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New York attorney general issues subpoena to study abroad provider

By JORDAN HAYGOOD Staff Reporter

One of TCU's study abroad providers is under investigation by New York's attorney general for giving universities financial incentives.

national Education of Stu- demic quality remains our es the academic experience dents received a subpoena highest priority." Thursday requesting infor-

Andrew Cuomo's office.

According to the statement, gram incentives. "IES will continue to place the interest of students first backs in any shape or form," The Institute for the Inter- and our commitment to aca- Kucko said. "IES only enhanc-

mation about its financial IES as its study abroad provid-

ate with the Attorney General logistics and does not have has been "no under-the-table these problems have arrived any operation to give our pro-

"We do not receive kickby supporting housing, trans-For 10 years, TCU has used portation and facilities."

Kucko said TCU hosts

work going on." IES will con- with other colleges, I feel that tinue working with these pro- this is an opportunity I cangrams, Kucko said.

Cassie Bloss, a junior communication studies major, tion is defining good pracsaid she plans to study tices and will not hinder the abroad despite the allegations study abroad program. brought against IES.

partners and, according to an of the study abroad program, 20 different countries with that have studied abroad," said. "However, that is exactly IES statement, it will cooper- said IES only assists with the IES each semester and there Bloss said. "Even though why I think it is good these

> not pass up." Kucko said the investiga-

"I would hate to think "I have heard nothing but their incentives are working practices with 39 university er, and Jane Kucko, director study abroad programs in good things from my friends against the students," Kucko

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Students wait in line as for hamburgers during Frogpalooza Tuesday on the Sadler Lawn. Event organizers said about 600 people attended the event, 100 more than last year's Frogpalooza.

Lawyer: Professor jailed because of miscommunication

BV LIZ DAVIS Staff Reporter

A tenured professor who was jailed over the summer on what that information for making threats was not was. The other professor, threatening anyone on cam- also in the psychology pus but was trying to warn department, said he could

member, his

charged with

Tuesday.

a misdemeanor for sending understand and respond threatening e-mails when to the charges against you," he was arrested, said Mark Thielman said. "If someone Thielman, the district attor- — a lawyer or judge — has ney prosecuting Bond. The reason to think there is a district attorney's office legitimate question about added a felony charge lat- competence right now, the er because of the number procedural mechanism is to of people he threatened, have the defendant exam-Thielman said. Bond has not been indicted by the grand jury for the felony was sending threats to faccharge, Thielman said. "At no time was Dr. Bond threatening any student at includes suffering from man-TCU," said Tim Clancy, one ic episodes with psychotic of Bond's attorneys. "He was trying to make TCU ality disorder, according to aware of (another professor). He had information on (the professor) that he examined Bond and said he

wanted the TCU community to know."

Clancy did not comment administrators about anoth- not comment on Bond's er faculty case.

> When Bond, 54, was lawyer said arrested, the court deemed him incompetent to stand Psychol- trial, according to court ogy profes- documents. He was held sor Charles without bail until he could Frederick regain competency, Thiel-Bond Jr. was man said.

> > "You are entitled to ined

When police said Bond

ulty, he was suffering from Bipolar I Disorder, which

features and mixed person-

Dr. Kelly R. Goodness

court documents. ..

Students shrug off online evaluations

By JORDAN HAYGOOD Staff Reporter

After last semester's online course evaluation pilot test, the faculty evaluation committee reported the study was unsuccessful because of a low student response rate found.

son we had unsuccessful rates was because over 1,000 evalu-

spam filters so by the time the e-mails were sent back out, the timing was off due to finals week."

The online evaluations registered a response rate of 41.34 percent compared to the 75 percent response rate Catherine Wehlburg, exec- of the paper and pencil Stuutive director of the Office dent Perception of Teaching ed by tenured professors. In Enhancement, said, "A rea- as SPOT evaluations, Wehlburg said.

ations were caught in the TCU 200 course selections instruct- questions to each evaluation.

BY THE NUMBERS 41%

of students filled out online evaluations

for Assessment and Quality evaluations, otherwise known addition to asking the same appointed in the response questions as the hand-administered evaluation, faculty mem-The pilot study consisted of bers added course specific

75% of students filled out paper/pencil evaluations

Wehlburg said she was disrate because the whole idea of evaluations was to modify and enhance courses.

