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New graduate-level program to transform nurses into doctors

By ALYSSA DIZON
Staff Reporter

The Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences welcomed students from across the nation to TCU's first online Doctorate of Nursing Practice program.

Paulette Burns, dean of the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, said the nursing school originally only offered a master's

degree in nursing and nurse anesthesia. Now, with the two-year DNP, Burns said students can take one step further in their academic careers.

"It's a doctorate of nursing practice which is a terminal practice degree," Burns said. "In (physical therapy), you have a physical therapist doctorate. It's a practice doctorate, not a research

doctorate."

Burns said the nursing faculty had been working on bringing the program to TCU for two years and finally made the dream a reality.

Dennis Cheek, a nursing professor teaching the Emerging Science for Advanced Practice course in the program, said it was easier to bring the DNP to

a private university than a state university.

The 37 students enrolled in the doctorate program, including five TCU alumni, attended an orientation and began their classes Aug. 20 with the rest of the TCU campus, Burns said. She said she expected about 10 students to enroll.

According to the American Association of Colleges of

Nursing, there are 48 universities that offer the DNP. TCU is the second university in Texas to add the DNP to its curriculum, the University of Texas at Houston was the first, Burns said.

Burns said there are four types of advanced practice nurses who can apply for the DNP and TCU accepts all four. The University of Texas at Houston accepts

only two, she said. "We think we're on the cutting edge of the future by offering this degree," Burns said. "We think this degree has the most potential in changing health care."

Burns said the nursing school implemented the DNP to stop the increasing nurse shortage and improve the quality of America's
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WHEEL OF FORTUNE



Students place their bets during a game of Russian Roulette, Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom at Casino Night.

ROBYN SHEPHERD / Staff Photographer

Overhauled fountain set for return to quad

By DIANA ALVAREZ
Staff Reporter

The once-dominant figure of Frog pride on campus, Frog Fountain, will return to campus this fall sporting a new design, said the vice chancellor for finance and administration.

A specific date for its return to campus will probably be available in the next month, said Harold Leeman, associate director of Physical Plant Administration.

The fountain, dismantled in May 2006, was in need of minor repairs, said Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

"It was just getting old," Leeman said. "But there have never been any major problems with wall or plumbing breaks."

The lily pads are being refurbished because of the many years of exposure to rain, wind, snow and sleet and will be the only parts to be renovated, Gutierrez said.

"The remaining features of Frog Fountain will be constructed new," Gutierrez said.

Two design teams came up

with the design for the new fountain, Leeman said.

Cannon Designs, based in Los Angeles, and Newman, Jackson, Beiberstein Inc., based in Dallas, were the two design teams on the Campus Commons project and were in charge of the fountain's design. In 2003, Cannon Designs completed work on another TCU facility, the University Recreation Center.

"Basically, the flutes will remain the same," Leeman said. "It's going to be bigger than before with more water than before."

The design also includes a seawall surrounding the flutes.

"The seawall will be low enough to sit on, but without getting wet," Leeman said.

While a new design has taken the place of the original, from a distance, it will look almost the same as before, Leeman said.

"It's going to be an updated look," Leeman said. "It'll look the same because of the flutes, but up close, the pool and surrounding wall will

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Several area businesses unaffected by smoking ban

By CALLIE COX
Staff Reporter

The air in Fort Worth is about to be a little clearer. The City of Fort Worth just passed a smoking ban that will go into effect Jan. 1.

The ban will prohibit smoking in most public places but bars, bingo halls, retail tobacco stores, designated hotel rooms and some outdoor patios will still be legal smoking areas, said Amy Casas, public information officer for the Public Health Department.

The Fort Worth City Council Web site said a 7-2 vote ended an 18-month debate among Fort Worth City Council members over how far to extend the ban.

This ban will affect some TCU-area restaurants.

Ocean Rock manager Ian Francis said he is not sure what exactly he will have to change, but he said he does not feel as if the ban will affect business at all. The restaurant currently has smoking and non-smoking sections.

"A lot of people don't like coming to a restaurant where there is a lot of smoking so we really don't have a problem with it," Francis said.

Employees at both Fuzzy's Taco Shop and the Mellow Mushroom said this will not affect them at all because both are non-smoking restaurants. The Aardvark falls under the category of a bar so it will not be affected either.

Casas said in the ordinance, smoking is allowed on outdoor patios that are at least 20 feet from an entrance to the restaurant, and she said a bar is identified as "a business that receives at least 70 percent of its profit from alcohol sales."

Beverly Kelly, who works with TCU Food Services, is about to stop smoking. She said she thinks the ban is a great idea.

"I think they should go as far as to give out citations to people who are smoking on

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Capacity crowds fill new dormitories

By DAVID SPENCER
Staff Reporter

The sound of banging hammers, drills and construction trucks have faded into the hum of students in TCU's new residence halls, Amon G. Carter and Kellye Wright Samuelson Halls.

The newly opened buildings house 314 upperclassmen and present a new face for the campus.

Presently, the dorms are filled

to capacity and have waiting lists, said Megan Osborn, head resident assistant for Carter and Samuelson halls. Both facilities are co-ed and offer suite-style living with single-, two-, three- and four-bedroom units.

"The new dorm invokes the thought that it isn't just a place where you sleep, but it is a place where you live," Osborn said.

The halls provide an opportunity for students to show

pride in their new place of residence, Osborn said.

"It is part of transforming both physically and who we are as a university," said Craig Allen, residential services director.

For students, the new residence halls provide an alternative to the previous dorms offered to upperclassmen, such as Waits and Foster.

Maddie Marney, a sophomore pre-health professions

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See inside the new residence halls at dailyskiff.com.

major, lives in Carter Hall. "It is a lot more free here. There are not as many rules,"

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health care.

Cheek said the AACN wanted to raise the level of education needed for advanced practice nursing from a master's degree to a doctorate by 2015.

The tuition for a 17-week semester is \$865 per hour, Burns said. The doctorate consists of 10 courses and two projects over the two-year program, and with the online capability, students can work on their degrees from the comfort of their own homes, Cheek said.

Stephanie Mangan, a

senior nursing and music major, said she was not interested in graduate studies but thinks the change is good.

Mangan said the DNP "will help the school of nursing recognition-wise. (The college will) prepare you for the real world so well and all the instructors are amazing and have worked a long time. It's helpful to hear their stories."

Burns and Cheek both said they are excited and have high hopes for their students and the program.

Their only concern was being enough faculty and resources for next year's incoming students, Cheek said.

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the street. It's a bad habit that everyone should stop," Kelly said.

Junior radio-TV-film Christine Schueler disagrees.

"As a smoker, I feel like we are being ostracized," Schueler said. "I feel that restaurant owners have the right to decide whether or not to have a smoking section."

Currently, Fort Worth allows smoking in restaurants that have a filtration system separating the smoking side from the non-smoking side.

Casas said the ban will be enforced on a complaint basis.

"Our goal as the Public Health Department is between now and Jan. 1, to educate the community on this new policy" Casas said.

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FOUNTAIN

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look different than before." The location of Frog Fountain will not be too far from its former home.

