



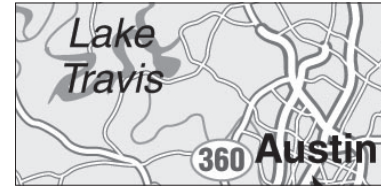
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Dining services works to become environmentally-friendly

By CAROLINE LOCKWOOD
Staff Reporter

Students who eat at The Main, Deco Deli, Edens or Pond St. Grill have noticed a change in their utensils, straws and to-go containers.

The university has decided to take an all-natural approach, using utensils and containers made from organic products.

TCU has switched to all-natural Bio Mass Packaging.

The forks, knives and spoons used in the dining halls are now known as Spudware, which is a form of biodegradable cutlery made from 80 percent potato starch and 20 percent soy oil, according to the Bio Mass Packaging flyers distributed in The Main. The straws and to-go containers are made from paper pulp called Bagasseware, which is formulated from plants.

Rick Flores, manager of

Dining Services, said the main reason for switching to Bio Mass Packaging was the feedback Dining Services received from students last year. Flores said many students voiced their opinions about wanting to do more for the environment. He said these "earth-friendly" products help the environment because they can break down in 30 days when exposed to sunlight.

While many students may

want to do more for the environment, not all are completely satisfied with the new products.

Amanda Diaz, a sophomore secondary education major, said she is displeased with some of the changes.

"The straws are made of paper and they come out in your mouth," Diaz said. "I'm all for the environment, but the straws are annoying."

Like Diaz, Kelley Sweatt, a junior early childhood

education major, said she is annoyed with the straws but understands the new changes.

"It was weird drinking out of a paper straw, but I think it's good they're doing it for the environment," Sweatt said.

All of the plastic utensils and containers will be replaced by mid-September, but Flores said not all of the biodegradable packing is a definite change.

"We're still going through the stage of making sure the items do work," Flores said. "We're still deciding if they are meeting the students needs and that they're doing what they're supposed to be doing."

Flores said students have yet to respond and he's not sure if the lack of response is a good thing or a bad thing. He does know, though, this is just the first step for TCU
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FLYING HIGH



Courtesy of GEOFF AARON

Motorcyclist Geoff Aaron, winner of 10 U.S. trial championships and 73 career national wins, will kick off Thursday's 6 p.m. pep rally. The event, hosted by the Programming Council, will include the TCU cheerleaders and a performance from the band. The motorcycle stunt show demonstration will last 15 to 20 minutes.

Motorcycle stuntman to entertain students at final Howdy Week event

By ALLIE BROWN
Staff Reporter

As Howdy Week winds down, Programming Council is bringing in a stunt motorcyclist Friday to kick off the pep rally with a boom.

Motorcyclist Geoff Aaron will begin unwinding his aluminum obstacle course at 6 p.m. in the Kelly Alumni Center parking lot. Aaron Wolfe, vice chairman of Programming Council, said

there is much to look forward to.

"The motorcyclist is a major highlight but the band and cheerleaders are also highlighted," Wolfe said.

Howdy Week project leader Kaytlyn Knowles agreed with Wolfe but said she is especially looking forward to Aaron's stunts.

"It's a big surprise for everyone," Knowles said.

"We were concerned because we didn't have a band and (Aaron) came to us at the right time."

Aaron said he began his interest in motorcycles when he was 13. He said his father used to trial ride with friends and when Aaron became interested, his father suggested he try a trials bike. Now, at age 35, Aaron has 10 U.S. Trial Championships and 73

career national wins.

Aaron said he will be accompanied by a unique demo-rig built especially for his performances. When he arrives to set up, the rig will unfold into an aluminum obstacle course.

"Moto-trials is kind of a unique sport so we've built a mobile display to showcase the sport as well as we can," Aaron said.

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Football alumnus gets seven years for drug charges

By MEGAN MOWERY
Staff Reporter

A former Frogs football team captain has been sentenced to seven years in prison.

LaMarcus McDonald, 26, plead guilty in court Tuesday to possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine, said Ellen Watson, spokesman for the 19th state District Court in Waco.

According to an Aug. 29 Waco Tribune-Herald article, McDonald was pulled over for an expired auto registration and the police found 11 "rocks" of crack cocaine worth about \$220 in an aspirin container as well as a gun found under the seat.

Watson said McDonald was found guilty on the drug charge, however, the jury found

him not guilty of displaying a weapon during the crime because he was not using it.

Last year, McDonald's three young children were in the car when the police found 2.18 grams of crack cocaine and the pistol last year, Watson said.

McDonald will have to serve one-fourth of his sentence in prison before he will be eligible for parole, Watson said.

McDonald was named Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year in 2002 and was the team captain during the Liberty Bowl when TCU defeated Colorado State.

Following his TCU career, McDonald signed as an undrafted free agent with the San Diego Chargers in 2003 and played for the Cologne Centurions of NFL Europe in 2004.

Pledges accept bids, continue IFC tradition

By ANA BAK
Staff Reporter

An Interfraternity Council tradition spanning more than 50 years continued Wednesday night as 282 men crossed over the TCU seal in Sadler Hall.

After going through three rounds of IFC Men's Recruitment, 318 men gathered in the Brown-Lupton Student Center Ballroom at 6 p.m. to receive their bid cards.

Josh Schutts, coordinator of fraternity and sorority life and IFC adviser, said recruitment started last Saturday with an information session. The first round started with 336 men visiting all the IFC houses.

On bid day, 318 men received bids, and of those, 282 accepted the offers, Schutts said.

"About 95 percent of men who went through recruitment received bids," Schutts said.

Matt DiLeo, IFC president, said this year the number of men who received bids was an improvement compared to last year, when 80 men didn't receive bids.

"IFC's main goal is to get potential new members bids," DiLeo said.

A potential member can receive more than one bid, and he is able to choose the fraternity he wants by signing the corresponding bid card, Schutts said.

After signing the bid card, he said, the new member went by a check-out table and got into his pledge group. Once with his pledge group, the new member received a T-shirt from that fraternity.

"The process started at 6 p.m. with the signing of the bids," Schutts said. "It was probably finished about an hour and a half after that."

The different pledge classes went and stood by the stairwells by the Student Center Ballroom until they were ready to be taken to Sadler Hall, Schutts said.

After all the men were done with signing their bid cards, DiLeo led the different pledge classes by fraternity into Sadler Hall.

Once in Sadler Hall, DiLeo gave the pledges a speech congratulating them on receiving a bid and becoming a part of TCU's Greek community. After the speech he then led them through the doors to the awaiting fratern-

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Dean makes plans for new AddRan building

By JACKIE RODRIGUEZ
Staff Reporter

The dean of AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences said he will rely on his prior experiences when working to raise funds for a new facility for the college.

Dean Andrew School-

master, who served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Eastern Kentucky University before coming to TCU, said the placement, cost and estimated completion date for the new building will be decided later.

Jodi Campbell, associate professor of history, said the department is in need of a new building.

"We are painfully short on classrooms," Campbell said. "I'm

all for his plans to create a new building."

Schoolmaster said he brings his experience and achievements as an administrator in higher education to the TCU community.

"Dean Schoolmaster has experience with building projects so it's good that he's involved," said David Grant, chair of the religion department.

Schoolmaster said as a dean

at EKU he was an advocate for students, faculty and staff.

"I accepted the offer to join TCU because of this school's past, present and future," Schoolmaster said. "TCU is well-established with an excellent reputation and has a very dedicated and talented faculty and staff. It also has strong leadership in key positions and there is a welcoming and supportive atmosphere."



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— Associated Press

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WATER-BURGERS



Delta Theta Sigma and Sigma Lambda Alpha co-hosted a back-to-school barbecue outside despite the sporadic rain that raised the humidity on campus Thursday.

Evening showers fail to spoil Greeks' cookout

Delta Sigma Theta and Sigma Lambda Alpha did not let a rain shower dampen their fifth annual block party.

An afternoon downpour forced the sororities to run for cover, but they continued

to barbecue and dance for students nonetheless.

"We were troopers," said Giovanni Guerra, a junior international relations major. "We kept going in and out (of the rain) to check the food."

Guerra said the block party was not a rush event but a way to "have fun, eat, hang out, and meet freshmen and international students."

Delta Sigma Theta presi-

dent Danielle Marshall, a junior advertising/public relations major, said the sororities have this event every year "to show Greek unity across campus."

Staff Reporter Alyssa Dizon

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nity, Schutts said.

"The IFC tradition is that every new pledge class cross over the TCU seal," Schutts said. "It's been going on since the 50s."

The people who were waiting on the lawn of Sadler Hall were mainly members of IFC fraternities, some women from sororities and passers-by who happened to see the event, Schutts said.

The order of the fraternities to go through Sadler hall was, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta (FIJD), Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Kappa Phi, Brandon Phillips, said Brandon Phillips, president of Phi Kappa Sigma.

Dileo said in the past shuttles were used to take the potential members to the Kelly Alumni Center for the Pi Kapp and Sig Ep events.

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to help clean up the environment.

The new Brown-Lupton Student Center may have something to do with improving the earth by having students eat on china or glass as opposed to take-out, Flores said.

Restaurants such as McDonald's and Boston Market serve almost all of their foods in plastic containers, which could add up to a lot of waste, Flores said.

"We're going to change drastically our culture of how we eat from a retail format to an all-you-can-eat format, which means we're going to help the environment even more," Flores said. "We'll go away from retail packing, to students having their meals without the packaging, which takes away all paper products to begin with. That'll be another help to the environment."

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Aaron, sponsored by Red Bull, will perform his basic routine twice during the middle of the pep rally. The demonstration lasts about 15 to 20 minutes.

