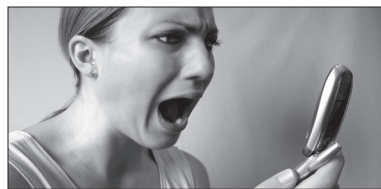




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Football player arrested last week, suspended from team

By **TIM BELLA**
Sports Editor

A football player who was arrested last week after police say he assaulted his wife was suspended indefinitely from the team Tuesday night, the athletics media relations director said.

Junior wide receiver Walter Bryant, 21, of San Angelo, has been suspended indefinitely

by head football coach Gary Patterson until he can gather more information about Bryant's Oct. 10 arrest, said Mark Cohen, athletics media relations director.

Bryant, who has been charged with assault with bodily injury to a family member, was arrested last Wednesday after he and his wife, Danielle Land, agreed he had assaulted

her, according to a Fort Worth police report.

Athletics director Danny Morrison said the situation was being dealt with internally through the football program and the Campus Life department. He said the athletics department will continue to gather information about the incident.

Patterson had said earlier

Tuesday during his weekly press conference that Bryant's status on the team was unchanged and that he was eligible to play during Thursday's game.

Morrison said Patterson learned about the incident the night Bryant was arrested and told Morrison shortly after. He said Patterson talked with Bryant on Thursday morning about

the incident.

Morrison said the student-athlete handbook calls for punishment for a misdemeanor — such as Bryant's charge — to be handled by the coaching staff of the respective athletic program.

According to a Fort Worth police report, Land said Bryant slapped her in the face during an argument the two had

outside of his residence at the Chesapeake Apartments located at 6047 S. Hulen St.

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View video of coach Gary Patterson's press conference online.

Dining plan costs to rise next fall

By **ALLIE BROWN**
Staff Reporter

Dining Services announced Tuesday at the Student Government House of Representatives meeting that the dining plan will rise in cost fall 2008 and representatives expressed concern about how it will affect the student body.

Rick Flores, general manager of Dining Services, told representatives the cost has not yet been determined, but he thinks the new plan for on-campus residents will cost between \$1,900 and \$2,100. The current plans offered range from \$1,400 to \$1,800.

Flores said one reason for the increase is TCU will have more service workers to pay and the expenses for the building itself will have to be paid back. He said the new plan will be a carte blanche setup, allowing students unlimited access into any part of the dining hall after they swipe their cards.

The new dining hall will include a salad bar, a pizza/pasta station, a grill station, a deli station, a home station and a restaurant, Flores said.

Kirk Kindy, Dining Services committee chair, said the restaurant will have a sports bar feel with flat screens and two pool tables.

Flores said the new hall will seat about 700 people — 600 on the inside and about 150 on the patio.

Flores also said accompanying the new plan will be a certain amount of money that can be spent on other retail stores around campus. Flores said the on-campus residents will be able to choose from three pre-set retail dollar options to go with the unlimited plan.

"The whole vision is a community dining location," Flores said. "If you don't have a meal plan you can still add retail dollars."

Flores said commuters do not have to accept the unlim-

ited meal plan. He said they can buy a package or they can pay the door price to get into the dining hall. They also have the choice of adding money to their cards, similar to the system now, but that money can only be used in the other retail outlets, not the dining hall, Flores said.

Myra Mills, a sophomore music education major, said she originally thought raising the meal plan price seemed outrageous.

"I really like the idea of more community dining, but the price was a big deal for me," Mills said.

After finding out why the meal plan price was going up, Mills said, she understood the situation and thought the student body should be informed, as well.

Kindy, a sophomore political science major, said he plans to hold information sessions outside The Main to answer any questions students may have and put notecards on the tables to address frequently asked questions.

"Students are going to be shocked, so I want to inform them of what is going on," Kindy said. "If people understand, then they can say if they don't agree and voice their opinions."

And Kindy said he likes the idea of an all-you-can-eat dining format.

"There will be more options available and longer hours," Kindy said.

However, if students have a complaint, Kindy said, Dining Services would be happy to hear them.

"Students don't usually like change," Kindy said. "So older students probably won't like the plan because they're not used to it. But that is why we're announcing it now and asking questions."

Mills agreed. "Students shouldn't be afraid of change," she said. "It can be a good thing; we just have to get the kinks worked out."

UP IN SMOKE



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Matt Tidwelo, a senior history major at the University of Texas Arlington, smokes a cigarette at the University Pub. Beginning in January, a new city ordinance will prohibit residents from smoking indoors at locations that get 70 percent of their profit from alcohol sales.

Smoking ban's effects on area unpredictable

By **KAILEY DELINGER**
Staff Reporter

In Plano, it's a typical late night at Kelly's Eastside restaurant — typical, that is, since the city's smoking ban was enacted June 1.

