

A final farewell

Fall graduates cap off the year



GRADUATION

Nursing graduates face tough job hunt

By Andrew Young
Staff Writer

Senior nursing major Diana Singer said nursing has always been a "cutthroat major." Because of the recent downturn in the economy, however, Singer said she has noticed there has been more competition.

Suzy Lockwood, associate professor of nursing, said that because of the recent economic downturn recent nursing graduates have less job choices than in the past.

Physician's offices cannot support the salary of a nurse as much as they could in the past, Lockwood said. Some part-time nurses have also become full-time nurses either because they need the hours because they are a single parent or because their husband or wife lost his or her job, she said. Other nurses who had stopped working also have had to come back to work.

Lockwood said the biggest challenge for nursing graduates is that these job trends mean they cannot find a job in certain areas where they were able to find jobs in the past five or six years.

These areas of nursing include such positions as intensive care nursing, labor and delivery and emergency-room nursing, Lockwood said.

"And now what we are seeing over the last two years, or really even the last year, has been that hospitals are not employing new grads in those areas," she said.

Nursing graduates have been interested in areas of high-acuity, or areas where patients have multiple needs, are very ill, and have multi-system or multi-organ issues, Lockwood said. For nursing graduates, these jobs look like areas where they are

going to be very engaged and challenged, she said.

There are still plenty of positions for new graduates, Lockwood said. The difference is that the positions now available to new graduates are usually medical-surgical or in general hospital units instead of those specialty, high-acuity areas where students or new graduates might have lower patient loads or lower patient assignments.

There are positions available where nursing students haven't always been interested in because they don't seem very exciting, Lockwood said.

"But as a nursing faculty and as an old nurse, I think that the reality is that that's really where new grads need to be, is in those med-surge areas because that's where they need to be to get that real foundation and really good basic nursing so that in a year or two they can go out and be really strong, good nurses and move into those areas where the patient acuity is much higher," Lockwood said.

Paulette Burns, dean of the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, said this is a trend that will not last very long because nurses who have returned to work will retire, providing new job opportunities for nursing graduates.

Burns said Texas has called for state nursing programs to almost triple the number of nurses they graduate by 2020.

People are living longer, and a large part of the nursing workforce will retire, she said.

Lockwood said both the state of Texas and the nation at large are concerned about the number of nurses available compared to the number of nurses needed in the next 10 to 20 years given the size of the population.

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Courtney Devlin, a senior nursing major, said she wants a job in critical care and that the economy has affected how hard she has worked in school.

"It has affected me in the sense that I knew I would have to put in a lot of hard work and effort to be in the top of the class in order to have my pick of places to go work or at least be a well-rounded candidate," Devlin said. "If there truly is going to be an economic downturn in the field of nursing, I don't want to be a part of it."

Devlin said if she were not able to immediately go into critical care for whatever reason, she would find the next best thing.

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Lockwood said there are nursing graduates who have been offered jobs and have cho-



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sen not to take those jobs because they weren't in the areas they wanted. Likewise, she said, there are nursing graduates who didn't get interviews in the areas they wanted and consequently graduated without having jobs.

Burns said that generally, nursing graduates who are jobless after graduation are so by choice. Sometimes they are trying to decide between two offers or graduate school, Burns said.

Lockwood said some graduates are too particular about the kind of jobs they would take and where they would take them. With the way health care and the economy are right now, the likelihood of getting a job that meets such particular require-

ments is difficult, she said.

Lockwood said.

"You're going up against women and men who are making choices to go back to work because of the economy," Lockwood said. "We have nurses who haven't worked in years who are now going back to work, and so you're going up against experienced nurses, you're going up against nurses who had been part-time who had been working in those areas who are now going full-time, and you're going up against a larger number of graduates because we have been challenged to increase our enrollment and to increase the number of grads that we have."

There are only so many positions and hospitals, people out there."

Lockwood said.

Lockwood said one of the things she tells seniors is that they can't just interview in Fort Worth.

"If you want to live in Fort Worth, you can live in Fort Worth and work in Dallas or you can live in Arlington and work in Dallas," Lockwood said.

"And so, I've really challenged them that you've got to put your application at every hospital because there are so many hospitals and they're all looking for nurses, but if you are going to narrow your choices to this very small area, then the possibility of you not finding a job is going to be high because there's a lot of people out there."

