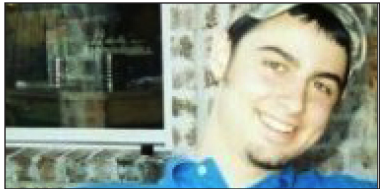




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Emergency raises concerns about safety of dorm elevator

By MEGAN MOWERY
Staff Reporter

A relatively small Colby Hall elevator wasn't the reason paramedics chose to treat their patient on the third floor Thursday, rather than transporting him elsewhere, a MedStar representative said.

But freshman Kristin Partyka, the man's daughter, said she was worried that if a serious incident occurred and immediate MedStar assistance was needed, someone's life could be in jeopardy because the stretcher doesn't fit in the elevator.

Kristin Partykasaid her father, Scott Partyka, was dropping her off on the third floor when he had a stress-induced seizure. She said it took MedStar paramedics about 35 minutes to arrive and then the stretcher did not fit in the elevator or the stairwell. Kristin Partyka said the paramedics were able to stabilize her father, who has a history of seizures, in her room and that he declined to be taken to the hospital.

The Colby Hall elevator measures about 70 inches long and 50 inches wide, but MedStar

employee Richard Carter said MedStar stretchers measure 80 inches long and 22 inches wide.

MedStar Operations Supervisor Jeff Popp said even if the elevator was too small to accommodate the stretcher the paramedics are trained to assess situations to assist their patients.

Craig Allen, residential services director, said the paramedics chose not to transport their patient from the third floor.

A TCU employee, who wit-

nessed the incident but wanted to remain anonymous, said the paramedics told her they could not get the stretcher in the elevator.

Allen said the residential elevators are code compliant, meaning the city inspects them annually and they have passed the inspection. He said there is not a problem with stretchers fitting in the elevators and that stretchers have fit in the past.

Colby Hall director Ele Ford declined to comment on the situation.



LINDSEY BEVER / News Editor

A parent of a student experienced a seizure Thursday in Colby Hall. When paramedics arrived, they were unable to reach the man with their stretcher, witnesses said.

GUARDIAN ANGELS



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer

A statue remains on the front porch of a burned house on Wabash Avenue. Several angels and crosses remain visible in the debris after the fire.

Students rescue woman from house fire

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Staff Reporter

Three college students, one of them from TCU, saved a Fort Worth woman from an early morning house fire and helped to extinguish the fire that engulfed the woman's front porch, said the woman's neighbors.

Chris Hillis, a junior political science major, and two high school classmates, said they came out of their house at roughly 2:20 a.m. on Aug. 11 and saw the woman's front porch ablaze. After a neigh-

bor told them someone was inside the house, the students said they ran through the smoke onto the porch and began to knock on windows in an attempt to wake the woman.

They were "reacting to a very dangerous situation and they were brave enough to get involved," said Teresa Tidwell, who lives across the street from the resident, who did not want to be identified.

The fire was limited to the

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ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer

An early morning fire on Wabash Avenue damaged the front porch and easements of this house Saturday.

Drilling scheduled for January start in remote parking

From staff reports

After months of discussion about drilling for natural gas on TCU grounds, the administration has a proposed date to begin work on a natural gas well.

Four Sevens Oil Co. will be working in conjunction with TCU to tap into an underground, 260-acre oil tract in the Remote Parking lot north of Amon Carter Stadium. The lot is commonly called the overflow lot by students.

Drilling will commence Jan. 10, 2008, and the rig will run for seven months. The well cannot be active between August and January because of football season, according to an Aug. 7 press release from the university.

"There may be some weather complications during the winter months and we are not going to interfere with football," Provost Nowell Donovan said.

The project will take place during seven-month blocks starting in 2008 and ending in 2010. After the drilling is complete, the drill site will be landscaped.

The press release outlined some problems that neighborhoods may have with the methane-gas well including noise pollution, visual aesthetics and the danger of explosion.

Tom Edwards, a gas well inspector for the city of Fort Worth, addressed these concerns.

"Gas pumps for your car are flammable and so are explosives and whatnot," Edwards said.

The issue of noise pollution from an industrial structure has a set protocol that will be followed during operation of the well, Edwards said.

"We find out the ambient noise level of the area that naturally occurs in a 24-hour period," Edwards said. "It can be five decibels louder than the ambient noise during the day and three decibels at night."

One neighborhood member was not bothered by the thought of a gas well being set up a few blocks from home.

"(I'm) impartial, the drill sites are pretty far away," said Ericka Bailey, a Stadium Drive resident.

The amount of revenue expected from the drilling cannot be disclosed due to an agreement reached between TCU and Four Sevens, Donovan said.

Donovan said he is not sure what percentage of the Four Sevens profits will be allotted to TCU, but there will be royalties that will go to the

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Man admits to campus thefts, trial date set

By MEGAN MOWERY
Staff Reporter

A man who claims to have committed more than 300 thefts in the past 22 years on the TCU campus is scheduled to go to trial Monday for four separate counts of theft.

Keith Money, 49, was arrested by TCU Police for stealing

a wallet May 30 from the University Recreation Center, TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham said.

Prior to his imprisonment, Money stated in police documents he had committed just as many thefts at SMU, the University of Texas at Dallas,

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NY attorney general investigates lending; university suspends ties with loan company

By ANTOINETTE NEVILS
Staff Reporter

TCU has suspended all activity with University Financial Services, a student loan vendor, because of accusations from the New York Attorney General.

The TCU Athletics Department is one of 40 university athletic departments under investigation by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo for suspicion of mak-

ing an illegal deal to promote a student loan provider in return for revenue.

According to an Aug. 1 statement by Cuomo, 38 of the 40 universities being investigated are classified as Division I-size by the NCAA and were subpoenaed for documents by Cuomo. The University of Texas at San Antonio, Georgia Institute of Technology and Tulane are among the universities being

investigated.

According to the statement, the Attorney General's office is specifically looking to answer whether athletic departments researched interest rates before recommending the loan providers or referred the loans to students based only on the

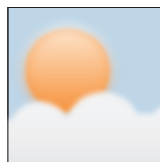
payments and perks they received from the lending companies.

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MORE ON ONLINE



For stories on the attorney general's past investigations into student lending, check tcudailyskiff.com.



WEATHER

TODAY: Partly Cloudy, 93/75

TOMORROW: Isolated thunderstorms, 91/76

THURSDAY: Isolated thunderstorms, 92/76

PECULIAR FACT

AMSTERDAM — A Dutch priest has been fined 5,000 euros (\$6,800) for ringing his church bells too loudly in the morning.

— Reuters

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SAVING THE PLANET ONE STEP AT A TIME

GAS

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university.

The Board of Trustees decided by vote that the funds would be committed to the university endowment, which supports university functions and scholarships.

Before signing the deal with Four Sevens, Brian Gutierrez, TCU vice chancellor for finance and administration, and Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, received input on the plan by holding a question and answer meeting with faculty, students and staff.

“The meetings were well attended and good questions were asked,” Gutierrez said. “These meetings were very

positive and the input was very helpful.”

Gutierrez also worked with surrounding neighborhood association leaders to discuss the drilling. He said that these meetings collected helpful input.

TCU is not the only school with gas drilling plans as the University of Texas at Arlington and the Tarrant County College District have both made plans to begin drilling in the near future.

Staff reporter Caroline Lockwood, staff writer Stephanie Scott and associate editor Marcus Murphree contributed to this report.

FIRE

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front porch of the woman’s house, located at the 2500 block of Wabash Avenue, but caused damage estimated at \$9,000, said Lt. Kent Worley, Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman. The cause of the fire remains under investigation but no foul play is suspected, Worley said..

When Michael Karol, a University of Mississippi student, broke through a window, cutting his hand on the glass, the woman awoke and ran downstairs to let them in the door.

Hillis, whose mother works in the Center for Academic Services, said he tended to Karol while

“You don’t think about (the fire); you just hope that someone else would do the same thing for you.”

Chris Hillis
junior political science major

waiting for fire trucks to arrive. He said he acted immediately after he saw the front porch ablaze.

“You don’t think about (the fire),” said Hillis, 21. “You just hope that someone else would do the same thing for you.”

Tidwell said she was impressed with the way the students acted.

“They were very kind, very unselfish to rescue a lady out of her house,”

LENDING

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receives is from that overall contractual agreement.”

ISP established the national contract with University Financial Services, that markets its program to students, alumni and fans.

The athletics department also stated that it did not directly receive any profits from UFS. The department directed ISP to suspend all activity from UFS and other student loan lenders.

When asked about the revenue and how the suspension would affect the athletics department and TCU, Mark Cohen, TCU director of athletics media relations, said he would not comment further on the Aug. 2 statement.

THEFTS

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the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of North Texas.

According to TCU Police reports, Money gave a written statement admitting to the May 30 theft and 32 other thefts since his release from prison in November 2006.

Ham said Money told him he was the suspect who stole Beata Jones’ wallet, associate professor of professional practice in information systems/e-business, from the Dan Rogers Hall. In January, Jones chased him down and Money proceeded to give the wallet back to her.

Money explained his strategy, saying that he targeted female secretaries, who have a tendency to leave their purses unattended while briefly stepping out of the room, Ham said.

Money successfully used this technique when he stole from Vicki Whistler, the production manager for the Daily Skiff, in a May 17 incident. TCU Police reports indicate that Whistler left her wallet unattended in her office located in the Moudy South Building before she noticed it was missing.

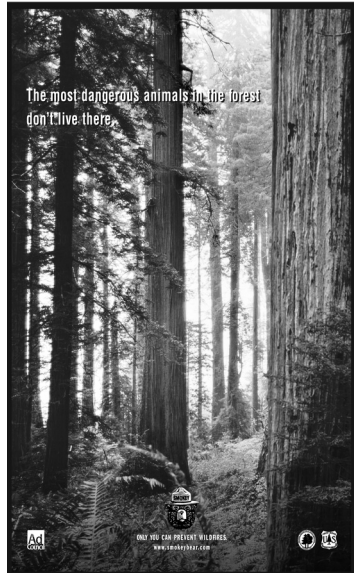
It was after this theft that Ham began tracking Money. Ham said Money began making fraudulent charges with the stolen checks and credit cards at the 7-Eleven on West Berry Street and other locations.

