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Rangers prospect tables a \$4 million deal to play for Horned Frogs.

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TOP 10 MOVIES (millions of dollars)

1	Inglourious Basterds	\$37.6
2	District 9	\$18.9
3	G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra	\$12.5
4	The Time Traveler's Wife	\$10
5	Julie & Julia	\$9
6	Shorts	\$6.6
7	G-Force	\$4.2
8	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince	\$3.5
9	The Ugly Truth	\$2.9
10	Post Grad	\$2.8
	— Associated	Press

PECULIAR FACT

NEWS A new iPhone application will give students the upper hand when buying textbooks.

Tomorrow in News



NEWS

Alcohol will return to on-campus tailgating thanks to a studentled proposal. **Tomorrow in News**

SWINE FLU 10 students confirmed infected

By Chris Blake Staff Reporter

The 10 students reported Monday afternoon to be infected with H1N1 virus, more commonly known as swine flu, will not be quarantined but will be advised to avoid contact with other students, a university official said Monday.

"It's self-isolation, but if somebody walks out of their room, we're not going to put them in jail," said Don Mills, that cases of H1N1 be quarantined, acvice chancellor for student affairs.

Mills wrote in a campuswide e-mail

that university officials are working the general campus population and not closely with local health department attend classes until they are without a officials and following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to determine the best response to ensure university and class work will have to be the health and safety of faculty, staff and made up, Mills said. students.

all are being treated with Tamiflu," Mills wrote.

The CDC no longer recommends cording to the CDC Web site, but students infected should avoid contact with are still monitoring it, and we are still

fever for 24 hours.

Absences will not be excused by the

Vanassa Joseph, public informa-"All the cases appear to be mild and tion officer for Tarrant County Public Health, said the health department had not yet been alerted of the cases at the tracking it; however, we won't have indiuniversity as of 4:55 p.m. Monday.

"Back in April we were collecting all the way we were in April." of the individual data," Joseph said. "We

on H1N1, visit www.cdc. gov/h1n1flu • For university updates on H1N1, visit www.tcu. edu/swinefluinfo.asp

• For more information

vidual numbers that we were counting

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HOUSING Crowded dorms push some off campus

By Jordan Smith Staff Writer

Dormitory construction has made freshman housing scarce in recent years, but a larger-than-expected incoming class has forced administrators to find off-campus housing for this year's freshmen, university officials said.

During the summer, the university took out leases on six town houses on Cantey and Parmer streets, which will provide housing for about 20 freshmen ginning this semester, said Craig Allen, director of Residential Services. Another 20 freshmen have been placed in the GrandMarc apartments because of the shortage of on-campus space, Allen said.

BOARD AT SCHOOL



CHICAGO – A woman is suing a Chicago-area zoo for a 2008 fall near a dolphin exhibit, accusing zookeepers of encouraging the mammals to splash water and then failing to protect spectators from wet surfaces.

- Reuters



Alumnus Rob Williams talks about his recently completed fourth film, "Make the Yuletide Gay."

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TODAY'S WEATHER





Please emember to recycle this newspaper.

CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor Freshman Business major Chris Hassler skates the new terrain on his skateboard. Hassler likes to commute to class on his board.

DINING SERVICES New eateries, options available

By Paige McArdle Staff Reporter

semester include new menu items, a larger selection of off-campus restaurants that accept Frog Bucks and a breakfast Convenience Swipe option, a university official said.

Craig Allen, director of Residential Services, said Market Square has added meat carving, as well as a separate area for vegan and vegetarian foods, stir fry and hydration stations featuring fruit-flavored waters. The omelet station and Stacks, the sandwich line, have switched locations in order to provide for better traffic flow, Allen said. A burrito station at the on-campus restaurant 1873 2 and will feature food samples and featuring fresh tortillas is expected to open this semester, Allen said.

'The key to any kind of dining plan, for us, is to keep mixing it up," Allen said. "We know that students want healthy; they want fresh."

All meal plans include Campus Cash, which can be used at all oncampus eateries. Campus Cash is similar to Frog Bucks, but can only be used at university-owned establishments, Allen said. Off-campus restaurants that are new to the Frog of the breakfast Convenience Swipe ing options for the lounge with Din-Bucks program this year include at Sub Connection. Chicken Express on Southwest Loop Drive, Los Vaqueros on Berry Street,

Romano's Macaroni Grill on University Drive, he said.