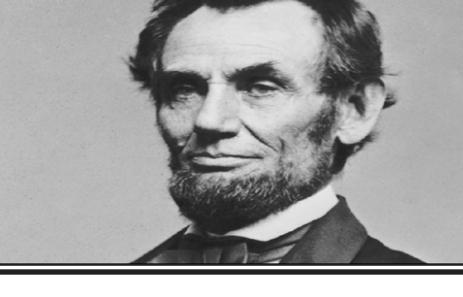
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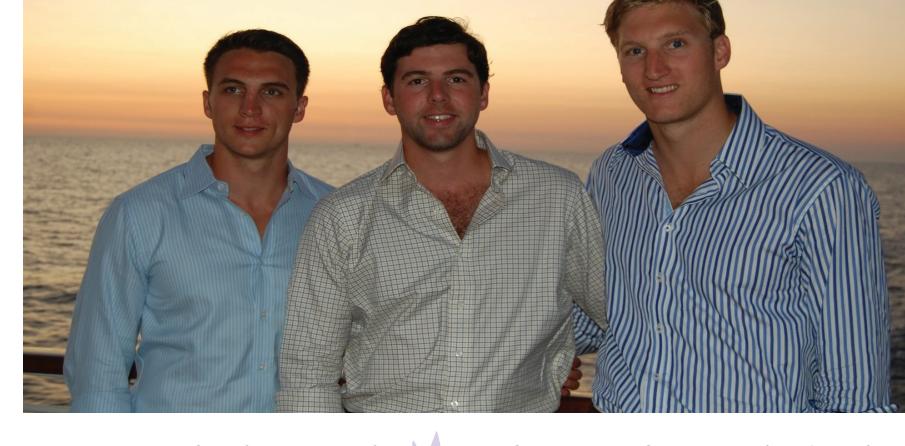


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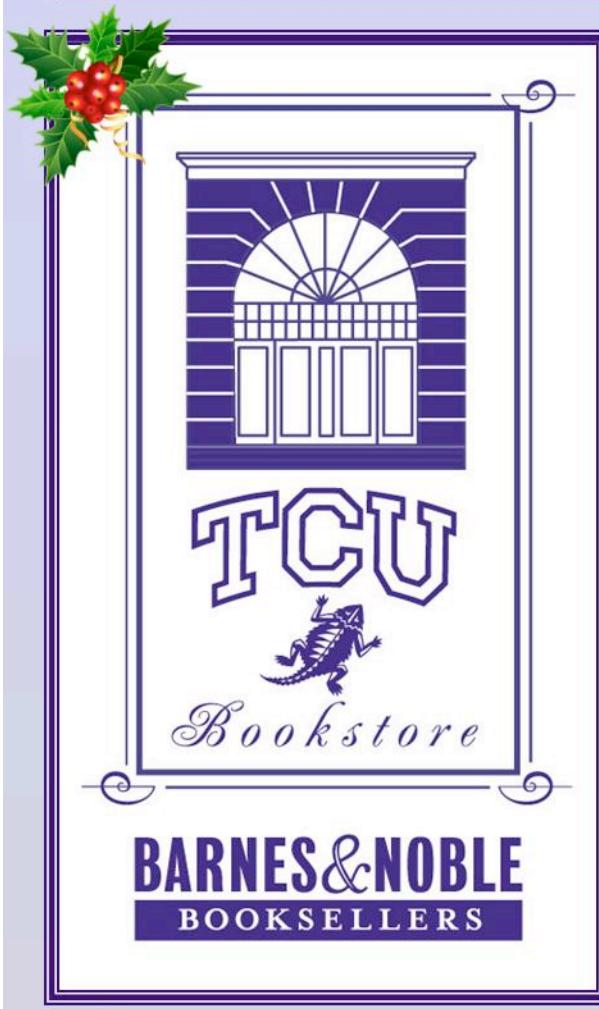
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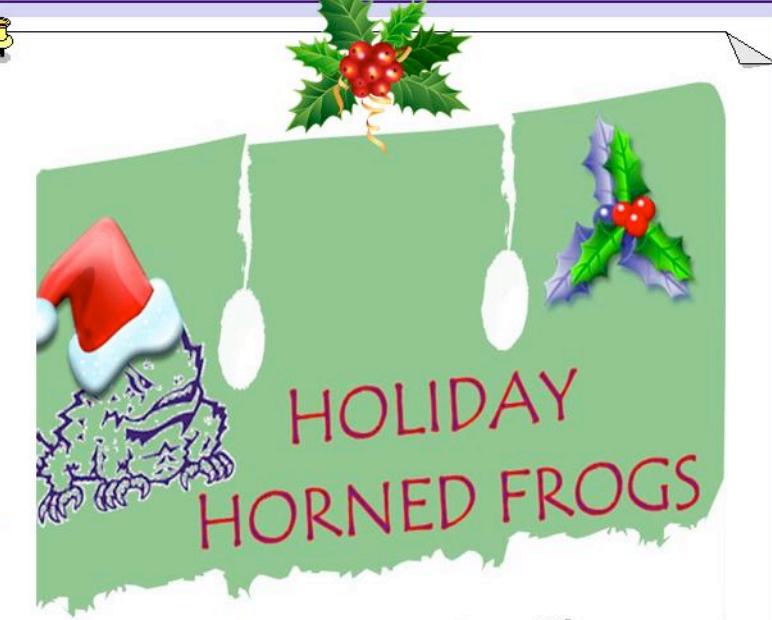


