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Judge implements gag order in sexual assault case

By ANDREW CHAVEZ
Staff Reporter

A district court judge imposed a gag order Thursday in the sexual assault case involving former TCU student-athletes because of what he termed a media “feeding frenzy” over the past week.

Judge Wayne Salvant, of Tarrant County Criminal District Court No. 2, granted a motion by attorney Gwinda Burns to restrict publicity in the case. Burns represents Virgil Allen Taylor, 19, and

she represented Shannon Monroe Behling, 19, in filing the motion. Glynis McGinty represents Behling.

Taylor, Behling and Lorenzo Labell Jones, 20, were arrested by Fort Worth police Oct. 20 and have been charged with sexually assaulting a freshman female TCU student in a Moncrief Hall dorm room, according to court records.

The motion cited “extensive media coverage” as a reason for asking the court to restrict

access to the case.

“It’s been a feeding frenzy,” Salvant said. “I just wanted to tell everybody ‘Let’s cool it down before we get way out of sync on this thing.’”

Taylor and Behling were both named in the order, but Behling’s name and case number were hand written below Taylor’s name.

The motion restricts the media from reporting the details of pretrial hearings, photographing jurors and covering the trial in a way that

would disrupt the proceedings.

The motion also orders that “no person, police officer, witness, court participant, or counsel comment to the media on any matter concerning this case at any time during its trial or pretrial.”

Rob Sherwin, an attorney at Brackett & Ellis who teaches media law at TCU, said including the term “no person” in the order makes it exceptionally broad.

“That means anybody,” Sher-

win said. “And typically that would be very hard to enforce.”

Salvant said he intends to restrict people directly participating in the case from talking to the media.

Sherwin said a typical gag order normally restricts attorneys, the police or other participants from talking to the media.

Provost Nowell Donovan declined comment, citing the gag order.

University spokeswoman Tracy Syler-Jones said the

gag order will not affect the university because questions about the investigation have routinely been answered by the Fort Worth Police Department.

“What happens now is we can’t talk about the case except in generalities,” she said.

Sherwin said gag orders are rare, and normally intended to prevent the publicity given to a case from affecting potential jurors.

“It always sets up the inevitable See **ORDER**, page 2

Risky Business



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

Freshman premajor Baird Clinkscales of Sigma Alpha Epsilon impersonates Tom Cruise on Oprah’s couch as members of Chi Omega watch in the wings of the stage at Ed Landreth Auditorium on Thursday night at Frog Follies.

Council embraces construction with Homecoming week theme

By LAUREN PICK
Staff Reporter

Alumni visiting campus for Homecoming weekend will find rubble and piles of dirt where the familiar Frog Fountain once stood.

Instead of allowing campus construction to hinder weekend festivities, the Programming Council is embracing it by making this year’s Homecoming theme, “Building Toward the Future,” said Aaron Wolfe, PC director of spirit and traditions.

“We wanted to incorporate it and make it a celebra-

tion,” Wolfe said. “Let people know we’re growing in a great way.”

Students, alumni and their families can celebrate Homecoming at the parade Friday at 6 p.m., which will end with a pep rally and fireworks show at the commuter parking lot on the corner of Stadium and Bellaire drives, said Kim Appel, Homecoming Committee adviser and activities coordinator. The procession will begin at Frog Alley and circle around Main Campus.

Mr. and Ms. TCU candidates, alumni, the TCU marching

band and organizations competing in the float contest will be featured in the parade, Wolfe said.

“It’s just a really good, spirited time,” said Kit Lipscomb, PC homecoming director.

Before the football game against the University of Wyoming Cowboys on Saturday, there will be a tailgate and free concert beginning at 3 p.m. in the Worth Hills area in Brachman Hall’s parking lot, Lipscomb said.

The Spazmatics, described on their Web site as a new See **ALUMNI**, page 2

Anesthesia program nationally accredited

By MEREDITH ANDREWS
Staff Reporter

The School of Nurse Anesthesia exceeded national accreditation standards on the first try and received 10 years of accreditation.

Kay Sanders, the director of the School of Nurse Anesthesia, said she discovered the school received 10 years of accreditation Tuesday after talking to the director of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia.

Paulette Burns, dean of the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, said a 10-year

accreditation is the maximum amount of years a program can be accredited.

“I’m very pleased to be the dean at a time when this great accomplishment has occurred,” Burns said.

If a school does not have credentials, the graduates cannot take the National Certification Examination for Nurse Anesthesia to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist, Sanders said.

Sanders said when a school for nurse anesthesia is created, it must receive permission to be temporarily accredited

by the council in order to accept students. The temporary accreditation lasts for one year after the first class graduates.

After the first class graduated in December 2005, Sanders said the council sent on-site reviewers to look at the school in April 2006. She said the school was required to submit a written self-study about the required standards for accreditation with specific examples of how the school had met them.

The standards concern See **NURSING**, page 5

Associated Press: color, mascot ranks second ugliest in nation

By ANDREW CHAVEZ
Staff Reporter

Mix 52 parts red, 42 parts green, 123 parts blue, and you might get something any TCU student will recognize: TCU purple.

The color has been a part of the university’s image since 1896, the same year the university played its first football game against Toby’s Business College.

One hundred and ten years later, the color choice is drawing some criticism from The Associated Press national sports writer Nancy Armour.

Armour classified colleges and universities on their football teams’ fashion sense, and TCU came in at No. 2 in her “really ugly” category.

Director of Athletics Media Relations Mark Cohen, whose office monitors TCU’s media attention, said he read the article but didn’t get any feedback from fans or others in the athletics department.

“I think that people read it and shrugged their shoulders, and that was it,” he said.

Armour began by criticizing the university’s color choice along with the team’s mascot.

“Purple is never a good color choice,” Armour writes, “and the mascot is ugly.”

The Horned Frog, like the color purple, has also been part of TCU for over a century.

Colby Hall, longtime dean of TCU, wrote about TCU’s association with the lizard in his 1947 book “History of Texas Christian University.”

The creature was first associated with the school’s yearbook, The Horned Frog, published for the first time during the 1897-1898 school year, he wrote.

The lizard’s association with the university grew over the years and was eventually adopted as the official mascot, according to Hall.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he didn’t see Armour’s article until he was asked about it by the Skiff.

“Obviously, I disagree with everything this person’s saying,” he said.

Boschini said he appreciates the school’s mascot because it’s so unique.

“I knew who the Horned Frogs were before I came here,” he said. “I might not have known we were purple and white, but I definitely knew the Horned Frogs were Texas Christian University.”

Armour’s criticism didn’t end with the mascot.

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SKIFF ARCHIVES

TCU fans often dress in purple for athletic events. However, TCU was ranked No. 2 for ugliest school colors by a sports writer for The Associated Press.

Students take time to serve zoo

By CHRISTINA HOLTZEN
Staff Reporter

Despite busy college lives, students said they’re still making time in their schedules to volunteer at the 15th annual Boo at the Zoo.

Nicole Barendt, senior economics major, said about 15 Alpha Phi Omega members planned on attending the Fort Worth Zoo event.

“It’s a fun way to get commu-



LESIA ADAMS / Staff Photographer Junior interior design major Shelley Cook passes out candy at Boo at the Zoo Thursday evening.

nity service hours,” said Barendt, service vice president of Alpha Phi Omega, a community service fraternity.

The Fort Worth Zoo festival provides fun that’s not too scary for children, said Lyndsay Nantz, the Zoo’s public relations and development director.

