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Admissions office celebrates 10,000th application received

By JILLIAN HUTCHISON
Staff Reporter

A celebratory spirit was in the air at the admissions office Tuesday as the staff mingled near silver balloons forming the number 10,000 and munched on Horned Frog cookies.

The admissions staff members were celebrating their 10,000th application received, a milestone reached Friday.

For the 2006 school year, TCU received about 8,700 applications. This year's applications are ahead of last year's record, according to the admissions office, and the year isn't over yet.

Though a specific reason behind the increase is

unclear, it is apparent that TCU is quickly becoming more competitive.

"It's unprecedented and unexpected," said Jim Atwood, assistant to the dean of admissions. "It looks like we'll have 11,000 by the end."

With the number of applications received this year, Atwood said, there will be a 100 percent increase from 2000 to 2007.

"We're delighted that people have found out about this place," said Ray Brown, dean of admissions.

Southern Methodist University has also seen an increase in its applications this year, said SMU Nancy Peterson, assistant dean of undergraduate admissions.

SMU is anticipating a 15 percent increase in applications, Peterson said.

There are several factors that could contribute to the sudden surge in applications, though, Brown said, it's difficult to attribute it to one specific reason.

Though admissions counselors haven't done anything dramatically different this year to recruit students, Atwood cited the greater number of on-campus programs designed for prospective students, as well as word of mouth from both past and present students, as factors in attracting students.

"There are a whole bunch of little things that come together to have a big impact," Brown said. Overall, Atwood said, enroll-

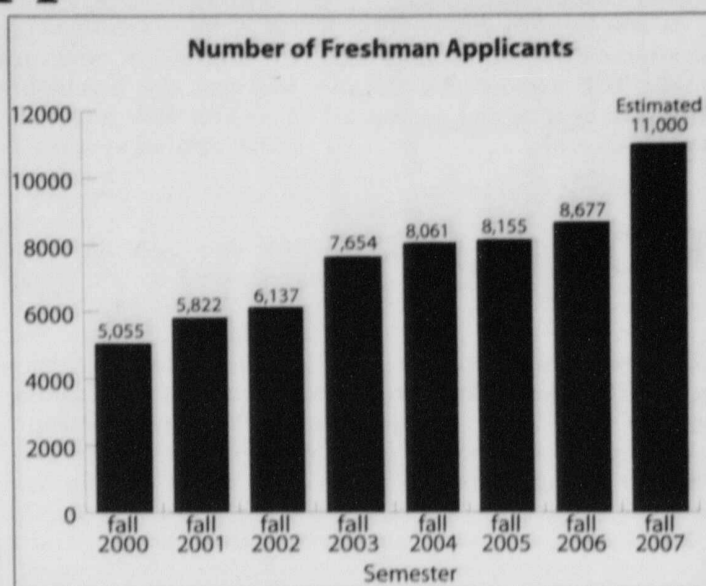
ment numbers will not be affected by the growing number of applications.

The percentage of students accepted this year will be lower than ever, he said.

"The quality academic indicators might rise based on the fact that we have more students to choose from," Atwood said.

Wes Waggoner, director of freshman admissions, said the application numbers will continue to grow this year, though they will begin to taper off.

It is difficult to predict whether the number of applicants will continue to rise at such a rapid pace in future years, Atwood said, as many things in admissions are cyclical.



ROLF NELSON/illustration
SOURCE: OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

Lost business cited to lack of tenants

By JAMES BROWN
Staff Reporter

The calendar may say it's a new year, but for the GrandMarc at Westberry Place it doesn't feel any different.

A total of 23,000 square feet of the GrandMarc's retail space remains vacant, and, since leasing space with Perrotti's Pizza and CitiBank, the GrandMarc has been unable to recruit additional tenants.

Although negotiations with several busi-

nesses are in progress, Kimberly Moss, director of community operations for the GrandMarc, said both Starbucks and Dallas-based sandwich shop Which Wich, recently decided against leasing space in the GrandMarc.

Which Wich franchisee John Darrah cited the cost of the lease along with construction delays as reasons for choosing an alternate location — one directly across the street.

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Alex Grosso, a junior computer information technology major, walks by an empty bottom floor of the GrandMarc apartments. A GrandMarc official said the construction around Berry Street could be contributing to the lack of business in the apartments.

COMMON KNOWLEDGE

The Campus Commons is expected to be finalized by early summer 2008.



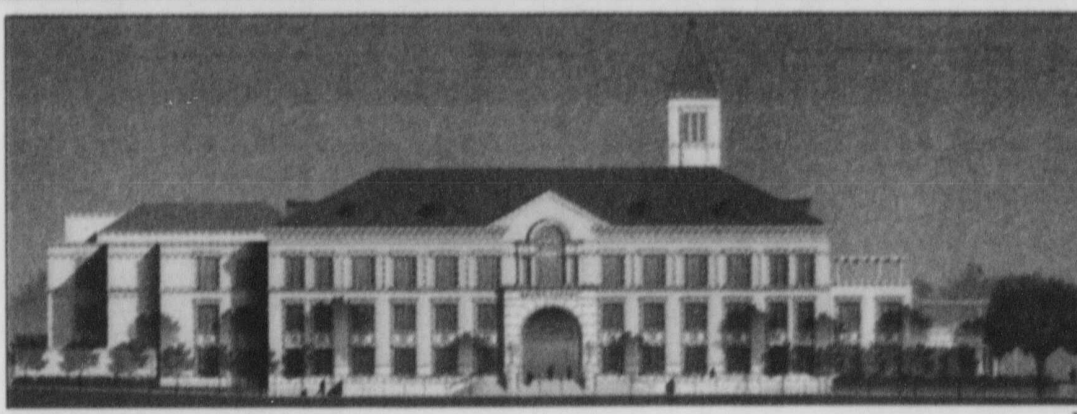
By SONYA CISNEROS
Staff Reporter

There is light at the end of the tunnel.

While campus construction has become a part of life at TCU, there's hope that within a year there won't be a crane in sight.

TCU began construction of the Brown-Lupton University Union on Dec. 18, 2006, which, when finished, will complete the new Campus Commons area.

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(ABOVE) A rendering of East Commons through an entry, (BELOW) A west view of the new Brown-Lupton Student Union. Construction of the union is scheduled to be completed July 2008.

Camp conquers cold

By SUSAN GILMARTIN
Staff Reporter

Even the cold weather could not stop many transfer and first year students from attending the first ever winter session of Frog Camp.

While attending a two-day camp Thursday and Friday, students were given the chance to meet upperclassmen and faculty members and get to know their fellow classmates just like a regular summer session.

The summer Frog Camps usually last three to five days, in order to allow more time for games and outdoor activities.

The cold weather, however, spurred some changes in the original plans for activities.

Instead of having activities outside, Frog Camp facilitator David Mitchell said they had to bring everything indoors to stay warm.

"This was definitely the first camp that has ever been snowed out," Mitchell said.

Frog Camp student director Nina Byers said most transfers do not attend a Frog Camp.

"You don't get many transfer students to go to Frog Camp," Byers said. "They have been to

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New student center to update dining options

By LESLIE DYER
Staff Reporter

When the new student union opens in 2008, both a new campus life and a new way to eat will come along with it.

TCU Dining Services is replacing the present a la carte plan with a buffet-style program.

Rather than using an ID debit card at all of the dining facilities, students will swipe their IDs to gain access to the residential dining hall in the new Brown-Lupton Student Union, said Rick Flores, the general manager of TCU Dining Services.