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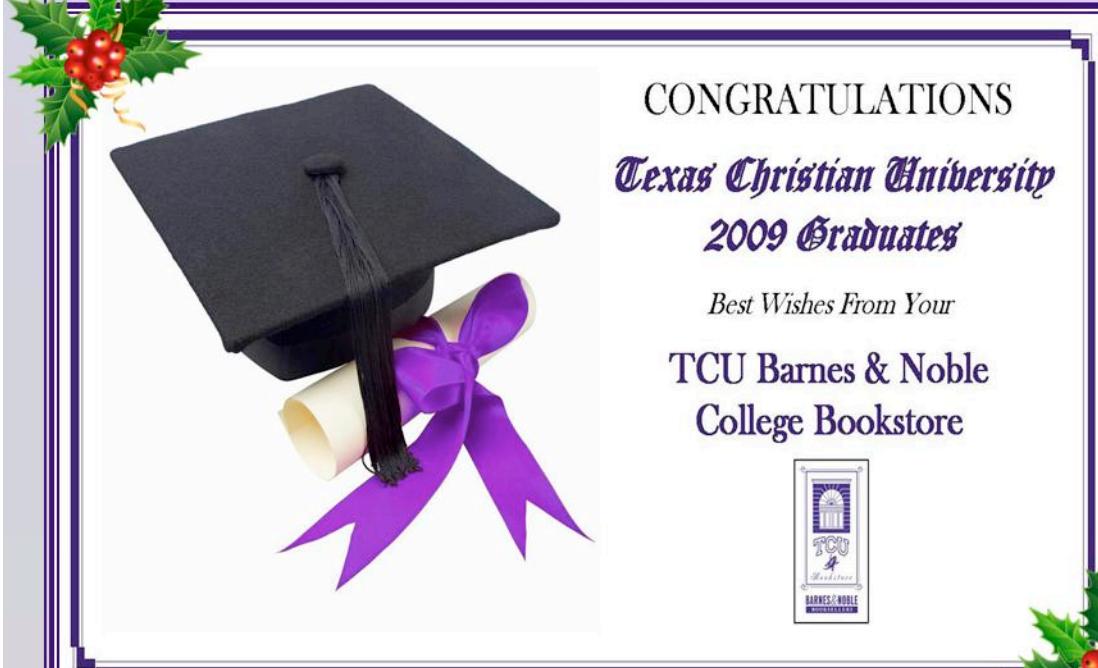


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JORDAN SMITH

With the 2009 regular season in the books, it's finally time to broach the subject that's been taboo all year.

It's the topic head coach Gary Patterson had refused to even speculate on until the last win was in the books. It's that goal in the second-to-last brick in the pyramid that hangs in the Horned Frog locker room.

With a win over 1-11 New Mexico, we can finally – finally! – discuss what many fans have had on their minds since before the season even began: the Horned Frogs in the BCS.

Right?

Well, not yet. Although the Frogs finished their season unbeaten and a trip to a BCS bowl is all but certain, the BCS bowl committees won't make their selections until next Sunday. That means Frog fans still have to wait one more week before TCU's entry into the Bowl Championship Series becomes official and students and alumni

can start making travel arrangements. Until next Sunday, the most TCU fans can do will be to sit back and root for Nebraska.

Regardless of whether the Huskers manage to knock off the Longhorns, an upset that theoretically would push TCU into the national championship game, this season has certainly been one for the books.

From College GameDay and sellout stadiums to big wins over

BYU and Utah and the first undefeated regular season in 71 years, 2009 will be remembered as something special, wherever the Frogs end up in January.

