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## Plus/minus system takes effect; professors choose their own scales

By SONA THAPA  
Staff Reporter

With the implementation of the new plus/minus grading system, two students with the same grade of a 71 may not receive the same credit, the associate registrar said.

Mary Kincannon, associate registrar, said a grade of a C-minus or below will result in no credit.

After more than two years of heated debates and consid-

erations, TCU implemented the plus/minus grading system this semester. The system will be applicable for incoming undergraduate, graduate and transfer students. Students enrolled before this semester will not be affected by it.

The plus/minus grading system will use grades such as a B-plus and a B-minus instead of a flat B.

Under the old system, a student making an 80 and another

student making an 89 in a class would both earn a B. With the plus/minus grading system, a person earning an 89 will not only receive a B-plus but also a more grade points.

However, if a freshman and a sophomore take the same class, and make a 71, the sophomore will receive a C and will get credit for it. The freshman, on the other hand, will receive a C-minus

and will have to repeat the course.

David Grant, professor of religion and chair of the department, said this side of the system was not fair.

Grant said even though he supported the plus/minus grading system, he was opposed to the grandfathering. He said it should have gone into effect for everyone.

Some freshmen said the

plus/minus grading system was not mentioned during academic advising. However, like the debates that have plagued it for two years, there was a mixed response toward it.

William Sandoval, a freshman religion major, said he has confidence in the new grading system.

"I actually believe it's fair to disperse it like that," Sandoval said.

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"People who are studying harder should get more credit than someone who's doing a mediocre job."

**William Sandoval**  
freshman religion major

## NEW CREW



Potential new members of Gamma Phi Beta wait in line during Greek Week outside Wiggins Hall on Aug. 16. The sorority will continue its recruitment Sept. 10.

## Sorority ready to recruit first class

By ANA BAK  
Staff Reporter

After an abbreviated formal recruitment last week, Gamma Phi Beta will start its recruitment Sept. 10.

Invited to join the TCU Greek community March 1, Gamma Phi took part in last week's Panhellenic formal recruitment.

Jamie Shultz, collegiate leadership consultant for Gamma Phi, said the sorority participated in round one and then dropped out.

Shultz said the reason Gamma Phi didn't finish

formal recruitment was because the sorority had to use alumnae instead of current TCU students to bring in pledges. Formal recruitment was used more as a marketing tool, Shultz said.

"Formal recruitment was like our coming-out party, a time to spread the love," Shultz said. "It was insanely busy but it was a great experience. It gave us a chance to tell people who we're all about."

Kelsey Lemm, coordinator of fraternity and soror-

ity life and Panhellenic adviser, said even though Gamma Phi didn't complete formal recruitment it was good for them to take part in it.

"The other sororities are really supportive of Gamma Phi," Lemm said. "They let Gamma Phi representatives sit in on their mock recruitment to see how recruitment functions."

Rho Gamma Alexandra Wallis said that throughout formal recruitment women were informed about the process of recruitment,

should they want to become a Gamma Phi.

James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life, said if the women who went through formal recruitment wanted to become a Gamma Phi, they would have had to forgo signing a contract at the end of round four of rush.

The contract is called the Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement Card, Lemm said. The MRABA is a card that binds woman to receive a bid from the houses she visits.  
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## Students cited for alcohol violations

By ALYSSA DIZON  
Staff Reporter

Despite prior warnings, some students had their first taste of alcohol violations before ever stepping foot in a classroom.

There were six on-campus alcohol violations since the first day of move-ins, but Sparkle Greenhaw, associate director of alcohol and drug education, said this is not an unusual occurrence.

"Just as soon as students get back on campus, we start getting alcohol violations," Greenhaw said. "The majority of violations come from first-year students."

Chris Sewalish, the director for Milton Daniel Hall said, "This is their first time to be without their parents so it's not unusual for students to get alcohol violations."

As soon as TCU opened its doors for housing move-ins, all incoming freshmen received the student handbook and were reminded about the alcohol policy when they checked in, at orientation and at the all-hall meetings.

Craig Allen, director of residential services, said the information was available and easy to understand, but problems start once students disregard their handbook.

"I read parts of (the handbook)," said Rachel Beebe, freshman mechanical engineering major. "I think people aren't going to follow it if they don't want to."

The handbook stated that TCU follows state drinking laws and focuses on maintaining a healthy learning environment that will teach students to become responsible adults.

Greenhaw says the Alcohol and Drug Education Center is divided into two categories:

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#### Penalties for alcohol violations

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- Attend an assessment screening and an alcohol education workshop.

##### SECOND OFFENSE

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- Attend a second assessment screening
- A letter will be sent to the student, the student's parents and the Office of Campus Life.

##### THIRD OFFENSE

- Pay a \$300 fine
- Complete 60 hours of community service
- Attend a minimum of three individual counseling sessions
- A letter will be sent to the student, the student's parents and the Office of Campus Life
- The student will be put on University disciplinary probation and students living on campus may be expelled from University housing for at least one semester.

SOURCE: Student Handbook

clinical and alcohol prevention.

The clinical side provides individual student treatment, follow-up care and references to outside alcohol or drug treatment centers, and the prevention side trains resident assistants, frog camp facilitators and campus organizations, Greenhaw said.

Throughout the year, Allen said ADE counselors collaborated with residential services to hold campus-wide alcohol education programs and train students.

This year, Greenhaw said

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## Wiggins Hall renovated; fraternities find new homes

By ANA BAK  
Staff Reporter

Heads or tails? With a simple coin toss, the future homes of two fraternities were decided.

Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon, the Sig Ep President Clayton Simons said, determined their future residences in a coin toss last winter. Both fraternities are now housed in the former girls' dormitory, Wiggins Hall, alongside the new sorority, Gamma Phi Beta and freshmen males.

Both fraternities were previously housed in Milton Daniel Hall, which now houses fresh-

man and honors students.

Pi Kapp President Brian Young said to determine the location for each house, Pi Kapp's housing committee chairman flipped a coin and Simons called it. Simons lost the coin toss, so Young had first choice as to which side of Worth Hills Pi Kapp got housed in.

"There are advantages to both sides," Young said. "Our house is closer to Bellaire, and Sig Ep is closer to the sorority houses."

Renovations for Wiggins Hall began the Monday after gradu-

ation, said James Parker, assistant dean of campus life.

"I had never been so excited about construction," Simons said.

Currently a junior, Simons has moved nine times since being at TCU and said he is excited about finally being able to settle in.

"I had to live in the Fiji (Phi Gamma Delta) house this summer and I didn't even unpack," Simons said.

Leah Carnahan, coordinator of fraternity and sorority life, said because of construction this summer, many early

move-in students were placed in alternate housing. Carnahan said people who weren't Greek were also housed in the Fiji house.

Craig Allen, director of residential services, said moving Pi Kapp and Sig Ep to Worth Hills fit into the overall housing vision of the university.

"We were going to renovate Wiggins, so we thought we would put them in there," Allen said.

Moving to Worth Hills has been something both fraternities have wanted for a long time.  
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## Campus meteorite gallery gains samples for research

By ALLIE BROWN  
Staff Reporter

The TCU community doesn't have to travel to space to rock out.