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presented a low risk for future dangerous actions, according to court documents. The threats were brought on by an untreated

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Faculty member helps lead church

By AMANDA SHIMKO Staff Reporter

The president of the Brite Divinity School said he hopes through his background in the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) he can help the church evolve with the changing times instead of dwelling in the past.

ples of Christ) this summer at the church's biennial general assembly in Fort Worth.

Williams said in his position he will preside over the general and administrative boards, making sure all business matspeaking engagements.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has made news recently for officially forming and releasing a resolution

opposing the war in Iraq at everyone and fostering better its assembly this summer.

Members within the church have come out in disagree- is to better inform the church ment with the resolution, causing some to ask why it was passed, according to the Disciples News Service, the church's publication.

Williams said he feels con-President Newell Williams troversial issues need not be the university, said this kind was elected as moderator of resolved in a large group set- of recognition by the church is the Christian Church (Disci- ting where people don't always get a chance to grasp the liams' "lifelong commitment to issues through in-depth discussions.

Williams said he hopes his influence as moderator can bring small group discussions, where the people involved have ters are addressed, and will a better grasp on the issue and travel the country for various can make more significant and informed decisions, to the next assembly.

> year student at Brite, said Williams is good at including

learning environments.

Another goal, Williams said, as a whole and to encourage more conversation with not just those who attend the assemblies, but members everywhere.

Angela Kaufman, minister to just one more example of Wilhis faith, to the church and to the people of God."

Molly Taylor, third-year student at Brite and a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), said Williams' new role will not only help Brite students discover their own roles in the church, but "also help the denomination Rodney Thomas Jr., a third- discover and honor who they are as a church."

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Alumnus garners prestigious artist award; continues classical music career path

By CALLIE COX Staff Reporter

From Fort Worth to New York City and all places in between, TCU graduate Adam Golka is making a name for himself.

Gilmore Young Artist Award, Golka is now traveling the country, playing in major concert halls, said Dana Ramos, Golka's agent ..

The Gilmore Award is given to two students under the age of 22 every two years. Each recipient receives \$15,000 to further his or her musical career..

The candidates for the award are judged discreetly instead of in competition form for musicianship and performing abilities over a long period of time.

on June 1," Golka said. "The director asked me if I was hav- nist Jose Feghali at a piano

me if my day would be better if he knew from that first visit he told me that I had just been that he wanted to be taught awarded the Gilmore Award. My day became very good."

Golka is a first generation After being awarded the American. His parents fled Communist-controlled Poland in the 1980s, he said. The mentor, but my dear friend," youngest of three children, Golka began playing the piano and the violin at age 4. He said he enjoyed playing the violin more but ultimately could not deny his talent for playing the piano.

He had his first solo concert at age 9 at the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C. Since then, he has had over 150 performances all over the world.

A few years after his first "I remember getting the call concert, he met TCU piano professor and renowned pia-

ing a good day. He then asked festival in Texas. Golka said by Feghali. Once a week his mother would drive him from Houston to Fort Worth for lessons.

"Feghali is not only my Golka said. "He is an amazing musician and teacher."

Feghali said it didn't take him long to realize that Golka was very bright, special and talented.

"It takes a mixture of qualities to make a musician," he said. "He has a lot of talent, but he is the hardest working person I know. Some just rely on talent, but he matches it with his work."

At 15, Golka moved to Fort Worth and began the Artist Diploma Program at TCU. See **PIANIST**, page 4

WEATHER

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PECULIAR FACT

ANKARA, Turkey — A "bomb" hijackers threatened to use against hostages on a Turkish plane Saturday turned out to be a block of modeling clay with wires attached, several Turkish newspapers reported Sunday." - Reuters

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illness, according to the documents.

Clancy said Bond is cooperating fully with the district attorney's office and TCU. He has been receiving treatment for his illness and until now he has had an exemplary record as a professor, Clancy said.

He said Bond has been teaching sometime in the Victor Boschini said. Bond future.

"He's dealing to the best of his ability. He is being patient and waiting for the legal system to take its course."

Tim Clancy Charle Bond's

attorney

take its course."