Consider what this team has accomplished. TCU didn't just beat opponents in 2009, it crushed them with an average margin of victory of 28 points. They beat three teams currently ranked in either the BCS Standings or the AP Top 25, and two of those teams they played on the road.

In 2009 the Frogs finished their season with the fourth best offense in the country and the second best defense.

But more than anything, 2009 should be remembered as the culmination of a decade-long process that put TCU back on the college football map.

When Patterson arrived in

Fort Worth back in 1998 as part of Dennis Franchione's staff, the Horned Frogs were coming off half a century of mediocrity and a 1-11 season. That just makes the past decade even more impressive. Since Patterson arrived, the Frogs have gone to ten bowl games and won seven. The team is regularly ranked in the Top 25 and sends players into the NFL draft virtually every year.

The bottom line is Coach Patterson has done more than just put together a great team. He's built a great program.

So if Nebraska folds the same way Texas A&M did and the undefeated Frogs are left out of the championship game, it won't mean the end of the world. TCU will still have gone undefeated and will still get to play in a BCS bowl.

More importantly, the future is bright, and it's likely the Frogs won't have to wait another 71 years for their next special season.

So until Sunday, let's enjoy the 2009 season for what it is and has been, not what it could be or could have been.

And go Huskers.

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ROSE BACA / Web Editor

Head coach Gary Patterson stands with wide receiver Ryan Christian and other graduating seniors who gave a bouquet to their families before the home game against University of New Mexico on Saturday.



ROSE BACA / Web Editor

Quarterback and graduating senior Marcus Jackson walks down to the field with a bouquet of flowers to present to his family at the home game against The University of New Mexico on Saturday.

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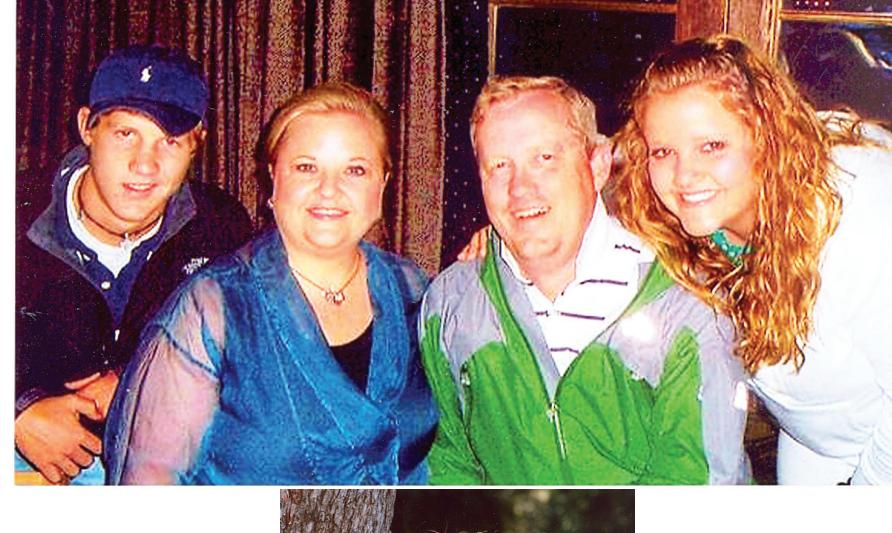
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Alumni return as faculty, staff

By Paige McArdle
Staff Reporter

The university has a reputation for hiring many of its alumni. The things that keep these graduates coming back are a family atmosphere and the people that make up the university, said an alumna.

Dede Williams graduated from the university in 2001 and returned as the director of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Next Generation Leadership Program in 2006. Williams received degrees in sociology and business and said she always thought she'd end up in the corporate world after college.

After working as an intern at a nonprofit adoption organization, Williams said she realized her needs were better served helping others. She said her current position allows her to use her passions for the business world and helping others to develop the next generation of leaders at the university.

Williams said alumni bring unique perspectives

that employees who come from other universities can't.

TCU students are different than other students in that they come in to college with more diverse experiences and are more focused on developing themselves, Williams said. Knowing the type of student who attends the university has helped her to give students a better experience, she said.

A senior student who plans to take an internship at the university after he graduates this month agreed.

Senior history major Jimmy Hopper plans to work as an intern for Student Development next semester. He said that although people coming from elsewhere may bring a fresh perspective, graduates add experience and passion for the school to the mix.