With the addition of 22 meteorites to the Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Gallery, space is brought to their very hands.

Arthur Ehlmann, a longtime friend of Oscar E. Monnig and curator of the collection, said 22 meteorite samples were purchased by TCU in February for \$70,000

and make up the most recent addition to the Monnig collection. Although Ehlmann said 75 percent of the collection is made up of irons, each  
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### MORE ONLINE



See the gallery's new meteorites online at [dailyskiff.com](http://dailyskiff.com)



### WEATHER

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— **REUTERS**

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PLUS/MINUS

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doval said. "People who are studying harder should get more credit than someone who's doing a mediocre job." On the other hand, Evan Kern, a freshman premajor, said he was not sure if the system was good or bad. Kern said if he received an 81 in a class, he would not want to get a B-minus and receive a lower grade when he could have earned a B. On the other hand, he said, if he made an 89, he would want to get a better grade than someone who made an 81. However, the plus/minus grading system is not man-

datory, said Patrick Miller, registrar and director of enrollment management. Miller said the faculty members will have the freedom to choose whether they want to follow this system. Students, however, will not have the same option. The grading range will also be the faculty members' decision, Miller said. Miller said the disparity between the grades of two students in the same class with different professors using different grading systems is not fair. However, he said that the disparity exists even now. It might not be in terms of plus/minus, but it might be in

the way a professor sets his grading scale, Miller said. "One professor could say 94 is an A and another could say 90 is an A," Miller said. Marco Duran, a junior biology and finance major, said he was concerned about the system. Duran said if a student was doing well it would be a good system for them. However, making a 4.0 would be more difficult since making a 90 would no longer guarantee four grade points, Duran said. Miller said he believes the plus/minus grading system to be a "more accurate grade scheme" that will give better grades to more deserving students.

GAMMA PHI

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ited in round four, Lemm said. If she chooses not to accept the bid that she receives on bid day, she cannot join another Panhellenic sorority for a calendar year, Lemm said. On the first day of recruitment, Gamma Phi hosted 12 groups of women for 20 minutes each in its new chapter room. The women got to hear alumnae talk about their experiences with Gamma Phi, Shultz said. "Our atmosphere was upbeat, even though our house is still a work in progress," Shultz said. "We were

just really excited to show off what we had." Shultz said Gamma Phi will have tables in the Brown-Lupton Student Center from Aug. 22 to Sept. 10. She said Gamma Phi will hold its recruitment information session in Ed Landreth Hall Sept. 10. For their rounds, Gamma Phi will bring in members from other schools. Oklahoma State University Gamma Phis will be here for their philanthropy round and members from the University of Oklahoma for their preference round, Shultz said. There will be four rounds, just like formal recruitment,

and a bid day at the end of recruitment with a planned sisterhood event, Lemm said. Once recruitment is over and bids are handed out, Gamma Phi will be a fully-functioning sorority, Shultz said. "We hope to get 150 girls," Shultz said. "That would be ideal." Shultz said Gamma Phi will not cut a prospective pledge because of her year in college. "Our hope is that with 11 Panhellenic members, all the girls (who go through recruitment) will find a home in the Greek community," Parker said.



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THE SKIFF VIEW

## New grading system requires consistency

Though the implementation of the plus/minus grading system might give a more accurate representation of students' grades, the lack of consistency in mandating it could create problems for students and administrators.

The plus/minus system was put into effect this fall for all incoming students, but the decision to use plus and minus grades is left up to the professors.

The system allows a professor to give a wider grade range, such as a C-plus, a C or a C-minus. Because a student must make a C to pass a class, a C-minus — though still in the C-range — does not count for credit under the new system.

Because of the optional implementation by professors, if two students are taking the same class with different professors and they both make a C-minus, one will pass the class with a C and the other will make an unsatisfactory grade with a C-minus.

Another discrepancy is that there is no set numerical grade range that corresponds to the letter grades. Each professor must outline his or her own grade range in his or her syllabus, for example, stating that a B-minus is the

equivalent of an 80 to an 82.

This means that if two professors teaching the same class have different grade evaluations, even if both professors use the plus/minus system, students in their classes who make the same grade will receive different grade points.

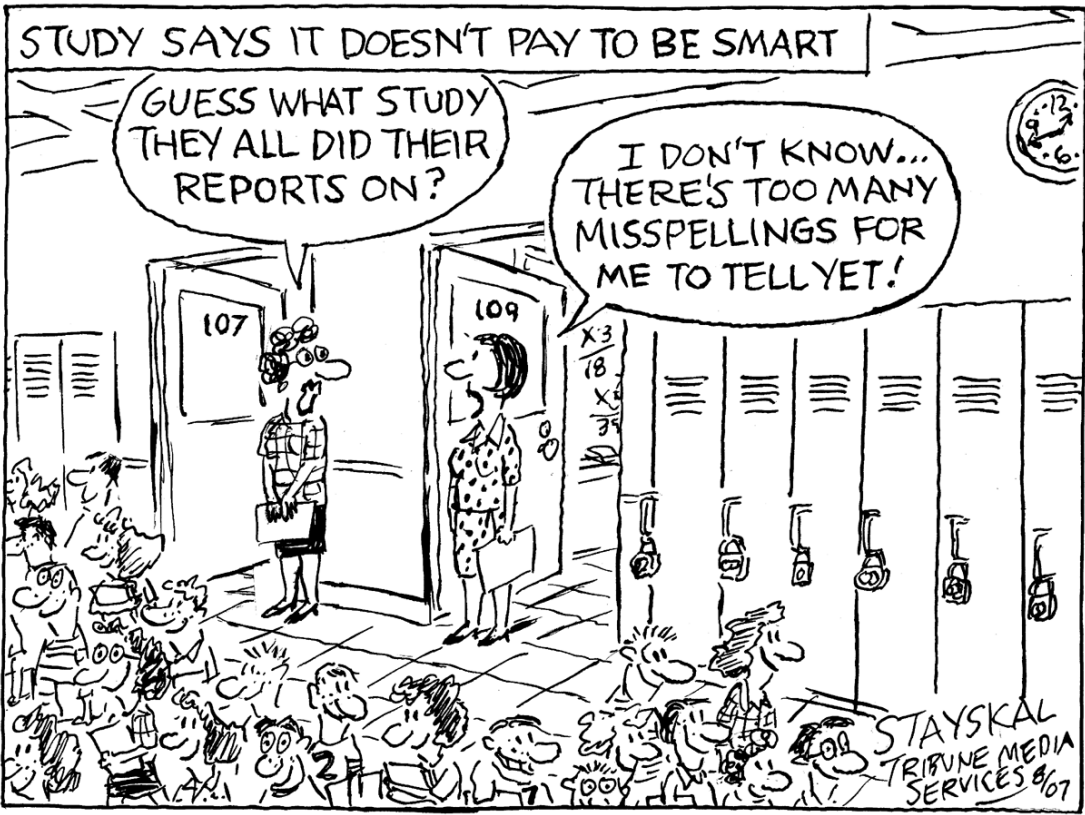
When given the option to take a course with a professor who uses the plus/minus system or with one who doesn't, it seems that most would choose the professor who doesn't use the new system.

