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No more duplexes in local neighborhood

By Rose Baca
Staff Reporter

A Fort Worth City Council ordinance aimed to keep duplexes from popping up in the Paschal neighborhood east of TCU may hurt a few student renters now, but in the long run it will be good for the TCU community,

a university official said. "I think it's important for TCU to have strong, stable neighborhoods," Mills said. "It just makes everything safer, cleaner and better."

Last month, the City Council ruled unanimously in favor of the Paschal Neighborhood Association's request for an ordinance that

would rezone most of the neighborhood lots from two-family to single-family, said Anita Horky, president of the Paschal Neighborhood Association.

"We feel like this is a single-family neighborhood, (and) it should stay a single-family neighborhood," Horky said. "And the duplexes detract from that."

The neighborhood association also wants to encourage people to lay down roots in the area, Horky said.

"It is our experience in the Paschal Neighborhood Association that those who participate to improve the neighborhood are own-

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Language legislation not delivering

By Kimmy Daycock
Staff Reporter

Only one language has been added to the university curriculum since the Student Government Association passed legislation two years ago supporting the expansion of foreign languages, the former chair of the department of foreign languages said.

Beginning and intermediate courses in Chinese were added to the catalog last fall.

Sharon Fairchild, professor of French and previous chair of the department of modern languages and literatures, said Chinese and Arabic were being considered at the same time. Fairchild said the languages department decided to add Chinese before Arabic, in consultation

with Mary Volcansek, previous dean of the AddRan College of Liberal Arts.

"Chinese was introduced first because there was support and interest from the faculty and students in the Asian studies minor program," she said.

In March 2006, the House of Student Representatives passed a resolution advocating the expansion of foreign language programs at the university, suggesting languages such as Latin, Russian, Chinese, Hindi, Farsi and Arabic be added to the curriculum.

Students can take courses in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Hebrew, Greek and Chinese.

Fairchild said the university offers beginning and intermediate Chinese courses along with culture and civilization courses to support the Asian

Studies minor. The department would eventually like to see full-time Chinese, but enrollment needs to build up for Chinese to be taught by a full-time professor, she said.

There hasn't been any further discussion as far as adding Arabic, Fairchild said.

"In order to teach a language, we would have to have full-time teaching positions, and those are hard to get," Fairchild said. "The administration has to justify them with enrollment demands."

However, Fairchild said she would like to see the department eventually add Arabic.

"It has become an important language,

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Plus-minus system not widespread on campus

Professors choose whether to implement grading change

By Melissa Hawkes
Staff Reporter

The full effect of the plus/minus grading system on students' GPAs remains unknown a year after its implementation, university officials said.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the number of teachers who use the plus/minus system is unknown. He said the system was originally implemented by faculty to create a grading system that was more fair. He said he expects most professors will move to the plus/minus system within two or three years.

Donovan said higher quality universities tend to have a plus/minus system.

"We will revisit the whole issue to see if it is working," Donovan said. "But we will probably want to wait two or three years to get a cohort of students through."

Students who entered TCU in fall 2007 or later are subject to the plus/minus system.

The decision of whether to use the plus/minus system is up to each professor, said Ralph Carter, professor and political science department chair.

"It is still up to the individual classroom instructor to determine what is a B-minus and what is a C-plus in his or her own class," Carter said. "The power to evaluate student performance still lies with the faculty."

However, Patrick Miller, registrar and director of enrollment management of the Registrar's Office, said he does not think the plus/minus system will ever be adopted by every professor at the university. Miller said he can't imagine there will be much change in students' overall GPAs.

Miller said no studies at the university have been conducted to determine the full effect of the plus/minus grading system.

Many students have adjusted to the new grading scale, but not every professor has converted to the plus/minus system, said Thomas Pressly, Student Government Association president. He said SGA has not received many student complaints about the plus/minus system.

"Professors have the opportunity to pick if they want to use it," Pressly said. "I think that is the hard part, from my view, on it and from a lot of students I

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Official: Unemployment hike not hurting graduates

By Andrew Young
Staff Reporter

Despite increasing unemployment nationwide, TCU graduates are still finding jobs, a Career Services official said.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported last week the nationwide unemployment rate increased from 5.7 to 6.1 percent in August.

Kimshi Hickman, associate director of employee relations, said there is a job market for college graduates despite the current economic situation.

"Typically, even if the economy is having some problems, corporations will still hire new college grads," Hickman said. "That's

simply because it's still fiscally better for them to hire a new college grad rather than keep someone who has been there for twenty years at triple the salary."

In the employment situation summary released Sept. 5, the Department of Labor reported that employment declined in manufacturing by 61,000 jobs and in employment services by 53,000 jobs in August. The report showed, however, a rise in health care and mining jobs. Health care added 367,000 jobs in the past year.

The rise in health care employment is a continuing trend, Hickman said.

"In the United States, Americans are aging and there are just increased health care needs all the way around," Hickman said. "Our nurses are in high demand from

our TCU program — they are in very high demand."

Employees who work at hospitals are almost guaranteed an interview for a position as a graduate nurse, said Ashlee Wolfe, a senior nursing major at TCU. This is due to a "tremendous need" for nurses, she said.

Hickman said other degrees at TCU have experienced similar trends to nursing, specifically degrees in technology and energy. She said students can still find jobs as long as they start their search early. The students who have difficulty finding jobs are those who begin their job search too late or after graduation, she said.

"We get e-mails and phone calls every-day from employers who have jobs to post

and are looking at TCU graduates," Hickman said.

LaTanya Johns, director of the graduate career service center, said finding a job has been more difficult for students graduating with a master's degree. Johns said students pursuing a master's degree have higher salary expectations after graduation than students pursuing a bachelor's degree.

"We are definitely trying to help students set realistic goals," Johns said.

Johns said landing a job does not depend as much on the students' field of study as it does on students being flexible about job opportunities. Students have to look for opportunities that lie in the smaller companies, Johns said.

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ers,” Horky said. Discussion about the number of duplexes in the neighborhood first began at a January 2006 neighborhood meeting when property owners began to notice as many as six modern duplexes were built in the past three years, Horky said.

Adam Stone, treasurer of the Paschal Neighborhood Association and 2004 TCU graduate, said homeowners felt something was going on in the neighborhood they didn't think was in their best interest.

“You've got two-story duplexes right next door to each other,” Stone said. “These are just huge, cheap duplexes that look fine right now, but they're not going to look fine in the future.”

Some student renters feel the rezoning could have a negative affect on the TCU renting community.