"Obviously I am far from knowing everything about this school, but I do know a lot about this school," Hopper said. "I know a lot about the students: how they work

... what they want, what they don't want."

Although Hopper plans to work elsewhere after next semester, he said is looking forward to his internship

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Senior history major

because he will be working under experienced employees from whom he can learn a lot.

For Williams, working at the university is a family tradition. Her parents are both alumni and her mother, Deidre Williams, has worked as an administrative assistant for the Center for Professional Communication for 12 years.

Deidre Williams, who graduated in 1968, said she

began working at the university when her daughter was an undergraduate student to help pay for her daughter's education. Working around students helps keep her young, she said.

Dede Williams said that the family atmosphere and the devotion of faculty and staff have not changed since she attended the university, but the school spirit on campus has.

In previous years, she saw students wearing shirts from their individual organizations. This year, on the other hand, she has seen more TCU shirts and more enthusiasm about school spirit and athletics.

She said the success of the football team brought a lot of these changes to the university. The publicity the university has received from it would continue to bring the university to new levels in terms of recruitment, admissions and the way people around the world view TCU.



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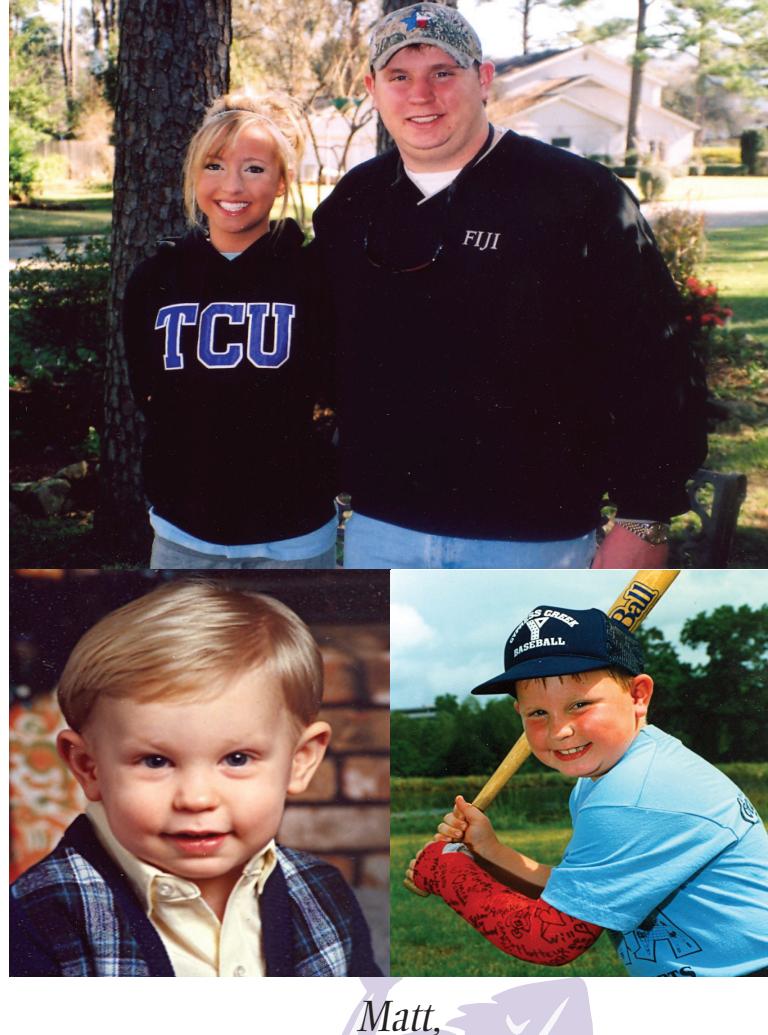
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Improving resumes made easy by Career Services

By Ryne Sulier
Staff Reporter

First impressions may be the most important variable in succeeding in the professional world, but employers have already met an individual before he or she has walked in for an interview.

Rachael Thomas, a career adviser for University Career Services, said she believed an employer's first impression of a job candidate is the resume and cover letter he or she submits.

"Employers usually spend 20 to 30 seconds reviewing a resume, so you definitely want to make sure that it highlights the qualifications that market yourself," Thomas said. "Before submitting a resume to an employer, (students) should come by and meet with an adviser one on one. It's always good to

have a second pair of eyes."

Students have a variety of assets and tools at their disposal to make an effective resume, she said. The most personal option is to stop by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Career Center, located in Jarvis Hall, or the Alcon Career Center, located in room 140 of Dan Rogers Hall.

