for the next several years.

Laura Crawley, assistant dean of Campus Life and health promotion, said several studies show widespread use of stimulants on college campuses across the nation.

"Generally, nine out of 10 people with Adderall or Ritalin, what have you — it's going to be who it's been prescribed for," she said.

But Crawley cited a study at

the University of Wisconsin that shows college students are exceptions to the rest of the population.

Out of about 1,000 students surveyed, 16.2 percent admitted to abuse or misuse of a methylphenidate, which includes name-brand drugs such as Ritalin and Concerta. Only about 10 percent of those students who admitted to abusing the drugs were actually diagnosed with ADHD, while 90 percent did not have a diagnosable illness. According to the Monitoring the Future study at a Midwestern university, this type of drug-use was found to be the second most popular kind, after marijuana.

Abuse and Misuse

Crawley said students misuse drugs by taking them with alcohol, and those who do have ADHD misuse drugs by stockpiling until finals time, which is exactly what senior mar-

keting major Jesús* does.

After being diagnosed with ADHD in sixth grade, Jesús took Ritalin every day in middle school and high school, but stopped in college. He said the drug made him lose his appetite and made him feel bad in general, so now he saves the prescription for finals time to take and distribute to his friends. While he took 20 milligrams of Ritalin a day in high school, he said, he usually takes 40 milligrams during test days.

Jesús said students without ADHD sometimes use the drug more frequently or at a higher dosage.

"My friends who don't have a

prescription take more than I do," Jesús said.

Giovanis said when people who do not have prescriptions for stimulants take them anyhow, they are "abusing" the drug.

Crawley said as many as one in five college students have illegally used drugs such as Ritalin or Adderall.

She said the two most prevalent methods students abuse and misuse the drug are orally and snorting. The study showed that 55 percent of students swallowed the pills and 40 percent crushed and snorted the medication, mostly a method used for extended partying.

The Effects

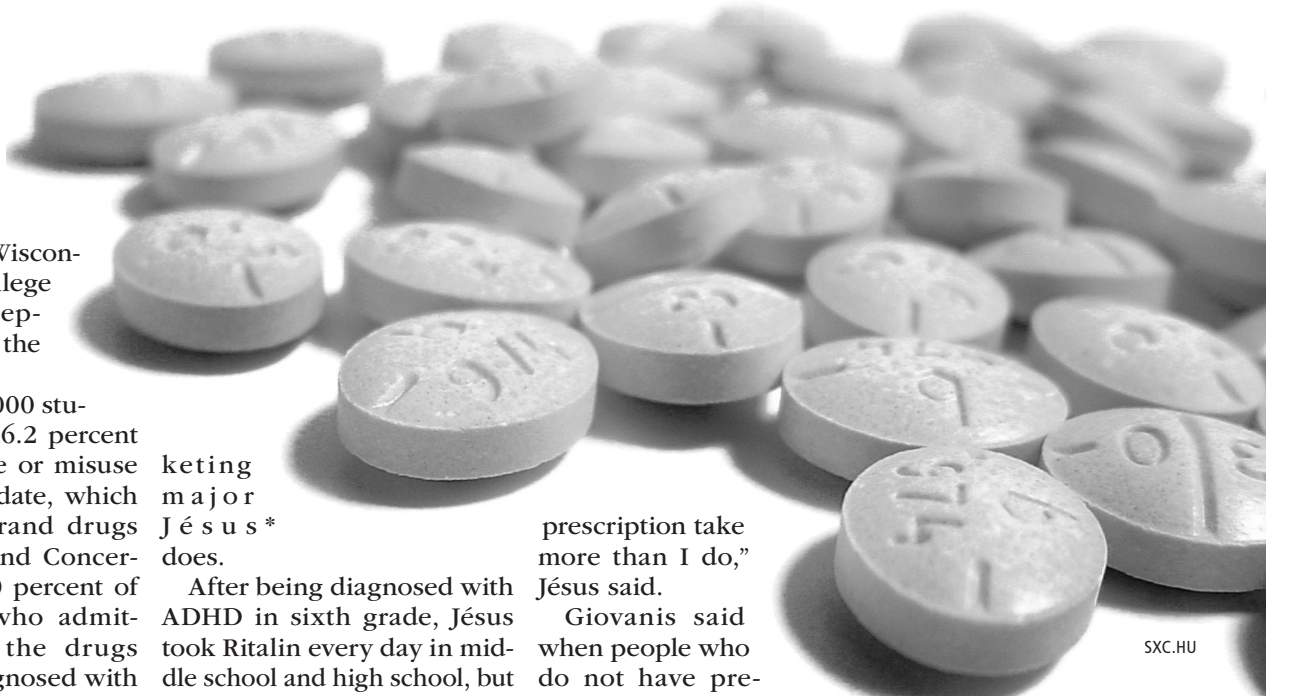
Crawley said about 50 percent of stimulant-users take them two to three times a

