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ADMISSIONS POLICY

Athletes' records raise admissions questions

Plea bargains avoid application disclosure

By ANDREW CHAVEZ
Staff Reporter

University officials, in the wake of sexual assault charges filed in October against three former TCU athletes, say they are exploring ways to more closely scrutinize applicants for possible criminal histories. And, a public records search by the Daily Skiff of 370 current male and female varsity athletes

reveals that two football players have pleaded guilty to felony crimes and three other football players have pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges.

One of the players who pleaded guilty to a felony charge did so in 2004, more than a year before his freshman year. The other was charged a month after newspaper reports indicate he signed his letter of intent and pleaded guilty the summer before his freshman year.

Two other football players were convicted of driving while intoxicated and one pleaded guilty to a criminal trespass charge. One baseball player also had a dismissed traffic ticket. The search did not indicate that any athletes from other sports had pleaded guilty or been convicted of crimes.

Dean of Admissions Ray Brown said the university already has some measures in place to scrutinize applicants with criminal pasts.

The university asks applicants to disclose felony convictions on the undergraduate application, but Brown said the university is looking to further expand the application to ask for misdemeanors.

That consideration was prompted when the university learned a former TCU football player now charged with sexual assault, Lorenzo Labell Jones, 20, had pleaded guilty to an assault charge.

Jones, a former member of the football team, along with

former basketball players Virgil Allen Taylor and Shannon Monroe Behling, both 19, face 2nd-degree felony charges for a sexual assault police say occurred in a Moncrief Hall dorm room in October.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said Wednesday a committee was formed in October to examine the admissions process and how TCU asks "the felony question." The chancellor appointed Brown, Provost Nowell Donovan, Director of Financial Aid Mike Scott and

Athletics Director Danny Morrison to the committee.

"I just want to make sure we're getting as much information as possible on anyone that we think we need to know information on," Boschini said. "One of the ways to do that better may be to ask the question differently than we ask it now."

Brown said nobody who answered yes to "the felony question" has been admitted during his time at TCU.

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BUNDLE UP



CRYSTAL JONES / Staff Photographer

Senior anthropology major John Comer bundles up Wednesday afternoon for the mid-30-degree temperature.

Less than 30% of students participate in SGA elections

By ALY FLEET
Staff Reporter

Though the four newly elected Student Government Association officers will represent the entire student body, a little more than a quarter of students participated in the vote that put them in office.

Only 26 percent of 7,267 eligible students voted for president, while even fewer students voted for vice president, treasurer and vice president of Programming Council, according to the SGA election tabulations.

Lindsay Beattie, the elections and regulations chairwoman for SGA, said any undergraduate student was eligible to vote in Tuesday's elections, where President Jace Thompson, Vice President Thomas Pressly, Treasurer Nate Arnold, and Programming Council Vice President Kristen Chapman were elected.

Thompson was elected president with a total of 1,171 votes, defeating Austin Uebele by nearly 500 votes.

During his term in office, Thompson said, there are a few things he'd like to change.

Thompson said he hopes to get scholarships increased to offset the rising tuition costs.

"I'd also like TCU to become a more residential campus where more students can and want to live on campus," Thompson said.

Thompson also said he wants wireless Internet availability to increase throughout campus.

Pressly was elected vice president with 1,019 votes, while opponent Taylor Allen received 829 votes.

Pressly said he too hopes to put some changes into place during his term.

"My number one goal is to increase advertisements on campus," Pressly said. "Following closely behind, is getting a Frog Dollars program in place."

Frog Dollars, Pressly said, would be a program that allows students to use swipe cards connected to their TCU accounts at local businesses and restaurants.

Pressly said he'd like to see scholarships and financial aid increase as well.

Nate Arnold, who ran unopposed, was elected treasurer with 1,676 votes.

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President:

Jace Thompson **1171** votes
Austin Uebele **705** votes

Vice President:

Thomas Pressly **1019** votes
Taylor Allen **829** votes

Treasurer:

Nate Arnold **1676** votes

Vice President for Programming Council:

Kristen Chapman **1130** votes
Giovanni Guerra **500** votes



Jace Thompson, SGA President



Thomas Pressly, SGA Vice President



Kristen Chapman, PC Vice President



Nate Arnold, Treasurer

Milton Daniel could house women in fall

By KELLY FERGUSON
Staff Reporter

Changes in residential halls in fall 2007 will make history, allowing women to live in Milton Daniel Hall for the first time, the director of residential services said.

Milton Daniel, along with Wiggins, Foster, Waits and Jarvis halls may all have major changes for fall 2007, said Craig Allen, director of residential services.

"All of this is part of our broader initiative to really reshape TCU as a residential university," Allen said. "We're moving forward full steam on this and most of the changes should be permanent by the end of the semester."