About 150 volunteers a night, including 20 to 50 are TCU students, help out at the event, said Dennis Myrick, assistant human resources director of the Fort Worth Zoo.

Barendt said the event promotes safe trick-or-treating for children.

“It’s great for kids to get candy in a safe place,” Barendt said. “Parents know that their kids are safe because the volunteers are TCU students.”

Barendt said student volunteers have duties including passing out candy to children, dressing up in costumes, or greeting visitors at the front gate.

Heather Hurford, a senior nursing major, said she was

surprised at the amount of support for the event.

“An overwhelming number of volunteers was available to help, and they ended up turning people away,” Hurford said. “We got there at 4:50 p.m., the registration was from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and we just missed the cut-off.”

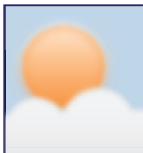
Hurford said APO has been involved in the program ever since Boo at the Zoo’s inception. She also said this year’s See **ZOO**, page 5

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fight between the First Amendment and other parts of the Constitution,” Sherwin said.

That leaves judges to balance between the rights of a free press and the defendant’s

right to a fair trial, he said. The motion also closes all pre-trial proceedings to the public. According to court records, Burns began representing Taylor on Wednesday and Behling hired McGinty on Thursday. Jones is still being held at Mansfield Jail on bail bonds totaling \$27,000 and has not

hired an attorney, according to court records. The motion also asked the court to prohibit photography of anybody connected to the trial while they are at the courthouse and from photographing Taylor while he’s being transported to court, but Salvant crossed

out those areas of the motion before approving it. He also chose to allow still photography of court proceedings, although Burns motioned to ban it. No appeals of the order were filed as of Thursday afternoon when the court clerk’s offices closed.

Bond conditions for Taylor and Behling were also amended, according to court records. Both men are prohibited from contacting the female student who reported the assault or her family. They must also report to an officer from the Community Supervision and Corrections Department of Tarrant

County every six weeks. Salvant also granted a motion by Burns on Thursday to release some of Taylor’s personal property, including a backpack, an Xbox gaming system, five movies, some clothing and other items. He denied a request to release Taylor’s laptop.

PURPLE

From page 1

She dealt her final blow in a criticism of the team’s uniforms. “Putting those triangles around the sleeves took it to a whole new level of bad,”

Armour wrote. “Please remember the players will have to show these pictures to their kids someday.” Mike Sinquefield, director of football operations, said somebody e-mailed him the article. “Everyone has their own opinion,” Sinquefield said.

“The one that matters most is our kids’ opinions, and they like what they’re wearing.” Sinquefield designed the uniforms when he was an equipment manager in 1998. When TCU changed from head football coach Pat Sullivan to Dennis Franchione, Sinquefield was asked to come up with new uniform designs. That’s when he introduced the triangles on the uniforms’ neck and sleeves, which represent the horns

on a Horned Frog. “It was really just a way to put something on the trim that was a little bit different,” he said. TCU equipment manager Matt Lewis, who has worked as an equipment manager at four universities over 11 seasons, said the triangles set TCU apart from other teams. “Our look is something unique,” he said, “instead of being the norm like everybody else.” Lewis is in charge of distributing about 450 uniforms

the team owns and said even as TCU looks into uniform changes for next season, fans can count on the trademark triangular trim. Sinquefield said the changes planned for next season likely won’t be cosmetic and will be subtle changes, not ones easily visible to the naked eye. “If it’s not broke, don’t fix it,” he said. As for the color choice, Sinquefield said he’s “got plenty of experience with purple.”

He said his previous jobs at East Carolina and Louisiana State universities left him with an appreciation for the finite differences among the color’s various shades, and TCU’s “deep, rich, royal purple” is one-of-a-kind.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them."
— Galileo Galilei

THE SKIFF VIEW

Athletes' actions impact everyone

For better or worse, athletes are the face of a university. They draw national attention to schools and attention to themselves faculty and other students do not get.

But there is another side that goes with being the center of attention. It is the added level of responsibility and behavior expected and required of these men and women.

Because of the importance the media places on athletics, athletes must adhere to this level of responsibility and show respect for the university.

Unfair? Sure. But life isn't fair and if athletes aren't willing live under a microscope, then they need not represent our university.

But those who bring disfavor on the university do not belong on our teams, regardless of the talent they show. The behavior of all people associated with TCU — students, faculty members, staff

and administrators — reflects not only on themselves but the greater institution.

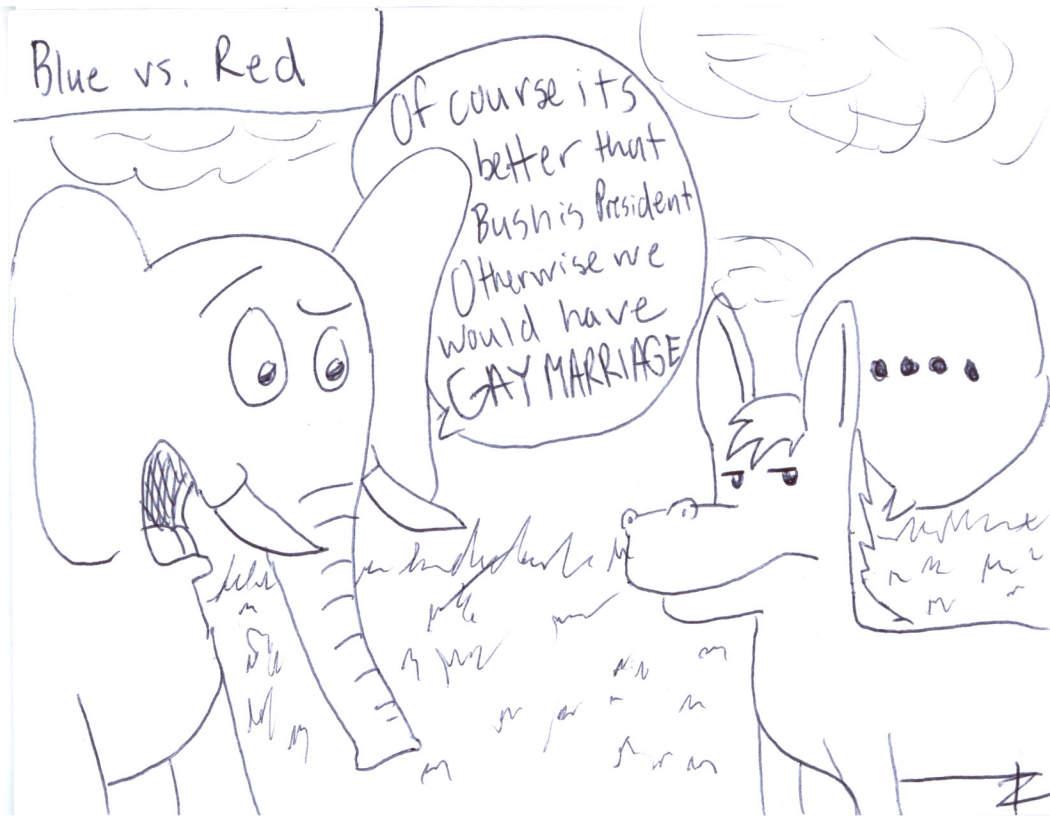
Sexual assault charges of three former student-athletes has garnered national attention, with stories running from the Skiff and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram all the way to MSNBC News Services. Whether Boschini and Patterson like it, we have all taken on a little bit of the scandal.

