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Police searching for suspects in recent sexual assault case

By ASHER FOGLE
Staff Reporter

After receiving lab results from a sexual assault evidence kit, Fort Worth police are looking for suspects in a reported sexual assault that occurred Feb. 25 in the GrandMarc.

Fort Worth police Sgt. Jim Thomson said a student contacted the Fort Worth police Feb. 26 to report a sexual assault in her residence in the GrandMarc at Westberry Place.

Thomson said he believes the woman was intoxicated, which, he said, is probably why she did not clearly remember the incident and was unable to provide

police with a description of a suspect.

A sexual assault evidence kit was administered to the woman at the hospital last week, and Thomson said the results were sufficient to confirm the assault and enable police to continue the investigation.

"We are going to treat it as if something probably did happen," Thomson said. "We're hoping to get a name, run down some leads and match up some other things that we have."

Thomson said the woman woke up Sunday morning and saw a man she did not recognize in her room.

"Her friends put her on the elevator and left her to go home," Thomson said. "There were a couple of gentlemen on the elevator with her, so we have a bunch of people to talk to for more information."

Thomson said, and detectives

work for equity and diminishes participation opportunities built by Title IX. With women comprising 57 percent of the college student population and only 43 percent of athletic opportunities, the statement takes a position that the use of male practice players sends a negative message to bench players that "you are not good enough for them but for a vast number of women's college teams across the country."

Activities Funding Board causes problems for SGA

By ERICK MOEN
Staff Reporter

When students voted in the November 2005 Student Government Association elections to increase the student fee \$4, they didn't know the increase would lock nearly one-fourth of SGA's annual budget into a single fund, an SGA adviser.

Dedicating \$76,500 to one fund is still causing budgeting headaches today, said Larry Markley, SGA adviser.

The money is locked into the Student Activities Funding Board, which, before the vote, was originally meant to receive \$50,000 a year, former SGA treasurer Brian Andrew said.

SGA's total annual budget is \$315,000, Markley said.

Andrew said the \$76,500 allocation would stay the same each year through 2009, which Markley said means other programs will be left scrambling for the money until then.

SGA intended the AFB to be a program to help fund student organizations, but instead SGA caused another problem as to how it distributed money, Markley said.

As a result of the distribution to the AFB, Markley said, there was a cut in Programming Council's budget. Andrew, the 2006 SGA treasurer, said it was difficult to keep the budget balanced with AFB receiving roughly a quarter of it and PC receiving half of it.

In the fiscal year prior to the vote, SGA was running at a \$30,250 deficit, and Markley said the increase was meant to allow that rate of spending to continue.

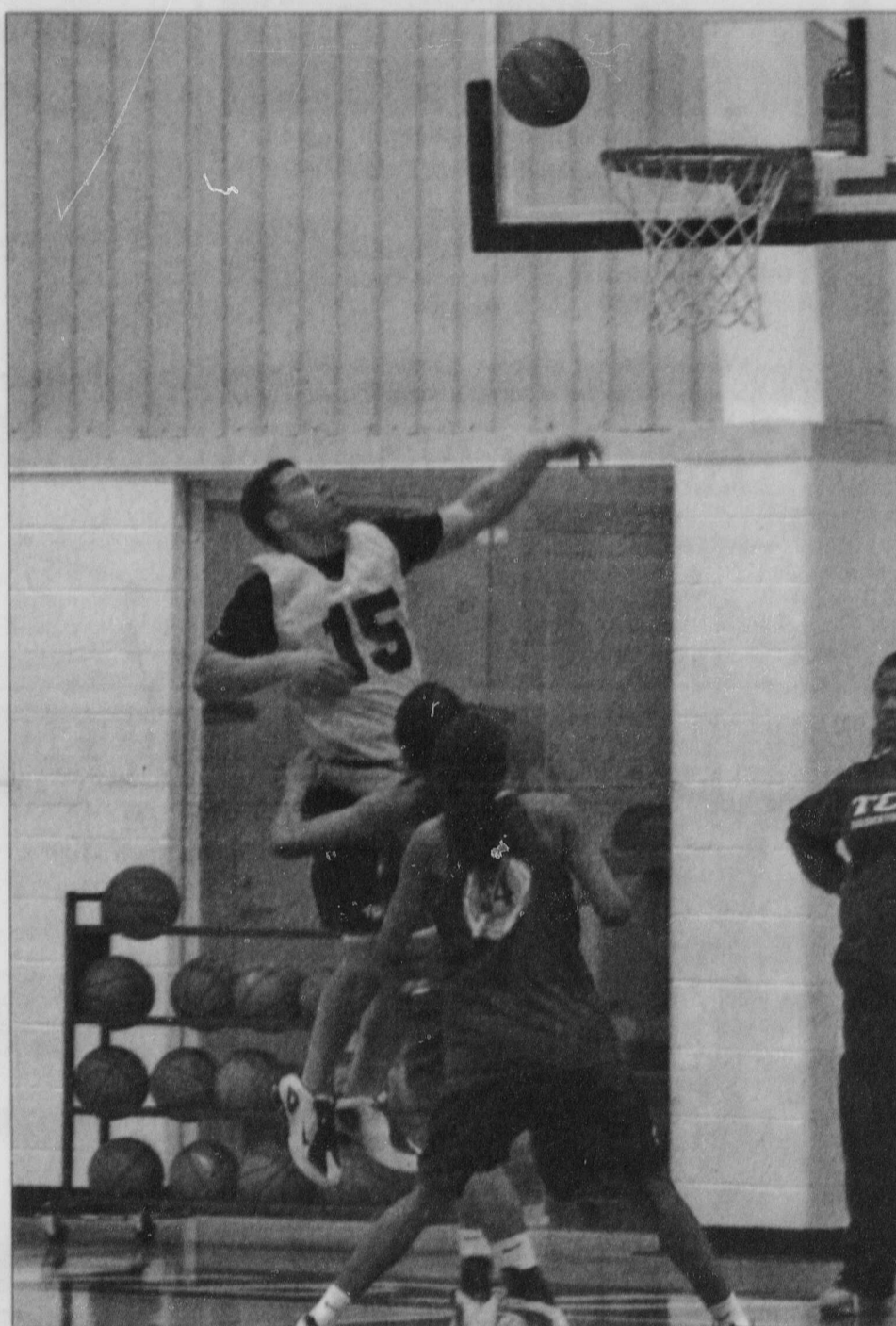
Andrew said he thought AFB was a good program that used money well, but cuts were required to give the money to AFB and cease deficit spending, thus balancing the budget.