"It'll be pretty much in the same spot, between the four dorms," Leeman said. "It'll sit closer to the student union."

The fountain, on campus since 1969, was stored on campus in the Physical Plant near Worth Hills until it was taken to a local shop for the renovation process.

Since its removal, there have been no problems with visitors, Leeman said.

"It has been safe since they took it down," Leeman said. "No one has attempted to get to it."

A celebratory ceremony is planned for the fountain's return, Gutierrez said.

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Marney said. "They respect your space a lot more and your freedom."

The new dormitory openings have provided no problems that were not previously anticipated, Allen said.

"We have had microfridges that are not working, some flooding," Osborn said. "They are working on new things and making it work."

Problems in the new residence halls have been fixed immediately upon request, Osborn said.

Carter and Samuelson halls are just the most recently completed section of the Campus Commons project.

The remaining two residence halls, Teresa and Luther King and Mary and Robert J. Wright halls, are scheduled to open in January 2008.

New Orleans struggles to rebuild after Katrina

By NATALIE POMPILIO
The Philadelphia Inquirer

His storm survival story is chilling: As the floodwaters unleashed by Hurricane Katrina swirled and rose around his Lower Ninth Ward home, Robert Green, his three granddaughters, his mother and two other family members clung to their roof as it floated for blocks. His mother, already ailing, died on that roof. His 3-year-old granddaughter fell from it and disappeared under the water.

Green, 52, went to Nashville afterward, staying there for months. He could have stayed there forever. He chose to come back. He is trying to rebuild his house and his tax business and his neighborhood.

"It's really important to me to have what was," said

Green, sitting in the tiny FEMA trailer parked where his home once stood. His trailer, and the neighboring one housing his 62-year-old mentally handicapped cousin, are among a handful of inhabited dwellings amid the overgrown weeds, empty lots and remaining rubble of lives past. That's fine, he said.

"It may seem like it's lonely, but sometimes I get tired of the company coming by," he said. "I'm not afraid to be down here. I'm home."

Two years have passed since Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, making a mockery of the human engineering designed to keep the city of New Orleans safe. Rebuilding has been slow — even now, visitors who see the devastated city

for the first time say that it seems as if nothing has changed.

But there has been progress: Where once entire blocks were empty, new construction and trailers dot the landscape like random teeth in a gummy grin. Blocks of destroyed homes have been razed.

Each day, more businesses are reopening. A recent drive through devastated Lakeview found new restaurants, retail stores and services devoted, fittingly, to home remodeling and repair.

Still, it is a difficult place to live. Devastated blocks are constant, depressing reminders of the storm. The city's leadership — oft-questioned before the storm and further shaken by the recent news that a well-respected councilman had accepted bribes — struggles to rebuild its infrastructure. One must generally travel farther to find a grocery store or a drycleaner or a gas station.

And rebuilding is hampered by bureaucracy, both private industry and government. Those trying to come back have harrowing tales of complex paperwork, multitudes of phone calls, hours waiting in lines to get the permits or money needed to rebuild. Then there's the struggle to find qualified builders, plumbers, roofers, electricians.

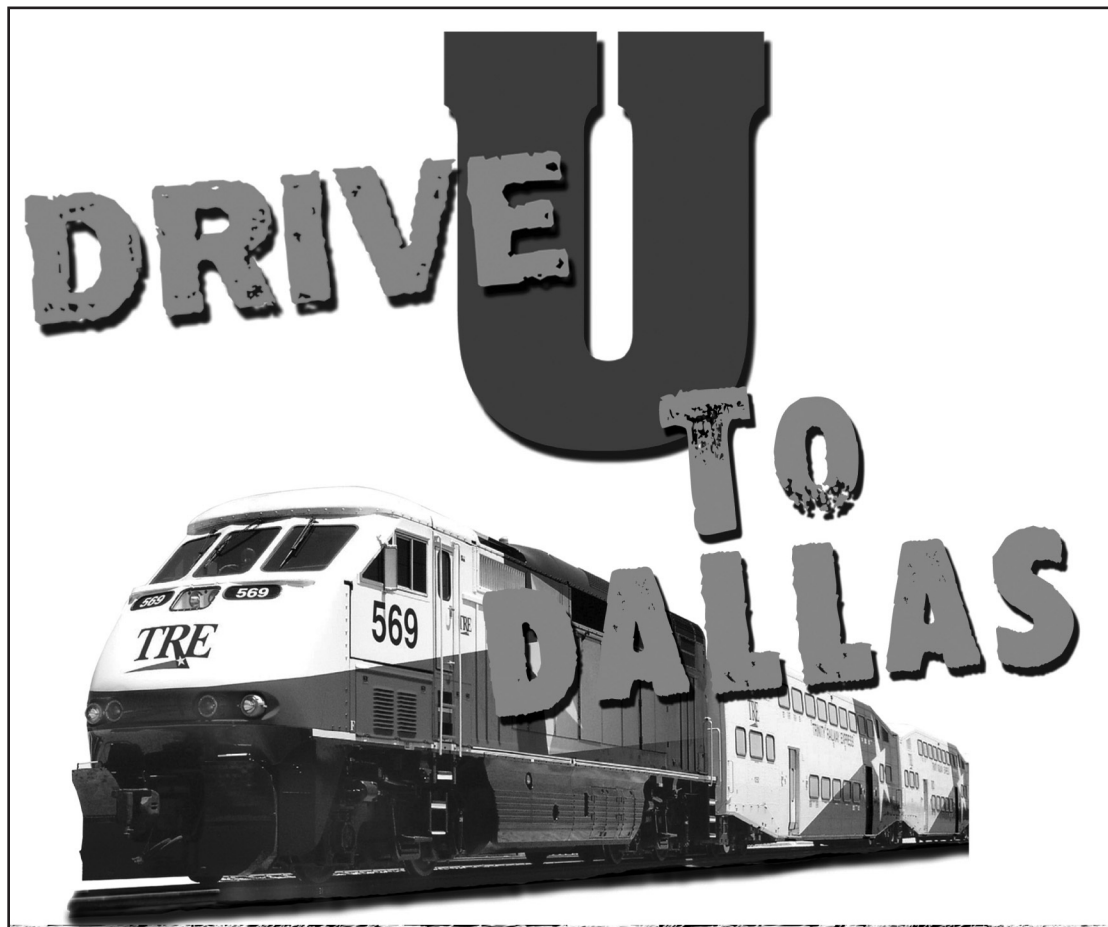
It can be a nightmare, most agree. Green estimates he devotes at least 10 hours a day meshed in this web, both for himself and to help neighbors. He says he isn't frustrated or depressed.

"Frustrated is not going to do any good," he said.

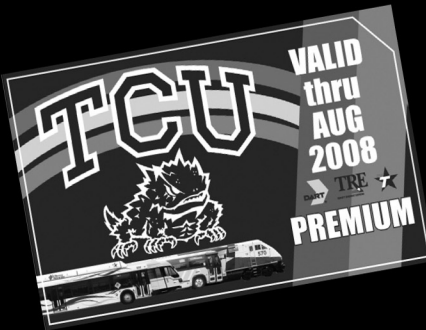
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Alan Butts, from Walla Walla, Wash., looks out the window at the Lakeview neighborhood in New Orleans as a tour guide conducts a tour through the most devastated areas of the city April 9, 2007.