Students will then choose their meal from a buffet of choices.

TCU is gathering ideas for this membership-type program from some neighboring universities, Flores said.

Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, Texas Tech University and the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio all provide a similar plan.

SMU offers seven different meal plans, ranging from \$200 to \$2,035 per semester, that include both membership entries and additional "Flex" dollars.

"Flex" dollars, like the current TCU meal plan, are used like a debit card on campus, according to the SMU Dining Services Web site.

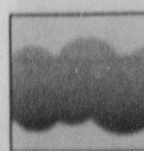
The membership-style plans at SMU allow for several choices. Some give the student an unlimited amount of buffet meals in campus dining halls. Other, lower-priced plans allow the student a certain number of on-campus meals.

Because of the change in meal plans, a change in price is also in the near future.

The new plan will cost students more because of operation costs and product prices, but the exact increase has not been determined, Flores said.

The number of on-campus restaurant options will stay about the same

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PECULIAR FACT

Monroe, La.—A man told investigators he set fire to his mother's house because she told him to get a job if he wanted to stay there, according to an investigator. — Associated Press

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The commons area will also include four new residence halls and multiple indoor and outdoor dining options.

This will give students a central location in which to eat, talk and interact with each other, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The union will feature a 350-seat theater for films, lectures and performances; a ballroom and a conference center.

It will benefit students both academically and socially and make TCU a more pedestrian-friendly, residential community, Mills said.

Mills said a restaurant will also be included in the union. "It will be like a sports bar without the bar," Mills said.

Mills said the new union will provide students with a variety of programs and dining options creating "a very significant change in student life."

The union is being built adjacent to Stadium Drive across from Amon Carter Stadium. As a result, the parking lots of Colby and Moncrief halls are permanently closed.

Travis Bowles, a junior communication studies major, said he thinks the new union will improve the public image of TCU and will definitely attract more applicants. He said he's

disappointed that he won't be able to reap the benefits of the completed project.

The completion of the new union will cement a 12-year relationship between Linbeck Construction and TCU.

Tom Hale, senior project manager, said the construction is progressing well and is scheduled to be completed July 2008. Since Dec. 18, there have been two days of rain through which Linbeck employees worked.

Hale said he is hoping for weather cooperation and will do everything necessary to finish the project on time.

"We will not finish late," Hale said. "That's not an option."

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FACILITIES TO BE COMPLETED

- **March 2007**
Indoor Football Practice Facility
East Campus Chiller Plant
- **Summer 2007**
Two of four new residence halls
- **Fall 2007**
J.E. and L.E. Mabee School of Education Complex
Steve and Betsy Palko Building
Barnes and Noble at Texas Christian University
- **December 2007**
New residence halls
- **July 2008**
Campus Commons landscaping
Brown-Lupton University Union

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after the new dining halls open, he said.

A retail-style restaurant, a residential dining hall and a convenience store will replace the four existing dining options.

These facilities will open when the new student union construction is finished.

If the building goes up on time, the new dining plan will go into effect fall 2008, said Legia Abato, the marketing manager for TCU Dining Services.

After the new dining halls are operating, the current Brown-Lupton Student Center will be renovated into classrooms, offices and meeting rooms.

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college before so a lot of them feel like they already know the ropes."

Byers said coming to TCU is still a new thing whether they have been to another school.

Kay Higgins, associate dean of student development, said there are about 40 to 60 first-year students this semester, a number she said is very high for January.

Higgins said the camp was implemented to meet these students' needs.

It is very hard to come into a new school, especially in the middle of the year, Higgins said.

The winter Frog Camp was at Lakeview Camp and Retreat Center in Waxahachie, according to the Student Development Services Web site.

Higgins said the camp was focused mainly on commu-

nity building because of the time restriction during Winter Break.

Students were put into groups to get to know each other and become familiar with the TCU environment.

Mitchell said there were about 10 to 12 transfer students at the winter camp — more than usually attend a summer Frog Camp session.

Sarah Hernandez, a transfer student and student worker in the SDS office said she met some of the facilitators before she went to camp.

"Some of the facilitators were talking about camp before we went, but I wanted to keep it a surprise," Hernandez said.

She also said she felt a little weird going to Frog Camp as a transfer student, only because mostly freshmen attend.

Mitchell said about 55 to 60 students attended and 10 to 12 of those were transfer students.

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"Obviously there's some kind of holdover," Darrah said. "They still don't have their tenants. This opportunity presented itself and I have a great landlord."

Moss said businesses are reluctant to lease space before the Berry Street construction is finished.

Resident Services Manager Marcus Martin said the construction was scheduled to be completed by the city Aug. 24, 2006.

Moss also attributed businesses' hesitation to utilize the GrandMarc's retail space to a less-than-capacity resident

population, a trend that is quickly reversing.

Martin said the current occupancy is 70.9 percent, but will be as high as 84.6 percent during the spring semester.

By the 2007 fall semester, he said, the GrandMarc will reach capacity.

Because the GrandMarc is considered on-campus housing, TCU's latest mandate requiring all first and second-year students to live on campus has spurred what the GrandMarc's January newsletter called "a flood of sophomores making reservations already for fall 2007."

Moss admitted she would prefer to be further along in the leasing process, but she said she has remained optimistic about acquiring tenants.

"There are ongoing negotiations with Jason's Deli and Buffalo Wild Wings," Moss said.

Martin said the GrandMarc is open to a variety of businesses leasing space in the GrandMarc, such as an ice cream shop, a sports bar and even a tanning salon.

"We're looking to be in line with the Central Market, Camp Bowie space," Martin said. "The only criteria is that they're not competing with each other."

Though Perrotti's Pizza and CitiBank have each leased space with the GrandMarc, both are currently undergoing installation and are expected to open during the spring semester.

Multiple life terms possible for suspect accused of kidnapping Missouri boys

By ROBERT PATRICK
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — The charge Michael J. Devlin faces in the abduction of William "Ben" Ownby carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Investigators, and lawyers familiar with criminal statutes, said Tuesday he is likely to be named on federal and state charges that could bring additional life terms.

Devlin is scheduled to be arraigned Thursday in Franklin County, Mo., on one count of child kidnapping. A spokeswoman for Prosecuting Attorney Robert Parks said he was not taking phone calls Tuesday and had not finalized a decision about additional charges.

The crime transcends several jurisdictions.

Shawn Hornbeck, rescued Friday from Devlin's apartment by police who had traced Ownby, disappeared from near his home in Washington County, Mo., in 2002. The prosecutor there, John Rupp, did not return a call Tuesday, but has scheduled a press conference for this afternoon.

The apartment where the boys were kept is in Kirkwood, Mo., giving jurisdiction to St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Robert P. McCulloch too. He could not be reached Tuesday.

Jeannette Graviss, chief warrant officer for

the St. Louis circuit attorney's office, which is not involved in the case, said Tuesday that a 2004 law established the distinct crime of child kidnapping. The Class A felony is punishable by 10 years to life.

Graviss, who cautioned that her office is not privy to details of this case, said the same charge might not apply for Hornbeck, since he was taken before the law was passed. His might be classified as a kidnapping without ransom, a Class B felony with a penalty of five to 15 years in prison.

On Saturday, Roland Corvington, special agent in charge of the St. Louis FBI office, said Devlin may face federal charges but the U.S. attorney's office said Tuesday that none was filed so far.