Markley said the full effect of the vote won't be known until this year's budgeting process begins because it will be the first year all of the recent changes will be incorporated at the same time. This includes PC no longer receiving a guaranteed 50 percent of the budget.

Andrew said, "[the current SGA treasurer] has the unenviable task of trying to create a balanced budget and yet stay true to what the student body asked for."

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WHOA, MAN



NCAA plan would rid men from women's practices

By TIM BELLA
Staff Reporter

Throughout the history of collegiate athletics, athletic programs have been searching for ways to gain an edge against the competition. For the Lady Frogs women's basketball team, using male practice players on a daily basis has become the norm not just for them but for a vast number of women's college teams across the country.

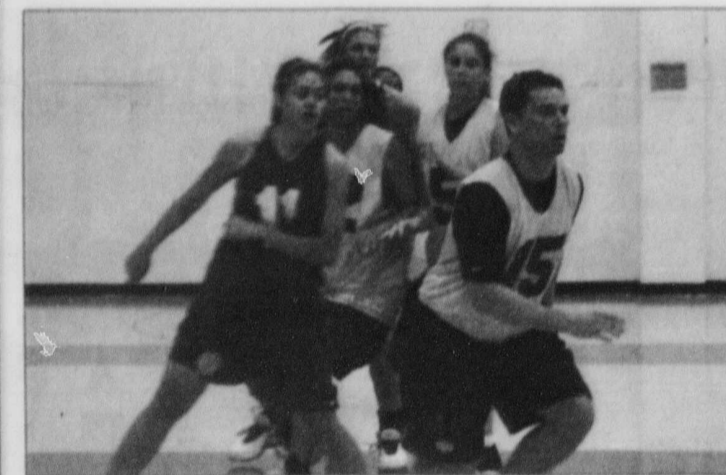
If the NCAA's Committee on Women's Athletics has its way, that won't be the case for much longer.

In a Dec. 6 position statement, the CWA stated the use of male practice players violates the frame-

work for equity and diminishes participation opportunities built by Title IX. With women comprising 57 percent of the college student population and only 43 percent of athletic opportunities, the statement takes a position that the use of male practice players sends a negative message to bench players that "you are not good enough for them but for a vast number of women's college teams across the country."

The proposed legislation is drawing criticism from women's basketball coaches nationwide, including Horned Frogs head coach Jeff Mittie, who said that some people have a general misunderstanding of why male

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(LEFT) Dave Mishler makes a lay-up while practicing with the women's basketball team. The NCAA's Committee on Women's Athletics stated that the use of male practice players violates the framework for equality built by Title IX. (ABOVE) Senior Dave Mishler plays defense Monday afternoon. The NCAA's Committee on Women's Athletics is trying to ban the use of male practice players on women's teams.

University closer to finalizing gas agreement

By REBEKAH HOOD
Staff Reporter

The board of trustees executive committee signed a letter of intent Friday to appoint Four Sevens Resources Co., Ltd. the university's natural gas operator.

The university will not sign a lease until all safety and security requirements have been considered, said Tracy Syler-Jones, assistant vice

chancellor for marketing and communication.

"The next step is to complete a process of negotiating a lease that meets the university's standards and is mutually acceptable by TCU and Four Sevens," said Brian Gutierrez, TCU vice chancellor for finance and administration, in a press release Monday.

