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UDLA accreditation could affect Study Abroad program

By BAILEY SHIFFLER
Staff Reporter

As the TCU administration re-examines its relationship with the Universidad de las Americas in Mexico, a shadow may be cast on Study Abroad programs across campus.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredits both UDLA and TCU. According to documents on the SACS Web site, UDLA's accreditation

status was placed on a year-long warning Jan. 2.

Bonnie Frederick, chair of the Spanish department, said if UDLA lost its SACS accreditation, the Study Abroad credit acceptance procedure would be reviewed.

"It might not be a fatal blow," she said. "We might decide to continue, but we would certainly go back and take another look."

A host of campus programs have relationships with UDLA, including the Study Abroad program, the business school and the radio-TV-film department. UDLA has been a sister university for 15 years.

The relationship the Study Abroad program has with UDLA is different because courses taken at UDLA apply to students' grade point averages, Frederick said.

"You can go to UDLA, and it's just like going to TCU, you just happen to be in Mexico," Frederick said. "It's really just considered TCU south, and they are supposed to consider us UDLA north."

Another program abroad that might be affected by the re-evaluation of ties with UDLA is a graduate program in the business school.

The Masters of Interna-

tional Management program is a dual-degree plan where students obtain 20 hours of credit at TCU and 20 hours of credit at a TCU affiliate university abroad, said Olivia Williams, assistant director of MBA admissions.

The dual-degree plan with UDLA allows students to earn a Masters of International Management from TCU and a Masters in Marketing and International

Business from UDLA.

The RTVF program also has a program with UDLA.

Richard Allen, RTVF department chair, said many UDLA students have studied at TCU to make use of the RTVF production facilities. He said typically UDLA students want to be in TCU's production classes because they do not have facilities like TCU's.

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Virtual class adds experience, contact

By SUSAN GILMARTIN
Staff Reporter

An overseas video conference allowed piano students to participate in a master class with a professor in London through an Internet2 connection Wednesday morning.

Jose Feghali, an artist-in-residence and Van Cliburn International Piano Competition gold medalist, said the virtual master class was the first Internet2 video conference for the School of Music.

Ang Li and Alexey Koltakov, both artist diploma students, sat at the piano in PepsiCo Recital Hall on Wednesday morning while taking a class from Christopher Elton.

Elton is the head of keyboard studies at the Royal Academy of Music at the University of London.

Richard Gipson, director of the School of Music, said regular Internet can be compared to a crowded metropolitan highway that will get people where they want to go but at a slow pace. Internet2 is like a separate super highway with no one on it that allows for an almost instantaneous connection, Gipson said.

Feghali said the Internet2 technology has virtually no lag time and will enable the university to Webcast and broadcast lectures, which will widen the reach of the university and, at the same time, bring others into the university.

Provost Nowell Donovan said the video conference master class immediately moves the School of Music to another level.

"Feghali has a wonderful marriage of technological expertise and creativity and is a great artist," Donovan said.

In a speech given at the fall 2006 Commencement, Chancellor Victor Boschini said the university has been a member of the Internet2 consortium for a number of years but had never fully explored its capabilities until recently.

That same evening, Feghali was presented with the Michael R. Ferrari Award for Distinguished University Service and Leadership for bringing the world to TCU through Internet2.

Donovan said there are not many places in the world capable of having a virtual class, especially those that bring such an international flavor.

Feghali said Internet2 is only available to educational and research organizations that pay well into five figures to get the connection. The School of Music already had some of the other equipment needed, Feghali said, but they did have to purchase a plasma screen television.

Li said this was her first time to participate in an Internet master class. She said she became curious about the piano when she was about 1-year-old but actually started playing when she was 4.

"This is all very exciting because it is new, and it saves a lot of time traveling and a lot of money," Li said.

The School of Music will now be able to allow its students to audition and receive lessons from musicians all over the world.

"It allows for more artistic contact as well as practical contact, such as an audition," Feghali said.

Veda Kaplinsky, head of piano at The Juilliard School and TCU professor of piano, will also benefit from this new technology, Feghali said. Since Kaplinsky will be able to teach private lessons from New York to TCU students.

"We are ready to start deploying this technology, and it means that we are able to have not only master classes with remote teachers from all over the world but also have auditions," Feghali said.



KYLE RHANE / Staff Photographer

Jose Feghali, artist-in-residence, sits at the piano in the PepsiCo Recital Hall and talks about the capabilities of Internet2 on Wednesday morning.



DAVID KING / Hutto News

High schoolers sign Letters of Intent; Frog football team gains 23 players

By TIM BELLA
Staff Reporter

Although it wasn't an official national holiday, for college football fans, yesterday's National Signing Day for high school and junior college football players was enough reason to celebrate.

Horned Frog Nation was no exception to this celebration, as head coach Gary Patterson announced that the team had signed 23 players to Letters of Intent to join the 2007 recruiting class. Patterson said that while he is excited about the potential and character of the class, he knows there is much work to be done before they earn full respect from fellow players and coaches.

"They're all paper tigers to me," Patterson said. "They always have been until they

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BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

(ABOVE) Gary Patterson discusses the university's newest committed football players at the signing day press conference Wednesday afternoon at the John Justin Athletic Center. (LEFT) Jeremy Kerley in action in Hutto High School. Kerley is the highest ranked TCU commit, according to rivals.com

get here and show what they're worth."

The class, which includes seven new members to its secondary, is considered by Patterson to have a lot of speed, which he said, shows that this group has big-play potential.

"This is, collectively, the best skill class," Patterson said, of the class and where it ranks compared to previous classes. "There are eight to 10 guys in this class who scored a lot of touchdowns. There's a lot of yards in that group."

While the class is made up of 18 players from Texas, Pat-

erson and his staff were able to snag all-purpose athlete Sir Demarco Bledsoe and defensive end Jason Fitch from Oklahoma as well as three additions from California, defensive tackle John Fonua, cornerback Jerrell Fort and safety Chris Goodson. Patterson cited a recent San Antonio Express-News article when trying to explain the increased awareness of TCU in California, as it is the No. 1 state for which the university receives out-of-state applications.

"LT," Patterson said. "Those two letters seem to make a lot

of difference for us." The class, which includes eight all-state performers in Texas and Oklahoma as well as three all-state honorable-mentions, is headlined by Hutto-native wide receiver Jeremy Kerley.

Kerley was ranked as a Rivals.com 4-star recruit in addition to being the No. 31 ranked player in Texas, according to Scout.com. He played several positions during his senior year, including quarterback and even got time playing defense

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Study abroad costs lowered; aid increased

By SAEROM YOO
Staff Reporter

This summer, students may come home from studying abroad with more money left in their pockets, now that program prices have been lowered from last year.

Starting this year, the university will offset 25 percent of summer Study Abroad program fees.

In addition to cheaper fees, students will also have access

to more financial aid, and the application deadline has been extended to Feb. 15.

Bonnie Melhart, the associate provost for academic affairs, started a task force last summer to investigate ways to create incentives for more students to study abroad, said Jane Kucko, director of the Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad.