This also creates a distinctive and inconsistent gap between passing and failing. In a class where the professor doesn't use plus/minus, a grade of a 69 is almost passing. In a class where the professor does use the plus/minus system, a 69 is almost a C-minus, which is still unsatisfactory. It seems that professors who might bump a 69 to a passing grade will be less likely to do so when they have to increase the grade by more than one point.

In essence, giving professors the ability to choose to use the new grading system creates unfair balance that will ultimately cause more problems than it solves.

*News editor Bailey Schiffler for the editorial board.*

BY WAYNE STAYSKAL



## Avoid freshman 15; try these healthy tips

It seems those dreaded words “the freshman 15” are on everyone's lips when they first start college. As a vegetarian and a fairly healthy eater, I found myself completely aghast when the “freshman 15” started creeping up on me during my first year of college. After re-examining my eating habits, I found that my healthy lifestyle had been corrupted by college food favorites — the cheap and easy kind. So here are some tips to eating healthy. First, stay away from the Main. It may be enticing with already cooked meals, luscious cornbread and gooey cobbles, but at least put some veggies on your plate. I love the Main but it's full of calorie-ridden goodness.

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Ericka Strickland

Second, nix the fast food. On a college, budget fast food seems like the best alternative. You and I have heard the statistics and seen “Super Size Me.” There are a lot of healthier alternatives out there than Whataburger.

Another thing you can do is to cook at home. You get to be in control of your portions and how much butter or olive oil you add to your food. Whereas, if you go out to eat you have no idea what the chef might have added to your food to make it taste so good. In your own kitchen you get to control what you eat and how it's prepared. Remember there is a kitchen in the dorm.

You might also want to remember that exercise is important to avoid “the freshman 15.” Find some time to walk your dog, ride your bike to and from school or make use of the University Recreation Center — it's free!

Of course, you shouldn't deny what you crave. It seems that when people keep themselves from eating what they desperately want, they go crazy when they finally get it and gorge themselves. Keep the chocolate and candy around, but snack in moderation.

With that being said, keep healthy snacks on hand. Some good ideas are: trail mix, carrots, yogurt, red grapes, cheese sticks and mixed nuts. Remember, the key word is “snack” but don't be too weary about how much you consume as each of these foods have individual health benefits..

Next, you should buy ingredients for quick meals. So what if coq au vin is your favorite meal? If you don't have the time you are not going to cook it and will probably end up eating chicken nuggets instead. Buy things like whole-wheat tortillas, tomatoes, deli meats and cheese, bagged spinach and hummus. You can make wraps with all of these ingredients or bake the tortillas into chips for chips and dip.

Finally, be creative! Not every meal has to be macaroni and cheese — it could be macaroni and cheese casserole with tomatoes and baked chicken.

*Ericka Strickland is a junior religion major from Plano.*

## New minimum wage a step, still not enough

So far the Democratic-controlled Congress has not done much in the way of legislation. Seemingly, it has spent

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Lance Webb

more time exercising Congressional oversight. Say what you will. However, this Congress achieved at least one clear success by pushing through an increase in the federal minimum wage, which President Bush signed into law on May 25. The bill provides for a three-stage 70

cents increase. The first stage, effective on July 24, increased the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 per hour to \$5.85. By July 24th, 2009, the federal minimum wage will reach \$7.25 per hour.

Many call this a victory; I call it a modest start. Currently, the official poverty rate is somewhere between 12-13 percent of the population, which translates into about 37 million people. This is unacceptable considering the economic stature of the United States. Compared to most other industrialized societies, the U.S. has higher poverty rates for children and the non-

elderly.

There are many complex causes of the state of poverty in the U.S., one being the growing disparity between the average income and the minimum wage income. Despite national increases in worker productivity and corporate profits, the typical income of the minimum-wage workers remains in a state of proportional decline.

The increase in minimum wage serves as a good starting point. However, it does not grant either Congress or U.S. citizens a clear conscience. The problem of poverty and wage worker

abjection will persist if we buy into the notion that this recent minimum wage increase is enough.

Our society needs to approach the problem from multiple angles, ranging from healthcare, education and housing costs to the price of gasoline. All of these issues factor into the larger problem. Therefore, if we only narrowly focus on the wage aspect, we will certainly fail to make even a dent in the class inequalities that plague this country.

*Lance Webb is a junior philosophy and news-editorial journalism major from Fort Worth.*

## Required P.E. would combat obesity

School is a place where students exercise their minds by learning and growing in knowledge. Academics become more and more important as education becomes more and more competitive.



Hayley Freeman

While the classroom may help children succeed in life, it may hinder their physical activity. This inactivity can lead to a state of poor health that progressively gets harder to reverse as the child grows.

According to the American Heart Association, 1/3 of U.S. children are overweight.

This problem has been growing throughout the years. The “Shape of The Nation” report states that the percentage of overweight young people has tripled since 1980. One solution to this prob-

lem would be to increase the number and quality of the physical education programs in schools.

Elementary and middle schools should allot between 150 and 225 minutes a week for physical education, as reported by the American Heart Association. This will be helpful in not only keeping the children active, but it will also give them the skills needed to stay active throughout their entire adult lives. Representatives of the American Heart Association are doing their part by communicating with states at the federal level, asking them to require physical education for all grades.

Most states do not require daily P.E. classes in kindergarten through 12th grade. The “Shape of The Nation” report for 2006 shows that physical activity in children slows as they get older. While 69 percent of high school freshmen may participate in a sport or

P.E. class, only about 55 percent continue it until their senior year.

In June, Texas passed Senate Bill 530, which states children in sixth grade or below need 30 minutes a day of “moderate to vigorous activity.” Grades six, seven, and eight must take four semesters of a physical education credit, according to the bill.

At most universities, students are not required to fulfill any sort of physical education requirement. According to a study by Washington University in St. Louis, 70 percent of college students gain a substantial amount of weight in their first two years of college. One reason given by personal trainer and author Diana Keuilian, was that college students give up sports or other activities for their studies. TCU used to have a requirement to take a physical education activity class along with a P.E. Health class, but

it is currently phasing out the requirement.

While studying is important, a healthy lifestyle is even more beneficial in the long run.

If educators start children off at a young age by encouraging them to do 30 minutes a day of activity, then maybe they will develop a healthier lifestyle, creating a strong foundation by the time they hit college. Physical education not only promotes strong bodies, but also a better knowledge of how the body works. With that knowledge, students can learn how to better care for themselves, therefore reducing health risks related to obesity and poor diet.

Future health depends on further activity and a well-rounded education that emphasizes not only academics, but athletics.

*Hayley Freeman is a sophomore English major from Fort Worth.*

## Schools should offer students incentives for online evaluations

Now that your grandmother can work a computer with cold dexterity, it makes sense that TCU steps into the 21st century by joining other schools across the country in implementing online course evaluations.

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Julieta Chiquillo

The initiative underwent a trial last semester, employed by 200 sections. Contrary to expectations, the online survey might not be as effective as the traditional paper form.