Negotiations of the lease are still

being constructed, Syler-Jones said, and no date has been set for when drilling would start.

Before Four Sevens was confirmed as having exclusive rights to negotiate this lease, Colt Exploration Co., a leasing broker under contract with Four Sevens, placed fliers in the Colonial Park neighborhood that announced Four Sevens had already been

awarded the gas lease. The placement of the fliers was premature, Gutierrez said.

According to the press release, the university began assessing the feasibility of drilling for natural gas on campus early last month because of the location atop the Barnett Shale, one of the largest natural gas reservoirs in the United States.

Pass/no credit deadline extended from four to eight weeks

By BAILEY SHIFFLER
Staff Reporter

The University Council voted Tuesday to double the amount of time students have to elect to take a class with pass/no credit grading.

The decision will move the pass/no credit deadline to the eighth Wednesday of the fall and spring semesters. The current deadline is four weeks into the semester.

The resolution, passed by the University Council, was

written by Mickey Ley, an AddRan representative for the House of Student Representatives. The resolution was approved by the house unanimously in November.

Provost Nowell Donovan said there was a reasonable amount of debate over the issue, but records were not kept on the vote.

Jace Thompson, Student Government Association president, said SGA's hope in passing the resolution was to give

students the opportunity to explore classes outside of their major. He said students might be more inclined to take classes they are interested in if they know they have more time to decide whether the class will affect their GPA.

William Slater, dean of the College of Communication, said he does not like pass/no credit grading and that he did not vote for the change in deadline.

"I think that any student

who is interested in taking the course to explore what that area might be ought to approach it in the same way he or she approaches any other course," Slater said.

He said he thinks the pass/no credit grading option compromises the rigor that a student puts into a course.

Miranda Leonard, a freshman modern dance major, said she has never taken a class pass/no credit before but might be more likely to

do so with the new deadline. She said it seems like the new date would help students make a better decision.

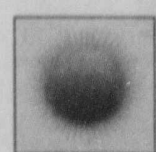
Janie Hardin, a sophomore sociology major, said she has taken a class pass/no credit and wished she had been given more time to decide. She also said she has taken a class in which she didn't have an exam until after the deadline and, in retrospect, wished she could have taken pass/no credit.

The resolution also included

an item that supported giving students the option to accept the letter grade at the end of the semester, even if they had elected the pass/no credit option. This portion of the resolution was not passed.

Donovan said the registrar will be making changes to the university catalog to reflect the new deadline.

"It's something that the student body wanted and we were able to see to that request," he said.



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PECULIAR FACT

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practice players are used during practice and why they are important.

"It's a very useful part in improving the women's basketball game," Mittie said.

In the position statement, the CWA believes the practice time that is given to men is doing a disservice to the female student-athletes who are "missing their own chance to improve their skills."

Mittie disagreed with the assessment, stating that the use of male practice players has an opposite effect in that it allows the players to focus solely on improving their own team's weaknesses instead of having to learn another team's offensive and defensive sets.

"Players don't like being scout players," Mittie said. "The players are focused on getting better and not having to worry about running someone else's stuff."

Although he understands why the CWA is coming down on male practice players, prac-

ice player Tommy Holtz said the pros outweigh the cons when debating the use of male practice players.

Holtz, a junior advertising and public relations major, said male practice players help make practices feel more like a game than a practice, and the male players help protect the women's team from potential injuries that may occur during the flow of practice.

"If one of us gets injured, we don't have to play in a game on Saturday," Holtz said.

As a male practice player, Holtz receives a T-shirt, a pair of basketball shoes, a practice jersey and the opportunity to sign up for classes early since he is considered an athlete and needs to build his schedule around practice. The CWA states that this kind of funding is "contrary to the good of the whole enterprise."

Members of the women's basketball team such as junior forward Jenna Lohse joined in the debate and said she doesn't understand how the CWA can be so adamantly against the use of male practice players. The male

players give the women's team more of a challenge due to their intensity level as well as their ability to jump higher, Lohse said. When playing against the males, it forces the team not to hold anything back.

"When you play against your teammates, you kind of hold back," Lohse said, "but with the men's practice squad, we get more aggressive."

While the legislation has yet to make its way to Division I athletics, it has been tabled for an April discussion for Division III athletics, which could be a sign of things to come.

"The issue regarding the use of male practice players is working its way through the NCAA governance process at various levels," said Joni Comstock, the NCAA's senior vice president for championships and senior woman administrator, in a Dec. 19 press release.

"There is no clear consensus yet, and the discussion is energetic... We will simply have to follow the debate and see what consensus emerges."

SGA
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Nate Arnold, current SGA treasurer, said the writer of the proposal was former SGA member Sebastian Moleksi.

Markley said he thought the referendum was badly worded and purposely written to confuse voters into approving some sort of fee increase.

"[Moleksi] had everybody confused about what really was in the document," Markley said.

The bill was confusing, so no one read it right and now that it is in effect, people don't know if that's what they wanted, Markley said.