If a student was to travel anywhere in the country right now and say he or she was a Horned Frog, a certain level of judgment would come with that association.

This isn't to say that students not involved in the reported assault are complicit; it's to say that the actions of a few can rub off on the reputation of all of us.

News editor John-Laurent Tronche for the editorial board.

BY RICKY ANDERSON



Ladies should try modesty when picking costumes this Halloween

Little Bo Beep has lost more than her sheep. Where is the other half of her costume?

Judging from what's on the costume shelves this Halloween, a woman may



Jamie Crum

be out of luck unless she is ready to push up, tape up or bare all.

I'm not the modest type, but I have to admit that I blushed even in the privacy of the dressing room at a local costume

store as I attempted to squeeze into a white nurse's outfit — one of this season's best selling costumes.

Do people really wear this stuff? In public?

As I looked into the mirror, I reflected on more than my image.

When did Halloween change from a fun time when all could pretend they are children once again to a thinly disguised sexual-themed event featuring bondage and sleaze?

So maybe not the nurse's options.

My other options: How about the police woman costume complete with thigh-high boots and handcuffs? And since when do cops carry whips?

Maybe not.



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How about the lady vampire outfit? The tag says one size fits most. Most of what?

Or the sexy witch? They used a whole square foot of cloth on that one.

Is there any costume that does not require a bustier?

What happened to goblins, princesses, cowboys or Indians?

Oh, they come with a bustier, too?

I understand why the guys are all for the fishnets, high heels and exposed body parts because under normal circumstances, they could only be seen in a Vegas strip joint or a Victoria's Secret catalog.

But what is in it for us females?

Under normal circumstances, the average woman would be horrified to walk around in public dressed as a French maid. So why is it what we consider attractive and sexy the other 364 days of the year goes flying out the window on All Hallows Eve?

Is it black magic or the full moon?

Our male counterparts don't seem to be under some spell to strip down and flaunt what their mothers gave them. I doubt you'll see Speedos or male thongs at many of the parties around town.

Halloween should be a day when we

can embrace our inner creativity, not our inner skankiness. Does inch-thick eyeliner and the butterfly tattoo on your lower back really have that much impact when the girl standing right next to you looks the exact same. But wait.

"I doubt you'll see Speedos or male thongs at many of the parties around town."

Jamie Crum

Senior broadcast journalism major

Nanny valuable profession; help rear future generation

I have two of the hardest jobs in the world.

For one, I am a student trying to better myself by getting an education. For the other, I am a nanny.



Erin Glatzel

That's right, a nanny. A there-when-the-baby-wakes-up, feeds-him, dresses-him and changes-poopy-diapers kind of nanny.

I believe it is an important job, and I make a difference.

I'm not trying to start an argument about whose job is most difficult. For example, many students who work long hours in restaurants could justify that their jobs are physically demanding and exhausting. And, that's true.

But nannies have had a significant presence in family life throughout history. Whether acting as a governess for a royal family or a regular baby sitter, taking care of a child is a job that can help mold the youth of today into tomorrow's better person.

Erin Glatzel
Junior news-editorial major

I suspect that many on a college campus are disdainful of those of us who work as child-care-givers. But, parents value

their nannies. They will tell you that any person who spends time with their child is important.

I have been with one particular family since the little boy was only 4 months old. I have been there to teach him to sit up, walk, climb stairs, eat solid foods and speak some of his first words.

The baby is now a thriving 15-month-old. He walks, talks and is currently learning how to say trick-or-treat for Halloween. I was there for his birthday, his flu shots and the day he learned to say the cat's name. I have been the only caretaker, aside from Mom and Dad, he has ever had.

Often, it is the nanny who creates and enforces rules the child learns.

Consider the fictional Mary Poppins who taught and cared for children entrusted to her because their parents were too busy. She taught them important life lessons beyond just being their friend, and the children respected her.

Some may scoff and think that childcare is not important work or that being a nanny or baby sitter is just a way to put off joining the real workforce.

But when I go to work in the morning, I know that I will be a staple of that little boy's day.

I will be an important piece in the puzzle of that young life.

Erin Glatzel is a junior news-editorial major from Las Vegas.

Diversity improvements hinge on focus of issue's history

In previous columns, I have urged students to break out of their comfort zones and embrace the possibility of a more diverse university. I also



Erick Raven

pointed out both the moral rightness and social necessity of integration for the future of the nation.

What I have yet to point out are the personal risks involved in taking steps toward a harmonious, multicultural society. The reality is that many who choose to cross cultural boundaries will have to endure misunderstand-

ing not only from the cultures they seek to embrace but also from the cultures they're from.

Lena Horne and Sammy Davis Jr., two pioneering black entertainers, faced rejection from their own people because of their crossover appeal to a white audience. According to her autobiography, Horne once told the great jazz big-band leader Count Basie, "I'm not going back there. I can't go back. I'm lonely; I can't see my own people..."

According to Gerald Early's book "The Sammy Davis Jr. Reader," Davis told interviewer Alex Haley in 1966: "No matter what you do, no matter where you go, you ain't right, even with your own people."

Despite the fact that the aforementioned entertainers broke down the color barrier in numerous venues in the country, they were often accused of being ashamed of their race, "acting white" or being sellouts. They, of course, denied the accusations but were nonetheless ridiculed, and their explanations were met with scorn.

I do acknowledge there may be many reasons for this criticism. I believe one of the reasons is that when a person, especially a minority, has assimilated into the dominant culture, it would appear to many in the minority group that he or she might think the dominant culture is somehow "better" than the minority

culture from which he or she came. Instead of recognizing the sublime opportunity to spread the "gospel" of the minority culture, it is seen as a desertion of it. Thus, the traitor is ostracized from the group and becomes practically irrelevant to the culture from which he or she came.

The sad part is that those who are banished are often the ones who have access to power and influence in the dominant culture. Instead of becoming an advocate for the "unheard," the victim of the expulsion may potentially harden themselves against "their own people," thus cutting off a critical voice that the dominant culture needed to hear.

Even those from the dominant culture could find themselves made fools for their immersion into diversity — look at Elvis Presley. According to Peter Guralnick's book "Last Train to Memphis," Presley was once insulted by a white person and asked, "Why do you do that (black singing) out there?" He defiantly responded, "I can do what I want to do."

Thus, even the most popular singer of that period was not above being the target of hate by those who resisted any movement toward social change. Unfortunately, though the language most likely won't be as harsh as in 1956, the modern attitude and

resentment expressed often isn't much different.

What those who dare to step out of their "culture zones" must realize is that they will be easy targets for criticism and misunderstanding. Friends may even misunderstand, no matter how hard you try to convince them of the rightness of your action. Those who dare to take the risk must remind themselves that these pioneers took the insults, did what they believed and made society a more open and tolerant place. Those who ridiculed them were forgotten.

Erick Raven is a first-year graduate student in the School of Education from Grand Prairie. His column appears every Friday.

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MIXING CHEMICALS

See if the new My Chemical Romance album explodes or just fizzles on Wednesday's Entertainment page.

HOME SWEET HOME

Painting the town Green with Pat

By CHRISTINA HOLTZEN
Staff Reporter

He's been all over America, and now, Pat Green is back home. But calling Texas home for Green might be a bit of an understatement; he was born in San Antonio, raised in Waco, attended college at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and lived in Austin.

Now, Green is right in our own backyard — Fort Worth, where he's lived for the past two years.