Sub Connection, which began Changes to dining choices this accepting meal plan swipes during lunch hours in January, now accepts the Convenience Swipe for breakfast as well. The Convenience Swipe option allows students to use their meal plan swipes for to-go meals at Sub Connection. Students will not be able to get into Market Square for one hour after using a Convenience Swipe for breakfast and for three hours after using a swipe for lunch. Student feedback was directly responsible for the new swipe option, Kelly Raw, marketing manager for Allen said.

> features items available for \$2 or less. a live band. The menu will be available from 9 portioned items similar to fast food.

Unlike last semester, students will Swipe option during late-night hours at 1873, Allen said.

Dining Services, said the option was discontinued in order to maintain meal plan prices with the addition

820, Hoffbrau Steaks on University fee and snack foods, has replaced The a pre-made sandwich vending ma-Corner Store on the first floor of the chine or a grab-and-go stop similar Pappas Burger on West Freeway and Brown-Lupton University Union. to the Bistro Burnett, he said.

Union Grounds Grand Opening

When: Wednesday, Sept. 2 Where: Union Grounds, first floor of the Brown-Lupton University Union



Dining Services, said a grand open-A late-night value menu debuting ing celebration is scheduled for Sept.

Pond Street Grill remains closed, p.m. to close and will feature snack- but the building has reopened as Pond Street Lounge, a study space for students, Allen said. Residents not be able to use the Convenience of Worth Hills must swipe their student ID card to get into the building, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to Rick Flores, general manager for midnight, while other students may use the facility if accompanied by a Worth Hills resident.

Allen said he has discussed dining Services, but nothing has been Union Grounds, which serves cof- finalized. Potential additions include

Last year, the closing of Jarvis Hall and ongoing renovation to Sherley Hall forced many freshmen to live in study lounges. David Cooper, associate director of Residence Life, said that this year every lounge available has been filled and 183 freshmen will live in triple-oc-

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CONSTRUCTION **Building** awarded eco-friendly certification

By Taylor Droddy Staff Reporter

Sherley Hall, which reopened this fall as a coed residence hall after undergoing a \$16 million renovation, has earned the second-highest level of certification from the the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for the project's eco-friendly design and construction.

Harold Leeman, associate director of major projects at TCU, said that after the project was completed during the summer, the residence hall became the first building on campus to be awarded LEED certification. Sherley Hall earned LEED Gold certification, the secondhighest level of certification based on USGBC's internationally-recognized rating scale.

According to USGBC, projects must satisfy certain prerequisites and then be rated based on their degree of compliance to seven areas: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor

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NEWS

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Mills said TCPH instructed university officials not to inform the department unless a case of H1N1 resulted in not going to put hospitalization, which is why he said the cases were not reported.

TCPH could not produce a number of H1N1 cases in Tarrant County or in the state. The Texas Department of State Health Services discontinued reporting novel H1N1 flu cases as of Aug. 1

According to an Aug. 20 press release by the U.S Department of Education, the CDC issued guidelines for colleges and universities regarding H1N1 because the virus appeared to spread quickly among younger Americans.

Mills said the cases of H1N1 were discovered Monday morning and the infected students were notified before the campuswide e-mail was sent.

"It's self-isolation, but if somebody walks out of their room we're them in jail."

Don Mills

vice chancellor for student affairs

"I think this is going to be a problem all across the country for a few weeks," Mills said. "It is highly contagious because people don't have an immunity yet, but as people start to build up an immunity and as people start to take great care in personal hygiene, it will slow it down and it will stop."

According to the Brown-Lupton Health Center's Web site, students are advised to call campus police for afterhours emergencies. The TCU police did not have any newly reported cases of H1N1 as of Monday night.

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environmental quality, innovation in design and regional priority. According to the rating system, regional priority involves geographically specific environmental issues.