Upperclass students who move into Milton Daniel will get

first priority in the new halls opening the following spring, and it will be priced so students will save money by living there for a semester, he said. Waits and Milton Daniel may become coed next fall, Allen said.

The changes in residence halls may happen because of the construction of four new halls, Allen said. Because two new halls will be open in fall 2007 and two won't open until spring 2008, TCU needs to find a way to house the students who want to move into the halls opening in the spring, he said.

The potential changes benefit students who do not get into the new halls opening in the fall, Allen said. They can live in a different residence hall in the fall semester, then

move to one of the new halls in the spring, he said.

Women who move into Jarvis in the fall will have priority in the new halls, Allen said. Jarvis Hall will then close for the spring semester for renovation.

Allen said he did not think the university would have trouble getting women to move into Milton Daniel.

"It'll be kind of a novelty," Allen said. "Imagine being some of the only women to ever live in Milton."

Sunny Vestal, a freshman nursing major, said she would not want to live in Milton Daniel.

"Guys have lived there for so long, and it's probably just not as well kept," Vestal said.

Vestal is not alone. Allyse Hillman, a sophomore nutri-



CRYSTAL JONES / Staff Photographer
Freshman premajor Crystal Shipps and freshman business major Will Webster walk into Milton Daniel Hall on Wednesday.

tion major, and Natalie Hodge, a sophomore nursing major, say Milton Daniel would need to be renovated before they would think about moving in.

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Tuition increase reflects trend

By MORGAN BLUNK
Staff Reporter

The cost to attend TCU next fall is \$1,840 more, and some students say they aren't happy about it.

The board of trustees raised annual tuition 8 percent to pay for utilities, health-care benefits for faculty and staff, and lowering the student-to-faculty ratio to 13-to-1, said Chancellor Victor Boschini.

At a Nov. 2 Faculty Senate meeting, Provost Nowell Donovan said TCU will have to hire 59 new faculty to lower the ratio of 14.7-to-1 to 13-to-1. He also said over the past three years, 41 new faculty positions have been created.

Ali Lewis, a sophomore political science and Spanish major, said she doesn't think raising tuition to lower the

ratio is worth it.

"I haven't noticed my classes being so large that everyone needs to pay \$2,000 more to solve the problem," Lewis said.

Lewis, who said she is concerned about financing her education next year, said she didn't think about the potential for a tuition increase when she entered TCU as a freshman.

"It wasn't an issue then," Lewis said. "(The administration) didn't really address it, and I hadn't thought about it until last year when I found out it was being raised."

According to the 2005 TCU Factbook, tuition was \$21,320 when Lewis entered TCU as a freshman in fall 2005. It will be \$24,820 next fall.

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WEATHER

TODAY: Sunny, 63/41

FRIDAY: Sunny, 70/40

SATURDAY: Sunny, 66/43

PECULIAR FACT

CALIFORNIA — A company selling Bible-quoting Jesus dolls said it was disappointed that the Marine Reserves' Toys for Tots program turned down its offer to donate 4,000 of the talking dolls. — AP

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ATHLETES

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Application loopholes

The application does not ask for pending or deferred charges, though.

That meant that freshman linebacker Daryl Lewis Washington, 20, would not have to disclose a guilty plea entered in Dallas district court in 2004.

Washington was arrested for a December 2003 robbery in Irving and pleaded guilty to 2nd-degree felony robbery nine months later, according to court documents.

Two months after giving an oral commitment to TCU, sophomore safety Steven Coleman, 20, was arrested for burglarizing a Dallas house in March 2004, according to court documents and newspaper reports. Documents show he pleaded guilty three months later to burglary of a habitation, a 2nd-degree felony.

Coleman and Washington

could not be reached through e-mail or by phone to comment on this story.

In both cases, defendants pleaded guilty but had their adjudication deferred. Attorney Rob Sherwin, an adjunct professor who teaches media law, said in the case of deferred adjudication, "if the admissions application says, 'have you ever been convicted of a felony?' then the truthful answer is 'no.'"

Deferred adjudication is not a conviction but delays the court's ruling while the defendant completes community supervision, Sherwin said. If the defendant completes that supervision, he said, the charges ordinarily will be dismissed.

Courts noted in both cases that "the best interests of society and the defendant will be served by deferring further proceedings without entering an adjudication of guilt."

Officials mum on recruits

It remains unclear, however, whether university recruit-

ers, officials or administrators knew about the felony charges when recruiting Washington and Coleman.

Tracy Syler-Jones, assistant vice chancellor for marketing and communication, said the university can't comment on what, if anything, the university knew about the men due to federal privacy laws.

Adam Goldstein, an attorney advocate for the Student Press Law Center, said the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act prohibits such disclosures.