Fort Worth played a significant role in Green's life even before he became a resident.

The Aardvark, a favorite bar among TCU students, is just one of the places Green has played at in the past.

"That is where things got started; it was the good ol' days," Green said. "A lot of fond memories there, hanging out in that smoky bar, playing my tunes."

The Aardvark may have been a big venue for Green years ago, but it was Billy Bob's Texas that was a major milestone for Green and his career.

"I never dreamed that we would be there," said Green.

Green's "Live at Billy Bob's" album was recorded December 1998 and is the second most popular disc in the 30-CD series of "Live at Billy Bob's" behind only Willie Nelson, said Pam Minick, marketing director of Billy Bob's Texas.

Green said the best part about living in Cowtown is at the end of the day, he has his own bed waiting for him.

He has just released his tenth album, "Cannonball," which is the first CD he recorded since moving to Fort Worth. The lyrical composition of the new album is heavily influenced by Green's present-day life. He and wife, Kori, of five years are parents to a 3-year-old son, Kellis, and a 3-month-old daughter, Rainey.

"It's pretty romantic that he is influenced by his kids in his songs," said Minick.

Besides his children, Green is heavily influenced by Texas as a whole.

"Texas is a big state, and there is all of these cultures in there," Green said. "It is hard to be creative in just one city. Texas has such a distinctive sound."

If it seems like Green is nostalgic, then you should hear "Way Back Texas" off his new album, which is currently the most requested song at 95.9 the Ranch radio station, according to The Ranch music director, Chuck Taylor.

Taylor also discovered that the single, "Feels Just Like It Should," spent 11 weeks at the top of Texas music charts.

From the sounds of it, Green is popular in Texas, but it should be noted that he has opened for national acts ranging from Kenny Chesney to Dave Matthews Band, according to billboard.com.

He said being the opening act for two major artists has been a dream come true.

"I was so impressed that they do this kind of thing on a nightly basis," Green said. "They have people in the palms of their hands,"

In recording "Cannonball," Green is living in the moment.

"When I record, I am honest about my situation as it is at that moment in my life," Green said. "Otherwise it comes across fake."

Even though he is 34 years-old, Minick said he has found a way to stay relevant with the younger crowd.

"Green remains popular with today's youth because he still acts like he's in college and he's in his 30s," Minick said. "He speaks to the heart of the issues that they're facing on a day to day basis."

Green may have lyrics that strike a chord among the younger crowd, but it was the fact that he was the first in Texas to break into the mainstream to grab people's attention, Taylor said.

"His music can relate to everybody," Taylor said. "Whether he's singing about popping up a beer to eating a burrito in the back seat of a car."

At this point in Green's life and career, he would like to see his music make a lasting impression and a positive impact.

"I want my music to leave a mark; it's the American dream kind of thing," Green said.



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Halloween Town

Pirate trend leads costume ideas

By JEFF ESKEW
Features Editor

Halloween is approaching, and it's not too late to grab a costume for the weekend or Tuesday night.

The problem lies in finding that original, one-of-a-kind costume no one else will wear to the big party.

Fort Worth Costume Magic Etc. is the closest costume shop to campus and has plenty of outfits.

Patrick O'Gorman, Magic Etc. employee, said there are costumes that are clearly the most popular.

"For guys, it's pirates, and for women, it's buccaneers," O' Gorman said.

Another popular costume, which O'Gorman said he was surprised to see, is somewhat of a classic.



"For some reason or another, "Star Wars" costumes are back in," he said.

The third costume that seemed to hit off big with the men this year was a movie outfit.

"We've almost sold out of the tons of 'V for Vendetta' costumes we got in," O'Gorman said.

The more popular scary costumes seem to be coming from movies that gained popularity in the 1980s.

O'Gorman said the Freddy ("Nightmare on Elm Street"), Jason ("Friday the 13th") and the Leatherface ("The Texas Chainsaw Massacre") masks are all the rage this year.

Members of the Magic Etc. staff said other costumes that have been flying off the shelves are your big superhero characters, such as Superman and Wonder Woman.

So, if you are looking for that original costume that will set you apart at Halloween party, you might want to stay clear of the outfits mentioned above.



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Rachel Cox, left, a senior broadcast journalism major, flaunts a women's buccaneer costume at Fort Worth Costume Magic Etc. Jaime Dart, a senior advertising/public relations major, tries on a Michael Myers mask.

Haunted houses, cult classic film serves as Halloween weekend fun

By JEFF ESKEW
Features Editor

Looking for a good scare this Halloween weekend? There are numerous haunted houses and other attractions in Fort Worth you can visit to get a good fright.

The closest haunted house to campus is Hangman's House of Horrors where this year's theme is "Hangman's Most Wanted," but Hangman's offers more than just your typical haunted house.

There are actually four attractions at Hangman's for people to enjoy. Each attraction charges separately, or you can buy the combination package to save a little money.

The first and cheapest at \$4 is the 3-D Fun House where it promises to take you into a new dimension of light, color and sound.

Next, for \$7, you have the Cirque de Fantomes, where Hangman's challenges you to come and clown around with them — if you have the nerves.

Hillbillies' Revenge is advertised as where "Deliverance" ends and the real fright begins, and will also run you about \$7.

But let's be honest, the main draw is the House of Horrors where you can, for \$16, get more than half an hour worth of thrills on tour.

Hangman's isn't the only haunted house in Fort Worth, and it isn't even the biggest. That honor goes to Cutting Edge haunted house.

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It is the world's largest haunted house and promises this year to have a life-size animatronic T-Rex, crazed clowns, giant alligators and flying corpses to give the audiences a good scare.

If haunted houses aren't really your scene, head on over to the Ridgmar Movie Tavern to catch the midnight showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Not only do you get the chance to see this cult classic on the big screen, but it is also acted out live, and audience participation is highly encouraged.

If all else fails, and the above options still don't tickle your fancy, there is always good ol' door-to-door trick-or-treating.



SGA researches optional 10-day term for January

By AMBER PARCHER
Staff Reporter

Students might soon be able to take extra classes and receive credit for them in a miniterm just before the start of spring semester. The idea is called a January term, and members of the Student Government Association are researching the possibility of implementing one at TCU, though Keith Whitworth, secretary for the Faculty Senate, said the idea needs more research before it could be considered. "It is a great idea to explore, but we do not have enough of the details figured out yet," Whitworth said.

The January term would be an optional 10-day session that would begin shortly after Jan. 1. Students would pay an hourly fee similar to summer school fees and would receive 1.5 to 3 hours credit for the courses they take, said Tori Hutchens, speaker of the House for Student Representatives. Hutchens said the term would be a way for students to explore subjects outside their majors, such as a hands-on economics development class in which students could study impoverished places around the TCU area, a short study-abroad class or even a poker for beginners class. "These classes could be elec-

tives you want to take but don't necessarily need to graduate," Hutchens said. "It would be a chance to take fun classes that aren't offered during the regular school year." SGA Treasurer Brian Andrew said he and Hutchens are researching January terms at other schools, such as the University of Virginia, Austin College and DePauw University, which offer service projects, internships and individual study projects each January. According to its Web site, Austin College is the only school with a two-week January term. The other two universities offer four-week courses because they operate on a tri-

mester academic calendar year, rather than the traditional two-semester structure. Andrew said the January term would give professors a chance to expand on subjects they are interested in. "It would appeal to the love of learning for professors and students instead of just grades," Andrew said. Andrew said classes offered would be up to the professors, but German professor Cynthia Chapa said she is unsure what students and professors could accomplish in 10 days. "I just don't think two weeks would be enough time to go into depth on most subjects," Chapa said.