Ham said the 7-Eleven surveillance cameras and the university surveillance security cameras made it possible to identify Money.

“I knew who I was looking for I just didn’t know his name,” Ham said.

According to police records, Money has been arrested 21 times and served about four years in prison in October 2002 for the theft of property with two or more prior convictions.

Tarrant County Sheriff’s spokesman Terry Grisham said Money committed seven prior felonies including one state jail felony. Money is in custody at the Tarrant County Jail until his court date, Grisham said.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I intended to be."

— Douglas Adams

THE SKIFF VIEW

Weather did not stop progress

Dallas/Fort Worth experienced a series of rains of Genesian proportions last summer. For nearly seven weeks straight, rainfall drenched the Metroplex causing dams and flood-gates to be opened.

While these daily showers continued, work progressed as planned for the construction on the TCU campus. The Amon G. Carter and the Kellye Wright Samuelson residence halls are open for business in what used to be a crater in the heart of the university. The construction is still on schedule for a spring opening of the Teresa and Luther King and the Mary and Robert J. Wright residence halls.

Though keeping a project on schedule may not seem like an impressive feat, the fact that two months of flooding in North Texas did not delay completion is worth commending. If the construction was budgeted for rain during the summer, then this would only be going through the day-to-

day work protocol. Unprecedented natural events cause damage and can delay completion of all sorts of projects.

Visitors to campus may have seen an excavation site in place of old Frog Fountain, but less than a year after some freshmen visited for a recruitment trip, naked shells of buildings have become inhabited structures in a growing campus environment.

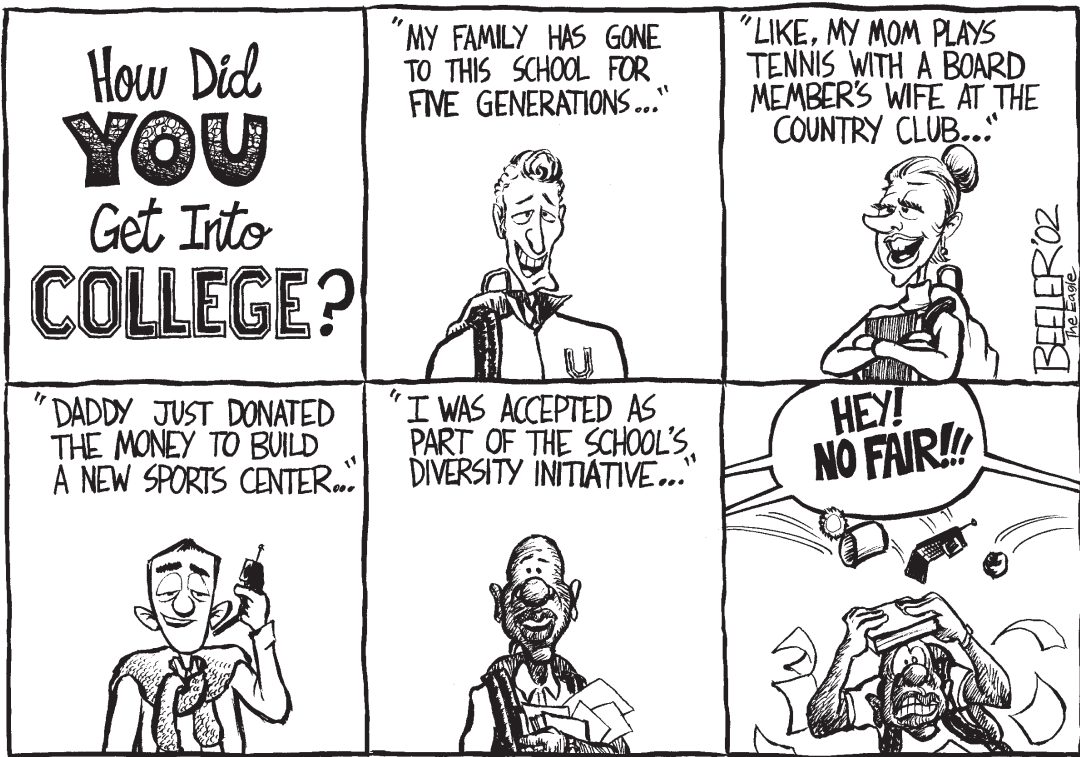
The crane dominates views of TCU when it is on the horizon, but the distant future of a new residential campus is quickly becoming a reality.

Jokes and jeers of people calling TCU "Texas Construction University" are being disparaged as crews continue the daily grind of constructing a new TCU.

This may not be Noah bringing two of each animal with him to a new world, but then again, a new world is being created for the future life of Horned Frogs.

Associate editor Marcus Murphree for the editorial board.

BY NATE BEELER



MEET THE STAFF

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Is probably in the Skiff newsroom.

Hometown: Fort Sumner, N.M.

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Semesters at Skiff: 7

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Is rockin' like a hurricane.

Hometown: Kingwood

Spent the summer:

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Semesters at Skiff: 5

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Spent the summer:

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Semesters at Skiff: 5

NEWS EDITOR



Lindsey Bever

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Hometown: Fort Worth

Spent the summer:

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Semesters at Skiff: 3

NEWS EDITOR



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Semesters at Skiff: 2

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Hometown: Fort Worth

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Semesters at Skiff: 2

FEATURES EDITOR



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Hometown: Busan, South Korea

& Bangkok, Thailand

Spent the summer:

Frog camp facilitating and traveling throughout Asia.

Semesters at Skiff: 3

SPORTS EDITOR



Tim Bella

Is just a city boy born and raised in south Detroit, he took the midnight train going anywhere...

Hometown: Kingwood

Spent the summer:

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Semesters at Skiff: 3

PHOTO EDITOR



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Semesters at Skiff: 3

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New career choice at college: golf management

By JENNIFER BURK
McClatchy Newspapers

Georgia Southwestern State University hopes to lure students attracted to managing a business as much as they are to shooting birdies.

The university, located in Americus, Ga., is in the process of starting a Professional Golfers' Association of America-accredited professional golf management program — the first of its kind in the state and only the 18th in the nation.

Officials envision the program eventually drawing in hundreds of students from across the country, many of whom may have never considered attending the nearly 2,500-student university.

“I want to bring in students that have that business-oriented

mindset and, obviously, have a passion for golf, but more have a passion for the business of golf,” said Shaun Murie, who was recently brought on as the program’s director. Murie previously was internship coordinator at Florida Gulf Coast University, which started a professional golf management program in 2005.

Georgia Southwestern is going through the accreditation process with the PGA now, and the goal is to launch the program in fall 2008, Murie said.

Initially, the first class may have 25 to 50 students, he said, but the program could grow to as many as 300 students, a PGA-determined cap.

Despite a rigorous curriculum in business and golf that

takes 4 to 5 years to complete, demand for such programs has been building quietly. Twelve of the current 17 programs began within the past decade.

“The biggest problem with golf facilities ... is getting qualified and highly trained people on staff,” Murie said.

When golf became a big business and millions of dollars were at stake, the PGA began looking for people who could not only play golf but also manage a business, he said.

Golf is a \$62 billion annual industry, and in the late 1990s and early 2000s, the PGA saw a “spike in the action” and began accrediting more programs, said Bill Cioffoletti, PGA master professional with the PGA.

Students appear to be

meeting the call.

The University of Colorado began its professional golf management program in 2003 and has almost achieved its 150-student goal, said Doug Wert, program director at the university.

The program attracts students interested in the business of golf from Hawaii to Vermont, he said.

Demand for training in the field continued to grow when the PGA expanded opportunities in the golf industry to jobs in fields such as executive management, sales and media a few years ago, he said.

Fort Valley State University, another Georgia school, also has its eye on a PGA-accredited professional golf management program tied with its turf

management and hospitality, although actualization of those plans is still a few years away, said Isaac Crumbly, interim vice president for career and collaborative programs.

“You would have a real live laboratory here,” he said of the college’s plans to open a hotel and golf course resort.

Georgia Southwestern’s program will be housed in the business school and require the same business classes that management majors take, such as accounting, finance and small-business management. Students also will take golf-oriented classes, such as tournament operations, teaching the game of golf and will complete work needed for a PGA Class A membership, which each student will be

eligible for upon graduation.

Sixteen months of internships at four different sites will be required, with the goal of having jobs develop from the internships, Murie said.

The Georgia Southwestern Foundation is in the process of gifting the Southwestern Links golf course, which is separated from the school by railroad tracks, to the university. The 18-hole course sits on 125 acres and is 5,900 yards long, said Stephen Snyder, public relations director for the university.

The course is open to students and the public, and will remain that way, he said. The Georgia Board of Regents approved the gifting of the golf course at a recent meeting.

WELCOME NEWBIES



Freshman students gather in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for the Chancellor’s Assembly on Sunday. This fall, more than 1,600 freshmen were admitted, almost 100 more than last year. Linda Moore, chairwoman of the sociology department, addressed students during the afternoon ceremony.



Mission

To provide a broad spectrum of quality recreational sport and wellness programs and services to the TCU community that encourage healthy lifestyles and enhance personal development through participation and leadership opportunities.

Vision

To be a dynamic department, renowned for its outstanding facilities and service, that positively engages every student and member of the TCU community.