The new online evaluation process is advertised as a

better tool to gauge students' perceptions on courses and faculty. One strong argument in favor of the online evaluations is that they save time and resources because they're processed electronically, yielding results more promptly and saving the staff the hassle of going through the forms individually.

Instead of using class time at the end of the semester to fill out the traditional paper forms, online evaluations give students the freedom to take as long as they want to type responses.

“You've got the time and the space to make meaningful comments,” said Katie Bain, a sophomore psychology major.

While this is true, it's likely that only the people with intense feelings about a course will actually bother to write lengthy statements. It will be either the delighted student who found a course awe-inspiring and life-changing or the student who feels such antagonism toward a professor that his or her future children will hold a grudge. The rest of the students will be content with only answering the multiple-choice questions and maybe typing a line or two.

Feedback from paper evaluations is higher than feedback from online surveys.

Catherine Wehlburg, executive director of the Office

of Assessment and Quality Enhancement, said the response rate for the paper forms was 75 percent, whereas the response rate for the online surveys was about 41 percent.

This is predictable. There's no Houdini stunt that students can pull to avoid filling out the evaluations during class when confronted with the immediacy of a sheet of paper. However, students can easily hem and haw their way out of completing the survey during their free time, especially when they would rather spend that time finishing homework or engaging in less profitable activities, such as Facebook.

Heather Carlson, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, said she preferred to fill out the paper ones because they force her to do them at a certain time.

TCU is one of many schools to experiment with online evaluations. The University of Utah tested the measure with its fine arts students in 2001, but only 20 percent of the students completed the surveys. In 2004, Gene Block, provost of the University of Virginia, admitted that the response rates for course evaluations had decreased as more departments moved the evaluations online.

The advantages of online evaluations — complete ano-

nymity, thriftiness, flexibility — should not be discounted. However, more data are needed to ensure the surveys provide meaningful feedback. For instance, Boston College encourages students to fill out the online forms by granting them early access to their grades — students can view posted grades from the first day of finals. Other schools opt to give students minimal extra credit for sacrificing a couple of minutes from their sacred nap time to complete the evaluations. TCU should follow suit and dole out incentives to raise participation.

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GREEK

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“It’s been in the books for several years,” he said.

The previous distance from the other chapters hasn’t affected the two fraternities, said Matt DiLeo , Interfraternity Council president.

The move to Worth Hills had been a long time coming, Simons said.

“There is an advantage of being closer to the Greek community, such as being able to develop relationships among the Interfraternity Council,” Young said.

The two presidents said they were excited about the new houses being ready for recruitment.

“We’ve been able to invest a

significant amount of money into the chapter room.” Young said.

Although Young declined to reveal the exact amount that has gone into their renovations, some of the new items the Pi Kapp house will have are a shuffleboard, a 50-inch plasma TV, a new pool table and a 10-man conference table .

Some of Sig Ep’s additons include a 52-inch plasma TV, a new pool table, a conference room set off by glass doors and an upgraded kitchen. Simons said Sig Ep received \$40,000 in donations for the renovations .

TCU paid for the standard renovation fees, but the fraternities had the option to upgrade at their own expense, Carnahan said.

hol,” she said.

According to the handbook, students over 21 can drink alcohol in their rooms and at certain athletic events, but drunken behavior on campus will be reprimanded. For the students with their first violation, their penalties are 30 hours of community service or a \$150 fine and an alcohol education class, according to the handbook.

“The good news is it’s probably one of the clearer policies,” Allen said. “When you’re under 21, you know what the deal is. I don’t know how it can be more clear.”

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sample is individually unique with various sizes, shapes and types.

The Oscar E. Monnig Gallery, located in the Sid Richardson Building, opened for the public in 2003 after longtime meteorite collector Oscar E. Monnig donated the collection to TCU before he died.

Since 2003, the collection has grown with the addition of several hundred specimens every year. Currently, the meteorite count is 1,371 — undoubtedly the largest documented collection in Texas, Ehlmann said.

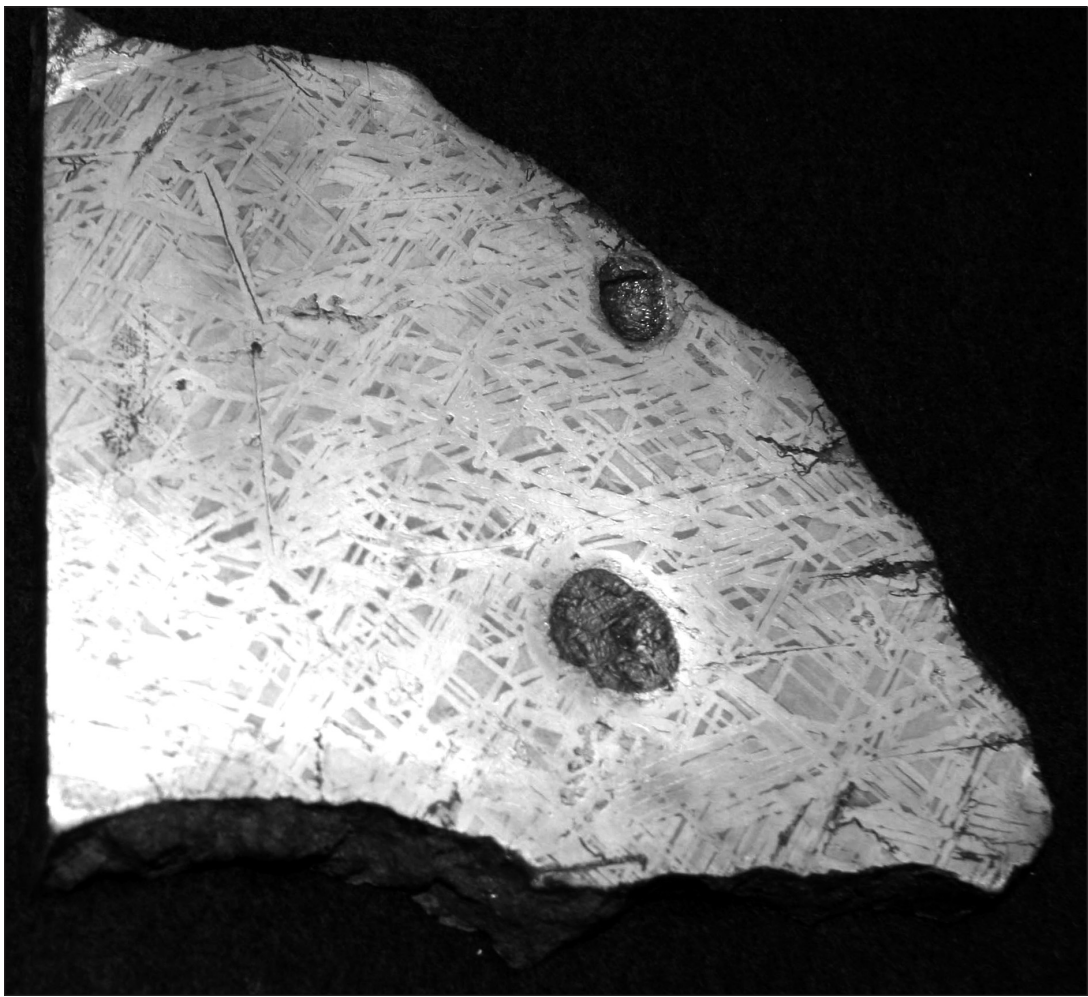
“I can think of one university that has a parallel to our collection and that is Arizona State University,” Ehlmann said.