Hutchens said she thinks students would appreciate the availability of a January term because many work during the summer and don't have time to take extra classes. However, some students did not express much interest in the idea. Erin Primm, a junior education major, said she would rather jump into classes at the start of the semester than take a short course before school begins. Freshman nursing major Danielle Desjardins said she would not want to pay to take an extra class. "I'd rather have more free time during my winter break

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than take a class just for fun," Desjardins said. Hutchens and Andrew said they plan to survey students sometime this academic year about the issue.



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Staff Photographer
Senior political science and military science major Will Thomas assesses a junior's leadership ability at ROTC's leadership development lab on Thursday.

ZOO

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event was an improvement from previous years. "Every year they do it, the word gets out to the community," Hurford said. "They had a ton of people there this year. There were hundreds of kids there." Some of the other service organizations at Boo at the Zoo from TCU include Greek organizations and Circle K International, a service organization sponsored by Kiwanis International.

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wave '80s cover band from Austin, will open the concert, Wolfe said. When the Spazmatics take a break around 3:45 p.m., Third Ordeal, the student-band that won Sunday's Battle of the Bands, will take the stage, Wolfe said. This year, the winners of the float contest and Frog Follies, which is the annual homecoming skit competition, will be announced at the tailgate rather than after the events themselves, Lipscomb said. "We're trying to bridge

events to get people to come to more of them," Lipscomb said. Homecoming kicked off a day earlier this year with Battle of the Bands on Sunday afternoon. "It worked out great," Wolfe said. "We were told it should be a TCU tradition." Another addition to Homecoming week that PC considers a success, was the \$1 all-you-can-eat IHOP pancake and cappuccino dinner held Monday on Sadler Lawn, where more than 4,000 pancakes were served, Wolfe said. "We want to have events that service a large amount of students," Lipscomb said.

NURSING

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issues such as how the school fits in with the vision and goals of TCU, the quality of faculty and students and the demographics of the clinical sites where students are registered resident nurses, Sanders said. One of the standards the school is required to demonstrate is the mission statement, Sanders said. She said the school demonstrates this by making the community better through improving administration of anesthetics. The School of Nurse Anesthesia is now the fourth largest program of its kind in the country, Burns said. Bryan Keller, a first-year

graduate student of nurse anesthesia, said he is proud of the school for the accreditation and it will help him in the professional world after graduation. "Truthfully, we weren't surprised when we found out they got 10 years," Keller said. Brian Aydele, also a first-year graduate student in the school, said he came to TCU because of the reputation of Sanders and the school's faculty. "That's just telling you that they've put something together that's really strong and is going to be productive and successful," Aydele said. Now that the program is accredited, Sanders said, the school can now focus on getting a good research program going.

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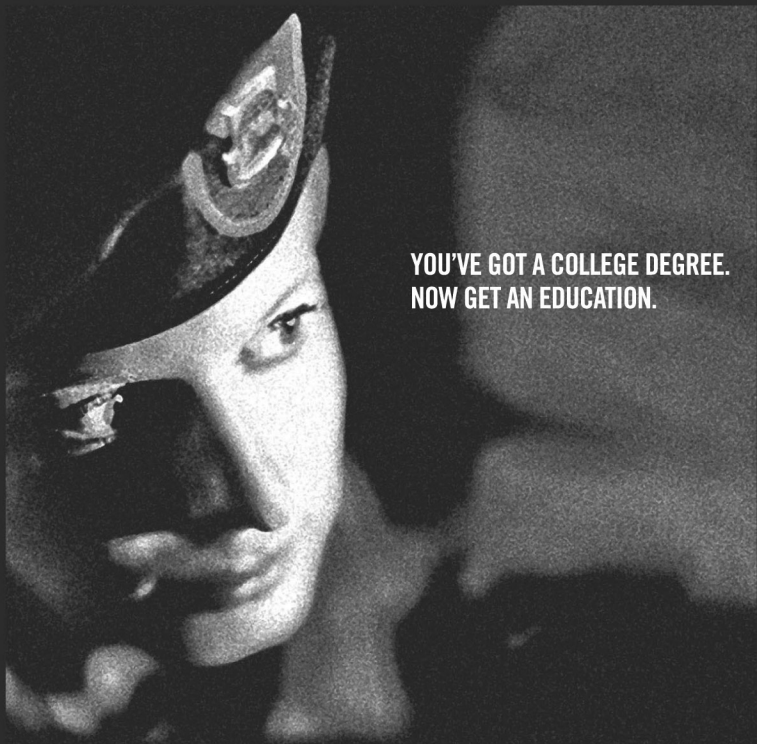
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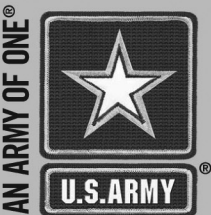
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Priest admits sexually abusing young Foley

By PETER FRANCESCHINA
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Mark Foley has been in a high-priced, exclusive treatment center in Arizona since the scandal exploded over his sexually explicit Internet exchanges with male teenage pages that surfaced last month.

Foley's attorneys issued a statement Wednesday disclosing that Foley, who resigned from Congress on Sept. 29, is being treated for alcoholism at Sierra Tucson, a psychiatric hospital that costs \$1,175 and up a day.

"He respectfully requests that his privacy continue to

be maintained," the statement said. His attorneys are David Roth and Gerald Richman, both in West Palm Beach, Fla., and William Taylor III in Washington, D.C.

The center treats a number of disorders, including alcohol, drug and sexual addiction, depression and eating disorders. The center also offers a program for "sexual and trauma recovery," according to the center's Web site.

Foley, 52, announced through his attorneys after he checked into the center Oct. 1 that he was sexually abused by a priest

when he was a 13-year-old altar boy at Sacred Heart in Lake Worth. The retired priest, the Rev. Anthony Mercieca, admitted last week to fondling the young Foley but said the two didn't have sex.

Kathy Steffens, a spokeswoman for Sierra Tucson, said she could not confirm or deny that Foley is a patient there. She said the minimum length of stay typically is 30 days.

"The length of the stay depends on the patient's treatment needs," she said. "We excel at treating co-existing disorders. Most people do

have more than one issue at one time."

The center is on 160 acres in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, with walking trails, a climbing wall, a fitness center, horses and a salon.

A number of celebrities, including actor Michael Douglas, former Beatles drummer Ringo Starr, actress Kim Delaney and golfer John Daly, were treated there for alcoholism. Actress Sandra Bullock checked herself into the facility to prepare for her role as a woman undergoing rehab in the film "28 Days."



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Congressman Mark Foley, R-Fla., holds a photo of children suffering from starvation following a Congressional Ways and Means subcommittee hearing to examine failure to protect child safety Nov. 6, 2003.

Manatee goes 720 miles out of its way to visit Memphis, Tenn.

By SCOTT POWERS
The Orlando Sentinel

Talk about taking a wrong turn: A manatee turned up more than 700 miles up the Mississippi River, so a SeaWorld team has gone to Memphis, Tenn., to get it.

No one knows how the manatee made its way to Memphis or why, but it's going home in a SeaWorld truck — or at least going as far as SeaWorld Orlando. The SeaWorld Manatee Rescue team expects to pluck the 1,000-pound mammal from the

Mississippi and drive it back to Florida on Thursday.