"If it pertains to an individual student, it's going to be covered by FERPA," Goldstein said. "It all goes back to the question of whether this is personally identifiable information."

General questions about recruiting, however, aren't protected by FERPA, Goldstein said.

Head football coach Gary Patterson did not return phone calls or e-mails seeking comment for this story. Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations, said,

"There's nothing Coach Patterson can speak to you about — it's a university matter."

Morrison, the athletics director, deferred questions to Syler-Jones and Boschini in an e-mail Wednesday.

Football players comprise 109 student-athletes, less than one-third of the 370 athletes checked. Boschini said the prevalence of football players among those with criminal records did not automatically signal a pattern.

"I didn't know that was true so I'd want to look into it and figure that out; it would definitely concern me though," Boschini said.

Brown, dean of admissions, said the process for athletic recruits is much different than the process for non-athletic applicants.

"As admission officers, we have almost no interaction with (the athletes) because it's coaches who are doing all of the recruiting," Brown said. He said the admissions office has the final call on who is admit-

ted to the university.

Brown said TCU coaches talk with high school coaches and applicants' parents during the process and are "supposed to be very sensitive" to character issues.

Boschini agreed, saying, "I think it's incumbent of the coaches to find out as much as you can on these students, not in the sense to dig around for dirt, but in the sense that you want the biggest picture possible to evaluate that student."

Syler-Jones said, "In general, if the university is aware of prior problems we will then conduct a thorough review of the situation to help ascertain whether or not the student should be admitted."

Brown said a felony disclosure always warrants a written explanation. The Campus Life office then evaluates the applicant and makes a recommendation to Brown, who makes the final decision regarding admission. Boschini and Donovan have the authority to

override Brown's decision.

"We can say from what I know, we would never knowingly admit a student to this university that we would consider a risk to other students," Donovan said.

ABOUT THIS STORY

The Daily Skiff conducted criminal background checks on 370 of TCU's varsity student-athletes to provide data examining the admission process for student-athletes with criminal records.

Using information available on GoFrogs.com and in TCU media guides, the Skiff used services provided by PublicData.com, an online public records clearinghouse.

Any matches were confirmed using birthdays provided by those sources, along with TCU's Frog Calls directory, which also provided middle names for further verification.

The Skiff obtained official criminal histories from the Texas Department of Public Safety. Under the Texas Open Records Act, the Skiff obtained police records from the arresting police agencies listed in the criminal histories.

All charges were confirmed with the court where each case was adjudicated, and a full copy of each case file was obtained for final verification.

The addresses on police and court documents were then cross-referenced with home addresses in the Frog Calls directory. Middle names and birthdays were also reverified.

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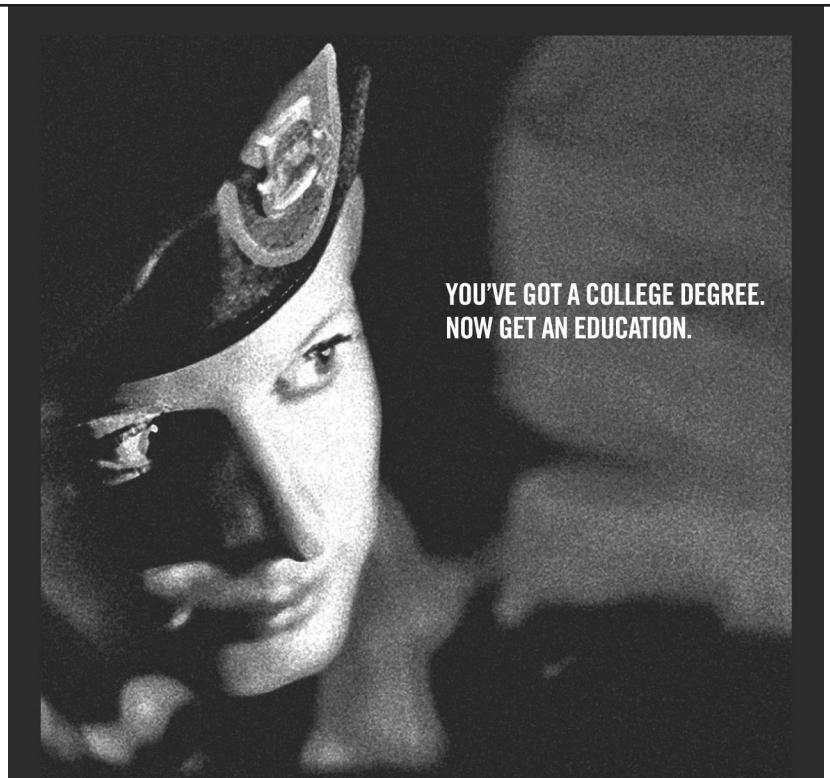
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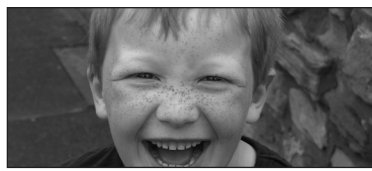
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing."