Values

The Department of Campus Recreation values personal achievement and success through Service, Integrity, Respect, Excellence, and Leadership.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6:15-7:10am	Cycle – Bill	Pilates – Jasey	Cycle – Tammy	Yoga - Sara	Cycle – Alice		
9:30-10:25am						Rise & Shine Yoga – Mary Elizabeth	
						Up & At 'em Boot Camp! - Rebekah	
12:10-1:00pm	TNT - Skye	Lunchtime Ride – Skye	Boot Camp – Skye	Restorative Yoga- Amy	TNT -Skye		
				Boot Camp - Lindsay	Cycle-lates- Lindsay		
4:00-5:00pm	Boot Camp- Jamie		Ball Pilates - Jamie	Boot Camp- Rebekah			
5:00-5:30pm				Hard Core Abs - Rebekah			
5:15-6:15pm	Yoga – Sara	Cycle- Dabney	Yoga Flow - Adrienne	Cycle – Dabney	HAPPY HOUR - Rotation		
6:30-7:30pm	Step & Sculpt – Lane	TNT- Lane	Power Step- Lane				Weekend Rejuvenation! – Rotation
		Yoga – Justine	Hard Core Abs - Adrienne (6:30-7:00)	Yoga – Justine			
7:45-8:45pm		Hip Hop Aerobics Stephanie	Hip Hop Aerobics Stephanie				

Fall 2007 Group Exercise Menu

Prices:	
All Class Pass	\$80
Mind-Body Pass	\$40
Cycle Pass	\$40
10-Class Pass	\$30

Classes Start August 27th

Free Week is Aug 27th-31st !!

Intramurals

Major Team Sports	Softball	Registration: Tuesday, August 21st – Tuesday, August 28th @ 6pm Season Begins: Tuesday, September 4th
	Team Tennis	Registration: Tuesday, August 28th – Tuesday, September 11th @ 6pm Season Begins: Monday, September 17th
	Flag Football	Registration: Tuesday, September 11th – Tuesday, September 25th @ 6pm Season Begins: Sunday September 30th
	Indoor Soccer	Registration: Tuesday, October 2nd – Tuesday, October 16th @ 6pm Season Begins: Sunday, October 21st
	Indoor Volleyball	Registration: Tuesday, October 2nd – Tuesday, October 16th @ 6pm Season Begins: Monday, October 22nd
Team Tournaments	Bowling	Date: Monday October 15th Registration: Tuesday, September 25th – Tuesday, October 9th @ 6pm
	TCU Vegas Golf Classic (2 Man Scramble)	Date: Friday, October 19th Registration: Tuesday, September 4th – Friday, October 12 @ 6pm
	3 on 3 Basketball	Date: Saturday, October 27th Registration: Tuesday, October 9th – Tuesday, October 23rd @ 6pm
Individual Sports	Farkle Tournament (Rock, Paper, Scissors)	Date: Wednesday, September 19th Play Begins: 7pm (Registration begins at 6pm)
	Foosball Tournament	Date: Tuesday, October 2nd Play Begins: 7pm
	3rd Annual Costume Climbing Contest	Date: Wednesday, October 31st Registration: Tuesday, Oct. 16th – Wednesday, Oct. 31st @ 5pm Play Begins: 6:30pm
	9 Ball Tournament	Date: Tuesday, November 27th Play Begins: 7pm

Hours of Operation

office	Monday – Friday:	8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
	Saturday:	9:00 a.m. – noon
	Sunday :	closed
general facility	Monday – Friday:	6:00 a.m. – midnight
	Saturday:	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
	Sunday:	10:00 a.m. – midnight
climbing wall	Monday – Friday:	2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
	Saturday:	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	Sunday:	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
indoor pool & diving well	Monday – Friday:	7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
	Saturday:	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday:	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
outdoor pool (weather permitting)	Monday – Friday:	noon – 6:00 p.m.
	Saturday:	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday:	1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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facebook finds

Web site helps new students narrow search for roommates

By SAEROM YOO
Features Editor

Hi, my name is Emily Dascoli. I'm a fun-loving, outgoing girl and am looking for someone to explore the city with me. I love writing, reading, music and shopping, and I plan to major in nursing and join a sorority. I like going out and partying but I also want to do well in school.

A typical ad in the personals? Not quite. Try a wall post in a Facebook roommate search group.

The roommate situation is one of many concerns for a first-year student. The possibility of becoming mired in a screaming, unavoidable, uncomfortable living situation every waking — and sleeping — hour spent in the dorm is enough to cause someone to break out into a cold sweat.

For students who don't meet the perfect roommate at orientation or Frog Camp, Residential Services offers a potluck option where roommates are matched up based on surveys. But some freshmen have opted to find a roommate for themselves through Facebook.

The potluck process begins with a questionnaire surveying a student's living preferences such as smoking and drinking habits, sleeping and waking hours and whether they are pack rats or neat freaks.

Mindy Hollan, assistant director of assignments for Residential Services, said while the living preferences survey plays a role in roommate selections, most students who choose potluck place more importance on their hall choices. Sometimes, the mere availability of space might wrap it up, she said.

Walker Winn, a freshman art history major, said he created the two freshmen roommate search groups — one for each gender — because he wanted to be helpful.

"Things can get pretty uncomfortable coming to college for the first time," Winn said. "It's better to have one more thing that is familiar to you in your room."

Some factors that played into the online roommate selection process that the questionnaire does not cover are whether the students plan on joining a Greek organization, hobbies and personality traits.

Kara Coburn, a freshman pre-business major, said she found her roommate, Emily Zimmerman, through the Facebook group and was able to spend some time with her when Zimmerman visited her this summer.

"Potluck, you just get someone," Coburn said. "I wanted to be best friends with my roommate."

Hollan said residential services doesn't use information from online profiles such as Facebook when matching roommates; however, she said she also doubts doing so guarantees a satisfactory roommate situation.

But Winn said Facebook allows freshmen to see what their potential roommates look like and better match characteristics with each other.

Cara Pennington, who is going into her fourth semester as a resident assistant in Sherley Hall, said although the two roommate conflicts she came across in her halls were in potluck situations, she thinks the chances of conflicts arising between roommates who met through Facebook are just as high.

"There are things you can't account for," she said. "Anybody can look good on a profile or on paper."

Pennington said she and her roommate freshman year were matched through potluck and became good friends. She said similar situations have been common in her halls.



the facebook potluck

Alyse Fischer

Interests: *GoD*sHoPpInG* hAnGin oUt w/ fRiEndS*sHoEs aNd PurSes*tExAs*tExTiN aDdiCt*
Favorite Music: Rap, R&B, Pop Rock, some Rock, Country
Favorite TV Shows: America's Next Top Model, beauty and the geek, ...it depends on my mood I suppose.
Favorite Movies: The Holiday, Uptown Girls, Save the Last Dance, Coyote Ugly, Memoirs of a Giesha, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Wedding Crashers, the Notebook, Mystic River, the break-up, knocked up, the devil wears prade...ya get the jist
Favorite Books: Pledged, Bergdorf Blondes



 **Alyse Fischer**



She's my first friend here.



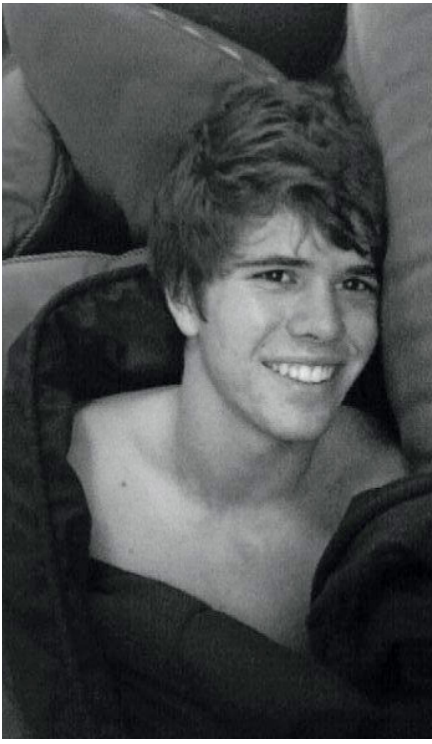
Tara Cesario



Activities: Wind Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Marching Band, AYSO, Trunk Full of Funk, French Club, FNHS, Quartet, Teaching, Pit Orchestra, Ultimate Frisbee
Favorite Music: Pretty much everything, but specifically... John Mayer, Counting Crows, DMB, Alanis Morissette, Ataris, Beatles, BNL, Dixie CHicks, Keith Urban, Rascal Flatts, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, The Fray, Five For Fighting, Fallout Boy, Black Eyed Peas, Goo Goo Dolls, Hootie and the Blowfish, Howie Day, Wall Flowers, Gin Blossoms, Phish, Jackson 5, Jason Mraz, Jimmy Eat World, Josh Gracin, Josh Turner, Joshua Radini, JT, Lonestar, Mae, Michael Bubble, Nickel Creek, Prince, Queen, Red Hot Chili Peppers, REM, Sarah McLaughlan, Shania Twain, Sheryl Crow...
Favorite TV Shows: Grey's Anatomy, FRIENDS, What Not to Wear, The Price is Right
Favorite Movies: American Beauty, Forrest Gump, RENT
Favorite Books: Lovely Bones, Lucky, Dear John