The court placed a restraincontinuing his research at ing order on Bond to keep home and hopes to resume him off campus, Chancellor has been put on administra-"He's dealing to the best of tive leave under the Family his ability," Clancy said. "He and Medical Leave Act, he is being patient and wait- said. The act requires that issues. ing for the legal system to a professor receive up to 12

weeks of unpaid job-pro- to teach two classes this tected leave, according to semester. The undergrad-Web site.

that Dr. Bond never committed a terroristic threat and he had no intention of harming anyone in the TCU community," Clancy said.

Tracy Syler-Jones, assistant vice chancellor for marketing and communication, said she could not comment on whether Bond could return to TCU if acquitted, saying the university does not comment on hypothetical situations. She said it is also against TCU policy to comment on personnel

Bond was scheduled

the TCU Human Resources uate course was cancelled and Professor David Cross is "Since day one we believe teaching the graduate-level course.

EVALUATIONS From page 1

"Even though the response rates were low, that was the whole reason for the test, learning from the outcomes," the faculty evaluation committee.

Many faculty members noticed student evaluations were more honest because Alston said. students felt they had more privacy filling them out

online, Wehlburg said. Kendal Harlan, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, disagreed.

"I got the evaluation right in the middle of finals, but it was much more convenient for me to fill them out in class as opposed to on my own free time," Harlan said.

Amber Alston, a junior early childhood education major. said her evaluation sat in her inbox for about a week.

"It was not a long evaluasaid Susan Staples, chair of tion - it took me two seconds to fill out — but the problem was I had no incentive to do it on my own when I can just fill it out in class,"

> Wehlburg said it would be at least a year before online course

evaluations are tested again.

"There was not enough positive feedback from the online evaluations," Wehlburg said. "As for now, we will stick to paper and pencil."

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While Williams said he was flattered by this accolade and looks forward to his position, he feels that this is as high as he wants to go.

"At my age, I think that I now know that I am essentially a teacher," Williams said, referring to his life at TCU. "This is the world where I belong."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Take everything you like seriously, except yourself." Rudyard Kipling

THE SKIFF VIEW Evaluation submissions beneficial to faculty

trial proved unsuccessful because of low student participation. Before the online course evaluations get a

second trial. students must first understand the implications of course evaluations. Forty-one percent of the student body

responded to the online evaluations compared to 75 percent who filled out the paperand-pencil Student Perception of Teaching evaluations during class, said Catherine Welhburg, executive director of the Office for Assessment and Quality Enhancement.

Thus, the course evaluations have returned to the classrooms and Wehlburg said the online evaluations will not be tested again for at least a year.

This hiatus is reasonable considering course evaluations don't hold a high place in most students' priority lists.

Ultimately, course evaluations exist to serve the student body. With adequate feedback, professors would be better equipped to improve courses and programs.

Eventually, increased interest in the evaluations has the potential to raise the value

ast semester's online course evaluation of a TCU degree. Online course evaluations not only allow students to respond on their own time, they allow for course-specific questions, making it possible for students to offer more constructive and accurate feedback.

> Some students say they prefer the handadministered version of course evaluations because they would rather spend class time answering them as opposed to their free time.

The potential improvements the online course evaluations offer the university outweigh any excuse for these students' failure to spend the two minutes to fill out an online evaluation.

Students should take time to think beyond their immediate convenience and consider the long-term benefits of their twominute investment in course evaluations.

While it is too late to salvage the online evaluation option now, it is important to realize the significance of these simple opportunities to give a voice of the student body to the administrators.

Features editor Saerom Yoo for the editorial board.



COUNTERPOINT

POINT

Early registration not harmful

As TCU students make their way to classes this fall semester, rumblings and grumblings can already be heard about class schedules. It seems that no one can be entirely happy with the courses they have ended up with. Maybe they begin too early, maybe they run too late, or perhaps one of



those all-too-rare "blow off" courses was already full

when you signed up. Sure, it's sad that there was more demand than "Sexy Naked People 101" or "Survey of Xbox" was able to handle, but bitter parties are all too quick to point fingers. Most of the time,

David Hal

the blame is directed at athletes and honor students

While some would argue that these students are no different than any regular Horned Frog and aren't deserving of having first pick of classes, the truth is that not all students are created equal when it comes to class registration.