Before being purchased, the samples sat in storage at Philadelphia Academy, Ehlmann said. When he heard the academy had no immediate plans for the minerals and meteorites, Ehlmann investigated and sent a friend to purchase them immediately.

“They had been in storage for many years and they had no plans to make any kind of exhibit, so I thought they wouldn’t mind making some money off of them,” Ehlmann said. “There were quite a number of specimens in the original Philadelphia collection that we already had, so the 22 were out of approximately 125.”

Despite the addition of meteorites, the gallery that appears in the Sid Richardson Building has stayed the same since opening in 2003 and showcases less than 10 percent of the collection. Ehlmann said when the gallery was built it was made for only specific meteorites and with its construction there is no way of showcasing recent developments.

“The gallery is fixed,” Ehlmann said. “Even specimen holders are made for individual specimens, so we don’t have a way of show-



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer

This Octohedrite meteorite, found in Western Australia in 1913, is part of the new collection of 22 meteorites at the Monning Meteorite Gallery in the Sid Richardson Building.

ing new developments and we certainly can’t keep them in the lobby.”

Melissa McDermott, a senior physics and astronomy major, has worked with the gallery since July 2005 but has been a friend to the geology department for some time.

McDermott said she is not troubled by the lack of specimens on showcase because everything on display represents the collection adequately. The expansion of the gallery in the future would only increase the number of samples available to children who wish to touch and play with the meteorites, McDermott said.

“We have examples of all different kinds of meteorites and even imprints on how the passage through space affects the meteorite,” McDermott said. “If

we changed the gallery or made it bigger, we’d be putting out the same samples just different types, sizes and shapes.”

Richard Hanson, chair of geology, agrees that the lack of specimens on display is not alarming because every meteorite gets its fair share of attention. Hanson said, and although the new samples aren’t on display at the moment he has no doubt they will be helpful for the future.

“The samples are certainly important to the collection as a whole not just for teaching but also for research,” Hanson said. “Meteorites are so fundamental in understanding our earth. We hope to have a wider course offering more devoted to planetary geology where the collection might be more open to students.”

At the time, however, Hanson said the collection on show is perfect for the students’ geology needs.

“The outer part of the gallery has the best examples, a wonderful display and ideal for teaching,” Hanson said.

Teresa Moss, the director of the Monning Gallery, said the chances of seeing the 22 new meteorites on display are slim.

“They are not on display yet and won’t be in the very near future,” Moss said.

Moss said although the recently added meteorites won’t be behind glass cases, they are still open to the public for viewing upon request and there is no extra charge to see the meteorites. In the meantime, Ehlmann continues to cut, polish and analyze them for future use.


VIOLATIONS

From page 1

TCU sought to reduce violations by having separate freshmen and upperclassmen halls. She said she wanted to see whether drinking trends would change since both freshmen and sophomores must now live on campus.

Greenhaw said there were 310 alcohol violations last year, which was an average amount.

“TCU is a moderate to low-use campus regarding alco-





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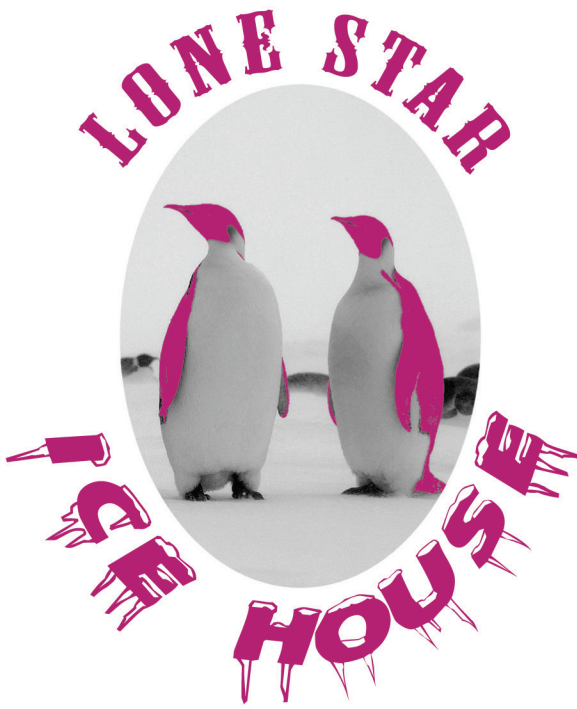
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# Vicarious living stunts growth

By JENNIFER BURK  
Macon Telegraph

As a former college housing official, Paul Jahr recalls phone calls from parents who would say, "I want to change my roommate."

Of course, the parents didn't really mean their roommate. They meant their child's roommate. But the example just goes to show how involved parents can be in their children's lives, particularly as they head off to college, said Jahr, associate vice president for student affairs at Georgia College and State University.

"What stereotypically happens, parents of today have raised their children being actively involved in their lives — which is a good thing — but when they come to college, some (parents) ... still continue to try to, in essence, do things for their son or daughter," Jahr said.

Although these parents sometimes can drive educators up the wall — asking questions about the size of a residence hall window or calling a professor to ask why their child received an F — the relationship doesn't have to be strained.

Most college officials prefer to work hand in hand with parents.

"I think you have to look at (phone calls from parents) as helpful. They're going to happen," said Jeremy Baham, associate dean of students at Mercer University. "Parents are going to be concerned about their children."

Baham said if a parent calls him with a concern, he will always try to get the student to help remedy the situation.

College is a place for students to explore their independence, and college officials want to help students make their own decisions.

But aside from philosophy,



Students at Frog Camp Challenge A take part in different activities this summer at the Greene Family Camp in Bruceville. The tug of war (left) and the climbing wall (right) are intended to build students' trust in others and foster an atmosphere of cooperation which will help them during their college career.

the law also limits what an educator can discuss with parents. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, more commonly known as FERPA, prevents colleges from sharing educational records with parents once the student reaches age 18.

So even if a parent calls a college with a concern about a child, the college may not be able to talk to them about it without consent.

Sara Deppen of Martinez, whose first child, Lucy, is starting college at Mercer this year, said she called the university several times during the summer to ask questions ranging from big — financial aid — to small — wireless access.

She said she always has found officials willing to work out any problems and answer any questions. She said she hopes that same communication continues between her and the university, although she doesn't anticipate calling much to check up on her daughter.

"Only if she disappeared," Sara Deppen said. "She's a very independent and self-directed person and always has been."

Shaina McGill, senior director for advising and retention at Georgia College, talks with parents on a daily basis.

"We really, I think, like to look at parents as partners, yet fully respecting the fact that these students are adults," McGill said.

Before parents call the college with a problem, they should ask their students if they have talked to someone on campus about the issue or sought out support services on campus, she said.