—Michael Pritchard

THE SKIFF VIEW

Survey to provide needed stats

Students have a right to know what illnesses are prevalent on campus. Until TCU statistics are released, students can't receive accurate facts.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills recently sent about 3,200 students who make up a random sample an e-mail encouraging them to participate in the National College Health Assessment Web Survey. Mills said in the message that the survey will be used to assess health behaviors of students in order for the university to develop and improve health services and programs on campus.

Marilyn Hallam, assistant to the director of health services, said the Health Center can't release health-related statistics, such as the number of students treated at the Health Center each year for sexually transmitted diseases, because of confidentiality issues. She said students can receive such statistics at the Fort Worth Public Health Center.

However, statistics from the Fort Worth health center can't accurately assess the health statistics of TCU students; its statistics cover all

residents of Fort Worth who visit the center. The questions cover issues ranging from sexual behavior and health to illegal use of substances. Although some of the questions may be uncomfortable to answer, Mills assures students that names and e-mail addresses cannot be linked to personal information on the survey, according to the e-mail.

Laura Crawley, assistant dean of campus life for health promotion and principle investigator for the survey, said the health-planning for campus the next three to five years will come from the results of this survey.

She said students routinely ask her quantitative questions regarding sexual health, eating disorders, sleep and stress that she can't answer based on TCU statistics because they don't exist. She also said changes could be made to the Health Center based on the survey.

Check your e-mail and fill out the survey for the betterment of students' health and furtherance of information.

Associate editor Leslie Honey for the editorial board.

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Trying new eateries broadens horizons

What do you do when your tolerance of college food is on the verge of disappearing? Where do you go when even

COMMENTARY



Saerom Yoo

Pond St. Grill doesn't sound any better than The Main? Chili's? Panera? IHOP? All pretty good restaurants I'll agree,

but lately, I've been keener on being adventurous with my dining habits. Everyone should try it.

There are very comforting aspects to dining in franchise restaurants. There are no surprises. You know the food will be the same no matter which Chili's you go to; most of the time, you'll order your favorite dish and know how much it will be, what it will taste like and how long it will take. The service will be the same most of the time, and the restaurants will almost always look exactly the same.

However, the predictability of franchise restaurants is also the downside of dining out. How many have tried the Korean restaurant on McCart Avenue? What about the Greek restaurant on Park Hill Drive? And the Indian restaurant across from Central Market?

There are many quality

restaurants around campus that are so easy to overlook because we naturally remember the heavily advertised and readily available franchise restaurants first. But most of the time, the smaller family-owned restaurants are more enjoyable because of their unique interiors, food and atmospheres.

Also, seize the opportunity to try out some international cuisine.

My proposal is not limited to restaurants. It goes for coffee shops as well. For so many of us, coffee shop equals Starbucks, but it doesn't necessarily have to be that way.

It does make great coffee and offers a great studying atmosphere, but the smaller, independent coffee shops offer that and more. Their coffees will have unique tastes and names; the baristas will care enough to ask your name.

I want to encourage students to check out and enjoy the many options we have around campus. Instead of automatically choosing Panera or Starbucks, consider what else might be out there that you haven't tried before.

What new restaurant will you choose this weekend?

Saerom Yoo is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Pusan, South Korea. Her column appears every Thursday.

Legendary '60 Minutes' correspondent showed integrity, fairness in reporting

Last Sunday was fun for obvious reasons.

NFL Football aired on CBS and FOX. The Bears were about to play for the evening game, and the games prior were pretty entertaining. Between the football games on NBC, from time to time, I would watch CBS' "60 Minutes."

But, unlike usual Sunday nights, I watched "60 Minutes" with sadness. The program was dedicated to one of the show's former correspondents, Ed Bradley, who died of complications from leukemia Nov. 9, according to CNN.com.

Bradley was a 35-year veteran of the "60 Minutes" crew. His strong yet caring and compassionate voice was a favorite among viewers. His contributions to not only the show but to journalism as a whole were tremendous. Bradley was superior at his craft, according to most that worked with and knew him, and his stamp on investigative reporting will not be forgotten.

Bradley was CBS' first black White House correspondent, as well as a Vietnam War correspondent. He won an Emmy for reopening the Emmett Till case, conducted the only television interview of Timothy

McVeigh and won countless awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Black Journalists.