Among several ideas brought up was discounting program

fees, Kucko said.

Tracy Williams, associate director of TCU Abroad, said they worried original program fees discouraged students to apply.

The task force presented its investigations to the Provost's Council, Kucko said.

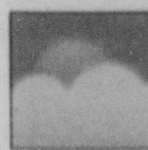
"As a result of those discussions, some money became available," Melhart said.

Provost Nowell Donovan spoke Tuesday at the Staff

Assembly meeting about increasing the percentage of students with "international experience," which he defined as students studying abroad or becoming more aware of different cultures through classes, from 21 percent to 100 percent by 2012.

Melhart, referring to the TCU mission statement, said a step toward producing "ethical leaders in a global

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community" would be internationalizing the campus by sending more students to study abroad.

Three days after the cost-reduction announcement Jan. 30, Williams said more students had applied and showed interest in the programs.

The increase may not be as significant as they hoped this summer because the deadline

for applications is coming up, Williams said.

Typically, 200 students to 250 students participate in the summer programs, Williams said.

She said she expects about 300 people this year.

Michael Scott, the director of scholarships and student financial aid, was not available to give details regarding the additional financial aid.

Both Kucko and Melhart's vision for TCU Abroad is simple: a higher attendance

rate to Study Abroad programs, they said.

Richard Chabrier, a senior radio-TV-film major, said he had planned to study abroad in Japan last summer; however, the trip was cancelled due to the lack of student participation.

He said he hopes more students will sign up and make the trip a reality this year.

Kucko said she is pleased with the support the university has given to TCU Abroad.

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as a cornerback. Patterson said Kerley, along with Fort Worth-native wide receiver Jonathan Jones, could see time as a freshman.

With the Frogs losing tailback Lonta Hobbs, they were able to rebuild at running back by signing Jai Cavness, out of Houston, and Joseph Banyard, out of Sweetwater. These two figure to complement a contingent of backs headed by sophomore Aaron Brown. Patterson compared Cavness to Hobbs but "only faster" and looked at Banyard as comparable to Merrill in that he's "a slasher."

One of the big topics for this year's class was the overabundance of safeties who inked their names for next year. Patterson said the 2004 season, which saw the Frogs post a disappointing 5-6 record, served as a lesson to him and the rest of the Frogs that the consistent abundance of safeties is pivotal for his three-safety defensive scheme.

"That is a knowledge position for us," Patterson said. "Not all of them will play this

year, but it will make for real good competition."

This year's class also features a bundle of players who either have played or are capable of playing multiple positions.

Patterson said since his recruiting in previous years saw safety Brian Bonner and former wide receiver Cory Rodgers at quarterback as well as defensive end Tommy Blake and defensive tackle Jarrarcea Williams at running back, it's nothing new to have players move around in order to maximize their playing potential.

"Our kids come in here and they play any position they want to," Patterson said. "We're going to see how we can put together our best 85 or 105 in our program and make it the best we can."

Other notable signees include offensive tackle Spencer Thompson, of Plainview, and linebacker Tank Carder, of Sweeny. Thompson, who Patterson said is the "only offensive lineman in the history of West Texas to win offensive player of the year," is an intense competitor who hasn't backed away from the challenge of being the only signee cur-

rently enrolled in university classes while attending spring workouts at TCU. Carder, who Patterson said was offered a full ride to Texas A&M on a baseball scholarship, has a shot at handling opening kickoff duties because of his "tremendous leg."

Fans might notice that the team was unable to sign a quarterback this recruiting season, but Patterson said the Frogs weren't going to lower their standards in order to claim they signed a quarterback. He said that it will be a premium to sign one or two at the position next year.

The players signed for this year's class want to be here and want to succeed at TCU, Patterson said. The success happening at the top with Chancellor Victor Boschini and the board of trustees is contagious and is helping the football program achieve even greater success, both on and off the field, he said.

"Our whole thing is we want to be the Miami of Texas," Patterson said. "We want to be the private school, that's our niche. We want a chance to win a national championship."

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Study Abroad Program	Original Fee	New Fee
British Studies: Celtic Odyssey	\$3,100	\$2,325
Dance/Theatre in England/ Scotland	\$2,700	\$2,025
Dynasty to Democracy in Budapest, Prague, Vienna	\$3,500	\$2,625
Environmental Issues in Costa Rica	\$2,300	\$1,725
TCU in France: Language and Culture	\$3,650	\$2,730
Americans in Paris and Madrid	\$4,600	\$3,450
Art in Europe: Trier, France, Luxembourg	\$2,200	\$1,650
TCU in Germany: Language and Culture	\$3,400	\$2,550
Contemporary Italy	\$2,750	\$2,070
TCU in Perugia, Italy: Language and Culture	\$3,500	\$2,625
TCU in Japan	\$2,300	\$1,725
Journalism in London	\$3,670	\$2,755
Literary London	\$3,000	\$2,250
RTVF in London	\$3,100	\$2,325
Speech Pathology in London	\$3,000	\$2,250
Theatre in London	\$4,675	\$3,510
Community Service in Mexico	\$1,700	\$1,275
TCU in Madrid, Spain	\$3,900	\$2,925
TCU in Scotland	\$3,400	\$2,550

UDLA

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He also said he doesn't know of any students in the department who have gone to UDLA to study.

Many other departments

on campus have sent students to UDLA and have also hosted UDLA students, such as the journalism and anthropology departments.

Larry Adams, senior director of international studies, said TCU has also participated in multiple faculty

exchanges over the years.

In an interview last week, Provost Nowell Donovan said the programs with UDLA have generally been beneficial to students but "may very well lapse as a result of the actions of the administration at UDLA."

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"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

—Thomas A. Edison

THE SKIFF VIEW

Tax-free textbooks bill benefits students

Complaints in college range from sports to politics to food to the price of textbooks. Luckily, the last of these complaints is in the process of being remedied. If Senate Bill 49 is passed in Texas Congress, a new deal will be cut, making textbooks tax-free at the beginning of each semester.

This is one of those win-win situations that will put Texas in the running for a solid education reform and save money for students who may be financially burdened by the growing price of textbooks. The bill originated at University of Texas at Austin by its student government, and, so far, it has gained approval from politicians and students alike.

Texas is not the first state to instigate such an endeavor for tax-exempt books for college students, but it is joining a bandwagon that 15 other states have put into effect.

"Studies have shown that students in states with tax-free textbooks exhibit higher academic performance than oth-

ers," according to the original draft of the tax-free bill submitted by the UT student government.

Drawbacks to this piece of legislation include course-swapping for students only after the 10-day tax-free period ends during the semester.

The program can be likened to the tax-free weekend offered by shopping centers before school starts in the fall. The chance to improve one's wardrobe may not be synonymous with higher education, but the money saved by students can go toward tuition payments, rent or just free spending.

The bill is an opportunity to further education by saving money for college students pressed to make payment deadlines and dues. Studies conducted by UT showed that students spend roughly \$900 a year on textbooks. With the current 8.25 percent state sales tax, the exemption will save nearly \$75 for students.