First of all, athletes are granted first pick of classes because of their busy schedules. With rigorous practice routines to adhere to, athletes need a little more flexibility when it comes to choosing classes. Travel is also a major barrier in the way of athletes falling in with general registration. If a member of the women's soccer team knows that she'll be consistently out of town on Fridays for games, she should have the chance to make her schedule accordingly. While some non-athletes liken having to lurch out of bed after a long Thursday night at Billy Bob's to some crazy Yugoslavian form of torture, they're still physically capable of being in class.

Also, don't forget the recruiting edge that the school would lose if it gave away early registration for athletes. Early signup is pretty much par for the course at most major American universities. With no star recruits in any sport, athletic performance would go into freefall. Moneymaking sponsorships would dry up. Total enrollment would fall. Chancellor Boschini would be forced to sell the land that TCU stands on to Campbell's Soup just to make ends meet. Now, instead of enjoying a wellrounded liberal arts education, TCU's best and brightest are pasteurizing tomato soup for \$7.00 an hour.

Farfetched? Absolutely. Impossible? You be the judge.

Intense hyperbole aside, early registration for athletes makes sense. With grueling practice schedules and dozens of flights throughout the country, not to mention the intense competition, a little preferential treatment when it comes to schedule making seems like pittance for athletes' sacrifice.

While some may always cry foul about athletes' and honor students' early registration, it's not a privilege that has been granted without careful thought or consideration to all parties involved. It's done for the general welfare of the university. Furthermore, would you be willing to step up to the challenge of being a TCU athlete in order to sign up for classes first? Personally, if it's a choice between later registration or being a tackling dummy for a 350-pound defensive lineman named Peaches, I'll wait a couple of weeks.

Students with extracurricular activity should get same day sign-ups for class selections

At TCU, students participating in the honors program and those that play intercollegiate sports are permitted early class registration.

This may not be surprising because many individuals at this university COMMENTARY



are granted class registration before others for a variety of reasons, one of the most mainly for incoming freshmen — being credit hours. Despite this, the place in line reserved by the university for athletes and honors students

is at the very front.

The argument could be made that this group deserves the most consideration for class scheduling because of their strenuous and demanding requirements, but it seems as though the university has overlooked the fact that the students in both of these programs have chosen to be participants.

It could easily be said that the majority of students that attend TCU are involved in organizations outside of school including clubs, intramurals and Greek organizations to name a few. Combine these activities with work and studying, and many members of the student body have a finite amount of time to relax.

amount of esteem and consideration for early class registration, only that the administration thoughtfully consider the system which it upholds. Are the well-intentioned actions of those in authority actually serving the whole of this university as best they could, or might some manipulation of the current conventions be in order?

> Jacob Bloch is a sophomore radio-TVfilm major from Southlake.



David Hall is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood.

Another flaw of the current practice is that it places the importance on those with the most credit hours, who are also likely have the most rigid class time availability for those upper division courses.

I do not attempt to make the assertion that honors and athletics do not deserve some

Media outlets make money off politicians

..politicians aren't

the problem at

all, for once."

Edward

Wasserman

journalism ethics

What's the worst thing about the media?

Everybody has a favorite peeve: Bias in reporting, hyper-commercialization, encouraging people to buy things they don't need and can't afford, undermining core values, nurturing cynicism.

There are others, and Web sites are refilled daily with fresh angles on the case you can make against the media — here, I mean specifically the U.S. media. A case can also be made for the media, but that's not my interest today.

I'm interested in introducing my nominee for the very worst thing about the U.S. media, the single greatest harm the media do to American society. That, in my opinion, is to hang a for-rent sign on our political system.

The latest in that story came in a recent article that reported on the growing battle between TV broadcasters and cable owners over the record amounts candidates, parties and interest groups are poised to spend on campaign advertising in the current electoral cycle, which began moments after the last one ended.

The article estimates 2008 spending by candidates and interest groups on TV alone will top \$2 billion, out of total expenditures on advertising and marketing of all kinds of \$4.5 billion. That's up 64 percent from 2004, in part because this will be the first race for the White House since 1928 without a sitting president or vice president a presumed front-runner ---among the candidates.