Former U.S. Attorney Jim Martin said federal and local prosecutors have historically worked to apply the best charges in the best venues.

He noted that a federal kidnapping charge can be applied if a victim is held more than 24 hours, under a law that then puts a legal burden on the defense to prove that no state lines were crossed.

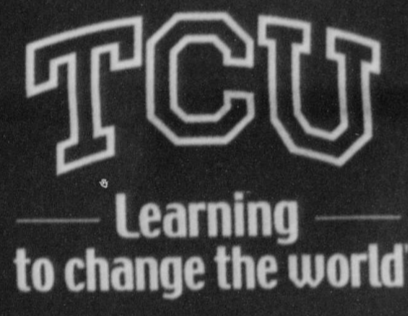
Martin said federal kidnapping carries a potential penalty of life in prison with a 20-year minimum if the victim is under 18.

Devlin's lawyers could not be reached Tuesday.

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"People want economy, and they will pay any price to get it."
— Lee Iacocca

THE SKIFF VIEW

Business decision not political

On Jan. 8, a Dallas-based pizza chain, Pizza Patron, began accepting Mexican pesos, in addition to the U.S. dollar, as a form of payment from customers.

The decision by any business to accept an additional currency is entirely that: its decision.

Andrew Gamm, Pizza Patron's director of brand development, said the chain caters predominantly to Latinos and began accepting pesos as an additional service to its patrons.

Like all businesses, Pizza Patron has a desire to make a profit by serving customers and keeping them happy. Accepting pesos is one way to do that.

Though the move is entirely legal, Gamm said, at first the company received many complaints via e-mail about the service. Some call it one more way Latino culture is invading the U.S.

One week later, however, Gamm said the tide has turned and the majority of e-mails the company receives are largely positive.

While many U.S. residents might be upset

at the company's decision to accept pesos, it should be noted that many businesses in the northern states already accept Canadian dollars with little to no resistance or protest.

As many have noted time and again, the United States is a melting pot of culture. Since its birth, our country has lived and breathed on the ideal of all cultures welcome. The United States has seen waves of immigration: Germans, Italians, Chinese and, now, Central and South Americans.

It's only natural for this newest wave of immigrants to bring with them a part of their own country, monies included.

Gamm said he thinks a lot of money exists in small amounts of pesos spread over many people in the state and accepting this currency is one way Pizza Patron is differentiating itself from larger competitors and helping to keep its growing customer base loyal.

People should look at Pizza Patron's new plan as a business decision not a political motivation.

John-Laurent Tronche is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Fort Worth.

BY RICKY ANDERSON



Gentlemen turn into boys around other men

Why does it seem that all men, especially those in their teens and 20s, turn into rude, noisy, childish boys when they are with their friends?

COMMENTARY



Erin Glatzel

Is it all about the alpha male? Where are the gentlemanly Rhett Butlers of "Gone with the Wind?" All I see are men who might have starred in "Jackass."

For the most part, men show no respect for women and their beauty. Instead of calling a woman "beautiful" or "stunning," they call her "hot" and then start discussions about how much they would like to get into her pants.

Now, I apologize to those men out there who are not complete animals. But even you surely recognize that the childish and immature ways men act nowadays are unacceptable.

Perhaps I just was not paying attention when I was younger, but now, when I see the boys who want to be called men, I cannot help but wonder what happened to respectful, gentle, manly men? Nowadays, it is rare to see a 20-something man open a car door for a woman, or, even worse, hold the door open for a woman as she is walking to class.

How can I respect them? I realized the other day that I find myself compar-

ing my boyfriends to my father. My dad is the epitome of everything a man should be. Why can't men today take a lesson from their fathers and act like the respectable people they should be?

The worst really comes out when men get around other men. They become childish boys, wrestling each other, shooting each other with pellet guns and making crude remarks to and about each other. All charm, wit and charisma goes out the window as they scratch, burp and hoot their ways to slobhood.

I don't get it; I may never get it. And yet, even in the midst of this rant, I have to also say that today's women might be to blame.

Putting all your goodies out there does not teach men to respect you or your body. You may complain that men don't look you in the eyes when they talk to you, but how can they when your double D's are popping out?

Women, you do not have to put up with unacceptable behavior. It is not in the DNA; it is a behavior that has been learned and can be unlearned. And, if you happen to be one of the lucky ones who have found a man who is respectful and kind and loves you more for your IQ rather than your bra size, hold on to him.

There are not too many Rhett Butlers left.

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Fans considered MVP of basketball team

If a tree falls in the forest and there's no one there to hear it, does it make a sound?

This seemingly simple question has puzzled mankind for ages. Maybe moving the setting to a

COMMENTARY more familiar locale will make the answer more apparent.



David Hall

If a basketball swishes through the net at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, and there are no fans in the seats, does it really make a sound?

You bet. There are 12 guys dressed in purple and white on the TCU sideline who live for that very sound, and dishearteningly, live to play the game in front of meager, unenthusiastic crowds.

I have seen seminars on the merits of rust-proofing turbine engines more densely attended than most TCU men's basketball games. But why is that? Maybe not enough people are aware of how fun the games really are.

I have never considered myself a fan of basketball, let alone college hoops, until I came to TCU. I originally went down to the coliseum one Saturday afternoon to pick up some tickets to the Texas Tech game so I could heckle Bobby Knight. In doing so, I hoped to send the ol' ball coach into a violent rage, causing him to tackle me and forcing him to pony up some serious "hush money" so I

wouldn't press charges.

Seeing that a game was currently in progress, my friend and I decided to sit and watch. While originally vowing to stay only a couple of minutes, lest we miss our football tailgate, we were soon pulled into an exciting battle of wills that ultimately resulted in a double-overtime victory over UT Arlington. Every game I've been to since then has been amazing. Be it crawling back from a double-digit deficit in a close loss to a heavily favored Texas Tech team or throwing my hands up and cheering as the Frogs knocked down a last-second shot to beat Tulane.

Besides the intense competition on the court, there is still plenty to keep you interested at the game. Focus on such things as the basketball band hurling insults at the opposing players, the well-choreographed dances of the TCU Showgirls or the peppy antics of the cheerleaders.

Also, don't forget that SuperFrog, the greatest mascot of all time, attends every game. If you're bored, stand in awe of his magical power to make you smile. He could steal the credit card numbers of everyone in the coliseum, but if he gazed at the audience with that look of utter bliss on his face, everyone would be hypnotically forced to smile and applaud. No matter what violation of civil rights or good sense he could think up, people would still love him to death. The Bush administration could use a guy like SuperFrog.