Before then, Kelly's co-owner Carin Kelly said, the restaurant was host to a bustling late-night happy hour. These days, she said, the once-packed patio is only populated by a few non-smoking stragglers and the restaurant's employees.

In Arlington, Saltimbocca's Italian Bistro sits empty — the victim, its owner says, of Arlington's smoking ban.

"We had a pretty regular bar crowd," owner Brett Russell said. "You'd see the same faces night in and night out, and

about 20 percent of those people smoked. That group stopped coming in after the ban started, and their friends went with them."

In Fort Worth, however, it remains to be seen whether the new smoking ban will leave restaurant owners tending to almost vacant establishments.

For restaurants in many neighboring cities, the bans have been an economic death knell, but given the timing of the Fort Worth ban and the city's location within the Metroplex, the outlook for local restaurants may be less dismal.

The ordinance, which was adopted Aug. 21, is not comprehensive — it doesn't ban smoking in all public places.

Several establishments are exempt from the ban, including bars, tobacco shops

and certain hotel rooms. The exception that most concerns restaurateurs is bars.

Come Jan. 1, a business will be considered a bar in Fort Worth (and, thus, exempt from the ban) if it meets the qualifications set forth by the ordinance: "an establishment licensed by the state which has more than 70 percent of its annual gross sales from alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises."

Negative impacts

Some restaurateurs say the ban will hurt businesses whose sales numbers are on the bubble between definition as a restaurant or as a bar. Failure to meet the qualification will result in a loss of license. See **SMOKING**, page 2

Center to host discussion about South African issues, economy, life

By **ALYSSA DIZON**
Staff Reporter

The Center for Civic Literacy will host a discussion on major issues in South Africa for TCU and the Fort Worth community at 7 p.m. tonight at University Christian Church.

Eric Cox, associate director of the center, will speak about South Africa's economy, life after the apartheid and the

effect of AIDS, and will lead a discussion on how to deal with those issues.

Donald Jackson, director of the center, said the event is part of the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions Global Affairs Education Program 2007.

Cox, an assistant political science professor, said "Great Decisions" was designed to

educate people on major foreign affairs that affect America and the world and to promote community discussions on those issues.

This will be the fifth in a series of eight foreign policy topics discussed by the Center for Civic Literacy this year. Topics discussed last semester were Central Asia, the Middle East, migration,

war crimes and Mexico.

Cox said this is the first time the center will join with local churches to hold the discussions. In the past, the center held the event on campus, he said, but it garnered low attendance.

"We're trying to encourage various congregations to attend," said Jackson, a political science professor. "I think

it will grow because we're still in the early stages."

Cox said the center looked for churches whose congregations would be interested in foreign policy.

"One of our goals is to go into the community and foster awareness among community members about issues that affect not just Fort Worth, but the country and

the world," he said.

Daniel Terry, University Christian Church minister for spiritual formation and justice, said the church and TCU have had a long history of working together, so holding the event at the church made sense.

"There are people here who are very much politically aware of what's going on in the world

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Bryant then slapped her arm, and as she was attempting to get up, he slapped her in the leg, police reported. Land had visible physical injuries, according to the police report.

Land said a one-year, renewable protective order had been implemented against Bryant for her and her son by the Fort Worth police.

Bryant was released on \$2,500 bail Thursday before traveling to Palo Alto, Calif., to play in last Saturday's game against Stanford University.

Staff reporter Joe Zigmela contributed to this report.

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View digital copies of the police report and court documents online.

AFRICA

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and I anticipate that there will be a good response," he said.

Terry said the event is a good way for students to meet and interact with the community.

The partnership with churches also means students will get a chance to hear the opinions and views of people outside TCU, Cox said, and community members can hear what students have to say.

Cox said he hopes this type of community outreach will enhance TCU's image and get more people interested and educated in foreign issues.

SMOKING

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tions for a bar, they say, could mean substantial profit loss.

Shannon Wynne, owner of Flying Saucer in downtown Fort Worth, said the ban is a threat because it isn't comprehensive. Flying Saucer will be exempt, he said, but the ordinance will hurt other businesses that sell a bit more food.

"Other businesses are going to be impacted a lot," he said. "The ban is going to hurt them terribly and the Fort Worth City Council is to blame."

Charles Espinosa, president of the Tarrant County Restaurant Association, agreed.

"The ban certainly can have a big impact," he said. "These restaurants that are primarily bars are going to be punished just because they sell more food during lunches or on weekends."

A manager at Pop's Safari, a bistrot, cigar and fine wine shop in Fort Worth, said the ban would cut into at least one-third of profits.