Those estimates, staggering as they are, may be on the low side — if a major independent enters the presidential race, if control of either congressional chamber hangs in the balance, if

local candidates take advantage of cheap production costs and divert money from producing ads to buying more airtime, if Knight professor of interest groups heavy up on advertising right before the vote,

which is now legal thanks to a recent Supreme Court ruling.

Now that windfall is great news for the companies that own local TV stations or cable operations, which will be the main beneficiaries, and to a lesser extent for newspaper publishers and local radio.

It's the rest of us who pay. We pay by living under an electoral system that at every level is shaped by an unrelenting obligation among elected public servants to raise fabulous amounts of

money. As a result, months or even years before they come before us for final selection, candidates must be preapproved by tiny numbers of very rich donors in Hollywood, on Wall Street, in Silicon Valley, in the oil patch.

It is from those early signs of fundraising prowess that the viability of a candidacy is assessed, and it is only by continuing to bring in money that anyone can hope to succeed.

That's all well known. But somehow this problem, of an insatiable need for campaign dollars, has been turned into an indictment of politicians: It is their fault, it's their greed and hunger for money, that has turned electoral democracy into a livestock auction in which public policy is led around by the nose.

But, in fact, politicians aren't the problem at all, for once. To get re-elected the average senator must raise \$20,000 every week in office, members of Congress a halfmillion a year. (That was for the last election cycle. We're looking at a nearly two-thirds increase this time.) They don't keep the money, and they don't spend it on luxuries. They don't get rich not until they leave office. For now, all they get is to keep their jobs.

Where does the money go? Most of it goes to media, to making and airing those sharp, memorable, exquisitely produced and invariably deceitful TV spots that are the hard currency of modern, pay-as-you-go electoral jihad. In that respect we pay again, through a debased campaign discourse that is compressed, refined and distorted to comply with a corporate-owned media commons that ladles

out opportunities to address the public in fractions of a second.

Tweaking the rules of raising money is a perennial cause among reformers, but doing something about why anybody needs all that money rarely comes up. Every once in a while some nohope politician raises the possibility that media might actually be compelled - in exchange for all the public largesse they feast on, whether airwaves or terrestrial rights-of-way - to do what media do in other republican systems, and provide real, serious, free air time for office-seekers to talk to each other and to us.

And surprise — when those proposals are floated, the media ignore them.

Edward Wasserman is the Knight professor of journalism ethics at Washington and Lee University. His column appeared in The Miami Herald and was distributed by MCT.

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would make him feel good knowing coaches were thinking about him. Of course, text messaging during the recruiting process is good if it is in moderation, he said.

"I think it can be a good thing, but I mean, if it's getting to where they're sending one every day, all the time, it can get out of control," Dalton said.

Junior Devon Kirk of the volleyball team would often receive instant messages from recruiters, and started receiving text messages after committing to be a Horned Frog.

She said recruiting through text messaging and instant messaging gives female student-athletes a comfort zone to think their decision through.

"I think it's more comfortable for the athlete to get IMs and texts," said Kirk, outside hitter and middle blocker. "Coaches can be intimidating sometimes."

While the discussion concerning the text messaging debate continues, coaches will need to find other methods, electronic or traditional, to bring the best studentathletes to Fort Worth in the years to come.

> Staff reporter Brett Larson contributed to this story.

Dalton looks to lead, earn respect

By BRETT LARSON and TIM BELLA Staff Reporter and Sports Editor

Andy Dalton was hanging out with friends, watching the No. 1 movie in America at TCU.

movie ... but I came up here him here: hard work. on Sunday and that's when they told me," Dalton said. "I the respect of my teammates," went and saw 'Superbad.'"

beat out sophomore Marcus

tion of Jeff Ballard.

begins to prepare for the season opener against Baylor in less than two weeks know-"I was actually told in a be earned through what got

Dalton said. "I've just got to

While the Katy native and hopefully, my teammates didn't play." can see that too."

Although Dalton has secured the starting job, head when he got the news he was ing that the starting position coach Gary Patterson said the also saw the return of senior named the No. 1 quarterback is his, he said he knows his team expected Jackson to play place on the team will have to between the third and sixth offensive series against Baylor American for multiple media "I've already started to earn son-led teams during the first secutive practices and was game of the season.