Aaron said he's looking forward to the pep rally because he cannot remember ever performing in Fort Worth.

"There's only about half a dozen people that would

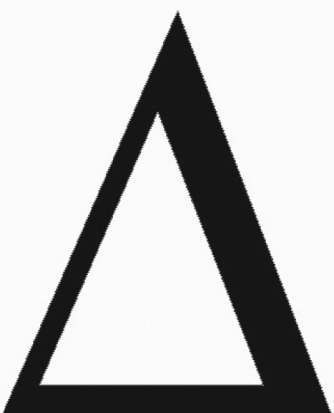
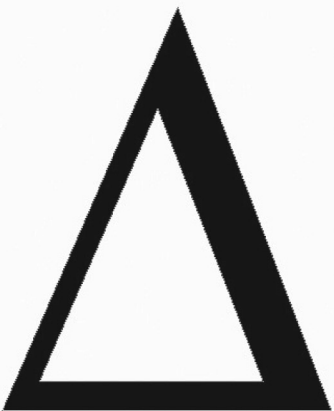
think about riding this stuff so I'm pretty much on the road all the time," Aaron said.

The pep rally will also include free purple ice cream.

As for Aaron, he said he doesn't know if he'll have time to eat ice cream before he jets off to his next adventure.

"Afterward, I don't know," Aaron said. "I get there, pick up my itinerary in the morning and just know that I'm going to Oklahoma next."

Congrats to Tri Delta's New Members

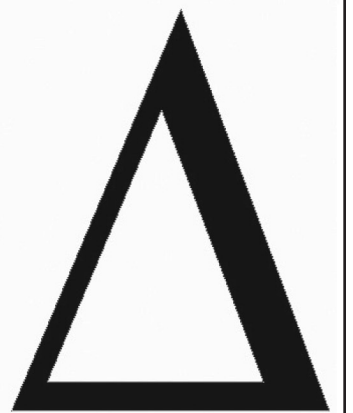
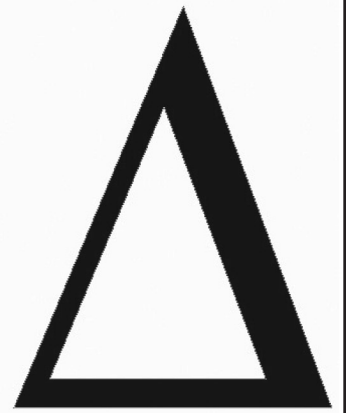
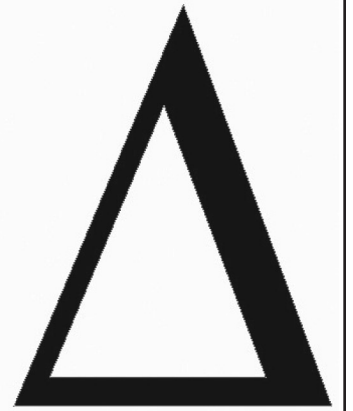


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"I do not pray for success, I ask for faithfulness."

— Mother Teresa

THE SKIFF VIEW

Lottery formula neglects seniors' privileges

Rewarding upperclassmen for their dedication is important in maintaining goodwill across campus and opportunities like tickets to the University of Texas football game are the icing on a four-year cake for seniors.

With that being said, the guidelines, or lack thereof, enforced in the lottery to decide who would receive the 800 allotted student tickets show the officials in charge of organizing ticket distribution copped out. Plain and simple.

The 800 tickets made available to students — even with it being only 21 percent of the allotment — is somewhat reasonable. It's understandable that boosters, alumni and sponsors could snag a good amount of the 3,800-ticket allotment.

What is mind-boggling about the situation is the fact that university officials refused to place an order of seniority in its lottery formula. Explanations of making it fair to everyone — whether they were away from Fort Worth or out of the

country — regardless of classification are just not sufficient or logical enough to be taken seriously.

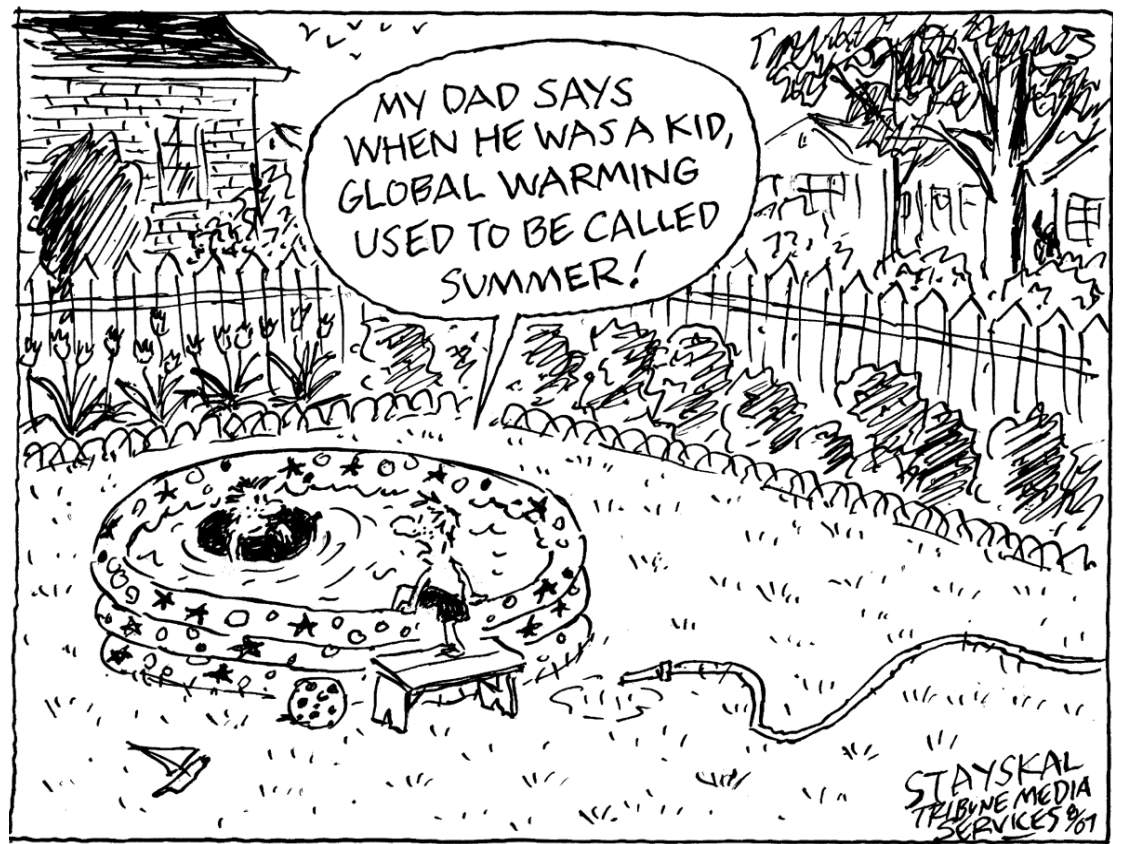
How is a die-hard Frogs football fan supposed to react during his or her senior year when the fan discovers a freshman secured the hottest ticket of the year, while the senior is left out in the dark? Even a blind squirrel finds a nut every once in a while, but did it have to happen now?

Other than the lack of a system is the reminder that money from the deep pockets of boosters and alumni will overrule students 10 out of 10 times. Even at TCU, where the students are lucky not having to pay for home football games, university officials could not resist getting a piece of the pie for the Austin trip. Money wins, and unfortunately, that is just a part of life.

But the random lottery? Well, let's just say a blind squirrel will be eating like a king on Sept. 8.

Sports editor Tim Bella for the editorial board.

BY WAYNE STAYSKAL



Commuters can still find time to make friends

School policy changed this year to make it mandatory that all freshmen and sophomores live on campus. However, some freshmen and sophomores that live within a 35-mile radius are allowed to stay at home.

These students may wish to live on campus but cannot for financial or family reasons. Commuters in their first two years of college

often deal with the hardships of finding a parking spot, making time between school and going home to spend time with friends. While it may seem like a bummer to spend the first two years of college living at home with your parents, there are other ways to make the best of the long hours spent on campus.

The truth of the matter is that parking at TCU is bad not only for commuters, but for everyone. Getting to school earlier has proven to be an effective solution for most commuters to find a parking spot. Those commuters that choose to come early, however, face the dilemma of having nothing to do for a couple of hours before their classes start.

The good news is that campus has a variety of

things that can not only kill time, but energize your body and mind. For example, the University Recreation Center, which usually opens at 6 a.m. during the week, allows you to have an energy-packed workout to start the day.

If a morning workout is not appealing, maybe a hearty breakfast at The Main or Frog Bytes is a choice method to start the day. The library is also open for those who enjoy getting ahead on homework.

Spending time with friends is often difficult when commuting to and from school every day.

Any time between classes would be a great time to call up friends. Or you could stay on campus for meals.

Amanda Diaz, a sophomore secondary education major and a commuter from Haltom City, said, "I enjoy lunch with the people I meet in my classes."

If money is an issue and affording lunch everyday at The Main is difficult, try bringing lunch and dinner from home instead. There are microwaves located in Frog Bytes and The Main that free for students to use.

Making friends could be one of the toughest things a commuter may have to struggle with. Between school and home, a commuter may have no time

to devote to meeting new people because they are not so close to the student life at TCU. Getting involved in the TCU community will bring fun, friends and a closer connection to those lucky non-commuters.

Joining the Greek life is interesting whether it is Panhellenic or service sororities or fraternities. "I felt like I was not being included in various college activities," Diaz said. "I joined marching band and a sorority to get more involved."

There are many religious-based organizations that will not only help one strengthen bonds of friendship but also strengthen faith life. Even work study is a great way to meet people — and even get help with tuition or money.

