

Construction to continue; stadium may get face-lift

By ROB CRABTREE
Staff Reporter

While the completion of the Brown-Lupton University Union is delayed, Clark and Jarvis halls are on schedule and there are new projects in the works, an administrator said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the Brown-

Lupton University Union project is behind schedule from its scheduled completion date of Aug. 1.

“We’re a little bit behind because of weather,” Mills said. “But we should be all set for the second week in August.”

Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administra-

tion, said the original budget for the construction was \$110 million. That budget includes money for the University Union, Frog Fountain, Scharbauer Hall, renovations of Clark and Jarvis dormitories and the new on-campus residence halls.

Gutierrez said in an e-mail that there have been some “minor

deviations” from that original figure, but for the most part the construction is on target. He declined to be more specific.

Mills said Clark is being renovated into a coed residence hall for freshmen and Jarvis will hold offices and classrooms.

Mills said \$20 million of the \$90 million for the Campus Com-

mons Project came from private donors and money for the rest of the construction is coming from the university’s operating budget.

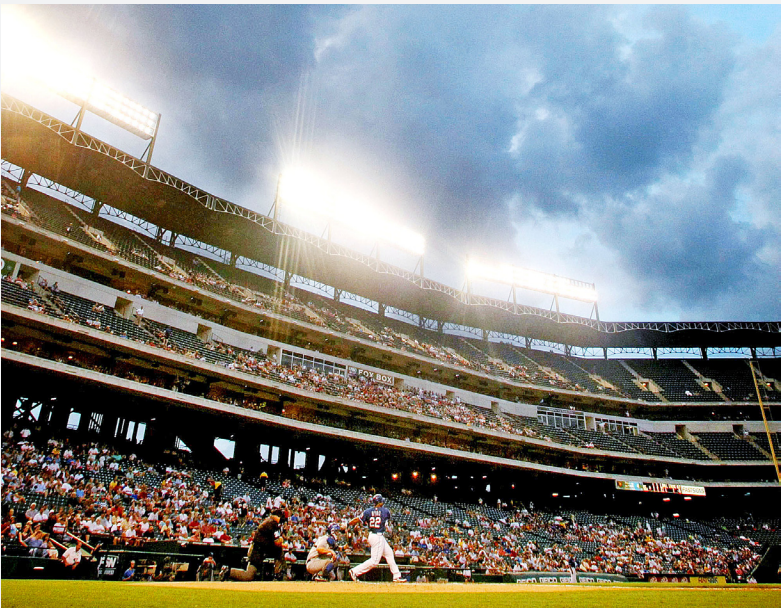
He said administrators met to decide what financial route to take with the construction and put together a plan with the University Advancement office to

achieve their fundraising goals.

Harold Leeman, associate director for major projects, said the construction is going well but there is still a lot more work to do.

“Right now, Jarvis and Clark are on track to be finished Aug. 1,” Leeman said. “The end-zone See **STADIUM**, page 2

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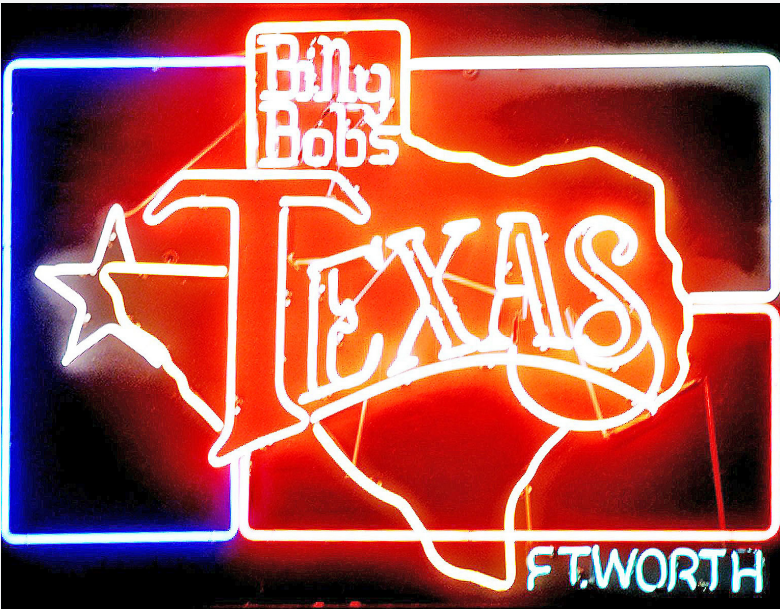
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Dallas/Fort Worth area full of hangouts for young crowd

By AMANDA SHIMKO
Staff Reporter

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Career Services employee’s roots run deep at university

By CHARLES RICE
Staff Reporter

When students need help landing a job, building a resume or finding other career advice, many turn to the University Career Services office, especially to Mary Kathleen Baldwin.

Baldwin, a TCU alumna, is the assistant director of marketing and events for Career Services, but does so much more, said her coworker Darin Ford, an associate director of Career Services.

“Anytime that you need a career adviser, she would be the one that

I would want to go to,” Ford said. “She is the most inviting and comfortable presence that I have been a part of since I have been at TCU. If she doesn’t know the answer, she will happily find it for you — anytime, anyway.”

Baldwin said she feels comfortable at TCU and loves her job because she likes helping people.

In many ways, TCU has become a second home for Baldwin.

Her younger and only sister Molly Baldwin, also works at TCU in Student Development Services. Mary and Molly Baldwin have been close

ever since they were children growing up in Louisiana together, and that bond has grown stronger because of their time together at TCU,

When Mary Baldwin was a senior, about to get her degree in international communications and Spanish in 2003, Molly Baldwin was a freshman, beginning her studies in international marketing.