The redshirt freshman keep working hard and let as ones — we just made a reasons." While those reasons them know that nothing is decision," Patterson said. "It still remain unclear and unan-Jackson in a contested battle going to change. I'm still going was for various reasons and swered, Patterson said Blake for the starting quarterback to work hard and just prepare we're just going to go on ... looked good in his first day slot, opened by the gradua- my best for Baylor. The coach- We haven't had a 10-win sea- back on the field.

es just saw something in me, son yet where the second guy

In addition to Dalton officially leading the first-team offense, Tuesday's practice defensive end Tommy Blake.

Blake, a preseason All-- a typical practice of Patter- outlets, missed several conexcused from the team for "We treat both those guys what was called "personal

PIANIST From page 1

This program is geared for the most advanced and gifted young performers who show serious potential for becoming concert artists.

Golka said he loved his time at TCU and he loved the environment of the school and the diversity of the campus. He said he was treated as an equal even though he was younger than everyone else. Golka graduated from TCU at age 18.

All of his work culminated in July when he received the Gilmore Young Artist Award.

Feghali described this award as "the most prestigious of the young artist awards."

Golka said he views the award as a huge honor. He said it is still hard to believe he was actually chosen.

Ramos, from Verve Productions in New York, said, "To know Adam is to love him. He is very down to earth and real," she said. "Everyone who meets him likes him."

Golka said he loves music and he loves playing for people. He said he wants to popularize classical music and wants people to appreciate it and that classical music is "for deep expression and thought, not purely for entertainment."

Golka said his life revolves around music. and he hopes it stays that way for a long time.



allegations are being made. It shows TCU works with the right providers."

In recent months, Cuomo has also been investigating into university financial aid lenders, alleging widespread improprieties within the student loan industry. TCU has been part of Cuomo's lending investigation as well.



The Horned Frogs first preseason game is tonight to finally start playing. against the Stephen F. Aus-Nacogdoches.

give the players an opportunity to showcase what the team has accomplished during preseason training.

will translate against opponents," Abdalla said.

Senior Angie Nickens said there is an excited air about the team and that she is ready

be able to achieve what we want."

In terms of leadership this

enough talent that they don't ers who have the ability to be have to rely on one player to dangerous," Abdalla said. score all the goals.

squad graduated in the spring, record of 6-8-4 and injuries but the team keeps the core to several players including "The freshmen have stepped of its offense for the 2007 tin University Ladyjacks in up and done exactly what we campaign. Last season's lead ren Pope. expected from them," Nickens scorer, striker Lizzy Karoly The game is the first of said. "There's a good vibe on and assist leader, midfielder return to the field healthy and two preseason contests and the team knowing we have Michelle Nguyen will both will face an SFASU team that Abdalla said this game will talent and we're going to return for their sophomore went 9-8-1 last season. season.

players who have potential sity Saturday, Aug. 25 before season, Abdalla said the team to score 10-plus goals, but beginning the regular season "It's been a good preseason will look for leaders to guide they aren't going to have to at the University of Texas at and now we can see how it the team, but that there is because we have eight play-Austin.

Last season TCU finished Four players from the 2006 the season with an overall Nickens and then-junior Lau-

This season the Lady Frogs

TCU will return home to "We've got a couple of play Oklahoma State Univer-



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TODAY IN HISTORY

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WORTH A LAUGH — BUT ONL Y ONE

Q: Why do dragons sleep during the day?

A: So they can fight knights!

Quigmans

by Buddy Hickerson



"Do I always have to be the handyman around here?"

Quigmans

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"You think you have it bad ... I was the first monkey in space and I can't even get a driver's license."



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

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

Tuesday's Solutions								
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GOAL!

Check out what makes one soccer player this week's athlete profile. TOMORROW

RECRUITING

Text ban halts coaches

By TIM BELLA Sports Editor

Whether it's during class or out at the movies, text messaging, instant messages and e-mails have grown in popularity among the adolescents of this generation to the point where it has arguably changed the communication landscape.

That changing landscape of electronic communication has forced the NCAA to ban the use of text messaging as part of the recruiting process for college athletics.