"I'm not sure everyone who voted on this legislation was aware of the size of amount of money AFB would end up with or that it would affect the budget so substantially," Markley said.

Thomas Guidry, a former SGA member, also thought that

the vote was poorly worded.

"Sebastian made sure some increase would get passed by the wording of the legislation," Guidry said. "It made it difficult to vote for no increase."

In an e-mail, Moleksi said he and the rest of SGA tried to offer the students choices and do things in a democratic way.

"That was one of the reasons we didn't just ask a yes/no question during the referendum but rather asked how much, if at all, the students would be willing to pay additionally and for what," Moleksi said. "They could have easily voted for no increase in all areas we asked."

Dave Watson, SGA president in 2005, said, "People understood they wanted to give money to SGA."

Andrew said he voted no on the increase and told others to do the same, but when he became treasurer he did his best to honor the students' wishes and create a balanced budget.

Arnold said he was glad he was no longer required to give 50 percent of the budget to PC and that he doesn't think locking \$76,500 into the AFB is, "necessarily a bad thing."

"It is a fund that helps students and gives them their money back," Arnold said. "But we'll find out if it needs to be tweaked when I get started on the budgeting process."

Read more about why the SGA is overbudgeted and what the university says about it Wednesday in the second part of this four-part series.

CORRECTION

In Tuesday's article about the TCU gas lease, Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, was quoted as saying, "I think they're running ahead of where we are in the process" in reference to fliers posted in a nearby neighborhood announcing the company had received the right to the lease. Gutierrez was referring to Colt Exploration Co., not Four Sevens Resources Co. Brad Cunningham, Four Sevens partner, said Colt Exploration Co. is a leasing broker hired by Four Sevens.

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"Friendship is a word, the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm."

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THE SKIFF VIEW

Wartime coverage necessary

The freedom of the press is in danger, and this time it's the most free country in the world that's threatening it.

On Sunday, Afghan journalists working for the Associated Press were taking pictures and videos of a suicide attack on a U.S. Marine convoy in Afghanistan when U.S. soldiers started firing on civilians, reportedly killing 16.

This event, like the bombing, warranted coverage, and the journalists continued covering the event.

But what the U.S. soldiers did next is horrifying. The Afghan journalists claim U.S. troops confiscated the cameras and actually deleted the photos and videos of the soldiers tracking down civilians on foot and in vehicles.

They also claim the Americans threatened them with raised fists to not publish pictures like these anywhere.

It is ludicrous that members of the U.S. military, dedicated to protecting the free world, would attempt to squash freedom and truth by limiting coverage of the war.

There was no case of protecting national

security or secret intelligence from the press, just a bloody incident that faulted both sides.

Wars necessitate coverage, and militaries need to be held accountable for their actions.

The Vietnam War became rightfully notorious thanks to video coverage for the first time. Now, the president and his troops need to finally be held accountable for what is happening miles away.

Whether this incident was perpetuated by the attack on the American soldiers or it came from higher-in-command is both unknown and irrelevant.

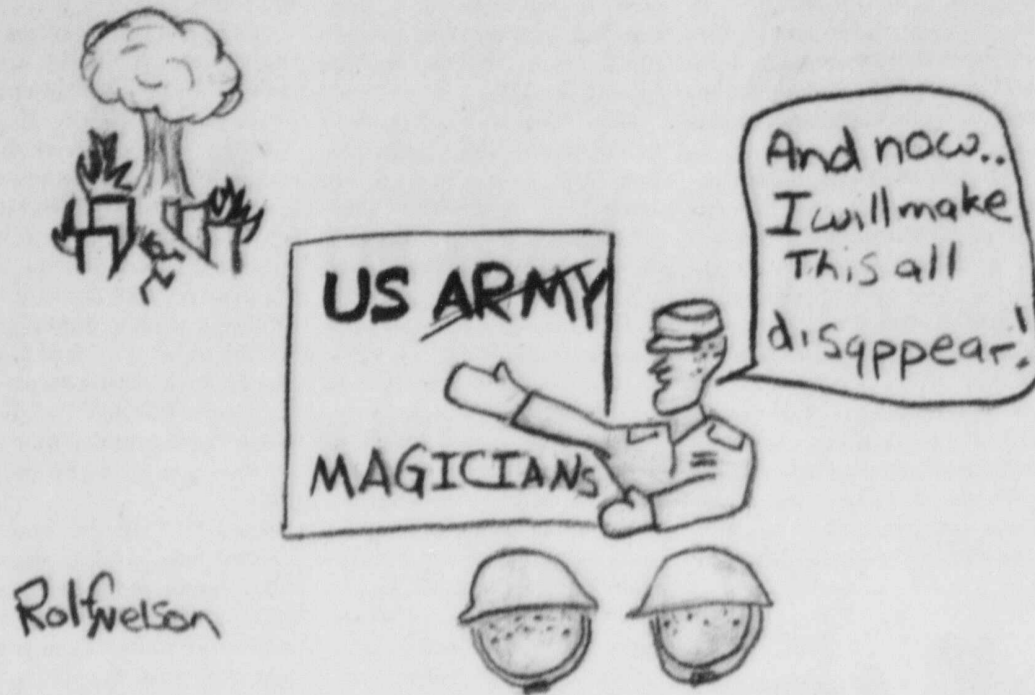
However, by forcibly stopping the freedom of the press, the U.S. military has gotten itself into a slew of additional problems.