“It might get rid of some options for some students in the future,” said Josh Schweser, a senior graphic design major and duplex renter in the Paschal neighborhood. The price of renting in neighborhoods closer to TCU is higher, and the Paschal neighborhood is an area where the rent is not as much, Schweser said.

Duplex renter and junior nursing major Noemi Martinez said she doesn't think the rezoning will have a big impact on her ability to find rent in the area.

“It wasn't difficult to find rent,” Martinez said. “There's enough duplexes already to go around.”

Currently, the neighborhood is about 88 percent single-family homes and 12 percent duplexes, Horky said. She said the neighborhood association thinks there is a good balance between the two and wants to ensure it stays that way.

“I believe there's enough housing to accommodate students,” Horky said.

Mills said the ordinance would likely encourage the building of more student housing, such as townhouses and apartments, in other areas closer to TCU.

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have talked to.” Meredith McDonough, a freshman nursing major, said the plus/minus system gives a more substantial grade than the other system.

“It doesn't really matter to me,” McDonough said. “It is kind of nice in a way because it quantifies your grade a little more than just a generic letter.”

Alaska offers clues on Palin's personality

By Jason George
Chicago Tribune

JUNEAU, Alaska — With walls decorated with fox pelts and polar bear portraits, the private state-house office of Gov. Sarah Palin is not the typical bureaucratic workspace.

Of course, Juneau is no typical state capital either. It's isolated, with no roads in or out, and the borough (the Alaska equivalent of a county) that it lies in has a population of just 31,000.

Alaska has always existed in a world of such contrasts and geographic superlatives: the country's snowiest spots, highest peaks and lowest temperatures can all be found here. It's a land like no other, and this place and Palin are woven together as well as the Native baskets that dot her Juneau office.

“She is definitely Alaska,” said Gerald McBeath, a political scientist at the University of Alaska's Fairbanks campus.

Now, Palin's inclusion on John McCain's Republican ticket is shining a bright light on the unusual nature of her state and its politics while raising the question of whether her sharply honed Alaskan political skills could translate to Washington.

“Alaskans love to boast that if you divided their state in half, Texas would become the nation's third-largest state. But with only about 700,000 people, Alaskans often fill jobs that employers — and voters — in the Lower 48 would staff with more experienced candidates.

“(Alaska) gives them opportunities they wouldn't have anywhere else outside of the state,” McBeath explained.

To better understand the rapid rise and personality of Sarah Palin one need only understand the Alaska that created her. Both candidate and state offer narratives filled with individuality, uniqueness and streaks of independence.

About 900 miles separate Juneau and Seattle, the closest U.S. city to the south of any size. And the separation exists in both terra and talk — Alaskans say “Outside” and the “Lower 48” to refer to the rest of the country.

“What they say on the license plate is right — this is ‘The Last



CHUCK KENNEDY / MCT

Republican vice presidential candidate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin greets supporters at a rally in Fairfax, Va. on Wednesday.

Frontier.’ You can't live on the moon,” said John Haines, a former homesteader and fur trapper who served as Alaska's first poet laureate from 1969 to 1973.

For Sarah Palin, the wide open opportunities of Alaska began with a seat on the city council of her hometown, Wasilla, where she eventually was elected mayor. In 2006, Palin rose to the state's highest office without a well-known name, wealth or high-profile history.

“We have all kinds up here, but we also have an opportunity structure different than the United States — there's an opportunity for middle-aged housewives to make a difference,” McBeath said.

Of course, knowing when to grasp those opportunities requires good instincts, and Palin has them, said Art Chance of Juneau, who retired as Alaska's director of labor relations in 2006.

“This is a state of hustlers and Sarah has that in her: She's ambi-

tionous, ruthless,” Chance said.

In 2004, Palin observed the chairman of the Republican Party — her own party — doing GOP business in a state office. She blew the whistle on him and local media labeled her a reformer and ethics champion. A year later, she sensed a shot to unseat an unpopular Republican in the governor's office and she took it, beating him in the primary and eventually winning the 2006 general election.

“Sarah was a point guard — she's got a nose for the weakness in the defense,” Chance added.

Juneau sits where the shores of the salmon-sated Gastineau Channel meet the 17-million acre Tongass National Forest. And its downtown drowns in tourist shops and a climate so rainy that it's classified as a temperate rain forest. The tallest ‘buildings’ in town are the cruise ships that ply its waters.

The fact that reaching the state capital requires either a boat or

plane has ruffled Alaskans outside the Panhandle since before statehood, 49 years ago. Numerous attempts to move the seat out of Juneau — where 40 percent of adults work for the government — have nearly succeeded more than once.

Most advocates of relocation offer up several cities in the Mat-Su Valley, north of Anchorage, as the best alternatives. The largest community in the valley is Palin's Wasilla. She, herself, has in the past supported such a move.

Wasilla is not the Alaska of “Northern Exposure,” and its streets are more strip-mall than scenic. Parking lots at Lowe's and Home Depot overflow with SUVs and Subaru filled with home-building materials. And the scheduled opening of a Target next month — one of Alaska's first — has been front-page news in the state's largest newspaper.

What Wasilla is, however, is the Alaska of Sarah Palin. It is an exurb whose rapid growth paral-

els her quick ascendancy, a place where history makes way for an Applebee's, a city where business equals progress.

“It's the strip development, unplanned suburban growth,” McBeath said. “It's a character of the state.”

A few years ago, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty coined a term to describe conservatives who grow out of such communities: “Sam's Club Republicans”; and at the Republican National Convention, Pawlenty was one of several party leaders to label Palin the clubs' new public face.

There's only one problem with that. Wasilla has no Sam's Club, though the chain's older and smaller cousin, Wal-Mart, does have a store. And the opening of a Costco, the Sam's Club warehouse rival, is on the drawing boards for 2009.

Perhaps Palin's followers can be labeled “Costco Republicans.”

Makes sense — Alaskans are different.

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given the current political situation and economic exchange with Arab-speaking countries,” she said. “But whether we could get sufficient numbers of students to justify a full-time position, I have no way of knowing at this point.”