Lisa Albert, assistant director of communications, said the renovations aimed to update the 50-year-old building environmentally friendly practo meet student residential expectations and make it more all new buildings are required accessible. Energy consumption for heating, cooling and lighting have all been reduced significantly, Albert said. The detrimental effects of new construction were diminished by reusing 98 percent of the original building, she said. The residence hall now includes a recycling room on every floor for paper, plastic, aluminum, glass and cardboard items, she said. Luke Morrill, Sherley's hall director, said students are excited about the prospect of campus buildings becoming more envi-

ronmentally responsible.

"I think it's definitely one of the main reasons students want to live here," Morrill said. basement-level theater also help

attract residents, he said. In 2008, Chancellor Victor

Boschini signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, under which the university agreed to tices. Under this agreement, to comply with LEED's Silver standards. Gold certification is one level above, according to the USGBC Web site.

Over the summer, construction projects and renovations began in full swing for Milton Daniel Hall, the Moudy Buildwhich are being built under US-GBC stipulations, Leeman said.

The renovation of Milton Daniel Hall began in June. The plans include a variety of room layouts, study areas, meeting

functions, Albert said. The residence hall will house 301 students from the John V. Roach The new facilities and the Honors College upon the project's completion, scheduled for August 2010.

Milton Daniel Hall was chosen to undergo renovations after Sherley Hall was completed as part of a residence hall renovation process that has been going on for eight years, Leeman said. Milton Daniel and Colby halls are the two remaining unrenovated buildings, he said.

"Milton Daniel was chosen because it was in a lot worse shape than Colby," Leeman said.

The plans for Colby Hall have not been approved by the Chancellor's executive committee yet, Leeman said. The Chancellor's ing and Scharbauer Hall, all of executive committee is made up of senior TCU staff, which includes vice chancellors, and future home for the AddRan some members of the board of trustees. The board of trustees funds the renovations.

Albert said the Schieffer rooms and a private outdoor School of Journalism's renova-

patio for lectures and other tion of Moudy Building South is well under way.

> The planned improvements include a new convergence teaching lab, an additional broadcast studio, an office suite, a new conference room and the renovation of the dean's suite. The new convergence lab, scheduled to be completed in January 2010, will allow journalism students to practice multi-platform journalism and will assist in modernizing the journalism program, Albert said.

> Construction at Moudy South will be taking place while classes are in session, but Leeman said it shouldn't pose a problem.

> "Most of the noise is outside, so construction shouldn't interfere," he said.

Scharbauer Hall, the planned College of Liberal Arts and the Honors College, is scheduled to be completed in December and will also be LEED certified, Leeman said.

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cupancy rooms originally built for two.

The extreme lack of space refreshman housing, Cooper said.

"We're jammed," said Ray Brown, dean of admissions. "TCU's never experienced (overcrowding) to this degree, as far as I can tell."

The reason this year's freshman class is unexpectedly large is related to the economy, Brown said.

Last year, college admissions officers across the country predicted that as Americans lost jobs and savings, the overbooked. number of students entering college would drop nationally, Brown said. To counter this to find space for the extra

the size of the freshman class remained static, the office of admissions accepted a higher percentage of applications last a different perspective on the are living off campus someyear than in past years. Brown said his office offered admis- "They have an RA, quired the search for off-campus sion to about 7,000 students, roughly 800 more than it did the previous year.

However, the number of students who decided to enroll at the university this year did not drop. Brown said about 1,820 freshmen have sent in their enrollment deposits. According to the 2008 TCU Fact Book, 1,630 freshmen enrolled at the university last year. Brown said this freshman class is not necessarily too large, but simply

Cooper said Residential Services had to get creative prediction, and to ensure that students. He said leasing off-

campus housing was the only tively as Cantey Place, as being houses are nice. However, he point in the year, although they option left.

However, Allen said he has

they're part of our housing program, they're getting all the same services we provide to oncampus students. They're just living in a different location."

Craig Allen director of Residential Services

situation. Allen said he doesn't consider the town houses,

"off-campus" housing.

'These are not students that where — these are students that are part of the on-campus have an RA, they're part of our housing program, they're we provide to on-campus students. They're just living in a different location."

and the Sandage Apartments, situation in August by phone come available quickly at the the university does not own or e-mail, he said. Cantey Place. Instead, it holds a one-year lease on the property, Allen said. The freshmen campus range from \$2,675 in living at Cantey Place will also Colby hall to \$3,700 for a super the residence hall, and we have be required to purchase a meal plan at Market Square, he said.

