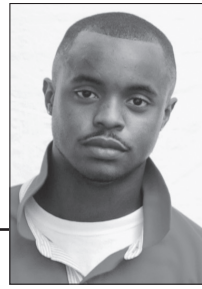


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Holiday Cheer

Christmas tree will be lit tonight

Students, staff to watch annual event

By AMY KOPSEA
Staff Reporter

Although some students may still be stuffed from Thanksgiving, they can still grab some hot cocoa and cookies and join the TCU community for the annual holiday tree lighting at 9 p.m. today in front of Sadler Hall.

At the tree lighting, there will be Christmas carols, refreshments, candles and a gift drive — the Spirit of Christmas Campaign — to benefit Tarrant County Child Protective Services, said Lauren Nixon, a sophomore advertising/public relations major. "This is an amazing tradition on campus that is really looked forward to by many students," Nixon said. "It is a great time for everyone to come together and just celebrate the season."

Hillary Wood, a freshman communication studies major, said she is already preparing for Christmas.

"Christmas is my favorite holiday, so I look forward to all of the events that go along with it," Wood said. "I have never been to the tree lighting before, but I am ready to get into the holiday spirit."

During the evening, Nixon said, songs will be lead by the

Word of Truth Gospel Choir and the chancellor, and a representative from Child Protective Services will speak.

She said the evening will be filled with excitement, and there will be a special surprise.

"We will also have a gift chain to load all of the donated presents onto the truck, the reciting of 'Twas the Night Before Finals' by the Order of Omega seniors, and a special appearance by a man in a red suit," Nixon said.

Order of Omega and Programming Council jointly put the event together this year.

"We have been meeting since September, and we have put many hours into making this event a success," Nixon said.

Molly Hommerding, a senior early childhood education major, said it is important to help those in need during the holiday season and said she is glad students can give cheer through donating gifts to CPS.

"This project is an amazing opportunity to spread the Christmas spirit throughout the community of Fort Worth," Hommerding said. "We are able to provide for those less fortunate than ourselves and remember the true reason for the season."



Emili Panian / Staff Photojournalist

Decorations sit on the steps of Sadler Hall on Tuesday afternoon in preparation for the Holiday Tree Lighting that will take place at 9 p.m. tonight.

Students: hookups prevalent at TCU

One-time encounters are common

By EMILY GOODSON
Photo Editor

The bass was throbbing and the alcohol was flowing.

Every room in the house was dark and crowded; every flat surface taken with people talking, laughing and drinking. As she accepted the first of many red plastic cups and wandered through the party, she spotted him.

He watched her walk over and cracked some joke as she approached about the class they shared. Two hours, a few laughs and several drinks later, they disappeared into an upstairs bedroom.

What happened next? College students today call it hooking up, a growing practice on college campuses generally described as a one-time sexual encounter, ranging from kissing to intercourse, between two acquaintances who have no plans to date or even talk afterward.

A growing body of research shows hooking up to be a widespread phenomenon.

According to an October 2004 article in "Newsweek," a survey of 555 undergraduates by Elizabeth Paul, an associate professor of psychology at the College of New Jersey, found that 78 percent of students had hooked up and that they usually did so after consuming alcohol.

An earlier study released in 2001, "Hooking Up, Hanging Out, and Hoping for Mr. Right," by the Institute for American Values, had reported that 40 percent of college-age women said they had experienced a hookup, and one in 10 reported having done so more than six times.

Laura Crawley, the assistant dean of campus life for health promotion at TCU, said she thinks the conditions that often contribute to the "hookup culture" do exist at TCU.

"I think the circumstances for hooking up are prevalent," Crawley said, "but thankfully, many students help one another out when they get into those circumstances."

Some students at TCU say the hookup culture is prevalent over the traditional, one-on-one dating scene.

Aron Low, a senior athletic training major, said even from his first year at TCU, hooking up was discussed among his friends.

"In Moncrief (Hall) there was no intention of dating," he said. "It was: Get as many girls as you could and pass them on to your friends."

George Ferguson, a senior economics and international relations major, said hooking up seems to prevail over more conventional dating habits at TCU.

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Officer wounded, suspect surrenders after standoff

Man shot in head while trying to serve warrant

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A standoff with a man suspected of critically wounding a Fort Worth police officer ended Tuesday

with the gunman's surrender.

The officer, whose name wasn't immediately released, was shot in the head while trying to serve a warrant at a mobile home about 2 p.m. in a growing suburban area of northwest Fort Worth.

He was airlifted to a Fort Worth hospital for surgery and was listed as critical, said

Lt. Dean Sullivan, a police spokesman.

After the shooting, the suspected gunman fled the home where the warrant was being served and went to another nearby home, Sullivan said.