For those who missed the "60 Minutes" episode, Bradley's memory was observed in several segments of the show. There was a musical tribute to Bradley by Wynton Marsalis, a famous virtuoso jazz trumpeter and good friend of Bradley. Another segment was devoted to his earlier years growing up in a tough neighborhood in Philadelphia. And my favorite segment: Bradley's alter ego, "Teddy," which illustrated Bradley's personality outside of work.

"Teddy" showed the human side of Bradley. He loved jazz music, flowers and having a good time. He touched many hearts and made efforts to help the many people affected by Hurricane Katrina. Everyone said he stood for integrity and fairness.

There is one thing I will especially remember about Bradley as a journalist.

I remember watching his special on the Duke lacrosse team rape case, in which he interviewed the athletes accused, one of the strippers involved and several other sources to help unrav-

el the case. He covered the story with integrity and felt the case wasn't handled correctly. The show opened my eyes to the case and I have a different opinion now, since more information has been revealed.

Bradley was a special breed of journalist. His beginnings may be the reason he achieved such great accomplishments during his career. He once told an interview-

er, according to a CNN.com article, "I was told, 'you can be anything you want, kid.' When you hear that often enough, you believe it."

This belief took him around the globe and opened doors for more aspiring black journalists to "be anything they wanted."

By Joey Baskerville is a columnist for the Northern Star (Northern Illinois U). This column was distributed by U-wire.



MCT CAMPUS

Don't give up beef just yet; nutrients limited in vegetarian diet

The Nov. 8 opinion article on vegetarian lifestyles by Anahita Kalianivala failed to explain the basic premise of the article. How can voluntarily cutting the types of food you consume in half create more options for anyone? Kalianivala's article made quite a stir over at the Ranch Management building on Stadium Drive.

A few of us would like to, with the utmost respect to Kalianivala, rebut her arguments by pointing out vegetarianism not only limits your options at the supermarket, but it limits the availability of essential nutrients in your diet and limits the available options landowners have to manage open spaces in an ecologically sustainable manner.

While it is possible to have a healthy vegetarian diet, as stated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, the absence of meat in your diet drastically increases the risk for a variety of deficiencies, most notably iron,

zinc and vitamin B-12.

The United States National Academy of Science-National Research Council reports that a lack of vitamin B-12, which is only obtained naturally from animal products, can lead to irreversible nerve damage. The same source also states that iron deficiency is the most prevalent nutrient deficiency in the U.S. and that only about 2 percent to 20 percent of the iron available in vegetarian sources is absorbed by the body. Why not practice a more natural, less risky, well-balanced diet that includes wholesome, tasty American beef?

There are important health issues involved with the overconsumption of any product, meats included. However, if the appropriate types of meat are consumed in the appropriate serving size, it is impossible to find a tastier, healthier source of much needed protein, iron, vitamin B-12 and zinc. Just keep it moderate and eat different types of meat

as part of a well-balanced diet, along with whole grains, vegetables, fruit and some dairy products.

Kalianivala cited environmental awareness as a second reason for her voluntary cessation of the consumption of animal-based protein. From day one, students in the Ranch Management Program are reminded we are stewards of the land we manage. In classes such as soil and water conservation and rangeland management, we learn that if the natural resources we manage are abused, if we no longer can grow grass, we will no longer be in the cattle business and will have to commute to our new jobs in town, burning fossil fuels the whole way.

Here are just a few reasons why ranching is the best use of native rangelands.

According to Texas Environmental Profiles, "Today the overwhelming majority of losses of, and threats to, wildlife, plants and natural communities are a direct result of fragmentation or destruc-

tion caused by urbanization."

Ranching preserves open spaces and native species of plants and wildlife. The alternative to a healthy beef industry is a countryside that looks more and more like Hulen Street.

Kalianivala also pointed out that livestock production uses a significant amount of fossil fuels. Much of America's corn is fed to livestock. Meat production only becomes the top consumer of fossil fuels when the fuel that it took to produce the corn is added into the equation. If that corn was instead fed to humans, corn farming would quickly gain that spot.

The full effects of giving up meat are rarely explored by environmentalists. These decisions should be based on sound science and not on emotion.

One particularly ironic example of this is found in the Nov. 22, 2005, issue of "New Scientist." In the article "Forests pay the price for bio-fuels," the

author points out that soybean production is the "largest single cause of rainforest destruction in the Brazilian Amazon."

In the end, of course, the choice is yours to make. We would encourage you to think twice before you limit your choices so severely. Make an informed choice considering the source of the information. Millions of Americans have already made the choice. And for them, beef is the choice for dinner.

Tim Hayler, a graduate of Texas Tech University, and Jess Kane, a graduate of the University of the South, are currently attending the Ranch Management Program at TCU.