While young commuters face much stress, they can make the best of it.

Living with parents is not a social death sentence, nor does it have to hurt physical or social well-being. Commuters can be as well-adapted as the freshmen and sophomores that are required to live on campus.

While commuters may make a treacherous drive to school every morning, they do not have to travel far to find acceptance at TCU.

Hayley Freeman is a sophomore English major from Fort Worth.

Going Greek not essential

Entering a college or university for the first time can be intimidating and tough, regardless of whether you are a freshman or transfer student.

Freshmen and transfer students are faced with a difficult social situation when they are accepted into a new school. They want and need to make friends — fast.

Greek life is almost always the first option new students take. Male or female, it makes no difference, anyone can participate in recruitment. Greek life allows you to be involved and also to find your niche on campus. For some, it is the best option, but for others, it just doesn't feel right.

I believe that TCU makes Greek life an option, not a necessity. Students from all walks of life come here to study and learn and there is an organization for everyone.

I did not affiliate with my sorority here at TCU, despite being Greek at my first university before transferring. I feel qualified to say that Greek life is fun, but it's not for everyone.

Often times students feel pressured to participate in recruitment because they don't know what else is out there for them. On the other hand, some stu-

"It is a great asset to TCU to have fostered a community-feeling atmosphere for its students."

Marissa Warmes

dents do not go through recruitment and then regret the decision tremendously.

TCU offers a variety of social organizations that allow students to mingle and make friends. Each group has different rules and guidelines for how much time is expected to be committed by new members, but it is never so much that you can't continue to put school first.

For many students, keeping God as their focus is the most important part of their lives, and for them, there are many options including Eta Iota Sigma (HIS) and Beta Upsilon Chi (BYX). These are the two Christian groups, the first for girls and the other for guys. They meet once a week and require little more than attending church regularly to be a member.

Other students want something service-oriented, for which there are events such as LEAPS and groups such as Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity that focuses on leadership and service.

There are also honorary sororities and fraternities that recognize students for academic achievement that

also help tutor students who are struggling in their classes.

At TCU, students need to be aware that the majority of students are not Greek, and that there are other options to make friends if they do not feel compelled to go through recruitment.

Students at TCU take that for granted. At some universities, including the one I came from, it is almost mandatory to be Greek if you want to have any friends and be noticed by anyone. You are judged by your letters, not your spirit and personality.

It is a great asset to TCU to have fostered a community-feeling atmosphere for its students. Greek and non-Greek students alike are friends and can associate with one another without fear of being seen. Believe it or not, some schools can't say that.

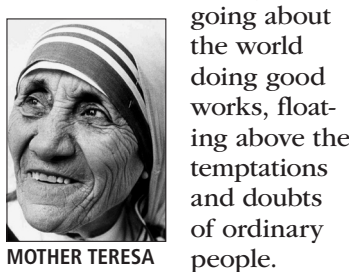
If you are a freshman or transfer student and did not go through recruitment this past semester, know that there are still social options for you. Access tcu.edu, search social organizations and find the place where you'll thrive.

Everyone has their own way of being social and making friends. Don't succumb to what you think everyone else is doing. I guarantee you can find your home on campus because TCU offers a place for everyone.

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Mother Teresa persevered through hope despite faith crisis

When we think of the saints, it's common to imagine them as serene figures,



MOTHER TERESA

going about the world doing good works, floating above the temptations and doubts of ordinary people.

The truth is more complicated. Holiness is not the same thing as goodness. In fact, it's spiritual heroism.

Now come stunning revelations that Mother Teresa of Calcutta was tormented by doubt that God existed. In private letters to her confessors now being published on the 10th anniversary of her death, she referred to Jesus

as "the Absent One."

In 1946, Mother Teresa had a mystical vision in which she believed she heard Jesus calling to her to "come be my light" to the poor. She did. And then he withdrew, leaving the Catholic to dwell in the abyss of doubt for half a century. In the letters, she described her smile as "a cloak that covers everything" and agonized over whether she was a hypocrite.

You could call her that. Or you could see in the famed humanitarian's life a spectacular triumph of the human spirit. She persevered. She endured.

She did not abandon the wretched of the earth, nor falter in what she believed

was her divinely appointed mission — even though she received no consolation that God was even there.

How? Hope.

Hope is not mere optimism. Hope is the conviction that despite all available evidence, our lives, our work and our sufferings have ultimate meaning. Most people, religious and secular, at some point experience doubt about their purpose in life; many doubt whether life has purpose at all. But the moment passes. It didn't for Mother Teresa, who felt forsaken by God for the last half-century of her life.

And yet, because Mother Teresa did not let her inner darkness overcome the light, in poverty-stricken South

Dallas and in more than 130 countries worldwide, poor people find help and compassion through the Missionaries of Charity. Though Mother Teresa was desperately poor in spirit, what faith she had was enough to move mountains.

To learn of her radical doubt is not to lose respect for Mother Teresa. It is rather to be awestruck by what she accomplished despite her all-too-human fears. In her weakness, the rest of us may find strength. Ten years after the great and good woman of Calcutta's passing, we now know that she was no plaster saint. She was one of us.

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Decorating dorms requires group planning



TOM GRALISH / Philadelphia Inquirer via MCT
Stanford University roommates Eliza Fox, right, and Caitlin Crandell flip through the sleeves of posters in a store on South Street in Philadelphia on Aug. 13, looking for posters for their dorm room walls.



AKIRA SUWA / Philadelphia Inquirer via MCT
Rachel Frank's dorm decor items include a Philadelphia Phillies fold-up chair, a Chia pet, and some flea-market records to hang on her wall.

By ELIZABETH FOX
The Philadelphia Inquirer

As anyone who has ever possessed a single square foot of space knows, decorating matters. Even those who profess not to care really want their abodes to look attractive, be comfortable, and feel like home.

Under the best of circumstances, that can be difficult. So imagine the strain of working to organize and decorate a shoebox of a room with people who live far away — people you may not even know.

Ah, college! Not just the harbinger of academic challenges and new social pressures, it offers the bonus struggle of the dorm room. As someone gearing up for yet another year of the higher-education experience, I'm in a position to understand.

My future residence is a two-room triple, with three desks, three beds, and startlingly little closet space. Other than that, I'm fuzzy on the details, as are my two roommates, one from California, one from Texas.

Compounding the problem is the fact that my college is on the West Coast, which makes it virtually impossible for me to toss my belongings into the car and drive them to campus. Plus, my Texas roommate has packed up for the summer, leaving only the brief message: "I'm in Paris. I will buy posters."

So when my California roomie, Caitlin Crandell, called to say she was taking a break from Santa Barbara's beaches to visit me in Philadelphia (I know, I was surprised, too), I immediately thought, "Oh, good! Now we have time to plan our room!"

University of Pennsylvania sophomore Lua O'Brien

understands wanting to sort out the decor issues in advance.

"My roommates are all coming up early, and we're going to go shopping together," she said. She will share an on-campus apartment with three girls. "Posters, furniture, and cooking stuff, like a George Foreman grill, we'll do together."

Rachel Frank, 19, who goes to the University of Michigan, said she and her roommate are talking about decorating now.

"We planned a little bit before we left school. She already had a refrigerator and a microwave, so I am doing the TV and DVD player," Frank said. "We're discussing how we want to do our beds because it's building-block furniture, so you can do it lots of different ways."

Some are thinking bigger than just shopping at Ikea.

"We're all getting there pretty early, so we'll go trash-picking together in the ritzy parts of the city, like Hyde Park," said Dana Kaplan-Angle, a sophomore at Northwestern University, near Chicago. And though she hasn't talked much with her four suitemates, who live as far away as Washington state, she's begun planning her own single bedroom by mocking up its life-size dimensions in blue tape on her living room floor.

"I've been hanging out in my phantom room so I can see how big it is," she said with a laugh. "It's small."

Some students haven't made much progress at all.

Chris Pittman, a freshman at the University of Delaware, won't find out who his room-

"Because you are sharing a room, you have to make sure that you are both getting something out of it."

Chayse Dacoda
Dacoda Design

mate is until later this month, leaving him floundering on the decorating front.

And Katherine O'Brien, a freshman at the University of Southern California, has found her Los Angeles room-

mate frustratingly unresponsive. "I've been trying to talk to her or message her online about decorating, but I don't think she's even interested in it," she said, sighing.

All around, there's worry about differences in taste.

"I'm really into different religions," Katherine O'Brien said. "Like, I have a Ganesh mask and a couple Buddhas and a cross that I've always wanted to hang up together, but I don't know how my roommate feels about all that stuff."

I'm concerned about the clash between my brightly colored, Christmas-lighted, more-than-slightly-messy style and Caitlin's subdued, stunningly neat one. And don't even get me started on my anxiety over how the Texas roommate will react to all my Eagles paraphernalia.

When tastes collide, "communication is the bottom line," said Chayse Dacoda, host of HGTV's decor-compromise show "Get It Together" (Saturdays at 11 p.m.).

As the founder of her own design business, Dacoda Design, the University of Pennsylvania alum fully understands the desire to incorporate personal style into decorating. But, she points out, "Because you are sharing a room, you have to make sure that you are both getting something out of it. Be willing to listen to the other

person and know that you're sharing one space together."

The key to that kind of communication, Frank said, is alerting future roomies to important new developments. "I would call and say 'Hey, I'm looking at this' or even 'I bought this' to at least give them a heads-up."

Lua O'Brien took that tack recently when she found a chair she thought would go well in her apartment's double bedroom. "I called my roommate to make sure that it was OK that I bought it." When she told her two other roommates, they were also "really excited about it."

When possible, Dacoda said, it's a good thing to discuss decorating finds ahead of time.