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THE SKIFF VIEW

City's smoking ban not enough

Smoking in public areas has been contested for at least the last decade. Gone are the days when smokers and non-smokers were separated by a small wall or a walkway in restaurants. But bars have never had such a distinct and "clear" division. However, the anti-smoking attitude which has gained momentum in the last decade has yet to leave its mark on most of Texas.

But do government agencies have the right to legislate lifestyle changes? The votes are in and most say yes to not smoking in open areas. Fort Worth has legislated a ban on smoking in restaurants but not bars.

In 2002, El Paso was the first city in Texas to ban smoking in all public areas, workplaces, restaurants and bars. Unlike the El Paso ban, the Fort Worth ban will affect only restaurants. Since January 2004 five states — California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine and New York — have already banned smoking in public areas, accord-

ing to a study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 2004, Ireland banned smoking in all public areas, but some pub owners opted to build smoking extensions to their bars in order to keep their smoking clientele.

Smoking is generally considered a social affair but it becomes problematic in a closed atmosphere because there is no control on just how social you want your smoke to be.

Kudos to the Fort Worth council for placing citizen health above tobacco enthusiasm.

However the ban is still too little too late. The evidence of the dangers of smoking merits more than merely a Fort Worth and El Paso ban, despite the ban being more pervasive in El Paso. Texas should follow the example of New York and California and jump on the bandwagon of kicking the Marlboro man to the curb.

Photo editor Michael Bou-Nacklie for the editorial board.

BY LANA BLOCKER



PESSIMYSTIC TANNING.

International students need office

Place about 120 strangers from all corners of the globe in a room and you would expect major awkwardness to ensue. How could it not? These kids are miles away from home, speak English with an accent and their name tag isn't doing them any favors.



Julieta Chiquillo

What could have been a Tower of Babel actually unfolds into something quite different as the students break the ice and make their first ties at international orientation: their reception to TCU.

About 500 students from more than 80 different countries attend TCU, bringing with them the world and all the belongings they could cram into two pieces of luggage. Serious about its commitment to form leaders in "a global community," TCU is fierce in its recruitment of international students. Karen Scott, director of international admissions, visits countries throughout the year to promote TCU.

In an effort to force international students out of their comfort zone, TCU pairs them with U.S. roommates to develop a rapport between cultures. This relationship is beneficial for both parties as international



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students get a crash course on local colloquialisms and U.S. students learn that there are more Spanish-speaking countries south of Mexico.

Those people looking out for international students are found in the Office of International Student Services. The staff there not only takes care of the students' paperwork, but also make sure students abide to the rules concerning their visa status.

Also helping international students in their transition to college is the International Student Association. ISA conducts weekly meetings to discuss issues involving its members and puts together International Week, a yearly celebration of the cultural diversity at TCU.

Akhil Thomas, a junior electrical engineering major from India, said his fellow international peers form an interesting social network.

"International people help you broaden your horizon," Thomas said.

Being an international student might be good bait for conversation, but it's not an advantage when looking for on-campus employment. Most jobs at TCU require

students to be work-study. International students are not eligible because they do not qualify for federal aid, and off-campus jobs are off-limits.

Kaushal Amatya, a junior psychology major from Nepal and president of ISA, suggested that TCU allot more of the university budget to hiring students that are not work-study.

Holidays can be tough for international students. The staff of Residential Services intend for some residence halls to remain open during winter break this year, eliciting a sigh of relief from students who can't fly home for the holidays. Housing is not the only issue. Some international students find themselves in a deserted campus around Thanksgiving or spring break.

Amatya said that what international students need is "a home away from home." He proposed the creation of an international house, a place that could double as a headquarters for international student organizations and a common area for international students. Such a place would provide students comfort, especially during the holidays when the campus looks like a barren wasteland because everyone else has fled to South Padre.

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New grading system a minus

There are a few special students who strive to do far more than necessary — those who struggle, sweat and clamor to distinguish themselves, on paper, as shrines of scholastic achievement. Some may call these burgeoning students the "pride and joy" of higher education.



Lance Webb

I call them pretentious, self-interested annoyances or, in my more blunt moments, I refer to them as "GPA whores" because of the impression that these students will do anything for a few points here and there. They will beg, plead, cry, or obtain a court-issued mandate for the grade — whatever it takes.

This brings us to the issue of the plus/minus system. As a recent transfer student from Southern Methodist University, I have dealt with the plus/minus system and over-enthusiastic "special students" more than I care to remember.

A common philosophy drives both plus/minus and grade grubbing and neither should be encouraged in a serious academic institution. They both miss the aim of education, which is not a grade but, rather, knowledge.

Both the plus/minus system and grade hounds focus too heavily on the numeri-

cal grades, which serve as measurements of knowledge. However, when one tries to quantify something abstract, such as knowledge, something gets lost in translation.

In philosophy, we call it "reification" — go ahead, Google it. Basically, the whole argument of reification is that some things like knowledge, love, happiness, fear, sadness, etc., aren't readily quantifiable and thus aren't accurately represented by numbers.

However, in order to objectively measure a person's knowledge, one must use some universal standard and that standard is numeric. This is obviously a problem.

But ranges like the current ABCDF grading system, allow a university, or any institution for that matter, to sidestep the problem. The ranges account for the fact that knowledge is not readily quantifiable.

However, the more specific the grading system, the more one arbitrarily casts a judgment on a student. The difference between an A and a B student is somewhat clear. But what's the difference between the quality of an A minus student and an A student when there's only a few points difference? How does one draw that distinction? It's an arbitrary distinction that often exists only on paper.

During my time at SMU, I often encountered a dilemma when deciding on a paper topic for a philosophy

class. Often, I had to choose between an ambitious topic and safe topic. I would then weigh the costs of tackling a more substantive issue that would invariably be tougher to argue when I knew it might cost me in GPA points with the SMU plus/minus system.

That's my main issue with the plus/minus system. It often creates situations in which a student has to choose between academic ambition and the all-mighty GPA.

This, in turn, creates a conundrum of intellectual integrity for a student, especially when said student plans to apply to some sort of graduate school.

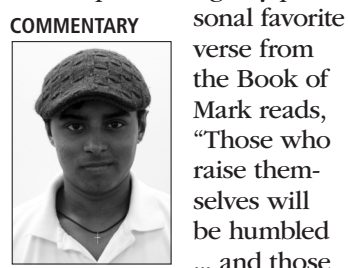
Well, I should say that this arrangement creates a problem for some students, the ones who value education over grade points. For the "GPA whores," there's no decision to make — GPA every time. So, I pose this question, is this the type of student TCU wants to promote? Are we to applaud and reward those who have no qualms about selling out academic intrepidity in exchange for a higher GPA?