NUTRITION FACTS

- For additional science-based information and helpful nutritional tips, see www.mypyramid.gov
- Visit www.beefnutrition.org to learn more about the importance of beef in your diet and how it can be incorporated into a healthy lifestyle.

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MILTON

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"It's disgusting," Hillman said. "I'm sure there are some girls who would live there, but I wouldn't want to."

Allen said Milton Daniel got new paint and carpet last year and university officials hope to show students it is in good shape.

The opportunity to live in Milton Daniel won't last long because the university plans to either tear down or complete-

ly renovate the hall in spring 2009, Allen said.

Milton Daniel currently houses two fraternities, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Kappa Phi. Both fraternities may move into Wiggins in Worth Hills. Wiggins may be renovated next fall to accommodate the fraternities, Allen said.

Matt Kiesel, president of Pi Kapp, said the fraternity is excited about the potential opportunity to move into Worth Hills.

"It seems like a good fit because of halls in the Greek

not currently being used for Greek housing," Kiesel said. "Right now, it's just a matter of figuring out the details."

John Wood, president of Sig Ep, said he thinks the fraternity would be more connected to the entire Greek community if it moved to Worth Hills.

"We're looking forward to possibly moving down there," Wood said. "It's a step in the right direction."

The Pi Kapps and the Sig Eps may not be the only students not returning to the same rooms. Residents of Foster will

not be able to return because it will become a freshmen-only dorm, Allen said.

Vestal, who lives in Foster, said she had planned to live in Foster again next year. She is a member of ROTC, whose students have typically lived in Foster, she said.

Allen said the university will reserve rooms in Foster for freshmen ROTC students. Upperclass students who may be displaced because of housing changes might get special priority for housing sign ups, he said.

Allen said he doesn't think potentially adding more coed halls will affect the number of female students applying to live in Colby or Sherley halls.

"Right now we get so many requests for Colby and Sherley that it will be nice to have some requests for other facilities as well," Allen said. "There are a lot of freshmen women who like the history and tradition of living in Colby or Sherley."

New housing programs are part of the reason TCU may

create more coed halls, Allen said.

Students will have the option of joining a "living-learning program" when they sign up for housing, Allen said. The university will try to place students with similar interests or majors in the same hall, or close to one another in the same dorm, he said.

"In doing that, we wanted to make sure we had a place for freshmen in a coed setting," Allen said. "We already do this for honors and ROTC students and now we're just extending it."

ELECTIONS

From page 1

Kristen Chapman, won her PC position with more than double her opponent's votes. Chapman came in with 1,130 votes, while her opponent, Giovanni Guerra,

received 500 votes.

Chapman said the newly elected officers will serve the students well.

"I think we were going to get a lot done this year," Chapman said. "With all the construction on campus, it's a big time for TCU."

TUITION

From page 1

For Alex St. Amour, tuition was even lower when he enrolled as a freshman in fall 2004. St. Amour, a junior business marketing and management major, was paying \$19,740 as a freshman.

Going into his senior year, St. Amour will pay \$5,080 more for the year than when he entered TCU.

"I think it's unfortunate that we're not locked into our initial tuition rate," St. Amour said. "I don't know that the tuition necessarily justifies the value of the degree."

TCU must raise tuition to accommodate student demands, Boschini said.

The university is not alone in its decision to increase tuition. Nationally, tuition has

increased an average of 8 percent each year, according to financialaid.org.

This estimate matches exactly what Donovan predicted not long ago as the potential increase for TCU.

Additionally, collegelboard.com states that the national average for tuition at private four-year colleges in 2006-07 is \$22,218. TCU's tuition this year is just above this at \$22,980.

Even with rising tuition, Boschini said applications keep flowing in and said TCU has seen record numbers of applications in the past six years, despite tuition hikes.

For the current school year,

the university received more than 8,700 applications from entering freshmen, which, Boschini said, is five times the number of available spaces.

Sophomore business major Taylor Schadt said a TCU degree is worth the money, depending on what you study.

"I think things like the new business school ranking justify paying the money for a TCU degree," Schadt said. "As long as the business school continues to have and gain prestige, it's worth it for me."

Schadt is referring to this year's Wall Street Journal Guide to Top Business Schools, which ranked TCU No. 11. Last year,


TCU was ranked No. 18.

Some students may not notice a tuition increase if they have need-based scholarships, Boschini said. Those scholarships will increase proportionately with tuition, he said.

"We don't have enough to make merit-based scholarships go up," Boschini said. "If we had a bigger endowment, we could cover that each year, but we don't."

Boschini said the university could lower tuition if students wanted fewer services. But he said he's never heard a student ask for less of anything; rather, students all have great ideas for new things they would like.