"It's an issue of parents letting go. It's an issue of letting students make good decisions for themselves, and sometimes, they're not always going to make those," she said.

Parents who are too involved in their students' lives have been dubbed "helicopter parents" because of the way they hover over their children.

Some educators refer to the more intense parents as "Black Hawks," after the attack helicopters, McGill said.

These parents can be a hindrance to their children's learning independence, she said.

McGill said she has received phone calls from parents who wanted her to change their students' schedules because they had seen unfavorable ratings for professors on the Web site ratemyprofessors.com.

"They found professors with, quote, 'better' ratings, and they wanted us to move them. I wouldn't do that," she said.

Instead, students need to face the challenge, and if the class gets tough, work it out with their professors.

"When students learn to take care of their business in this way, it's a wonderful, wonderful means for them to get ready for the real world," McGill said.



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photo Editor

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### Tips for Parents

1. Keep the lines of communication open. Use e-mail or regular mail to keep in touch without having your child feel you're always checking up on him or her.
2. Let your child have independence; encourage your child to solve problems himself or herself.
3. Make sure your child is aware of various support services on campus.
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# Schools buy into music site; students get free downloads

By JASON RYAN  
McClatchy Newspapers

College students, the defenders of free T-shirts and free speech, have chalked up another victory: free music.

More than 40,000 University of South Carolina students heading to school this weekend will be able to download more than 2.8 million songs to their computers at no cost — thanks to a new agreement between the university and Ruckus online music.

USC joins 119 other colleges in its agreement with Ruckus. The company makes its money from online advertisements and charges students \$20 a semester for the ability to transfer unlimited songs to a portable music player after they've downloaded them to a computer.

"Downloading is free," said Kimberly South, public information coordinator for USC's technology services. "Transferring is not."

In January, the Recording Industry Association of America named USC as one of the top universities for illegally downloaded music.

At that time, the association sent the university 914 notices of copyright infringement for the school year. Clemson received 71.

In response, USC began negotiations with Ruckus, tightened its Internet policies and discussed music piracy issues at new student orientation meetings this summer, said Bill Hogue, USC's chief information officer.

Since February, the university has received no notices of copyright violations, he said.

"We've gone from being on a list of notorious universities to being model citizens," Hogue said.

More than 5,000 USC students have started using Ruckus, which became available in June after the spring semester. Students have downloaded more than 1.4 million songs.

One drawback to USC's no-cost partnership with Ruckus, though, is music downloads aren't available to Macintosh computer owners — 15 percent of students in 2006.

South said some Mac users are disappointed, but many already use iTunes to buy digital music.

Parents are happy to hear their students have a free, legal way to listen to music, South said.

The RIAA has sent 2,400 settlement offers to college students since February for copyright violations. These offers follow more than 18,000 lawsuits filed by record companies in the last three years for illegal music downloads.

Will Hall, a May graduate from USC, said he was always wary of being caught downloading music illegally in college, though some friends downloaded much more.

Hall said he doesn't expect his alma mater to offer free music to students, but "the fact that they do is nice."

By EVAN GRANT  
The Dallas Morning News

No need to step lightly here. Put simply, the Rangers put a beating on the Baltimore Orioles Wednesday night, the likes of which have never been seen before.

Ever. Or at least since fielders started wearing gloves.

In the first game of what was supposed to be just a harmless doubleheader between two teams going nowhere, the Rangers took out a week or a year — or maybe even three-plus decades — of frustration by scoring and scoring and scoring some more. When they finally let the bats rest, they had pounded Baltimore 30-3.

It was the first time since 1900, considered the beginning of the "modern era" that a team had reached 30 runs. The previous record was 29 shared by the Boston Red Sox (1950) and the Chicago White Sox (1955). The Chicago Cubs scored 36 runs in 1897.

The Rangers previous high had been 26 runs, also against Baltimore on April 19, 1996.

The Rangers, who had struck out 30 times over the previous two games in getting trounced by Cy Young contenders Johan Santana of Minnesota and Erik Bedard of Baltimore, got two homers and seven RBIs each from Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Ramon Vazquez. Oh, and Travis Metcalf and Marlon Byrd



LOYD FOX / Baltimore Sun via MCT  
Travis Metcalf, recently called up from AAA, celebrates an eighth-inning grand slam he hit off of Rob Bell. There were six home runs during the historic night in Camden Yards when the Rangers put up 30 runs against the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday.

each hit grand slams.

"It's ridiculous," Saltalamacchia said. "We were just shaking our heads. I don't know if it's karma or what. But you've had two bad games in a row against two great pitchers, so you feel kind of bad for the third guy. They weren't doing anything wrong. Everybody in our lineup was just hitting."

The Rangers fell down 3-0 in the game, then scored, yes, 30 unanswered runs. It started with a five-run fourth inning highlighted by a two-run single by Saltalamacchia and then a three-run homer from Vazquez. Vazquez had been in a 5-for-49 slump.

In the sixth, the Rangers scored nine runs on 10 hits.


The 10 hits in an inning tied the club record. The inning included Saltalamacchia's first homer and Byrd's grand slam. Saltalamacchia, who batted twice in the inning, also had a run-scoring single.

In the eighth, the Rangers scored 10 times. Metcalf, who had just been recalled for the doubleheader as insurance since Michael Young's back had stiffened up, hit a grand slam in his first at-bat of the game. Metcalf had replaced Young after the game got out of hand. Saltalamacchia added a three-run homer in the inning.

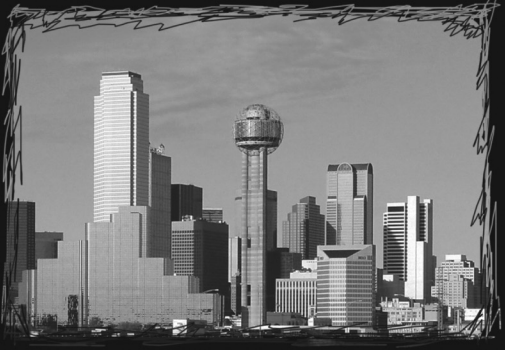

And in the ninth, the Rangers scored six more times. Ian Kinsler and Metcalf each walked with one out and Byrd reached on a single that loaded the bases. Jason Botts, who had two singles and four strikeouts in his first six at-bats, had a chance to make the Rangers the first team with three grand slams in a game. Botts came up short. He doubled down the left field line to score a pair of runs. David Murphy added a run-scoring single to drive home the Rangers' 27th run. Then, with two outs in the inning Vazquez hit his second three-run homer of the game.

"You have a real short memory," said Orioles manager Dave Trembley, who earlier in the day was named the club's manager for the 2008 season. "You let it go."