Don't do it, I say. Let the "GPA whores" labor under the weight of their obsession with appearances. Let the rest of us continue with our work unbothered by the pettiness of the difference between A and A minus.

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

Foreign monetary aid not always beneficial to nations

In today's world, it's common for Catholic sermons to extract scriptures from the Book of Mark used during the Gospel reading. My personal favorite



DJ Perera

verse from the Book of Mark reads, "Those who raise themselves will be humbled ... and those who humble themselves will be raised."

Personally, I'm the type of person who believes in doing good for others before they do good unto me and giving to the needy and less fortunate.

The reality is we, who are more educated and resourceful, should stop and think before donating money to charitable organizations that

increase and improve food production, as well medical care and other materialistic essentials. During the past 50 years, the world is still finding difficulty in coming to a fair solution to end world poverty. Developed countries are reluctant to distribute aid in the form of grants to help rebuild impoverished nations' infrastructures. Instead, loans have always been the mode of funding financial aid with the expectation of the dependant country repaying its debt. The truth is that current aid isn't efficient or adequate. One could argue that is a falsified statement, seeing as both public and private organizations such as Google and Young Life spend millions, even billions, on social development in impoverished countries. Even celebrities such as U2 frontman

Bono and famed actress Angelina Jolie have become globally recognized for their dedication to humanitarian work.

However, the harsh reality is even with so much emphasis on ending world poverty, years have passed and poverty hasn't been squelched, but instead is on the rise. Economies are plummeting due to corruption as in Zimbabwe. The country's economy is experiencing a notorious 600 percent inflation and violence is chaotically out of control. This is evident, especially in the Middle East where more than 2 million Iraqis are scattered throughout Syria, Lebanon and Egypt in what is being dubbed as the world's most

disastrous humanitarian crisis since Darfur. The reality is that the money being spent on materialistic, but essential, aid isn't sufficient to ensure economic development.

Today almost three billion people, which is almost half the world population, live on less than \$2 a day. Political instability is a major factor of this dilemma. Statistics indicate the 48 poorest countries' gross domestic products have been recorded to be lower than the three richest men in the world. Developed countries have invested billions into nuclear arms arsenal, and yet if they had devoted at least 1 percent of what they invested it would've been sufficient to put every child in a third world country in school by year 2000. The disturb-

ing reality is the world has enough nuclear weapons to destroy itself 10 times over.

One should ask if it's best to distribute aid in the form of loans for humanitarian causes to benefit the poor at a time of crisis only for them to be expected to pay it back. Is it best to distribute aid in the form of grants that would help fund infrastructural development within a nation implementing debt relief?

What is the solution? Well, instead of fundraisers I feel that rather than help provide, we should help nurture. We should help nurture the poor by educating them to be resourceful and independent. I believe it's far more efficient if TCU raised funds in such a way as to benefit the poor global community. For example, places like Bangladesh, where during every monsoon

season, 80 percent of the country gets flooded, destroying the many shanties that define the poverty-stricken areas of the country. Fundraisers to help support parts of Eastern Europe, like Romania, where poverty is having a social effect on poorer families and some fathers end up pimping their own children to afford a living. Of course, we as citizens of developed countries, can help the poor by monetary donations. However, it's indicated by statistics that money doesn't maintain a lasting effect. If we can help the poor help themselves, the social benefits will be immense and poverty will gradually decline and the gap between rich and poor will finally diminish. Hopefully in the near future, this may be a reality.

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Vick accepts plea deal, prepares for court date

By VERONICA GORLEY CHUFO
Daily Press

Michael Vick formally entered his guilty plea before a judge in U.S. District Court in Richmond this morning, making official the plea agreement the NFL quarterback signed last week.

Ushered into the courtroom with family members just before 10:30 a.m., Vick told District Judge Henry E. Hudson that he was guilty of conspiring to travel in interstate commerce in aid of unlawful activities and to sponsor a dog in an animal-fighting venture.

"Is what the United States said in your case in fact what happened?" Hudson asked Vick. "Yes sir," he responded.

In total, the hearing took about 20 minutes.

Vick is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 10.

In a press conference at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, following the hearing, Vick spoke about the allegations for the first time since he was indicted in July. He apologized to his coach, the Atlanta Falcons, and all others who had been affected by his actions.

Looking nervous and speaking softly, Vick said he was "not honest and forthright" when he had previously discussed the allegations with his team, and called dogfighting a "terrible thing."

He said he had a lot to think

about in the next year and added that he was more disappointed in himself "because of all the young kids...who look at Mike Vick as a role model."

"I will redeem myself," he said. "I have to."

His plea agreement with prosecutors indicates he could spend a year to a year and a half behind bars. However, Hudson is not bound to any plea agreement between Vick and prosecutors, and could sentence the football player to up to five years.

"You're taking your chances here," Hudson said. "You're going to have to live with whatever decision I make."

In a short statement behind

the courthouse after the hearing, one of Vick's lawyers, Billy Martin, said his legal team would be working to show the judge that Vick was a good person at heart.

"We hope that Judge Hudson sees the real Mike Vick," Martin said.

The guilty plea comes days after, in court documents, Vick told his version of what happened between 2001 and April 2007, when he and his three codefendants were running the Bad Newz Kennels dogfighting operation.

On the same day, the NFL announced it was suspending Vick indefinitely without pay.

In court documents filed with

his plea agreement on Friday, Vick admitted he had a role in killing six to eight dogs that didn't perform well in test fights, by various methods, including hanging and drowning them.

But he tried to play down the gambling allegations, saying that while he may have bankrolled the Bad Newz Kennels operation, run out of the 1915 Moonlight Road property in Surry County, Va., he did not participate in any side bets, or receive any of the proceeds from wagers placed on the fights.

Vick agreed to plead guilty last week, after his three codefendants — Quanis Phillips, of Atlanta, Purnell Peace, of Virginia Beach, and Tony Taylor,

of Hampton — had all entered guilty pleas and agreed to testify against him.

In a statement, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia declared Vick's plea a victory for the government.

"These cases are ... no different than most cases in the federal system: confronted with compelling inculpatory evidence, each defendant admitted his criminal conduct under oath in open court, and entered a binding written plea agreement with the United States," the statement said. "That is a decidedly efficient and just resolution of these cases."

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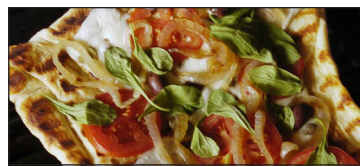
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Now that's good eatin'



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Filling the space that was once Jon's Grille, Dutch's now serves the TCU campus and any incoming area patrons.

Football legend's name still lives through local restaurant

By JORDAN HAYGOOD
Staff Reporter

"Fight 'em till hell freezes over, then fight 'em on ice." These were the famous words of TCU's only coach to win a national championship, Dutch Meyer.

Students and community members can now remember Meyer at the new hamburger joint, Dutch's, which was named after him for his accomplishments on the football field and around campus.

Dutch's, which is located on University Drive in the former Jon's Grille space, is adding to the list of ever-growing TCU community hangout spots.