The flip side

Others, however, say the worst is over — that the restaurants that took the brunt of smoking bans' effects in other cities only did so because other cities had yet to pass bans.

"The climates and the attitudes about smoking policy were different when Dallas passed its ban (in 2003), so there was a larger impact," said Jamee Green, executive director of the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association. "Fort Worth is taking action now but all the surrounding cities have enacted different ordinances, so they probably aren't going to see as much of an impact."

Eric Tschetter, owner of The Pour House in downtown Fort Worth, is a TCU alumnus and member of the ad hoc committee the City of Fort Worth appointed to research a possible ban and agreed with Green.

"I don't think I see businesses losing business," he said. "I don't think it's going to affect anyone enough to where they'll go out of business. But I would like to see an across-the-board ban so people just can't smoke anywhere."

Other restaurant managers of Fort Worth businesses echoed Tschetter and Green.

Managers at The Bronx Zoo, 8.0 Restaurant and Bar, and Snookie's Bar and Grill said they are mildly concerned about the ban, but they don't foresee an immense drop in profits.

David Rotman, general manger of Cafe Aspen in Fort Worth, said the city's location is one of the reasons he expects a less-than-dire effect on his business.

"Fortunately for us, most of the cities around us have passed 100 percent bans," he said. "So if people want to go somewhere and smoke, they're going to have to go really far or deal with what has been decided."

Measuring the economic footprint

Hypotheses aside, however, a reliable means of measuring smoking bans' impact has been elusive.

"When you're trying to measure economic impact, what you're asking is whether or not there's been a change in the sales tax revenues based on the smoking ordinance," said Greg Last, director of economic development for the City of Southlake. "I don't have any idea how you could possibly measure any changes in total visitation to the city or in taxes."

Last isn't alone in his skepticism. Polly Anderson, policy director for the Colorado Community Health Network, has examined a slew of studies that attempt to measure smoking bans' economic effects nationwide. Few, she said, have escaped certain misgivings about their legitimacy.

She said each approach used to evaluate the impact of smoking bans has faced some kind of criti-

cism. The sheer variation in smoking rates, economic climates and types of bans or enforcement, she said, makes measuring economic impact a thorny task.

Anderson said there has been some consistency among peer-reviewed studies, however.

The surgeon general's 2006 report, called "The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke," confirms Anderson's view.

According to the report, "Evidence from peer-reviewed studies shows that smoke-free policies and regulations do not have an adverse economic impact on the hospitality industry."

But those findings don't necessarily mean smoking bans don't ever have a negative impact.

"Peer-reviewed studies have found smoking bans don't really have an overall impact on restaurants and bars," she said. "Sales tax revenue either stayed the same or grew, but the findings definitely mask the individual experience of certain bar or tavern owners, which could be negative."

The outcome

Several North Texas restaurants seem to exemplify the types of places the findings could mask.

"We pretty much no longer have a happy hour like we used to," Kelly of Kelly's Eastside in Plano said. "It used to be all the restaurant employees and late night people who got off and wanted to stop and have a beer and a cigarette, and now they go to Richardson."

Chris O'Dell, owner of Arlington Steak House, echoed Kelly's sentiments, in spite of the fact that he didn't anticipate a change in business before Arlington's ban took effect in January.

He said most of his smoking clientele now goes to Pantego for dinner.

For Snookie's Bar and Grill in Southlake, the city's ban, which

took effect June 1, was a death sentence.

According to a manager at Snookie's in Fort Worth, the bar closed because the ban forced so many smokers to take their business to Grapevine and Hurst.

For some, however, the ban was anything but damaging.

Ed Wilsberg, executive director of the Benbrook Chamber of Commerce, said the city's smoking ban has boosted business because smokers stayed at their tables longer and ordered less food. This way, he said, table turnover is far higher.

"People used to stay around and smoke for 45 minutes and they'd smoke for a while before they ordered," he said. "The ban frees up that space — and a lot of people don't like to go in restaurants where they smoke."

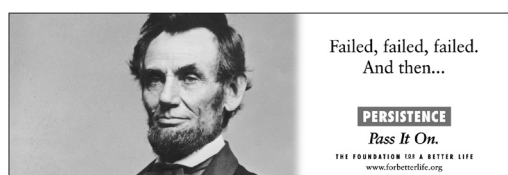
Robert King, a manager at Cracker Barrel in Benbrook, said business has improved at his restaurant because most of his clientele are bothered by secondhand smoke. The complaints since going smoke-free, he said, have been few and far between.

But Benbrook hasn't been the only area that has seen higher profits since the introduction of a smoking ban.

"I tell you, man, there are more people now," said Victor Sanchez, manager of Manny's Tex-Mex Grill in Frisco. "There are more young people and there are more families than there used to be. This place is growing a lot."