"This is very strange," said Bill Hughes, SeaWorld Manatee Rescue director.

It is extraordinary, said a U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologist Nicole Adimey.

Neither has ever heard of a manatee going that far up the Mississippi or any other river. Sometimes the nationally endangered creatures, dubbed sea cows, wander up the East Coast. Earlier this year one made it as far as Rhode Island. But in the Atlantic Ocean they can ride the Gulf Stream much of the way.

In rivers they must buck the current, and it runs 7 to 8 mph in the Mississippi — not a casual swim, not for 720 miles.

"With all the boat traffic, it's a very busy river," Adimey said. "To travel that far, with all that traffic and against the current, that really amazes me."

She directs the U.S. Fish & Wildlife's manatee rescue, rehabilitation and release program. When she got confirmation of the Memphis sightings,

she called SeaWorld, one of several rescue centers the federal program uses.

The manatee settled into a relatively quiet part of the Wolf River Harbor, near Mud Island, in downtown Memphis, said Gary Cook, regional manager of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. It has been drawing crowds trying to get glimpses, he said.

"It's extraordinarily unusual for us," Cook said. "Our biologists are wondering how an animal that obviously doesn't move very fast — if it in fact came up the Mississippi River, which we assume it did — got 700 miles."

Already, the potato-shaped creature is beloved. Locals are calling it "Manny the Memphis Manatee," said SeaWorld spokeswoman Jessica Zuniga — although its gender has yet to be confirmed.

Cook's officers and others from the Memphis Police Harbor Patrol are safeguarding the animal. Biologists who have gotten a close look

reported the manatee appears to be in good health.

But none of them is a manatee expert. What worries Hughes and others is that prolonged exposure to the 64-degree water found in that part of the Mississippi can cause hypothermic injuries, particularly to extremities such as its paddle, and no one knows how long the creature has been there.

Hughes' team, which includes SeaWorld veterinarian Scott Gearhart and four other rescuers, left at 3:30 Wednesday morning.

This is what they do: Rescue manatees.

The Memphis rescue is the SeaWorld team's 28th this year, though almost all the others were in Florida. South Carolina was the team's previous longest trip, Hughes said.

"They're very good at this," Adimey said. "They're experts, and they have the means to do this. I asked them to go, and they will take care of this for us."

The SeaWorld team brought its boat, manatee net and manatee truck. Tennessee officials

are providing a spotter boat and a helicopter if needed.

Hughes said the team will capture the manatee with the net, haul it into the boat, put it on a stretcher, motor it to a dock, lift it onto the dock, carry it to the truck, lay it on a wet foam mattress and drive it back to Orlando.

This manatee reportedly is 7 feet to 8 feet long, meaning it probably weighs about 1,000 pounds.

Once the manatee is back in Orlando, it will be placed in SeaWorld's Manatee Rescue center, which is behind the Whale & Dolphin Theater. There it will join a few other rescued manatees for observation and any rehabilitation necessary, and the general public may be able to see it.

Hopefully, before long, it will be released back into open water in Florida, Hughes said.

"Until we can actually physically look at the animal, we really don't know if there are effects of cold stress or not," he said.



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Virginia Edmonds, of Lowry Park Zoo, places a wrap on Barron, a rescued manatee, while he awaits treatment from a facility in Tampa, Fla.

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Florida executes man for killing five students

By JIM LEUSNER AND
NIN-HAI TSENG
The Orlando Sentinel

As he lay on a death-row gurney waiting for the lethal injection Wednesday night that would end his life, serial killer Danny Harold Rolling began singing: “None greater than thee, oh Lord, none greater than thee.”

The 52-year-old Louisiana drifter, robber and admitted killer of five Gainesville, Fla., college students in August 1990, sang for more than two minutes until he was injected with a lethal mix of drugs.

Ten minutes later at 6:13 p.m. he was pronounced dead.

Through windows, 42 witnesses, including at least 15 relatives of victims, half a dozen members of the prosecution team that put him on death row and a dozen journalists watched Rolling die.

“I didn’t appreciate his song,” said Dianna Hoyt, stepmother of one of the victims. “I didn’t understand how he could sing after the horrendous crimes he committed and sing about angels.”

Rolling terrorized Gainesville with a three-day murder spree just before the start of the fall semester. The bodies of roommates and University of Florida students Sonja Larson, 18, and Christina Powell, 17, were found on Aug. 26, stabbed and mutilated in their apartment. Early the next day, Santa Fe Community College student Christa Hoyt, 18, was found decapitated in her duplex apartment. A day later, UF students Tracy Paules, 23, and Paules’ roommate, Manuel Taboada, 23, were found stabbed to death in their apartment.

Ada Larson, whose daughter Sonja was murdered by Rolling, released a written statement during a news conference held by family members after the execution.

“I can still visualize the picture of my lovely daughter Sonja awakening in her bed and then being stabbed over and over again by this ninja-clad killer as she was trying to fend off the blows,” Ada Larson wrote. “Our pain will never go away but this evil man has gone



STEPHEN M. DOWELL/Orlando Sentinel
Ricky and Scott Paules speak to the media at the Florida State Prison in Starke, Fla., Wednesday regarding the murder of their daughter Tracy Paules.

away now. This is not closure, as you in the media like to ask, but it closes a chapter in our never-ending sadness.”

Rolling, who spent 12 years on death row, was the 63rd person executed in Florida since the death penalty was reinstated nationwide in 1976.

“The wounds won’t ever heal, but there was a more peaceful air about them collectively as a group.”
Len Register
State attorney who indicted Danny Rolling

More than 100 death-penalty supporters and opponents gathered in a field adjacent to the prison. The groups were separated by yellow police tape. At 6 p.m., those who supported the death penalty cheered and clapped while those opposed struck a bell several times and bowed their heads in prayer.

The U.S. Supreme Court denied Rolling’s final appeal attempt Wednesday. He had appealed on various issues, including that his public defenders failed to promptly ask that his trial be moved out of Gainesville in 1994 and that lethal injection was “cruel and unusual”

punishment, violating the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution.

Just before noon Wednesday, Rolling ate his final meal of lobster tail, butterflied shrimp, a baked potato, strawberry cheesecake and sweet tea. “He enjoyed his last meal,” said Department of Corrections spokesman Robby Cunningham. “He ate every bite.”

Rolling also received visits from his brother, Kevin Rolling, his spiritual adviser, Pentecostal minister Mike Hudspeth from Louisiana, and Kevin Rolling’s spiritual adviser, John Wallingford of Texas. Cunningham said that during the last hour of the visit, Rolling and his brother were allowed to touch. Cunningham described the day as uneventful: Rolling had been “calm and cooperative,” he said.

Witnesses and family members drove from all over the state to witness the event. Len Register, the Alachua, Fla., state attorney who indicted Rolling in November 1991 and now is a federal prosecutor in Pensacola, Fla., drove 400 miles to help the families in the “final chapter of the case.”

“After talking to them after the execution, I think there is a uniform sense of relief that the animal who butchered their kids 16 years ago is no longer breathing good air,” Register said. “The wounds won’t ever heal, but there was a more peaceful air about them collectively as a group.”

N.J. court rules in favor of same-sex union

By STEVENSON SWANSON
Chicago Tribune

In a ruling that could make New Jersey the second state to legalize gay marriage, the state supreme court said Wednesday that gay couples have the same right to the benefits of marriage as heterosexual couples.