Sports editor Marcus Murphree for the editorial board.

OOOFSPOOF BY ROLF NELSON

The Boston Text+book Party



Rolf Nelson

College's extracurricular pleasures should not distract from studies

A recent study by the ACT concluded that only 53 percent of students complete their college degrees within six years. When I first heard

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this sobering statistic, I was shocked. Why do nearly half of all students drop out of college? Are universities intentionally "too tough" in order to limit the benefits of higher education to only half their students? Or can anyone succeed in college with hard work and the right priorities?

I believe the reason so many students fail in college is not due to the education system but due to their mixed up priorities and lack of motivation.

College is an exciting time of life. For the first time, students are free to make their own choices.

When I first came to TCU, I had so many things vying for my time: friends, organizations, classes, parties and homework. Nobody told me when it was time to do homework, when it was time to go to class or when it was time to go to sleep. I had to make those decisions on my own.

Fortunately, my parents had raised me so I knew

how to make wise decisions and prioritize my activities. Many students, however, get to college and do whatever they want. What those students don't realize is each choice carries consequences.

College is training for the "real world" in a somewhat protected environment. If you mess up your priorities in college — perhaps you spend too much time partying and not enough time studying — at least you haven't lost your livelihood. You fail by your professor's standards, but you can start over next semester.

If you make a bad choice in the "real world," you fail by your boss's standards and get fired. You can choose to either meet your boss's expectations and maintain your livelihood or insist you be in control. If that's the case, you should start your own business.

However, 95 percent of small businesses fail within the first five years, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. They probably fail because the business owners didn't learn how to make good choices in college.

We should see college as preparation for the real world and take it just as seriously as we would our jobs. If your job was on the line, would you skip work because you were

hung-over or not turn in progress reports because you wanted to party?

I'm not saying college isn't a time to have fun. Many of my friends have told me college was the most exciting time of their lives. Yes, go to parties, hang out with friends and be spontaneous, but remember your priorities.

I am going to college to get a degree. I don't see the point of paying \$30,000 a year just to have fun. There are plenty of other places to have fun where you don't have to study.

Another reason students fail is because they lack the motivation to succeed. They are lackadaisical. If they don't understand a concept, they don't seek help from professors, tutors or university resources. Instead, they get stuck in a rut of confusion, which could easily be ended with a little effort.

Students do not fail because of a poor education system. America has one of the best education systems in the world, and the opportunities are limitless. If students simply get their priorities straight and put forth the necessary effort, they are sure to succeed — in education and beyond.

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Women not here to bear children; gender deserves respect, equality

As the ladies of TCU get ready to celebrate what is supposed to be one of the most romantic days of the year, I bet we are all thinking the same thing.

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"We are baby-making machines." At least, that's what Japanese Health Minister Hakuo Yanagisawa seems to hope the women of Japan are thinking.

Yanagisawa was speaking about Japan's declining birthrate Jan. 27 when he uttered the now-infamous statement, "the number of birth-giving machines and devices is fixed, so all we can ask for is for them to do their best per head."

Looking at this from Yanagisawa's perspective, it is true the best way to increase the birthrate of Japan is for women to have babies.

But, as Bryan Walsh wrote for Time.com on Feb. 5, "It's not surprising that most (women) take a pass on becoming rent-a-wombs for the nation," when having babies "often means sacrificing their career and their independence, even in 2007."

But the insensitivity of Yanagisawa's statement may be a reflection of greater troubles with women's rights in the global community.

"I think this statement is

just the beginning of uncovering the problems that still exist today," said Marcy Paul, associate director of the Institute on Women and Gender, via e-mail.

Paul pointed out examples of inequality in the United States, such as the fact that women on average still earn less income than their male counterparts for the same job, and the fact that college sports played by men get more media attention and funding than their corresponding women's teams, even when the women perform better.

And many people describe women who refuse to hold to social norms with negative terminology such as "bra-burners" or "man-hating."

The truth is that until women are truly viewed as more than "baby-making machines" in society, we will never be able to rise above these stereotypes.

This is why mechanisms that bring women's issues out of the bedroom and into the limelight are so necessary.

For example, tomorrow, there will be two showings of the play "The Vagina Monologues" at 4 and 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Although highly controversial for its frank discussion about vaginas, the play also brings to light many taboo women's issues, such as sexual abuse.

Paul wrote, "One in four

women in their lifetime will be sexually assaulted."

The good news is that for women at TCU, there is help.

The Women's Resource Center Web site, womensresourcecenter.tcu.edu, provides links to various Web sites dealing with rape and sexual assault, such as rainn.org and feminist.org, as well as phone numbers for local organizations such as the Rape Crisis Center, 817-927-2737.

And globally, there is still hope for ending gender discrimination.

According to Walsh, opposition parties to Yanagisawa's Liberal Democratic Party are not taking the comment lightly and have called for his resignation.

Walsh quotes Yoshiaki Takaki, head of the Diet policy committee for the Democratic Party of Japan, as saying, "We cannot accept that the ministry that deals with grave social issues like decreasing population is headed by someone who has demonstrated a complete lack of respect for the people."

If men and women can learn to respect each other as equals, and to use language to reflect that respect and equality, then the world will be a better place for it.

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Don't let history fall to wayside; schools should support libraries

"All that mankind has done, thought, gained or been, it is lying as in magic preservation in the pages of books." Sentimental, they may be, but these words of Thomas Carlyle are undeniably truthful.

It sounds strange, but I worry about the fate of our libraries. During high school, when my father worked long hours at the University of Maryland in the mechanical engineering department, I used to spend hours every day in Maryland's library, McKeldin. I usually tried to find books I had heard mentioned somewhere before. The periodicals, too, were a source of pleasure and interest. I learned a great deal from this time in the library.

It is always delightful

to check out a book from the library and see the different dates stamped on the inside cover. Many had passed through hundreds of hands in the past 50 years. I have to wonder whether the library was bustling more in the days when its physical resources were an absolute necessity. These days, it seems, part of the reason we have four floors of stacks is so that McKeldin still looks like a library. When I journey up to the sixth and seventh floors of the library, there are usually only a few people there quietly studying. On several occasions, I have been approached for help by people at McKeldin who had no idea how to find a particular book in the stacks, even with a call

number. I fear these are signs of inevitable change in the nature of what constitutes a library.

The expressed purpose of a library is to collect and store human knowledge and document the fruits of human effort. Almost all of the work of any significance that takes place at the university will end up in the library one day. This is undoubtedly why the building in honor of Theodore McKeldin stands out so strikingly on the campus. I fear we may be on the road to forgetting this simple truth.

In the fall, "The Diamondback," the University of Maryland newspaper, reported on the funding problems experienced by the library system. University Library Council Chairman Jim Klumpp estimated the library budget

would be short by \$600,000 and barring an increase, journal subscriptions would have to be cut. This in itself might be a tolerable blow, but it might also mark the beginning of a radical overhaul of how we perceive the value of libraries.