year, more than one-third take them two to three times a month and 15.5 percent take them two to three times a week.

"I think the more frequent you're using it, the greater potential you have to become addicted to it or to run into other problems with that if you get caught with it and you're in the conduct system at that point or you're being referred to a counselor or something," she said.

Dr. Mary Ann Block, a family practitioner in Hurst, said the drugs go to nervous system receptor sites in the brain to keep focus. She said the drugs

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DRUGS

From page 5

themselves are very dangerous.

"Just because these drugs were approved by the FDA doesn't mean they're safe, unfortunately," she said.

"Ritalin is found to be more potent than cocaine and goes to the same receptor site. The drugs — like Ritalin and Adderall — are like speed."

Giovanis said that because the drugs are highly and easily addictive, they manipulate the central nervous system, and those using the drugs, especially when not prescribed, experience an increase in heart rate, blood pressure and respiration.

"With proper medical supervision of those drugs, that's when doctors will often change the milligram-dosage a person gets in order to minimize those side effects and make sure it's maximizing the use of the drug," she said.

Carrie said when she takes a stimulant, her heart races, she feels cold but still sweats, has difficulty going to sleep and gets dehydrated.

Besides a loss of appetite, Jesús said, he tends to get agitated easily.

Giovanis said if someone used the medication to study, often, that person must also take it before the test as well.

Carrie said she usually takes 10 milligrams to study and another 10 right before the test because people who have prescriptions have told her to do so.

Also, Giovanis said, students might question their self-reliance with continued use of the medication.

She said students may ask themselves, "Do I want to know that I was able to study and remember this information and achieve that A, or am I going to wonder if it's just because I took that pill?" she said. "To take that one step further, 'Do I want a doctor that made his or her way through college and medical school on Adderall giving me medical advice or performing surgery on me if they're no longer on that drug?'"

The Appeal

Crawley said students use the drugs to "party" longer, focus on studying and tests, and curb their appetites.

While Jesús said he knows of some students who use them to stay up and drink longer, he, Carrie, Giovanis and Crawley all agreed that studying and test-taking are the primary reasons TCU students take stimulants.

Jésus said finals week is the time when most students use stimulants — and go looking for them.

"When it comes finals week, everyone's knocking on my door," he said.

Carrie said that although she does experience negative side effects, she is pleased with the medicine as a whole.

"I've had really good benefits," she said. "I think I definitely perform better on tests."

She said the medicine helps her to study when she is behind in a class and the test requires a lot of memorization. The medicine has given her more patience and allows her to take more care while taking a test.

Crawley said the side effect of loss of appetite appeals to females. She said because of the absence of some over-the-counter stimulant diet pills such as Fen-Phen, an ADHD drug offers an alternative. In fact, Giovanis said, some medications used to treat ADHD were originally introduced as weight-loss pills.

"I think that pressure for college women to not only be brainy, but also beautiful plays into it," she said. "Some are scared to stop taking it because they might gain weight."

While Carrie said she did not use the drugs to lose weight, she said the drugs do suppress her appetite and she has to remind herself to eat.