The AP plans to launch a protest with the American military, creating even more coverage of its horrendous mistake.

It's time to face the fact that American soldiers are no longer perceived as liberators, and no amount of killing and threatening on our part can change that.

Features editor Amber Parcher for the editorial board.

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Put away the plastic: Smarter shoppers avoid credit

It's a little piece of plastic, no bigger than a folded dollar bill, but it carries a spending limit of potentially unlimited funds. It's the American consumer's dearest friend: the credit card.

COMMENTARY



Anahita Kallianivala

In 2004, there were 1.3 billion cards issued in the United States, and, in 2005, consumer debt reached \$2.2 trillion, according to CreditCards.com. It seems that credit cards have taken over as the dominant form of payment and a convenient way to take out a seemingly harmless loan every time consumers shop.

What careless shoppers don't realize is that credit card companies will try and deceive them by any means possible.

These companies will issue misleading bills, tan-

gle important clauses into indecipherable legal contracts and slap on excessive fees and charges. All the while, they're luring you in with attractive but temporary offers. The battle between consumers and credit card companies seems to be snowballing as debt takes over people's lives and wallets.

It is time that companies reform their policies and make it so that the law is written in such a way that there is actually a check and balance system to see that these changes are properly maintained. But the most important change needs to come from the consumer.

As a public, we need to be smarter shoppers. Sure, it's easy to fill out an application advertised as a quick and easy process, but it should send up a red flag when you give away all your personal information with a

four-page contract that follows. Companies undoubtedly paid someone to create and scrutinize the contract you're agreeing to, so there is bound to be something important to be aware of before signing away information such as your social security number.

Another weak point for consumers is that the credit card has made popular the mentality that it's OK to spend money you don't have. Then unpaid bal-

ances accrue interest and other fees, such as late fees, overcharge fees and default fees. We need to adopt the idea that it's not a negative thing to budget ourselves — we don't have to have everything all at once, otherwise there would be nothing left to enjoy.

If consumers were to only spend the money they had in pocket or money they would

and could acquire by the time the bill was due, debt would be a much less serious issue. But instead, we've adopted our credit limit as our expendable income. In reality, this practice leads to no expendable income at all.

There are many grievances the public has with credit cards, from high interest rates to unnecessary and often unexplained fees. As demonstrated by the numbers, American debt has spiraled out of control in the last 13 years — the \$1 trillion mark for American debt was only reached in 1994, according to CreditCards.com, and it's more than doubled in a little over a decade since.

By the same token, credit card companies have

grievances with the public. They hate it when consumers pay bills in full and on time — the industry actually has the nerve to label such customers as "dead-beats," according to a PBS Frontline documentary.

Wouldn't it just throw their lives out of whack if more and more consumers began paying off their debts in an effective way and making on-time payments that were beneficial to themselves? If a real turnaround were to happen with the financial management of the American consumer, credit card companies would be powerless to stop it. After all, consumers should comply with the rules credit card companies set forth. And down the road, these companies would have no reason to trap consumers too smart for their games.

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Materialism underrated; little things bring happiness

People like to have nice things, such as valuable clothes, sparkling jewelry, prized cars or an overall quality appearance.

If one is frugal or clever, quality, designer or seemingly expensive items can be found at outlets or other stores for half of the price.

There are others, however, who do shop around for deals, but if given the right circumstances and opportunities, certainly won't deny themselves the chance to have the real or expensive thing. Such spending habits on items aren't always wise and have the air of being flighty or impulsive. But it feels so good to have expensive, designer or personalized property.

There is some sort of satisfaction acquired when one buys an expensive or popular item, be it clothes, jewelry or a fragrance, for example. At least these are some of the top feminine items that are most valued. But what would be so terrible about buying off-brand or generic types of these girlish frivolities? Well, nothing

is wrong with taking that action, but the mind makes one believe what they want and forms their own opinions about their desires regarding material objects. If a woman settles in her mind that designer and expensive means quality and if it gives her satisfaction to own such possessions that few can afford, then she most likely won't be content with anything less than what she believes she deserves. And going the other way just isn't the same because it doesn't bring the same kind of satisfaction or gratification.

To be selective or indulgent is to be above the rest. Though this is neither a healthy viewpoint, nor a frugal one, it is still one of the most common human traits.

Having expensive and seemingly quality items in one's drawer or closet can give happiness. It might be temporary happiness but it still has the power to boost confidence and self-esteem, fleeting as that material satisfaction can be. There is something dangerous, exciting and pleasurable about indulgence. Indulging on material possessions is no different.

