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ADMISSION

Freshman retention rate up nationwide

Bailey McGowan
Staff Writer

Schools across the country had the highest enrollment in history for first-time freshmen in fall 2009, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Dean of Admission Ray Brown said the university's fall 2009 class was the largest with 1,821 students. The pre 12-day predicted enrollment for the fall 2010 class was 1,824.

The problem came when those same people planned to graduate on time with a relevant degree and a job.

According to HigherEdInfo.org, in 2008, 49.6 percent of the university's original first-time freshman class graduated within the normal four-year time frame, just slightly below the national average of 55.9 percent. The retention rate of students last year at the university was 85.5 percent, higher than the national rate of 74.7 percent and the Texas rate of 72.4 percent.

Brown said the shift to a higher retention began with the hiring of Chancellor Victor Boschini in 2003 and Boschini's background in student affairs. Brown said the higher retention rate was a good start.

Brown said that even with the increase in retention rates, some students still left the university shortly after arriving during the period before class sizes are finalized.

"[We] lose a handful between now and then," Brown said. "[There are students] who get here and think 'you know what, this wasn't a good idea.' We call them U-turns. They get

here, turn around and go back, as opposed to the no-shows."

John Thompson, executive director of University Career Services, said the increased retention rate at the university might be a result of the office's ability to help students and graduates find jobs.

"Students have been reluctant in the past because they think, 'I'm not graduating for four years,' when in essence what companies are saying right now is, 'If I want to hire, they'd better have some work experience,'" Thompson said.

"We encourage self-exploration," Thompson said. "We encourage thinking about what you want to do with your life, get as much information as you can about those kind of things."

Junior English and history double major Dalton Goodier said there was more to college now than just making the grade.

"It's all about the intangibles," he said. "How you can create a resume, how you can basically sell yourself. How you can find jobs and network."

Freshman nursing major Laura Posluszny said students might drop out because of the pressure of making high enough grades to keep their scholarships.

According to the TCU Factbook, 70 percent of students receive some sort of financial aid.

Thompson said that though the university's retention rate exceeded the national and state average, one reason students were not finishing college could be because of the current economic situation.

Brown said the university still had room for improvement. Admission staff were seeking improvement with each new freshman class by increasing the academic quality of incoming students, he said.

"The better student you have on the front end, the more likely you are to graduate that student on the back end," Brown said.

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RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Converted lounges home to some

Katey Muldrow
Staff Reporter

About 300 freshmen and sophomores live in triple rooms, lounges and near-campus apartments, making on-campus housing over capacity for the second consecutive year, Craig Allen, director of Housing and Residence Life, said.

Allen said lounges that house students are so similar to dorm rooms, many would not notice the difference. However, some lounges do not have sinks in the room, and a few have kitchens for student use.

Four freshmen students in Colby Hall went potluck when asking for housing and said they felt like they hit the jackpot when they were assigned to live in a lounge.

They said they were pleasantly surprised when they moved into a lounge room with four beds, a walk-in closet and a kitchen.

Shea Harvey, a broadcast journalism major, and Mariah Moxley, a business major, said they loved the large space and the amount of storage they had in the room.

"Most of our friends hang out in here," Harvey said. "There are four of us and we each have different friends, so there's usually a ton of people in here."

Strategic communications major Madison Donzis said she thought living in the lounge was awesome and that she liked the walk-in closet the best.

Allen said triple rooms tended to present more of a problem for freshmen students.

"Triple rooms we know are challenging for different reasons, because sometimes students do have to share some furniture," he said. "We try to be very strategic about what rooms we pick."

Despite some different living arrangements, Allen said he thought students were still having a good time living on-campus.