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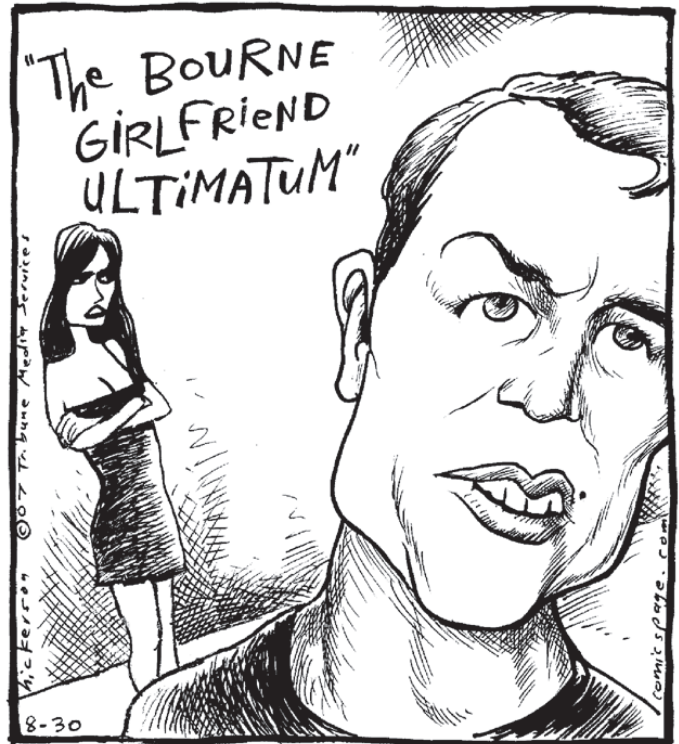
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#### Directions

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

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

#### Wednesday's Solutions

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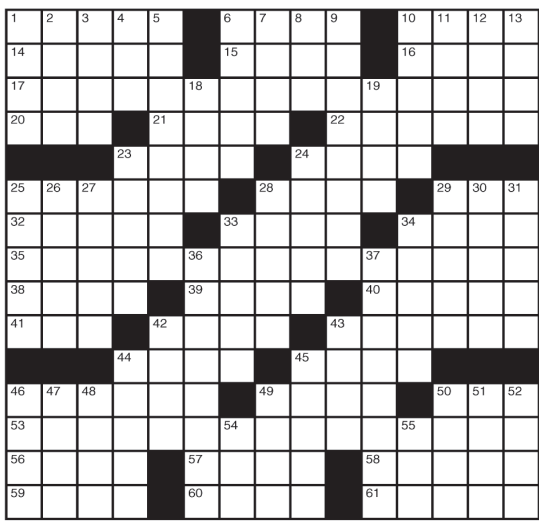
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By Frances Burton  
Summerville, GA

8/16/07

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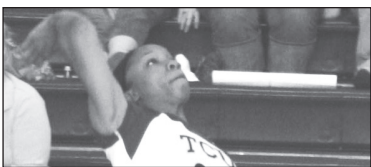
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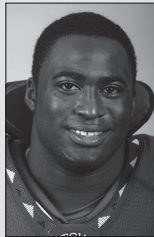
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Ranked No. 22, USA Today/Coaches preseason poll

Ranked No. 22, Associated Press preseason poll

Ranked No. 20, The Sporting News preseason poll

#### Individual:



**Tommy Blake**  
senior defensive end

—First-team All-American, ESPN.com

—First-team All-American, CBSSportsline.com

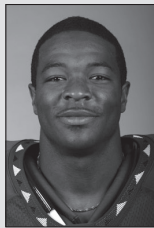
—First-team All-American, Playboy Magazine

—First-team All-American, Athlon Magazine

—Watch lists for the Lombardi, Camp, Nagurski, Bednarik, Hendricks and Lott awards and trophies

—Mountain West Conference defensive player of the year

—All-Mountain West Conference team

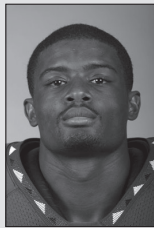


**Brian Bonner**  
senior strong safety

—First-team All-American,

NationalChamps.net

—All-Mountain West Conference team (two, defensive back and special team return specialist)

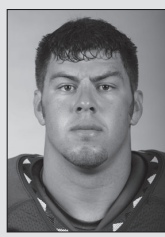


**Aaron Brown**  
junior running back

—Mountain West Conference offensive player of the

year

—All-Mountain West Conference team



**Chase Ortiz**  
senior defensive end

—First-team All-American,

NationalChamps.net

—Watch list for Lombardi Award and the Bednarik and Nagurski trophies

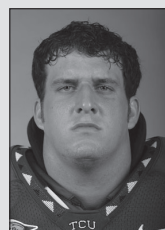
—All-Mountain West Conference team



**Matty Lindner**  
senior offensive guard

—Watch list for Outland Award

—All-Mountain West Conference team



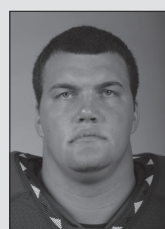
**Jason Phillips**  
junior line-backer

—First-team All-American,

NationalChamps.net

—Watch list for the Lombardi Award

—All-Mountain West Conference team



**Blake Schlueter**  
junior center

—Watch list for Rimington Award

# FOR THE NGUYEN

## Midfielder becomes leader during sophomore campaign

By BRETT LARSON  
*Staff Reporter*

What does a soccer coach do when his or her leading scorer goes down with an injury midway through a season? The answer for soccer head coach Dan Abdalla was to place a heralded freshman in position to lead the team.

With last season's injury of midfielder Lauren Pope, as well as the season-ending injury of midfielder Angie Nickens, Michelle Nguyen received the responsibility of leading the squad — a task not usually expected of a freshman.

"When (Nguyen and Pope) were in together, it was actually a very, very good combination," Abdalla said, "but Michelle was able to kind of pass the responsibility of everything off on to Lauren, so when Lauren went down she had to slide into that role where she really had to become our playmaker."

Nguyen responded to her leadership role with vigor, finishing second on the team in scoring and second in the Mountain West Conference in shots attempted.

Although Nguyen, currently a sophomore, is happy to have Pope back on the field, the experience of being looked to as a leader as a freshman was beneficial to both her individual and the team's development.

"I think the experience she gained last year was tremendous," Abdalla said. I think she had some ups and downs with it, but right now I think we're seeing the benefits of that."

Abdalla said Nguyen is twice the player she was last season.

"Lauren's injury was a big deficit to the team, but I filled in as best as I could," Nguyen said. "I'd try to help the team's emotions — not let them get down on themselves — let them know that we can still make it through the rest of the year."

When Pope went down against the Sam Houston State University Bearkats, the Richardson native had to define herself as the team's central midfielder, and it was her job

to dictate the offensive flow and the tempo of the match, Nickens said.

Her advanced role on the team proved to be helpful to Nguyen, who in the off-season was named to Soccer Buzz's All-Freshman Central Regional Team — the first TCU student to do so since 1999.

She was also selected to join the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association's national camp.

Abdalla's description of Nguyen's flair between the lines is that of "creative playmaker."

"She's technically one of the best players that I've ever been around, male or female, so that just gives her so much range for so many things," Abdalla said. "It's tough to pigeonhole her for just one thing, just because I think she has the ability to be so dynamic and do so many things."

With all of her on-the-field responsibilities and off-the-field honors, Nguyen's game has already started improving and advancing with experience. Nguyen acknowledged that her time at the national soccer camp helped her game.

"(It gave me) higher level, higher standards and it increased my speed of play," Nguyen said.