Jeff Lancaster, the parent of a freshman living at Cantey living in lounges to move into which are refered to collec- Place, said he thinks the town an actual dorm room at some

said he was disappointed that the university charged his family more for housing than originally promised. He also said he did not know his son would community," Allen said. "They be living off campus until his family arrived for move-in day.

Allen said the cost of living getting all the same services at Cantey Place varies from roughly \$3,700 to \$4,400 a semester, depending on the room. Families were notified Unlike the Bellaire Condos about the student's housing

> Rates for double occupancy rooms in dormitories on Wright apartments.

It's not unusual for students

will have to wait for a vacancy to open, Allen said. If Milton Daniel Hall were open this year, the freshmen living at Cantey Place, the GrandMarc and in study lounges would be housed there instead, he said.

Allen said students were charged \$1,800 a semester to live in a study lounge. Eight students live in one lounge in Waits hall, he said.

Brown said spots can bebeginning of the semester because some students who reserved a room do not return.

"You've reserved a room in single in the Tom Brown-Pete to keep it for you until we finally decide, 'This guy isn't coming back," Brown said. 'Then we can take a lounge lizard and give them that spot."





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Left to Right: Chancellor Victor J. Boschini, Jr. & Susan B. Adams

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Rose Baca Web Editor

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Tacos

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Favorite type of M&M: Peanut

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9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Yoga - Jacque		Pilates - Jacque		Yogalates - Jacque 💿
12:10 - 1:00 p.m.	Pilates - Jan	Yoga - Anne	Boot Camp - Stephanie	Restorative Yoga - Anne	Stretch & Release Jessica
12:10 - 1:00 p.m.	TNT - Tammy	Cardio Dance - Noelle	Cycle - Francie	Kickboxing - Allison	Cycle - Lindsay
4:10 - 5:00 p.m.	TNT - Angela	Zumba - Fanchee	Boot Camp - Noelle	Shift & Lift Cycle - Angela	FALL 2009 GROUP EX August 24th through
5:05 - 5:25 p.m.	Abs - Stephanie	Abs - Stephanie	Abs - Adrienne	Abs - Angela	December 16th
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Lower Body Blast - Monica		Upper Body Blast - Monica		FREE WEEK: August 24th - August 30th
5:30 - 6:20 p.m.			Yoga - Adrienne	Hi / Low - Megan	NO CLASSES
5:30 - 6:20 p.m.		Water Aerobics - Patty		Water Aerobics - Jill	Labor Day Weekend: September 5th-7th
6:10 - 7:00 p.m.	Step - Lane	TNT - Lane	Step - Lane		Fall Break: October 10th - October 13t
6:10 - 7:00 p.m.	Cycle - Francie		Cycle - Tambre		Thanksgiving: November 25th -
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.		Stress Management Anne		Stress Management Anne	November 29th
7:10 - 8:00 p.m.		Yoga - Anne		Yoga - Anne	
7:10 - 8:00 p.m.	Hip Hop - Stephanie	Boot Camp - Monica	TNT - Jessica	Hip Hop - Stephanie	

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"It was just instinct. You don't really think; you just act. "

Leah Joslin senior nursing student

Nursing major helps save life at 35,000 feet

By Anna Waugh Staff Reporter

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woman asking for a doctor to Dallas, where emergency that while she was fortunate midway through her flight. medical services awaited them. enough to be able to help, she from Central America. She jumped up and crossed the aisle to see that the woman's husband's head was down. She lifted his head up and noticed his lips were blue.

"It was just instinct," Joslin you just act."

a pulse and yelled out for oxygen. A flight attendant brought my part was over and he was her an oxygen tank, and Joslin stable." placed an oxygen mask over the man's face.

He regained consciousness within a couple of minutes but was disoriented and tried to fight her off, Joslin said. She at- him. tempted to obtain his medical history, but the man, an Italian citizen, did not speak English, she said.

on him while a physician and a retired emergency medical technician came to assist cal instructor who had Joslin her, she said. Joslin asked for as a student, said she was not a blood pressure pack, and the surprised by Joslin's rethree of them were able to sponse to the take his blood pressure, situation.

ister medicine because they sonality.