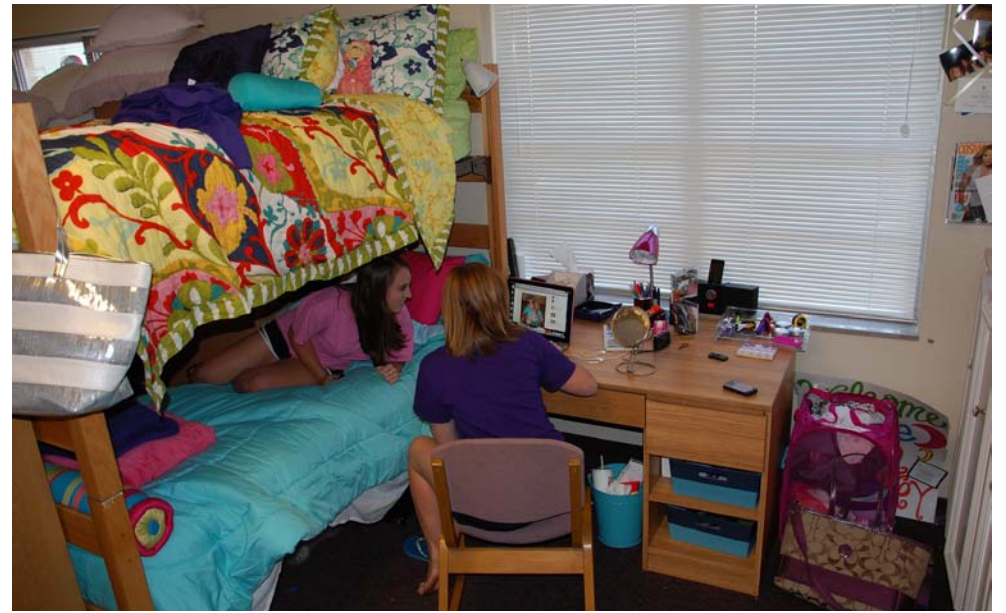
"There are a few students who have had issues, but overwhelmingly, student feedback is positive," Allen said.

Allen said space was not as tight as it was last year because he expected the larger number of incoming students and knew to plan upperclassmen housing accordingly.

Wes Waggoner, associate dean of admission, said the freshman class numbered about 1,800 students for the second year in a row, but said he thought the university handled the challenge well, even with housing accommodations.

"I don't think it's a tricky relationship at all," Waggoner said of the relations between admissions and housing. "We work well together and they are brilliant in how they manage to give kids a great experience throughout their time on campus."

Allen said the university also established a new partnership with the GrandMarc, an apartment complex within walking distance on the corner of Greene Avenue and



KATEY MULDROW / STAFF REPORTER

Business major Mariah Moxley, left, and broadcast journalism major Shea Harvey, both freshmen, live in a former lounge space in Colby Hall. They share the room, which includes a kitchen, with two other girls.

West Bowie Street. Allen said the university master-leased rooms for about 200 sophomores, adding a full-time hall director and six resident assistants.

Although more space was available for first- and second-year students with the completed renovations of Moncrief and Milton Daniel residence halls, it was still necessary for the university to ask more upperclassmen to live off-campus, Allen said.

In the spring, more than 200 juniors

and seniors were on a waiting list for on-campus housing this semester, but Allen said that almost none were able to move on-campus.

He said, however, that bringing more upperclassmen back to live on-campus was the goal for the future.

For the future, Allen said that there were no definitive plans to build a new residence hall, but it will definitely be a topic of discussion this fall and spring.

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The Skiff View

No more students should live in lounges

Students are living in converted community space in four residence halls for the fourth year in a row, and it's time for the Office of Housing and Residence Life to find a new solution.

Heather Miller, associate director of housing, said students had been placed in rooms originally built as lounge spaces in the halls since she was hired more than four years ago. The office has no plans to alter its strategy for combating the increasing number of freshman who choose to attend the university each year, she said.

Miller said students currently live in rooms built as lounge space in Brachman Hall, Colby Hall, Foster Hall and Waits Hall because there are too few rooms to accommodate incoming students.

The university adopted a policy that required first and second-year students to live on campus beginning in fall 2007 to foster a sense of community on campus, Miller said.

Rather than allow the over-booked students to find housing off campus, the university stubbornly requires them to cram into lounges, depriving all residents of their amenities.

The policy of placing students in community space robs each student living in that residence hall of a part of the college experience. Students living in the lounges don't get a traditional college experience, and other students living in the hall don't have a space to spend time outside their room and socialize with neighbors and guests.

The office either needs to relax the requirement for first and second-year students, or create enough rooms to house all of them properly.

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University a major milestone in life



Samantha Hunter

The phrase "coming of age ritual" brings ideas of primitive, foreign and superstitious nonsense. Yet most people forget about the modern ritual performed by families world-wide—sending children to university. Developed countries hold this ritual in great esteem and preach its significance to children from the moment they enter primary school.