This season, Nguyen is joined by a healthy team and a Soccer Buzz-rated top 40 group of incoming recruits that include midfielder/forward Kaylie Garcia and forward Jackie Torda.

"I feel the team came in at a different caliber this year, so I think it's going to be a new year for us," Nguyen said.

With Pope and Nickens entering their final years of eligibil-



SKIFF ARCHIVES  
Freshman midfielder Michelle Nguyen keeps UTSA midfielder Julie Kopp away from the ball on September 23, 2006.

ity, Nguyen will soon be taking over the top spot on the team again.

"She'll definitely be one of the top people to look up to from the younger players stand point," Nickens said. "I mean she's doing that now so I think she's ready for it."

Abdalla agreed with Nickens' assessment of Nguyen's development.

"I think she's already started to take a leadership role," Abdalla said. "We see her communicating, talking in practices and that's what we're going to keep asking of her: to keep increasing that role."

The team could be an intimidating presence in the Mountain West Conference by being able to bode not only a triple midfield threat of Nguyen, Nickens and the team that missed the postseason by one game last year, will enter the Mountain West Conference with the top recruiting class in the conference. Moreover the triple-threat of Nguyen, Nickens and Pope in the middle will help guide the new recruits.

Nguyen's future in soccer is not yet determined, but she said she is focusing on the present and trying to do what it takes to win. Abdalla, however, said that if Nguyen wants to play at a national level, she has the ability and the potential to do so.

Only time will tell what lies ahead for Nguyen, but one thing is for sure: she's ready.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Who is Michelle Nguyen?

Hometown: **Richardson**

What she does: **Sophomore midfielder for the soccer team**

Why she is important: **Being looked to as a leader following a season that saw her gain tremendous experience and exposure as one of the soccer team's go-to players despite only being a freshman.**

#### Statistics and Highlights

—Games Started: **18**

—Goals: **3**

—Assists: **3**

—Points: **9**

—Shots: **62**

—Shots on Goal: **26**

—Game-Winning Goals: **2**

# Two former NBA referees say instructional overhaul necessary

By PHIL JASNER  
*Philadelphia Daily News*

Hue Hollins worked 27 seasons as an NBA referee. Mike Mathis worked 26. Both worked games with Tim Donaghy in the mid-to-late 1990s. Both recall an eager, young official focused on improving, on becoming good enough to eventually work in the playoffs and, ultimately, the Finals.

Both Hollins and Mathis are appalled that Donaghy pleaded guilty last week to two federal charges, with the possibility of facing more at the state level if prosecutors say they have evidence that he deliberately miscalled games. But Hollins and Mathis share another painful belief:

That the NBA's problems in officiating run far deeper.

Both see a disconnect in the practices of hiring and training referees, which, in their minds, has led to a dropoff in the quality of officiating and a general acceptance of that dropoff.

"It's in a state of degradation," said Hollins, now living in Chino Hills, Calif. "It's changed, and not for the better. There's a lack of training, and the people who try and do the training have no experience. Zero. Some are referees who were fired, but came back as supervisors and

observers. There's no prerequisite for group supervisors; they hire anyone. They have hired anyone."

Hollins said he has wanted to work as a supervisor since his retirement two years ago and wrote to commissioner David Stern and executive vice president for basketball operations Stu Jackson, who oversees the officiating program, but has never gotten a response.

"They don't want people who can make referees better," Hollins said. "They want people they can control."

Mathis, a former head of the National Association of Basketball Referees, lives in Cincinnati and directs the Mathis Foundation, working with and helping supply scholarships for foster children. He said he has seen problems coming "for 20 years, not in gambling, but in the state of affairs of officiating."

Mathis, who went out on disability in December 2001, said that the problems are in hiring, training and accountability and that "the NBA fails miserably on those accounts."

The current officiating staff is under a gag order, but one referee, speaking on the assurance of anonymity, said: "It's apples and oranges. I'm not

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#### Hue Hollins

former NBA referee

disagreeing with their points, but these are two guys who are disgruntled, who weren't happy when they were here. I don't need a supervisor or an observer to tell me what's right and wrong in life.

"People throw a lot of stuff on the wall. I would venture to say that most employees look at supervisors and think they can do better. Mike Mathis isn't speaking for us. He doesn't have a clue what's going on today. He's not in the loop, but some of what (Hollins and Mathis) say is true; there are problems in the profession that need to be addressed."

A league representative said, "In consideration of the ongoing investigation, we will not be commenting further at this time."

This is how Hollins recalls Donaghy:

"I was his crew chief at one time. Then, I thought he was an up-and-coming referee, a little bit headstrong, a guy who wanted to move in a hurry, a typical young ref-

eree who wanted to do the playoffs. In everything else, he was fine."

And this is Mathis' recollection:

"I would have told you he had a hell of a future. He had moxie, arrogance, a little over the edge. But he had the cojones to make calls at the end of games and to make them on superstars the same as on anybody else. He could take a small problem and make it into a big one, but these were all things that could be worked with."

It all apparently changed as Donaghy began providing inside information to gamblers, telling them, among other things, which referees would work specific games. That information is confidential until the crew arrives at an arena, but is available on a master schedule.

"In 27 years, I never had (a master schedule)," Hollins said. "I never wanted one."

Added Mathis: "If (referees) are now the flag-bearers of integrity, that's wonderful.

But then shouldn't referees get as much attention as the marketing, (public relations), etc., areas? People are asleep at the switch when it comes to officiating."

Both Hollins and Mathis said the observers assigned in every NBA city have included former referees who were fired, a onetime college football trainer, former scorekeepers, a former player and others with no specific background in officiating.

"Somebody's out of work, somebody needs a job, a friend of a friend gets a job," Mathis said.

"They make out the reports after games, and careers of referees are determined by that."

Hollins said that, for 17 years, he directed a camp for officials in Los Angeles, and that several current league referees passed through his sessions, including current director of officials Ronnie Nunn, Monte McCutcheon, Violet Palmer, Derek Richardson, Rodney Mott and Jim Capers Jr.

"When people tell me the job of a referee is a science, I say it's not a science, it's an art," Hollins said.

"Refereeing right now is in bad shape, top to bottom. How can they have people

telling a referee about what it's like to work in the first round (of the playoffs) when they've never worked in the first round?"

Hollins said he believes that, given the opportunity, "I could turn this thing around in a heartbeat." He followed that by saying, "If someone you know has a heart attack, do you send that person to an emergency room or to an auto mechanic?"

"Poor officiating is accepted," Mathis said, pointing to the final play of the 1998 Finals, when Michael Jordan drained a jump shot over Utah's Bryon Russell to nail down the Chicago Bulls' sixth championship. Mathis contends that Jordan should have been called for an offensive foul as he pushed off, but that the whistle was not blown because of Jordan's stature as a superstar.

"If we're going to stay up with the players, we'd better improve," Mathis said. "And we have not."

Said the anonymous referee: "Missed calls happen. Nobody's trying to miss them. The best officials miss calls. You can miss a play, no matter what the level of training. They've been documented for years. I'm not saying there aren't problems, but it's not fair to point to one play."