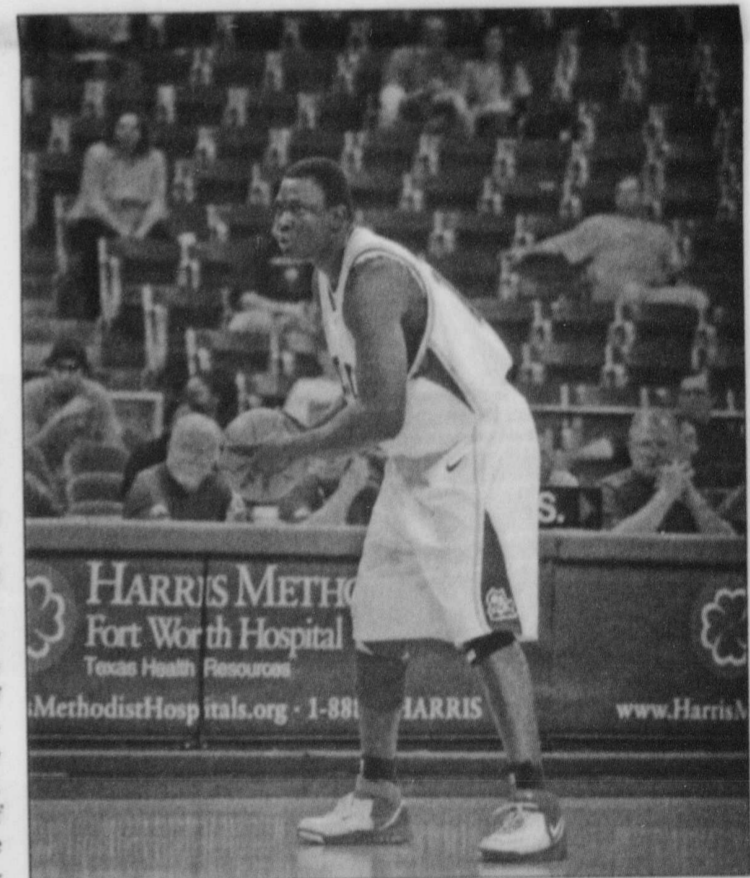
I understand the general sentiment around campus is that the men's team isn't good, given its 6-25 finish last season. However, in a little less than a year, this team has grown from Mountain West whipping boy to a corps of glass-eating, motor-oil-drinking studs.

Take a look at the numbers. At the de facto halfway point of this season, the Frogs already have four more wins than they did all of last season. Plus, they're off to a 2-1 start in the conference.

Same old song and dance as last year? I think not. Basketball is all about

momentum, and nothing gets those guys pumped up like a building full of screaming fans. Do you think Duke or North Carolina would be as good if they played in front of an empty house? The crowd is the most important player in the building. Players live or die by the support of the so-called "sixth man." It is time for us to make a difference. There's a home game versus Colorado State tonight at 7 p.m. I'll see you there.

David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood.



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

Femi Ibiokunle, senior forward, holds the ball in this season's game against the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks on Nov. 14. With the exception of the Texas Tech game, attendance has been low for TCU basketball home games.

No reason to spend big bucks on fairy tale wedding; debt could add stress to newlyweds

It's the day every girl has been planning since she was little. The over-sized white dress, the cascades

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Amy Kopsea

of roses and the towering cake are just a few of the details a bride must choose from. The fairy-tale wedding, however, is costing someone a pretty penny.

The average wedding cost has risen dramatically in the past few years, averaging nearly \$30,000 in 2005, according to CNNMoney.com.

Theweddingreport.com confirms this sum, reporting the average wedding in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in 2006 cost \$30,790. This does not include the price of the honeymoon, the engagement ring or a wedding planner.

But is one day really worth \$30,000?

We all hope it only comes around once in our lifetime, but the price of a wedding could be put toward true investments, like a down payment on a home or a payment toward your college loans.

Brides spend too much money on lavish, over-the-top weddings. And, in the

end, all those thousands of dollars are blown in just 24 hours.

A lavish wedding at Disney World costs anywhere from \$20,000 to \$45,000. There goes that BMW or Audi you've been dreaming about.

It is important to start a marriage being as financially stable as possible. Repay-

ing student loans can haunt a marriage for years, so why add on more hefty debt?

Jean Giles-Sims, professor of marriage and family, said parents are increasingly unable to pay for the lavish weddings brides and grooms want. She said, as a result, some newlyweds are left with the bill.

But for the most part, the

bride's parents are the ones suffering from these fairy tales. Tradition calls for the couple's parents to divide up the cost of the wedding with the bride's half paying more.

But for those newlyweds who do decide to pay their own way, they may be in over their heads.

This can create a large strain on the marriage early on. Giles-Sims said financial difficulties are a reason many couples get divorced, yet another sad but true reason to choose the David's Bridal gown instead of the Vera Wang.

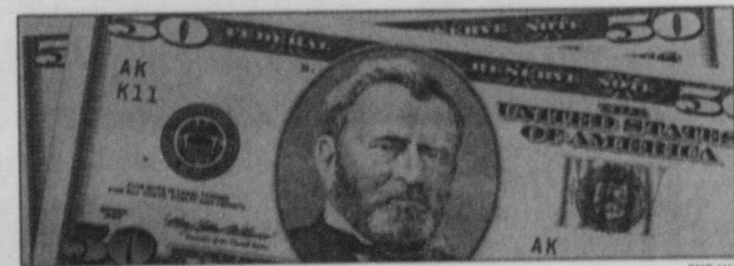
The divorce rate for first marriages in the U.S. is 41

percent, with the highest percent of those divorces occur among 20 to 24-year-olds, according to divorcerate.org. Many brides think the fairy tale will last the rest of their lives but find out their "Prince Charming" is nothing more than an ugly frog.

Although your wedding day should be a special and memorable event, there are ways to cut the costs and save some debt.

Your fairy tale just may last a little longer in the end.

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The Red Hot Chili Peppers perform at Lollapalooza 2006 at Grant Park in Chicago on Aug. 6.

Chili Peppers heat up Dallas with new hits

By AMBER PARCHER
Features Editor

Freezing temperatures and ice couldn't keep the Red Hot Chili Peppers away from Texas on Saturday. Despite canceling their Oklahoma City show the night before, the Chili Peppers rocked out Dallas' American Airlines Center in a high-profile concert that showcased the band's exceptional music skills.

An all-star cast of drummer Chad Smith, guitarist John Frusciante, bassist Flea and frontman Anthony Kiedis put on a show that lived up to their stature as one of the world's most talented rock bands.

Opening with the up-beat, fast-paced hit "Can't Stop," from their 2002 album "By The Way," the band started the show running. Next in the line-up was the catchy, pop-rhythmic "Dani California," the first single from their newest album "Stadium Arcadium."

Although the band is on tour to promote "Stadium Arcadium," its two-disc album released in May 2006, it seemed to play it safe by sticking to older hits Saturday night. A sold-out crowd of almost 13,000 voices could be heard singing along with Kiedis to some of the band's biggest hits, including "Scar Tissue," "Californication," "By The Way" and a superb rendition of "Under the Bridge" in an encore.

Fans of the Chili Peppers' newer stuff weren't disappointed either. The Chili Peppers played the first five tracks off "Stadium Arcadium's" first disc Jupiter, including the title track and the funky dance song "Hump de Bump."

And in one of the most spectacular moments of the show, Kiedis had almost the entire stadium up and jumping to the high-energy, impossible-not-to-dance-to hit "Give It Away Now," from the band's 1991 album "Blood Sugar Sex Magic." It was a true testament to the band's consistent success for almost three decades.

What makes the Red Hot Chili Peppers so red hot is the unstoppable combination of Flea's intricate bass lines, Frusciante's skilled guitar riffs, Smith's groovy beats and Kiedis' charisma on stage.

These mastermind musicians have managed to mesh hip-hop, funk and metal in a unique style that has created a genre of its own.

And even though the Red Hot Chili Peppers have nothing to prove, the band never stopped showing off its skills during the show Saturday.

Smith's numerous drum solos and Flea's and Frusciante's impromptu jam sessions in between songs showcased the musical skills that has elevated the band to stardom.

The Chili Peppers are an epidemic you can't help but catch and are surely on a path to etching themselves into a rock 'n' roll fame equal to that of The Rolling Stones.