In the past, coming-of-age rituals held great significance, stemming from the universal need in all burgeoning societies in order to determine two things: how old a boy had to be before he could work and how old a girl had to be before she could wed.

In Rome, a boy hung up his "bulla", or protective amulet, had his name added to the list of citizens in the forum and thanked the gods for his new place in the world as a man. He would then spend a year with a man well-reputed in either civil or martial matters, and in

an apprenticeship of sorts, would train to become as great a man as his teacher. This is certainly similar to the studious undertakings of modern college students today as they discover over their four-year ceremony, how they too may become great names in their fields.

The young men and women of Judaism undergo similar tutelage under a Rabbi as they study the Torah, alongside learning Hebrew in preparation for his or her Bar/Bat Mitzvah, a traditional Jewish coming-of-age ceremony. In Latino societies, young girls are lavishly welcomed into womanhood by the festive Quinceañera at the age of 15. These are often costly affairs, similar to the debutante balls hosted by American high-society families for centuries.

Yet there is a major difference between these rituals and attending university. A Roman boy would hang up his "bulla" between the ages of 14 and 17. Jewish boys and girls celebrate their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs at the ages of 13 and 12 respectively. College students are, on average, 18 years old. Why such a dramatic shift in ages? These rituals marked a person's eligibility for marriage, which meant children and lots of them, as the eras in which these rituals took place necessitated quick breeding. Humans now have longer lifespans and lower infant mortality rates.

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Sheer population is no longer a problem. Because of this, humanity can now focus on improving the lives of its people, thus, a four-year ritual occurring at a later age is both possible and beneficial.

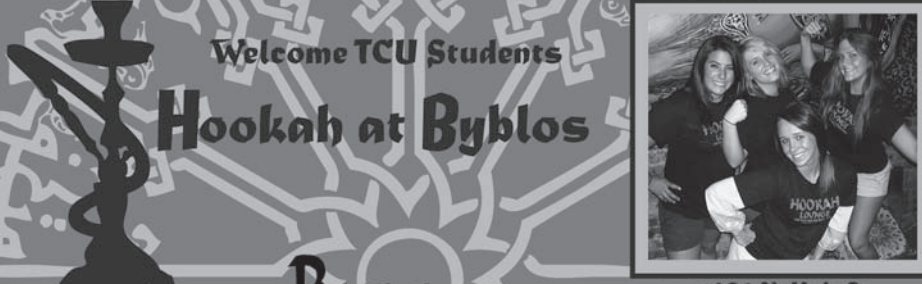
On my 16th birthday, my maternal grandmother offered me a string of pearls. My mother is English and, following that tradition, a girl becomes a woman at 16. To mark the occasion, the birthday girl receives a string of pearls. I was born and raised in America, so I have been, for the most part, isolated from my European heritage. This gift reconnects me to my foremothers, the millions of English women who also received pearls upon their 16th year. In the same way, attending university not only connects me to fellow Horned Frogs, but to the millions of young people across the world partaking of the same coming-of-age rite.

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The problem of Iran



Andrew Mabry

Only a religious maniac would simultaneously call for the destruction of Israel while building a nuclear program, but this is the case with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

The consequences of a nuclear Iran however would not only threaten the existence of our Jewish allies, but subjugate the rest of the Middle East to the volition of an atomic bully. Any effort to establish a stable, pro-American government in Iraq or Afghanistan would be confronted by a nuclear enemy, as would any Israeli retaliation against the terrorist organizations Hezbollah and Hamas.

While sanctions continue to be pushed by the Obama administration, it is not likely that they will force Iran to stop its nuclear program.

The problem with sanctions against Iran is that it requires unanimity from the international community in order to be effective. Russia and China both have geopolitical and economic interests in Iran, and therefore will not support sanctions that do not accommodate their national interests.

According to a Washington Times article entitled "U.N. Approves New Sanctions Against Iran," the most recent sanctions were praised by the Obama administration as the "toughest sanctions ever faced by the Iranian government." However, the sanctions were described by David Kay, former International Atomic Energy Agency chief nuclear weapons inspector, as "a victory for the Iranians" that "by and large will cause them very little pain."