“Mary and I used to meet every week and eat cookie dough together in Frog Bytes,” recalls Molly Baldwin.

She said her sister has been a mentor to her since they were students

and she still goes to her sister for advice now.

It’s not only family that Mary is able to give good advice to, though. Senior advertising/public relations major Jessica Schiager works with Career Services and has experienced Baldwin’s helping hand.

Schiager is the Career Services’ marketing intern and has gotten to work directly with Baldwin.

“She has really helped me to grow in my abilities here at Career Services,” Schiager said. “The is willing to make time to help me whether it be

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Interaction with students rewarding for counselor

By VALERIE J. HANNON
Staff Reporter

For new freshmen, the excitement of living on their own for the first time can go hand-in-hand with the anxiety that comes with any major life change.

Monica Kintigh, staff counselor at the Counseling, Testing and Mental Health Center, said it is not uncommon for freshmen to come by the center during their first semester for help with dealing with their anxieties.

“They have to deal with their friends, family and other things they leave behind,” Kintigh said. “Change is a good thing, but it can lead to stress.”

Kintigh is one of five full-time professionals at the Counseling Center, which is located at the Brown-Lupton Health Center. The center also has two consulting psychiatrists who work part time and a testing coordinator who comes in twice a week.

As well as counseling, Kintigh created and leads the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program. Since 2000, more than 2,500 faculty and student leaders have been trained in suicide intervention.

David Cooper, associate director of residence life, said all first-time resident assistants go through the ASIST program as part of their training.

“The first thing they always say is that they hope they never have to use it,” Cooper said. “But the second thing they say is that they enjoy it.”

Kintigh said TCU was one of the first universities to pursue a program to prevent suicide, which is one of the three leading causes of death among college-aged students.

She also specializes in stress management and grief counseling, though she said her job requires her to handle any situation.

“Working on a college campus, you really need to be a generalist,” Kintigh said. “I have to be ready to deal with whoever comes through the door.”

Although she had not always wanted to be a counselor, Kintigh said, she always had a natural talent for helping people. After completing her English and theater majors in college, she went on to teach high school for six years after graduation.

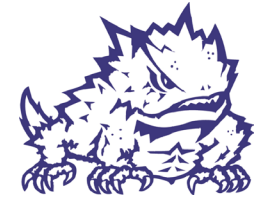
“I found later that the counselors put the troubled kids in my class because I could work with them,” Kintigh said.

She decided she wanted to pursue a career in counseling while in graduate school originally studying to be a reading specialist. She took a class on personalities, which was a prerequisite for many majors, including school counseling.

Kintigh came to TCU in 1984 when her husband, Steve, got a job at the school as director of campus recreation.

Elizabeth Koshy, staff counselor at the Counseling Center, said working with Kintigh is a pleasure.

“She is one of the hardest-working clinicians I have ever known,” Koshy said. See **KINTIGH**, page 2



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project is delayed because of the collapse, but it should also be completed Aug. 1.”

Future projects include, renovations in Moudy Building South, construction of Scharbauer Hall in place of the Brown-Lupton Student Center and a gym at the Starpoint School, an on-campus laboratory school for learning-disabled children.

Leeman said the next step is to begin demolition on the current Brown-Lupton Student Center.

“The demolition will start sometime right after school around May 15,” Leeman said. “The plans are to have all the demo done before school starts in the fall.”

Leeman said there are also a couple more plans for the current wave of construction.

The university is interviewing architects to develop plans for some renovations in Moudy South, Leeman said.

“We’re hoping to develop

it into a convergence (media) lab type of arrangement,” Leeman said.

Those renovations will take place primarily on the second floor, which houses the Schieffer School of Journalism, he said.

Leeman said the most important thing to him was trying to minimize the hassles that construction can cause.

“Hopefully, we’ve kept a lot of construction traffic out of the middle of campus,” he said.

Jenighi Powell, a junior international relations major, said she thinks the construction is coming along great but it can be frustrating at times.

“I do have to say, living in Samuelson, that the construction gets really loud in the morning,” Powell said.

For students who are wondering when all the construction will be finished, Leeman said, it could be a long time.

“There will always be something to do,” he said. “I think the football stadium might have a major face-lift soon.”

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“She approaches everything with excellence. Her passion for helping others is contagious.”

Kintigh said the best thing freshmen can do to reduce the stress of starting college is to get involved.

“Get involved in many different things until you can find the group that can be your support system,” Kintigh said.

Kintigh said another thing students can do is to find one faculty or staff member each semester

that they can get to know well.

“By the time you graduate, you will have eight to 10 faculty or staff members that can give you a reference,” Kintigh said.

Because counseling sessions are confidential, Kintigh declined to say if there was any specific case that has affected her the most. She said that for her, seeing what students do after graduation is the reward.

“What means the most to me is when someone comes back and tells us about what we’ve done,” Kintigh said.

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the randomest questions.”

Schiager said working for Baldwin has been great because many of the professors know who Baldwin is from having had her as a student, and she thinks that helped Baldwin transition in well to working on the campus, because it made for a friendly and familiar environment. Students outside of career services have also found Baldwin’s help useful.

“I got help from her on my cover letter and resume,” said Victoria Maranan, a sophomore broadcast journalism major. “She gave me an overview of what I should or should not do. She was able to provide a

professional point of view.”