With a small-town feel, Dutch's restaurant takes a clean American twist on the country-style diner. Seating about 100 people, tables and booths will be occupied by college students, business people on their breaks and families meeting for a quick meal.

A variety of foods are on the menu, from the bacon blue cheeseburger to "street style" tostados, creating a "quality family style restaurant on the TCU campus," General Manager Kay Greenlee said.

"The atmosphere of Dutch's gives the place a great personality," Greenlee said. "It's a place where you can bring kids to and not have to worry about dressing up or spilling on the floor."

One difference customers will notice is the bar and patio area, whereas at Jon's Grille drinks could only be purchased at the registers and there was no designated bar area.

"Having the bar opened up, along with the patio in the back, gives students a place to go after class," Greenlee said. "The TCU neighborhood needs a good place to hang out and Dutch's is the perfect place."

Students, such as sophomore finance/real estate major Bobby Weinberg, said they are pleased with the new restaurant addition and prefer the surroundings of Dutch's over Jon's Grille.

"Personally, I prefer Dutch's just because it's a relaxing place you can grab a bite to eat and not feel like you are in the crowd at The Main," Weinberg said. "Also, where else can you get amazing tamales and a barbeque bacon burger all in the same place?"

Greenlee said what makes the food so different at Dutch's from other hamburger places is all the food is natural including the beef which is "purchased by the cow."

"We know exactly what is being fed to the animals so we do not have to worry about added hormones," Greenlee said. "Our bread gets shipped in from a bakery in Houston and everything is freshly handmade each morning."

Daniel Shafer, a junior communication studies major, said that despite being fond of Jon's Grille, Dutch's menu variety is a lot better.

"Don't get me wrong, I was definitely and always will be a Jon's Grille fan," Shafer said. "But sometimes I want a hamburger where I don't feel like I am going to have a heart attack after I eat it."

Whatever customers decide to eat, they will be pampered with the hospitality of the student workers all the while surrounded by TCU's history in photographs around the rooms, giving Dutch's its own personal touch.

Hamburger Heaven

By ERICKA STRICKLAND
Staff Writer

A vegetarian gives her two cents about the world of local hamburger restaurants to see if there is equality amongst burger connoisseurs.

Charley's Old Fashioned Hamburgers

Charley's Old Fashioned Hamburgers lacks formality and vegetarian options. It is a token dive, with a hole-in-the-wall atmosphere. When I went, the staff was limited to two people, but they were friendly. While the restaurant could use some decorating tips, the purple doors and TCU banners would make any Horned Frog swell with pride. The fries were the highlight of Charley's: greasy and homemade, as they should be.

Kincaid's Hamburgers

This Fort Worth gem first started as a grocery store in 1946 but became a hamburger success in 1966. The service is rushed and the restaurant is overly crowded. The '50's diner feel combined with summer camp cafeteria create a community-like atmosphere. The vegetarian options at Kincaid's are rather disappointing. It is pretty much summed up to grilled cheese or fried okra. So while the restaurant provides a fun, frantic atmosphere, I wouldn't suggest to an herbivore to go there to satisfy their appetite.

Pappas Burger

The newest installment of the Pappas chain, Pappas Burger, is built for entertainment and provides a fun setting. But it feels too much like a sports bar and the servers seem scattered and unfocused. The restaurant is two months old, but even the food was not totally up to par for the prices. The vegetarian options were scarce but thankfully, there was a plentiful Greek salad on the menu.

Love Shack

Love Shack, a creation of celebrity chef Tim Love, is very much just a shack. It is basically tables between two buildings in the Stockyards. They had no vegetarian options besides fries or a milkshake, but service was fairly good and the option of live music enhanced my fry-based meal. Even though there was nothing I could eat at Love Shack, I still give the restaurant points for creativity and ingenuity.

Fred's Texas Cafe

I was skeptical about Fred's Texas Cafe when I pulled up. It seemed like just another greasy spoon with meat-only options. The exterior of the restaurant screamed "red-neck cowboy" with large Texas murals painted on the outside walls. The parking was limited to a dusty lot and it felt reminiscent of an old Western set. Once inside, Fred's is dimly lit, with a late-night bar aura. The deer heads and antlers adorning a room in the back appeal to the game-prone. But a fantastic menu with some very enticing vegetarian options was a pleasant surprise. The Portobello mushroom burger was extremely fresh and tasted just how I would imagine a hamburger would taste, but better. If you were looking for a place that is distinctively Fort Worth, Fred's would be the place to go.

Tommy's Hamburger Grill

Another Cowtown favorite, Tommy's Hamburger Grill, is one of the more convenient burger joints to visit. With three different locations, Tommy's provides diversity in its service and menu. With more than just burgers and fries, it expands to American favorites like chicken fried steak, BLTs and some veggie side options. The best thing about Tommy's is its veggie burgers. The patties are crisp and they are topped with fresh ingredients and caramelized onions. The fries and homemade chips are also top-notch. Tommy's is an all around enjoyable eating experience for vegetarians alike.

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Associate Editor

A self-proclaimed carnivore gives his take on what eating big in Texas is all about.

Charley's Old Fashioned Hamburgers

The 1950s never left this small burger hut in west Fort Worth. Paint chips flake off the sign and some benches outside make this place the perfect spot for greasy burgers and sweet tea on a Friday afternoon. The specialty item on the menu is aptly named the Greatburger. Two patties of beef, countless slices of Canadian bacon, a slathering of mayonnaise and American cheese comprise the 800 Calories of mouth-watering wonder.

Kincaid's Hamburgers

More than 60 years have passed since its inception and Kincaid's continues to be a hamburger connoisseur's dream. Kincaid's is placed with the likes of Perry's, the world-renowned San Francisco eatery, and in Texas it is known as one of the best. As for the decor, red checkerboard tablecloths and newspaper cutouts from the past 50 years adorn the walls keeping the grocery-turned-restaurant in the sock-hop era. Organic beef burgers can even keep those environmentally friendly carnivores satisfied.

Pappas Burgers

The diner attitude is evident in the restaurant, but character lacks here. Perhaps since it is the new kid on the block, building a reputation may take time. The spacious interior is perfect for watching a title game however, for a lunch break with nostalgia, the restaurant falls short of excellence. Pappas does keep up with modern trends and offers a few vegetarian selections, but for someone who wants a mountain of cattle on white bread, this restaurant will suffice. The burgers are similar to Fuddrucker's both in price and quality, but the shakes are phenomenal. It is not everyday somebody can have a drink that is richer than the Sultan of Brunei.

Love Shack

Cowboys and yuppies overlap in the Fort Worth Stockyards where Tim Love blends gourmet and homecooking. This two-story restaurant specializes in burgers and hotdogs. A dead giveaway of a specialty item on a menu comes from a distinct name. The Love Shack has the Dirty Bird. Three animals go into the construction of this culinary masterpiece. Bacon and ground beef give the typical flavor, but the award winning chef's touch comes from a fried quail egg on top. Sometimes an entire hunting party needs to go out to gather a meal, but the flavor is worth the trip into the woods.