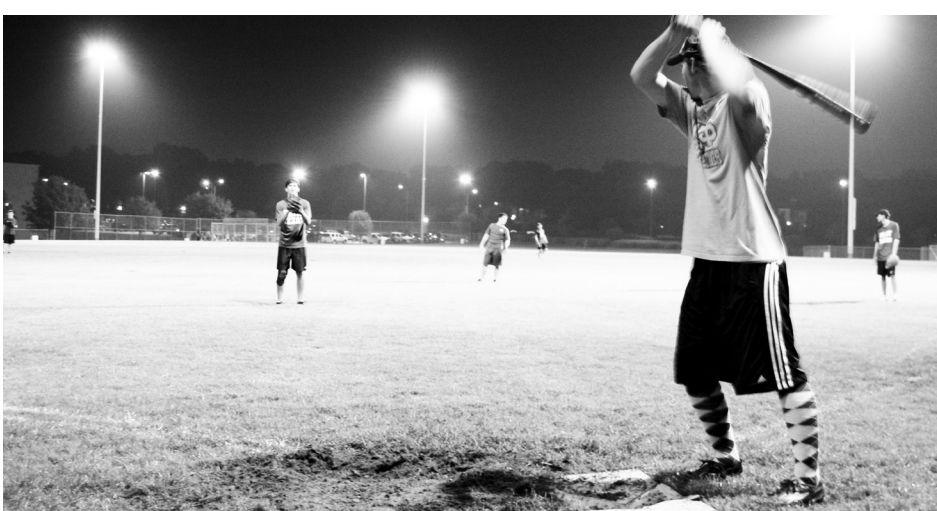
Haley Murphy, speaker of the SGA House of Represent-

atives, said she would like to see Arabic added to TCU's curriculum.

“Arabic is spoken so widely and is an overarching, common language,” Murphy said. “I think it's important for foreign policy and for global relations.”

Murphy said SGA supports the expansion of foreign languages, but the resolution is nonbinding.

PLAY BALL



JOE ZIGTEMA / Managing Editor William Jacobs, of the team The Duplex & Co., pitches to Jordan Thompson, who bats for Pi Kappa Phi, on Wednesday night at the intramural fields. Intramural softball started Sunday.

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The Skiff View

Restriction on duplexes not student-friendly choice

Not everyone who lives in the TCU area is a TCU student. Many families and other homeowners also call the area home, and unlike students, tend to stay longer than two to three years.

So it's understandable the Paschal Neighborhood Association wants to put a cap on the number of student-friendly duplexes in the area by new zoning ordinances.

Encouraging more families to move in the area by providing more single-family homes will encourage people who move into the neighborhood with the intention of staying, consequently building a more stable community. In return, a more stable community will make a more stable neighboring environment for TCU students.

But is now really the right time to make an already difficult house-hunting process for off-campus students even more so? Right now, there may be plenty of duplexes in the Paschal area to go around, but with the demand for off-campus housing increasing and likely to continue increasing for the next few years, this may soon not be the case.

Many TCU students who did not want to or did not have the chance to live on campus this year already remember the headaches that come with trying to find good, affordable, off-campus housing, and this may only serve to make that headache a migraine.

The Paschal area is a strategic location for many TCU students because it offers reasonably-priced homes close to school. By limiting the number of duplexes available, the Paschal Neighborhood Association may be losing out on a potentially large group of residents.

The neighborhood association and the city of Fort Worth should have taken the needs of students into account while making this decision and made a choice that gave more housing opportunities to students.

Features editor Valerie Hannon for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

Serving as SuperFrog an honor, not burden

SHAWN REDD

There is a huge problem with spirit at TCU. I'm not talking about our attendance at sporting events or even the amount of purple and white being worn around campus. I'm talking about our mascot, SuperFrog.

In years past, the chance to be a part of the game as much as the players was such an honor that many students would try out for it. However, in recent years, the number of students trying out to be SuperFrog has declined. I remember walking into the rec center and taking a glance at the tryouts for the mascot. There may have been 10 or 15 people at the most who were thrilled to be there. Others appeared to be forced to be there, most likely by their cheerleading girlfriends or nagging parents. Either way, it is just a huge disappointment.

Granted, I could never be SuperFrog due to my height and ability to get crazy, but I was tempted just to walk in there and give it my all. I couldn't be more embarrassing than those students just standing around watching other guys get pumped up.

What really hurts me, as well as other students I have talked to, is the subject of cheerleaders having to jump into the costume and assume the role of the famous frog. This shows the lack of spirit and enthusiasm of all students. Being a giant frog is not the job of the cheerleaders, especially when they are trying to excite the crowd for more than two hours without a break. However, it should be the job of the

student body. If there is not a student capable of being SuperFrog, then a faculty member should step up. Remember, this is your school just as much as it is the students.

Only 20 to 30 students out of almost 9,000 are there to cheer on the field. There should be hundreds of people working hard for the chance to be on the playing surface with these athletes and cheerleaders.

Even though the student body is getting the raw end of the deal, a major factor in the decline of participants is due to the lack of publicity for the tryouts. The school needs to step up its advertising and allow more time slots for auditions. TCU is on track to be one of the top athletic programs in the nation. However, something as small as this can really hurt the mighty Horned Frog Nation.

Almost any athlete would say that the more into the game the crowd gets, the more pumped up players become. Look at other famous mascots such as the USC Trojan, the Florida Gator and the Florida State Seminole. Superfrog could join this elite group of mascots and provide us with that spark that players and cheerleaders cannot bring to the table. Most of all, SuperFrog is an opportunity to do something great in your collegiate career. Anyone can be a hero and lead a team to victory, but only a legend can lead an entire school to victory. Be a legend. Be SuperFrog.

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Gardening a healthy option



SARAI BRINKER

Food is a big issue for college students. As leaders of college organizations well know, attendance at meetings or functions of any kind may double by simply offering free pizza, not least of all because pizza is an upgrade for students making it by on Ramen and single serve Mac & Cheese.

Like everything else these days, food is more expensive than ever, and the rising cost of food is hard to swallow for many college students. For the past two years, the cost of staples such as wheat, corn and rice have doubled. And our paychecks (for those of us who have one at all) aren't getting any bigger.

The reasons for the sharp increase in the cost of food, like the rising cost of so many other things, are linked at least in part to fuel consumption. It's not cheap to send produce halfway across the world so we can have fresh tomatoes and bananas in December. Others point to the emptying of our nation's breadbasket to make room for ethanol-producing crops such as corn and soybeans, replacing food with fuel.

More and more Americans, and especially college students, are looking for ways to live green and to reduce their personal usage of fuel, and there may be a way to supplement the bare bones

diet of the college freshman while living greener (and saving some green, too).

Community gardening has gained significant popularity in recent years. Although kitchen gardens were the status quo only a few generations ago, in recent decades, most people chose to forego food of the home-grown variety in lieu of more convenient alternatives such as fast food and supermarkets. In response to the interest in green living, there has been a resurgence of gardening through the "slow-food" movement.