Even with her busy schedule, Baldwin still makes time for her friends. Although fellow TCU graduate and Baldwin’s former roommate Rebecca Whitesell doesn’t live in Fort Worth anymore, she said she still keeps in touch with Baldwin.

“We still talk at least a couple of times a week,” Whitesell said.

She also credited Baldwin as being one of the nicest and most sincere people she has ever encountered. Whitesell said when she looks back at some of her fondest memories of TCU, Baldwin is a part of them.

Said Molly Baldwin of her sister: “She could motivate a dead dog to walk.”

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Resources aid non-Christian students

By TALIA SAMPSON
Staff Reporter

There are over 40 Christian traditions and denominations on campus, yet there are also students who practice other faiths; so how can these students maintain their faith?

Adam Gamwell, program coordinator for the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and staff adviser to TCU's Interfaith Council and Community, said there are several resources available to students through the office.

"Hit up the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, that's a good place to start," Gamwell said. "I myself am a Humanist, so I am particularly happy to speak to stu-

dents who don't fall into the category of Christian."

Gamwell added that everyone in the office enjoys talking to students of all faiths.

"They just can't live on salads everyday or cheese pizzas. I would suggest to them to be prepared and to know how to cook."

Udit Dodeja

Junior economics major

"Some of them may have the term 'Reverend' or 'Father' but it doesn't mean that they're close-minded," Gamwell said. "These people are here for students."

Gamwell said there is also a non-sectarian prayer space within the office.

"If you need a space to worship that's private and with your own type of ceremony, and it doesn't endanger anybody, we offer that space to everybody," Gamwell said.

Hina Tareen, a sophomore biology major from Colleyville who is Muslim, said the prayer space has prayer rugs available, so students who are unable to drive to a mosque can still worship on campus.

The office will move in the fall from the Brown-Lupton Student Center to Jarvis Hall, but Gamwell said it will continue. See **RELIGIONS**, page 7

How you can have a dorm-room haven using 7 feng shui pointers

By JILLIAN HUTCHISON
Staff Reporter

With homework, meetings, activities and friends, college life can be crazy. It's hard to share a dorm room and find time to keep it clean. It is possible, though, that the state of your dorm room has an effect on the state of your mind. That theory is one of the principles of feng shui.

Feng shui, which literally means wind and water, originated in ancient China but still has principles that are relevant today.

Image and feng shui consultant Keiko Couch said feng shui is about creating a positive, comfortable environment. There are simple ways to begin incorporating it into your own life, even in a dorm room. The effects, Couch said, will reach far beyond having just an organized room.

That said, here are seven ways to incorporate feng shui in your dorm room:

- 1) Reduce clutter. Use organizational materials like plastic storage containers and over-the-door hooks to lessen clutter in your dorm room. Couch said the way a space is kept can be a reflection of one's mental state. She said it's important to try to achieve a mutual harmony and balance between roommates' space and belongings.
- 2) Create a personal space. Make guidelines about things like music and TV. Also, add personal touches to the room. For



KATHRYNE JONES / Staff Photographer
Candace Williams' dorm room is featured here in the TCU Cribs Contest in spring 2008. Feng shui experts say proper use of space can help with dorm living.

example, put pictures or artwork on the ceiling or mattress above your bed. Try to make a space that is your own away from everyone else.

3) Decorate with mirrors. Mirrors have energy, bringing light into a room and making it feel bigger.

4) Use power positioning. Try to keep the furniture away from the door, Couch said. Bunk the beds to create more space for a seating area in the room. Also, position mirrors away from the bed and use them effectively, like putting them above your desk to be able to see who is coming in the door behind you.

5) Choose colors wisely. Decorate with soothing colors like beiges, light browns and teals. Couch said it's important not to lose self-

expression in the room. Have fun with accents like the bedspread, using patterns and brighter colors.

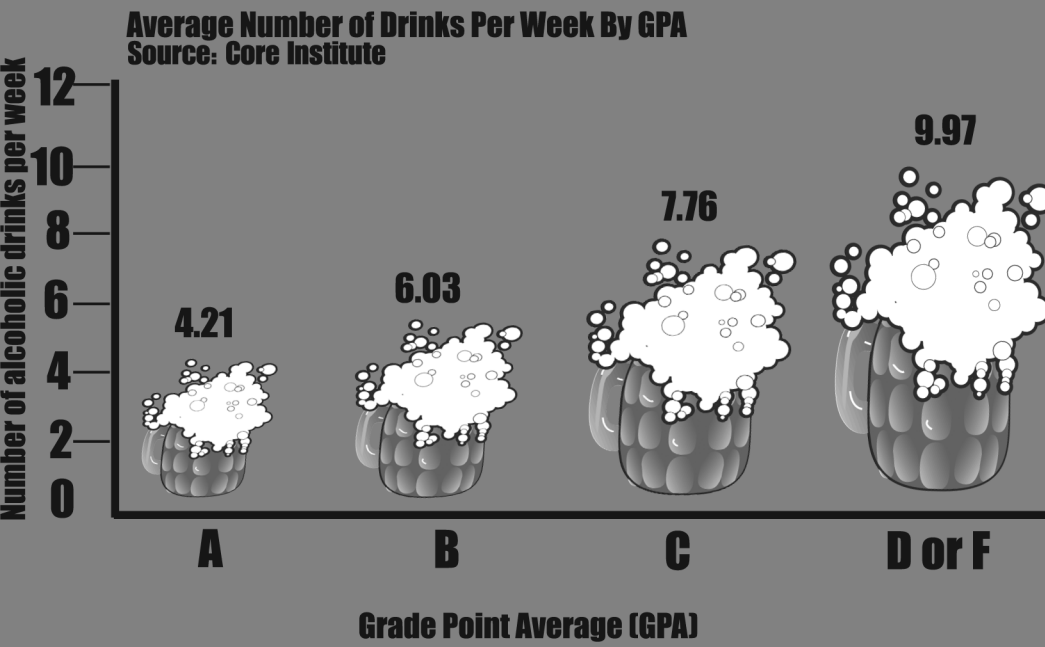
6) Add water. The power of water is great, Couch said, and it's quietly energizing. Although it's difficult to do much with water in a dorm room, you can buy a small fountain to put on your desk to help create a soothing environment.