Fred's Texas Cafe

If taxidermy is a cottage industry in Texas, then Fred's exemplifies how to use every part of the animal for eating and decorating. Antlers, longhorns and skulls adorn the walls and the atmosphere is reminiscent of a backroads country diner. For fine dining, the options are meat, meat and potatoes with a side of meat. Bacon and mushroom burgers grilled fresh are worth the wait when a schooner of beer accompanies the meal.

Tommy's Hamburger Grill

It went from the shores of Lake Worth to the heart of the city, but this establishment has created a Texas-style surf and turf menu. The go-to items on the table for Tommy's are catfish and cheeseburgers. The patties are typically a half-pound and there is a designated menu section for those who wish to eat lighter, but if you go big in Texas, this restaurant will gladly fit this cliché. Each slab of meat is dripping with flavor and instead of smashing the meat on the grill the ground beef keeps its thick shape and a delectable flavor. And what side could be better than homemade potato chips to cap off the dining experience?

KATRINA

From page 2

"For me, this is home."

And no, he doesn't mind that when he looks out his back window, blocks of houses have been replaced by weeds so tall that they reach his head.

"It's green," he said. "You should have seen it after the storm, when it was brown and flat. Green means it's going to grow."

Not everyone is willing to put in the effort, emotional and physical, that's needed to live in New Orleans 2007.

Fred Valdez moved to the city from Austin, Texas, for work reasons five months ago. He was supposed to stay until December. He's ready to leave now.

"I'll be surprised if I last another month," said Valdez, 38, who rents a house in Lakeview, a neighborhood near Lake Pontchartrain and the breached 17th Street Canal. "It's very depressing to be down here."

He ticks off a list of complaints: Crime is a constant fear. Grocery prices are higher than usual. Rental property is hard to come by and rents are high. Roads are pock-marked and hard to negotiate.

"It's what I expected after a major hurricane. It's not what I expected two years after a major hurricane," he said.

And the populace, Valdez

believes, is just as damaged as the infrastructure. "I think Katrina really took a toll on them, and they're really emotionally distressed, and a lot of these people don't even know it."

As Valdez sees it, the city has little to offer residents. "Yeah, you can drink and go through a drive-through and get a beer and take it to go, but there's nothing else in the city that attracts," he said.

Lakeview resident Mike Hennessey, a New Orleans lifer, has a completely different take on things. He's rebuilding his house and constructing a rental property next door. Things have moved slowly, he said; he's the only one he knows who has received a grant from the Road Home — a program to help residents rebuild — but some of that was to be expected.

"It was a helluva event," Hennessey, 49, said of the storm. "We realize it's a long-term deal. It's not going to happen overnight. It's only two years and we're talking five, 10, 15 years. It's frustrating, but you know it's going to take time."

He points to various properties around his. "There's people living over here, there are the guys on the corner, somebody's building a new house over there, that's progress."

He suspects that most of America has forgotten about the devastation. In part, he



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Boards and a stop sign mark an open manhole in the devastated Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans on April 11, 2007. The area still remains largely devoid of residents.

can understand that. A lot is going on in the world, headlines are fleeting, televised shots of the New Orleans Superdome seem to imply that all is normal in the Big Easy.

"It really takes away from

the suffering of people down here," he said. "And people are really suffering."

In the days, weeks and months after Katrina, houses became message boards, with words and numbers scrawled in paint on their

walls so residents and rescuers could communicate with each other.

Searchers marked almost every house with a large X, filling its four quadrants with numbers and letters to indicate when they'd searched the dwelling and if anyone had died inside.

They left messages — "Two cats dead inside" and "Dog under house" — for those who would come after them.

Displaced homeowners marred their once-pristine outer walls with names and phone numbers so friends could find them as they scattered across the country in the storm's aftermath.

Many of those sloppily painted messages remain, signs of how much the city has suffered, signs of how much work still needs to be done.

On Forstall Street in the Lower Ninth Ward, a blue and black cry for help mars a salmon-colored cinderblock house: "Asking for donation to rebuild ... Please help," along with a phone number. The message has been there at least a year.

A few blocks away, three blue words are painted on the back of a yellow-brick house: "This was HOME."

But there are other, newer signs in the mix. Many are reminiscent of real estate "For Sale" signs, stuck in yards on spindly metal legs or posted in windows. They are signs of defiance or determination, usually varying by neighborhood:

"Hold the Corps Accountable!" is one common refrain.

"Broadmoor Lives," proclaims a banner in that Uptown neighborhood.

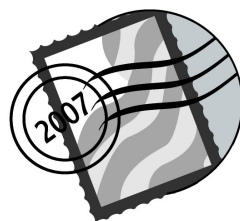
"We're Back!" reads a sign in Lakeview.

And the one message that is seen throughout the city: "We are rebuilding. We are New Orleans. We are coming home."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Two years after Katrina

Life in the New Orleans area two years after the deadly and costly hurricane hit the Gulf Coast Aug. 29, 2005:



Lost population
350,000*

People slowly returning; U.S. mail delivery is 66 percent of pre-Katrina level in Orleans Parish, 38 percent in St. Bernard



Lost housing
135,000

Homes, apartments damaged or destroyed in New Orleans; 60,035 building permits issued



Lost workers
142,300

Workers displaced in New Orleans metro area



Lost jobs
5.1 percent

Unemployment rate, compared to national rate of 4.5 percent for June 2007

| | Apartments | Home sales | Hospitals | Transport | City schools | Libraries | Day care | Hotel, motel | Ed, health jobs | Labor force | Airlines |
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Attorney general resigns, to leave office in September

By MARISA TAYLOR and MARGARET TALEV
McClatchy Newspapers

With the resignation Monday of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, the Bush administration faces its most daunting task: repairing the reputation of a Justice Department reeling from the controversy over the firings of nine U.S. attorneys last year.

After months of damaging disclosures about his competency and congressional scrutiny of his leadership, Gonzales announced that he'd be leaving

Sept. 17 but offered little explanation for the timing.

With no immediate replacement named by the White House, legal experts said the administration needed to select a new attorney general with significant legal experience and an unassailable reputation to end the criticism that had undermined the department since January.

"The Bush administration needs to pick someone from the outside who unquestionably will be seen as independent," said Erwin Chemerinsky, a law

professor at Duke University.

Among the names floated as permanent replacements are Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and Solicitor General Paul Clement, who was tapped as acting attorney general.

But Democrats warned the White House that Congress might not confirm Chertoff, whose tenure was marred by botched recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina.

Gonzales' departure is another blow to a White House that's struggled to regain its footing in

the face of an unpopular war in Iraq and elections last fall that swept Republican majorities out of both houses of Congress.

Gonzales, the first Hispanic to serve as attorney general, was one of President Bush's closest advisers and an enabling force behind the administration's controversial policies on torture, domestic spying and the scope of presidential power.

In a brief statement, Gonzales didn't elaborate on his resignation or respond to questions. His voice quavered as he spoke of his rise from the son of poor Mexican immigrants to the top federal law-enforcement official.

"I have lived the American dream," he said. "Even my worst days as attorney general have been better than my father's best days."