Books such as the 100-Mile Diet, in which the authors commit to only eating food grown within a 100-mile radius of their home, are part of a growing literary movement extolling the benefits of knowing where food was grown and how. If food is grown and eaten locally, our ecological footprint is reduced by cutting food miles. Because of the organic practices inherent with most community gardening practices, the quality of the soil is improved.

Additionally, the community gardens ensure a permanent and economical food supply while bringing people together and fostering a greater sense of community and stewardship of green spaces. These are benefits in addition to the healthy, organic vegetables — a section of the food pyramid woefully neglected by the average undergrad that the gardens

produce. Here at TCU, efforts are underway to create a community garden for students. Rachel Siron of the living learning community is leading up the beginning steps in the creation of a campus garden. Many students don't have their own green spaces, and since Physical Plant is in charge of the grounds, TCU is taking gardening indoors. The project involves planting mini gardens out of Tupperware inside Carter Hall, proving you don't need a big backyard to do a little gardening.

TCU is also encouraging students to look toward other community garden projects such as the Two Hands program through Elizabeth Anna's Old World Garden.

Another alternative is developing not far from TCU in near the south side of Fort Worth. Joel Burns and Fort Worth South Inc. are working to turn an empty lot at Fifth Avenue and Maddox, currently owned by the city, into a community garden.

Development of any of these programs would be a benefit to our communities. Community gardens would give us access to affordable organic food and make our lives a little greener. Participants in community gardens would be less dependent on the global food supply and less affected by rising costs at the grocery store. All in all, community gardens are a good way to live a little greener, eat more affordably and live more sustainably.

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SATIRE

Tuition hikes burden columnist



DAVID HALL

College is expensive. This is normal. TCU is exorbitant. That is not.

Tuition has been hiked twice since I arrived two years ago.

With a marked increase in the price of meal plans (\$1,200 per semester last academic year to \$1,799 this semester for the minimum plan), and more expensive dormitories becoming prevalent (\$3,450 per bedroom per semester for a four-bedroom suite in Wright Hall), working class collegians like myself are beginning to feel the strain.

My dad has been forced to take a third job in a radon mine in order to pay for my opinion writing class.

My mother, once a gentle socialite from Connecticut, now performs contract hits for the Haitian government to pay for my housing.

My niece and nephew are running around the streets of downtown Houston as we speak performing Gypsy swindling tricks on unsuspecting oilmen to pay for my meal plan.

I sleep in fear every night that

TCU's secret paramilitary force, the Purple People Eaters, will commandeer my meager belongings and pawn them to feed coffers of the university.

The total cost per year to attend TCU these days is roughly the same as the GDP of French Guiana, or according to a cost estimate on TCU's Web site, \$37,380 for the 2008-2009 academic year. Scholarships and other forms of aid are not factored in.

That is a lot of money. What else could you buy with the money it costs to spend a year at TCU? Would it be an earth-shattering amount? Will I stop asking questions? Yes.

For the sake of simplicity, all prices mentioned hereafter will not be adjusted to include tax. I have the math skills of a third grader and using percentages would probably cause my medulla oblongata to explode.

Let's say I sponsor a 10-year-old child named Ronaldo from Brazil through the Christian Children's Fund. With \$37,380, and at the going rate of 80 cents per day, I could sponsor Ronaldo through his 138th birthday.

With a year's cost of attending TCU, I could buy three base model Kia Rios and have an underground, to-the-death demolition derby with my roommates. Not only that, but I would have \$2,760 of hush money left over to

pay the cops with when they find out about my highly illegal tournament.

Let's say you want to eat on the cheap to save yourself some scratch for a trip to Cancun. Provided you have access to the coveted "10 for \$1 deal" on Top Ramen noodles, the numbers are scary.

If each package of noodles costs 10 cents and you eat three packages a day, you would be fed for the next 341 years for the price of one year at TCU. Granted you would probably die of a massive heart attack after about two weeks on Dr. Hall's high-sodium/high-fat/high-noodle/low-cost diet, but the principle remains.

A College Board study revealed that the average tuition for private, nonprofit four-year schools rose 6.3 percent for the 2007-2008 academic year. With an 8 percent hike for the same period, TCU is well above its contemporaries in raising the cost of an education.

If anyone in the science department knows how to change lead into gold, now would be a good time to tell me. I have a bunch of old pencils waiting to pay my tuition.

Until then, I'll be working the hoot owl shift at the radon mine.

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NEWS

Scholars examine effects of out-of-wedlock births

By Karen Uhlenhuth
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Think of it as a new “normal” in American family life.

After creeping slowly and steadily upward most of the last 50 years, the number of babies born to young unmarried women quietly crossed a troubling threshold in 2006.

For the first time in a half-century of record-keeping, a majority of babies born to women younger than 30 were out of wedlock.

That year, women such as Sara Bell of Lexington, Mo., delivered 50.4 percent of the children born to those under 30, according to Andrew Sum, an economist at Northeastern University in Boston.

Last week, the nation got a reminder that unwed pregnancies can happen anywhere when Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin announced that her 17-year-old daughter, Bristol, was five months pregnant. The family said Bristol will keep the baby and marry the baby's father.

Bell, now 24 and newly married, bore her first child when she was 19 and single. That baby died a day later, and Bell went on to give birth to two more children, with different fathers.

As a college student, she was burdened with homework as well as the draining work of caring for two children. She remembers the thought that danced through her mind during moments of exhaustion.

“There were times when I was like, ‘This is why people marry when they have a kid,’” she said.

Bell had a great deal of help from her mother and relatives. In June, she tied the knot, shifting her sin-

gle-mother status to married with children, solidly middle class with two paychecks.

For the vast majority of single young mothers, however, there's no rescue in sight. In fact, Sum, who directs Northeastern's Center for Labor Market Studies, warns that the burgeoning number of such families presages “disaster.” His 2006 calculations are his most recent.

“The inequality of incomes in these families is unbelievable,” said Sum, who has written numerous books and articles about the job

“The next generation of children is going to be much more unequal than what we have today.”

Andrew Sum
Economist at Northeastern University in Boston

market, young families and poverty. “Forty percent are poor, or near-poor. A large fraction is dependent on public assistance. Unless the mother is very well-educated and has a bachelor's degree or above, there's a huge fiscal cost to the rest of us.”

Most of the mothers are not college-educated. In fact, the story of the American family has split into two widely divergent realities, according to Sara McLanahan, a professor of sociology and public affairs at Princeton University. By and large, she said, college-educated women are marrying later, having babies within a marriage and

divorcing less. Their husbands are spending more time with the children.