7) Incorporate art. Incorporating artwork with flowers or nature into your room can help you feel more relaxed.

Couch said the principles of feng shui help to create a feel-good environment that has a relaxing effect.

"You like to come back to the space more often," she said. "You can cope with stress because nothing else will be stressful."

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‘Green-roof’ initiative aims to beat the urban Texas heat

By ASHLEIGH WHALEY
Associate Editor

Texas is hot. In the concrete cities of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, there's no escaping the heat without increasing energy costs. But environmental scientists in Fort Worth are looking to beat the heat and a number of other pollutants plaguing urban environments — one “green roof” at a time.

On April 11, the University of Texas at Arlington installed 1,000 square feet of soil and plants to the roof of the Life Science Building. This summer, the Botanical Research Institute of Texas will continue making plans to install what its director of development, Cleve Lancaster, says will be “one of the largest examples of green roof in North Texas” at BRIT’s future headquarters next to the Fort Worth Botanic Garden.

“TCU is collaborating with us on research to determine plants that will survive in North Texas

environments and the system that can be used to best support those plants,” Lancaster said.

Growing plants in soil on roofs for insulation, storm-water runoff storage, and water and air purification is nothing new to Europe. In fact, King Nebuchadnezzar II’s Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, though rumored to be a gift for Nebuchadnezzar’s homesick wife, Amyitis, is often credited by scientists as being the first green-roof system on record.

In the U.S., the number of green-roof projects varies from state to state. According to the Greenroof Projects Database, New York has 56 green roofs and Oregon contains 25, while Oklahoma and Mississippi have none. As of the end of April, the database lists Texas as having seven green roofs, but the number is rising.

TCU environmental science professor Tony Burgess said

he is guiding graduate-the-sis research by Jon Kinder and David Williams that will contribute to BRIT’s green-roof project. Kinder and Williams are leading a team of about eight graduate students in a partnership program designed to test plant life in Fort Worth’s prairie barrens, Burgess said.

Because most green-roof research has been done in Germany and the northern United States, it is less applicable in Texas because of climate differences, Williams said.

“We went out into the field and looked at some really shallow plain communities that already exist, because on a green roof, generally, you don’t get to put more than 2 feet of soil,” Williams said. “Generally what you get is 4 inches, so it’s very shallow.”

The team is testing five different types of green roofs, Kinder said. The testing platforms are 15 wooden-box roof modules, each 16 square feet, filled with current commercial products, transplanted native soil and experimental mulch



Courtesy of DAVID WILLIAMS
David Williams, an environmental science graduate student, shovels native soil into a platform designed to test potential green-roof landscapes for Texas. Williams and Jon Kinder, also an environmental science graduate student, are developing research that could aid the Botanical Research Institute of Texas in planning its future green roof.


designs, Kinder said. To effectively insulate buildings in Texas, scientists are looking for a soil that stays moist for long periods, Williams said.

“Part of the reason green roofs keep the temperature down is from just the total amount of water being actu-

ally able to be in the soil,” Kinder said. “What happens is when the sun hits the roof, it hits the soil and it evaporates out of the soil. And when the plants are constantly pulling up the water through the roots system, it actually has a cooling effect.”

In Texas, Kinder said

research has shown a building with a black-tar roof to be 20 to 40 degrees hotter than a building with a green roof. Kinder said green roofs typically reduce 90 to 100 percent of storm-water runoff from shallow rains and up to half of runoff from heavy rains or more than 3 inches.



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tinue to offer resources to students and will expand to include new resources, such as a library where students will be able to check out books about religion.

Gamwell said the office's Web site, www.faith.tcu.edu, is another great resource for students.

"We've made it very comprehensive. We list all of our programs and when they meet. We list links to places of worship and resources like books and stuff you might want to look up," Gamwell said.

Student Groups

Currently, there are three religious groups on campus that are not Christian-based: Jewish student organization Hillel, the Muslim Student Association, and the Interfaith Council and Community.

Gamwell said the Interfaith Council and Community acts as a crossroads for all religions at TCU and often attracts students with minority religions that do not have their own on-campus organization.

"When we did the Spring Break trip we had an atheist, we had a Daoist, we had a Buddhist," said Gamwell, describing Interfaith Council's annual Interfaith Service and Study Trip. "So, it depends on the program, but this is a pleasantly diverse group, and it's encouraging to see people that are brave enough to come out and share their faith but share it in a con-

text that works toward unity and peace."

Students in Hillel and MSA said the benefit of being part of their organizations is getting to meet other people who want to represent their faith on campus.

"It's important to represent all the different religions and beliefs on campus. Since we're a minority, I think it's important that every Jewish student join this organization," said Shani Zanescu, a sophomore communication studies major from Fort Worth.

Khaled Alrashed, a sophomore business major from Al-Ghat, Saudi Arabia, said being part of MSA was helpful because he met a friend with a car who gave him rides to a local mosque.