"I mean, if you're talking about a pillow case, I don't think that's relevant to the other person," she said, "but if you're talking about your 37-inch TV, then, yeah, you should talk about it."

And if worry still gnaws, it may help to remember that there are multitudes of decorating paths to travel, any one of which can represent individual style. (Tess Rankin, a sophomore at Columbia University, admits treating her room like a giant scrapbook, collecting playbills, flyers, and tickets, and "sticking them on the walls to keep a record of my life.")

When all else fails, there's Pittman's approach.

"I'm pretty easygoing," he said. "If my roommate had something that was completely not me, I'd probably use it as a bargaining chip to get something that I wanted that wasn't him at all."

Honing bargaining skills? Well, college "is all about the education."

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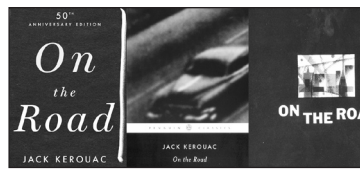
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Healthy measurements

By ALYSSA DIZON
Staff Reporter

How old is your body?

A new addition to the University Recreation Center, the Polar Body Age System, can answer that question and improve TCU's overall health and fitness, said Stacy Cintron, assistant director of campus recreation fitness and wellness. She introduced this system to help students and faculty practice healthy, active lifestyles. The system uses various tools to calculate an actual age of how old you are and devise personal exercise plans to reach your desired fitness level.



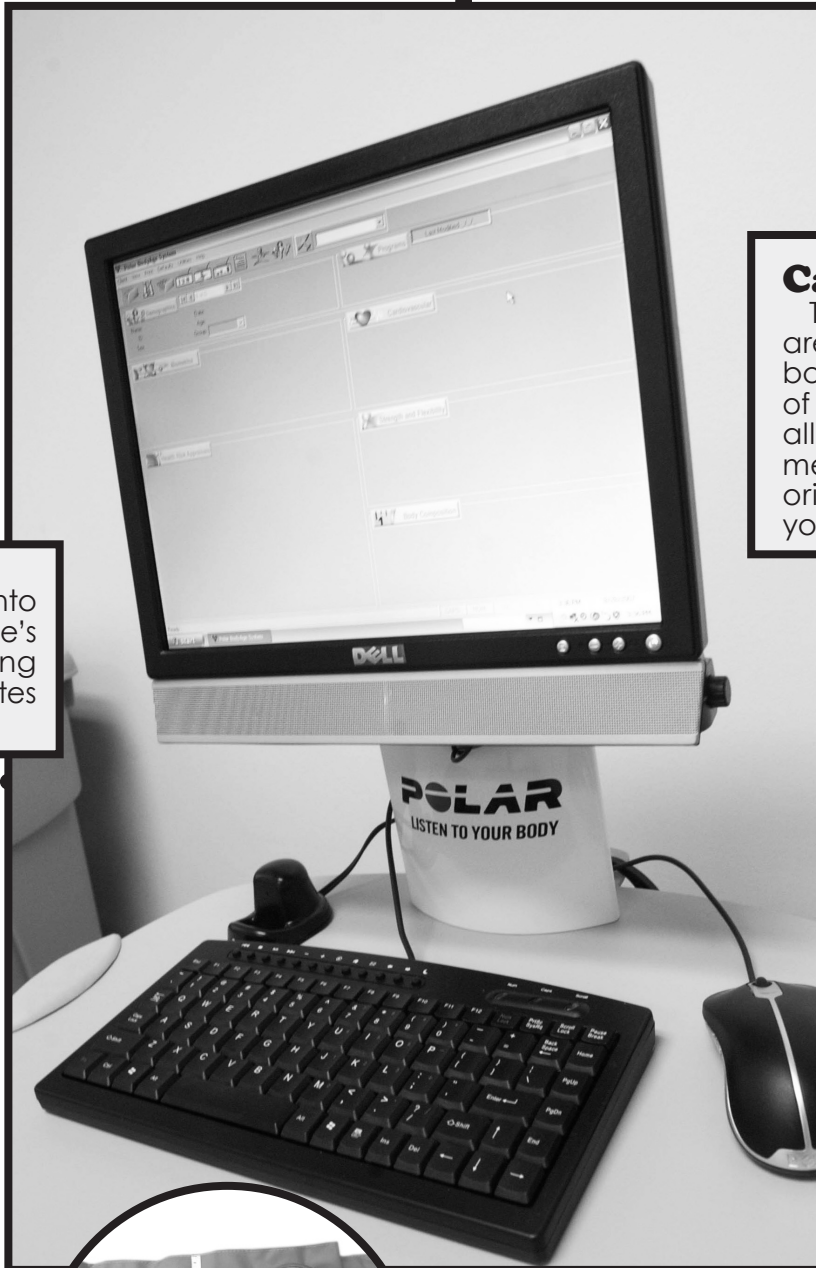
Scale

The scale measures body weight and is calculated into the body age measurement process. It judges where one's fitness and health level is or where it should be. Eating whole grains, fruits, vegetables and lean meat contributes to a better weight and overall health.



Heart Monitor

This measures the body's maximum rate of oxygen use when exercising. Cardiovascular or aerobic activity improves the ability of the heart, lungs and circulatory system to send oxygen and nutrients throughout the body. Cardiovascular activity includes walking, running and swimming.



Caliper

This device pinches the skin in three target areas: the tricep, hip and thigh. It measures body composition, which is the percentage of body fat to lean body mass based on overall body weight. It also determines the basal metabolic rate, which shows how many calories are used by lean body mass and what your daily calorie intake should be.



Sit and Reach

Sit with legs flat on the floor, back straight with arms reaching forward and hold bar with both hands. Pushing the bar forward measures flexibility. Stretching often improves flexibility and reduces muscle strain and injury.



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Blood pressure measures the exertion of blood on arteries when the heart pumps (systolic) and when the heart is at rest (diastolic). The normal measure is a 120 systolic number over an 80 diastolic number. Maintaining a blood pressure near those numbers by exercising and avoiding salty foods decreases the chances of heart attack or stroke.



Pull-up Bar

Holding the bar at a 90 degree angle and pulling as hard as possible determines bicep and upper body strength. Frequent strength training makes daily tasks less strenuous and lowers the chances of injury.

Killing Calories, losing pounds

By ALYSSA DIZON
Staff Reporter

Eat your vegetables or no dessert.

This is a phrase no child wants to hear. Kids basically have no control over what they eat. Parents buy and prepare the food, and the children have to gulp down whatever appears on their plate. If they do not like what it is, they squirm in their chairs praying that somehow that disgusting pile of green will magically disappear. TCU's nutrition counselor Stephanie Dickerson said, "students are like kids in a candy store," once they get into college, they embrace their newfound freedom and make poor eating choices, she said. Rick Flores, general manager of dining services, said TCU is concerned about students' well-being. The staff will not follow each student and tell them what to eat, but TCU offers balanced meals, nutritional information and a staff willing to help students develop healthy habits while in college, Flores said.

The Dreaded "Freshman 15"

No one wants to put on extra weight, especially not 15 pounds. The Journal of American College Health found that 70 percent of the 290 students surveyed gained about 7.9 pounds by the end of their second year in college.

Gina Hill, assistant profes-

sor of nutritional sciences, said some of the weight gain is caused by extra freedom, students exercising less, eating when they are not hungry and eating late or to deal with emotions.

Homesickness, exams or an ended relationship can all lead to stress-induced eating, Dickerson said.

Eating Right

Students should find other ways to deal with their stress instead of a pint of ice cream, Dickerson said. She said she recommends talking with friends, exercising or finding a hobby to relieve the stress. Flores said dining services has made several changes to improve nutrition and education. He said TCU has been working on providing students with healthy alternatives like fruit cups, more salad items and healthier cooking methods. Flores explained that every station in the Main has a booklet describing the ingredients and nutritional value of each meal.

Joel Wassner, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, said, "I did see the sign that they don't use trans fat in their cooking oil for fries. I think they do a fairly good job."

Erin House, a freshman religion major, said she tries to avoid the "Freshman 15" by eating salads and taking the stairs.

"We're not going to demand that students have a certain diet," Flores said. "Our job is to try to get what students want, and it's hard to make that balance."

Everything in Moderation

Hill said it is not necessarily what one eats that causes weight gain.

"It's really a matter of watching portion size," Hill said.

Many people do not know what a proper portion size is and as a result, they eat more than what their body requires, Hill said.

Hill said diet foods like Nabisco 100 Calorie Packs can help people understand what a portion size is and are good to eat as long as people do so in moderation.

Along with overeating, Hill said boredom, sadness or fatigue should not lead to eating if one is not hungry. She suggested drinking water to help control hunger.

Frequent alcohol consumption also contributes to weight gain because alcohol contains lots of empty calories and binge drinking only increases hunger, Hill said. While smoking does boost metabolism, she said it is not a good option considering its long-term negative effects on the body.

Wassner and House pointed out another trend that a number of students follow: skipping breakfast. The United

States Department of Agriculture studies showed that eating breakfast increases one's energy and ability to concentrate. The studies also indicated that those who neglect breakfast tend to be irritable or unfocused and tend to eat more during the day.

Staying Fit

The recommended amount of exercise is 30 minutes to an hour, five to seven days a week, Hill said. According to the Center for Disease Control Web site, people should do some physical activity at a moderate intensity level like fast-paced walking, aerobics or anything that boosts one's heart rate.

Dickerson also suggested doing a little bit of exercise everyday by biking or walking to class, taking the stairs or even cleaning one's room.

Stacy Cintron, assistant director of campus recreation fitness and wellness, said, "What we hope to achieve is an overall increase in the health of the campus — make them want to have those lifestyle changes."