On her flight back from were unsure of what was wrong and did not know his medical jumps in and helps where help Vegas in May, senior nursing history, Joslin said. His breath- is needed," Weatherly said. ing and blood pressure stabilized, so Joslin stayed with him helped prepare her to make for the remaining hour and Joslin said she noticed a 15 minutes of the flight back

She said she was relieved when emergency medical services took over at the DFW Airport because she had done the right place at the right time, all she could do.

said. "You don't really think; done my job, and I had done what I was supposed to do and She said she could not find what I was taught to do," Joslin said. "I was relieved that

> Joslin said she never found out what was wrong with the man or his name. She said she gave him her name and number but has not heard from

However, her efforts to save the man's life did not go unnoticed. Joslin was interviewed by the Fort Worth Star-She kept the oxygen mask Telegram, KTVT-TV and WBAP-AM.

Jodie Weatherly, a clini-

which was normal, Joslin said. Weatherly said Joslin's actions They decided not to admin- reflected her training and per-

"She's a go-getter ... and just

Joslin said her professors quick decisions so she can act without hesitation. She said believes any of her peers would have been equally prepared.

"I have faith that I was just in but I have faith in all of my "At that point in time I had nursing students that are with me, that any of them could have of situation. Toups said she done it," Joslin said. "I just hapthat time?

student from the university to tackle an emergency while on a plane. In April, the Army Nurse Corps and the National

Joslin is not the first nursing

Student Nurses' Association gave senior nursing major Kate Lunati the 2009 Spirit of Nursing Award for starting an intravenous line on a young woman during a U.S.-bound flight

Senior nursing major Mandy Toups said she thinks she would have been ready in a similar situation because the school's nursing program prepares its students for this type thinks most nursing students pened to be the person there at would have responded simi-

larly, but that it would have been overwhelming because the emergency occurred on an airplane.

"Leah is a special person," Toups said, noting that her classmate always goes out of her way to help others. Joslin said it is second nature to nurs-

ing students to view people around them as potential patients.

"They're all strangers, but then in an instant they become your patient," she said.



CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor Senior nursing major Leah Joslin took her experiences in health care into account when she helped save a man's life on a flight from Las Vegas to DFW Airport.



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Alumnus' most recent flick generating buzz



q and a ROB WILLIAMS

By Meagan Gonzales Staff Reporter

Marker, roll camera and action. To most people, a film is a story told through a sequence of moving images, but what does it mean to the person behind the scenes?

Rob Williams, a TCU alumnus and co-founder of Guest House Films LLC, didn't discover the art of filmmaking until after graduation. This "big movie lover" had reached a point in his career where he needed to make a change and try something new such as taking a shot at making indie films.

Williams is an award-winning director, producer and screenwriter who recently completed production on his fourth film, a gay-themed Christmas comedy called "Make the Yuletide Gay", which has a screening Aug. 26 at the Q Cinema in Fort Worth.

Q: I understand you graduated from TCU with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance and received a Master of Business Administration degree in marketing from the University of Texas. Where did the idea of becoming a filmmaker come from?

A: Actually, after I got my MBA, I went into public relations ... I specialized in writing and doing promotional videos for clients. I reached a point where I was watching bad indie films and I thought, "Well, you know what, I'm go-

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ing to give that a shot." I felt like it was time to make a change and do something new. I just decided to do it.

Q: How would you explain going from college graduate to Hollywood filmmaker?

A: (Williams chuckles) Well, it's a very long process, and it's not something I necessarily set out to do. It's obviously not what I studied in college ... I needed to do something more creative. Being I was already living out here in Los Angeles, it kind of felt very natural ... I was able to make a film very easily because I knew enough people to ask for help. That was my first film and now I've completed my fourth, and it has become my career.

Q: Can you elaborate on the creation of your corporation as far as how it began and your reasoning behind its creation?