Finding Transportation

Needing transportation to off-campus religious sites is a common problem among students without cars because many non-Christian places of worship are not located along bus routes, and some religions do not have sites in Fort Worth.

Udit Dodeja, a junior economics major from New Delhi, said he goes to Hindu temples in Irving and Dallas a couple of times a year for holidays such as Holi.

Like Alrashed, Dodeja said he found transportation by making friends with people at TCU. He said though there is no Hindu group on campus, he met other Hindu students through Students for Asian

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Quick tips for maintaining faith at TCU

- 1) Learn how to cook. There is a lot of food on campus, but the food is not prepared according to religious law, and vegetarians have less selection for food.
- 2) Get involved on campus. Whether it's through a religious group, Interfaith Council or any other group, being involved allows students to make friends and find people with similar interests.
- 3) Use your resources. The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and its Web site, www.faith.tcu.edu, have information about places of worship, where to find support networks, where to shop for special foods, etc.
- 4) Take the religion course that most interests you. Religion is taught from an academic standpoint at TCU and is required for all students, so take what interests you rather than what you think you should take.

Indian Cultural Awareness, a cultural group that represents Southeast Asia.

"TCU is really small, and I pretty much know all the Indian students at TCU," Dodeja said.

Food Needs

Dodeja said he follows a Hindu restriction against eating beef, but said he has not had trouble finding food to eat on campus that complies with his religion.

However, Dodeja said Hindu students who are vegetarian might have a hard time.

"They just can't live on salads everyday or cheese pizzas. I would suggest to them to be prepared and to know how to cook," he said.

Dodeja also said there are several stores in Irving and Dallas that sell typical Indian dishes.

Tram Tran, a sophomore nursing major from Arlington who is Buddhist, said

her religion only requires her to follow a vegetarian diet when she is at temple.

"To tell you the truth, I love temple food (vegetarian based). It is a lot better than regular TCU food," Tran wrote in an e-mail.

Zanescu said she does not follow kosher law except to avoid mixing milk and meat, but said she hasn't had a problem finding food on campus either.

Tareen said she personally has not had trouble with the food on campus, but said other Muslim students, who follow Islamic food laws that require animals be killed a specific way and that the meat be prepared a certain way, would probably not want to eat the meat at TCU.

Studying religion necessary, prof says

By TALIA SAMPSON
Staff Reporter

Although TCU is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and requires students to take a religion course, students are not required to study Christianity.

"(The religion requirement) is part of a recognition that a person with a college education ought to be acquainted with the role that religion plays in life and culture," said David Grant, professor and chair of religion.

Grant said there is a diversity of religion among faculty, and courses are taught from an academic standpoint.

"The religion department is an academic department so we are interested in studying the variety of religions from the perspective of trying to see what they are about and what people do within them," Grant said. "We are not an advocacy group that advocates any particular religion."

Grant said there are three ways to take an introductory religion course at TCU.

One course focuses on world religions and different religious communities. Another, called Texts and Ideas, aims to study the main text

of a particular religious tradition or group.

"The third version looks at society and culture and how one can talk and learn about what religion is by looking at the roles that religion has played in human societies and cultures," Grant said.

Grant said the academic approach to teaching religion sometimes surprises students who had previously studied their religion within their religious communities.

"Students who are Christian come who have done Bible studies within their religious communities, and are sometimes surprised because we're asking a very different kind of question," Grant said.

"We're asking the question 'What can we learn about the nature of religion in ancient Israel and early Christianity by looking at this text?'" Grant said. "Within a religious community there is a different question that's asked. Because when in a Christian community one is studying scripture, one is asking 'What is God trying to say to me in this text?'"

Shani Zanescu, a sophomore communication studies major from Fort Worth who is Jewish, said she is currently taking a

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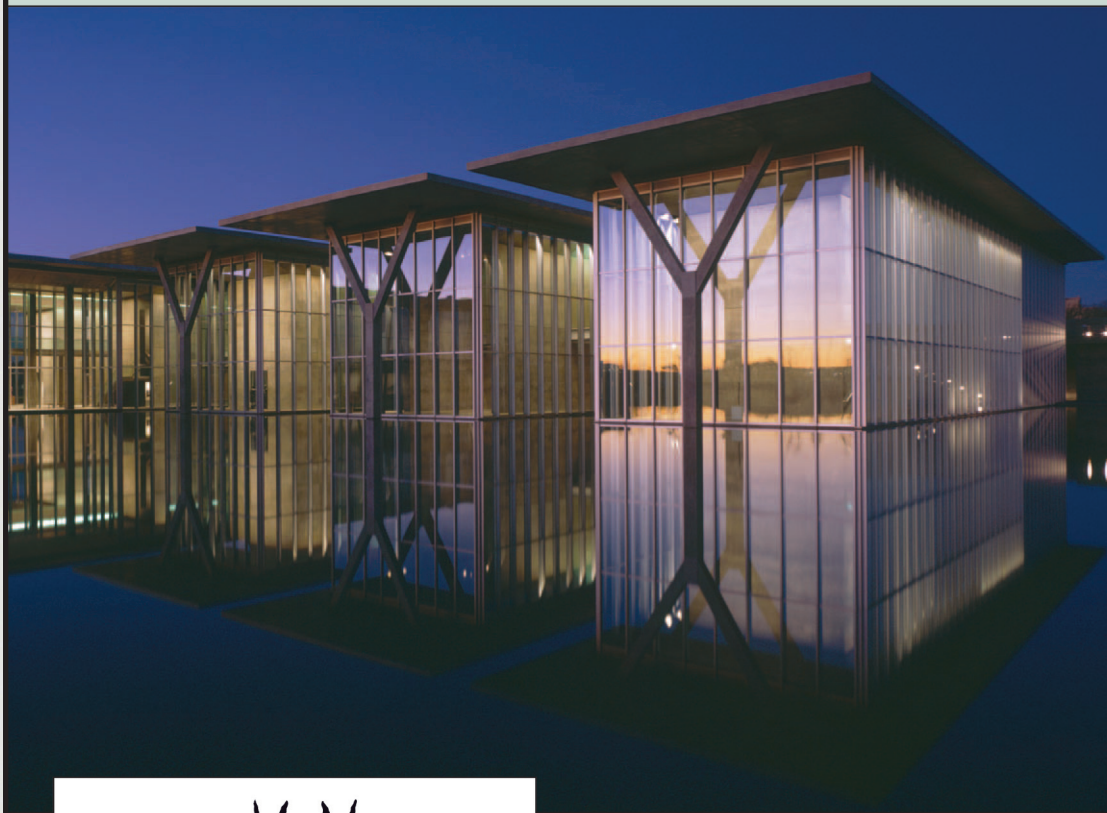


