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New vaccine may prevent common college illness

Officials urge students to take meningitis shot

By ADRIENNE LANG
Staff Reporter

Drug makers have recently released an improved vaccine for bacterial meningitis, a disease threatening the lives of college students across the nation.

Made by Aventis Pasteur, the MCV4, a conjugate vaccine with the trade name Menactra, should "produce a better immune response and provide longer protection than the previous vaccine," said Dr. Erik Svenkerud, an epidemiologist in the infectious disease branch of the Texas State Health Department.

Bacterial meningitis, or meningococcal disease, infects



Keen-Payne

approximately 2,600 people a year and kills 10 to 15 percent of those, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

Among those most at risk are college students, said Dr. Rhonda Keen-Payne, dean

of the College of Health and Human Sciences. According to the CDC Web site, college students are more than six times more likely to contract it than the general population.

Characterized by a sudden onset of a severe headache, neck pains and fever, meningococcal disease is caused by bacteria growth in spinal and brain fluids and leaves long-term effects such as paraly-

sis, brain damage and seizures in 20 percent of its survivors, Keen-Payne said.

Since the disease is spread through contaminated body fluids in the air and by direct contact, college students living in close quarters such as dormitories are at a high risk for contracting the disease, Keen-Payne said. The best way to control meningitis is to pre-

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Symptoms of bacterial meningitis are similar to the flu and include: severe headache, stiff neck, fever, rash, nausea and dizziness.

The most effective ways to control the disease: MCV4 vaccine, washing hands and not drinking after others.

Information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

Barbecue starts Recruitment

Fraternities meet potential members at Frog Fountain

By DARREN WHITE
Staff Reporter

The Interfraternity Council Barbecue kicked off Recruitment on Wednesday in front of Frog Fountain in an attempt to encourage participation.

Senior George Ferguson, Jr., vice president of Recruitment within IFC, said he is excited about the semester ahead.

"We're trying to give fraternities a good, positive image this year," he said.

Ferguson said Greek organizations often do not get credit for the good they do at TCU.

"A lot of people don't know that Greeks have a higher GPA than non-Greeks," Ferguson said. "Last year, we did over 25,000 hours in community service. We also gave over \$250,000 in philanthropy."

The event marked the official beginning of fraternity Recruitment while serving as a meet-and-greet between potential candidates and the 10 fraternities in IFC. Recruitment ends Sept. 1 with Bid Day, where fraternities select new members.

Although the barbecue initiated fall Recruitment, fraternities have spent the past few months looking for new members.

Junior Matt Foust, president of Pi Kappa Phi, said Recruitment is an ongoing process.

"Since early summer, we've been taking guys out to dinner and baseball games, as well as a Jack Johnson concert," Foust said.

Randy Horne, IFC vice president, said the barbecue was a success because it convinced students who otherwise might not be interested in Greek life to get involved.

"We organized this event to increase the number on IFC, page 2

Loosen up



Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

Vicky Licea, a registered massage therapist in the Campus Recreation office, massages freshman biology major Meredith Jantzen in the University Recreation Center on Wednesday. Licea and fellow massage therapist Donna Christopher offered free massages as part of the Activities Fair.

Divinity school receives gift to fund building

Former trustee's children donate \$3 million to Brite

By JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF
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The children of a Brite Divinity School trustee donated \$3 million over the summer to build a new academic building at TCU, bringing a long-time goal of a new facility closer to reality.

The new building will be constructed behind the Beasley and Moore Buildings on University Drive, and the earliest construction could begin would be fall 2006, said Cathy Neece, director of the capital campaign at Brite.

The Moore Building, where Brite is now located, was built 50 years ago and was developed to hold 10 faculty members and 100 students. The school currently has 24 faculty members and 300 students.

Plans for a new building have been in the works for three years. The estimated cost is \$16 million and \$3.5 million is needed to restore the Moore Building. Both facilities will be connected by a walkway.

"The donation is great news for the seminary, great for PR and for energy," said Tiff Austin, a Brite student.

Approximately \$9 million has been donated toward the \$19.5 million campaign goal, and Brite is still in the process of fundraising for the rest of the money. According to a TCU Press Release, the \$3 million donation to Brite marks the single largest gift received by living donors in the

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Gutierrez making an impact

Stage is set to 'carry on tradition'

By AMY KITCHEL
Staff Reporter



Gutierrez

His job includes everything from financial planning to telephone services, but TCU's recently appointed Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Brian Gutierrez says he hopes to make his biggest impact by building relationships with people.

"The small number of people on this campus makes it possible to have a personal impact," said Gutierrez, a Fort Worth native. "I am excited to reach out to students and for the opportunity for students to get to know who the chief financial officer of their university is and what he does."

In June, TCU hired Gutierrez, a financial and busi-

ness adviser, who took on a role he refers to as "TCU's financial steward," and one his administrative assistant, Charlotte Hudspeth, calls the "busiest job on campus."

"There are great opportunities before us with facilities," Gutierrez said. He spoke of plans for a new university union building, student housing projects and building projects for AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the School of Education.

Gutierrez said he wants to make sure students have sufficient resources and quality facilities.

"My job here is to ensure that the university's resources are maximized to realize

its mission statement and to benefit the faculty so that they can benefit students," Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez said he looks forward to improving business processes by helping departments realize cost savings.

"I hope that by the time they leave, students will be able to clearly see the value that TCU offered them," Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez said the stage has been set for a number of opportunities to carry on a great tradition.

TCU's Director of Business Services Travis Cook, whose office reports to Gutierrez, said he has been a joy to be around.

"He is a very exciting guy with good ideas," Cook said. "I'm really looking forward to working with him."

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Technology varies by classroom

Campus updates resources based on needs, budgets

By MIKE DWYER
Sports Editor

When it comes to technology on campus, all classrooms are not created equal.

Departmental needs and budgets, along with the age of buildings and equipment, affect the technological resources available to students and teachers in the classroom.

Ben Tillman, assistant professor of geography, said he has taught classes in both Smith Entrepreneurs Hall and Reed Hall.

He said technology is better in Smith Hall because it has a computer in each classroom, document cameras instead of overhead projectors and touchscreens that allow the

professor to switch quickly between teaching aides.

Tillman said when he had a computer problem while teaching in Smith Hall, he learned that the quality of technical support is much better in that building.

"About five minutes before class started, I called someone up, and the tech person showed up and fixed it, so I could still use it for that class," Tillman said. "If that would have been Reed (Hall), then I would have had to go to overheads or write on the chalkboard."

Cliff Overton, manager of classroom support services, said his department, Instructional Services, responds to the technical needs of all campus academic buildings except for those in the School of Business, which is serviced by its own support system.

He said Reed Hall is probably the heaviest-booked building on campus, making

it hard to find time to address problems.

"Problems in Reed are fixed as soon as possible based upon classroom schedule," he said. "We can't ask a class not to meet so that we can change a bulb."

Overton said minor repairs can sometimes be done between classes, but diagnosing and correcting some problems can take hours.

Chuck Miller, director of technology for the School of Business, manages classroom support in Dan Rogers Hall, Tandy Hall and Smith Hall.

He said the business school asked the university for funds to set up its own technical support system several years ago because, at the time, Instructional Services did not have the same resources as it does now and could not adequately care for the school's advanced technology.

He said the business building more on TECH, page 5