The court, whose decision had been awaited for months by advocates on both sides of the contentious debate over same-sex unions, said the state constitution’s guarantee of equal rights applied to gay and lesbian couples, but it stopped short of ordering state officials to legalize gay marriage.

Instead, it gave the legislature until April to amend the state’s marriage statute to include same-sex couples or to pass a civil union law that provides those couples the same benefits as marriage.

“We do not consider whether committed same-sex couples should be allowed to marry, but only whether those couples are entitled to the same rights and benefits afforded to married heterosexual couples,” Justice Barry Albin wrote for the 4-3 majority. “Cast in that light, the issue is not about the transformation of the traditional definition of marriage, but about the unequal dispensation of benefits and privileges to one of two similarly situated classes of people.”

The ruling is similar to a 1999 decision by Vermont’s supreme court, which resulted in a civil union law. A 2003 ruling by Massachusetts’ highest court was more sweeping, making that state the first — and so far only — state with legalized gay marriage, starting in 2004.

Connecticut also allows civil unions between same-sex couples, the result of legislative action that was not prompted by a court ruling.

The case that resulted in the latest ruling was brought by seven same-sex couples who were

denied marriage licenses in New Jersey. The dissenting justices, led by Chief Justice Deborah Poritz, argued that the majority did not go far enough, saying only marriage would allow gay couples to achieve equal benefits.

In making its ruling, the court reflected on the changes that have transformed marriage during the last 200 years, such as granting women greater rights within marriage.

“The institution of marriage reflects society’s changing social mores and values,” the majority said in its opinion. “Although courts can ensure equal treatment, they cannot guarantee social acceptance, which must come through the evolving ethos of a maturing society.”

After setbacks earlier this year in state courts in New York, Nebraska, Washington and Georgia, gay-marriage advocates greeted Wednesday’s decision with relief.

“We received a unanimous decision on one aspect, which is that all seven justices agreed that it violates the guarantee

of equal protection not to give same-sex couples the same benefits as heterosexual couples,” said Jon Davidson, legal director of the gay-rights advocacy group Lambda Legal, which argued the case on behalf of the plaintiffs. “So now the struggle in New Jersey moves to the legislature.”

Cases similar to New Jersey’s are pending in California, Connecticut, Iowa and Maryland.

Opponents of gay marriage said the New Jersey court had shown the same judicial arrogance as the Vermont and Massachusetts courts.

“It amounts to taking the future of marriage out of the hands of the people of New Jersey,” said Matt Daniels, director of the Alliance for Marriage, which advocates amending the U.S. Constitution to define marriage as the union of a man and a woman. “Nationally, it will add momentum to the marriage amendments that are on the ballots across the country, and more importantly, it will add momentum to the marriage amendment in the Congress.”

Same-sex marriage laws

New Jersey’s Supreme Court ruled that gay couples have the same rights as heterosexuals, but lawmakers must decide if the state will honor gay marriage or another form of civil union.

Current state laws

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| ■ Prohibit same-sex marriage* | ■ Permit civil unions (give gay couples many of same benefits, protections as married couples) |
| ■ Allow domestic partnerships (limited marriage rights) | ■ Permit same-sex marriage |
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GOLF

Women’s golf to play in Sin City

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Staff Reporter

The women’s golf team will travel to Las Vegas next week for the Las Vegas Founders Collegiate Showdown.

The tournament is a three-day affair lasting from Monday, Oct. 30, through Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Last season the Frogs took 13th in the tournament. This year TCU will be facing three other Mountain West Conference opponents.

Included in the field of competitors will be top 100-ranked teams No. 23 BYU, No. 34 UNLV and No. 92 Colorado State, who are all Mountain West Conference teams. The Frogs are ranked No. 35.

Among the individual ranked golfers in the tourney are TCU senior Catherine Matranga who will be leading conference competitors with her no. 27 position on the nation’s top 100. Other top 100 ranked individuals from the conference are No. 45 senior Rachel Newren of BYU and No. 71 sophomore Da Sol Chung of UNLV.



MEDIA RELATIONS
Senior Catherine Matranga finishes her swing at the Mountain West Conference Women’s Golf Championship last spring. The women’s golf team travels to the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown this weekend.

Women’s Golf at Las Vegas Founders Collegiate Showdown

TIME: Monday, Oct. 30 through Wednesday, Nov. 1
PLACE: Las Vegas

Ranked Conference Competitors For Las Vegas Founders Collegiate Showdown:



National Team Rank


No. 23 BYU
No. 34 UNLV
No. 35 TCU
No. 92 Colorado State

National Individual Ranks

No. 27 Catherine Matranga (TCU)
No. 45 Rachel Newren (BYU)
No. 71 Da Sol Chung (UNLV)

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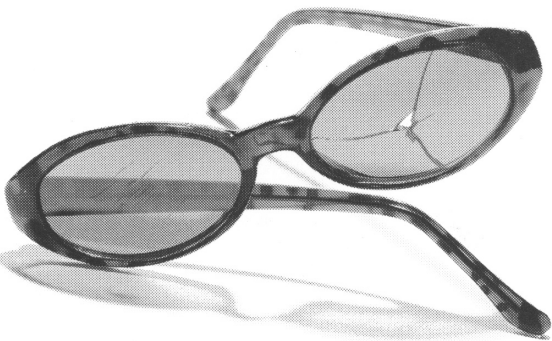


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RIFLE

Riflewomen change training to battle Nevada-Reno, UTEP

By KATHERINE LANE
Staff Reporter

The rifle team will head to Austin today to face the Nevada-Reno and UTEP on Saturday.

The team has already competed against both Nevada-Reno and UTEP, said Karen Monez, head coach for the rifle team.

The team came in second at its last tournament in Nevada on Oct. 15.

“All shots will be fired on paper targets this weekend,” Monez said. “Our tournament a week and a half ago, shots were fired on electronic targets, so that has been a change in our training this week.”

After assessing scores from the last tournament, Monez said the players decided which areas needed more attention and focused on those for the upcoming tournament.

Two different guns are used in competition: an air rifle, which the team enjoys more because it is easier to master, and a smallbore, Monez said. The team is stronger overall in air rifle because it is shot at a closer range than smallbore, she said.

“Our team is definitely further ahead of where we were last year, with outstanding overall scores for air rifle and some really good individual scores for smallbore,” Monez said.

Instead of just working on mechanics, sophomore math major Tanya Gorin said she is getting her head in the game for the match.

“I’m trying to work out all

of the little kinks,” Gorin said. “and rather than doing a hard workout, I’m getting mentally prepared.”

Gorin said she tries to simulate her practices to be more like the competitions, focusing more on pacing herself and staying focused.

“Basically, it’s not an active sport, and when you get to our level, it’s 95 percent mental and, of course, physical stamina,” Gorin said.

Some players are recruited and others are walk-ons, Monez said.

There are two separate teams, a purple team, with seven players who travel and compete, and a white team, with 13 players vying for chances to travel with the purple team, Monez said.

Two members of the white team, Kara Griffin, a senior political science and crimi-

nal justice major, and Rebecca Upjohn, a junior biology major, have been shooting well and will travel to Austin, Monez said.

Lauren Sullivan, a freshman premajor who was recruited along with three other freshmen by Monez, said she expects the tournament to be like any other match — fun and challenging.

Monez said there are no height or weight requirements to join the rifle team and some walk-ons have no experience shooting but become very competitive with lots of training.