Not only is funding short, but our libraries are also given less money than those at other institutions. If libraries are a repository for the knowledge produced at a university, then this surely says something about what we value. Maryland Provost Bill Destler's response to this survey: "The new libraries are emerging more as information centers and information retrieval centers. I think future libraries will be judged by those capacities."

I am not entirely sure

what this would entail, but surely a library is more than an information retrieval center. Its purpose should always be to collect and make available knowledge in a form suitable for scholarly work.

Anyone who hasn't been living in a cave can tell the wave of the future involves making progressively more information available in digital form on the Internet. This is not something we can ignore or dismiss as a fad. It would not be surprising if the majority of access to current journals occurred on the Internet rather than in the library. This should not have any bearing on our attitude toward the traditional library. Anyone who has done serious

research knows nothing can take the place of a library shelf with its precise topical organization and thoroughness. Good scholarship relies on the assumption that all the relevant materials can be found in the collection of the library.

Universities are among the most permanent of human institutions. The University of Maryland, with its 150-year history, is comparatively young. This aura of permanence is derived, in large part, from a healthy library. Our administration must not forget this fact when it comes time to make funding decisions.

Goutham Ganesan writes for The Diamondback at the University of Maryland. This article was distributed by U-Wire.

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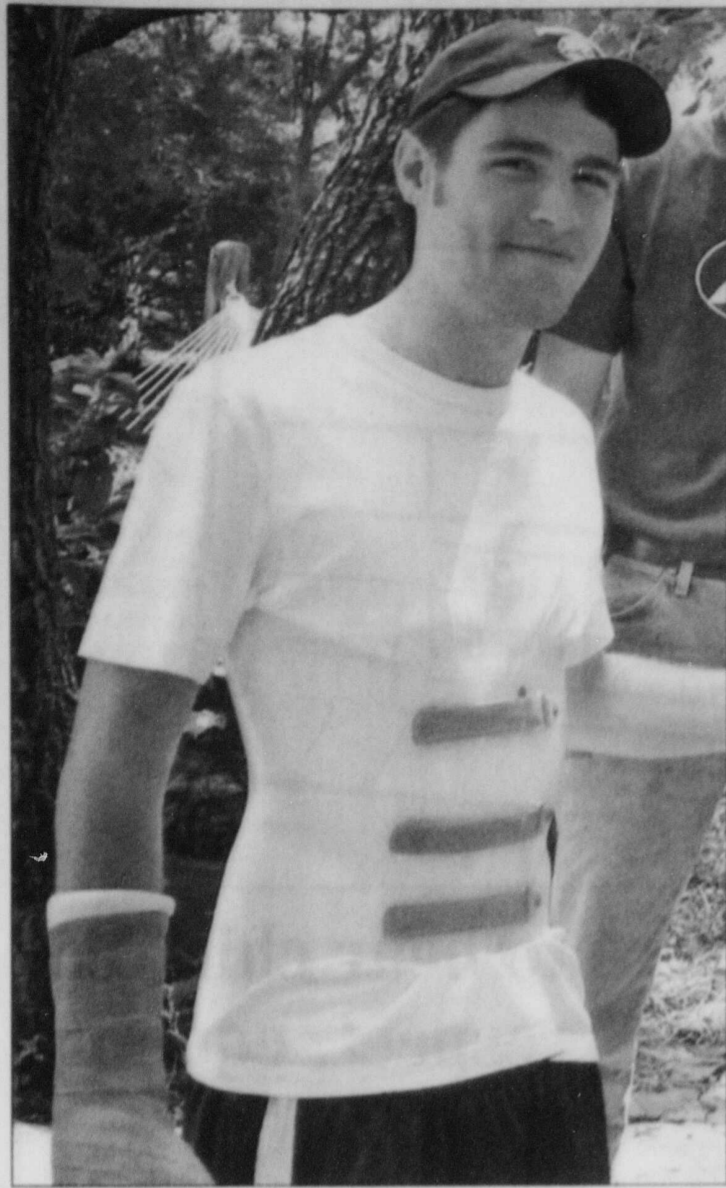
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Student looks to educate about sleepwalking dangers



Stewart Gunn, sophomore, is shown in a back brace and right arm cast after suffering injuries while sleepwalking. Gunn has begun writing a book to inform about the dangers of sleepwalking.

By **SONYA CISNEROS**
Staff Reporter

Stewart Gunn wants you to know about sleepwalking.

When he sleepwalked out of a two-story dormitory window in Oxford, England, Gunn, a sophomore history major, was left with broken bones and a lot of free time.

After the accident abroad, Gunn did more than just recover; he began writing a book to warn people about the dangers of sleepwalking.

Gunn said had he known all of the factors that lead to sleepwalking beforehand, the accident may have been prevented. This, he said, is why he and his mother, Dr. Shelly Gunn, began writing a manuscript for a book.

There isn't one book about sleepwalking for the general public, Shelly Gunn said.

Stewart and Shelly Gunn began work with Dana Press, a division of the Dana Foundation, that publishes books about the brain for the general reader, he said.

Stewart Gunn said that Dana Press asked for a scientific article first.

Throughout his six-month recovery at home, he co-wrote an article about sleepwalking with his mother, he said.

The article, "Are We in the Dark About Sleepwalking's Dangers?", was published in May in *Cerebrum*, a journal of opinion about brain science, as

one of the first of its kind.

Stewart and Shelly Gunn are waiting to determine how much interest is generated by the article before moving forward with publication of a book, Stewart Gunn said.

He said writing the article was meant to inform the public about the dangers of sleepwalking and to prevent an accident like his from happening again.

After staying awake for more than 35 hours, Stewart Gunn and his brother, Robert Gunn, fell asleep in their rooms at St. John's College at Oxford around midnight July 3, 2005, he said.

He woke up hours later lying facedown on the cobblestone in a dark alley with no memory of how he got there, he said.

He said he tasted blood in his mouth and noticed his hands were red but felt no pain — until he moved.

"My back just exploded," he said.

He said he yelled for help with no avail.

"The pain in my back and hands told me I wasn't going to be healthy for a very long time," he said.

Robert Gunn, whose room

was within earshot of the alley, said he's normally a light sleeper and felt bad when he didn't hear his brother's cries.

Knowing he couldn't lie in an alley all night, Stewart Gunn said he crawled to a nearby wall and attempted to stand up.

He said the pain was so unbearable that he bit the cobblestone wall hoping it would subside.

The pain only got worse and his bones sounded like "rocks scraping together," he said.

He said he stumbled to a nearby road and stood there waiting for help, which came in the form of a police car.

"I didn't know then that walking in my condition was the absolute worst thing I could do," he said. "Had a bone penetrated near my spinal cord, my walking motion would have turned it into a knife as it slowly cut the cord."

Multiple tests at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford confirmed that he wasn't paralyzed; however, he had broken five lumbar vertebrae, his wrist and hand.

Robert Gunn said he was informed of the accident early the next morning.

Michael Leslie, dean of Rhodes College's British stud-

ies at Oxford summer school, declined to comment.

Stewart Gunn was put in a body cast and stayed in England for two weeks with his brother, who continued the study abroad program, and their parents who flew in.