The WEIGHTING Game

Here are some tips on keeping up with your New Year's resolutions to stay healthy.

By AMBER PARCHER
Features Editor

We've all done it: As the new year rolls around, we make promises to ourselves to eat healthier, work out more often and get in shape.

But, as school starts, priorities other than the food pyramid and the gym take over, and healthy living takes a backseat to grades and partying.

Not surprisingly, nutritionists agree food and exercise are fundamental parts of staying healthy.

And, while we may think we understand the age-old adage "you are what you eat," the truth is we often underestimate the impact food has on our bodies, said Dr. Stephen Wangen, founder of the Irritable Bowel Syndrome Treatment center and specialist in food allergies and digestive problems.

"Eating healthy is a very generic definition," Wangen said. "We, as humans, have dramatically changed our diet with the development of agriculture."

Wangen said the main ingredients in almost every food produced

in America are wheat, dairy, eggs, corn and soy.

This can create problems for people whose bodies act adversely to these kinds of foods, Wangen said. More than half of the population has some kind of food allergy, which includes digestive problems, fatigue, lack of clarity and constant colds.

So how can one eliminate these problems and eat healthier?

Gina Hill, assistant professor for the Department of Nutritional Sciences, said the key is to choose different foods from different food groups.

"Some people may make the mistake of resolving to eat more vegetables but then only eating green beans," Hill said.

Hill stressed eating all types of food in moderation is one of the best ways to eat healthy.

"Moderation is a dietician's favorite word," Hill said.

And for the women who made a resolution to diet this semester?

Hill said watching proportion size and, surprisingly, calories

from liquids.

"Twenty to 25 percent of the average American's intake from calories comes from liquids," Hill said.

Often, something as simple as cream and sugar to a coffee can add hundreds of calories to the drink, Hill said, who added black coffee is calorie-free.

But healthy living requires more than just eating right.

Matthew Johnson, assistant professor of sports psychology, said exercise even in small amounts can significantly help a person stay healthy.

"The best thing to do is exercise at an intensity that's comfortable for you," Johnson said.

Johnson said the majority of students who resolve to exercise for the new year generally do well — until the first wave of tests come and school becomes a priority for the rest of the semester.

The way around these "road blocks," as Johnson called them, is to plan ahead.

"If you know you have a big

test coming up, plan to eat healthy snacks as you study," Johnson said, "and make time to work out."

Johnson said the three main barriers to working out are a perceived lack of time, lack of energy and low motivation.

To overcome these, Johnson recommends that people think about the time in their lives they were the healthiest and identify what they were doing right.

"Was it the people around you? Were you training for something? Did you have more time?" Johnson asked. "The key is to focus on what has been successful, not on what hasn't."

Small changes are going to make the most difference because a person is more likely to adapt to small changes than large, overwhelming ones, Johnson said.

"We create change from our strengths and successes," Johnson said.

The bottom line from all the experts: living a healthy lifestyle is feasible, even for busy college students.



WEIGHING YOUR OPTIONS

Know what foods are good for you and why? Here's a quick list of the best food sources to give your body the nutrients it needs to stay healthy.

• CALCIUM

Calcium is key to strong bones and teeth, as well as proper nerve and muscle function, and while milk is instantly considered as a source of calcium, there are many other foods that can help you get the calcium you need:

Milk, Other Dairy Products, Cornmeal, Wheat Flour, Sardines, Spinach, Soybeans

• VITAMIN C

Vitamin C helps your body repair itself, fight off diseases and infections and even has shown some indications of fighting off cancer. Here are some of the foods that pack the highest Vitamin C punch:

Oranges/Orange Juice, Peppers, Grapefruit Juice, Strawberries, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts

• FIBER

Fiber keeps digestion on track and has been shown to help prevent heart attacks, intestinal problems and several types of cancer:

Beans, Peas, Wheat Flour (whole grain), Dates, Tomato Products

• ANTI-OXIDANTS

Anti-oxidants are chemicals that may help prevent a host of ailments including cancer, heart disease and Alzheimer's:

Beans, Blueberries, Cranberries, Artichokes, Blackberries

• FOLIC ACID

Folic acid promotes cell division growth, red cell development and helps prevent some birth defects and can help reduce the risk of some types of cancer:

Turkey, Orange Juice, Beans (specifically kidney, pinto, navy), Okra, Spinach

• IRON

Iron helps carry oxygen through our bodies. If you don't get enough you can become anemic, which will make you feel tired and weak:

Mollusks, Clams, Enriched Rice, Spinach, Beef, Baking Chocolate (unsweetened squares)

Source: USDA, National Institute of Health

College applicants hope for tuition assistance from 'new' Congress

By PAMELA YIP
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — As families begin filling out college financial aid forms this month, they do so with the hope that the new Democrat-controlled Congress will follow through on its promise to make paying for college less expensive.

As part of its promised first 100 hours of the new Congress, Democrats introduced the College Student Relief Act of 2007, which would cut interest rates on federal student loans in half for middle-class borrowers.

"The cost of higher education has skyrocketed," Rep. George Miller, the new chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, said in a letter last week to colleagues. "Over the last five years, tuition at public colleges and universities increased by 35 percent. This represents the highest increase in any five-year period since 1976."

To pay for it, more students are relying on loans, he said.

"In fact, loans now represent over half of all college aid to undergraduate students," said Miller, D-Calif.

Citing data from the Congressional Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, he said financial barriers will prevent 4.4 million high school graduates from attending a four-year public college in the next decade, and prevent 2 million eligible students from attending college at all.

The Democrats' legislation would phase in interest rate cuts over five years for undergraduate borrowers of new subsidized student loans — in which the federal government

pays the interest on the loan while you're in school — from a fixed rate of 6.8 percent to a fixed rate of 3.4 percent. Interest rate cuts would take effect July 1.

"When the interest rate cut is fully phased in, a borrower with \$13,800 in debt would save approximately \$4,400 in savings over the life of their loan, helping approximately 5.5 million undergraduate students," Miller said.

Other things Democrats want to do to make college more affordable include raising the maximum Pell Grant to needy students from \$4,050 a year to \$5,100 a year and raising the HOPE Scholarship tax credit from \$1,650 per student to \$3,000 per student.

Those two proposals stand a better chance of getting through Congress than cuts in student loan rates, said Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of FinAid.org, a Web site that gives information on paying for college.

The Pell Grant proposal has particular appeal to Kantrowitz.

"It hasn't been increased in over four years," he said. "It's the most effective student-aid program because it's targeted at the students with the greatest financial need. It helps increase the number of students enrolling and graduating from college."

Raising the HOPE Scholarship credit also has potential.

"It's, in effect, a tax cut, and I've yet to see Republicans shy away from a tax cut," Kantrowitz said.

Experts say cutting student loan rates will be harder to get through Congress because of how much it would cost the government, which

some say would be as much as \$60 billion over five years.

"Democrats have not explained how they will pay for this proposal," said Rep. Adam Putnam, R-Fla., chairman of the House Republican Conference. "Will Democrats raise taxes to pay for this proposal?"

Miller said the rate-cut legislation is in keeping with Democrats' promise to restore fiscal discipline to federal spending.

"This proposal is a fiscally responsible first step that will make college more affordable for students and their families," he said.

The interest rate cut will be offset over five years in accordance with a newly restored rule that requires that any tax cut or increase in entitlement spending be offset by an increase in taxes or reduction in other entitlement spending, rather than being deficit-financed.