Women without a college degree are doing just the opposite — and in growing numbers.

“The next generation of children is going to be much more unequal than what we have today,” Sum warned. “You're going to have a really elite group and a group that will massively fall behind. These gaps are really extraordinary. I testified before Congress and said, ‘Look, guys, we really need to face this.’”

Sum advocates providing more public assistance and tax breaks for low-income families, especially those in which the parents are married and working.

Private family miseries translate into major public burdens, he said.

“You can't raise revenue from families that have such a low income,” Sum said. “And you have to spend so much more to keep them afloat.”

He estimates that taxpayers pony up about \$7,000 a year to support the typical family of an unwed mother without a high-school diploma.

“Our ability to afford this has come to an end.”

Others have weighed in on the issue lately, as well. The Institute for American Values published a study in April that pegged the annual cost to taxpayers of children living with a single parent — whether because of divorce or an out-of-wedlock birth — at more than \$112 billion annually.

Fatherless families also earned a mention from Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama. He chose Father's Day to chastise men in the black community in particular for failing to perform any duties of fathering beyond the act of conception.

Sen. Sam Brownback, a Kansas Republican, was one of the authors of an opinion piece in The Wall Street Journal in May. It made the



Sara Bell Stockton, center, and her children, Matthew Bell-Ross, 3, left, and Allissa Bell, 23 months, look at scrapbooks at their home in Lexington, Mo., in late August.

case that although the government largely has abolished the “marriage penalty” in the tax structure, it still in effect penalizes marriage among low-income people by cutting government benefits should they marry.

Brownback and co-author David Blankenhorn, president of the Institute for American Values, propose that the government experiment with maintaining benefits for three years for newly married couples to see whether it promotes marriage and family well-being.

Princeton's McLanahan has been trying to gain a better understanding of this burgeoning family form with a 10-year effort known as the Fragile Families and Child Well-Being Study. McLanahan and her research team initially interviewed 5,000 couples, three-fourths unwed, upon the births of their children, starting in 1998.

The researchers have interviewed them periodically since then.

Their lives are complicated in many ways, she said.

At the time of an out-of-wedlock birth, she said, about half of the couples live together. But because two-thirds of those relationships typically dissolve by the time a child turns 5, “There's a lot of instability. A lot of these women form relationships with new men, and have children with the new men. There are people moving in and out. Those are dramatic events in a woman's and a child's life.”

“The other piece is ... managing a household of so many different contributors of time and money. So you have a woman with three children by three fathers. Imagine the complexity, just arranging visits and trying to arrange for child-support payments — if they come.”

Out-of-wedlock births

In 1960, 6 percent of babies born to women under 30 were born to unmarried women. By 2006, that figure had grown to 50.4 percent.

Out-of-wedlock births are closely correlated with education. In 2005-2006, 67 percent of babies born to high-school dropouts under 30 were born to unwed women.

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GAME TIME



Junior runningback Joseph Turner prepares to hit the hole created by the offensive line and score a touchdown against Stephen F. Austin last week. This week the Frogs will host the Stanford Cardinal at noon after the time was moved up from 6 p.m. because of weather concerns.

Frogs' speed to battle Cardinal's power this week

By Robert Bember
Sports Reporter

If head football coach Gary Patterson has his way, the Horned Frogs are going to play football this weekend.

Coming off a 67-7 win over the Stephen F. Austin University Lumberjacks and their spread offense, the Frogs turn their attention to the physical running attack of Stanford.

"I call that basketball," Patterson said of SEA's offense. "They don't run much, and they're throwing it all over the park. Now we're going to play football."

TCU vs. Stanford
Where: Amon G. Carter Stadium
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The Cardinal's physical onslaught is led by junior running back Toby Gerhart. After tearing his ACL in the second game of last season, Gerhart has rebounded to lead the team in rushing through two games with 214 rush yards and four of the team's five offensive touchdowns. He's averaging 6.1 yards per carry. Senior Anthony Kimble complements

Gerhart and has added 68 rush yards in two games. He led the Cardinal in rushing last season with 509 yards and eight touchdowns.

"Thunder and lightning," said senior linebacker Robert Henson, describing the Cardinal's two running backs. "It's similar to what we got here. It's similar to what we face in practice with Joseph Turner and Aaron Brown or Jai Cavness."

Patterson said Tuesday he didn't know if senior running back Brown would play

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TENNIS

Women to get started in Georgia tourney

By Michael Carroll
Staff Reporter

The women's tennis team will hit the courts today at the Bulldog Invitational in Athens, Ga. for its first tournament of the fall season.

The tournament, hosted by the University of Georgia, will be a round robin event of singles and doubles matches and will feature the women's tennis teams of Georgia, Duke, Mississippi, Indiana, Virginia, Wake Forest and TCU, according to the University of Georgia's Athletics Web site.

Doubles matches will begin today at 10 a.m., and singles matches will follow at 12:30 p.m. The tournament will last through Sunday afternoon.

Head coach Jefferson Hammond said he is very excited about the fall season getting started so early.

"It's pretty early in the fall to be playing a tournament," Hammond said. "The tournament itself presents great opportunities for getting ranked wins."

The team as a whole worked on getting better in general this off-season and this tournament will help the team know where it stands, Hammond said.

"A lot of the players have worked very hard over the summer and we've worked hard the last couple weeks," Hammond said. "Overall, it's a great measuring stick for us to see where we

are coming off of the summer."

When sophomore Maria Babanova returned to Fort Worth after spending her summer in Russia, Hammond asked her what she had focused on while she was away.

"I just worked on my weaknesses," Babanova told her coach.

A number of the players got great competition when they played in pro events over the summer as well, Hammond said.

The players themselves have been looking forward to this weekend's tournament, said sophomore Katarina Tuohimaa.

"I like playing matches so it's fun to have a tournament and get some matches played," Tuohimaa said. "We don't have that many this fall so I'm looking forward to this weekend. I'm just going to try to play my best, have fun and play well."

The Bulldog Invitational is just one step in the journey toward a much bigger goal, Hammond said.

"As a team, we'd like to put ourselves in a position to go deep in the NCAA Tournament," Hammond said. "That was our goal last year and we fell way short of what we felt we were capable of. We had a very strong schedule, but this year our schedule's even tougher."