Crawley said students use drugs like Adderall and Ritalin because they do have the same effects as cocaine, speed and other illegal amphetamines but do not possess the same negative connotations as illegal drugs.

"It's perceived to be safe," she said. "Most students get in that place of, 'well, it's probably bad, but it's not that big of a deal.'"

Giovanis said she thinks that age contributes to illegal uses of the medication.

"Part of it is that I think that the idea that students at a college are in that age-period where they really don't think long-term negative things can happen to them — because you're still growing physically, mentally and emotionally," she said. "And life just seems full of possibilities."

Jésus said he has never really considered the dangers and consequences of misusing the drugs or handing it out to his friends.

Giovanis said Jesús is not alone. "Most students don't reflect on the what-ifs," she said.

The Source

According to a Medco Health Solutions analysis, ADHD diagnoses for adults 20 to 44 have doubled in recent years — a phenomenon that is contributing to the widespread use of stimulants, Giovanis said.

"Wherever there's more prevalence, there's more room for abuse because it's more easily accessible," she said.

She said that on TCU's campus, there is

not one central "dealer" of ADHD drugs, but rather, most people get them from their friends.

Crawley said that students who abuse the drugs get them from students who are prescribed. If students pay for the medicine, they pay anywhere from \$1 to \$5 a pill. Carrie said that TCU prices are comparable to the national standards with an average of about \$3 a pill and \$5 being the highest rate. Jesús said during finals week is when the pills are the most expensive.

Although Jesús said he distributes Ritalin to his friends, he doesn't charge them because he usually has two or three bottles that he has stockpiled.

"I give people the amount they ask for as long as it's not a ridiculous amount," he said.

While most students obtain the drug from others, Giovanis said, she has heard of instances at TCU where students have read about ADHD and faked symptoms to doctors to get prescribed drugs.

Monica Kintigh, a licensed professional counselor for Mental Health Services, said she does not believe it's easy to feign ADHD.

"It is a medical diagnosis that includes detailed intake interview including personal and family history, two to three hours of screening tests with an interpretation by a mental health professional, and a medical doctor's examination and diagnosis," she said in an e-mail. "Persons don't suddenly become ADHD — there is always evidence from their personal and family history that confirms the diagnosis."

Block disagreed, saying there is no physical indication for the illness.

"There is no objective medical test on ADD and ADHD," she said.

Giovanis said because there is no medical test and doctors are limited on time spent with patients, a false diagnosis can happen.

"As much as we'd like to say it's difficult to get a prescription, the reality is, there is no medical test to show whether you have ADD or ADHD," she said. "... I would imagine it's easier than we'd like it to be to get a hold of Adderall or Ritalin," she said.

Alternatives

Instead of taking stimulants as a study aid, Crawley suggests students start studying earlier. If someone has a problem with noise while taking tests, she said, he or she should be up front with the professor to arrange a different time or room in which to take the test. She also said enough rest will help students concentrate and coffee is a better, legal alternative to stimulant drugs. If a medication is being used to lose weight, changing lifestyles is a better method to shed pounds.

EFFECTS OF ADDERALL

Short-term physical effects:

- Addiction
- Increased heart rate, breathing, blood pressure
- Decrease in appetite
- Insomnia
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• Brain damage

- Chronic depression
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Short-term psychological effects:

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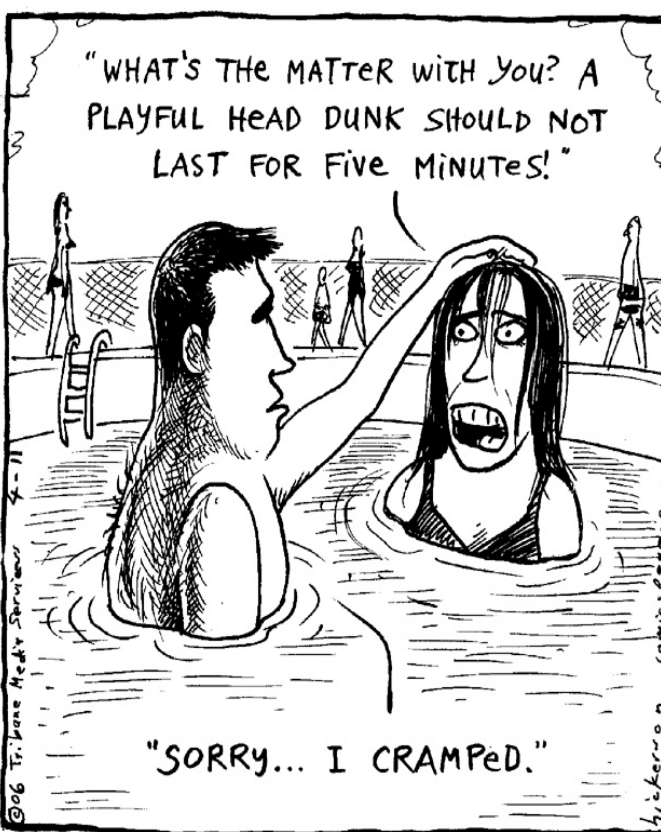
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Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Friday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

Wednesday's Solutions

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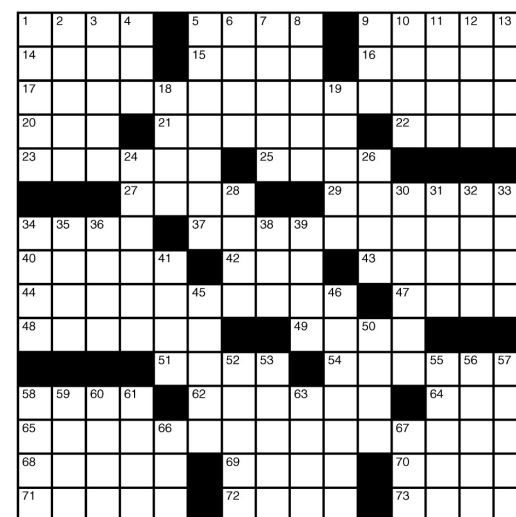
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 - Snare
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 - Quid pro quo
 - Calyx part
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 - Part 5 of quip
 - Poetic form
 - Lady of Spain
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By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA

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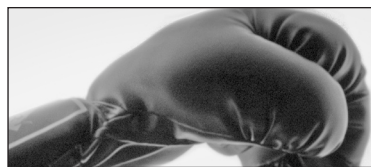
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Department aide raises TCU kids

By RYAN WILCOX
Staff Reporter

Since her graduation from TCU more than 26 years ago, Terri Cain has continued a Horned Frog tradition with her children.

Cain, a secretary for the athletics department in the Justin Athletic Center, is part of a household where purple is the color of choice. Cain has three children: a daughter who graduated from TCU's nursing program in December 2004, a son who is a senior business major and a daughter who will attend TCU in fall 2006.

Cain and her husband Frank, who have been married for 28 years, are both graduates of TCU. Her husband is an attorney with ShannonGracey law firm.

Cain said that because of the tuition benefits offered to employees, her children can attend TCU without having to pay tuition.

"TCU has been very good to me and to my family," Cain said. "We love TCU, but one of the reasons I came to work at TCU was we had all these

tuitions coming up."

Cain said that before coming to work at TCU she spent most of her time with her children.

"For many years I stayed home with my kids; it was fun," Cain said.

The Cains' son, Ben, said he came to TCU in part because of his parents' opinions about the university.