Both career service offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but students who do not have appointments must drop in from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., she said.

"Drop-in appointments usually last 15 to 20 minutes, so if you feel like you need longer than that, we suggest that you schedule an appointment," she said.

When students come in, they are given a resume and cover letter guide, she said. The resume and cover letter guide is

complete with a list of "do's" and "don'ts" for making a resume, different resume formats, tips

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Career Services

for making a cover letter, as well as samples of different types of resumes. Once a student has put together his or her resume,

one of the Career Services advisers will critique the resume.

Tori Jackson, a senior psychology major, said she didn't realize the university had a lot of tools for helping students with their resume.

"I knew about FrogJobs, but I never thought there was actually a resume center that students could go to for help on making a good resume," Jackson said. "I like that you can walk in without an appointment also."

Students may also find the resume and cover letter guide and other resources for making an effective resume online at careers.tcu.edu.

"We have additional resources online under our student section such as online workshops that give different suggestions and tips for creating an effective resume and cover letter," Thomas said. "Go to the student section on our Web site and it brings up the link to Optimal Resume. This is something I definitely recommend to students."

According to the Optimal Resume Web site, the site partnered with over 600 career centers to offer a web-based resume builder program.

Andrew Kangerga, a senior entrepreneurial management major, said the online resources fit the schedule of students better.

"As a student I'm constantly on the go and without everything being online I don't know how I would get by," Kangerga said. "The fact that Career Services provides all the tools online that you can get from going into their office is more realistic for students who are constantly in class or at work."

All students and alumni can access to Optimal Resume as long as a valid TCU e-mail address is used, Thomas said. "Optimal Resume is a re-

ally good resource for formatting resumes because you can start a resume from scratch or browse resume samples by field or industry," she said. "Students can also browse section sets that give a skeleton resume that students can fill in and tweak."

Students can save their resume as a Microsoft Office Word document, PDF or they can automatically upload it to FrogJobs, she said.

"If students haven't signed up for FrogJobs we recommend that students do that," she said. "The first time (students) upload their resume to (FrogJobs) it is critiqued by an adviser."

Career Services will critique a resume by e-mail, but meeting with an adviser before an employer sees a student's resume is important, she said.

"I recommend trying to tailor your resume as closely as possible to whatever job you are applying for," she said.

There are three basic types of resume formats that can be used based on professional experience:

Chronological resume

The combination resume is a good resume to use if an employer is looking for other specific qualities that pertain to the job position, she said.

"If an employer wants to see your work history but they also want to see your leadership experience, it is possible to have a separate leadership experience category along with a work experience category," she said. "You are tailoring it to whatever position you apply for."

While it is necessary to make sure a resume has the most relevant work experience on top, there are also little things that employers check for, she said.

"Chronological resumes are typically what employers look for," she said. "The great thing about a relevant experience category is it that you can include more than just paid positions."

Functional resume

The functional resume may be best for students who do not have a great deal of professional or internship experience, she said.

"The individual is highlighting more of their skills and less of where they receive them from," she said. "There is more of a focus on abilities and less focus on work history."

The functional resume makes it possible to tie in relevant skills received from extracurricular activities, academic course work or volunteer work, she said.

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"I've seen employers throw out a resume because of bad grammar or missed spelling," she said. "Always check for grammar. Those are the things employers often use to weed out candidates."

Elizabeth Alexandra Grella



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Fall grad rate still rising

By Jourdan Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The national trend of the increasing number of students finishing college also represented the university's numbers, a university official said.

Patrick Miller, registrar and director of enrollment management, said number of students that graduate in December has increased over the last five years.

Cathy Coghlan, director of institutional research, wrote in an e-mail that enrollment increases during the past few years at the university explained the increase of December graduates.

"One possible explanation in the number of December graduates is an overall increase in enrollment at TCU over the same time period," Coghlan said.

Miller said another reason for the increase of December graduates could be because of programs, like nursing, that set students up for December graduations.

Marinda Allender, director

of undergraduate nursing programs, wrote in an e-mail that the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences accepted students into their five semester program in January and August. Allender wrote that the students admitted in August graduate two years later in December. She also said that the number of students admitted remained at 60, so there had been no increasing trend.

The university's current enrollment stands at an estimated 8,853, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

According to the Fall 2008 Fact Book prepared by Institutional Research, enrollment hit a peak in 2006. That fall semester, 8,865 full and part-time undergraduate and graduate students enrolled.