Even if the Fort Worth ban does have a negative impact, community business leaders seem to agree the ban's economic effects could be offset by other factors.

"Often times on these types of issues there will be a few who will be adversely affected by the legislation," said Andra Bennett, director of communications at the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. "But for what the ban does for the majority of the members and businesses and what it does for our economy — long term, the Chamber feels it's best."



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

— Leo Tolstoy

THE SKIFF VIEW

Delayed punishment poor choice

The athletics department fell short this week of its obligation to preserve the university's image.

A member of one of the most notable groups on campus, junior wide receiver Walter Bryant, was allowed into the spotlight this weekend as TCU took on Stanford University despite the fact that he'd been arrested only days earlier when police said he assaulted his wife.

The way the athletics department has handled the situation involving Bryant is the opposite of how it should have been handled.

Although Bryant has been suspended indefinitely as the athletics department gathers more information about his arrest, allowing him to play against Stanford last Saturday in Palo Alto, Calif., knowing he had been arrested three days prior is mind-boggling.

And though the suspension may be adequate, it's too late. Bryant should have been benched the moment he was jailed.

Not only does this reflect poorly on the decision-making process initiated by the athletics department on the matter, it also casts a dark cloud over the judgment of the football program and head coach Gary Patterson.

Patterson, who is easily TCU's most notable public figure, originally said after reviewing the facts of the case he stood firm in his belief that Bryant would remain eligible to suit up. Even though the athletics department is now taking the correct course of action, Patterson allowing Bryant to remain on the team for the game Saturday after police said he admitted to striking his wife is inexcusable.

To uphold the honor and respectability of a football program as rich in history such as TCU's, truth must be established between the public and the public figure, and responsibility needs to be taken immediately — not three days after the fact.

Editor-in-Chief Andrew Chavez for the editorial board.

BY LANA BLOCKER



Couples considering marriage should understand commitment

Almost every little girl dreams of the flowers, the white wedding dress and Prince Charming standing beside her. Then comes the happy ending. A relationship that holds fast

COMMENTARY



Jillian Hutchison

to the vow "to love and to cherish from this day forward until death do us part."

But, according to a new census survey, that happy ending is unobtainable for the majority of Americans.

More than 50 percent of Americans who would have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries since 2000 did not because of death, divorce or separation.

The percentage of American marriages that last has been declining since the 1950s and things don't seem to be looking up.

My perfect image of marriage was first shattered in fifth grade when my best friend told me on the playground her parents had decided to get a divorce.

Before that moment I had thought of divorce as something that happened to other people, but never to me or to anyone close to me.

Now that my friends are starting to get married and marriage also looms on my horizon — at this point a far distant horizon, but visible nevertheless — I find my dreams of fairy tales distorted and question what it really takes to make a marriage last.

Is it that hard to stay married? Or is it that easy to get a divorce?

A movie that came out this summer, "License to Wed," with Robin Williams playing a priest who puts a couple through dramatically intense marriage counseling, is a hilarious example of preparing a couple for marriage.

Though Williams definitely crossed lines while spying on them to make sure they didn't have sex and even went so far as to have them take care of realistic, robotic babies, he made a point in making them consider every factor involved in marriage, not just the happily ever after.

Maybe every engaged couple needs a marriage counselor like Williams' character.

The census survey also reported that 80 percent of couples that married in the late 1950s stayed married for at least 15 years. Compare that to the couples who married in the 1980s, when, of those who married, 61 percent of the men and 57 percent of the women were still married 15 years later.

Though there are a few exceptions, marriage must not be seen as something that can be easily walked out of if it doesn't work out at first.

It doesn't take much to see the divorce rates now,



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compared to the 1950s, as a reflection of society. Think "Leave It to Beaver" and "Desperate Housewives."

With no-fault divorce laws and the increasing acceptance of divorce, it seems as if Americans have lost sight of the core foundation of marriage: commitment.

Marriage shouldn't be based solely on feelings or convenience, but, rather, on commitment and a willingness to love and stand by each other, no matter what. Individuals in society have become so self-centered and focused on instant gratification it has permeated all aspects of life, even the most sacred of things, like marriage.

Those pondering marriage have a responsibility to consider all aspects of life together, and not simply focus on their current euphoric state of being in love.

Our generation shouldn't be intimidated by the divorce statistics, but rather motivated to change them and to seek to learn from the mistakes of the broken marriages before us.

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Children's shows lack lessons

Back in my younger days, before I became a cynical college newspaper columnist, I was a fresh-faced lad who loved children's television.

My favorite channel? Nickelodeon.

The programs that graced this cable network during its golden age, 1991 to 1996, helped make me who I am today.