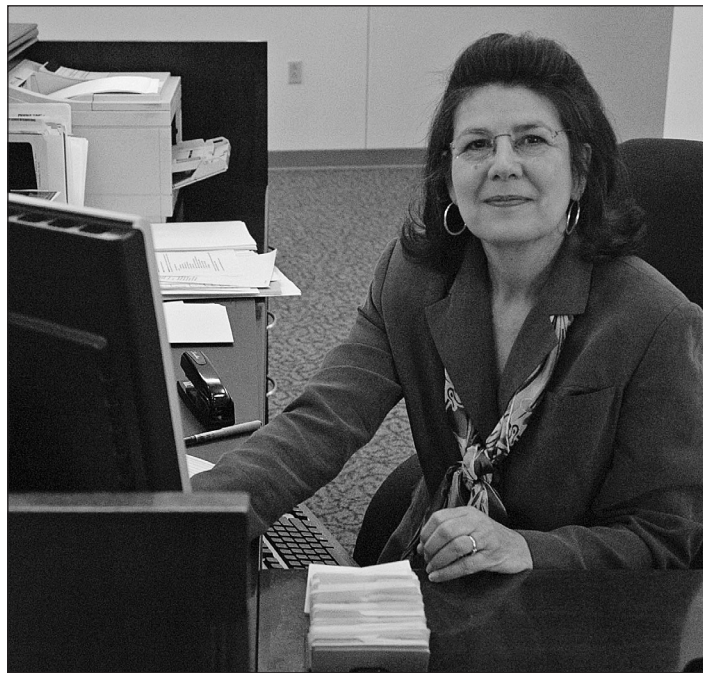
"My parents spoke very highly of TCU," Cain said. "So it was a real pleasure to get accepted and carry on the tradition."

Cain said his mother is always looking to help others.

"It's good to know that she is there if I ever need her," Cain said. "She is not a bad cook either."

After attending the University of North Texas from 1971-1973, Terri Cain came to TCU to finish her degree in English. Cain, who graduated from TCU in August 1979, said her friends motivated her to finish college.

"When I looked around and realized that all my friends had graduated from college and I hadn't finished, I



Terry Cain works at her desk in the Justin Athletic Center on April 26.
KIRA MEDNIS / Photographer

decided to come to TCU," she said.

Cain, who has been part of the athletics department for five years, said the athletes make the job rewarding.

"Working in the athletics department is a lot of fun; there are great people here," she said. "Athletes are good kids, so it's nice being around the kids."

Cain said her daily routine consists mostly of answering the phone and making sure there are enough supplies in the office, but her job also allows her to meet athletes.

Athletics Director Danny Morrison said Cain does a good job of greeting people as they come in.

"She has a great attitude, is a hard worker and is really good with people," Morrison said. "That's a pretty busy area, and she's kind of the front door of the administration offices."

Ross Bailey, associate athletics director, said Cain is always cheerful.

"I don't know that she ever has a bad day," Bailey said. "She is always pleasant and uplifting to be around."

Team preps for MWCC

By TIM BELLA
Staff Writer

The men's golf team has grown accustomed to taking home conference championships in recent years and will be looking to conjure up past years' magic at this weekend's Mountain West Conference championships in Sunriver, Oregon.

The Horned Frogs, ranked No. 37 in the country, are aiming to win their sixth consecutive conference championship and their first in their debut year in the Mountain West.

Head coach Bill Montigel said although the team knows this weekend has a little more added pressure to it because of what's on the line, the team's mindset has not and will not change just because the stage is bigger than usual.

"We are going to approach this weekend like any other tournament," Montigel said. "We are going to take it one shot at a time."

Senior Drew Laning expects the Horned Frogs to be prepared for the stiff competition that awaits them this weekend as he looks to graduate with one last conference championship.

"Every tournament we go to we expect to win," Laning

said. "We've all been starting to play really well, so we are looking for some good things."

Joining him in the pursuit for the six-peat is junior Drew Stoltz, who wound up finishing tied for first at last year's Conference USA tournament.

Stoltz said the team has shown glimpses of the type of strong play that is necessary in order to be proclaimed as the MWC's best.

"It's just a matter of getting all five guys clicking at the same time," Stoltz said. "We have really high potential for this team, and we are excited to go out and show what we can do."

If the squad looks to repeat its past conference championship success, it will have to do it against the stiffest competition it has had to overcome during its recent run of prosperity. Nevada at Las Vegas, Brigham Young, San Diego State and New Mexico all figure to be in the mix to see which team takes the trophy this weekend in Sunriver.

"We are going for the six-peat this week," Laning said. "We are excited to be here. It ought to be a fun week."

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