Many people take pride

in what they own, and others can't really judge them for that. Some people believe health and happiness are most important in life, while others are convinced that riches, success and material possessions can give fulfillment and pleasure. Both sides have merit and give valid points, because there is no one answer to this universal query.

America itself is learning the meaning of prudence and frugality, but consumerism still has a strong hold on the nation. We like to have and own nice things, and there is nothing wrong with that. Money itself might not bring happiness, but it can buy things that could. For example, a person can buy a pet and that pet can give a person happiness and joy, though it was bought with money. There are so many opinions about money and material possessions and many disagreements, as well.

If a person has the means and the money, then she can do with it what she wishes and deal with her own consequences for her actions.

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Health care reforms would help save children's lives

Last week, a 12-year-old boy died as a result of a toothache.

What country did this happen in? It wasn't where you might think. The recent example of a preventable youth's death happened in America.

Deamonte Driver, of Maryland, died from complications of a toothache Feb. 25 when the bacteria from the infection spread into his brain, killing him and costing his family \$250,000.

Sadly, the entire incident could have been prevented by getting his tooth pulled when it actually hurt, that is if his mother had insurance, according to The Washington Post.

Such a sobering event reveals the shameful state of American health care. It shows more of a reason for all Americans to be insured, if not a reason to lower the financial burden associated with the health system.

While it was reported that Driver's mother had Medicaid, there were no dentists within miles willing to accept her service plan, putting her family at a greater risk. The fact that there

were no dentists around is enough to cause outrage.

It was also reported that less than 33 percent of children who are on Medicaid received their proper dental care. Also, the Maryland State Dental Association said only 16 percent of its dentists are willing to receive Medicaid patients, according to The Post.

Embarrassingly, the United States, the most economically prosperous country in the world, cannot manage the task of keeping all of its inhabitants healthy.

Nearly 46.6 million Americans didn't have health insurance in 2005, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That amount is the combined populations of California, Oregon and Washington without the ability to know they'll be safe if they are inflicted with something as small as a toothache.

With \$400 billion spent on the war in Iraq, the government needs to reevaluate its priority of protecting American lives. It seems that more Americans are at risk from lack of proper health care than from terrorism. If it's not economically feasible to insure every

single American, as many people will claim, then a plan to insure every child under the age of 18 needs to be enacted.

Many people already complain that taxpayers pick up the costs of unpaid hospital bills. Nevertheless, if every person was required to take part in footing the bill, there should be no complaints because every person would be getting something in return.

While there are several reasons to support universal health care, the best example for reforming the system is Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposal.

Schwarzenegger's proposal of requiring health insurance with the aid of subsidies is the best bet to change things not only in California but also to create a ripple effect around the nation.

Universal health care benefits all people in the country, not just special interests, so situations such as the Driver case can be avoided in the future.

John P. Gambon is a writer for The Daily Aztec at San Diego State University. This article was distributed by U-Wire.

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Worth Hills left with 2 supervisors

By VICTORIA PUENTE
Staff Reporter

The Fraternity and Sorority Life program lost its second staff member in two months to a better job opportunity, leaving two staff members to oversee about 500 Worth Hills residents, said the assistant dean of campus life.

Former IFC adviser Jonathan Elder took another job as coordinator for Greek life at Stephen F. Austin State University on Feb. 16, said James Parker, assistant dean of campus life. Former Panhellenic adviser Stephanie Williams resigned Jan. 1 for a job as coordinator of risk management for Gonzaga University in Florence, Italy, Parker said.

"We've had one come in and we're still screening candidates and we still need to bring at

least one more candidate to campus — then we will move forward with this," Parker said. "We want to conclude the process as soon as possible; however, we are patient in order to find the right candidate and the right fit for TCU."

Gaius George and Leah Carnahan, both Fraternity and Sorority Life program coordinators, were assigned the housing duties that were formally the advisers' jobs, said Susan Adams, associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of campus life.

"In entry-level positions at any university, you expect turnover," Adams said. "We try to give them every opportunity here so that they are ready to get the job that's a promotion for them, and that's what's happened in both those cases."

Both George and Carnahan live in hall-director apartments in Worth Hills.

Since the beginning of the semester, Carnahan said, she has been responsible for the little more than 300 residents living in the four sorority chapter houses located in Beckham-Shelburne Hall, the two in Francis Sadler and the

four in Moody Hall. Previously, Williams was hall director for the two chapters in Francis Sadler Hall and three of the chapters in Moody Hall.

"I feel like I could better serve the students if I had fewer students to serve," said Carnahan, on overseeing 10 sorority chapters.

Other duties Carnahan said she took on included emerging leaders adviser, Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute scholarship coordinator and the advising of two Panhellenic officers.

George said he was originally the hall director for four fraternity chapters in Martin-Moore Hall, but since Elder left, he's had to take on an additional four chapter houses located in Tomlinson Hall.