The Obama administration's euphemized response — all options on the table — is neither intimidating to Iranians nor comforting to Israelis. When Israel says it can and will attack Iran if America does not, nobody calls their bluff. Generous though the Israelis are to do this, anyone opposed to a nuclear-armed, theocratic regime in Iran should prefer an American attack lest the Israeli forces are not as capable of conducting such a tactical mission. The United States would then take credit for the attack.

Though it may surprise some, many Arab states including the United Arab Emirates fear a nuclear Iran and support a military strike on Iran's nuclear

facilities, according to a recent article in the Atlantic magazine.

The consequences of military action in Iran, whether Israeli or American, would be severe.

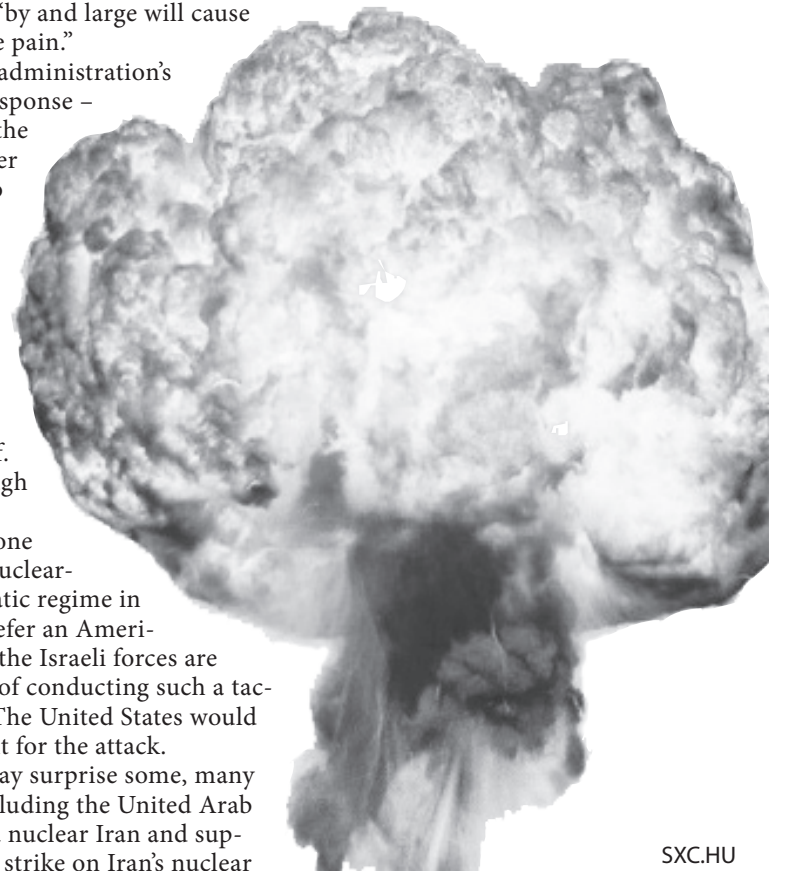
As is the case with so many Middle Eastern governments, Iran controls strategically important locations like the Strait of Hormuz, which sees approximately 17 million barrels of oil pass through daily, according to the Energy Information Administration's website. Iran's first response if attacked would most likely be shutting down this relatively small waterway.

However, the most unsettling prospect of an attack is the fear that such an attack would only delay Iran from obtaining a nuclear device.

In an article published in the Atlantic entitled "The Point of No Return," journalist Jeffrey Goldberg points out that in 1981, when Israel bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor in Osirak, Prime Minister Menachem Begin was advised that an attack would only set back the Iraqis one year but authorized it anyway. Israel understood that a nuclear threat in the Middle East posed a greater challenge to their security in the long-run than any response made in retaliation to such an attack.

President Obama does not want to start another war in the Middle East, but leaving a legacy as the president who allowed Iran to develop nuclear weapons would be much worse. Unlike the last time America launched an expedition in the Middle East, providing proof of weapons of mass destruction in Iran will not be difficult. Unfortunately, this is the problem.

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CENTURY OF PARTNERSHIP



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Chancellor Victor Boschini and President and CEO of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce Bill Thornton unveil a new Heritage Trails historical marker in downtown Fort Worth Monday.

Former Hell's Half Acre honored with marker

By Sydney Hicks
Staff Reporter

The success of the university's athletics programs was an invaluable asset to the city of Fort Worth, a city official said Monday at a ceremony dedicating a historical marker that recognized the university and city's 100-year partnership.