He flew home to San Antonio and had to lie on his back for almost six months with minimal movement, he said.

Robert Gunn said he retraced the steps of his brother's accident over and over again. They came to the conclusion that Stewart Gunn sleepwalked out of a window and began walking on the scaffolding around the building then fell backward. A green metal sign broke his fall and his back.

Both Gunn boys had both sleepwalked before with no injury, Robert Gunn said.

Robert Gunn said people need to become more educated about the dangers of sleepwalking.

The accident wasn't the first of its kind and won't be the last, Shelly Gunn said.

Stewart Gunn is now back at TCU for his third semester since the accident. His bones have healed and he is back to playing intramural basketball and hunting, he said.

He said, "What is horrible about sleep walking is that you are only in control after a fully functioning body does something stupid, and you are left to pick up the pieces."

Ads accuse Brownback of supporting troop buildup

By **MATT STEARNS**
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — A liberal group is airing ads around the country this week criticizing several Republican senators for supporting President Bush's troop escalation in Iraq. Among the

ads' targets is Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

The problem: Brownback doesn't support the 21,500-troop buildup. In fact, he was among the first Republican senators to publicly oppose it, and he remains the party's only presidential candidate

in the anti-surge camp.

The ads, by Moveon.org Political Action, criticize the senators for supporting the troop increase and for blocking a vote on a nonbinding resolution condemning it.

In the ads, a photograph of Brownback is shown with the word "escalate" in a cartoon bubble next to his mouth. The voiceover says Brownback and other Republicans are "willing to send tens of thousands more

troops to face danger in Iraq, but they don't have the courage to face a vote."

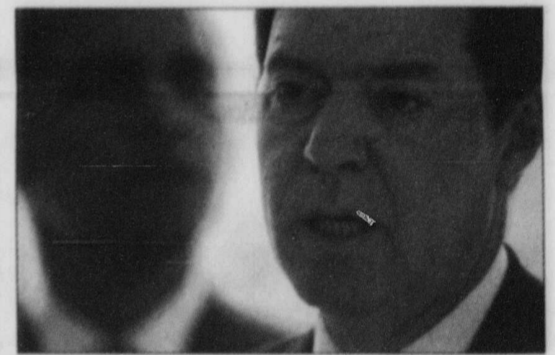
Brownback's office wouldn't comment on the ads, but the senator reiterated his opposition to the buildup in a Senate floor speech Wednesday, while saying that any measure he supported must guarantee funding for the troops.

"Sectarian violence is the overwhelming problem in Iraq," Brownback said. "Additional troops on the streets simply will

not make Sunni and Shia trust each other."

Even so, he voted Monday to block debate on a bipartisan resolution condemning the escalation. Two Republican senators did not vote to block debate. Brownback and several Republican colleagues who supported the resolution — including its chief author, Sen. John Warner of Virginia —

said they voted to block debate because they also wanted to vote on other resolutions Democrats were blocking.



Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., right, and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., speak at a news conference. Moveon.org ads charge Brownback with encouraging escalation of troops in Iraq.

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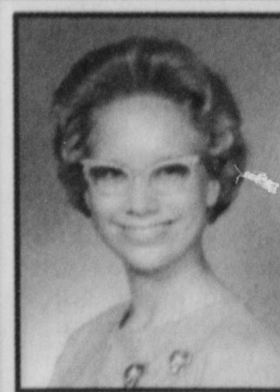
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Iraqi refugee numbers highest in over 50 years

By WARREN P. STROBEL
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — One out of every seven Iraqis has fled his or her home or sought refuge abroad, the largest movement of people in the Middle East since the war that followed Israel's creation in 1948, according to United Nations officials and relief workers. Every day, violence displaces an estimated 1,300 more Iraqis in the country; every month, at least 40,000.

Last year, 202 refugees from Iraq were allowed to resettle in the U.S.

Against that backdrop, the Bush administration is moving — belatedly, in the view of critics — to address a problem widely seen as having been created by invading Iraq in March 2003.

On Monday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice announced the creation of a high-level State Department task force on the refugee issue. State Department officials said the Bush administration will expand the number of refugees it allows into the U.S., with special attention given to Iraqis who may be at risk because they worked for the U.S. government. But the administration would admit only 20,000 Iraqis at most this year.

In his just-released budget, President Bush asked for \$35 million to help Iraq's refugees in fiscal year 2008, plus \$15 million in supplemental funding for this year.

The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, a private nonprofit group, had urged Bush to seek \$250 million as part of a supplemental war funding request.

The Bush administration "has been slow to react to a worsening situation, amid ample warnings," Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said in

a statement. Rice's task force, he said, "is a hopeful sign, and it can move us forward as long as it doesn't waste time pondering the obvious."

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees estimated in a report last month that there are as many as 2 million Iraqi refugees in neighboring countries, primarily in Syria and Jordan. Another 1.7 million people are displaced within Iraq, the UNHCR said.

Some of the refugees fled during Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's reign, before the U.S. invasion. But the exodus has accelerated since the bombing of a Shiite Muslim mosque in the city of Samarra last February.

Non-governmental groups working with refugees say outside aid can't come fast enough because Syria and Jordan are hinting at closing their doors. Other neighbors, such as Saudi Arabia, have accepted almost no refugees. The Saudis are building a barrier along the border with Iraq.

"In six months, it will be too late," said Kristele Younes, of Refugees International, an advocacy group. "We're not seeing the U.S. do much, frankly."

Senior U.S. officials sidestepped the question of whether Washington bears special responsibility for Iraqis fleeing the violence.

"It's a shared global responsibility," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack told reporters.

Randall Tobias, the administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, said the emphasis will remain on helping refugees in the region.

"Obviously what we're trying to do is to create circumstances to reduce the numbers of refugees who want to come to the

United States or elsewhere," Tobias said.

Assistant Secretary of State Ellen Sauerbrey told a Senate hearing last month that the United States had admitted 466 Iraqi refugees since 2003. She ascribed the small number to the Department of Homeland Security's stringent security review for each applicant. She said that number could expand to as many as 20,000 this year.

The U.S. Committee for Refugees said Wednesday that it welcomed Rice's initiative and urged the administration to expedite the resettlement of Iraqis who worked for the U.S. or allied militaries.

But even if the United States and other countries open their doors wider, only a small fraction of Iraq's legions of refugees would be resettled abroad.

The Geneva-based UNHCR last month asked for \$60 million from foreign donors to protect and aid the refugees. Of that amount, \$40 million has been pledged, and \$9.1 million received, said agency official Tim Irwin.

The UNHCR acknowledged that even if the appeal is fully subscribed, it would help only a fraction of displaced Iraqi families.

It's "a drop in the bucket," Younes said.

The crisis is likely to get worse before it gets better. UNHCR projects that the number of internally displaced in Iraq could grow to about 2.7 million by year's end.

A recent report by the Washington-based Brookings Institution said that if Iraq spirals into all-out civil war, U.S. troops might have to establish "catch basins" along Iraq's borders to care for tens or hundreds of thousands of Iraqis fleeing the violence.