Cintron said that there is no need to fear the gym. She said she encourages the "exercise-phobics" to "step out of their comfort zone and see what the tolls of inactivity can do to them."

"Their lifestyles now are setting the stage," Cintron said.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Know what foods are good for you and why? Here's a quick list of the best food sources to keep yourself healthy.

• **CALCIUM**

Calcium is key to strong bones and teeth, as well as proper nerve and muscle function, and while milk is instantly considered as a source of calcium, there are many other foods that can help you get the calcium you need:

- Milk, Other Dairy Products, Cornmeal, Wheat Flour, Sardines, Spinach, Soybeans

• **VITAMIN C**

Vitamin C helps your body repair itself, fight off diseases and infections and even has shown some indications of fighting off cancer. Here are some of the foods that pack the highest Vitamin C punch:

- Oranges/Orange Juice, Peppers, Grapefruit Juice, Strawberries, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts

• **FIBER**

Fiber keeps digestion on track and has been shown to help prevent heart attacks, intestinal problems and several types of cancer:

- Beans, Peas, Wheat Flour (whole grain), Dates, Tomato Products

• **ANTI-OXIDANTS**

Anti-oxidants are chemicals that may help prevent a host of ailments including cancer, heart disease and Alzheimer's:

- Beans, Blueberries, Cranberries, Artichokes, Blackberries

• **FOLIC ACID**

Folic acid promotes cell division growth, red cell development and helps prevent some birth defects and can help reduce the risk of some types of cancer:

- Turkey, Orange Juice, Beans (specifically kidney, pinto, navy), Okra, Spinach

• **IRON**

Iron helps carry oxygen through our bodies. If you don't get enough you can become anemic, which will make you feel tired and weak:

- Mollusks, Clams, Enriched Rice, Spinach, Beef, Baking Chocolate (unsweetened squares)

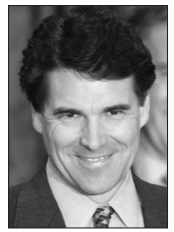
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Perry commutes death sentence

By EMILY RAMSHAW
The Dallas Morning News

Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Thursday commuted death row inmate Kenneth Foster's sentence to life, following a 6-1 recommendation by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

"After carefully considering the facts of this case, along with the recommendations



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from the Board of Pardons and Paroles, I believe the right and just decision is to commute Foster's sentence from the death penalty to life imprisonment," Perry said. "I am concerned about Texas law that allows capital murder defendants to be tried simultaneously, and it is an issue I think the legislature should examine."

Foster was the getaway driver in a 1996 armed robbery spree that ended in the murder of a 25-year-old San Antonio man. He contends he had no knowledge a murder was going to occur, and he was not the trigger man. But he was convicted, in the same courtroom as the shooter, under the state's "law of parties," which authorizes capital punishment for accomplices who either intended to kill or "should have anticipated" a murder.

Foster is one of an estimated 80 Texas death row inmates convicted under the law; about 20 have already been put to death. Most states have such laws for many types of crimes, but Texas is the only state to apply it broadly to capital cases. While death penalty opponents decry its use, prosecutors argue all those responsible for heinous crimes must be held accountable.

Foster acknowledges he was up for getting high and robbing a few people on that night 11 years



Kenneth Foster, who was on death row in the Texas Department of Corrections Polunsky Unity in Livingston poses for a photo during an interview Aug. 22. On Thursday, Gov. Rick Perry commuted Foster's sentence to life, following a 6-1 recommendation by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

ago. But he was in a car with two other men nearly 90 feet away when one of his partners shot and killed Michael LaHood in what jurors determined was a botched robbery.

The men in the car, including Foster, have testified that they thought they were done robbing for the night and that there was no plan to stick up — and certainly not to murder — LaHood. The shooter, Mauriceo Brown, was executed last year.

Foster's attorney believes his client's fate was sealed during his joint trial with Brown, when one of his robbing partners testified that "it was kind of like, I guess, understood, what was probably fixing to go down" when Brown got out of the car.

It was enough for jurors — and later, the appeals court — to support a capital murder charge for Foster on the basis of conspiracy. They believed Foster, as the getaway driver on two previous robberies, either knew what

was about to occur or should have anticipated it.

But Foster's attorney never got the chance to cross-examine the two other partners, who both received life sentences. One has since given a sworn statement to Hampton saying he didn't understand Brown's intent was to rob LaHood until Brown had already made his way up the driveway. The other has testified that Foster asked the men all night to quit and worried about returning the car to his grandfather.

In recent weeks, Foster's case has brought waves of attention, from rallies across the state to public statements from former President Jimmy Carter, South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and actress Susan Sarandon.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest criminal court, upheld Foster's sentence for a final time this month.

Diploma withheld following evangelical speech content

By BRIAN NEWSOME
The Gazette

A 2006 Colorado high school graduate who mentioned Jesus Christ during a valedictorian speech and had her diploma withheld until she wrote an apologetic letter, has sued the district for allegedly violating her free speech.

Erica Corder was chosen to conclude a commencement speech shared by 15 valedictorians at Lewis-Palmer High School in Monument, Colo., in May 2006. Although students' 30-second speeches were first rehearsed for the principal, she added evangelical comments when her turn came during the ceremony:

"We are all capable of standing firm and expressing our own beliefs, which is why I need to tell you about someone who loves you more than you could ever imagine. He died for you on a cross over 2,000 years ago, yet was resurrected and is living today in heaven. His name is Jesus Christ. If you don't already know him personally I encourage you to find out more about the sacrifice he made for you so that you now have the opportunity to live in eternity with him."

Corder's diploma was withheld and she was ordered to meet with then-principal Mark Brewer to get it.

He threatened to withhold the diploma until she apologized for the speech, according to the lawsuit and the family's statements to The Gazette. She did not apologize for the content, but did

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Steven Corder
Erica Corder's father

agree to write a letter of explanation for her actions. "I'm sorry I didn't share my plans with Mr. Brewer or the other valedictorians ahead of time," she wrote.

In the lawsuit, Corder contends her First Amendment rights of free speech were violated when the district "refused to present her with her diploma unless she issued an apology for mentioning Jesus Christ in her graduation speech" and also required speeches to be rehearsed. The suit also says her 14th Amendment rights to equal protection were violated, in part because district practices "treat religious speech differently than non-religious speech."

Robin Adair, the district's spokeswoman, Superintendent Raymond Blanch and Board President Jes Raintree did not return phone messages left Wednesday evening. Board Vice President Dee Dee Eaton deferred a call from The Gazette to Adair.

In an e-mailed statement to The Associated Press, Adair said:

"The events that are the subject of the case occurred over a year ago, at which time a complete review of

the situation was performed by the District.

"Since then, representatives of the District have met on several occasions with the parents and the former student.

"While we are disappointed that this matter has resulted in litigation, we are confident that all actions taken by school officials were constitutionally appropriate. As a result, we intend to vigorously defend the claims.

"Beyond that, it is the District's policy not to comment on pending litigation."

Corder, now 19 and a student at Wheaton College in Illinois, said Wednesday, "The main reason I did this is just because I want to make sure the school understands what they did was wrong."

Her father, Steven, said that the lawsuit was a last resort. Steven and Thea Corder had asked the district to retract the disciplinary actions against Erica and adopt policies to protect student speech and eliminate confusion.

"Really, our hope is that any valedictorian would know clearly that they can speak about what is important to them," Steven Corder said. "It's really so that the Constitution can be turned to as the governing document in this type of situation."

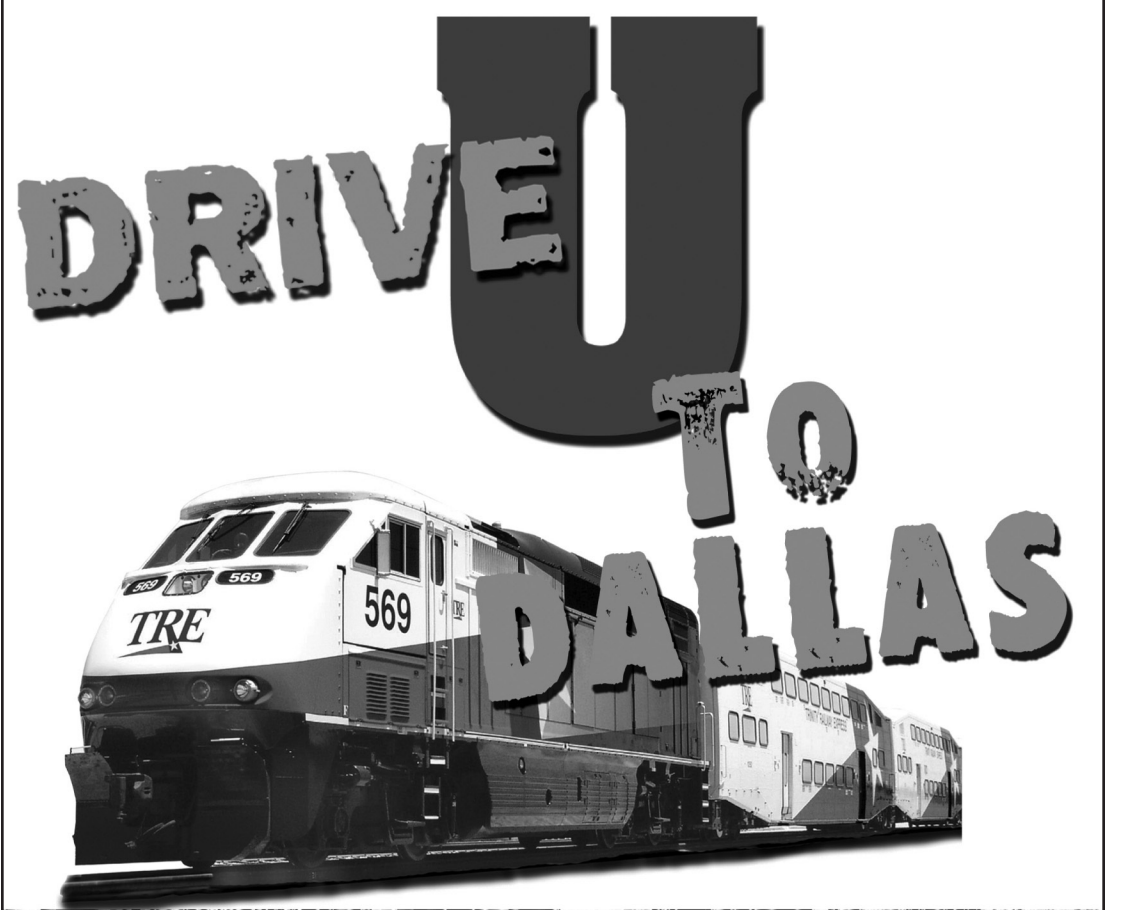
The Corders have retained Liberty Counsel, which specializes in cases involving religious freedom. It has offices in Washington, D.C., Florida and Virginia.