Bill Thornton, president and CEO of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, opened a ceremony that unveiled a Heritage Trails historical marker at the corner of Commerce and Weatherford streets that celebrated the university's century of partnership with Fort Worth.

"The profile and the awareness that goes hand-in-hand with having a prominent athletic department and sports teams—it's hard to put a dollar value on what that means to a community," Thornton said. "We love that the Frogs have had the kind of success that they have had on the gridiron and on the baseball field."

He said that university's athletics in the past year helped the community rally together and it was ironic that the ceremony came ahead of the football team's season opener this weekend.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said that Fort Worth's generosity allowed the university to grow and evolve into a world-class, values-centered institution.

Douglas Harman, a Heritage Trails task force member and guiding force behind the Heritage Trails historical markers idea, said he issued a "vision" letter in April 1990 outlining his idea for downtown Fort Worth. His vision was to have a focused tour of downtown around the Heritage Trails historical markers.

With 23 markers positioned at various

spots in downtown, Harman said he believed that the markers gave life to the history of Fort Worth. The markers, which began to be put up in 2002, had the flexibility to discuss the history, people, places and events of Fort Worth by using themes, he said.

Harman said that the markers could show a link to listen to speeches concerning the marker's topic on a media outlet, such as an MP3 player or an iPod. He said the prospect of using social media in conjunction with the markers was exciting.

To commemorate the 100th year of the partnership with the city of Fort Worth, the university decided to sponsor a new Heritage Trails marker that detailed the past of the city and the school.

According to the inscription on the marker, Fort Worth's Hell's Half Acre was too "rowdy" a location for a Christian school. The university's original school building was located near the famous bar district.

The university began its journey of relocation to Thorp Spring and Waco before the Fort Worth Board of Trade, now the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, teamed with a landowner and Christian churches to bring the university back to the city in 1910 after fire destroyed the Waco campus.

The university leased space from 1910-1911 at Ingram Flats, a series of two-story brick buildings at Weatherford and Commerce Streets, according to the marker's inscription.

Heritage Trails, funded by local businesses and foundations, has new markers being unveiled in the coming months, such as Women in Early Fort Worth and Horseless Carriages.

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TRANSPORTATION

SGA to provide buses for season opener

Amelia Wenzel
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association will provide free bus rides to and from Cowboys Stadium for the football team's opening game Sept. 4 against Oregon State.

Student Government Vice President Jackie Wheeler said the service was just one way SGA tried to focus on student services and how to give back to students.

"We are just trying to lower the costs and get as many students out to the game as possible," Wheeler said.

The first round of buses will leave at 4 p.m.

Saturday from the front of the Brown-Lupton University Union, leaving plenty of time for tailgating at the stadium, Wheeler said. The second round of buses will depart around 5:30 p.m. and buses returning to the stadium will depart 30 minutes after the game is over.

Wheeler said she expected to take about six buses to and from the game, transporting about 600 students.

SGA was working to fit as many buses in the budget as possible, despite high costs of reserving the buses, she said.

Wheeler said students could help SGA determine the number of seats needed by responding to the campus-wide e-mail she sent out, or by

use the voting toolbar featured on the top of the e-mail. The vote will not reserve a seat, but will help SGA estimate how many buses it should reserve.

All seats will be on a first-come, first-served policy, and students will have to show their student IDs to ride, Wheeler said. Students who take the bus to the game will have a guaranteed ride on the way back as long as they meet at the correct place and time.

Buses depart from the Brown Lupton University Union at 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. They will return in two shifts, starting 30 minutes after the end of the game.



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"The Deathly Hallows, Part 1"

How to play:

Spell the phrase in the grid above it, writing each unique letter only once. The correct solution will spell the complete phrase along a single continuous spelling path that moves horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Fill the grid from square to square - revisiting letters as needed to complete the spelling path in order. Each letter will appear only once in the grid.



"Freeze"

Friday's Solutions

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"The Human Centipede"

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Directions

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

See Wednesday's paper for sudoku and crossword solutions.

Friday's Solution

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HONORS COLLEGE

New chances for volunteer service

By Lindsay Medina

Staff Writer

Students in the John V. Roach Honors College will have access to new volunteer opportunities this semester with the recent addition of the Honors College Community Service program.