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HUMOR

Don't forget letterman's jackets, yearbooks and high-school sweethearts

Welcome to the best four years of your life. Within the next few weeks, you will receive numerous free T-shirts, credit card offers and maybe even go to your first college party.

So here's a little to-do list to follow before beginning the college grind. In particular, there are some objects that are must-haves for

the first time on campus. Every incoming college student needs to indicate their level of cool from high school by showing off a senior yearbook. Some people call these memories frozen in time an "annual," but the over-arching theme is the same — the more your picture is taken, the cooler you are. Everyone cares about your high-school extracurriculars and how many signatures you received. Winning a superlative is the zenith of your accomplish-

ments, brag. Speaking of having ways to show off the prep-school activities, a letterman's jacket is the best way to let people know about a nickname and how many years you were the junior-varsity football receiver. If your jacket has an All-State patch on it, you will be revered by all the seniors who catch you sporting the jock look at a party. Girls love the letterman patches, no lie. West Brook 2004, for life. Then again, the best way to

prove the ability to have adult friendships and relationships is by toting a high-school sweetheart to college. Even if that means having the significant other at a nearby university. Of course, college does have formal dances, but where is the fun in that? The best dance of your life came last spring when you

went to your senior prom. It is unfortunate that the tuxedo was a rental, but you can still press the corsage and boutonniere inside a little scrapbook full of the best times you had in high school. Remember trying to buy the flowers to match her dress or his tie? Well, those days are gone, so holding on to some rotten, dehydrated

rose petals may be the best option. I'm a senior. Trust me. These nuggets of information may not be the best guide, but the best way you can grow is by doing and learning from mistakes during your years as a Horned Frog.

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Current students offer advice for freshman year

By KRISTIN BUTLER
Staff Reporter

The transition from high school to college can be tough, but current TCU students say hearing advice from older peers is helpful.

Karina Mercer, a sophomore accounting and finance major, said its important to balance studying and friends.

“When you study non-stop, you will burn yourself out,” she said. “Make sure you find time to enjoy life and treasure the friendships you will make. Find a balance between school and fun and you will be much happier.”

Chrishnika Galbadage, a sophomore early childhood

education major, said skipping class is a bad idea.

“Make yourself go to class until Spring Break or Thanksgiving so that you will get into routine,” she said. “After that, it won’t seem hard to go to class.”

Talking to professors and networking is also key, said Amanda Edmiston, a junior political science and history major.

“Make the effort to really get to know your professors,” she said. “They are great resources for your entire time at TCU and are more likely to help you if you have already made the effort to get to know them. They are also useful for the tons of letters of recommendation you will

need while at TCU.”

Mercer said students should not overwork themselves with class work and activities, and said it is important to learn how to say no.

“In college you are presented with many opportunities and trying to do them all will prove to be impossible,” she said. “Choose the things that you are most passionate about and want to fully invest yourself in. Say no to the rest. Only doing something with half your effort isn’t worth your time.”

Having a roommate can be difficult, said Andrew Wong, a sophomore graphic design major, but learning to work with him or her is important.

“Pot-lucking could either be the best or worse thing,” he said. “If it really bothers you, then get your problems resolved. If needed, change room or roommate. Other than that, enjoy it and get to know the person as much as you can.”

James Gleaton, a senior biology, chemistry and math major, said good organizational skills are helpful.

“A planner — one of the dorkiest things in high school, right? It’s not anymore,” he said. “If you’re like me and can’t remember anything without writing it down, please take my advice and go ahead and invest in some form of one. You’re in college now; it’s OK to act

professional.”

Ryan Thomas, a graduate student in the Brite Divinity School, said he thinks the most important thing to remember in life is to be yourself.

“In life it is easy to be someone else, but in college it is important to be yourself, to distinguish yourself from other people and stand out among the crowd,” he said.

Senior e-business major Meghana Mathew said it is important for students to remember what they’re here for.

“Don’t forget that college is an opportunity,” she said. “An opportunity to grow and learn, both in and outside the classroom.”

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text-based course about the Bible and said she is happy she decided to take the class because she has learned new details about both Christianity and Judaism.

Adam Gamwell, program coordinator for the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and a TCU alumnus, said he wished he had taken a world religion course as a freshman, but said he learned a lot from his “Understanding the Bible” course.

Gamwell said he recommends students take any religion course that sounds interesting to them.