Sullivan said one person in that home escaped and

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House makes personnel changes in semester's last regular meeting

New chief justice, speaker sworn in

The House of Representatives' last meeting on Tuesday provided an eventful night with three big changes.

The meeting entailed the resignation of a justice for the Student Government Association Judicial Board, the swearing in of a new chief justice and elections for speaker of the house and committee chairs for the House.

Associate Chief Justice Jonathan Leer resigned his position Tuesday night because

he said his faith and respect for student government has been shattered. Leer applied to be chief justice but said his application was cast aside.

Neal Jackson was appointed by SGA President David Watson and was sworn in by Watson after the House voted in favor of the appointment.

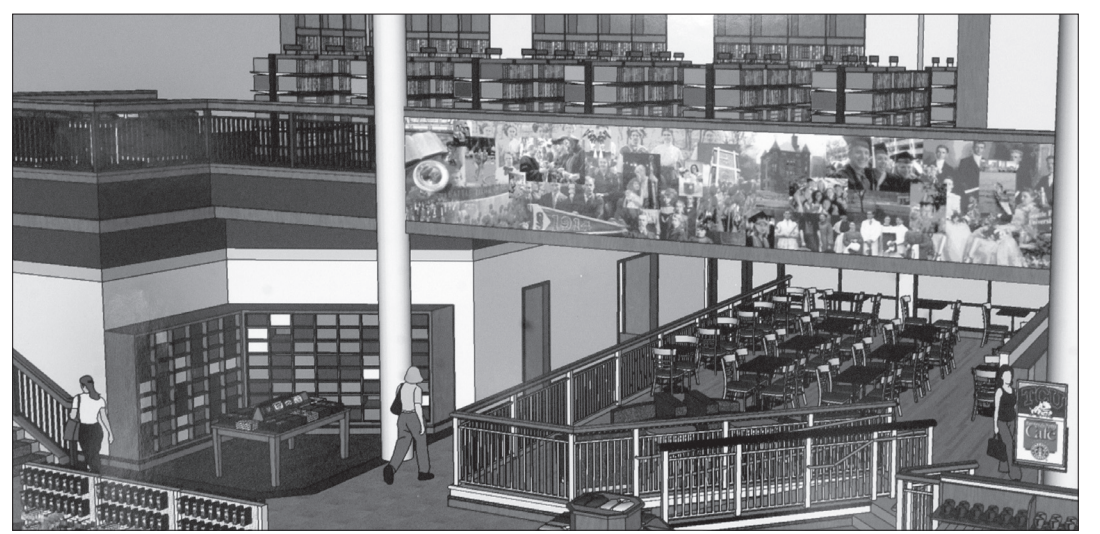
Although the election for the committee chairs for the House did not have any glitches, the third time was the charm for electing the speaker.

After voting three times, the House elected John Campbell

for speaker over Molly Marten. Campbell received 21 votes, while Marten had nine.

EXTRA INFO

- The new committee chairmen and chairwomen are:
- Jason Ratigan for Academic Affairs Chair
 - Ryan Johnson for Communications Chair
 - Alissa Garner for Dining Services Chair
 - Tori Hutchins for Elections and Regulations Chair
 - Molly Marten for Finance Chair
 - Ashley Bachmayer for President
 - Justin Brown for Student Advocacy Chair
 - Austin Uebele for University Affairs Chair.



Amy Hallford / Staff Reporter

A photo of the proposed plans for the TCU Bookstore shows a second story above the cafe.

Bookstore to undergo renovation

Barnes and Noble adds to high-revenue stores

By AMY HALLFORD
Staff Reporter

The TCU Bookstore will undergo a makeover in February to accommodate student demand that has earned it a spot in the top-five college Barnes & Noble bookstores in the nation, said the bookstore's general manager.

Barnes & Noble will add 8,000 retail square feet to the TCU bookstore toward the end of February, said Lissa Lewis, the general manager.

Stan Frank, the marketing director for Barnes & Noble,

said the company tries to renovate college bookstores every three to five years but said that the more business a store does, the more attention the store gets.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he does not know the annual revenue of the bookstore, but said his "hunch would be that TCU's sales are pretty high because Barnes & Noble is willing to invest in TCU in terms of the expansion."

Lewis said that when the expansion is complete, students will be served by a 20,000-square-foot bookstore that will feature a second-floor loft area built specifically for textbooks.

Lewis said the bookstore is being renovated to provide students with a more com-

fortable bookstore but may come at a large price.

Retail and textbooks will be moved into several trailers in the bookstore parking lot on Berry Street until construction is complete, Lewis said.

Boschini said students should expect an inconvenience due to renovations as soon as book sales slow down early in the spring semester.

"Students will be affected because they will be using the bookstore during a period when it will be especially crowded and full of construction," Boschini said.

Lewis said the inconvenience will be worth it.

Students can expect more seating area in the cafe, new

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