The suit also seeks unspecified damages.

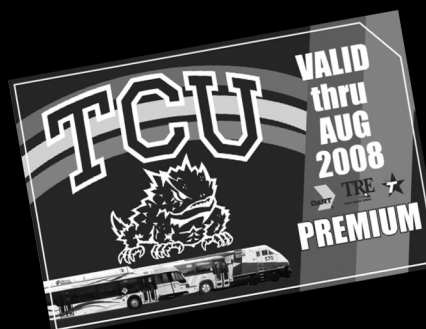
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Money, power, entourages thrust head coaches into public spotlight

By BLAIR KERKHOFF
McClatchy Newspapers

They tour sold-out venues, often need police escorts and constantly feel the pressure of topping the charts and rankings. Turn out one clunker and see how mean the public and media turn. Or worse, indifferent.

Seriously, is today's filthy rich college football coach much different from rebel rock stars?

Life is good for the A-list college coaches these days. You know the crowd: Nick Saban, the Alabama savior, and national champions Urban Meyer of Florida, Pete Carroll of Southern Cal, Mack Brown of Texas and Bob Stoops of Oklahoma.

The average annual salary of 119 Division I-A football coaches in 2006 -- just under \$1 million -- is 9.4 times greater than full professors, according to the American Association of University Professors.

But some school officials wonder about the effects of BCS meeting Billboard or Beverly Hills, where coaches have star power and are often -- sometimes by a lot -- the highest-paid employee on the state payroll. Like Saban's eight-year, \$32 million deal that lured him away from the Miami Dolphins.

"It's not a world that any of us might think is ideal, but it's a world we have," said Nebraska Chancellor Harvey Perlman.

"We might ask what message universities send to alumni, taxpayers, students, faculty and staff when they pay such exorbitant salaries to their coaches," the association said in a report about the economic status of colleges.

The message, at least in Alabama, seems to be clear. Rock on.

At Southeastern Conference media days last month outside of Birmingham, Ala., dozens of Crimson Tide fans who had waited for hours angled for Saban's autograph, snapped his photograph or just sought a second of his attention.

An entourage protected Saban from the masses and kept at a distance the pack of television cameras that followed. He entered a series of radio interviews at a different area from other coaches to avoid the crowd, and the hotel surrounded it with velvet ropes. Just for him.

This isn't virgin territory for Saban. Months after leading LSU to the 2003 national championship, he drew a louder ovation than George Bush when the president visited the Baton Rouge campus a few months later. Remember, this was pre-Katrina George Bush who would win the state by 15 percentage points in the election a

few months away.

But Saban was the icon, just as he is today in Alabama.

"Wherever he goes, everybody is in a frenzy," Crimson Tide cornerback Simeon Castille said during the media gathering. What inflames the passion of fans who turn coaching appearances into mob scenes?

"A couple of things," said Christian End, a psychology professor at Xavier University in Ohio who studies fan behavior. "Identity is important to fans, and the coach is the top-level representative of the group they belong to. He's an extremely important part of this 'we.'"

And there's the money which only adds to the mystique.

"The compensation a coach receives communicates a value of his importance to the school," End said. "And that draws people."

As college football's first

\$4 million coach, Saban has been quick to remind people that he took a pay cut to leave the Dolphins after two seasons and sees himself soon being supplanted on the college scale.

"I don't make as much money here as I made in Miami," Saban said. "I think you're going to see Bill Cowher get a job for six or seven million a year in some places. There are several guys who make \$5 million-plus in (the NFL)."

The NFL influence on the college game is well-established in the coaching ranks: USC's Carroll, the former Jets and Patriots coach, has won or shared two national titles and is favored to capture another this year.

Notre Dame's Charlie Weis, Iowa's Kirk Ferentz, South Carolina's Steve Spurrier, Nebraska's Bill Callahan, Virginia's Al Groh, LSU's Les Miles and North Carolina's Butch Davis all have NFL pedigrees and rank in the top quarter of the college game's highest-paid coaches.

There's another common denominator for many of the top-paid coaches. They are media-savvy -- if not always media-friendly -- and charismatic. They understand the importance of public appearances, and many are well-compensated for their communication skills. Texas' Brown receives \$450,000 annually for his television and radio shows and \$580,000 for product and equipment endorsements.

"It doesn't shock me because I have a unique appreciation for what coach-

es do on a daily basis," said St. Louis sports agent Bob Latvinville, whose firm represents college coaches. "To a large extent, they are in entertainment, and I look at a coaching contract and it's not unlike one for Tom Cruise or another movie star or celebrity."

Stoops, Oklahoma's \$3.4 million coach and perhaps his state's most visible personality, still takes out the trash. He doesn't revel in glam.

"I don't look at myself that way, and I find it hard to believe that people do," Stoops said.

But there's no escape from popularity. Stoops remembers hopping into a taxi a few years ago in Bermuda and being stunned when the driver called him out. Stoops even said he was recognized once or twice earlier this year on a trip to Austria.

Life changed for Stoops after Oklahoma won the 2000 national championship in his second season. Suddenly, it was difficult to get through a meal in a restaurant without an interruption.

"That took awhile to get used to, to get comfortable with it," Stoops said. "But I'm not the kind of person who can hole up and be a hermit. I enjoy being out with my friends and doing things. People in town are really good about it."

Iconic coaches aren't a recent development. Woody Hayes, Bear Bryant and Bud Wilkinson were legends, but they never seemed mysteriously distant like some of today's coaches. And they never had to deal with the public as paparazzi.

"Bear Bryant could have been your neighbor," End said. "It's different. There seems to be a constant thirst for information about a team, which can be provided with new forms of media. If you really wanted to, you could follow a coach all day, document where he's been, put it on a Web site

and have fans talk about it.

"Whether it's good or bad, it's something that couldn't happen 15 years ago."

Coaching turnover is also part of this evolution. The Atlantic Coast Conference has four new coaches this year, including Randy Shannon at Miami, Fla. He replaced Larry Coker, who was fired after a six-year stint in which he won one national championship, lost another title game in double overtime and won 80 percent of his games.

"It's the money," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "Fans are as critical as they are because coaches are making so much money. They expect to win. They're not paying Saban to come out second in the SEC. They're paying him to win a national championship."

"When the salaries escalated, the patience by administrators and fans decreased."

Coaching salary excess gained momentum only recently. In 1982, Jackie Sherrill was believed to be the first million-dollar coach. Not for a season, but over the course of his six-year contract. In 1999, five coaches topped the \$1 million annual salary mark, and as of March 1, according to a USA Today survey, 12 coaches are making more than \$2 million annually.

But it was a coach outside that \$2 million circle that might have raised the most eyebrows after Saban. When North Carolina's Davis signed on for \$1.8 million annually, the deal sent shock waves through the basketball-crazy state and the school was taken to task in several newspaper editorials.

North Carolina system president emeritus Bill Friday, the co-founder of the Knight Commission, fired off a heated letter to the media only hours after Davis was introduced. "The public trust we hold is to teach, to engage in creative research and to serve the citizens of this state," Friday wrote. "Has our priority now changed to win at the highest price?"

Stations change TV football schedules

By BARRY JACKSON
McClatchy Newspapers

How saturated has college football become on ESPN and its family of networks? Consider this: games are scheduled on 14 of the first 17 days in November. Overall this season, ESPN will televise games on five Sundays, one Monday, four Tuesdays, four Wednesdays and every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

And for the second straight year, three Disney networks will air games opposite each other on Saturday nights. Last season, the combined Saturday night rating for ABC (5.0), ESPN (2.3) and ESPN2 (1.0) was a robust 8.3, equaling 8.8 million homes.

A sneak peek:

— Best new addition: On eight Saturdays this season, when ABC is airing several regional games at 3:30 p.m., one of the games will be seen on ESPN. On Sept. 1, for example, ABC will regionally televise Wake Forest-Boston College and Washington State-Wisconsin at 3:30 p.m. One game will air on the ABC affiliate (depending on the market), and the other on ESPN.

— ABC's Saturday night package, returning for a second season, opens with Tennessee-California on Sept. 1, includes Southern Cal-Nebraska Sept. 15, Iowa-Wisconsin Sept. 22 and Notre Dame-UCLA Oct. 6. Most games will be scheduled 12 days in advance. Bob Davie, who worked the games last year, has been re-assigned to ESPN2's prime time package, leaving a two-man ABC booth on Saturday nights (Brent Musburger, Kirk Herbstreit).