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Campus housing offers diverse community-living options

By CHRISTINA DURANO
Staff Reporter

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The sound of students typing their papers breaks the silence of one of the study lounges in Samuelson residence hall.

“Ballin!”

First-year students cheer as their friends challenge each other to a game of pool or foosball in the second-floor lounge of Milton Daniel Hall.

Clack. Clack. Clack.

A group of first-year women excitedly walk down the hallway of Colby Hall in their high heels on their way to a formal.

Each TCU residence hall has its own sights and sounds. The halls are as diverse as the students themselves.

Finding a Niche

“Each hall has a differ-

ent experience,” said Chris Sewalish, Milton Daniel Hall director. “It’s all about fit and what kind of community we can offer that will be most comfortable or provide the most benefit.”

About 55 percent of TCU’s undergraduate students live on campus. These on-site residences include the 13 operational residence halls, the Greek houses and the GrandMarc, said Craig Allen, director of Residential Services.

First and second year non-transfer students are required to live on campus or at home with their families.

First-year students can live in traditional halls that have communal bathrooms or rooms with suite-style bathrooms. Next year, first-year women will be able to live in Colby, a female-only hall, or any of the

coed freshman halls.

First-year students who prefer suite-style living can choose to reside in Foster, a freshman-only hall that offers both communal and suite-style bathrooms. Next year, Foster will house four of the new Freshman Interest Groups, which live in wings with students who have similar interests.

Bridgit Breslow, Foster Hall director, said FIGs will help freshmen fit in.

“FIGs will provide a way for students to develop a connection to TCU,” Breslow said.

Upperclassmen who want to live on campus will primarily live in the Campus Commons, Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments or the GrandMarc.

The Commons’ halls have suites with two, three or

four bedrooms, a bathroom and a common living area. Carter and Samuelson halls will house the Living Learning Communities — wings in which upperclassmen who share common interests or

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Chris Sewalish
Milton Daniel hall director

values can live together.

“Students who share a common interest can live together and develop friendships,” said Megan Osborn, a resident assistant in Carter and Samuelson halls.

James McCombs, an RA in Wright and King halls, said the LLCs also have specific programming that focuses on common interests. He said TCU is one of the first universities to focus on interest-specific programming.

Luke Morrill, Waits Hall director and Residence Hall Association adviser, said he thinks the suites are the next step in the natural progression of housing.

Another housing option for upperclassmen is the Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments, which Morrill said provide students with the freedom of apartment-style living and the convenience of being on campus. Each apartment has four bedrooms, a kitchen, two bathrooms and a living room.

The primary difference between the Tom Brown-

Pete Wright and the GrandMarc is that the GrandMarc is more independent.

Although the GrandMarc is not university-operated housing, it sits on TCU property and fulfills the sophomore residency requirement, Allen said.

Breslow said she thinks the sophomore residency requirement keeps students from “falling through the cracks.”

“It’s awesome TCU has a sophomore residency requirement because it’s one more year we can really do whatever we can to help students have whatever (resources) they need,” Breslow said. McCombs said the residents give each hall its own personality.

“It’s all about the mindset,” McCombs said. “That makes each hall what it becomes.”

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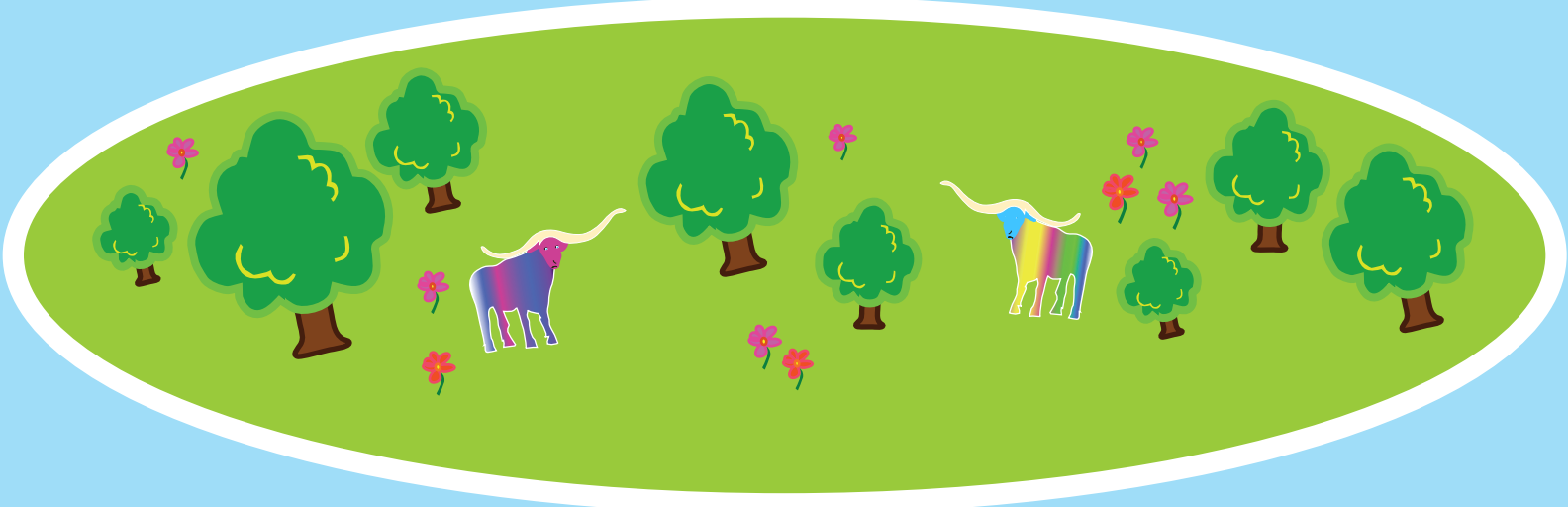
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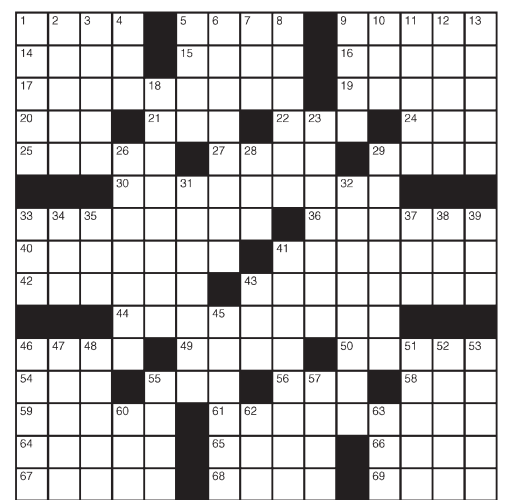
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13 Elite navy group
18 Eavesdroppers' openings
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26 Artist's studio
28 Black gunk
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31 Demonstrates
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37 Part of a play
38 Composer
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46 That is: Lat.
47 Amber or umber