The ban, which was approved in April and implemented on Aug. 1, also eliminates other forms of electronic communication that include video conferencing and message boards on social networks such as Facebook or MySpace, according to a revision made in the 2007-08 NCAA Division I Manual.

In order for the ban to be overturned, a 5/8 majority would be needed at the NCAA's National Convention in January 2008, said Andrea Nordmann, the associate athletics director for compliance at TCU.

Nordmann said while she believes the ban will eventually be overturned, restrictions would have to be implemented in order to keep up with the continual evolution of electronic recruiting.

"I would like to see an all or nothing rule put in place," Nordmann said. "Monitoring text messaging will be very difficult for compliance offic-

es across the country if they Patterson the type of person put time-of-day limitations on it."

An Alternate Route

The text messaging ban has had mixed feelings by coaches and players regarding the issue.

Football head coach Gary Patterson said that while the ban is positive by saving recruits from hefty text messaging bills, texting should be allowed when the official contact period opens in December or January.

"It's a lot easier to get a hold of kids," Patterson said. "People are less likely to break rules in contacting kids because they can get a hold of them easier and, with kids, that's their use of communication nowadays."

Despite the restrictions on some forms of electronic recruitment, Patterson has found an indirect, legal way to promote TCU football to potential recruits via an informational Web site giving background on the university, the program and himself as a coach.

CoachPatterson.com is just one of many informational Web sites on some of the nation's best college football programs that can give recruits a better idea of what the university and the program are all about. Patterson said the site provides an easier avenue for recruits to see what camps the football program offers, and gives prospective student-athletes a look to see what makes

he is.

"People want to touch people if they decide that's where they want to go to school at, and it's a way for me to show them a little bit more of my personal life and what I'm all about," Patterson said. "A Web site is definitely an advantage. It's not something that takes up a lot of my time, and it gives more access and that's what people want."

Impacted Recruitment

Although the majority of the debate may center around the more publicized college sports such as football and basketball, the ban affects athletic programs from sports big and small. Prentice Lewis, head coach of the volleyball team, considered text messaging to be more beneficial to smaller schools such as TCU so that athletes could become more aware of what the institution has to offer.

We're very upset about the change," Lewis said. "Texting was a pure factor for getting our kids. For us to get kids on campus, they have to know the name 'TCU."

Reaching the Athletes

During his time at Katy High School in Houston, redshirt freshman quarterback Andy Dalton said that while electronic recruiting did not play as much of a role during his recruitment process as did official visits and various camps, receiving a text message or e-mail from a coach See **TEXTING**, page 4 WOMEN'S SOCCER

KICKSTART



Sophomore midfielder Michelle Nguyen crosses the ball against the Sam Houston State Bearkats in a match at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium last season.

Rated rookies go east to face Lady Jacks

By ELISA GOMEZ

Staff Reporter The incoming rookie talent for the soccer team has gained recogonition in the

collegiate soccer world as exhibition play begins. With a recruiting class ranked 40th by Soccer

Buzz Magazine and 16 returning players, head coach Dan Abdalla said the preseason training was used to get the players acquainted with one another to see how the team will fit together.

See **SOCCER**, page 4



TCU's vaunted defense took a blindside hit this week as James Vess was ruled ineligible to play this season.

Vess, a junior defensive tackle from Fort Worth, was one of nine starters slated to return for a defense that ranked No. 2 in total defense in the country last season. Despite the season-long suspension, head coach Gary Patterson said he was informed Tuesday that Vess is still allowed to practice with the team.

While it is unknown what infraction(s) caused Vess to be ineligible for the season, Patterson said in Tuesday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram that Vess would continue to take classes at TCU. Freshman Kelly Griffin from Irving is expected to take over for Vess.

Vess was coming off of a breakout year, totaling 8.5 tackles for loss and 4 sacks, while starting 11 games as a sophomore.

This is the latest story in what has been an eventful week for TCU football. "Personal reasons" kept Tommy Blake at home, forcing the senior defensive end to miss several practices before returning to practice Tuesday. Also, Patterson announced Sunday that redshirt freshman Andy Dalton beat out sophomore Marcus Jackson for the starting quarterback position.

Sports editor Tim Bella





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