After the Bulldog Invitational, the Horned Frogs will participate in tournaments in California and Hawaii before hosting the ITA Southwest Regional from Oct. 23 - 27.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

Brady injury leaves owners, Patriots in trouble

By Erick Moen
Staff Writer

And with a mighty pop, down went the rest of the NFL season. Well not really, but it's how many media outlets are playing New England Patriots' Tom Brady's season-ending knee injury.

It does hurt Patriot fans and Brady owners, but the league is bigger than one person and at least now we get to see if New England head coach Bill Belichick is the genius everyone in Boston thinks he is.

As for you weeping owners out there, take heart — this is the time to scrape the waiver wire for quarterbacks and trade material. The time to start shopping that Eddie Royal guy you picked up last week is now. Chad Pennington, Kurt Warner and other serviceable quarterbacks with upside are most likely still free agents as well.

But before we get into this week's stuff, here are my thoughts for the week:

1. Aaron Rodgers can take a minute to awkwardly perform a Lambeau Leap and everyone laughs,

but T.O. gets penalized 15 yards for taking 15 seconds to put on his best Usain Bolt impersonation?

2. Brett Favre looked good in his opener with the Jets, but imagine if he had taken Rodger Goodell's advice and waited to sign with a team in need. He may have ended up on the visitor's sideline of the battle in New Jersey this weekend.

And now the main event: this week's top-three waiver wire adds and matchups to keep an eye on.

Waiver Wire Adds:

Devery Henderson (WR - NO): The injury and subsequent absence of lead wideout Marques Colston will propel Henderson into the starting lineup. He racked up 84 yards and a TD last week playing behind Colston, so it will be interesting to see what he can do with the starting gig.

Matt Cassel (QB - NE): This is the most obvious add I think I've ever endorsed in this column, but I would be remiss if I didn't at least mention it. Clearly he won't put up Brady's numbers, but he could be useful for trade bait to Brady's for-

mer owner. Most likely he/she didn't invest in a backup after spending a first rounder on Tommy Boy.

Anthony Fasano (TE - Mia): The former Dallas backup is making the most of Parcells' love for him. Fasano was part of Big Bill's push to make the Dolphins into the East Coast Cowboys and as such immediately pushed incumbent David Martin to the background. Now that he has become a security blanket for Chad Pennington, he could become starting material for you, too.

Week 2 Matchups:

Baltimore Ravens at Houston Texans: Rookie quarterbacks dominated last weekend, but in the case of Joe Flacco it was the defense that did all the playing. The Raven offense was led in rushing by a relative unknown in Le'Ron McClain, and with Willis McGahee on track to return this week, things only get murkier for the rookie quarterback. One thing is for sure though, the way the Ravens' defense is playing, there's little hope for Matt Schaub and company to help you much this week.

New England Patriots at New York Jets: The team Favre is playing for versus the one he could have been helping. Interesting to say the least. Also interesting is the fact that Sammy Morris had more touches than Laurence Maroney in the game. The only surefire starter for the Patriots is Randy Moss until the rest of the new Patriots' offense settles into a rhythm. Brett Favre, Jericho Cotchery and Thomas Jones all figure to be back in your starting lineups while both defenses sit this week out.

Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys: The Eagle faithful were quite excited about their impressive display of offense against a St. Louis defense that was ranked 21st overall last year. This week, their B-team wide receivers might not find it so easy against three pro bowl defensive backs. Donovan McNabb, Brian Westbrook and the team's newest wideout, DeSean Jackson, won't put up numbers like last week but should still be solid. All the Dallas starters should be in your lineup with the way they get up and down the field.



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Matt Cassel attempts a pass against Kansas City last week. Cassel is thrust into the starting role in New England and is an interesting fantasy football option.

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this weekend. Brown has missed the first two games of the season because of a violation of university policy.

Patterson said sophomore fullback Owen Marecic is especially important to the Cardinal ground attack. At 6-1 and 246 pounds, the honorable mention All-Pac 10 nominee from a season ago blocks in front of Gerhart and Kimble.

"When they get certain personnel groups, they're not going to try to surprise you," Patterson said. "They're going to run. (They say,) 'Here's where I'm running. Can you stop me?'"

The Cardinal racked up 170 yards on the ground last season in a 38-36 Horned Frog victory. Henson attributed the defense's performance to poor execution and Stanford's momentum following its win over Southern California the previous week.

"I think defensively we have to just execute our game plan and not have any mental lapses," Henson said. "I think the big scores and big plays for them came when we had mental lapses, and they just executed better than we did."

In the last 14 games, only four teams have managed to gain more than 55 rush yards against the Horned Frogs' stingy run defense. The Frogs are third nationally in total defense thus far in the season.

The potential for inclement weather has caused the game to be moved from 6 p.m. to noon. Patterson said the Horned Frogs are built off speed while the Cardinal thrive on power, which may give Stanford an advantage if rain becomes a factor in the game, he said. Patterson compared Stanford's physical play to what they'll see in coming weeks against the Oklahoma and Brigham Young.

Henson thinks the Frogs will rise to the occasion.

"We built this defense off of speed, playing physically and playing those down and dirty games," Henson said. "I think we'll do nothing but respond to the physical play with us being physical. I don't see anybody shying away from that."

Experience at KSU a bond for rival coaches

By Blair Kerkhoff
McClatchy Newspapers
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — From a major-college coaching perspective, destinations didn't get much worse than Kansas State in the early 1990s.

The program that Bill Snyder inherited was carrying a 27-game winless streak, which reached 30 in his first season.

So when assistant coach Jim Leavitt came aboard in 1990 and Mark Mangino a year later, it would have taken a vivid imagination for them to see themselves as head coaches at two of the nation's nouveau riche programs.

But on Friday, their teams will be knocking heads in the first marquee game of a big college football week as Mangino's No. 13 Kansas visits Leavitt's No. 19 South Florida.

Hard work was the stuff of legend in the Kansas State football offices. Early mornings and late evenings were common. Snyder admitted to skipping meals to cram

in more work. "In those days, you just tried to get all this work done in the morning, go out for a jog at lunch, go to practice and back to work," Leavitt said.

The effort resulted in what is widely acknowledged as the greatest turnaround in the game's history. In 1991, the Wildcats posted their first winning season in more than a decade. They reached a bowl game in 1993 and stood top-ranked in a major poll in 1998.

By then, Leavitt had returned to his native Florida to start the Bulls' program. Mangino left after the 1998 season to join another former K-State assistant, Bob Stoops, at Oklahoma.

In the years since, both Mangino and Leavitt became winners. South Florida, coming off successive nine-victory seasons, has appeared in three straight bowl games and climbed as high as No. 2 last season. The Bulls, 2-0, are the Big East's highest-ranked team. Kansas has been bowl-eligible in three of the last four years and is

coming off its greatest season ever, a 12-1 record capped by an Orange Bowl triumph.