"It's a 24/7 job; the more people you have working together and doing those things, the more fluid the office will run, so we do need more folks," George said.

Adams said screening and search committees have been formed to fill the positions.

The applicants for the Panhellenic position have been narrowed down to two candidates, one of whom was on campus interviewing Feb. 27, Adams said.

Military recruiters face countering groups using pickets to make recruiting difficult

By DENNY BOYLES
McClatchy Newspapers

There's a new front in the president's global war on terrorism.

It's not a conflict in the streets of Fallujah or the hills of Afghanistan but a hometown war of information between military recruiters and counter-recruiting activists who hope to end the war by keeping teenagers out of military uniforms.

Led nationally by groups such as the American Friends Service Committee and the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, the counter-recruiting effort also is growing on the local level.

It's an effort led equally by adults who have spent their lifetimes opposing war and youths who say they want a more peaceful future.

Military recruiters say counter-recruiting is nothing new. But it's a practice likely to become more prevalent now that the Pentagon has announced plans to add more than 90,000 soldiers and Marines over the next four years. For military recruiters, that increase means they will need to sign up five years' worth of new troops in a four-year period.

Counter-recruiters say they hope to make the recruiters' jobs even harder, if not impossible.

Junior Natalie Bachicha, 16, is an active counter-recruiter at Reedley High School in Reedley, Calif. She focuses her efforts on giving her fellow students more information about the military.

Part of that work is letting students know that under the No Child Left Behind law, military recruiters are given access to student information. Recruiters also are given results of the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery exam, a test that many schools give to students as early as the 10th grade.

Students are not required to take the test. Even if they do, they or their parents may keep their information private by "opting-out."

Natalie, who said she took the test rather than

make an issue of it, opted-out so that the military would not see her scores. She also wants to show young people that the military isn't the only way to see new places or experience new things.

"They don't get the full picture," Natalie said of her classmates. "They don't consider what it might cost them or the psychological effects of war. I believe people are being taken advantage of."

Natalie does most of her counter-recruiting on a one-on-one basis or in small groups.

Adult counter-recruiters use different methods, including pickets outside military recruiting offices. They often shadow military recruiters at job fairs, handing out fliers offering a different look at military service. Adult counter-recruiters also set up information booths at high school counseling offices to spread their message that the military is not the only option for young people.

Some, like Natalie, say they just want their peers to have as much information as possible. Others say they hope to end the war in Iraq by depriving the military of new recruits.

Don Friesen, a math teacher at Reedley High School, helped form the Students for Peace club that Natalie belongs to. During the club's first year, Friesen said, students expressed concern about how often military recruiters visited their campus.

"Some of the club members had personally experienced the persistence of recruiters through frequent phone calls and in-person contacts," Friesen said. "The club thought it was only fair for students to be aware beforehand of the promises and selling points used to persuade targeted teens."

The counter-recruiters challenge much of what recruiters say to potential recruits.

Military recruiters said they welcome the efforts of the counter-recruiters, because they also want candidates to know as much as possible before they make their decision on whether to join the armed forces.

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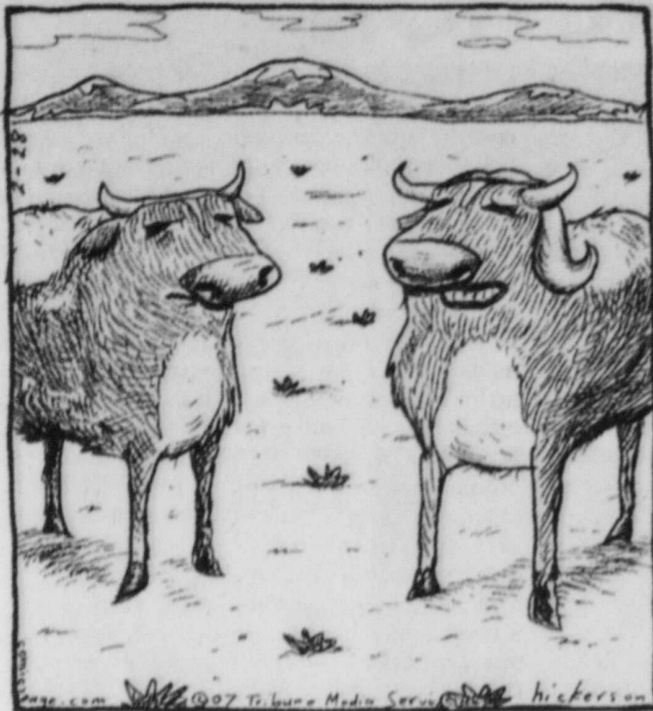