— Herbstreit will remain a part of ESPN's College GameDay on Saturday mornings (with Chris Fowler) but will relinquish his role on Thursday night ESPN games.

— ABC's Saturday afternoon package includes Notre Dame-Michigan Sept. 15, with Brad Nessler, Bob Griese and Paul Maguire returning as the primary announcing team.

— ESPN's Thursday night games — to be called by Fowler, Craig James and Doug

Flutie — is highlighted by Miami-Texas A&M Sept. 20, Louisville-West Virginia Nov. 8 and USC-Arizona State on Thanksgiving. ESPN will televise Pac-10 home games for the first time since 1994.

— The Friday package, split between ESPN and ESPN2, opens with Washington-Syracuse Aug. 31 and includes West Virginia-South Florida Sept. 28 and two appearances by Rutgers and Boise State.

— The Sunday night lineup, which will run five straight weeks beginning Oct. 7 (usually against baseball playoff games), also includes two Boise State games and Central Florida-Southern Mississippi Oct. 28.

— The Labor Day night game, Miami vs. FSU the past two years, instead will feature FSU at Clemson on ESPN.

— ESPNU, which added Larry Coker as an analyst on six-to-eight games, will carry at least two Miami games (Marshall Sept. 1, FIU Sept. 15) and Florida State's home opener Sept. 8 vs. Alabama-Birmingham.

— ESPN will carry some Big 12 home games for the first time, including FSU-Colorado at 10 p.m. Sept. 15.

— CBS' college football schedule, which opens with Florida-Tennessee Sept. 15, features an Oct. 6 prime time game, which could potentially be Florida-LSU.

— NBC's Notre Dame schedule has attractive opponents in September (Georgia Tech, Michigan State) and October (Boston College, Southern Cal), but is less than scintillating in November (Navy, Air Force, Duke).

— Versus carries some Big 12 and Pac-10 games, among others and CSTV's lineup is highlighted by Mountain West games and six Navy games. FSN Florida will pick up Big 12 and Pac-10 games most Saturdays.

— The Big Ten's new network, launching Aug. 31, will be made available on DIRECTV. It generally will get the third choice of Big Ten games each week, behind ESPN and ABC.

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MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE SPORTSMANSHIP INITIATIVE
Letter to Student Newspaper
August 31, 2007

Dear Fellow Students:
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The SAAC believes that, in order for an institution to convey a message of good ethics and positive sportsmanship, it must have the involvement and participation of everyone involved with athletics on campus. This includes, but is not limited to, the Chancellor, athletics administrators, coaches, student-athletes and you — the students/fans. It is our behavior that will shape the perception of our institutions and teams by the public, the media and our opponents.

Good ethics and positive sportsmanship are philosophies that must be displayed both on and off the playing field. We must take a leadership role to compete at the highest levels, always endeavoring to win, but doing so with grace, class, dignity and respect.

Please join us in supporting the Conference's Sportsmanship Initiative. Such an effort will help make the Mountain West Conference one of the premier athletic conferences in the country, and represent our institutions well.

Cordially,
The Mountain West Conference 2007-2008 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

FANTASY

From page 10

Sleeper — Greg Jennings: Brett Favre targeted him early and often during his rookie season, but a high ankle sprain took him out of his stride. Jennings is healthy, and with only Donald Driver ahead of him on the depth chart, it is time for him take advantage of Favre's arm and gunslinger attitude while he has it.

Tight Ends:

Lock — Antonio Gates: He is the premier pass-catching tight end in the NFL, and with the addition of offensive guru Norv Turner, look for his numbers to continue to rise.

On the Edge — Randy McMichael: He was a fantasy stud once upon a time in Miami, but quarterback woes and legal trou-

bles weighed him down. St. Louis' dynamic offense and plethora of weapons may be just what McMichael needs for a fresh start and many happy owners.

Avoid — Jerramy Stevens: Big mouth, small stats. Even a change of scenery won't help save his career.

Sleeper — Eric Johnson: When he was passed to in San Francisco he was good, and Sean Payton is King Midas when it comes to offensive players.

Kickers:

Lock — Adam Vinatieri: When people think Paris, they think Eiffel Tower. When people think field goals, they think Vinatieri.

On the Edge — Robbie Gould: He came on quickly last year and is always a candidate to benefit from the Bears' offense sputtering in the red zone. Can he keep up that same

kind of pace he had last year?

Avoid — Lawrence Tynes: He was the "it" guy in Kansas City, Mo., for a couple years, but a move to the swirling winds of the Meadowlands will no help his accuracy.

Sleeper — Nick Folk: The Cowboys are looking for a consistent kicker, something they have not had for years, and Folk has been that through training camp and preseason. Now that Martin Gramatica is injured, Folk has the chance to be big in Big D.

Season Premiere Preview: Indianapolis at New Orleans

As a special extra this week, we are looking ahead to Thursday's season opener to give some not-so-obvious matchups you will want to consider.

This will be a high-powered offensive showdown so keep your defenses off the field and

watch the skill positions.

QB: Drew Brees (NO) has looked very sharp after being frustrated in the pre-season opener. He will spread the ball around and keep Indy's defense off-balance.

RB: The Colts, who struggled against the run last year, won't have Anthony McFarland to stop the running game up the middle this year and they will have their hands full trying to defend the pass, Thursday. Deuce McAllister (NO) should enjoy the space up front and the elusive Reggie Bush (NO) will be everywhere, but mostly in the end zone.

WR: Anthony Gonzalez (Ind.) could make a name for himself in his first pro game thanks to a shaky New Orleans pass defense that will be more than overwhelmed with Harrison and Reggie Wayne already on the field.

TE: Dallas Clark (Ind.) should stay healthy at least for the opener and is always a good gamble since he's got Peyton Manning throwing to him.

Emotional weekend ahead for Virginia Tech football fans

By DICK WEISS
New York Daily News

In this tight-knit college town tucked deep in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains just southwest of Roanoke, they simply refer to it as "4-16," that morning in April when deranged student Seung-Hui Cho went on a horrific shooting rampage on campus.

Cho killed a co-ed and male resident adviser in a West Ambler Johnston dorm room, then walked across the Drillfield to Norris Hall, where he chained the three main entrances together and used two semi-automatic handguns to kill 30 more students and faculty and wound 25 others before committing suicide.

Virginia Tech football coach Frank Beamer, who like school president Dr. Charles W. Steger came across as one of the university's caring voices during the crisis, still carries emotional scars from that day.

He met with the families of the victims shortly afterward, a meeting he will forever carry with him.

"I'll never forget, I walked in the back of the room, and school officials had just had a meeting concerning their kids and their families and where they were at that particular time and they asked if I'd just say hello to them," Beamer says. "You walk to the front, and I'll never forget turning around and seeing those eyes and the hurt on those faces. It's just something you never, ever forget. You could feel it. All you can do is tell them that you love them and you'll never forget their people and you'll help them anyway you can."

It didn't take long for Beamer's sorrow to turn to outrage. "That one person could cause this much harm and hurt and pain, it makes you mad," says Beamer, a parent himself.

"Then, you start reading the resumes of these faculty members and kids and see how talented they were. Life shouldn't be that way."

Beamer knows Saturday will be another in a long series of emotional days for the Hokie nation when Tech opens the season with a home game against East Carolina.

"Tech people are looking for something good to rally around," he told his team the night before the start of practice.

Then he told them this: "You have a chance to be America's team. People want to root for this team."

The players showed up for media day filled with resolve and wearing school-endorsed black memorial patches on their game uniforms with the maroon VT logo and an orange ribbon. "We're playing for not just us, but for the community and victims that died," tackle

Duane Brown said.

Beamer, the coaches and players participated in a charity car wash in the softball/track and field parking lot recently with donations going to the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund. So far, more than \$7 million has been raised to assist the families of the victims and set up endowments in each of their names. The money was also designated for grief counseling and memorials.

"I hope when we take the field, it can have a calming effect and allow people at the

"That one person could cause this much harm and hurt and pain, it makes you mad."

Frank Beamer
Virginia Tech
football coach

university and the community to temporarily escape from the tragedy."

Glennon, wide receiver Eddie Royal and punter Brent Bowden were particularly affected. They all went to Westfield High in Chantilly, Va., where the tragedy took on a personal note.

"Just hearing we lost two people from my high school — I knew of the two girls — 18-year-old freshmen Erin Peterson and Reema Samaha — and knowing the shooter came from my high school is pretty devastating," says Royal. "It's a pretty scary thing to think about."

Nine days after the massacre, Tech AD Jim Weaver was driving to a luncheon honoring Tech's senior athletes when he passed by a local cemetery where a canopy and chairs had been set up for a funeral. "I thought it was for a faculty member," says Weaver. "At

the luncheon, I found out it was for Matthew La Porte — a member of the corps of cadets. His mom and dad decided to bury him in Blacksburg because he loved the university so much.

"That got me. I go by there every day when I go to work and I look at his grave every day."

When Weaver got back to his office, he received a call out of the blue telling him the Yankees wanted to give the university \$1 million. "I started crying like a baby," says Weaver. "It was the most touching thing, but it was something George Steinbrenner felt he wanted to do."

The Yankees also have talked about playing Virginia Tech in an exhibition game on the way back from spring training next spring. Maybe by then, the university will have taken the first steps toward waking up from this nightmare.