Walker Winn

Activies: playing music, painting squares, throwing the duke at westlakes, playing madden, being out of the house, fishing, surfing, gymmin, hanging out with my friends
Interests: music, art, sports, havin fun, largemouth bass
Favorite Music: Alan Jackson, Alexi Murdoch, Al Green, Alison Krauss, Brad Paisley, Brett Dennen, Brooks & Dunn, Donvaon Frankenreiter, Garth Brooks, Gary Jules, George Jones, George Winston, Iron and Wine, James Taylor, Jehro, Mason Jennings, Matt Costa, Randy Travis, Ratatat, RJD2, Santana, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Willie Nelson
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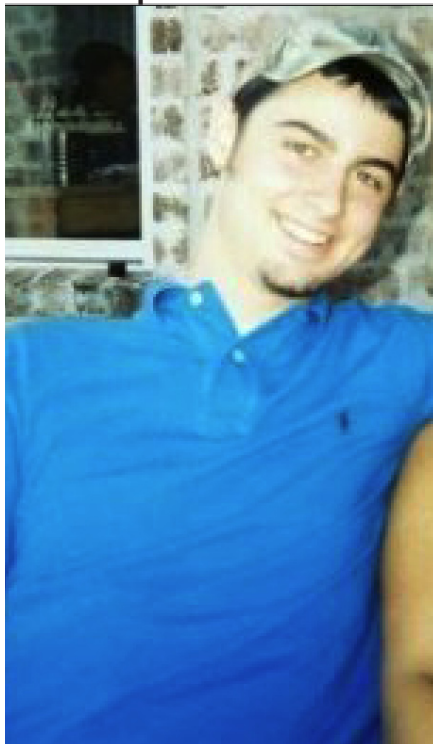
 **Walker Winn**



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Stephen Frazier



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Favorite Movies: dazed and confused, scarface, saving private ryan, braveheart, elf, iPOR VIDA!, pool hall junkies

Kara Coburn

Activities: Working, Working out, Going out
Interests: Being with my friends, Dancing, Going out, Anything fun!
Favorite Music: Country and Rap but ill listen to some other things too
Favorite TV Shows: One Tree Hill or Grey's Anatomy, Greek, The Hills
Favorite Movies: Wedding Crashers, Fast and the Furious, Dodgeball, The Notebook
Favorite Book: The Old Man and the Sea



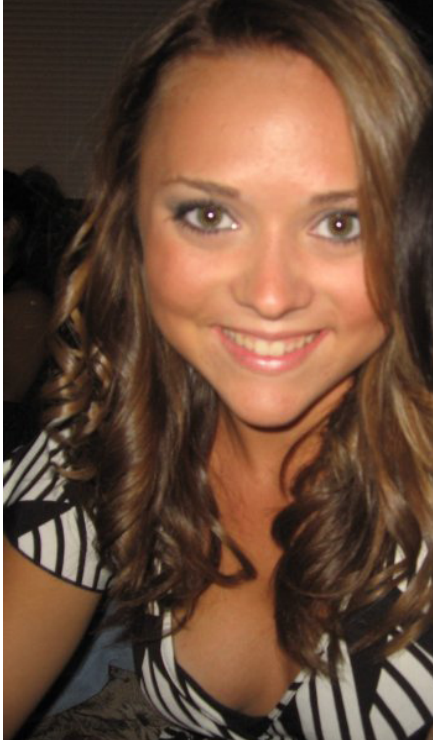
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Emily Zimmerman



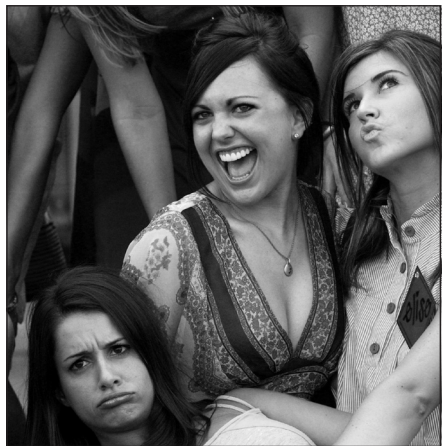
Activities: Dance Team
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Favorite TV Shows: One Tree Hill... The OC...All My Children

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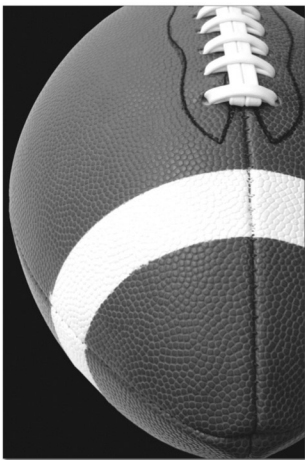
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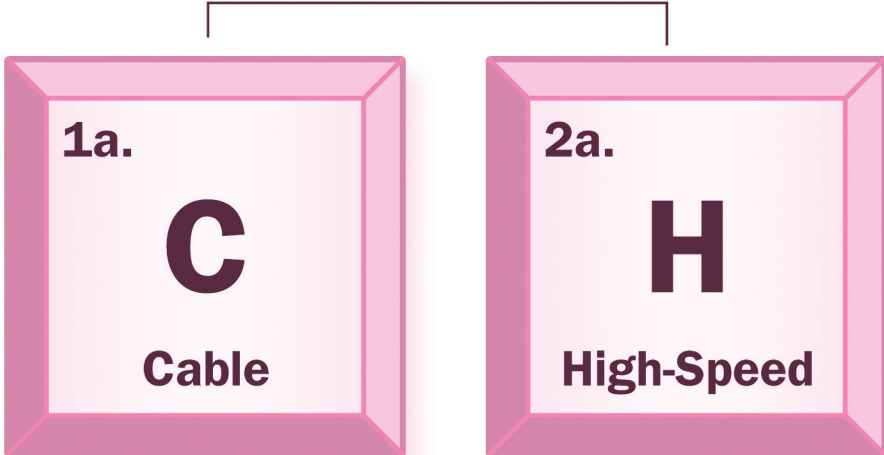


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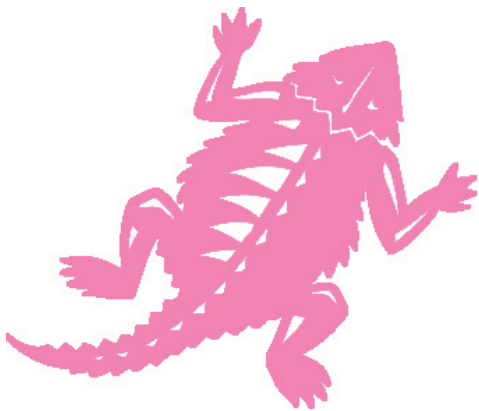
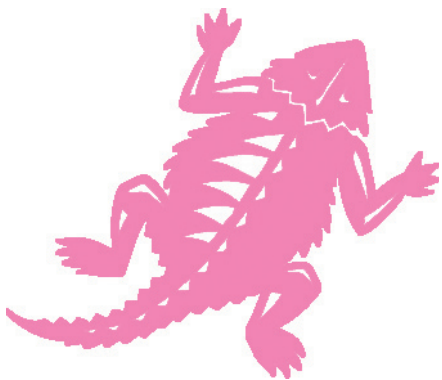
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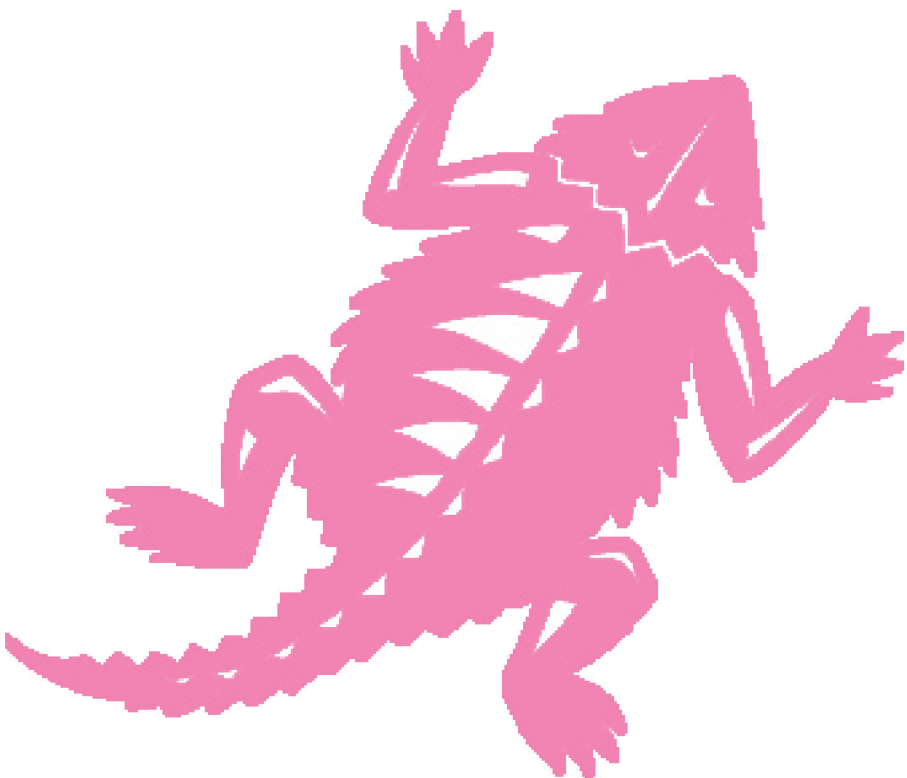