"I always say, you can have whatever you want, but somebody has to pay for it — we both know who that person is," Boschini said. "You know what? It is expensive here. That's the truth."



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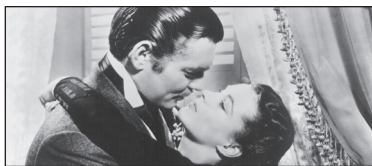
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Directions

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

Wednesday's Solutions

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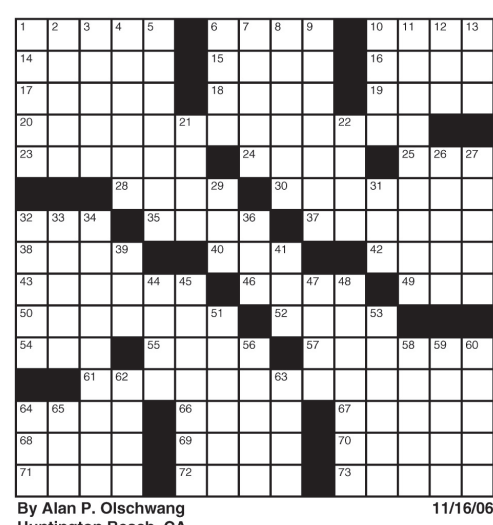
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30 Highland terrier
32 Harleys, e.g.
35 Bruce or Laura
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38 Actress Nazimova
40 Possessive pronoun
42 Asian
43 Sasquatch
43 Part 3 of quote
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49 Common rodent
50 Deceitful behavior
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By Alan P. Olschwang Huntington Beach, CA 11/16/06

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball team prepares for final match of season

By MEREDITH ANDREWS
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs volleyball team is working on cohesiveness in preparation for its final regular season game against the Wyoming Cowgirls at 8 p.m. today in Laramie, Wyo., the head coach said.

Head coach Prentice Lewis said the team is not working on individual things but is working on the team as a whole.

"You work on making sure the team is meshing the way you want them to mesh," Lewis said.

Anna Vaughn, a senior middle blocker, said the team is better at home and wants to get back its chemistry during away games.

Nirelle Hampton, a sophomore setter, said the team is focusing on Wyoming and moving on from New Mexico, a game the Frogs lost 3-0.

"Right now, we're just working toward playing as a team and playing relaxed," Hampton said.

Vaughn said she is working toward getting back to the basics with the little points of the game.

The Frogs head to Wyoming with a season 17-3 overall record and are 5-10 in the Mountain West Conference.

Vaughn said the season has gone well, and in spite of recent losses, the Frogs have the ability to surprise people in the conference tournaments.

Lewis said the team feels good about its season as a whole after winning 17 matches.

"We're the type of team that no one looks forward to playing," Lewis said. "Because we are so athletic, and we have so many possible threats."

Wyoming will be Vaughn's last regular season game in her volleyball career at TCU.

"It's gone by really fast," Vaughn said. "It won't start hitting me until I come back from Christmas and don't have to go to practice."

Although the Frogs fell to the New Mexico Lobos on Saturday in three games (30-22, 30-27, 30-27), they saw a new

record set.

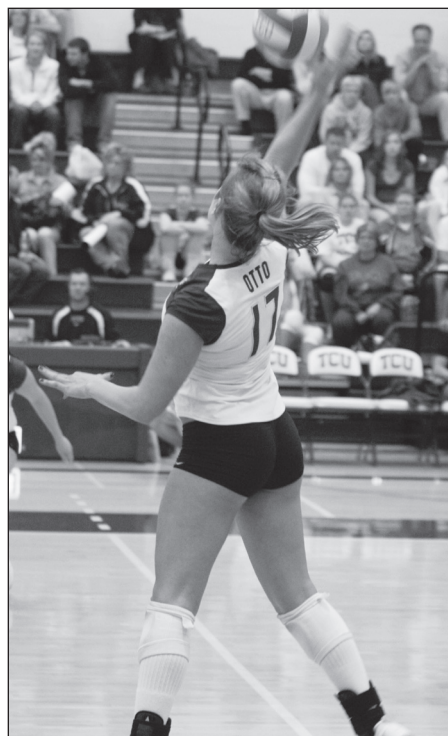
Vaughn, who took over the all-time career record for service aces at TCU during the match against the Lobos, has had 137 aces with the Frogs.

"It's always nice to have your name at the top of the list," Vaughn said.

The previous record was 136 by Tori Barlow, a setter who graduated two years ago.