"It's an incredibly expensive proposition," Kantrowitz said. "I don't think anybody realized how expensive it's going to be when they made the sound bite."

What's more, critics say, cutting student loan rates does nothing to address how to make it possible for students to get into college in the first place.

The immediate hurdle for needy families is how much cash they need to come up with to get their children through the doors of higher education.

"Democrat proposals do more for college graduates than they do for college hopefuls," Putnam said.

"Democrats are not spending a dime of taxpayer money in their first 100 hours in power to make college more affordable for those

who are most in danger of missing out on getting a college degree."

The debate over college costs comes at a crucial time for students and their families.

January is when students attending college in the fall can start submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form, also known as the FAFSA.

The form is the starting point for applying to almost all student financial assistance programs and determines eligibility for federal financial aid. Many schools also use it as part of their application for non-federal aid.

Families should fill out the form as soon as possible because finan-

cial aid is administered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Take care to be accurate, particularly on the information about your investments.

"Several lines of FAFSA are specific to the federal income tax return," Kantrowitz said. "However, families should not wait to fill out FAFSA until they've submitted their income tax return and should estimate the values based on their W-2s and 1099s, or the last pay stub of the year."

You can get a FAFSA form at high school guidance offices or libraries, by phone from the Department of Education at 1-800-433-3243, or at federalstudentaid.ed.gov.

Rising college costs

How tuition and fees have increased since the previous school year*:

Type of college	2005-2006	2006-2007	% Change
Two-year public	\$2,182	\$2,272	+4.1%
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Four-year private	\$20,980	\$22,218	+5.9%

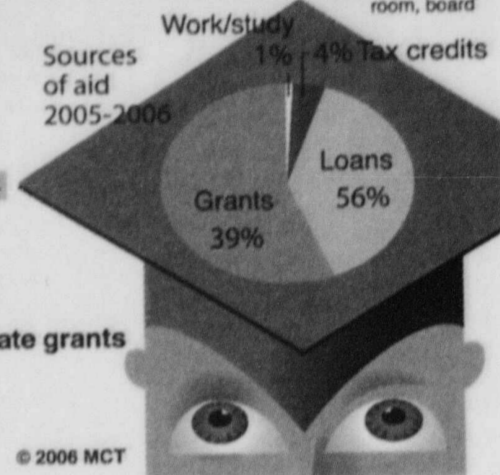
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Paying for school

Public and private sources of funding, in billions

Source of aid	2005-06	2006-07
Federal aid	\$37.6	\$94.4
Non-federal loans	\$1.3	\$17.3
State, institutional and private grants	\$16.3	\$40.5

Source: The College Board



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Father returns home to face charges of decapitating his daughter after fleeing state

By MANDY LOCKE
McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — John Patrick Violette is expected to return to Johnston County on Wednesday to face a judge and answer to a charge of killing and decapitating his 4-year-old daughter Katlin.

Violette, 37, fled to Washington, D.C. on Friday evening after police say he killed his only child. Police confiscated two kitchen knives in the home, one stained with what appeared to be blood, according to a search warrant made public Tuesday. Police also col-

lected a blood-stained pair of children's pajamas.

Officials haven't yet explained how Katlin — a well-mannered girl just learning to ride a bike — officially died.

Katlin's mother Amber Violette came home from work Friday evening to find her

daughter lying in the hallway of their Grovewood subdivision home just a few hours after going home to eat lunch with Katlin and her father. Katlin and John Violette had been having a "daddy-daughter day," Amber Violette told an emergency dispatcher.

Neighbors saw John Violette race to his home in his Buick station wagon just after lunch, ranting to himself as he rushed to the front door.

"He was ranting and raving, like somebody was talking to him in his head and he was talking back," said Diana Narron, a neighbor who lives across the street from the Violettes.

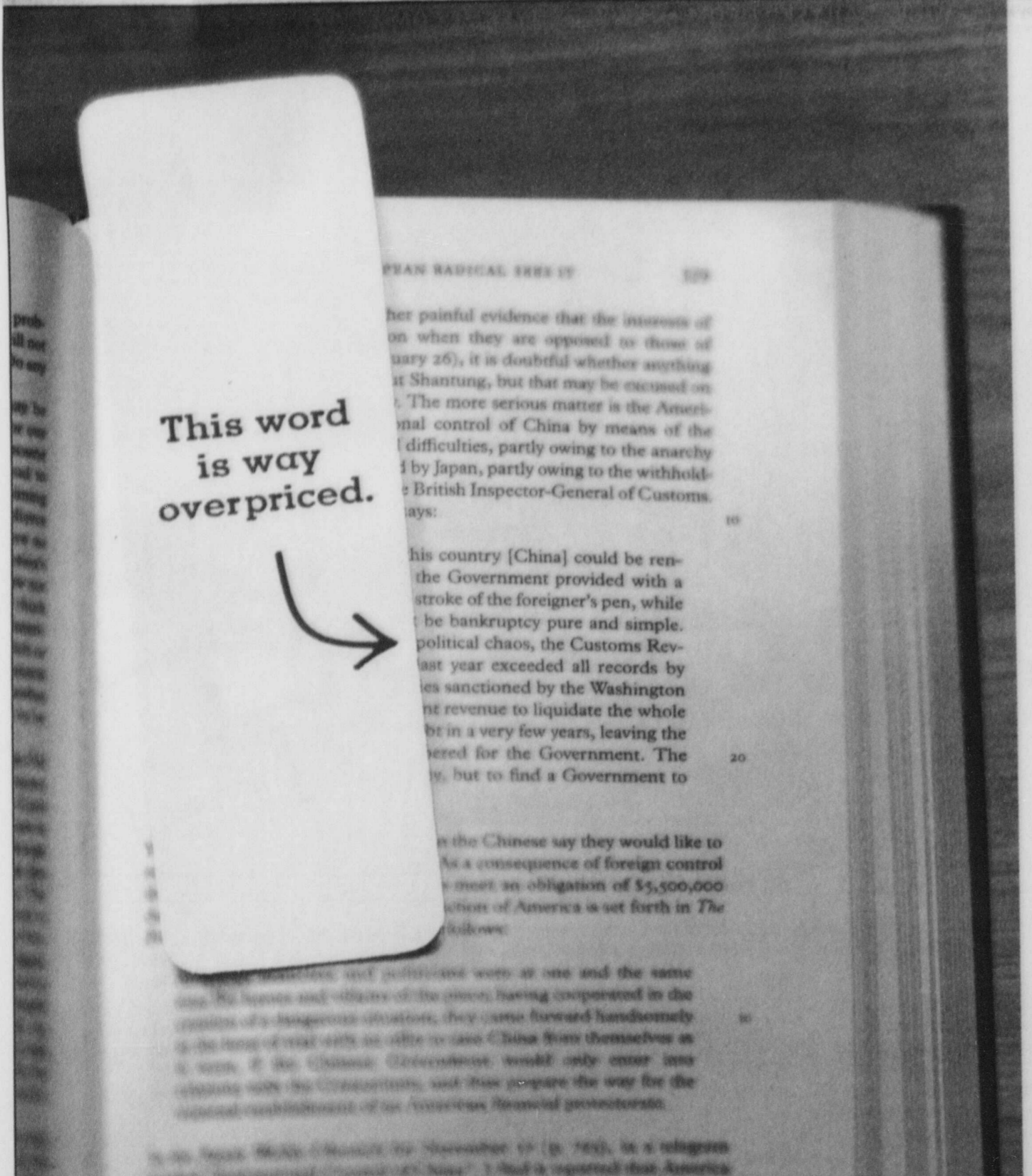
Violette was still stirred up when U.S. marshals tracked him down in a Holiday Inn, walking distance from the Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

"He was screaming Bible passages from Revelations," said Tex Lindsey, a deputy U.S. marshal and commander of the Eastern District's violent fugitive task force, which helped search for Violette on Friday

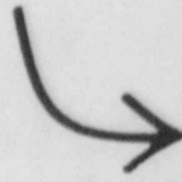
night. Marshals had to knock in the door of his hotel to arrest him; twice, Violette tried to flee from law enforcement as they took him to jail, Lindsey said.