“Most people don’t understand rifle shooting is an Olympic sport,” Monez said. “Lots of these women have set goals outside the collegiate level and at the world level, and I want to help them achieve these goals.”



MEDIA RELATIONS
Sophomore Tanya Gorin finished seventh with a score of 565 at the tournament hosted by Nevada-Reno on Oct. 15. Overall, the women’s rifle team finished second.

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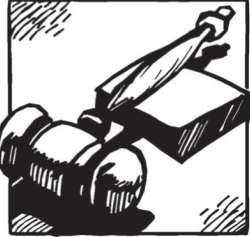
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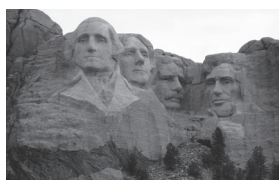
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by Buddy Hickerson



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Thursday's Solutions

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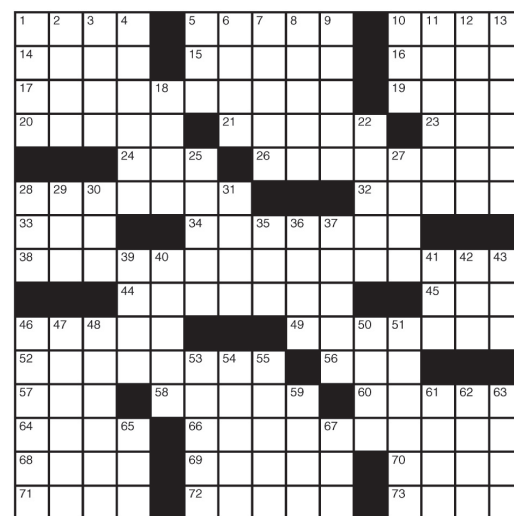
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New York, NY

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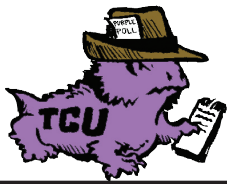
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FOOTBALL

Frogs look to obtain first MWC win

By BILLY WESSELS
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs, 4-2 overall and 0-2 in conference, look to build a brand new winning streak and get their first Mountain West Conference win of the season Saturday when they host the Wyoming Cowboys for Homecoming.

In last year's game, the Frogs won the first interconference clash between the two teams.

"We had seven takeaways last year

and still only won 28-14," said Gary Patterson, head football coach, about last year's game.

One of the biggest changes from last years game to this year's will be where quarterback Jeff Ballard is in his maturation as a starter.

The Wyoming game last year was Ballard's second start, Patterson said.

"It was after New Mexico where it was his first start, and everything went right in that game," Patterson said. "He then went to Wyoming, threw two interceptions, and they (the receivers) dropped a couple more (passes). He saw that Division I football isn't quite as easy as what it looks like."

Ballard now has a record of 12-2 as a starter, and Wyoming has changed its defense from last year, Patterson said.

"They were a 4-3 defense a year

ago and are now a 50," Patterson said. "They are trying to do the best job of getting players in the correct positions to make plays."

While Wyoming's defense may have changed from a year ago, they are still playing well, Patterson said.

"They are not giving up a lot of big plays," Patterson said. "When you are playing as good on defense as they are, they know they are going to be able to stay in the game."

Wyoming's pass defense is No. 1 in the nation, allowing just 120.6 yards per game through the air.

While Wyoming may have the statistically better pass defense, the Frogs' rushing defense ranks No. 4 in the nation, allowing just 66.7 yards per game on the ground.

"We have played against the run very well," Patterson said. "That Army team had been able to run the ball on anybody that had played so far."

One of the bright spots on the defense from the Army game last week was the play of junior safety Brian Bonner, who made his first



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

TCU offense huddles up in the fourth quarter against BYU. The Horned Frogs play Wyoming for Homecoming at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. TCU beat Wyoming 28-14 last season.

career start in that game.

"We've used both of them (senior safety Eric Buchanan and Bonner), and I've really thought of the two of them as starters," Patterson said. "I never considered Brian as a No. 2 guy."

One of the keys on offense will be the ability to run the ball, said Herb Taylor, senior offensive tackle. The Frogs are averaging 160.17 yards

per game on the ground. The rushing offense is something the team is working to improve, Taylor said.

"We have been working on run-blocking more to try and get better," Taylor said. "We're real close to start getting back to that 250 (yards) average running the ball. We just have to keep on pushing, make sure we stay on blocks. And that's going to be real important against Wyoming."

GAME INFO		
Horned Frogs vs. Wyoming Cowboys		
TIME: 6:30 p.m., Saturday		
PLACE: Amon Carter Stadium		

	Conference W-L	Overall W-L
BYU	3-0	5-2
Air Force	3-1	3-3
Wyoming	3-1	4-4
New Mexico	2-2	4-4
Utah	2-2	4-4
Colorado State	1-2	4-3
San Diego State	1-2	1-5
TCU	0-2	4-2
UNLV	0-3	1-6

SOCCER

Soccer win would keep championships hope alive

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Staff Reporter

A berth in the Mountain West Conference Championships may be in the cards for the Horned Frogs soccer team, said head coach Dan Abdalla.

The final conference match against the San Diego State Aztecs will be one of two factors determining a placement in the tournament.

"We need to win and we need Air Force to beat the University of New Mexico," Abdalla said. "(We) need to win our game and put some goals in the back of the net."

Conference play for the Frogs up until now has kept the team winless but three overtime ties keep the Frogs in contention.

Freshman striker and leading scorer Lizzy Karoly said, "We've been struggling with getting the last-minute goals this season."

The team has been practicing on

finishing its offensive attacks during the past week of training, Karoly said. "We've done a ton of offensive drills on making our runs in the final third of the field sharp," she said. "We also have been practicing finishing (plays) both yesterday and today."

Defensively, the team will be working to keep the Aztec's high-powered offense at bay.

"They are as offensively talented as any team we have played so far," Abdalla said.

The strategy of the Aztecs is to send a few extra players forward in hopes of overpowering the defense with numbers, Abdalla said.

"They will most likely run a 4-3-3 or a 3-4-3 formation," Abdalla said.

This means San Diego State will use an extra forward with a more offensive-minded attack pattern.

Senior defender Breanne Kaldheim said the Frogs' defense is ready for the touted San Diego State offense. "If we stay tight when we are going forward and keep our formation together in the back line, we should be all right," Kaldheim said.

The Frogs will run the same bal-

anced formation they have used all season, Kaldheim said.

"We will most likely be using a 4-4-2, and if we change at all we would use a 4-5-1," she said.

This formation is aimed at giving the Frogs more players in the defensive backfield and the midfield to help build a stronger counter attack, Kaldheim said.

"The defense has done well at giving us a chance this season," Abdalla said. "It has been frustrating when the goals we have given up are late in games."

Saturday will mark the first home match for the Frogs since Oct. 13 against the Wyoming Cowgirls.

During the past three road matches, the Frogs lost to the UNLV Rebels and the Utah Utes and fought to a 0-0 draw with the Air Force Falcons.

The return home will be seniors night at



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Senior defensive player Breanne Kaldheim clears the ball away at the TCU vs. Wyoming game. The last regular season game for the Frogs is at 12 p.m. Saturday.

Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium and also the final home game of the season.

"The weather is going to be nice, the field will be nice," Abdalla said. "We know what we need to do to put ourselves in a position to get through."



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