The HCCS will consist of multiple volunteer committees for students to pick and choose from, with each committee focused on a different outreach program throughout the year.

Founders of the program kicked off the semester with a pizza party for prospective members in Milton Daniel Hall on Aug. 25.

Allie Smith, a senior political science major in the Honors College who helped create the program, said she and the other officers designed HCCS to create a stronger sense of community among students both in the Honors College and in Milton Daniel Hall.

"We really wanted to make the freshman class feel like they were part of the community and to bring in the upperclassmen and to have an actual program for the Honors College," she said.

Smith said HCCS's founders also wanted

the program to reflect the university's recent decision to change the Honors Program to the Honors College last fall.

Ronald Pitcock, director of prestigious scholarships for the Honors College, said he believed that students will continue to take initiative in the Honors College and create more programs such as the HCCS.

"I think it is absolutely essential to get off of the TCU campus and get away from the bubble of college life and remember that there is a real world out there that needs our help."

Allie Smith

Senior political science major

"Currently, this is the only student-led honors initiative to reach such a grand scale," Pitcock said. "When those initiatives speak to mission statements of TCU and the Honors College, we look for ways to support them."

Pitcock said he applauded Smith's effort to

initiate a selfless atmosphere in the Honors College.

"Allie had participated in meaningful service as a high school student and saw the opportunity, with the opening of Milton Daniel honors house, to help build a community dedicated to service," Pitcock said.

Smith, who leads one of the six volunteer opportunities, said she tried to design the program to be flexible with the busy schedule of honors students.

"I think that establishing a habit of volunteering is essential, especially when we're young and enthusiastic about social change, and I think that the easier you make things like this for college students, the more likely they are to actually go out and volunteer," Smith said.

To determine student interest, Smith said she and her fellow officers conducted surveys to see where the student demand would be and opted to wait until the semester started to commit to many volunteer opportunities.

"We had a great turn out, we're really pleased," she said. "We really hope that it'll become a big part of the Honors College and that the freshmen now will take leadership as they get older."

To promote flexibility, the organization will

offer six different volunteer opportunities, such as after school mentorships with the Boys and Girls Club led by Smith, environmental awareness with the River Legacy Living Science Center, Habitat for Humanity, Boo at the Zoo and work with the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

Freshman nursing major Laura Posluszny said she was eager to join to reach out to others as well as meet fellow honors students.

"College is about not only learning in the classroom, but building yourself as a person, and community service is a great way to do that," Posluszny said. "I hope to gain friendship with other honors students and a humbling perspective."

Smith said she hoped students who joined the program would gain an understanding of reality by embracing the opportunities and would continue the organization.

"I think it is absolutely essential to get off of the TCU campus and get away from the bubble of college life and remember that there is a real world out there that needs our help," Smith said. "The real world is not just jobs that you're going to have to suddenly wake up for when you graduate, and hopefully they'll want to keep volunteering."



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Musician Charlie Robison plays at an Interfraternity Council event during "Frat Responsibly Week" last Friday.

Army, staff take dive for army recruitment

By Lizzie Ferguson
Staff Reporter

Three staff members gained a greater appreciation for the Army ROTC program on campus after they jumped out of a plane with the Army Golden Knights last week.

The Army Golden Knights is the U.S. Army parachute team made up of two demonstration and two competition teams. The demonstration teams travel around the country to help with the Army's recruiting goals, while the competition teams travel nationally and internationally competing in various events.

Major Eddie Smith, scholarship, enrollment and recruiting Officer for Army ROTC, said officials from Army ROTC first approached staff from the financial aid department to participate in a tandem jump in an effort to increase appreciation for the program and to shed a positive light on the Army.

Mike Scott, Bridget Ledesma and Victoria Chen participated in the jump.

Ledesma, an administrative assistant, said that after having a first hand opportunity to see what the Army does, the three learned more about the Army from stories and personal experiences shared by the Golden Knights.

"Many of them had told us how the Army had changed their life," Ledesma said. "They told us what a good opportunity it was for young men and women to go into the Army."

Smith said the staff members met early Wednesday morning at the Addison Crown Plaza for training with the Golden Knights. They then headed out to Addison Airport for the tandem jump, but it was delayed due to weather.

Scott jumped Thursday and Ledesma

and Chen, associate director of financial aid, jumped Friday.

Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid, said the jump was an incredible opportunity.

"I've always thought that a parachute jump would be fun to do," Scott said. "When you get an invitation not to just go tandem jumping but to do it with the Army Golden Knights, I couldn't turn that down."

Scott said that while he was nervous before the jump, he would have gotten right back on the plane and jumped again after he landed so that he could experience it for a second time and be more relaxed than the first jump.

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Director of Financial Aid

Ledesma said she was very anxious and excited to get on the plane and jump.

"After it was over with, it was kind of surreal," Ledesma said. "I had to relive it in my mind because I couldn't believe it had just happened."

Smith said that in a tandem jump, an instructor was attached to an inexperienced jumper. The experienced jumper controlled the parachute and gave instruction to the person to whom he or she was attached.

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VOLLEYBALL

Strong showing by Frogs

By Nathan DeWitt

Staff Writer

It was a weekend full of sweeps for the women's volleyball team at the Burnt Orange Classic in Austin.

The Lady Frogs beat Houston 3-0 Friday afternoon, but then stumbled to a 0-3 loss against Texas later that night. A 3-0 win over McNeese State rounded out the tournament for the Horned Frogs.

The four-team tournament, consisting of TCU, University of Texas, Houston and McNeese State, was dominated by 2009 National Championship runner-up Texas, which won all three of its matches in straight sets.

Head Coach Prentice Lewis said the

"It was great that we got to play a lot of different people and see what they can do in a match setting," Lewis said. "We showed a good balanced attack that will serve us well."

Prentice Lewis

Head coach

coaching staff experimented with several different players and saw what they could expect from their young team in a competitive setting. Christy Hudson had nine kills to lead the Horned Frogs, and Sloane Sunstrum and Megan Munce had six each.

The first set against Houston went back and forth after an early TCU lead, but the Frogs pulled ahead late in the set and won 25-18. The second set had various short runs by both teams, but TCU withstood a late comeback to win by two points. The Frogs dominated the first half of the third set and won, 23-15.

"We were up and down a lot of the game, but we pulled it off in three sets," Lewis said.

Against Texas, Hudson paced TCU with nine kills in the night game. Sisters Kristen and Irene Hester had six and four kills, respectively. After falling to early deficits in each of the three sets, TCU was unable to come back for a win.

The Frogs rebounded nicely in the third match, sweeping McNeese 3-0 (25-18, 25-20, 25-9).

"It was great that we got to play a lot of different people and see what they can do in a match setting," Lewis said. "We showed a good balanced attack that will serve us well."

TCU opens its home season Friday in the TCU Molten Tournament against Alcorn State and LSU. The first match is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday.

TCU Women's Volleyball Team

TCU Molten Invitational

Where: Fort Worth

Date: Friday, Sept. 3

Time: 1 p.m.

Football Rankings

AP Top 25			
Rank	Team	Record	Votes
1	Alabama (54)	0-0	1,491
2	Ohio State (3)	0-0	1,400
3	Boise State (1)	0-0	1,336
4	Florida	0-0	1,237
5	Texas (1)	0-0	1,223
6	TCU	0-0	1,160
7	Oklahoma (1)	0-0	1,104
8	Nebraska	0-0	1,033
9	Iowa	0-0	1,007
10	Virginia Tech	0-0	973
USA Today Poll			
Rank	Team	Record	Votes
1	Alabama (55)	0-0	1,469
2	Ohio State (4)	0-0	1,392
3	Florida	0-0	1,245
4	Texas	0-0	1,240
5	Boise State	0-0	1,215
6	Virginia Tech	0-0	1,052
7	TCU	0-0	1,051
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9	Nebraska	0-0	1,001
10	Iowa	0-0	952

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Sophomore forward Kim Castleberry dribbles the ball past a Sam Houston State player during the game Sunday. The Frogs won 6-0.

Aggressive play key to win

By Ryan Osborne

Staff Writer

The women's Horned Frog soccer team outshot Sam Houston State 37-5 to earn a 6-0 win over the Bearkats Sunday afternoon in front of 1,078 spectators at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium.

TCU (2-2) took control of the match against the Bearkats (0-4) after coming off a 1-0 loss to 19th ranked University of Southern California Friday night. Junior Jordan Calhoun took the Frogs' first shot on goal, which was stopped by the diving Sam Houston goalkeeper Jenny Pence.