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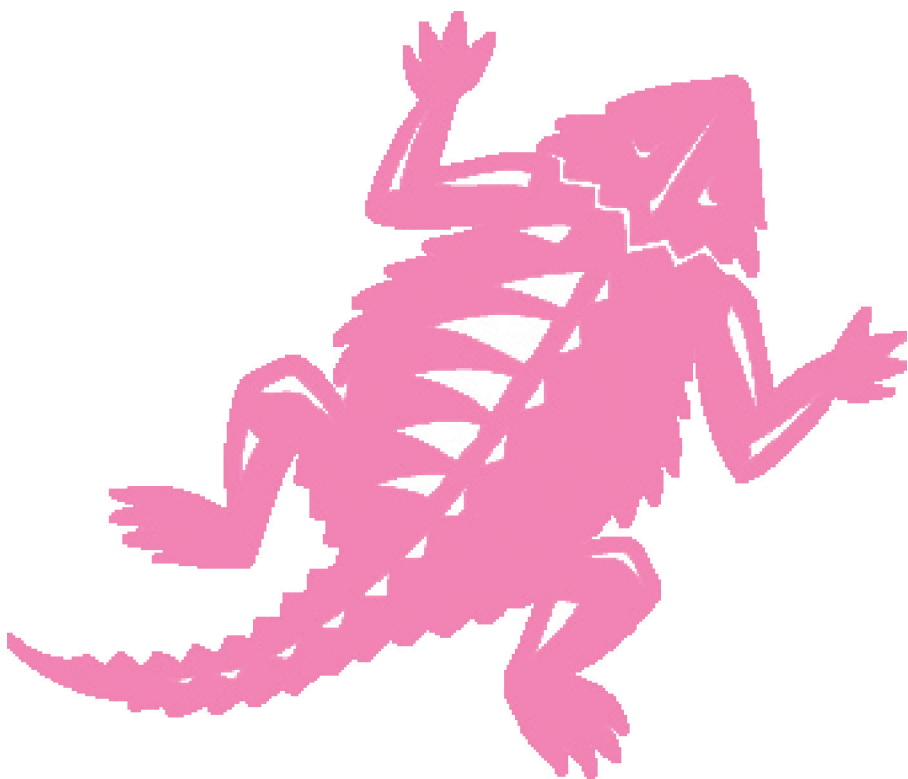
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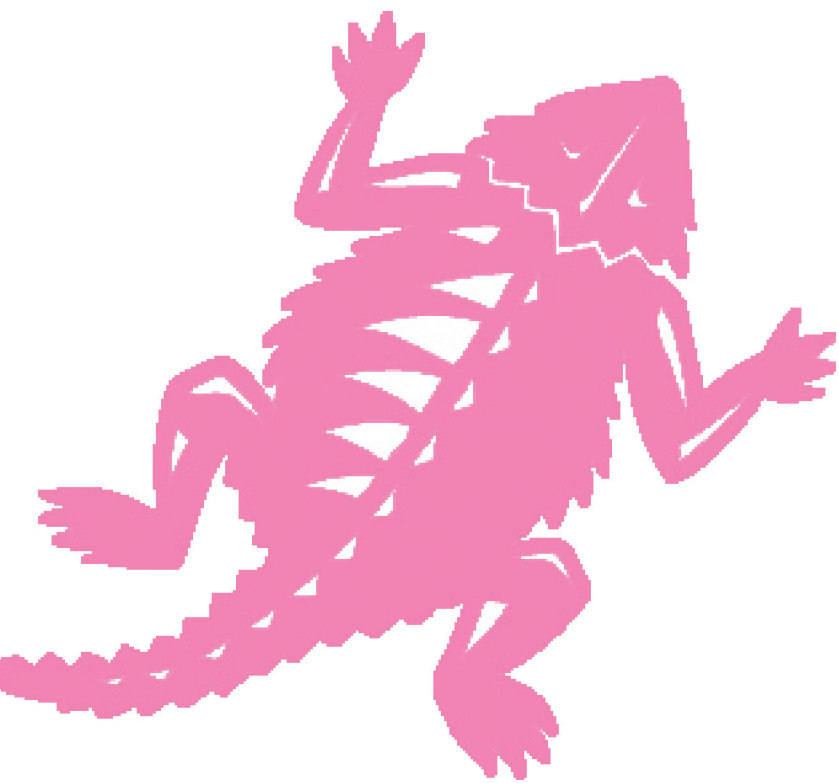
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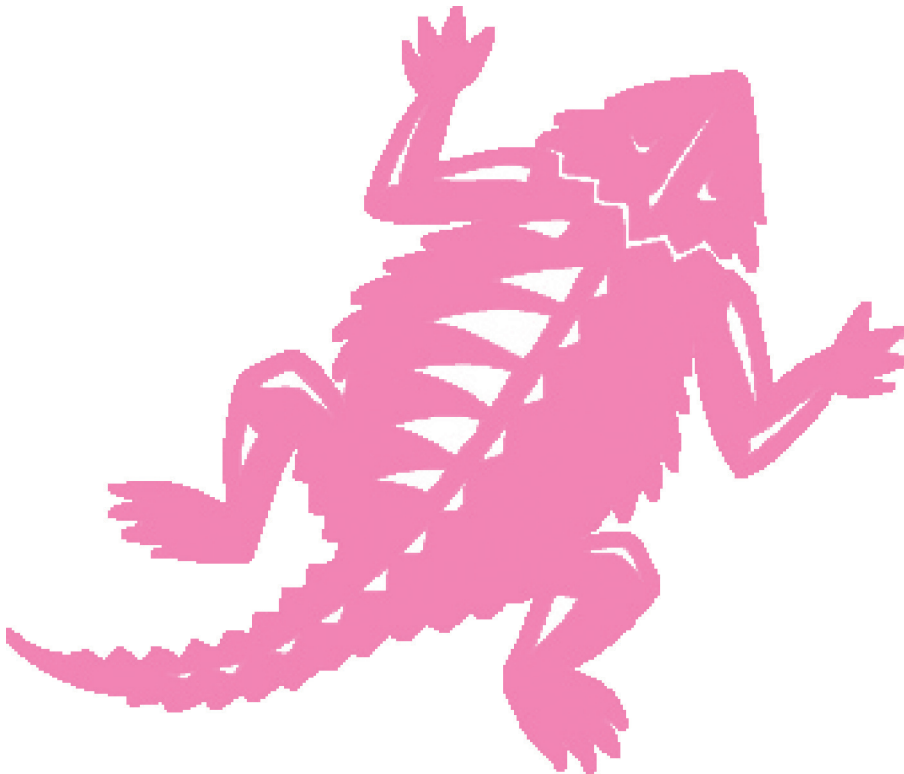
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Mexico buckles down for Hurricane Dean

By DAVID OVALLE, JACQUELINE CHARLES and MARTIN MERZER
McClatchy Newspapers

Tourists fled the Mayan ruins, shack dwellers in remote areas sought sturdier refuge and oil field workers turned off the spigots Monday night as a savage Hurricane Dean launched its attack on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

On the brink of becoming a top-rank Category 5 terror, poised to escalate its assault early Tuesday under cover of darkness, Dean menaced a tourist region called the Maya Riviera, the city of Chetumal and one of the world's most crucial oil operations.

Its work was done in Jamaica, where at least two people died, many houses were shattered or flooded or both, and the cleanup

was under way.

Now, it was Mexico's turn. Rain arrived around 5 p.m. EDT, the leading edge of genuine trouble.

"We'll take them out by force," Tulum Mayor Jorge Luis Cordoba Pech said of anyone who resists evacuation. Many residents of the coastal town live in tin-and-wood shanties. "We can't let them lose their lives."

At the same time, Mexico's state-run Pemex oil company hurriedly ordered 18,000 workers to abandon offshore oil rigs, suspending production at all 407 wells and drilling operations in the area.

Forecasters said Dean's ferocious core would crash into the Yucatan early Tuesday with winds as high as 160 mph.

As the storm approached land, the wind already screamed at 150 mph, just 6 mph below the Category 5 threshold.

In Jamaica, which avoided a direct hit, officials reported extensive — but possibly not catastrophic — damage including collapsed houses, destroyed roofs, heavy flooding and impassable roads in many parishes.

The road connecting Kingston to its airport was transformed into a sea of sand, an obstacle course of boulders and downed power lines. That airport remained closed, though the airport in Montego Bay reopened late Monday.

It could have been much worse in Jamaica. Dean already was held responsible for nine deaths in Jamaica,

Haiti, the Dominican Republic, St. Lucia and Dominica. Four people were missing in the Dominican Republic and presumed dead.

"There always seems to be somebody looking out for Jamaica," said Vernon Thompson, 56, who lives in the Caribbean Terrace neighborhood, near Kingston's airport. "No matter how bad things are, we always seem to come out quite well."

For residents of the tiny Cayman Islands, the news was even better Monday:

Dean's vicious eye wall and other hurricane winds bypassed them, veering to the south, though the islands still were subjected to heavy rain, strong gusts and battering 16-foot waves.

Much of the attention, however, turned Monday to Mexico, likely to become Dean's final destination — and its most punished victim.

Dean was expected to push diagonally across the Yucatan from east to west, roaring over populated areas, ancient Mayan ruins, jungles and the western state of Campeche, with 750,000 residents.

Hurricane warnings were posted on both coasts of the Yucatan and in neighboring Belize.

McClatchy Newspapers correspondents Trenton Daniel in Haiti and Jim Wyss in the Dominican Republic, Kevin G. Hall of McClatchy's Washington bureau and special correspondent Shurna Robbins in Grand Cayman contributed to this report.



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Several sliding glass doors of the hotel Courtleigh were blown off by the high winds of Hurricane Dean, Monday in Kingston, Jamaica. Hurricane Dean's eye grazed the island of Jamaica when it moved 23 miles off the southern shore.

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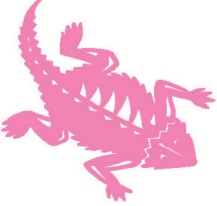
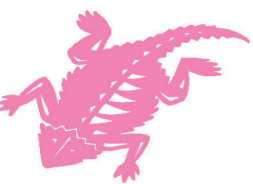
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Boschini announces 'R-Rated' semester

From staff reports

Chancellor Victor Boschini kicked off the semester by announcing the "R-Rated" theme for the semester and presenting the Chancellor's Staff Award for Outstanding Service during the annual Opening Luncheon on Friday.

Boschini said the "R-Rated" theme stands for rights, responsibilities and respect.

"The student body is well aware of their rights, but we would like them to learn responsibility as well," Boschini said.

Boschini said the theme "is designed to encourage dialogue and respect for others."

Boschini also announced

the recipient of the Chancellor's Staff Award as Margaret Kelly, executive director of community projects in marketing and communications.

"She is known as a consummate professional, a master at getting people to work together," Boschini said. "She is recognized both on campus and outside of TCU for her events and marketing expertise."