A: I was in public relations and was also going to a screen writing class. My partner, Rodney (Johnson), has had a couple of novels published, a young adult mystery series. So we're both very creative people. When we decided to take a chance and make the first film, we knew we needed to establish a company and establish an identity, so we formed Guest House Films LLC. Our house here in Los Angeles has a guest house behind it ... (our) intent was to have our offices out at the guest house. We founded the company just specifically to make that first film, but now it's become our brand.

Q: Your company has successfully produced four films within the past three years. What was your inspiration for "Make the Yuletide Gay"?

A: Well, "Make the Yuletide Gay" is a family Christmas film. The reason I wanted to make it is because I am a sucker for Christmas films. You know, if in the middle of the summer a really good Christmas film comes on TV, I can sit and watch it, and I'll love it. So kind of our motto is we want to make the kinds of films that we want to see ... since I love Christ-

mas films, I wanted to make one. I went from there and thinking back and talking to people, when you're in college and you go home to visit your parents ... there are always things that you keep from them. That's kind of the nature of college. There's a line in the film where one of the characters says, "We all want to be what our parents want us to be," which is kind of the message of the film ... this kid is out and openly gay at college, but he hasn't yet come out to his parents. I thought it was a very universal idea ... you have this world at college and you have this world with your parents. So sometimes when those collide, it's not always pretty, but it can be pretty funny.

Q: Are there any other messages in your other films that are similar? A: Well, I always try to put out in

" I reached a point where I was watching bad indie films and I thought, 'Well you know what, I'm going to give that a shot."

Rob Williams

TCU alumnus and co-founder of Guest House Films LLC

the films a very positive portrayal of gay and lesbian characters, and I try to put out characters who are just true to themselves. I think people relate to that more than anything else. That is the common theme through the films: putting out people who are comfortable with who they are, but also putting out a very hopeful message. That's another thing I try to do with all my films, is put a hopeful message in them ... have the happy ending because life is very tough, and you don't always get the happy ending in life, and you don't always get them in the movies.

Q: With "Make the Yuletide Gay" has there been success as far as film festivals or awards?

A: Yes, actually, we've had tremendous success at film festivals. We won four audience awards so far, and we've had sold out screenings at many of the festivals — just a tremendous response. It's coming out on DVD on Nov. 10 and we're getting really good word of mouth. **Q**: Of the four films you've pro-

duced, which one has been the most interesting or possibly a favorite?

A: Well, definitely "Make the Yuletide Gay" is my favorite. It's only because I think it's the most universal film that we've made. Our first three were really made more for the gay market and this is really a film that anyone can watch. It's a family film first, it's a Christmas film second and a gay-themed film third. It was the most fun doing because I got to work with stars like Adamo Ruggiero from "Degrassi: The Next Generation". I got to work with Gates McFadden from the "Star Trek" series and Ian Buchanan, who's on soap operas. Alison Arngrim, who was on "Little House on the Prairie," which I'm sure you are far too young to remember, but this was someone that I watched on TV growing up, and I got to work with her professionally, and it was really exciting.

Q: Was working with them nervewracking even though you've lived there and have made three films?

A: It was. The most nerve-wracking day for me was working with Gates McFadden and Ian Buchanan. They work together and play the parents of one of the main characters. I'm a huge sci-fi geek, so working with the one who I had watched on "Star Trek: The Next Generation" for so many years was just amazing, and Ian Buchanan was in the TV series "Twin Peaks," which is one of my favorite all-time shows. So I was just trying not to geek out all day long because these were two actors I respected tremendously and who were on two of my favorite TV shows.

Q: Are there any upcoming productions or projects you are working on we should be looking out for?

A: Yes, definitely. Most of this fall is working toward the DVD release this November. But we also have a couple of projects in the works. One is we've optioned a novel called "Van Allen's Ecstasy" and I'm adapting that novel for the screen and we're hoping to get that produced for me to direct next year.

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team, where he committed last October.

Schlossnagle was happy with the news but said Purke hasn't earned a spot in his rotation yet.

"When you add a player of (Purke's) caliber, it's got to help you, but he's going to have to compete for time," Schlossnagle said. "Our weekend rotation is back, and the best pitchers will pitch. He'll pitch as much as he earns."

Only three of TCU's 11 pitchers were seniors for the 2009 season.