Violette landed in D.C. late Friday night, after ditching his car at Raleigh-Durham International Airport and boarding a U.S. Airways plane, Clayton Police Chief Glen Allen has said. His flight likely made a connection in Charlotte, N.C.

Those who loved Katlin will say goodbye to her Thursday in a morning service at Colonial Baptist Church in Cary, N.C. Katlin was involved in programs there and often hummed songs she learned in Sunday school class throughout the week, her day care teacher Debbie Clark said.



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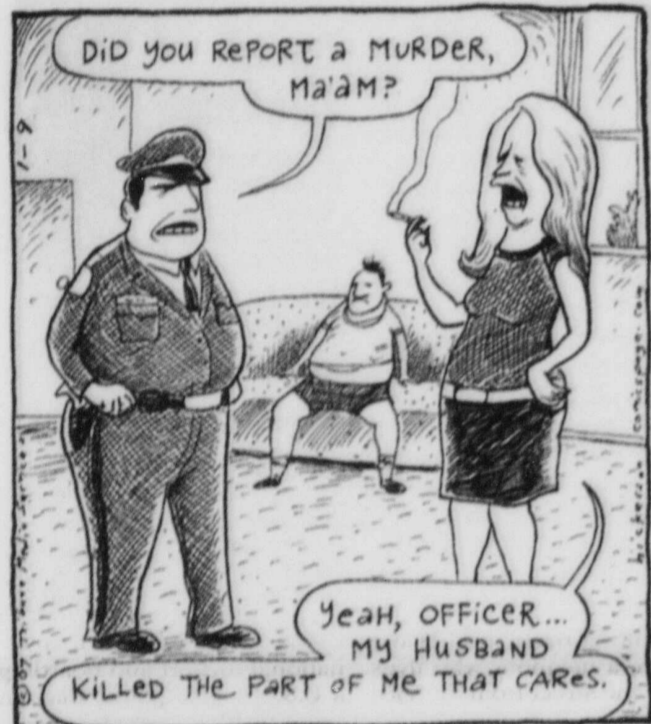
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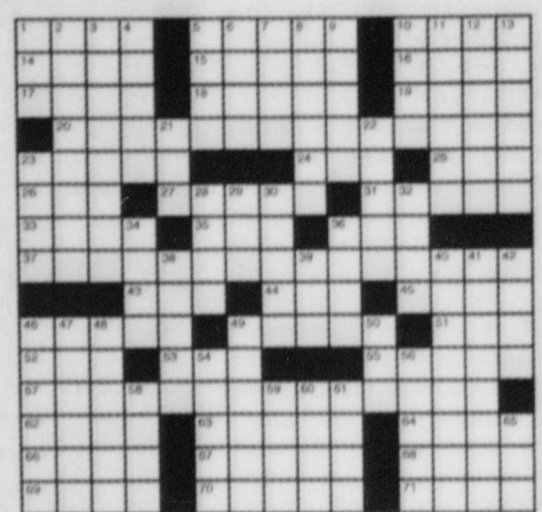
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Frogs aim for Conference title; leaders propel squad to 2-1 start

By LAUREN PARKER
 Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs have bounced back from a disappointing 6-25 season last year with new leaders and big goals for conference play, said a junior guard.

The Frogs have started the second half of regular-season play with a 2-1 conference record from wins during winter break over the New Mexico Lobos and Utah Utes.

Brent Hackett, a junior guard, said the team is determined to prove it can be a contender in the Mountain West Conference.

"We have worked hard, and we now have a more balanced offense and more threats in Kevin Langford and Alvarado Parker," Hackett said.

There is a newfound sense of stability and confidence with this year's team, and the team has already surpassed its win total from last year with 10 victories and with 13 conference games remaining, Hackett said.

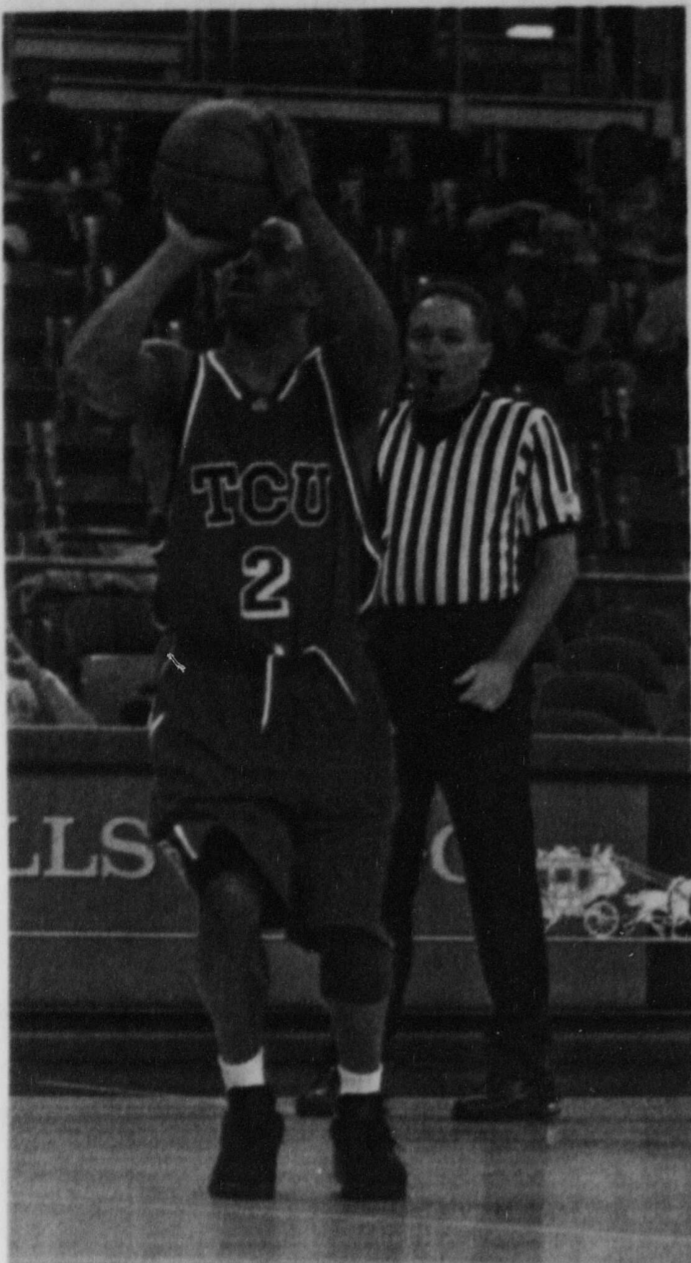
Some of the scoring burden has been alleviated from the Horned Frogs by the arrival of sophomore forward Kevin Langford, a transfer student from California, Hackett said.