They made me laugh, wonder and even filled me with unspeakable terror on occasion.

Why do I have such fond memories of shows that ended more than 10 years ago? Because they had something that today's children's television lacks: moral lessons.

Who can forget the episode of "Doug" where everyone's favorite preteen philosopher, Doug Funnie, seeks out a slick new pair of Sky Davis basketball shoes to impress the kids at school?

Not having enough money to purchase the ultraexpensive super shoes that turn lame dudes into vicious street ballers, Doug parks his buns on a bench in the mall and stares at his beloved, albeit out-of-style pair of tennis shoes.

Then, presumably descending from heaven, Sky Davis

himself walks up to Doug, wearing the exact same brand of old shoes. Sky tells Doug that while he hawks the basketball shoes for the big bucks, he'd never trade his trusty pair of sneakers for some flavor of the month. Then, they autograph each other's footwear.

The lesson? Trusty old friends beat the flashy, popular ones any day of the week. This was no rare occurrence, as every episode of Doug ended with a moral truth for the viewer to soak up.

Today's kids watch SpongeBob SquarePants run around naked, hunt jelly fish and defy the laws of existence by starting fires underwater. While entertaining, there isn't much to take away from the experience besides a few laughs.

The dearth of lessons isn't just in cartoons, as live action shows have gone down the same path.

Take an episode of the early 1990s summer camp-themed classic "Salute Your Shorts."

One day, Bobby Budnick convinces Michael to fake sick so they can miss out on instructional swim.

After the boys put on their "faking sick" act, their counselor, Kevin "Ug" Lee, reveals the campers will be heading to the beach instead.

Budnick and Michael are unsuccessful in convincing Ug that they're really in perfect health, so they have to stay in quarantine while the other campers go and enjoy the beach. Forced to stay together all day in the prison-like nurse's office, the two former enemies become friends as a result of their shared boredom.

What did the viewer learn? Not only did the

boys get hosed for lying, they also found out it only takes a little bit of interaction to turn a sworn enemy into a good friend.

Today's TV works a little differently. "Drake and Josh," a program about two teenage stepbrothers living in San Diego, is a prime example.

When the boys' parents go to Los Angeles during Spring Break, the brothers decide to turn the house into a bed and breakfast for college students. Soon enough, the living room becomes a crazy party and is featured in live coverage of MTV's Spring Break, which the boys' parents see. Then, they call home and warn of their impending arrival.

In a pinch, the boys pretend toxic nerve gas is leaking from the vents, causing everyone to leave in a panic. They quickly clean up the house just in time for mom and dad to roll through the door. The parents feel bad about their suspicions and offer to take the kids out for pizza. Then the cops roll through and arrest the parents for hosting a televised event without a permit.

What did Johnny Q. Schoolboy absorb? Acting irresponsible and faking a terrorist attack will earn you a pizza, and then a completely innocent party will be blamed for it. How nice.

Sure, children's television still teaches the ABCs and 123s and entertains kids, but what good is counting if you're tallying up drug profits instead of aid packages to Darfur?

Kids spend all day in front of the TV, so why not throw a couple of life lessons in too?

David Hall is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column appears Wednesdays.

Be courteous, save cell phone temper tantrums for private places

Hi, Annoyance? It's me, Common Courtesy.

If you were getting coffee Monday morning in the Mary Coats Burnett Library, you might have heard what could have been the voice of your nightmares.

Well, if your nightmares include a petite girl outfitted in sorority letters screaming into a cell phone, then you would be right.

This girl should win an Oscar for the loud argument, dramatic hand gestures and grimaces.

If only she were acting.

At first I was laughing thinking of the poor soul she was destroying — maybe a boyfriend, ex-friend, etc. Then I realized it was her mother.

It was no longer a laughing matter.

"People are defining new rules and new behavior for what's personal and what's private," said Robbie Blinkoff, principal anthropologist at Context-Based Research Group, in an article on microsoft.com.

It seems many cell phone users don't understand the meaning of the word "private."

"... not everyone wants an uninvited and in-depth look into your personal life."

Sonya Cisneros

Senior news-editorial journalism and communication studies major

"Private, adjective — 1a: intended for or restricted to the use of a particular person, group, or class; 1b: belonging to or concerning an individual person, company, or interest," accord-

ing to Merriam and Webster.

As awkward as it is to be an innocent bystander in the same room where a confrontation is taking place, try standing in line behind a girl screaming at her mother on a cell phone.

That should have been what's called a "private conversation."

"People have a tendency to talk louder on cell phones than they do on regular phones. In fact it's called 'cell yell,'" says Larry Magid, CBS news technology analyst. "There's no reason why you can't speak in a normal con-

versational tone," he said in an article for cbsnews.com.