When accepting her award, Kelly said, "I wasn't planning to speak. I wasn't planning to win. I have worked with all of the fellow nominees. I respect them and I wish that they could all be up here with me."

Staff reporter Jackie Rodriguez contributed to this report

Cell phones keep the umbilical tie to parents when in college

By EDWARD M. EVELD
McClatchy Newspapers

All those cell phones on college campuses aren't just talking to each other.

They're speed-dialing home. A lot.

Not to mention the calls going the other direction.

"One mom mentioned that she calls her son to wake him up in the morning," said Sandy Waddell, assistant dean of students at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo. "She said if she didn't, he might not make it to class. I told her I thought that was a bit over the top."

Young adults in college are supposed to practice and prove their independence. All that contact, used the wrong way, can impede those goals, student affairs experts say.

Waddell said about half the

students on campus had cell phones a few years ago. Now, nearly every student does. At orientation sessions, Waddell tells parents the college years are a time for emancipation, when young adults learn to handle matters on their own.

"The parents have to give their child the permission to do that," she said. "It has become increasingly difficult because the students are so used to using their phones and talking to their parents."

The cell phone no doubt can be a conduit in a close parent-child relationship. One thing is certain: Everyday contact between young adults and their parents is the new normal.

"It's the way families are," said Marjorie Savage, parent program director at the University of Minnesota. "One

thing we really have to keep in mind is that life is not like it was when we went to college, even if you went to college five years ago."

Emylie Leonard and her parents, Mary and Michael, confronted the cell-phone issue last year when Leonard first left Kansas City for the University of Missouri-Columbia. Now 19, Leonard had a rough go at first, with roommate troubles and a bad case of homesickness. She called home often, sometimes more than once a day.

"It made me feel better to call them so much," Leonard said.

It's not that Leonard lacked self-assurance, Mary Leonard said. But "she was very, very used to always having us here to talk to."

Still, Mary Leonard found the frequent contact curious,

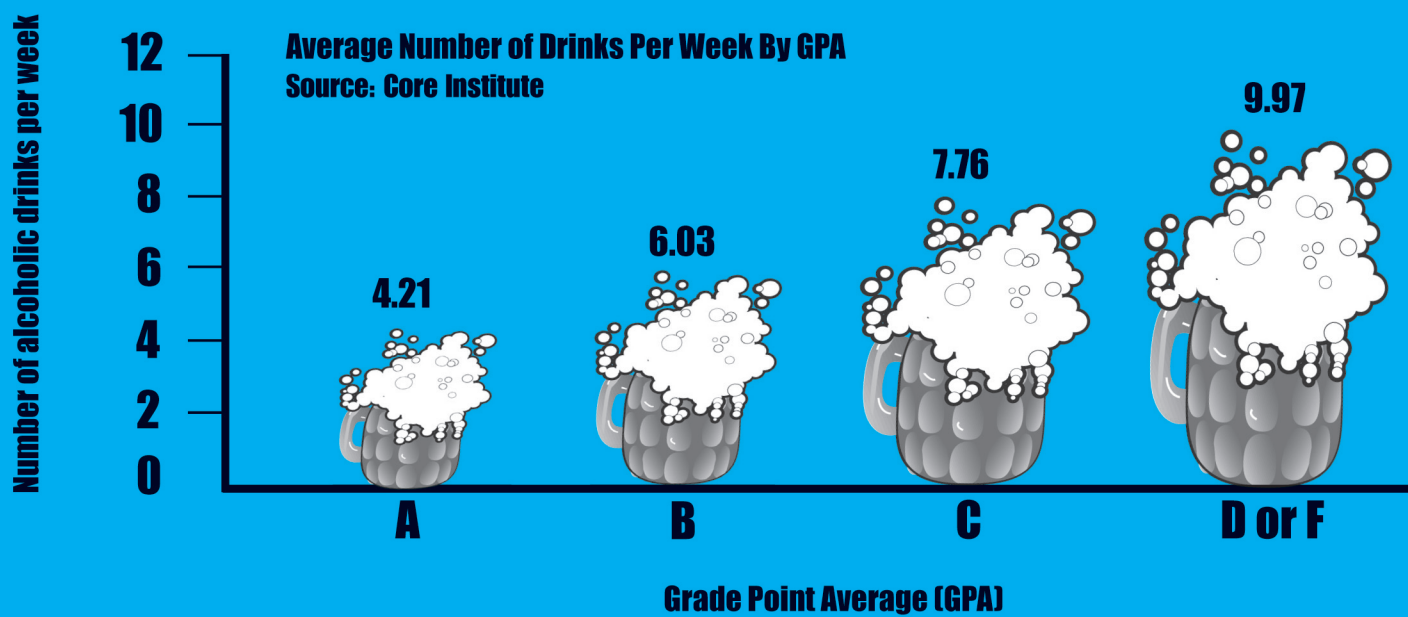
thinking back to her college years when calls home were fairly rare.

"You want them to be independent, to be on their own two feet," she said.

The Leonards' experience isn't unusual. In a study released earlier this year by the Pew Research Center, 82 percent of all 18- to 25-year-olds said they had talked to their parents in the past day.

Parents should analyze the content of calls rather than worry too much about the frequency, said Karen Levin Coburn of Washington University in St. Louis. It's a problem, said Coburn, co-author of "Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years," if students want their parents to swoop in at any sign of trouble.

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- ___ Surge protector
- ___ Batteries
- ___ Door mirror (1)
- ___ Wall hooks
- ___ Frames
- ___ Storage ottoman
- ___ Trash can

Pull an All Nighter

- ___ Desk lamp (1)
- ___ Floor lamp (1)
- ___ Bed rest (1)
- ___ Lap desk (1)

Chaos Control

- ___ Storage trunk or tote (1)
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Vick accepts guilty plea, possible prison sentence

By DAVE FORSTER and
TIM MCGLONE
The Virginian-Pilot

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick has accepted a plea deal — and a likely prison sentence — to avoid additional federal charges related to a professional dogfighting operation, according to one of Vick's attorneys.

Vick is going to enter a guilty plea to the felony conspiracy charge next Monday at 10:30 a.m., said Lawrence Woodward, one of Vick's defense attorneys.

"Mike's accepting full responsibility," Woodward said. "He's going to do everything he can personally and professionally to make this situation right."

Vick's decision came after his last two co-defendants pleaded guilty Friday and agreed in deals with prosecutors to testify against Vick if they were called to do so at trial. A third co-defendant pleaded guilty in July under similar conditions.

With his plea deal, Vick is expected to avoid more serious charges related to a large dogfighting venture called "Bad Newz Kennels" that he is accused of almost entirely funding from 2001 to 2007.

The deal, in its form last week, was expected to include a recommendation from prosecutors that Vick serve at least a year in prison, according to two sources familiar with the discussions. The judge will have the final say in sentencing.

It is unclear how the plea deal will affect Vick's NFL career. League Commissioner Roger Goodell said last week

that the NFL was still working on its own review of the case and is closely monitoring talks between Vick's lawyers and prosecutors.

"We're going to do what we always said we were going to do, which is rely on the facts," Goodell said. "If there is some type of a plea agreement, then we will obviously take the time to understand what that plea is and we'll see how it fits into our personal conduct (policy)."

The NFL's recently toughened player conduct policy empowers Goodell to fine, suspend or impose a lifetime ban on a player for criminal behavior. He has levied harsh penalties on players even for being arrested.

Goodell suspended Tennessee Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones for the 2007 season after he was arrested five times since being drafted in 2005.

Tank Johnson, who served jail time for violating probation related to a gun charge, was also suspended for eight games this year. Johnson's team, the Chicago Bears, released the defensive tackle in June after he was pulled over on suspicion of driving drunk.

Goodell banned Vick from attending the Falcons' training camp after the star quarterback was indicted in July with his three co-defendants. An NFL spokesman said Goodell would withhold further action until the league had completed its review.

In a July interview with SI.com, Goodell said Vick had assured him he was not involved in dogfighting.

"His comments to me were

very consistent with what he has said publicly: That he does not have any interest in that, that it wasn't happening at his property, and that was his discussion," Goodell said. "And I was very clear with him that if it's happening on your property, it's your responsibility."

A hearing date is expected to be set soon for a judge to accept Vick's deal. It could be months before he receives his sentence. Sentencing dates of Nov. 30 and Dec. 14 have been set for his co-defendants.

Vick, 27, Quanis L. Phillips, 28, Purnell Peace, 35, and Tony Taylor, 34, are accused of starting the pit bull fighting venture in early 2001, the spring Vick became the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft after his final season at Virginia Tech.

In May of that year, Taylor found a location in rural Surry County that looked suitable for housing and training the dogs, and Vick bought the property, at 1915 Moonlight Road, in June, according to a summary of facts that Taylor signed for his plea deal, indicating that he agreed the information was accurate.

Peace joined the operation later that year, and the men began buying dogs and puppies, Taylor's summary said. In 2002, according to the indictment, the group put a name to the outfit: "Bad Newz Kennels."

The dog "testing" sessions began in summer 2002, followed by the first executions, Taylor's summary said. All four defendants, Vick included, put some of their dogs through fights to determine which ones were good fighters, the summary said.



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor
The M.J. Neeley School of Business received accolades for outstanding entrepreneurial and college business programs by publications such as Fortune and Forbes Magazine.

Neeley School recognized by magazine

By ALLIE BROWN
Skiff Reporter

M.J. Neeley School of Business representatives were in high spirits Monday as they joined the elite 25 in Fortune's ranking of America's best colleges for entrepreneurs.

The ranking was released with a brief description of why the school was chosen, also naming the Neeley School among the top five undergraduate schools for entrepreneurs in Texas. In the explanation, Fortune reported that TCU has the largest chapter of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization with more than 350 student members.

David Minor, director of the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center, said the size of the program is quite impressive; but more impressive is the quality of the students when it comes to the curriculum and extracurricular activities.