Leavitt, who had been a three-year starter as defensive back and Big Eight batting champion at Missouri, started his coaching career as a \$12,400-a-year defensive coordinator at Division III Dubuque (Iowa) University. He went from there to Morningside, also in Iowa, and was part of a program that posted a winning record for the first time in 28 years.

Mangino earned \$950 a month as a graduate assistant, his first job at K-State. He was living in the basement of the coach, John Latina, who got him the job.

"Heck, I just remember trying to win games and get a paycheck to take care of your family," Mangino said.

Friday will be the second meeting between the former K-State aides. Kansas defeated South Florida in Lawrence two years ago, and over the years, running into old Snyder assistants has been

unavoidable. Seven from those early years went on to become head coaches, and besides Mangino and Leavitt, Stoops (Oklahoma) and Mike Stoops (Arizona) continue to run programs.

Mangino said he's kept tabs on those friends who share that work-

aholic past.

"I watch the scores on the scroll; I check out my friends' scores," Mangino said. "If you play early and they play late, you get to watch them. You were in the trenches with them, and you want them to have success."



PETER ANDREW BOSCH / Miami Herald via MCT
Kansas head coach Mark Mangino talks during the coaches' luncheon for the Orange Bowl at Loews Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla., in January.

Night lights the highlight of Summer Outdoor Show

By Wina Sturgeon
Adventure Sports Weekly

The newest outdoor and adventure gear has just come out, and you may want to toss the old and buy a few of the new marvels. The Summer Outdoor Retailer Show in Salt Lake is where manufacturers of everything outdoors show their new products to retail buyers. There's some amazingly innovative gear coming to a store near you as well as better versions of existing products.

The big trends this year were miniaturization, inflatables of all kinds and new kinds of night illumination. Example: forget your old headlamp, heavy and awkward, sticking out over your forehead and going through batteries fast. The new headlamps are

smaller than a dime, LED powered, and about five times as bright as bulb-powered models, allowing you to safely go rock climbing or trail running at night.

The models made by LED Lenser allow variation of the light output from minimal to searchlight bright, allows the focus to be changed from spot beam to flood beam, and comes with a rechargeable battery. The light beam itself can be positioned at any angle, so you don't have to move your head to have light where you want it.

Nite Ize, which makes fun LED products powered by button batteries, offers a super bright dog ball, the Meteorlight, so dog owners can play catch with their pet in the dark. Bright color-changing flying discs come in three sizes. Another product, the Spokelite,

The big trends this year were miniaturization, inflatables of all kinds and new kinds of night illumination.

easily attaches to a bike wheel spoke and transforms your bike tire into a circle of light as it turns, making night riders much more visible.

Last year's show hits were the flexible lightweight solar panels that could be rolled up and stowed in a backpack so you could recharge your computer or anything else out in the wilderness — there's even one heavy

enough to power a boat motor. This year's improvement is a battery that stores energy from the solar collector, so you can have power during a dark and stormy night.

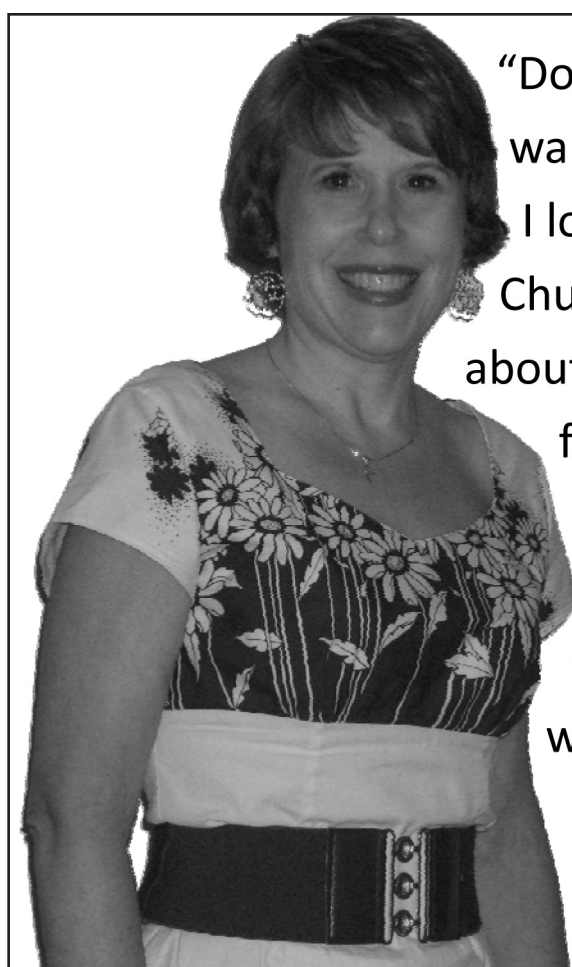
Inflatable ran the gamut, from kayaks to luxury camping beds. One of the best products was the Aerobed Tailgater Chair, sturdy enough to hold even the heartiest partier securely. It comes with a battery-powered pump that inflates or deflates the lounge-style easy chair in about a minute and a half, and the pump can be plugged into your vehicle's cigarette lighter. This inflatable luxury item isn't lightweight, however; the chair and pump packed into its compact carrying case weighs nearly nine pounds.

Some old favorites have not

changed. The Hammaka hammock company offers elegant hand-carved hammock chairs of beautifully curved wood and sturdy canvas that can be hung from a porch, tree limb or stand; but this year's innovation is the "Sport Chair," with a stand that installs on the back of a pickup and holds two canvas chairs — perfect around a campfire or even a drive-in movie.

But the sour economy is taking a heavy toll on the outdoor industry. Despite the plethora of new products, sales were down in a major way for nearly every exhibitor; anywhere from 30 to 50 percent. Though it was the largest show ever, with many more manufacturer booths, there were far fewer retailers than expected showing up to buy product.