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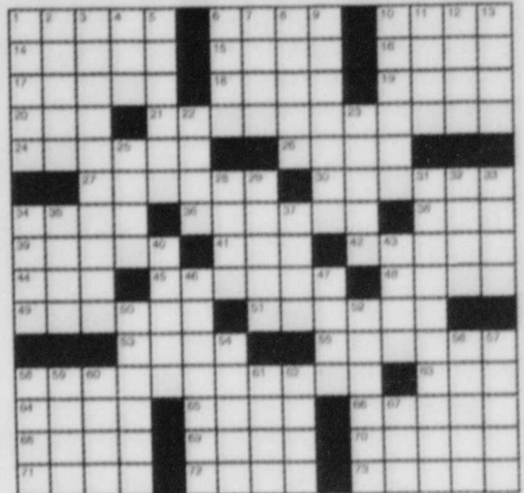
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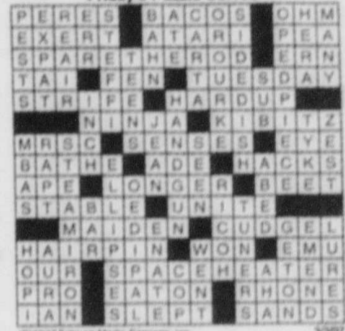
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New record set during annual lift competition

By **TIM BELLA**
Staff Reporter

Before the team hit the field Friday, fans had the opportunity to take part in a bit of Horned Frog history Thursday during the team's annual "Night of Champions" weight-lifting competition, as they witnessed a record-setting performance in squat.

Sophomore center Blake Schlueter's 870 lb. squat lift brought fans to their feet in amazement and had teammates looking on in disbelief.

Instead of the regular eight-week period it usually takes for players to reach their maximum lifting potential, the players had to do it in six weeks, head coach Gary Patterson said.

"As a head coach, it scares you to death," Patterson said. "It's one of those things where it takes guys to places they've never been before."

Players were judged based on their power index, which is the combined weight of their lifts in bench press, squat and press clean, divided by the player's weight.

Winners in their respective weight-class categories included redshirt freshman cornerback Rafael Priest, junior safety Brian Bonner, junior fullback William Jackson and sophomore defensive tackle Cody Moore.

STATS

Football Top Power Index

Priest	— 6.8235 PI
Bonner	— 6.7042 PI
Jackson	— 4.3958 PI
Moore	— 3.0351 PI

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(FAR LEFT) Members of the offensive line work on getting back into playing form during spring practices. Spring practices give the coaching staff a better idea as to which returning players can fill in for players who graduated.
(TOP RIGHT) Quarterbacks and receivers practice during Saturday's spring practice. These quarterbacks are vying for the starting job left by Jeff Ballard, who graduated in December.
(BOTTOM RIGHT) Running backs work on agility drills. Sophomore Aaron Brown led all Horned Frog running backs with nine touchdowns last season. The Frogs scored 32 touchdowns on the ground last season.

Frogs kick off season saying goodbye to QB coach, seniors

By **TIM BELLA**
Staff Reporter

As the first practice of the spring football season came to a close, each player took a knee. They were silent and attentive — a far cry from the roaring encouragement handed out just minutes before, by players such as junior safety Brian Bonner and sophomore center Blake Schlueter.

The first day of spring practice, a beautiful day by all accounts, had come to an end, but not before former quarterbacks coach Dick Winder gave the team a proper goodbye. By the end of his talk, Winder, who recently stepped down after five years at TCU, was given a standing ovation by players and staff. The scene then escalated into something coaches say is perhaps reflective of this group of Horned Frogs: The team began to belt out the lyrics to

the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" from the musical "Oklahoma!"

"That's kind of been his little rallying cry to tell people, 'Hey, look up — life's not that bad,'" head coach Gary Patterson said. "A whole bunch of people don't get a chance to play the game like you do in a program like this."

Coming off of an 11-2 season that culminated with a 37-7 rout of the Northern Illinois Huskies in the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl, the Frogs have enjoyed incredible success since 2000. The Frogs are in exclusive company as they can claim seasons of 10 wins or more in five of the past seven seasons, joining the USC Trojans, Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma Sooners and Boise State Broncos as the only Division I programs to share the distinction.

Despite all their success, the Frogs still have some unsettled business to attend to this spring season in the form of regaining their place atop the conference standings, Patterson said. The Frogs stumbled midway through the season with back-to-back losses against the Utah Utes and eventual conference champion, the BYU Cougars. Patterson said the staff has already begun to watch film on BYU in preparation for next season's showdown in Provo.

"Maybe, by some standards, 11-2 is a great year, but, for us, you know, still winning the (conference) championship is still really important to us," Patterson said.

Spring practice gives the coaching staff a better idea as to which returning players can step up and fill in for the departed seniors of the previous season's team, and this spring season is

no exception. The graduation of seniors such as MVP quarterback Jeff Ballard, Lombardi Trophy candidate offensive tackle Herb Taylor, wide receiver Quentin Harmon and free safety Marvin White leaves the Frogs looking for replacements at key positions.

Although the staff has not decided who will fill the various open starting slots, including the hotly contested opening at quarterback, Patterson said the team's reserve players are just as important, if not more important, in contributing to the program's success during the course of a season.

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