"For a school of 7,000 undergrad, we have the most active number of students

involved," Minor said.

William Cron, associate dean for the graduate programs, said the ranking is exciting because it is recognition after years in the making.

"We're very pleased, we do believe it's well-deserved," Cron said.

Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean and professor of international business, agreed that the ranking is quite incredible.

"I'm not surprised, I think our entrepreneur program has done great work since it's been in existence," Moncrief said. "The major is growing and the CEO club has won many awards and continues to do well."

However, Moncrief said being ranked is somewhat bittersweet.

"I don't like the ranking game," Moncrief said. "But the consumers play that game so we're excited to get ranked."

Coincidentally, this is the second time in a week the Neeley School of Business

has been recognized. Last week, Forbes' ranking of business schools highlighted the School of Business as one of the best business schools of 2007.

Minor agreed that being ranked isn't the most important thing, but he considers Fortune's ranking one of the most impressive cases.

"The reason I'm really impressed about this one is because the people went into great detail to find our school, in effect, nominating and interviewing us for the position," Minor said. Even without the special treatment, Minor said he has no doubts the recognition will be good for the students and staff.

"In reality, when recognized, students realize they are going to a great school and it enhances their degree," Minor said. "This validates our program and makes us a destination school for entrepreneurship."

Staff reporter Amanda Shimko contributed to this report



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Volleyball team beats alumni in exhibition, prepares for season

By BRETT LARSON
Staff Reporter

With the volleyball team in the final stages of preparation for the upcoming season, the group scored an exhibition win against the volleyball's alumni squad Sunday at the University Recreation Center.

Although the current team downed the alumni team in four consecutive matches, the former players provided competitive play that the volleyball team was hoping to use to prepare for the beginning of their season.

Junior Devon Kirk said the alumni game went really well and the experience gained from the match would help the team's overall improvement before the beginning of the season.

"The game showed us our weaknesses and what we still need to work on," said Kirk, an outside hitter and middle blocker.

Confident with the team's ability to contend and compete in the Mountain West Conference, despite a 5-11 conference record and 17-15 overall record last season, head coach Prentice Lewis acknowledged the difficulties of playing in the Mountain West Conference.

"People don't really understand how tough the Mountain West Conference is," Lewis said. "We were thrilled with how our schedule record turned out."

Top-25 ranked conference opponents include the No. 17 Brigham Young University Cougars and the No. 21 Utah Utes in the CSTV/American Volleyball Coaches Association Preseason Coaches Poll.

"We're so much more advanced mentally this season."

Devon Kirk
Middle Blocker,
Outside Hitter

Associate head coach Jason Tanaka said the program has a chip on its collective shoulder after being picked eighth in the preseason projections.

Calli Corley, a senior deep striker and libero, said the team was very comfortable playing with one another, especially since the squad remains almost entirely intact from last season. With the advantage of experienced play on their side, Corley said the team is expecting more from this season. Corley was integral in the Horned Frogs' defensive setup last season and is on pace to be the all-time leader in digs, according to the volleyball media guide.

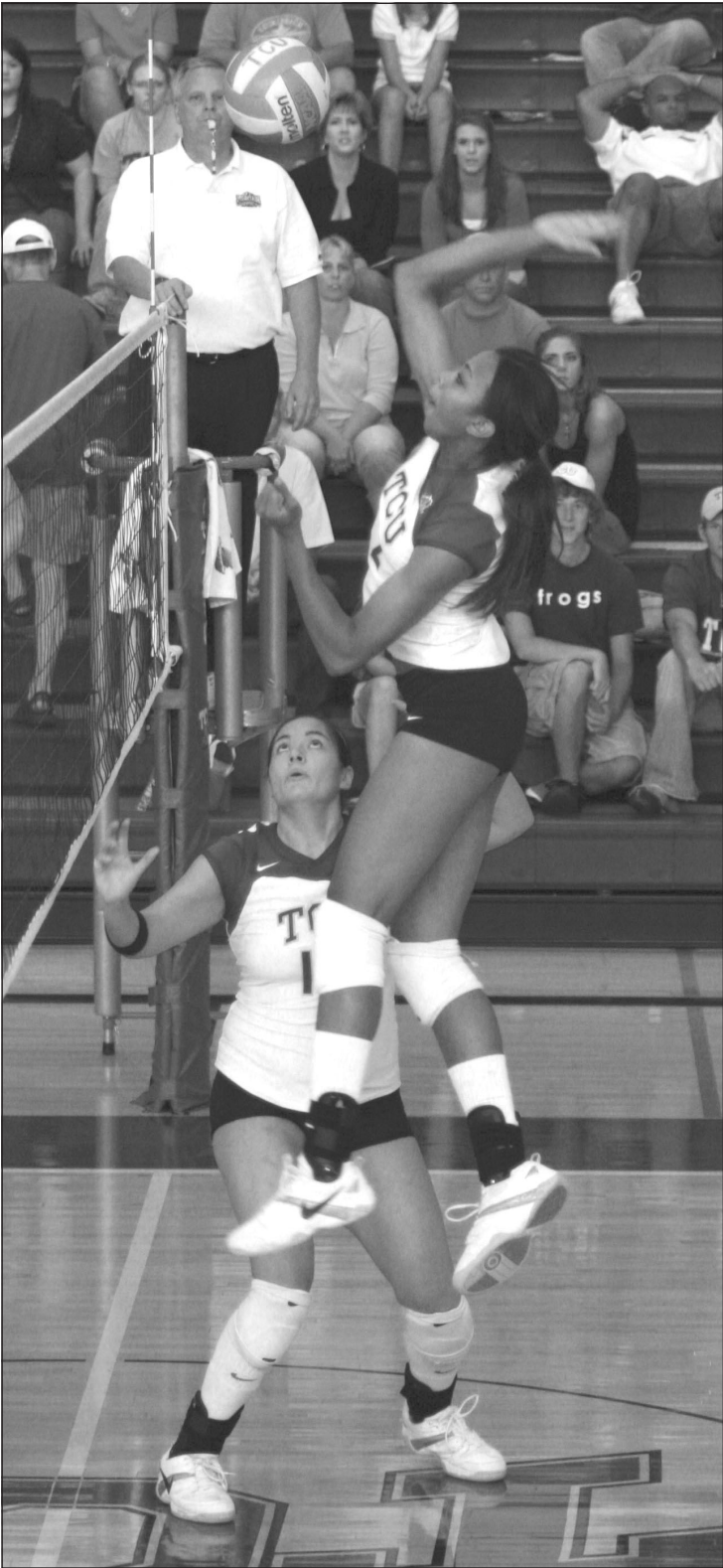
Age and experience are another factor playing for the Horned Frogs in 2007.

Kirk said she felt that this season featured a matured lineup.

"We're so much more advanced mentally this season," Kirk said.

The key loss from the 2006 squad is lead scorer Anna Vaughn who averaged 4.36 points per game.

The team will be taking its game to Tallahassee, Fla. on Aug. 24-25 against University of North Carolina at Asheville, Florida Gulf Coast and Florida State.



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / staff photographer

Middle blocker Kourtney Edwards flies toward the net as she attempts a centercourt kill in the alumni volleyball exhibition.

QUICK SPORTS

All-American end returns to gridiron

After days of speculation concerning his whereabouts and his status with the football team, senior defensive end Tommy Blake is expected to make his return to the team today as it resumes practice after having the day off.

Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations, released a statement Sunday to the Associated Press stating that Blake would return to campus Monday, and attend today's practice.

The defensive end, whose name has appeared on a bevy of preseason All-America teams, returned home to Aransas Pass for what was being called a "personal matter."

While the reason(s) Blake left the team for five practices remain unknown, speculation and innuendo has hinted that Blake might be adjusting to the pressure of being as highly recognized as he has been this off-season from NFL scouts.

Blake was named the defensive MVP in last December's 37-7 rout of the Northern Illinois Huskies in the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl, and is coming off a season that saw him register seven sacks, while being named to the All-Mountain West Conference team. He is one of nine starters returning to a vaunted defense that ranked No. 2 last season in total defense.

Sports Editor Tim Bella

Green quarterback to take snaps

The battle to decide who would fill the vacant starting quarterback position has ended as head coach Gary Patterson named Andy Dalton as the starting quarterback this season.

Patterson named the redshirt freshman the starter on Sunday, and will be under center when the Frogs open up the season at home in two weeks against Baylor on Sept. 1. Dalton, who has yet to take an official in-game snap in his college career, beat out sophomore Marcus Jackson for the position.

Jackson, who was the backup to Jeff Ballard last season, is remembered for his opening-day performance last year as he helped lead the Frogs' 17-7 win against Baylor after Ballard was sidelined with a migraine.

Dalton's pedigree has been well-publicized since his arrival to TCU last year, and Patterson called him "a student of the game" in an article in Monday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram. His stellar high school career, which included being named as the Houston Chronicle's Greater Houston Area Offensive Player of the Year in 2005, ended with his Katy High School squad losing to national power Southlake Carroll in the 2005 Class 5A Division II state title game.