Langford is the leading scorer for the team, averaging 11.5 points and 5.7 rebounds per game, and he said the transition between the schools has been relatively smooth.

"I worked to improve my shooting, speed and strength last year, as well as getting to know my teammates," Langford said.

Langford and Hackett play important roles on the team in trying to build on the success of this season, but the team as a whole has risen to the occasion.

"Everyone is doing a good job of fulfilling their roles and responsibilities," Hackett said. "We all have the same goal; we want to be No. 1 in the conference,



SKIFF ARCHIVES
 Junior guard Brent Hackett became the first Horned Frog basketball player to earn conference player of the week honors since Corey Santee in 2001 after scoring 20 points a game against both the New Mexico Lobos and Utah Utes.

win the conference tournament and do well in the (NCAA) Tournament."

This season, Hackett said, he has stepped up by leading by example on and off the court.

"I never would have thought of myself as a leader, but I try to do anything I can to help my teammates stay focused and motivated," Hackett said.

Hackett, who is averaging 10.7 points and 3.2 rebounds this season, earned Mountain West Conference Player of the

Week Honors after wins over the Lobos and Utes. Guard Corey Santee was the only other TCU player to receive a weekly conference award, which he won in 2001, according to gofrogs.com.

"It's nice to be recognized with this award, but I'm more focused on the success of the team," Hackett said.

The Frogs' next matchup will be 7 p.m. Wednesday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum against conference opponent Colorado State.

Crossing the pond from football to soccer

By ANN KILLION
 San Jose Mercury News

MLS was only league willing to shower Beckham with money, love

"No, no, no," scolded Major League Soccer last week. Don't you dare compare our big fantastic groundbreaking news to that quarter-century-old cautionary tale of the North American Soccer League.

Sure, there are differences. But the similarity is more striking.

After 11 seasons of toiling in athletic anonymity, the league felt it had to hire an aging international superstar to get some real attention. So far the plan has worked. In the few days since the league announced it signed David Beckham to a whopping \$250 million contract, the words "MLS" and "Los Angeles Galaxy" have been written and broadcast around the world. That has never happened before.

The league is certain to see a boost in television ratings, ticket sales and overall profile when Becks and his famous family (wife Victoria, aka Posh Spice, and sons Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz) arrive in Los Angeles. Beckham, glamorous, gorgeous and still owner of the most beautiful free kick known to soccer, is going to create a buzz.

But then what? His arrival will do little for the development of soccer in the United States, which was the mission statement of MLS. And which some still believe is the key to building long-term interest in the sport.

A lot of American soccer fans would like to see some of that \$250 million plowed into player development, such as finding a better way to spot and develop players who aren't products of the elitist youth soccer system.

Some of us would be more interested in the hiring of another former European star. That would be Juergen Klinsmann, who was all set to become the next coach of the men's national team before U.S. Soccer managed to ruin the deal. Now, the team is led by Bob Bradley as it embarks on another qua-

drenial search to improve its standing.

A charismatic, prestigious national coach and more depth and diversity in the talent pool — those are the things that can move soccer forward in this country. Beckham is merely a diversion.

Here's one way his arrival is different than that of Pele three decades ago: The New York Cosmos hired the best player in the world, whereas the Galaxy has hired the most famous player in the world.

But Beckham's moment as the world's most famous athlete is near its end. His critics say his fame has never matched his talent (though his skill on set pieces is unmatched and his crosses are still right on the mark).

MLS had better hope he still has enough skills — though that's a double-edged wish. If Beckham arrives and is clearly the best player in the league, it will only confirm the rest of the world's opinion that MLS is a third-tier organization.

That's because Beckham, 31, comes to Los Angeles basically out of other soccer options. He had already lost his place in the Real Madrid side (and was told this weekend that he won't ever play again for the club). The former captain of England, he's no longer playing for his country.

MLS was the only league willing to shower him with money and love. And it's quite a drenching. Though most of that \$250 million will come from endorsements, revenue sharing and product sales, Beckham will be paid a salary of \$10 million a year. That means he'll make more in two weeks than the Galaxy's entire salary cap (excluding the Beckham exemption). It means he'll make more in four minutes than the league's minimum salary. It means Landon Donovan has been just slightly eclipsed as the team star.

Beckham's job isn't to play soccer but to sell jerseys and elevate the league. He's a soccer event, like the World Cup in 1994, which drew a lot of interest but didn't create a large, devoted fan base.

Beckham's deal is expected to open the door to other past-their-prime international stars, such as Ronaldo. That all sounds suspiciously like the former national soccer league, the North American Soccer League, which folded in 1984.

But this isn't the late 1970s. Soccer has progressed since then. A sign of that is how many of our young players are going to Europe. Last week, as MLS embraced Beckham, the league sold the rights to midfielder Clint Dempsey to Fulham of the English Premiership for \$4 million.

Our best and brightest know they have to go to Europe to become great players, while former European stars may realize they can come here and coast comfortably into retirement. MLS might morph into a senior circuit.

That's not the league's original charter, of course. But if it provides a boost in television ratings and product pushed, the league is willing to make that deal.

David Beckham

Signed a five-year contract with Los Angeles Galaxy worth an estimated \$250 million.

Born May 2, 1975 in Leytonstone, U.K.

Height 6 ft. (1.82 m)

Weight 163 lbs. (74 kg)

Family Married to Victoria (formerly Posh of Spice Girls pop group), three children

Career

Manchester United (1992-2003)

Preston North End, on loan (1994-95)

Real Madrid (2003-2007)

Los Angeles Galaxy (August 2007)

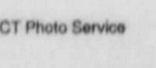
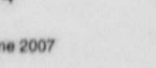
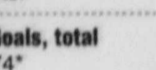
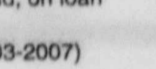
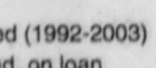
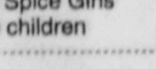
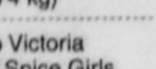
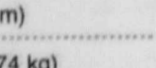
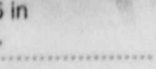
Position Right wing, but occasionally offensive playmaker

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Frogs look to continue success against Rams

By TIM BELLA
 Staff Reporter

The men's basketball team looks to continue its early success in conference play when it hosts the Colorado State Rams at 7 p.m. tonight in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

During the holiday break, the Horned Frogs (10-5, 2-1 in conference) sported a 4-2 record while downing two conference opponents, the New Mexico Lobos and the Utah Utes. The 10-5 mark

through 15 games matches the record of the 2004-05 team, and is a six-game improvement from last season's record of 4-11 through 15 games.

Despite the improvement, the Horned Frogs are looking to bounce back from an 89-65 loss to the BYU Cougars that saw a TCU defense, which was holding opponents to an average of just over 60 points a game, give up 89 points on 59 percent

shooting.

Head coach Neil Dougherty said, in a teleconference call, the Frogs ran into a hot team in the Cougars. He said he was still pleased with the way the team was playing, despite a wave of injury and sickness during the break, highlighted by a knee injury sustained by junior forward Alvarado Parker.

"As our health improves, our team will improve along with that," Dougherty said in the teleconference.

In order to rid themselves of the bad taste left by the BYU game, the Horned Frogs will have to get by a Rams team (12-4, 2-2 in conference) led by Jason Smith, a 7-foot junior center averaging a little more than 17 points and nearly 10 rebounds a game. Like Parker, Smith is also battling a knee injury.

Colorado State head coach Dale Layer told reporters in the teleconference call that he "doesn't think there's a problem with (Smith) playing Wednesday."

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