Minutes later, sophomore Kim Castleberry, a transfer from Texas A&M University, slipped past Pence and placed the ball in the back of the open net.

"I liked our intensity," head coach Dan Abdalla said. "... They can't just get up for the top opponents. They have got to get up for every game."

After gaining the quick lead, TCU began limiting the Bearkats' shots and wearing them down with their speed as temperatures hovered in the upper 90s.

The Frogs controlled the first 45 minutes but TCU went into halftime with a slim 1-0 lead. Abdalla said the break gave the Frogs a chance to settle down a bit.

Junior Katie Taylor made it 2-0 in the 50th minute when she scored off a corner kick deflection from Jackie Torda. Just ten minutes later, Castleberry scored her second goal, a strike from the middle of the box, making it 3-0. Senior Chelsea Cody was awarded with the assist.

Over the next eight minutes, Castleberry had three one-on-one chances to seal a hat trick but couldn't connect. Castleberry said she was still happy with the game she played.

"Obviously that didn't go the way I planned, but it's soccer, you know," Castleberry said. "You have to keep your head up."

Junior midfielder Alex Mechalske weaved in an out of Bearkat defenders for an unassisted goal in the 64th minute and set up several scoring opportunities for the Frogs. "She is as crafty as a player I've ever been around," Ab-

"I liked our intensity... They can't just get up for the top opponents, they have got to get up for every game."

Dan Abdalla

Head soccer coach

dalla said. "She is extremely difficult to defend when she goes after the defense."

Freshman Kristen Barg and junior Kaylie Garcia also added goals. Barg's goal was unassisted and came in the 76th minute when she found a seam up the middle of the field, while Garcia's came in the 87th minute when she struck from the middle of the box. Freshman Ashley Jones was credited with the assist on Garcia's goal.

Senior Kelsey Walters started in goal and played the first half while sophomore Kira Michelson-Bartlett took over in the second half. Freshman Ashlea Bullington came into the game in the 87th minute.

TCU will be in action again at 7 p.m. Friday when they host the University of Houston Cougars (3-0).

TCU 0 • USC 1

Loss won't dictate season

By Jack Matusek

Staff Writer

Friday night marked the second-largest crowd in the history of Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium as 2,318 fans came to see the University of Southern California Trojans take on the women's soccer team.

The unranked Horned Frogs lost 1-0 in the match up against the 26th-ranked Trojans, who fell to the University of San Diego 1-0 in a home-opening loss.

Junior forward Jordan Calhoun attempted to give the Frogs an early lead with a shot in the 12th minute, but a save by USC goalkeeper Shelby Church kept the Frogs off the board.

Meanwhile, TCU goalkeeper Kelsey Walters picked up six saves in the first half, keeping the game scoreless until the 40th minute. Just before halftime, USC midfielder Ashli Sandoval hit a shot from the left side of the box, securing the only score of the night.

The Trojans recorded three shots within the first nine minutes, but none could find the net.

Calhoun said the loss was disappointing but that the team displayed a good effort.

"We competed. We got in hard on tackles," Calhoun said. "The outcome is disappointing, but overall, I think we are where we need to be."

Sophomore forward Kim Castleberry countered the USC offense with two shots of her own in the first 12 minutes. Castleberry's shots were also off the mark, but, TCU continued to make opportunities for a goal to tie the game.

The game was Castleberry's debut as a Horned Frog after transferring from Texas A&M.

The Horned Frogs fired off more shots at the goal, but none managed to make it past Church, who recorded four more saves during the second period.

USC dominated the first half with 12 shots to TCU's four, but the Frogs rebounded in the second period, matching the Trojans' eight second half shots.

Calhoun said the game showed improvement in her team's performance.

"They played hard, we played hard," Calhoun said. "We just went out there tonight and I think we played a lot better than we have in the past."

Despite the loss, head coach Dan Abdalla said he was pleased with the improvements they made since their past game.

"The team finally competed for the full 90 minutes," Abdalla said. "It was a good effort."

TCU fell to 1-2 on the season while USC improved to 1-1. TCU has one more home game Sept. 3 against Houston before they go on the road to face Northwestern State on Sept. 5th.



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Junior defender Katie Taylor heads the ball during the game against USC Friday. The Frogs lost to the Trojans 1-0.