Astronaut faces prison

By TAMARA LYTTLE
The Orlando Sentinel

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Until Monday, the life of Lisa Marie Nowak — diligent student, Navy pilot, astronaut, loving daughter, wife and mother — was a point of pride for her circle of family, friends and NASA colleagues.

Then, that life of accomplishment came crashing down during an odyssey that ended in Orlando, Fla., where the 43-year-old shuttle astronaut faces charges of attempted murder and the possibility of life in prison.

Few people — including those closest to her — understand what went wrong. Police are not divulging many details, except to say that Nowak drove from Houston to Orlando, where she stalked and then assaulted U.S. Air Force Capt. Colleen Shipman, who apparently was vying for another astronaut's affection.

But Nowak intended much worse, police said: She wanted to kill Shipman.

"We're just trying to figure out how to get her the help she needs," said Jonathan Rose, Nowak's brother-in-law, from his Garrett Park, Md., home Tuesday afternoon.

As Rose spoke, his family watched TV news coverage of Nowak's arraignment in an Orlando courtroom.

Later, the family issued a statement, saying they were "saddened and extremely concerned about the serious allegations being made against Lisa. We love her very much, and right now, our primary focus is on her health and well-being...."

They described Nowak as devoted to her three children, and added that a few weeks ago she had separated from her husband of 19 years, Richard.

In a recent interview with the Ladies Home Journal, Nowak talked about the pressures of



NASA astronaut Lisa Nowak appears for her initial court appearance at the Orange County Jail in Orlando, Fla., on Tuesday on charges of attempted murder.

career and motherhood. As a test pilot, Nowak said, she also took care of her son Alex, 9-months-old at the time.

"It's definitely a challenge to do the flying and take care of even one child and do all the other things you have to do, but I learned that you can do it," she said.

She said it is very important "to have that whole big network of support. Immediate family, extended family, and friends of your family."

Some of those friends and neighbors on the affluent Rockville street where Nowak grew up were confused and heartbroken Tuesday.

"She's everything you'd want in a daughter, a friend — she's pretty, she's bright, she's popular," neighbor Arlene Kushner said.

Kushner lives two doors down from the red-brick, two-story home where Nowak grew up with sisters Andrea Rose and Marisa Terrenzi, and where their parents, Alfredo and Jane Caputo, still live.

"We woke up to the news — shock," said Kushner, who often hired Nowak as a baby sitter. "They're a wonderful family. I've known Lisa since she was 6-years-old."

Another neighbor, who did not want her name published, said her heart goes out to the entire family.

"She must have cracked or something," she said. "It's a sad sickness, and they need a lot of sympathy."

In a NASA interview before the mission, Nowak said her interest in becoming an astronaut was sparked as a child when she visited the Air and Space Museum in Washington.

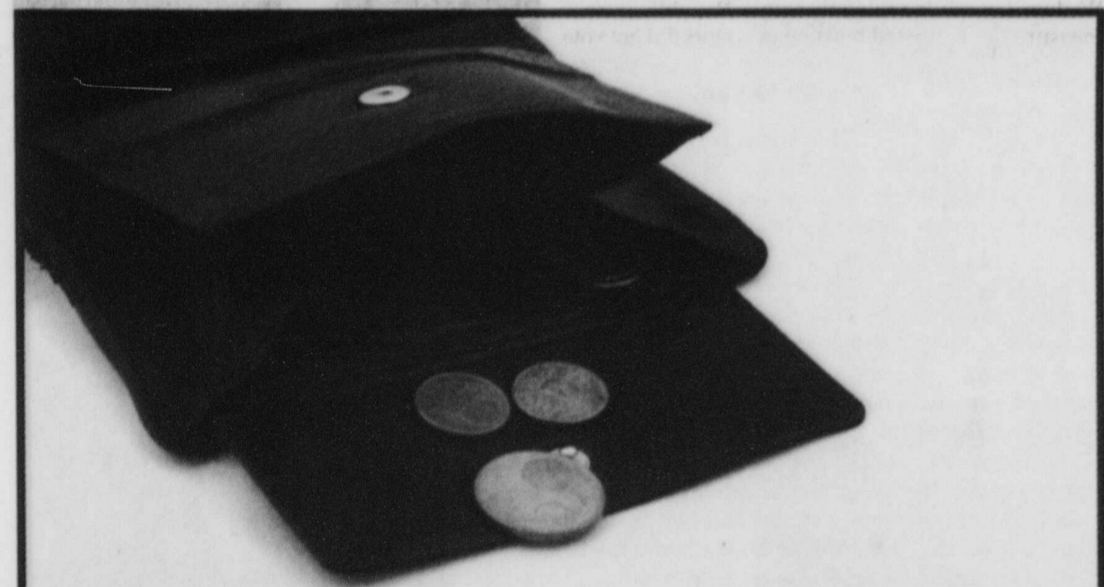
That's where her love of science and exploration took root.

And the dangers of space flight, she said, were not a concern.

"There are a lot of things we do every day that involve some risk that we may not think about — just getting in a car and driving to work, or people that fly airplanes for their jobs — those things are all risky. We can sit in one place and never go anywhere or do anything, but that's not what people are about. We have a drive to go and do things, even if it's on a daily basis or with a larger goal of exploring."



Astronauts Steve Lindsey, left, and Chris Ferguson attend a court appearance for fellow astronaut Lisa Nowak, at the Orange County Jail in Orlando, Fla., on Tuesday.



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More than Homeless



The line to get into the Presbyterian Night Shelter extends from the door around the corner and down Cypress Street on Wednesday afternoon. The homeless population in Fort Worth is about 5,278, according to a United Way report.

Fort Worth shelters aren't always equipped to handle the diverse, growing needy population's woes

By CHRISTINA RUFFINI
Staff Writer

Nestled in the shadow of monstrous overpasses and buzzing highways, Cypress Street is in a part of Fort Worth that has long since died.

For the most part, the small back alley is devoid of traffic. Instead, it is teeming with people — men and women, black and white, young and old. They line the sidewalks and spill out onto the blacktop. Some happily chat in groups while others sit quietly by themselves. They are all waiting for the same thing — 5 p.m.

"I don't know why they are here so early," Stacey Parker said, her bright green trench coat pulled tight against the cold. "Some of them come to hang out, others just have no where else to go."

Parker is a case worker at the Presbyterian Night Shelter, a beacon of hope for the homeless of Cypress Street. Every evening at 5 p.m., the shelter opens its doors to anyone who wants a place to stay and a hot meal, no questions asked.

"We cater to the lowest common denominator of the homeless population," Parker said. "Other shelters require that you be in one of their programs or have some sort of special conditions; we take anyone."

A growing problem

In the past five years, the Fort Worth homeless population has grown larger. According to a 2006 United Way report, the number of men and women on the street has increased from 4,375 in 2000 to 5,278 in 2004.

The homeless population is also diversifying. The fastest-growing demographics are young children and adults over 55 years old. The United Way reports the number of Fort Worth homeless children grew more than 25 percent in the past two years.