Last fall, enrollment jumped 64 more students than in the fall 2004 semester, according to the Fact Book.

Full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate students for the fall 2005 semester rose from 8,632 to 8,749 before enrollment hit the 2006 high. Though total enrollment fluctuated over the past five years, undergraduate and graduate graduation rates continued to rise, Coghlan wrote.

The Assistant Registrar for Academic Ceremonies at SMU said the university expected approximately 800 students to graduate in December. She said that Southern Methodist University has also seen an increase in the number of students that graduate in December.



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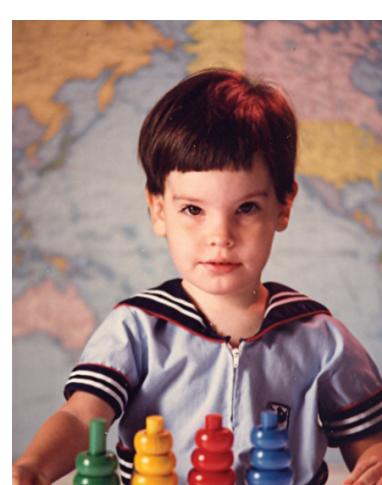
Greg Nord



Greg,
Congratulations! Your entire family is so proud of you. The friends you've made, the memories you'll cherish, and the knowledge you've gained will be with you forever.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Amanda

William Wysoski



From that curious little boy who was into everything, you have grown up into a man of many accomplishments. We are so proud of you. As you enter a new chapter of your life, may God's grace and love always guide you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Lauren, KK, Robert, and Boys

GRADUATION

Q&A

GRADUATES

By Austin Pearson
Staff Reporter



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ROSS MURRAY

Film-TV/digital media major

Q: What's your favorite memory of your time at the university?

A: There's a lot to choose from. Probably just all the various film productions I've done while I've been here. I've basically done one every semester, like two or three every semester since my freshman year, and I always looked forward to those.

Q: What's your dream job?

A: Writing and directing feature-length films.



ANTHONY DIAZ

Economics major

Q: What's your favorite memory of your time at the university?

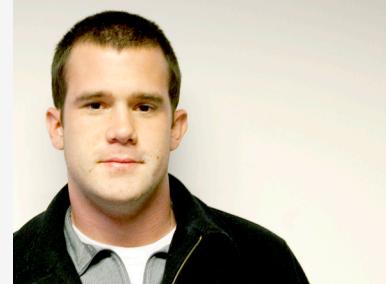
A: Last Saturday at the football game going 12-0 for the perfect season. I loved going to the games and being a part of it.

Q: What are your plans after graduating?

A: Either go back home to El Paso and find a job there or look for a job in Fort Worth.

Q: What's your dream job?

A: I would love to work for the Texas Rangers.



STEPHEN BROUSSARD

Strategic communication major

Q: What do you plan on doing after graduating?

A: I'm from Dallas and I'm talking to a couple of sports teams that I would like to do marketing for.

Q: What's your dream job?

A: Marketing for the Dallas Cowboys.



MEGHAN LEAL

Graphic design major

Q: What is your favorite memory of your time at the university?

A: Going to the football games. I never missed a home game. Just the whole atmosphere of our football team; the tailgating before, being there with my friends and just having that close knit community within our school.

Q: What is your dream job?

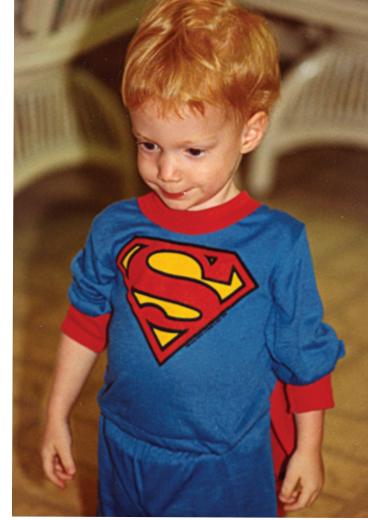
A: I would love to work at Nylon Magazine. It's up in New York and it's very competitive to get a job there, but it would be my dream job.

Jonathan Harvey Mellard



Jack –
I'm proud of you
as always!
Much love,
Mom

Grant McMillan



Grant,

Words can't express our joy as we celebrate with you this magic moment. Through plain hard work, you reached your goal and along the way grew into a good and honorable man. You did your best.