All the more reason to keep your cell phone arguments in check and to yourself.

A vast majority of cell phone users — 86 percent — report being irritated at least occasionally by loud and annoying cell users who conduct their calls in public places, according to an article by Lee Rainie, director of the Pew Internet & American Life Project. Indeed, nearly one in 10 cell phone owners admit they have drawn criticism or irritated stares from others when they are

using their cell phones in public, according to Rainie.

Those stares are warranted; not everyone wants an uninvited and in-depth look into your personal life.

If the conversation doesn't involve an emergency, then be considerate of those around you — we don't want to hear about it.

Lower your voice, take the phone outside and, for all our sakes, be nicer to your mother.

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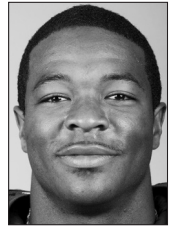
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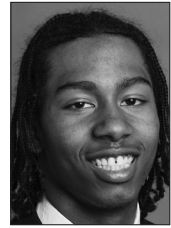
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against Stanford, but will have to do more against a Ute offense that does not make a lot of mistakes. Although Stevenson leads a pretty good unit, Dalton and the receivers should be able to take advantage of the mismatches in coverage.

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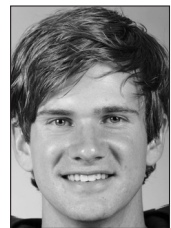
Utah: Steve Tate, Robert Johnson, Brice McCain, Sean Smith

Advantage: TCU

The secondary crossed up Stanford quarterback Tavita Pritchard and stayed active against a Cardinal receiving core coming off a high against USC. Look for Bonner and Co. to make a few adjustments against a quarterback

that does not make a lot of mistakes. Smith is a true playmaker for Utah and can make a play on any given snap, as evident by his four interceptions this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS



WASH



SAKODA

TCU: Chris Manfredini, Derek Wash, Brian Bonner, Donald Massey

Utah: Ben Vroman, Louie Sakoda, Brice McCain, Brent Casteel

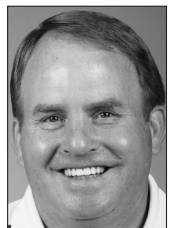
Advantage: Utah

Wash had his lowest punting totals of the year against Stanford, but returning to the friendly confines of Amon Carter Stadium should make last week a blip in the radar. The kickoff return and punt return games has been a little inconsistent, but playing a Utah team capable of allowing the big return could be a pivotal point in the game's outcome. Since missing his first field goal attempt of the year, Sakoda has been automatic, hitting his last

11 attempts with a long of 51 yards last week.

HEAD COACHES

TCU: Gary Patterson, seventh



PATTERSON



WHITTINGHAM

year (58-23, 35-17 in conference)

Utah: Kyle Whittingham, third season (19-13, 10-9 in conference)

Advantage: TCU

Patterson is usually very good at preparing his team during a short week, but he will try to bounce back from his last short-week game — a Sept. 13 loss to Air Force. It should be interesting to see if Patterson and Schultz can keep the offensive momentum alive. Whittingham has his team on a three-game winning streak that includes a win at Louisville, which proves the Utes can win against tough opponents on the road. The crowd has been the X-factor in the past two meetings between the teams, and Thursday should be no different.

LUNCHEON

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really nice 16-day break."

This marks the third season in a row the two teams will meet on a Thursday — every year TCU has been a member of the Mountain West Conference.

As a result of TV obligations, the teams keep facing each other Thursday instead of the traditional Saturday.

This will be TCU's second Thursday game this season with one more coming Nov. 8 against BYU.

Patterson said the pressure to move games to Thursday is due to financial reasons.

"It always comes down to money," Patterson said. "We're doing it for whatever our contract is with CSTV."

Patterson said his view on TV varies with the record of his team.

"When you're winning, TV is great," Patterson said. "When you're losing, it's not so great."

No matter what the circumstances, Patterson said the team that plays harder is

going to win.

This game could be the end to one of the team's hopes for a conference championship. Both teams currently have two losses in the conference, and a third one would likely vanquish any hope of winning it.

"You're not going to win the conference with three losses," Patterson said. "I don't think you put yourself in the situation."

In the past three seasons, the conference champion has gone undefeated in conference play.

BYU, last season's conference champion, remains the only team unbeaten in conference play at 3-0.

Saturday's 38-36 win at Stanford was TCU's first on the road, and Patterson said playing without unnecessary penalties was a big reason.

"You see what happens with our offense when you don't put yourself at second and 20 — how much easier it is to move down the field?" Patterson said. "When you don't hurt yourself, when you're only playing your defense, you're not playing yourself. You give yourself the chance to be successful."