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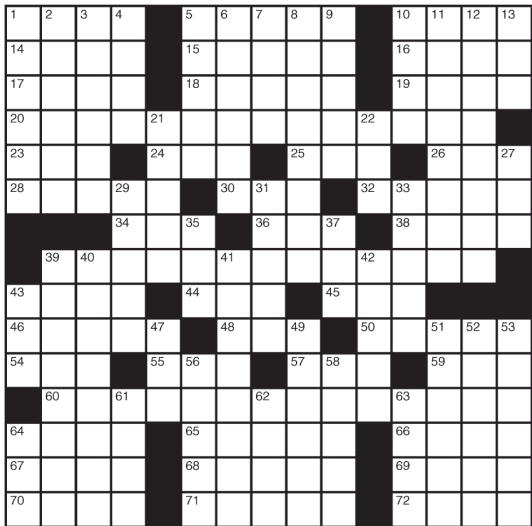
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34 Spearheaded
36 Soak flax
38 Despicable
39 Rather sluggish
43 In a bit
44 Vital statistic
45 Beatnik's abode
46 Shaped with an axe
48 Long in the tooth
50 Good judgment
54 Hotshot
55 Writer McEwan
57 Make "all gone"
59 Feel poorly
60 Not up to speed
64 Muddy the waters
65 Bright blue shade
66 Dresden's river
67 Sicilian spouter
68 Religious doctrine
69 Bring up
70 Cribbage markers
71 Mississippi quartet?
72 Betting figures

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2 Flier Earhart
3 Estate houses
4 Small merganser
5 Turn red
6 Rig workers
7 A.D. word
8 Elevation standard
9 Halloween handout
10 Musical composition
11 Like a shooting star?
12 Like pencil but not pen
13 Final degree
21 Nincompoops
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27 Deli bread
29 Tool for evening
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33 Sidestep
35 Genetic letters
37 Recipe meas.
39 Short account
40 Lofty
41 Contemplates a dilemma
42 Kindergarten adhesive



By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD

8/14/07

See Wednesday's paper for answers to today's crossword puzzle.

43 Expression of triumph
47 Make holes
49 Relative intensity
51 Caught in the act
52 One-name comic
53 Grownups, to kids
56 Playing marble
58 Drives the getaway car
61 Woe is me
62 Cloister crowd
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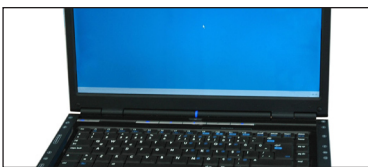
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TOMORROW

New coaches excited about opportunity

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

While the majority of athletic programs kept their coaching staffs intact, a couple of programs, football and swimming and diving in particular, brought in fresh faces during the off-season.

Justin Fuente, Keegan Walkley and Stephen Jensen have come from programs big and small with stories as different as the two sports they represent to contribute to their respective programs this year and beyond.

Perhaps one of the most notable cogs to step away from last year's 11-2 Horned Frogs' football team this past off-season was quarterbacks coach Dick Winder, who retired last spring after spending 41 years in coaching, five of which as a Frog. Looking to fill the position quickly, offensive coordinator Mike Schulz shifted from running backs coach to Winder's old post, and the team soon hired Fuente in February to be the new running backs coach.

Fuente, a disciple of Winder when he was a quarterback at Oklahoma from 1996-97, comes to Fort Worth after spending six seasons as the offensive coordinator at Illinois State — coaching an offensive unit that ranked as one of the best in Division I-AA.

After an afternoon practice had concluded on a sweltering August day, the Tulsa, Okla. native said he appreciated the kind words put in on his behalf from Winder and Schulz to help him land the position, and said he was "fired up" to learn he was returning to the Southwest region.

"I'm not a native Texan,

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Justin Fuente, running backs coach, football
—Quarterback at Oklahoma, 1996-97.

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"When Coach (Gary) Patterson offered me the job, I jumped at it. I was really excited."



Keegan Walkley, assistant coach, swimming and diving

—Won individual national championship at Georgia in 200-backstroke, 1999.

—Spent two years as assistant coach at the University of New Orleans, including during Hurricane Katrina.

"You see what's going on (on) TV, but you don't see the actual rebuilding process."

but I am from Oklahoma and know a bunch of people down in this area and am familiar with Dallas/Fort Worth, and even more familiar with TCU football," Fuente said. "When Coach Patterson offered me the job, I jumped at it. I was really excited."

Patterson lauded Fuente's coaching experience at a young age as an important tool to use during the recruiting process with potential recruits. He also said that Fuente has fit into the program nicely since his arrival.

"(Fuente) doesn't have a different philosophy from what we do, so nothing has changed," Patterson said. "Everything since he's been here has run smoothly."

From the gridiron to the pool, swimming and diving head coach Richard Sybesma added two staff members in Walkley and Jensen, who have enjoyed individual successes, while facing out-of-the-pool adversity during their time at their former institutions.

Walkley was an assistant coach after spend-

ing two seasons as an assistant coach at the University of New Orleans. She brings a national championship pedigree to the squad, having been a part of a University of Georgia program that won three national championships during her four years. During this time, she also earned an individual national championship in the 200-backstroke during the 1999 campaign.

Of course, being in New Orleans during the past two years means that Walkley witnessed the rebuilding of the city post-Hurricane Katrina — a sight Walkley said is depicted as "a one-sided story" on TV.

"You see what's going on (on) TV, but you don't see the actual rebuilding process," Walkley said. "You see all the bad things ... It was a very interesting experience and it makes you realize what's important in life."

Having the opportunity to work with both men and women was what drew the Atlanta native to the job. She hopes to use this opportuni-

ty to hopefully gain a head coaching position somewhere down the line. Sybesma said her accolades and credibility will only benefit the program.

"She's going to be able to use that experience to help our kids, whether they be kids who are knocking on the door of the NCAA Championships or the kids who are just entering our program or kids that are just trying to make the team," Sybesma said. "She's going to help them with a wealth of knowledge in lots of different areas."

In addition to Walkley, Jensen will look to make his mark as a graduate assistant starting this season. Jensen beat out, what Sybesma called "a ton of applicants," after wrapping up a career at Virginia Tech as an individual medley and backstroke specialist.

Like Walkley, Jensen faced rough times during the end of his stay at Virginia Tech with last April's campus shootings. Although he did not know anyone immediately involved in the tragedy, he said the Blacksburg, Va. campus will move on.

"It was a big blow to my school, but in a lot of ways, it brought the community together, and they're going to move forward from it," Jensen said.

Jensen said he hopes he can add his experience as an accomplished collegiate swimmer to the program's reputation.

"This was a great opportunity for me," Jensen said. "TCU has a rich history in swimming and for me to be a part of that is something really special for me and my family."

Boys of summer bring dread, misery to fans

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

I was wearing a suit and tie and drinking Merlot at the Jersey Shore when "Don't Stop Believing" played before the screen abruptly cut to black.

COMMENTARY



Tim Bella

What should have been the final moments of Tony Soprano's life unfolding in the June finale of "The Sopranos" left people wondering what had just happened.

What I didn't know was that the finale also signaled the beginning of the end for the sports world in the summer of 2007.

Americans cared about soccer for about seven minutes, Pacman Jones stepped into the wrestling ring and, with arguably the worst NBA Finals in league history, another Tour de France doping allegation surfaced.

Then there were the untimely deaths of college basketball coach Skip Prosser and baseball coach Mike Coolbaugh and, of course, the ongoing saga of what sadly appears to be a cover-up in the Pat Tillman case. And who could forget about the abysmal Sportscenter's "Who's Now?" segments.

Of course, these tragedies have certainly been overshadowed by four men who have helped bury sports — or in one case, "sports entertainment" — six feet under in the summer of 2007: Chris Benoit, Mike Vick, Tim Donaghy and Barry Bonds. Take a look at those four names

again. You look at them a second time through, and all you can think of is "double murder-suicide," "illegal dogfighting operation," "guilty of fixing NBA games" and "awkward congratulatory recording by Hank Aaron." Not exactly the boys of summer Don Henley spoke of in 1984.

What the hell just happened? How did we get here? How can we recover from the boys of summer? Is that even possible?

As bad as this summer was for a sports fan, and believe me, it entered the Ben Affleck level of bad once the Donaghy scandal broke, this summer gave us feel-good stories such as the improbable comeback attempts of Jon Lester, Rick Ankiel and Priest Holmes, and brought us moments of happiness from the likes of Kevin Garnett, Cal Ripken, Jr. and Tony Gwynn.

Heck, I still pull up LeBron James' "My Lebrogative" performance from the ESPYs on YouTube when I need a good laugh, and I know you do too.

So, as we all prepare for fantasy football drafts, debate the merits of Andy Dalton as TCU's starting quarterback and patiently wait for what has the potential to be a season for the ages from Gary Patterson and company, we must believe and keep hoping, as sports fans, that the fall will allow us to forget about the boys of summer.

But if that's not possible, then the joy of fall sports will die a slower, more methodical death than that of everybody's favorite New Jersey sociopath.



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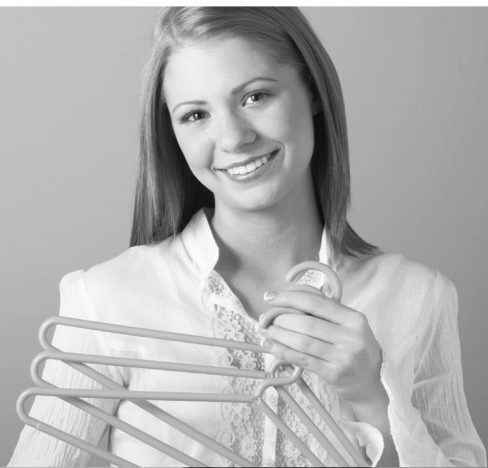
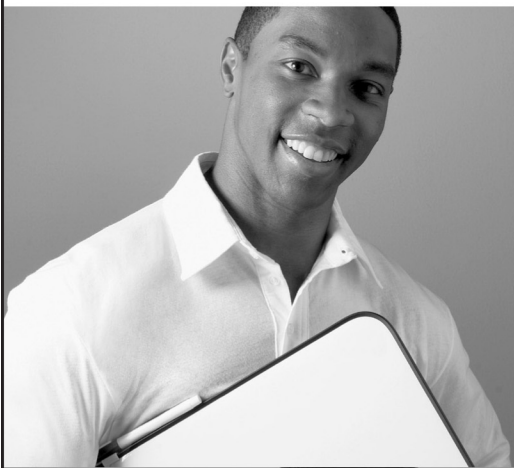


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