Purke has impressed scouts by hitting 90-93 mph on his fastball and dominates with his off-speed pitches, but his potential for growth is a large part of his appeal, Smith said. Purke is

"When he wasn't pitching, he was a regular guy goofing off with the guys during batting practice. But when it was his turn to pitch, he took on a whole different demeanor."

Barry Smith

Purke's high school coach listed as 6-foot-3, 180 pounds in

a Rangers press release. "The big thing for him is going to be adding muscle," Smith said. "He's very thin, and I think that's what the scouts were so excited about. He has a frame you can

put weight on." Schlossnagle said he agreed with Smith's assessment. Smith added that he thought Purke would be able to not only pitch faster with added muscle, but also be able to pitch for longer.

The Horned Frogs have had an eye on Purke for years now, and Schlossnagle said the last time he saw him pitch in person was before Purke's junior season at Klein. TCU was actively looking for left-handed pitchers, and Purke was a near perfect fit, Schlossnagle said.. He also showed equal interest in the university, the coach said.

"He called here and said, 'I have some interest in TCU,' because of what we've done with pitchers in recent years," Schlossnagle said. "He recruited us as much as we recruited him."

Pursuing Purke meant taking a risk from the start, but Schlossnagle said associate head coach Todd Whitting did a great job recruiting Purke and minimizing risk. The Horned Frogs were nervous about investing time and money in a prospect that might go pro.

"You want to recruit really good players (in college baseball), but you can't recruit players that are too good," Schlossnagle said. "If you recruit four or five players at that level and they sign, then you're left with nobody."

The university signed Purke without Schlossnagle making a home visit, talking to Smith or Purke even using his entire visit.

"He came (to visit TCU) Saturday mid-day and left Sunday after breakfast, so he wasn't even here the allotted 48 hours," Schlossnagle said.

After the Rangers drafted Purke, it became a waiting game.

"As (the deadline) got closer, I thought our chances were (about as) good as they possibly can be (for Purke to come to TCU)," Schlossnagle said. "Matt is very, very confident and has a very good sense of value and what he thinks his value is relative to the (MLB) draft in 2009."

Athletics media relations assistant Brandie Davidson said Purke would not be available for comment until during the 2010 season, citing a policy of not allowing freshman to engage in interviews with the media unless it is a post-game interview.

Smith said Purke had a dual personality in his time at Klein.

"He is a Jekyll-and-Hyde type when he's pitching and when he's not," Smith said. "When he wasn't pitching, he was a regular guy goofing off with the guys during batting practice. But when it was his turn to pitch, he took on a whole different demeanor.

"He was very withdrawn, and you could tell he was very focused just by his actions and his eyes ... When it came time for him to do his business, he was gonna take care of it," Smith said.

Schlossnagle agreed that Purke deals with pressure well.

"If anybody could have gone out and handled the rigors of minor league baseball it was Matt," Schloss-

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Rangers general manager Jon Daniels also praised Purke's mental tenacity.

"From my experiences with him, Matt is a smart kid who knows what he wants and isn't afraid to work for it," Daniels said. "Some people are happy being a small fish in a big pond, but I don't get that sense from him ... dealing with success is a challenge in and of itself, but he's got good values and should be able to handle that too. The Rangers wish him luck."

The Rangers declined to comment on the contract offer and negotiations.

The Rangers' loss is the Horned Frogs' gain.

"(Purke) loved the size of the school, the nurturing environment and from a baseball standpoint, he feels he can achieve all of his goals here," Schlossnagle said.

As for the reported \$4 million he left on the table, Purke will be eligible to be drafted again in 2011, after two years of collegiate baseball.



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BASEBALL PRICELESS



Courtesy of THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE TCU freshman Matt Purke winds up for Klein High School in Houston during spring 2009.

Purke picks Horned Frogs

By Josh Davis Staff Reporter

tainty and misinformation, it the two sides were unable to took less than 30 seconds for reach a deal. the Horned Frogs to officially welcome pitcher Matt Purke received the call. to the fold.

do you have a roster spot for "He was really, really emo- ing), 'This is what we want up me?' and I said, 'We'll find tional, because it was really front, and if you're interestone," head coach Jim Schlossnagle said.