SWIM

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meet before the end of October, which is a much faster jump into extended competition compared to the 2006-2007 season when the first multi-day meet did not occur until last December.

"(The freshmen) will be there with eyes wide open and they're going to learn a lot this weekend about racing, about a three day meet and how teams work," Sybesma said. "Because even though they swam in high school, it isn't the same as in college where it isn't as much you winning. It's them winning as a team."

Right now, Sybesma said he is looking to see who will emerge as the new standouts in each event.

"We have a lot of depth in each event, but we're looking for somebody to really jump out," Sybesma said

One veteran set to lead the men's team is Scott McCracken, a senior freestyler who clocked a 22.76 second mark in the 50-meter freestyle last summer, good for 36th in the all-time rankings.

ATHLETICS FINANCING

Fundraising emerges as priority for college sports

By FRANK FITZPATRICK
The Philadelphia Inquirer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Some of the most important lessons in 21st-century college sports aren't being taught on locker-room chalkboards or in crowded arenas and stadiums.

Last spring, for example, on a picture-postcard morning in Pennsylvania's emerald heartland, more than 100 Penn State coaches, from field hockey to football, converged on a main-campus meeting room. The seminar awaiting them had nothing to do with strategy, recruiting or motivational techniques.

It was instead a daylong tutorial on how to raise cash.

"We wanted to talk to them about their role in fund-raising," said Joe Battista, executive director of the Nittany Lion Club, Penn State sports' primary money-raising arm, "how they can help us."

Those coaches from Penn State's 29 teams learned how to solicit donations to "Success With Honor," a \$100 million athletic department campaign. They learned how to ask team supporters to pony up \$300,000 to endow a scholarship or \$50,000 to attach their names to one, and they learned how to identify which players' grandparents might want to name the university in their wills.

This focus on philanthropy is hardly unique to Penn State. In athletic departments from Philadelphia to Palo Alto, fund-raising has replaced recruiting as the new buzzword.

A Philadelphia Inquirer examination of the trend

"Donors and dollars... That's the name of the game."

Shawn Kleitz

Temple associate athletics director for development

revealed an \$8 billion-a-year college athletics landscape in which fund-raising — through traditional giving and ticket-related contributions — makes up 25 percent of all Division I revenue and roughly the same percentage of all giving to universities.

It's a system that likely could not survive without generous tax breaks. It's buoyed both by a seemingly unquenchable thirst for victory — on the field and in the equally competitive battle for college applicants — and often by genuine philanthropy.

"My dream is to be on the sidelines when Temple field hockey returns to the Final Four," said Ann McKernan Robinson, a 1958 Temple graduate whose \$1.1 million gift to the school's field hockey program was the largest in Owls athletic history. "But most of all, I hope that our gift will get other Temple alums to think about the assets they have and the legacies they could leave."

Most donors contribute on a much smaller scale than Robinson. Gerry Curtin, a 1969 Penn State graduate and lacrosse player, still gives to a few of the school's athletic organizations.

"I really enjoyed college and enjoyed athletics there," Curtin said. "I thought that

as long as they kept it clean, I would continue to support Penn State athletics. And so far, they've kept it as clean as you could expect."

While experts predict athletic giving will continue to boom, a recent survey also suggested that it might be affecting overall college contributions in a negative way. It revealed that donations going to sports increased from 14 percent of overall contributions in 1998 to 26 percent in 2003.

And what about the influence of mega-donors such as T. Boone Pickens, who has contributed more than \$250 million to athletics at his alma mater, Oklahoma State? Is there anyone there powerful enough to say no to him?

Many are convinced it wasn't a coincidence that when the OSU athletic director's job opened up, it was filled by Mike Holder, a longtime friend of Pickens.

These donations, large and small, allow Penn State, Oklahoma State and the rest of the big-time college athletic departments to support their programs without university subsidies.

But with the 2007-08 sports year well under way, those schools — and others, such as Temple, that require considerable university assistance — must continue to tap deeper into private wealth to pay soaring bills, especially the billions in debt on new and refurbished facilities.

"Donors and dollars," said Shawn Kleitz, Temple's associate athletic director for development. "That's the name of the game."