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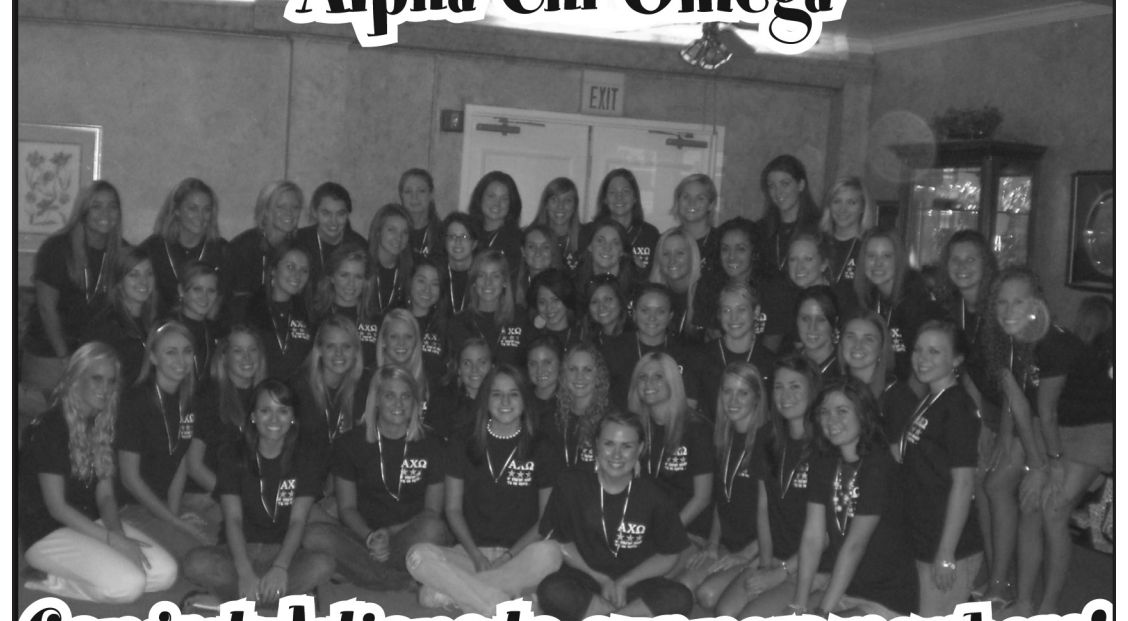
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Thursday's Solutions

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

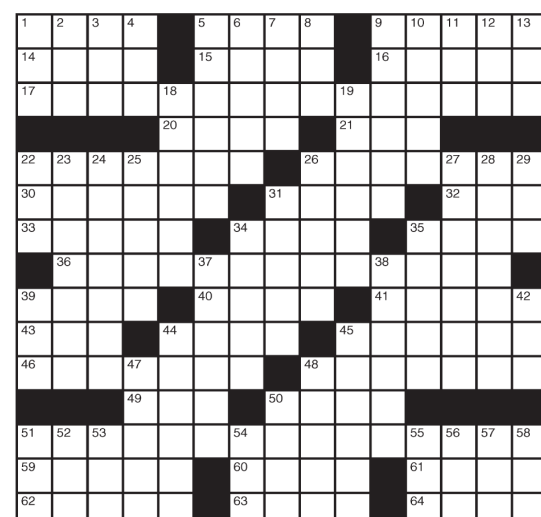
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 62 Very small
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 64 Dial up



By Diane C. Baldwin
 Columbia, MD 8/31/07

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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 3 Cry of triumph
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 9 Former dictator Noriega
 10 Periphery
 11 Hurl an insult at
 12 Chit letters
 13 Poisonous snake
 18 Quantum theory developer Max
 19 Jerusalem's location
 22 Miss. neighbor
 23 Bureaucratic obstructions
 24 Elephant keepers
 25 Be moody
 26 Pessimistic expectation
 27 Picayune
 28 Legal permit
 29 Printer's measures
 31 Dead reckoning
 34 Smile of contempt
 35 Blanched
 37 Tip or Eugene
 38 Part of ERA
 39 Young fellow
 42 Auction finish?
 44 Without bias
 45 Tender stroke
 47 Hymn of praise
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SOCCER

Team faces ranked foe in Austin

By MICHELLE NICOUD
Staff Writer

The football team will not be the only squad to make the trip down I-35 in the next week. The soccer team will open its season against the No. 9 University of Texas Longhorns in Austin, today.

On Sunday afternoon, the team will return to Fort Worth for its home opener against the Utah State Aggies at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium.

Senior forward Lesley Parkinson said the team is not intimidated by facing UT.

"I don't think it matters that much about the opponent you're playing," Parkinson said. "If we come out there and just play how we know we can play, we should

have a chance against them."

Because it is the opening weekend, scouting reports on UT and Utah State were unavailable. The lack of information has not affected the Frogs' preparation for what the team hopes will be strong non-conference matches, head coach Dan Abdalla said.

"We're going to go out there and play our style and make teams adjust to what we're doing," Abdalla said. "It's not going to make a difference if we're playing the No. 1 team in the country or the No. 300 team in the country, we're going to approach everybody the exact same way."

With 11 freshmen, the players have had to learn to make adjustments to mesh their play-

ing styles. In its Aug. 22 exhibition match against Stephen F. Austin State University, the team attempted just two first-half shots, but were able to pepper the goal line with 13 shots in the second half.

The Horned Frogs will also have a new starter in goal Friday. Sophomore Kelsey Vross beat out two other candidates for the position vacated by Katy Buchanan, who has graduated, Abdalla said.

Kelly Faerber, a sophomore midfielder, said a successful season means getting back to basics: score more goals than you allow. In 2006, the Frogs scored 19 times but allowed 25 goals.

Abdalla said as the squad

shores up its defense, the offense will start to see what it can do.

"The better we get defensively, the more confidence we're going to have offensively," Abdalla said.

Abdalla said he and his team want to fight for a Mountain West Conference title — a goal he said is achievable.

"That's the great thing about our conference," Abdalla said. "There are some really good teams, but everybody has a chance. Everybody has the potential to be dangerous in conference."

Today's match against UT is at 7 p.m. and the home opener against Utah State starts at 1 p.m. Sunday.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

Receivers, kickers commodities for upcoming drafts

By ERICK MOEN
Staff Writer

The wait is almost over. The NFL regular season is six days away, so prepare your speed dials for that Tuesday morning post-game smack talk.

Last week, we looked at quarterbacks and running backs — the bread and butter of most fantasy teams.

COMMENTARY



Erick Moen

With passing games gaining consistency around the league, wide receivers are becoming as pivotal as ever in fantasy football.

Ask anyone who had the good fortune to take advantage of Marques Colston as a tight end last year how important having a break out tight end can be to title hopes.

Kickers? Well, they're just free points if you choose the right one. So let's go position by position and find out the game-breakers you need to know about this season.

Wide Receivers:

Lock — Marvin Harrison: For eight straight seasons, Harrison has tallied more than 1,000 receiving yards and 10-plus touchdowns starting every game along the way. And with the addition of Anthony Gonzalez in the slot, I do not see his production slowing down anytime soon.

On the Edge — Terrell Owens: When you score 13 touchdowns and rack up 1,180 receiving yards in an "off-year," you know you are good. Now that his finger and hamstring have healed up, not to mention the privilege of being addressed by name, look for him and his buddy Tony Romo to light it up again this year.

Avoid — Calvin Johnson: Matt Millen's plan to field a team of all wide receivers is close to completion. Unfortunately for Johnson, no matter how good his skills are, he's still a rookie and behind the talented Roy Williams and Mike Furrey.

See **FANTASY**, page 8

QUICK SPORTS

Game days released

As the schedule was released for the 2007-2008 men's basketball season, non-conference games against three Big 12 opponents highlight this year's string of games.

Perhaps the year's most notable game comes Jan. 2 when the team travels to Austin for a 7 p.m. game with the University of Texas Longhorns.

The team will also have back-to-back meetings with the Texas Tech University Red Raiders and the Oklahoma University Sooners.

The Horned Frogs will

travel to Lubbock on Nov. 28 to play Texas Tech and gets its shot at Oklahoma four days later at home.

Of the 29 games on this season's schedule, 17 of them are at home — a good sign for a team that won 10 of its 13 games at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum last season.

Aside from the more notable non-conference matchups, head coach Neil Dougherty and Co. have SMU, the University of Texas at Arlington and a home-and-away series with Rice University scheduled for this season.

This season's Nov. 10

opener has the Horned Frogs hosting Angelo State at home. The start of the conference docket will be Jan. 5, when the Horned Frogs travel to San Diego to take on San Diego State.

The Horned Frogs look to improve on last season's 13-17 mark.

Sports editor Tim Bella

Runners begin season

In a change of pace from last season's Baylor Invitational, the cross country team will not be running in a relay meet, but rather in two individual races.

The women will begin

the evening with a 4K race at 6:30 p.m. while the men step up to the starting line at 7 p.m.

Leading the men's team are sophomore Festus Kigen and senior Matt Manly.

Steven Solazzo rounds out the last of the returning runners for the men who are alongside five new recruits.

The women's team is anchored by sophomores Dani Selner and Carlene Mayfield.

A healthy Halie Bullin will be the senior leading the women's squad in the 2007 season.

Associate editor Marcus Murphree



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Congratulations to all our new members



Lauren Anderson
Becky Boeshaar
Erin Brady
Anna Brix
Jennifer Brooks
Alexa Bryant
Kaylie Bullock
Victoria Cavazos
Alyssa Claxton
Megan Clutter
Joanna Davenport
Madeline Davis

Sara Decker
Caitlin Enright
Hanna Fiddick
Katelyn Fischer
Amanda Garrison
Haley Gendron
Paris Gensheimer
Katie Holmes
Amy Johnson
Tiffani Johnson
Devon Jones
Melissa Lorber

Katherine McGaha
Lauren McWilliams
Marjorie Meade
Liane Michnoff
Sara Morrison
Porter Neessen
Hannah O'Toole
Sarah Potts
Kendal Rader
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Mika Southall
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Kelli Trapnell
Ally Vierling
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