It is difficult enough to address the numbers, but the many special needs rapidly surfacing among the homeless population are causing problems for shelters everywhere.

Places like Presbyterian Night are often expected to care for problems beyond its capabilities.

"One of the biggest new problems we have is single fathers with children," Parker said as she made her way through the rapidly growing group of bystanders. In an attempt to meet the needs of its patrons, the Presbyterian Night Shelter has evolved from a single structure to a campus of buildings, each with a specific task.

To get in, residents must pass through a metal detector and cannot have drugs or alcohol with them.

"If they are found with drugs or alcohol in the building they are kicked out," Parker said. She opened the green metal door of the main structure and was about to enter when shouts broke out behind her.

The people

"Hey everyone, it's Stacey!" exclaimed a man in his mid-40s as he flashed a toothy grin. "Happy birthday, Stacey!" The crowd broke out into spontaneous applause and laughter.

"Steve, you know it's not my birthday," she replied calmly and disappeared behind the door.

Parker knows almost all the residents by name. She is the only case worker for the entire facility.

"We are hoping to hire three more in the next few months," she explained during a tour of the facility. "We want to try more positive reinforcement to help these people do better for themselves."

Past the security guards and the dining facility, the night shelter is divided into three main sections. On the left is the men's ward.

The population spans all walks of life. From the second floor, an onlooker can see the entire ward. Half of the cold cement floor is covered in plastic mats for the transient residents. Some men sit complacently reading the newspaper while others walk in aimless circles around the room. Against two walls are rows of black metal bunks, covered in a veritable rainbow of blankets and comforters.

"The mats are for our evening residents, and then the bunk beds and lockers are for our more permanent residents," Parker said. "If they can show they have a night job, they can rent a bed for \$50 a month and stay in during the day."

On the right side of the building are the women's and older men's areas. The women's ward is almost identical to the men's but slightly smaller. About one-third of the area is sectioned off and reserved for men over 60. They have a lounge with a television and single beds where they can keep their personal belongings.

"I have lived here since April, and pretty much everybody gets along," said J.D. Hart, seated on a chipped metal folding chair next to his overflowing bed.

Hart, a 61-year-old Vietnam veteran, said he likes the shelter for the moment but that it does not meet all his needs.

"I am diabetic so I have to take all these medicines," he said, dumping a backpack of pill bottles out on the floor. "I am glad I get them from the V.A. hospital because there is no dispensary here."

The shelter provides residents with basic necessities like aspirin and hygiene products, but it does not have a pharmacy or medical center. The only time residents can get prescription medication is if they are assigned to Safe Haven, the mental health treatment center of the shelter.

"Even though it sounds like it would be a battered women's shelter, it is not,"

Parker said. "If we notice a member of our general population appears to have some mental problems, we will try and move them over there if we have an opening."

Unlike other mental facilities, she said, patients at Safe Haven are not forced to take their prescriptions.

"A lot of times that scares them so what we try to do is gain their trust," Parker said. "After a while we can usually get them to agree to treatment."

The Safe Haven building is reminiscent of a large house. The foyer has a fireplace and arm chairs, as well as a computer and television for residents to use. Although the facility is new and well-built, it can only serve 20 people at a time.

A safe haven

"The largest problems for the homeless population are schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and severe depression," said Rebecca Cox, who has worked at Safe Haven for five years.

Unfortunately, free mental health facilities like Safe Haven have also become dumping grounds for people whom prisons, nursing homes and even hospitals no longer wish to house.

"Anyone they don't know what to do with they send here," Cox said. "One day, I saw a van from a nursing home, with its logo real big on the side, pull up, roll out a man in a wheel chair and just — zoom — drive off."

Although she said she did not remember the name of the nursing home, elderly residents often end up on the shelter's doorstep. The shelter has no geriatric care facility, but the staff tries to make arrangements for them at the main shelter.

"Right now we have an 81-year-old down here in our main women's population," Parker said.

Elderly residents are not forced to leave during the day, she said.

The elderly are not the only people who are dumped off on Cypress Street.

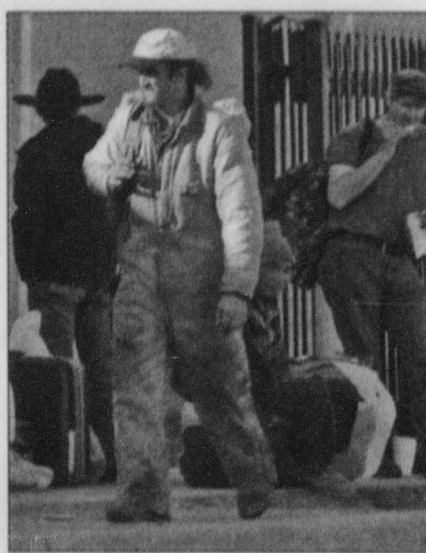
"A lot of parolees will list the shelter as their residence, and they will get paroled here," said Parker. "They have to have a residence to get paroled, and the police are fine with them listing the shelter."

She said hospitals and other care facilities also send discharged patients without friends or family to the shelter. When people have no place else to go, they end up at Presbyterian Night.

Presbyterian Night Shelter is filled to capacity almost every evening.

Homeless organizations such as the United Way predict that with increasing unemployment rates and high prices of housing, Fort Worth homeless numbers will continue to increase over the next few years.

Parker and employees of the other city shelters will continue to cope with the numbers as best they can. However, when the weather turns colder, the crowds outside the main door will continue to grow.



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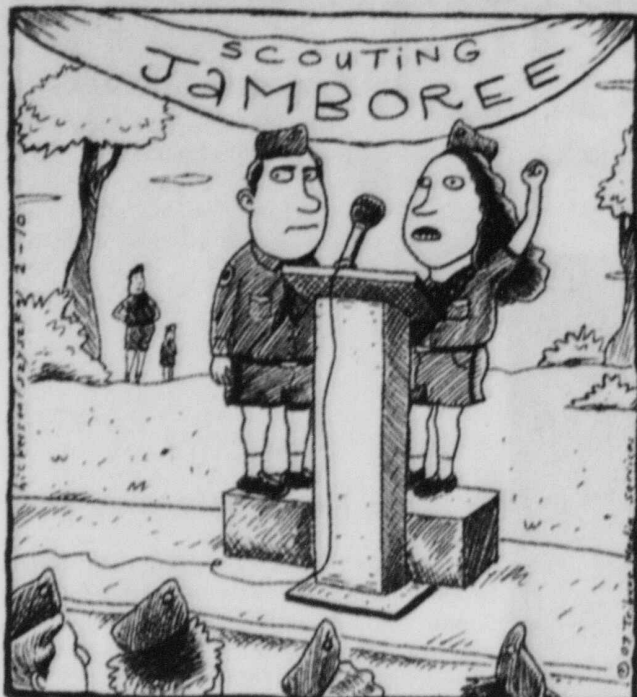
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- Ripple
- Totally disinfected
- Pay
- Intensely eager
- Chimney passage
- Highly productive
- Upscale '60s Ford
- Curvy path
- Greek Aurora
- Put on
- Tender or Pullman
- Shoshone
- Move slightly
- Refusing to listen
- Email opinion letters
- Subside
- Carolina university
- Hold your horse!
- Rink surface
- so fast!
- H'wood industry
- Munch's river
- Tubb and Truex
- Don't move!
- Kingdom founded by St. Stephen
- Informal habit
- Closest
- Bargains
- Moody exhibitions
- Bigger pic
- Coastal bird
- Gradually break from a habit
- Seine feeder
- '60s hallucinogen
- PF's address

By Victor Fleming Little Rock, AR

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Frog football gets fresh meat on Signing Day

Logan Brock: Tight End

Following an all-state selection his senior year, Brock (6'3", 230 pounds) was also chosen to play in Max Emfinger's 2007 All-American Bowl Game Classic in Shreveport, La. His father was a former Indiana linebacker, Reb Brock.