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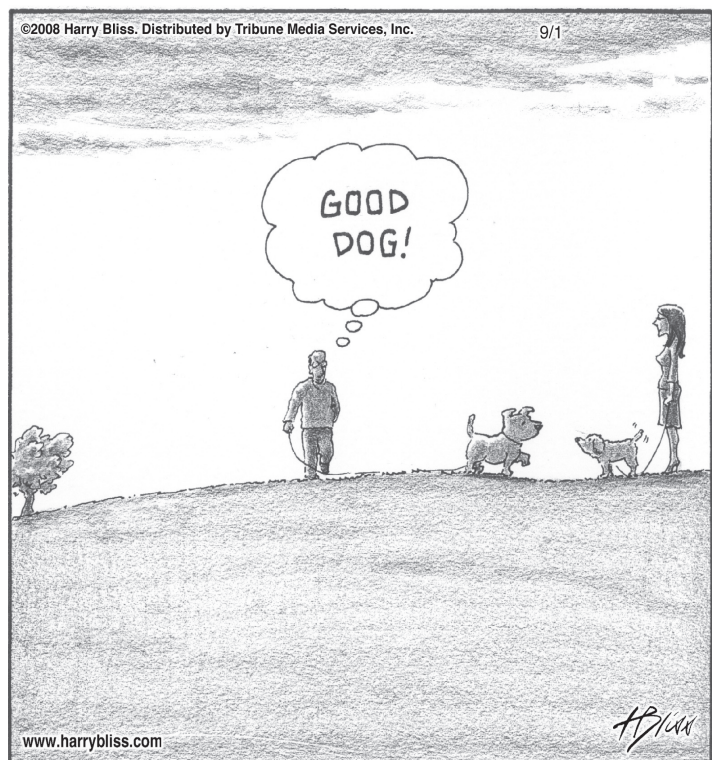
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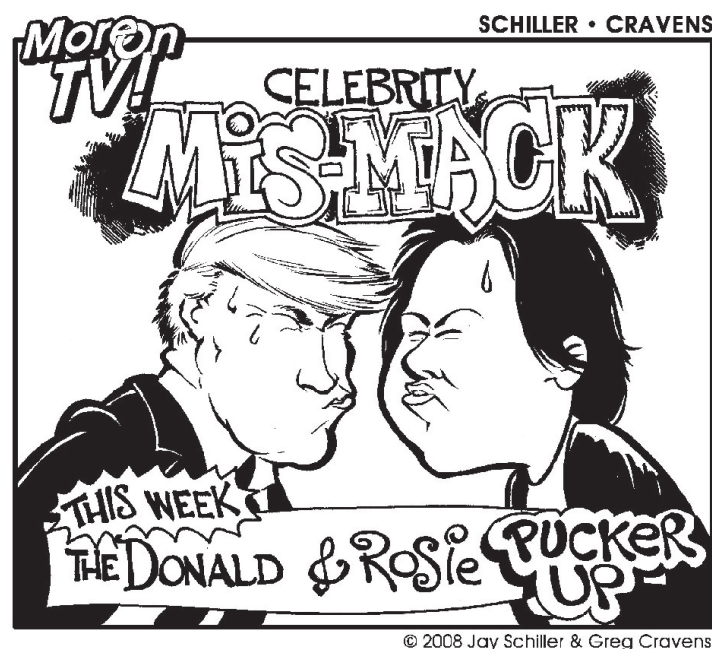
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<h3>Bible Church</h3> <p>TCBCollege (Trinity Chapel) Sundays @ 11am - 6610 Southwest Blvd, 76109. Relevant, biblical teaching/discussion, worship, events, etc. This Fall: "TRUTH: Basic Christian Beliefs" www.tcbccollege.com Need a ride? benc@trinitychapelbc.org, or 817.377.8222</p>	<h3>Catholic</h3> <p>Holy Family Catholic Church Pastor: Rev. Joseph Pemberton Mass Times: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:45 a.m.; 9:15 a.m.; 12:00 Noon 6150 Pershing Ave Fort Worth, TX 76107 817.737.6768 www.holyfamilyfw.org Young Adult Ministry: Contact Amy at HFSAYAM@gmail.com</p>	<h3>Presbyterian</h3> <p>St. Stephen Presbyterian Church 2700 McPherson Ave., Ft. Worth. Texas 76109 817.927.8411 office www.ststephen-pcusa.com Service Opportunities Abound...Go to our website for more information Worship 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. Sundays</p>
<h3>Disciples of Christ</h3> <p>First Christian Church (Disciples) welcomes TCU students. We're your downtown church, TCU's "Mother Church." Sunday School 9:45, worship 10:50; Wednesday meditation 6:15, 6th and Throckmorton, 817.336.7185 www.fcftw.org. Bring a friend.</p>	<h3>Church of Christ</h3> <p>Make your life count! Join God's mission at Southside Church of Christ 2101 Hemphill St. Fort Worth. Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. college class at 11:00a.m. Evening worship at 6:00p.m. Wednesday Bible Study at 8:30p.m.</p>	

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FROM FAN TO SUPERFAN

By Jason Fochtman
 Staff Reporter

What do you want done?

With that simple phrase, the creation of a walking, talking, screaming Horned Frog spirit machine begins. To join in, you don't have to be crazy, and it doesn't hurt. Here are some steps on how you can become part of this living tradition.

1



Gather supplies

To transform yourself from a regular fan to a super fan, you will need a couple of items:
 Washable paint – It comes in 16-ounce containers in various colors and will cost about \$5.
 Foam brushes (various sizes) - 2-inch (\$0.99), 3-inch(\$0.99)
 Synthetic sponges – Three 2 1/2-inch sponges - \$1.99
 Total estimated cost - about \$9
 Of course, you can always just stop by the Hyperfrogs tent at the pregame tailgate and get painted up for free.

2

To plan or not to plan?

If you are going to do something as a group, it helps to plan ahead, said junior kinesiology major Billy Dorman. "Especially if you're spelling something really long." Although, you don't always need a plan. "You can be as simple or as creative as you want," said sophomore nursing major Claire Mueller. "I just do it, and if I don't like it I'll just take it off."



3

Apply and dry

Your first layer should be applied with a sponge, and the second layer can be put on using your hands. While you might get a little messy, using your hand will allow you to achieve a more consistent color. When you're done, stand out in the sun for a few minutes to let the paint dry.

4



Show it off!

Other suggestions:
 What to wear?
 Don't wear clothes you like. There is a good chance the paint will ruin whatever you're wearing.
 How long will it take me?
 How long it takes depends on what you want to do and how creative you want to be.
 Face: about 10 to 15 minutes
 Whole body: 45 minutes or more

Safety

Allergic reaction – If you have any skin allergies, be cautious of how much body paint you apply. If you're unsure, read the label.
 Hydrate – The body paint will cause you to sweat more than usual, so be sure to drink water while you're pumping up the crowd.
 Mueller said she notices her energy level and that of those around her increases when she is painted. "Even if you're not super loud and crazy, [students] see you as some kind of super fan," Mueller said.

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