Love,
Mom, Dad and the rest of the gang

Meghan Christina Leal



Meghan (aka Goo),

You were always the "artistic" Leal, so no surprise how well you have done in college! We are so proud of you and your awesome graphic artwork and designs. We are excited to see what comes next.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Logan, Ashley, Corey,
& Your Loving Pets

Ashley Joyce Bird



Ashley,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you for obtaining your Accounting and Finance degrees. With only an extra semester after changing majors, it shows how extraordinary you are! We look forward to watching your bright future unfold.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Leah, Jessica, Percy & Bailey

Jessica Nicole Reinsch



Jessica,

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.
-Henry David Thoreau

We are so very proud of your accomplishments!

Love you forever and for always,
Mom, Dad, Alexander and Melissa

Hunter James Blair



Our little prince turned into a Frog!
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Brooke

GRADUATION

University's endowment fares better than most

By Eric Anderson
Staff Writer

In the wake of the global economic downturn many universities lost considerable value from their endowments and were forced to make budget cuts.

James Hille, the university's chief investment officer, said the average university endowment in North Texas fell 22 to 23 percent.

According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, universities with an endowment value more than \$1 billion lost an average 20 percent of the total value of their endowments. Harvard lost about 30 percent of the value of its endowment and was forced to make drastic budget cuts.

Hille said TCU's peak endowment value was worth \$1.25 billion, but it is now worth \$1.1 billion.

TCU's losses were less than the average losses for similar universities, Hille said.

"Because we positioned the endowment very conservatively and supplemented our spending from the endowment, we were able to avoid heavy budget and program cuts," Hille said.

Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, said TCU was well positioned and ready for the economic downturn.

"Last year, as the credit cri-

sis hit and the economy went south, we were in the middle of a budgeting process," he said. "The board of trustees decided (in that budgeting process) to use the endowment as a buffer for our budget."

The board of trustees authorized \$58.5 million out of the endowment, which was the same amount as in previous years, even though the average value of the endowment

lize the university's budgetary situation and avoid layoffs.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said TCU cut operating costs because of the recession. This was done as a precaution, not a reaction to loss of revenue, he said.

Gutierrez said the university asked departments to make any reductions in their operating costs that could help offset endowment losses caused by the economic downturn to the \$360 million budget.

Cutting operating costs at a university usually means layoffs because employee payroll is the main expense, Mills said. The university didn't consider any layoffs because "we didn't want to pass that burden on to the students by cutting programs," he said.

The operating cost cuts were so modest that students probably did not even see a difference, Mills said. The university cut operating costs by reducing the amount of food served at campus events and choosing to serve water in place of more expensive drinks, he said.

Certain areas were protected from budget cuts like campus security and financial aid, Mills said.

"We actually added a couple of security officers and increased financial aid," he said.

Gutierrez said the university increased financial aid by 5 percent, raising the total to



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\$3.5 million.

"We even added \$300,000 on top of the 5 percent increase to provide additional aid for contingent situations," he said.

The university uses a tuition-dependent model to determine its budget where more of the budget comes from tuition.

"Our endowment only contributes about 16 to 17 percent of our budget," Hille said.

This helped insulate the budget from the negative economic climate, he said.

Harvard uses an endowment-dependent model

where about 60 percent of its budget comes from the endowment. Endowment losses in an endowment-dependent model budget can result in considerable cuts, he said.

Meeting and exceeding the target enrollment numbers considerably helped the budgetary situation, Hille said.

The university increased its freshman numbers this year by 200.

TCU did not cut student programming because of the recession, Mills said.

"We are still spending in excess, but we will be at a normalized level, with respect to the payout and the budget soon," he said.

Tiffany Elizabeth Raymer



Tiffany Elizabeth Raymer,
Once you touched the Horned Frog
it was inevitable that you would be
a TCU Horned Frog!
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Robby Ormand



Rob,

We are all so proud of your many accomplishments.

You have learned a lot and achieved so much.

You have worked hard and maintained your focus.

You have met challenges with character and strong will.

Truly your days at TCU have been filled
with success and triumphs.

Truly the best wins are yet to come.

We love you deeply Little Man.

Congratulations,

Mom and Dad and all of your loving family.

We are all so proud!

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Gather momentum with each achievement."

Stephanie René Strauss



"There is a good reason they call these ceremonies commencement exercises. Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning." -Orrin Hatch

We could not be prouder of you. We are looking forward to seeing the direction you lead yourself in the coming years, and know that you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,
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