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS

University	Overall	Conference
Utah Utes	23-2	14-0
BYU Cougars	22-4	11-3
Colorado State Rams	17-7	11-3
UNLV Rebels	18-9	9-6
Wyoming Cowgirls	11-14	5-9
TCU Horned Frogs	17-13	5-10
SDSU Aztecs	11-16	5-10
New Mexico Lobos	9-18	5-10
Air Force Falcons	3-22	0-14



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer
Freshman outside hitter Lauren Otto goes for the kill against BYU on Nov. 4. The Frogs hit the road and play Wyoming today at 8 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Frogs defeat SFA for second win

By MEREDITH ANDREWS
Staff Reporter

In a game marred by fatigue, the Horned Frogs emerged victorious Tuesday over the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks to improve to 2-0 on the season.

After just a month of practicing, the Frogs defeated the Lumberjacks 59-53 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Head coach Neil Dougherty said what stood out to him was the effort the players put into the game. He said they played hard and that the fullest potential of that effort has not been seen.

Another thing he said stood out to him was the lack of statistical leaders.

"I don't think I have ever been involved in a game that we won, as an assistant or a head coach, that we had no one score double figures," Dougherty said.

Kevin Langford, a sophomore forward, said these statistics show how complete the team is.

"I think that says a lot for how far our team has come," Langford said.

Dougherty said a characteristic of this team could be that it will be able to get help from a lot of different players, instead of relying on a few.

The Frogs maintained the lead for most of the game after the Lumberjacks scored the first points. The score was tied twice in the first two minutes.

Dougherty said the team is a young team that needs to work on the basics among other things.

"Right now, I'm preaching to the guys that we'll take effort, effort, effort over execution," Dougherty said.

He said he really likes how the team works with each other, cares about each other and comes to each other's defenses.

"They're just anxious to go out

and prove that they can become something," Dougherty said.

Langford said there are advantages and disadvantages to having a young team.

"The freshmen have to grow up quick," Langford said. "The advantage is they've got one job and that's to hustle."

This puts the team at an advantage because they push hard, Langford said.

In this game, the players had trouble with foul shots, making 57.1 percent in the first half and 47.6 percent in the second, according to the final statistics.

The Frogs faltered in fatigue, Dougherty said.

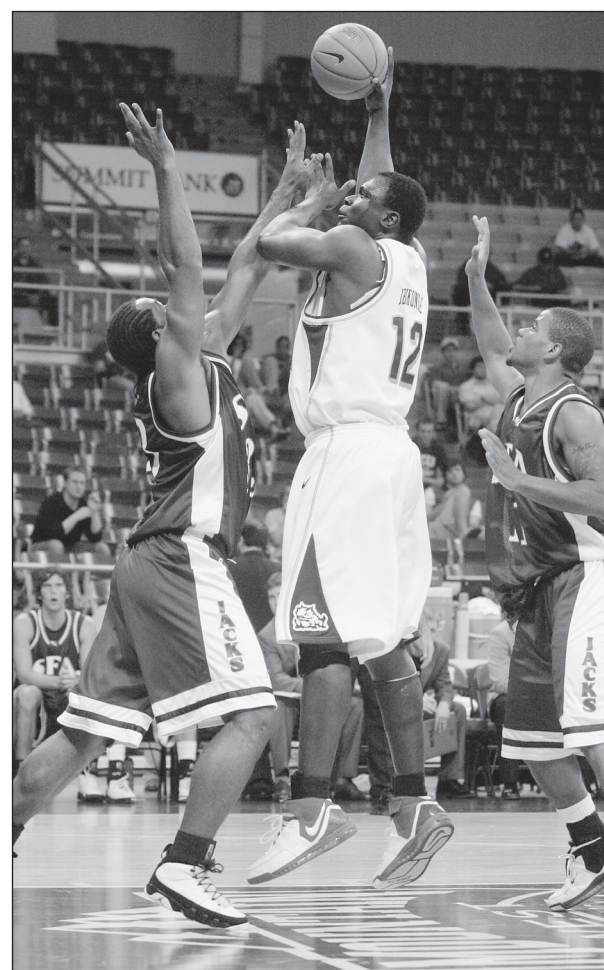
"I think the free-throw line will turn out to be one of our strengths before the season's over," Dougherty said.

The Frogs had a small team at times with four guards on the court at once.

Brent Hackett, a junior guard, said this did hurt them but it can be fixed.

"Our toughness and everything we can do with that will make up for being small," Hackett said.

Dougherty said when Luke Tauscher, a freshman forward, comes back from a lower back injury he could be a surprise success after the progress he has



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer
Senior forward Femi Ibikunle reaches over an SFA guard Tuesday and scores two points. The Frogs ended the night with a score of 59-53.

already made.

Tauscher could come back as early as a few games before Christmas, or as late as the start of conference games, Dougherty said.

The Frogs next host the UTA Mavericks, another non-conference opponent. The Mavericks are 1-0 after a 87-59 win against UT-Tyler on Saturday.

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