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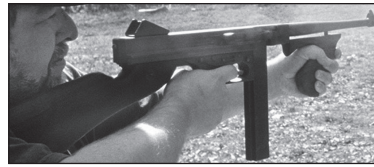
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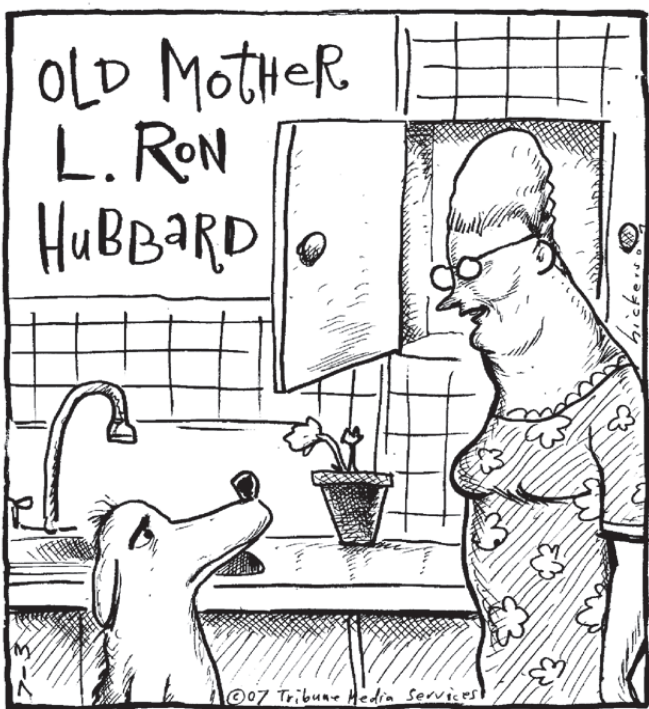
WORTH A LAUGH — BUT ONLY ONE

Q: How much do pirates pay for their earrings?

A: Buccaneer.

Quigmans

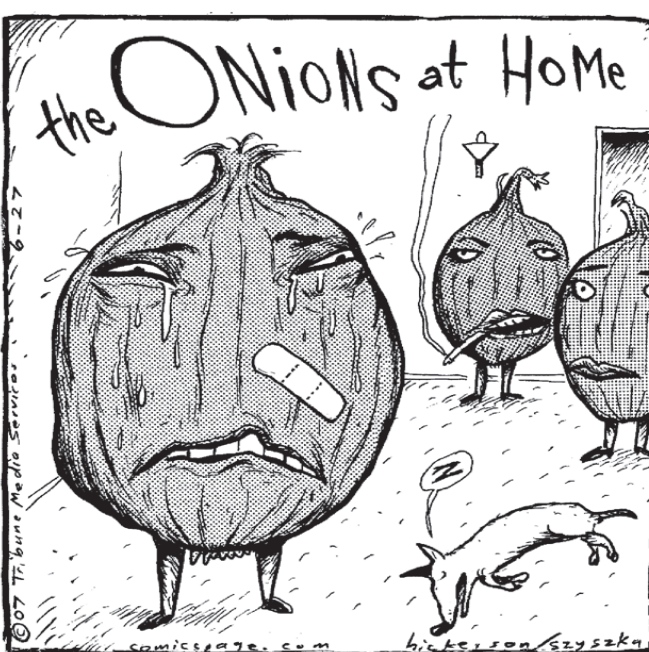
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Directions

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

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

Tuesday's Solutions

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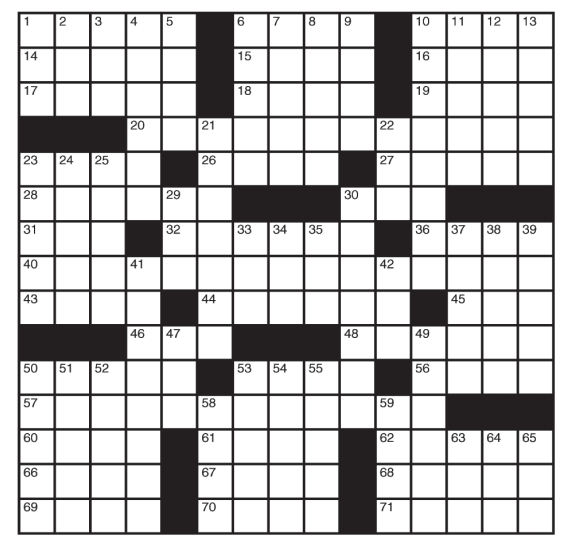
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27 Fidgety
28 Primitive conveyance
30 Greek letter
31 Spanish river
32 Former French colony in Canada
36 Yemen's capital
40 Tough task for a taxidermist
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44 Usted?
45 Upolu resident
46 Japanese novelist Kobo
46 Director's shout
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53 Berne's river
56 Morays
57 Tough task for a gourmet
60 Coup d'
61 Attack with a shiv
62 Of service
66 Neighbor of Brazil
67 Foal's father
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Portland, OR

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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11 "Middlemarch" author
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25 Tonto's horse
29 Brit. flyboys
30 Idle chatter
33 Arab garment
34 Beavers' barrier worker's grp.
35 Worldwide
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See Thursday's paper for answers to today's crossword.

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