The timing of his resignation allowed him to leave on perhaps as high a note as the White House could hope for. The congressional investigation into the firings essentially has stalled with Bush's claims of executive privilege, leaving Democrats with the option of a risky court fight. Gonzales also waited until Bush's political adviser Karl Rove, whom Democrats saw as the more enticing target of their inquiry, had announced his own departure, giving Rove what amounted to political cover until the end.

Congressional leaders said that even with Gonzales gone, they had no intention of dropping

their investigations into the controversies that ensnared him, from the prosecutors' firings to the administration's controversial and still secretive surveillance of Americans.

For months, the White House had insisted that Gonzales wasn't going anywhere. On Monday, Bush said he'd reluctantly accepted his attorney general's resignation after "months of unfair treatment."

"It's sad that we live in a time when a talented and honorable person like Alberto Gonzales is impeded from doing important work because his good name was dragged through the mud for political reasons," Bush said in an appearance in Waco, Texas.

Several lawmakers and aides from both parties said they had no knowledge of any specific discovery or turn in the investigation that would have prompted the resignation.

Two congressional aides familiar with the probes into the Justice Department, both speaking on condition of anonymity, said Gonzales' departure came as lawmakers were preparing to push for additional information about the administration's wiretapping program, including more of FBI director Robert Mueller's private notes about the controversy.

Lawmakers said Mueller's notes might further contradict Gonzales' sworn testimony or show a fuller picture of the attorney general's role in sur-

veillance programs, both in his past role as White House counsel and as attorney general.

Some analysts said a resignation had almost become inevitable because Gonzales had turned into a major political liability.

"The question wasn't whether he would go but when he would go," said Kenneth Sherrill, a political science professor at Hunter College. "As long as he was a target, the entire administration was weakened, and the ongoing controversy could be used to discredit anything that came out of the White House or Justice Department."

White House officials said Gonzales had talked over the decision with his wife over the last several months and concluded it was in the best interest of the department. He called the president Friday and offered his resignation, the officials said.

Almost from the beginning of the war on terrorism, he'd been a magnet for controversy, overseeing nearly every policy criticized for expanding presidential power or minimizing civil liberties.

Gonzales' legal career rose with Bush's political trajectory: as a Texas Supreme Court justice, White House counsel and, since February 2005, the nation's chief law enforcement officer. Bush once eyed his friend as a potential nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court.



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U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announces his resignation from the Bush administration on Monday in Washington, D.C.

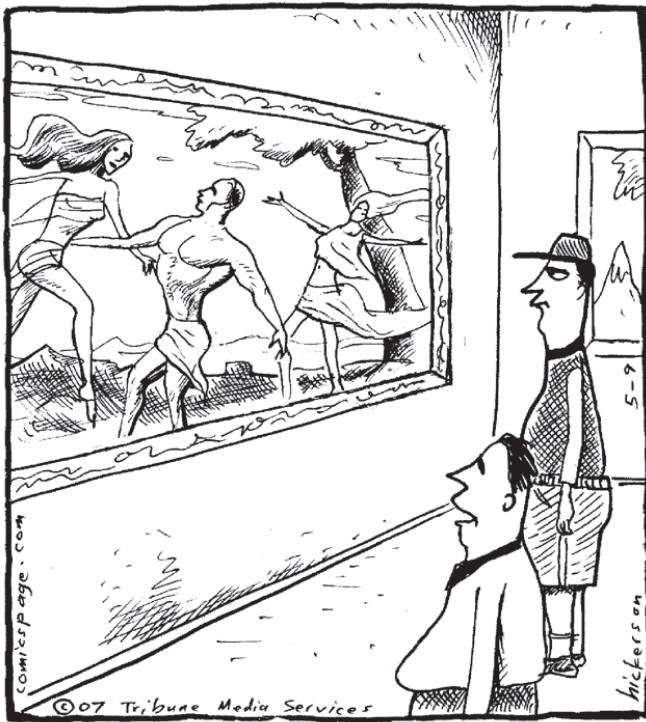


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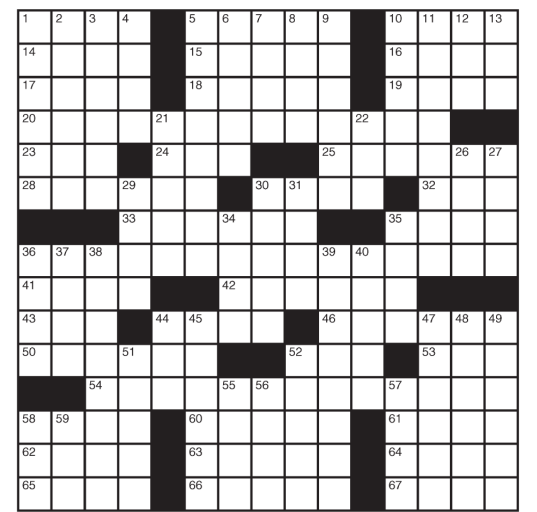
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By Robert H. Wolfe
 North Woodmere, NY

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TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Fans get sneak peek of team

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

As the football team dispersed from the south end zone to begin Saturday's "Meet the Frogs" mock game, junior linebacker Robert Henson wanted to fast forward the clock to next week.

"Why can't it be next week?" said Henson, hollering from the sideline before kickoff.

Players, coaches and fans alike took part in Saturday's "Meet the Frogs" festival — one of the final events before next Saturday's opener against Baylor.

The event began just before 11 a.m. with the mock game. Although the plays and situations were scripted, it gave players and coaches the opportunity to run through an assortment of scenarios to gauge how prepared the team would be if a specific situation was to arise.

Although most of the players took part in Saturday's festivities, senior All-American defensive end Tommy Blake was noticeably absent. Blake was "feeling under the weather," said Mark Cohen, the director of athletics media relations.

At the end of the hourlong mock game, the purple team, which was comprised mostly of first- and second-string players, defeated the white team, 22-19. Just named the starting quarterback for the upcoming season, redshirt freshman Andy Dalton hooked up with senior wide receiver Ervin Dickerson for one of the game's only touchdowns, while practicing the purple team's no-huddle offense.

When players, cheerleaders and the band ended with the school song, the rest of the day's festivities commenced. The rest of the day's events included foot-



ROBYN SHEPHERD / Staff Photographer

TCU Football fans got a chance to "Meet the Frogs", this Saturday. Ben Martin rushes the pads held by Sophomore Pre-Health Professions, Josh Karlin.

ball skills clinics for children in attendance as well as autograph sessions with players and head coach Gary Patterson.

The sight of Division I athletes being knocked down by children brought smiles to families throughout the event.

Cindy Hilliard of Fort Worth, who is the aunt of junior offensive tackle Heath Raetz, said she brings her kids out every year, and that it's how her son, Piper, wants to celebrate his birthday.

Cheerleading clinics were also available courtesy of TCU Cheer. Freshman Jessica Martin enjoyed being able to bring smiles to the faces of future cheerleading hopefuls.

"They're all so cute and they ask for your autograph," said Martin, a freshman marketing

major. "They're all so excited when they put up their little (Frog hands)."