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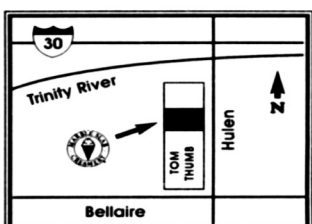
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MEN’S BASKETBALL

New basketball coach’s style departure from old way

By JOE ZIGTEMA
News Editor

Players, coaches and future players alike all use one term to describe Jim Christian — hard-nosed.

While recently-departed head basketball coach Neil Dougherty used a stoic, determined manner of coaching during his tumultuous six-year tenure, Christian stands in stark contrast with his apparent lunch-pail-type attitude toward basketball.

Sophomore guard Jason Ebie said Christian’s hands-on attitude created a lot of emotion during the first two weeks of team workouts.

“He shows you more,” Ebie said. “He’s more talkative with his players [than Dougherty], and he shows you how to exactly do the work step by step.”

Coaching intensity

Geno Ford, former assistant under Christian and current Kent State University head coach, said Christian’s demeanor on the floor reflects his passion for the game.

“If there was a word that

was past intense that I’m not intelligent enough to come to grips with, that’s what he is,” Ford said. “He wants to win. He wants guys that are going to play hard and just spill their guts, but he does a good job balancing. He’s got two complete personalities.”

James Blasczyk, a Friendswood native who committed to play for TCU under Dougherty in July, said his conversations with Christian have been positive.

“He’s pretty much straightforward,” Blasczyk said. “He’s the type of guy that if you’re not doing the right things, he’s not going to beat around the bush. He’ll tell you straight up, and I like that about coaches.”

Defensive efficiency

Christian said his biggest challenge centers on changing the atmosphere surrounding the program.

“Every day the challenges change, but it’s about getting the kids to believe that they can be a special basketball team and getting them to do the things that are necessary to do that,” he

said. “It’s something that even if things don’t go your way for one day or one game, you have to stay the course. If those kids develop that, it’s going to be a fun year.”

Although Christian says he adjusts the team’s style to the strengths of his players, he expects to challenge teams defensively.

“I want us to play very physical,” Christian said. “I want us to compete on every possession to make it difficult for the other team, but offensively I want to give a few guys freedom to play ball. Basketball is supposed to be fun, and I want these kids to have fun playing it.”

Ford said effort is a requisite to see playing time under Christian.

“You can shoot 0 for 10 and play 40 minutes for Jim, but if you don’t dive on a loose ball, you’ll never see the floor,” Ford said. “He’ll live with the mistakes, but the effort is non-negotiable.”

Winning ways

One thing Christian has proven in his six years as Kent

State head coach is the ability to win. He has a career 138-58 record to TCU and leaves Kent State as the winningest basketball coach in the Mid Atlantic Conference’s 62-year history. Christian has taken two teams to the NCAA tournament and made five post-season appearances in his six years as coach, earning MAC Coach of the Year twice in the past three seasons.

Christian’s road to Fort Worth has taken him throughout the Midwest, serving as an assistant coach, talent evaluator for Octagon Sports Marketing and Management, and head coach. Christian served as an assistant at Kent State, Pittsburgh University, Miami University of Ohio, Western Kentucky University and St. Francis University in Loretto, Pa., his first assistantship where he said he learned the most about coaching.

“I think I learned so much about the recruiting process there because you had to recruit so many people, and you had to try to find the ones that could fit there,” he said.



PAIGE MCARDLE / Staff Photographer

Coach Jim Christian works with the TCU men’s team as it prepares for next season.

“It was a place where I kind of cut my teeth, and the lessons I learned from being there carried me through.”

Plotting Texas


Currently looking for assistant coaches, Christian said he wants to hire a coach with a knowledge of Texas recruiting, but said it’s not a necessity.

“Recruiting is recruiting,” he said. “Where your ties are really isn’t important. It’s all about

people, it’s all about hard work and it’s all about developing relationships.”

Christian says he’s a simple guy who wants to meet as many people as he can, and when he’s not working at the office, he’s spending time with his 12-year-old daughter and 18-month-old son.

“I love to coach this game,” he said. “I love this game of basketball; I really do. I’m kind of obsessed with it.”



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