Braylon Broughton: Defensive End

Broughton (6'6", 225) was ranked as the nation's No. 59 defensive end in 2006 and made 50 tackles and three sacks as a junior. The end was an all-district selection after both his junior

Jai Cavness: Tailback

Cavness (5'8", 175) was put by scout.com in the Top Texas 100 Playmakers list. Speed is nothing new to the rookie, who holds the Houston Thurgood Marshall High School record in the 40-yard dash and 100 meters.

Tekerrein Cuba: Safety

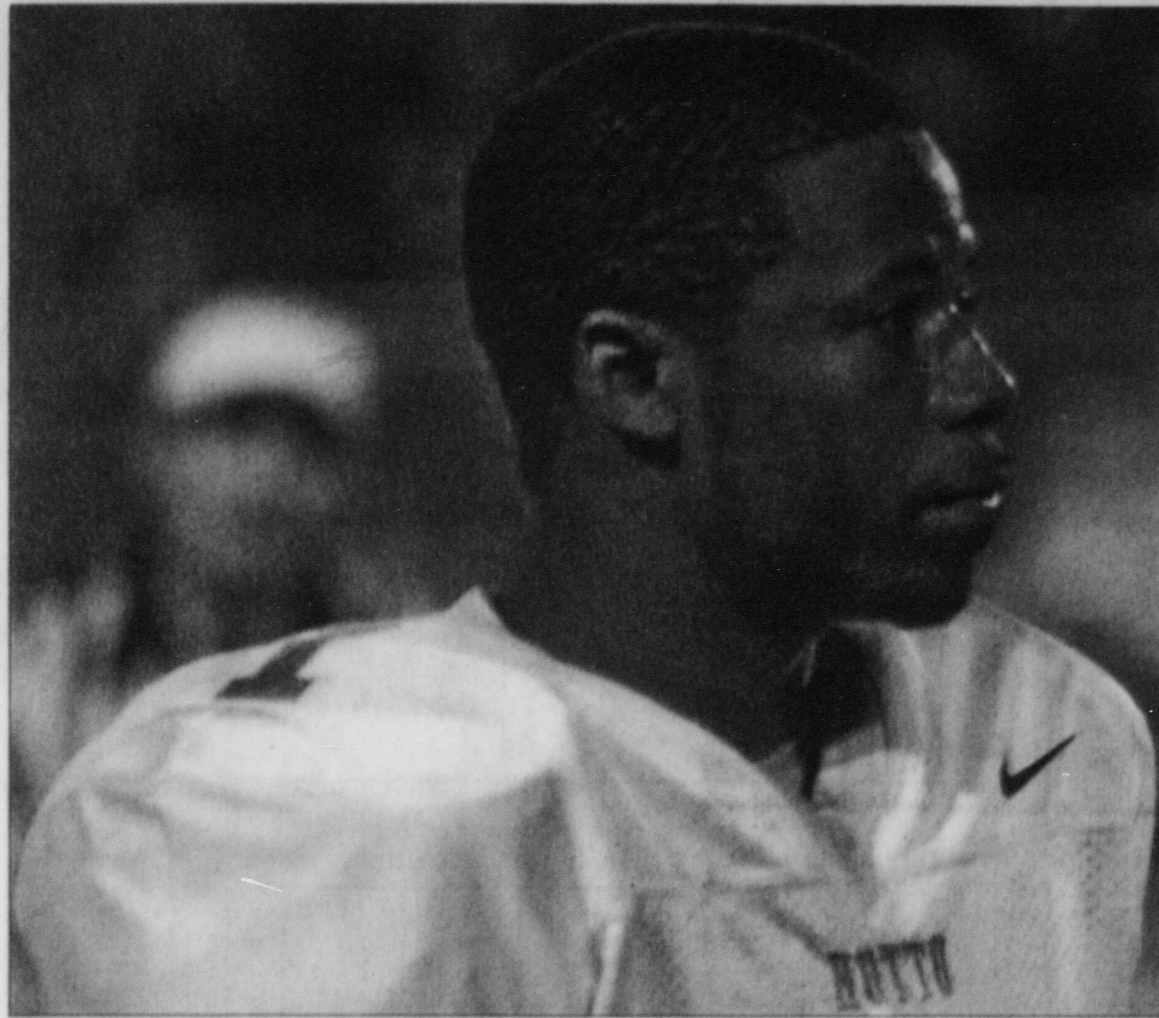
Cuba (6'3.5", 197) was selected first-team all-state as a senior and second-team as a junior. Eyes were on the senior as he was the No. 61 recruit in the state, according to scout.com.

Kelly Griffin: Defensive Tackle

Griffin (6'1", 280) is the heaviest recruit for the Horned Frogs in 2007, as well as a first-team all-district selection senior year. During his junior season at MacArthur High School in Irving, he had five sacks and five fumble recoveries.

Jonathon Jones: Wide Receiver

Jones (6'3.5", 197) is a Fort Worth native who saw action on both sides of the ball. As a defensive player, he had four blocked punts and two blocked field goals. On offense, he scored eight touchdowns as a receiver. He was the No. 61 recruit in Texas, according to Scout.com.



Jeremy Kerley

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Jeremy Kerley: Wide Receiver

Kerley (5'10", 185) was a rivals.com four-star recruit and part of the Texas 100 and Fab 55. Though was a two-time MVP quarterback in high school, the Horned Frogs will look for him to play as a wide receiver.

Jason Fitch: Defensive End

Fitch (6'2", 230) garnered all-state recognition as a defensive lineman his senior year, and he keeps a Horned Frog legacy going as the brother of alumnus and current New York Jet Zarnell Fitch.

Teejay Johnson: Safety

Johnson (6'1", 195) earned honorable mention for all-state recognition his senior year and was listed as the No. 55 recruit in Texas, according to Scout.com. In his final season at South Garland High School, he scored three defensive touchdowns, two off of picks and one off a returned fumble recovery.

Greg McCoy: Cornerback

McCoy (5'10", 172) received honors as the 4-A Most Valuable Player after his senior year at Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas. Metroplex accolades came from his No. 37 rank in SportsDay's Area Top 100 list.

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