The event wasn't just for the Frogs of tomorrow.

Joe Barrett, an Arlington native and 1968 graduate, said an event like "Meet the Frogs" shows how far the program has come in the last decade.

"The program is just tremendous," Barrett said. "The TCU team in the last 10 years (has grown) leaps and bounds, and I hope we can continue on."

MORE ONLINE



See more "Meet the Frogs" photos at dailyskiff.com

GAMEDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Recognizing the situation step one to season

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

COMMENTARY
M a y b e Charles Dickens isn't alive to see the difference between the TCU and Baylor football programs, but the phrase couldn't ring more true than it does today.

It's the tale of two former Southwest Conference rivals heading — no — sprinting in opposite directions.

Media outlets far and wide have heaped mass praise on the Frogs and rightfully so, considering that even with James Vess' season-long suspension, the defense still returns eight starters from a unit that ranked No. 2 in total defense last season.

Using a term Gary Patterson said after last season's Texas Tech win, I think it is safe to say Patterson and Co. are no longer the "red-headed stepchildren" of media coverage among Texas college football teams.

Then there's Baylor. What can one say about Baylor football except, "Why?" Our Waco brethren haven't been to a bowl game since Bill Clinton's first term in office, and have averaged 1.75 conference wins in Guy Morriss' four years as head coach. That's an "I'm not even mad, that's amazing" statistic if I've ever seen one.

Think of TCU as Matt Damon and Baylor as my favorite whipping boy, Ben Affleck. While

Damon continues to anchor the "Bourne" franchise and is remembered for his part in one of the greatest films of our generation, "The Departed," Affleck continues to make films such as "Gigli" and "Daredevil" that make you want to clean your palate with mouthwash.

All jokes aside, there is no doubt that Baylor wants this game. While Baylor might not be the caliber of the team that challenges Patterson and Co. in week two, that could be the reason why the game might be closer than expected.

I'm not an expert analyst by any means, but if offensive coordinator Mike Schultz's play-calling is on the Dick Cheney-level of conservative, then it won't surprise me, especially with quarterback Andy Dalton taking the first snaps of his college career.

But the Bears have nothing to lose on Saturday because Baylor didn't have anything to begin with. As much as I don't want to see another 17-7 game, it is certainly in the realm of possibility.

By recognizing the Frogs have the potential to accomplish great things this year and almost every game is the biggest game of the season for their opponents, the boys in purple will complete step one in what could be a 12-step program to being the most memorable season in Patterson's tenure as coach.

It is the best of times right now for TCU. By season's end, we will see if it will be the greatest of times. Saturday cannot get here soon enough.

QUICK SPORTS

Large crowd watches final exhibition

The soccer team put on a show in its final exhibition match, resulting in a scoreless tie against the No. 23 Oklahoma State Cowgirls.

The match, which was played in front of more than 1,200 fans at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium, saw the team total only 10 shots compared to OSU's 24. Only one of the shots was a shot on goal.

Freshman forward Jenna Hayes led the way with three shots, followed by senior midfielder Lauren Pope and freshman forward Jackie Torda, both with two shots.

With this match in the books, the team prepares for its Aug. 31 showdown with the No. 9 University of Texas Longhorns.

Sports editor Tim Bella

Volleyball takes two in Florida

Although the Horned Frogs volleyball team could not complete the opening weekend sweep in the Sunshine State, the team was still able to take two out of three matches at the Florida State Invitational in Tallahassee, Fla.

After handling the University of North Carolina at Asheville in three straight games Friday morning, the team staved off near elimination to overcome Florida Gulf Coast in five games later that day.

Junior setter Nirelle Hampton led the charge with 12 digs, 12 kills and 48 assists — volleyball's version of the triple-double.

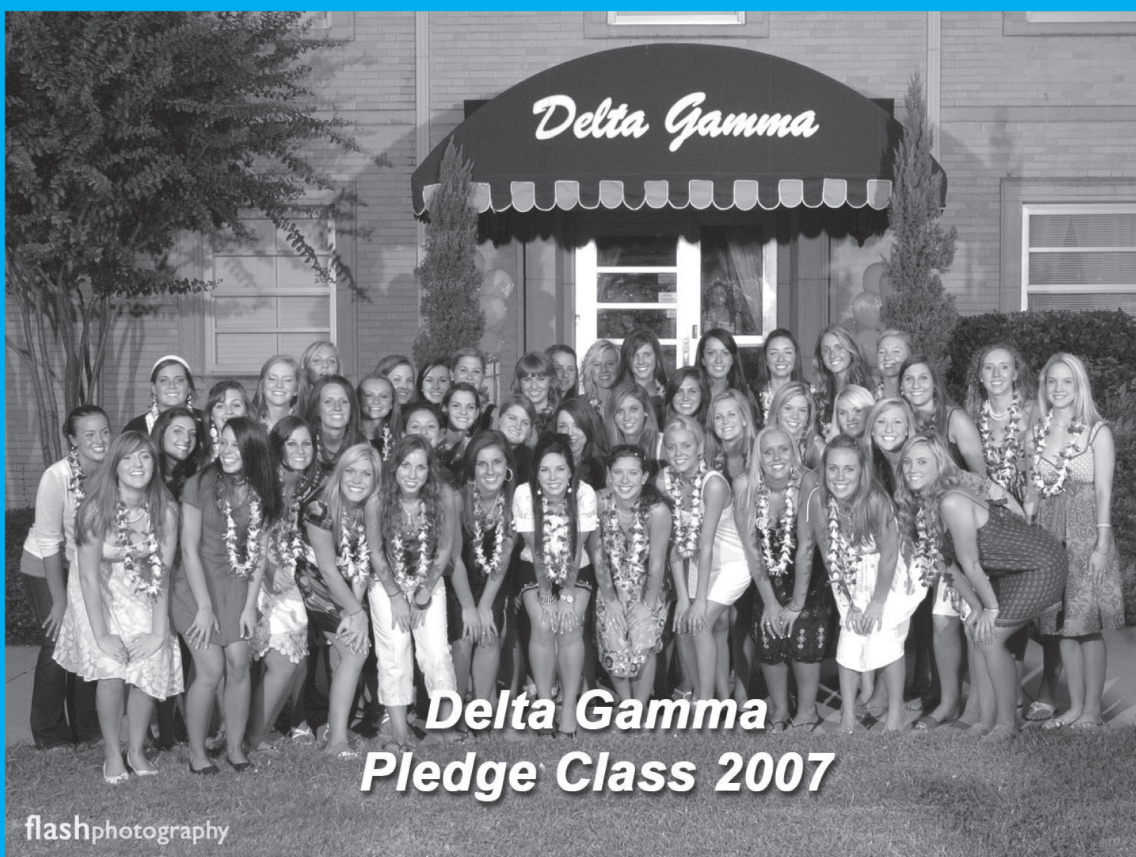
Even with the momentum of two consecutive wins, the squad was unable to overcome the host team, falling in four games.

The team will travel this weekend for two matches against the University of Maine and one match against the University of Cincinnati.

Sports editor Tim Bella

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