Purke, a left-handed pitcher possibly imagine." from Klein High School outside of Houston, was drafted story by MLB.com reporter ke will join the TCU baseball 14th overall in the first round T.R. Sullivan, the Rangers ofof this year's Major League fered \$4 million signing bonus

After a weekend of uncer- to sign him to a contract, but million.

"We probably didn't talk 30 "He called and said, 'Coach, seconds," Schlossnagle said. tration on their part (with sayhard for him and his family. It ed, pick us. If not, let us go," was as much stress as you can Smith said. "And of course

According to an Aug. 18

Baseball draft by the Texas in the final minutes of nego-Rangers. The Rangers had un- tiations, but Purke was looktil 10:59 p.m. CST on Aug. 17 ing for a bonus of at least \$6

Purke's high school coach, Barry Smith, said the Purke At 11:10 p.m., Schlossnagle family was up front and honest about their demands.

"I can understand the frusthat did not happen."

By not signing a deal, Pur-

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SOCCER Soccer hosts Mexican team

By Allison P. Erickson Staff Reporter

with the TCU women's soccer team as they prepare for 10 are starters, Abdalla said. a widely-publicized match

The Horned Frogs finished last season with a record of 14-4-2, the best in TCU soccer history, but the guez was familiar to TCU Mexican national team has its own impressive resume and a roster padded with veteran two players to watch on the opposing team, TCU head coach Dan Abdalla said.

"They've competed at Olympics, they've competed at a World Cup level," Abdalla defender, shared similar said. "I can see it being a little bit of a jousting match back which will make it a lot of fun from that standpoint."

Dominguez, a 30-year-old striker from Mexico City, represented her country in the she was not worried about the 1999 World Cup and the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. cause TCU has traditionally Sandoval, last year's Cal State Fullerton team manager and former Cal State Fullerton player, played alongside Dominguez in the 2004 crowd is due in part to the Olympics.

Abdalla said TCU will play to win.

us ready for going into the Mountain West Conference," Abdalla said. "We have four weeks to kind of get prepared for that."

success, the Lady Frogs have if we're playing in the foot-26 returning players, they are ball stadium, people asking if in good overall health and they can scalp tickets because one of these players, redshirt we're expecting a pretty large

sophomore Kaylie Garcia, has been playing for the Mexican team this summer and Garcia Excitement and light- could play with both teams in hearted determination reside the exhibition, Abdalla said. Of the 26 returning players,

On top of a solid lineup, against the Mexican women's Abdalla said his team was in national team Tuesday night. good general health, including healed injuries from the previous season.

The name Maribel Dominplayers Lizzy Karoly and Katie Taylor.

"Yeah, I've heard that name players. Maribel Dominguez before." said Karoly, a senior and Marlene Sandoval are forward from California. "It's an honor and at the same time we want to go out hard and show them what we're made of."

> Taylor, a sophomore thoughts on Dominguez.

"We're just going to respect and forth, the players just every player that comes out trying to outduel each other, there on the field," Taylor said. "Yeah, she's one of the best players out there and everything, but I think as a team we'll be alright." Taylor said Mexican national team beperformed well under a large crowd and she felt confident with the team's preparation.

The expectation of a large amount of media coverage directed toward the game, which will include the local 'This is to get us better, get media, ESPN and Telemundo, according to Matt Hoover, the media relations coordinator for TCU Athletics.

"It's kind of funny because we've gotten some great In a ripe combination for phone calls of people asking



Courtesy of ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS Senior forward Lizzy Karoly prepares for the Horned Frogs' match against the Mexican national team.

crowd," Abdalla said.

The Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium is the usual battleground for the games with 1,500 seats and a press box, according to Gofrogs.com.

Friday, the TCU team traveled to Austin and upset the University of Texas Longhorns, ranked 15th in the country before the match. Sophomore Jordan Calhoun scored two goals, including the tie-breaking goal in the 85th minute which cinched a 2-1 victory for the Horned Frogs

The late score testified to the team's endurance after weeks of preseason training, outshooting Texas 14-7. The Horned Frogs left Friday night's game with a 1-0-0 starting record and broke the Longhorn's 26-game home winning streak.

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