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Board approves new budget, plans more renovations

Staff Reporter The board of trustees approved a \$315 million budget Friday, including increased employee compensation and additional financial aid for the upcoming school year at its final meeting of the year.

The new budget includes \$9.4 million in additional Thompson said the board's older dormitories beginning compensation for employ- discussions were an indica-

additional financial aid. It sity is doing right now. also includes \$500,000 to being, housing and student services, according to Tracy Syler-Jones, assistant vice to talk about.' chancellor for marketing and

communication. ees and \$6.4 million in tion of how well the univer- Once it is completed in fall people would like to see the 1937 NFL draft.

"The meeting discussed a lot dormitory. improve student life, includ- of the present and future projing student health and well- ects of TCU," Thompson said. "There were a lot of items to of renovating Amon G. Cartdiscuss but no real bombshells

> Thompson also said the dent affairs. board approved to proceed

2008, Clark will be a co-ed stadium get renovated but

In addition, the university is looking into the possibility er Stadium as well, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for stu-

We hired a marketing and Student body president Jace with the renovation on the architecture firm to help us work out the costs for the rennext fall with Clark Hall. ovation," Mills said. "I think

stage right now.'

Mills said the new indoor Bowl win in 1936 and a Cotton versities. Bowl win the following year before being selected by the sions, told the board the Washington Redskins in the

we're just in the investigative the endowment reached \$1.1 billion. Thompson said the board requested for Jim practice facility will be named Hille, chief investment offiafter former All-American cer, to submit a report to quarterback Sammy Baugh. them comparing the endow-Baugh led the Frogs to a Sugar ment to that of other uni-

Ray Brown, dean of admis-

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SGA rejects **Activity Board** funding

By MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association rejected a budget proposal for the first time in several years because of record-keeping discrepancies in the Activities Funding Board.

Jace Thompson, student body president, said the budget was not passed because SGA wants to reduce funding to the Activities Funding Board.

"The reason we cut funding is not because we want to cut activities funding but because (we) didn't have records of how organizations spent their money," Thompson said.

Because the budget was submitted early, SGA said it determined the funding for the AFB was too large and decided to revise it. Otherwise, SGA would not have a budget to work with if it was rejected at the last minute, Thompson said.

The last date to submit a budget is April 10, but the budget was submitted March 27.

To pass the budget, the Programming Council and the House of Student Representatives' Executive Board and Finance Committee all have to approve the budget with a majority vote. However, the Executive Board failed to pass the budget with a vote of 15-13 and one abstention.

Thompson said the AFB was created in 2005 to allow individual organizations to apply for funding.

Nate Arnold, student body treasurer, said the AFB was originally funded by a \$25,000 surplus in the SGA fall 2005 budget. The AFB budget was increased in fall 2006 to \$38,000 per semester, with a total of roughly \$76,000 for a fiscal year, Arnold said.

Arnold said about \$16,500 of the total \$76,000 of the AFB budget would be given to Programming Council.

When an organization receives funding, it is obligated to turn in receipts of what was purchased with the provided funds. However, not all organizations returned their receipts to the AFB, Arnold said.

Alan Ruiz, a graduate student in the MBA program, disagrees with the redistribution of funds. Although the redistribution of funds makes some sense, Ruiz said, SGA is getting rid of a budget that has been structured in order to appropriate money to organizations.

As a member of the lacrosse team, Ruiz said he does not believe his organization should be allotted the same amount of funding as other organizations because the lacrosse team has higher operating costs because of the equipment.

It should especially receive more funding than other organizations because lacrosse games generate revenue, Ruiz said.

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HOME ON THE RANCH



Senior Caitlin Holmes tends to livestock while at work on her family's ranch in New Mexico. Holmes will go back to work on the Trigg Ranch, near Tucumcari, N.M., after she graduates from the ranch management program in May. The ranch has been in her family for almost 90 years.

Student uses courses to help family business

By ASHLEIGH WHALEY Staff Reporter

When one woman in the ranch management program graduates in May, she will return to her family in New Mexico to save them and their business.

In 1996, Caitlin Holmes' grandfather Steve Trigg gathered his family in Dallas to discuss the future of what his children now call on their Web site "the last family ranch left standing," which Caitlin Holmes will help manage this summer.

Trigg, who managed the 50,000acre Trigg Ranch for 60 years, wanted to keep the ranchland, which was pioneered by his father in 1918, family-owned and operated, said Kristin Holmes, Trigg's daughter and mother of Caitlin Holmes. Before Trigg's tion in a trust fund for future gen-

'Nobody owns the land now," said Richard Holmes, Caitlin Holmes' father. "All the money the ranch makes is reinvested in the ranch."

This arrangement is meant to preserve the familial bond felt at the ranch while ousting the ownership issue that often breaks families apart, Richard Holmes said.

Kristin Holmes said family is an important aspect of the ranch life.

You want to take good care of the country and have the best cattle," Kristin Holmes said. "But you also want your family and children

Richard and Kristin Holmes, who began managing the ranch in 2002, said they will certainly have the best of both worlds when Caitlin returns to Trigg Panch this spring.

"Even though we've been running the place, we're basically doing it the same way we've observed," Richard Holmes said. "When Caitlin comes home, she will bring the whole family up to date with all her knowledge. She'll be a fountain of knowledge."

Caitlin Holmes said she plans to teach her parents all she's learned here and networked with people in death in 2002, the family decided to in the ranch management program, leave the ranch and its cattle opera- which is "absolutely stuff they don't know.'

> She always knew she'd go back to the ranch but never quite like this,

University, I saw that nobody else in my generation was interested in tak-"And, if nobody else was going to step up to it in my family, I would the weekends.'

FOR YOUR INFO

To find more information about the Trigg ranch, visit: triggranch.com

hate to see the ranch not managed by someone in the family if I had the

opportunity and the interest to." She said she didn't realize how special the ranch was until she left it.

"This is about the best thing that could happen to us," Richard Holmes said. "We do feel kind of guilty, though."

Richard and Kristin Holmes worry that Caitlin will be isolated on the Trigg Ranch, but Caitlin does not.

"I've met some awesome people the industry," she said. "When you get out on the ranch, you kind of feel isolated if you don't know people who are dealing with the same things as you."

Caitlin Holmes is one of two wom-"After I got my undergraduate en in the ranch management prodegree in English at Southwestern gram. She calls everyone else her '27 brothers."

'It's true. I'm going to be spoiled," ing that path," Caitlin Holmes said. she said. "It's just too much fun going two-stepping with them on

Trans fat withdrawn prior to U.S. trend

Staff Reporter

TCU Dining Services beat a recent health curve by providing a trans fatfree menu in all its dining facilities since January 2006.

Following a health-conscious trend that began in the new millennium with the abundance of low-carb diets, some fats were no longer seen as the enemy. However, the dangers of saturated fat and trans fatty acids have risen to the top of the populations' health worries, according to Market Research.

As of January 2006, the Food and Drug Administration began forcing food marketers to display the amount of trans fat in their products, according to Market Research. To avoid this information disclosure, some companies, cities and other businesses have begun to ban trans fat in their products all together, Market Research said.

Aramark, a food management company that handles 400 college campuses, announced its plan to ban trans fat in January 2007. These colleges include Washington University in St. Louis, the University of Minnesota Twin-Cities and Saint Joseph's University, according to The Chronicle of Higher Edu-

cation. However, TCU was ahead of them all and has already celebrated its one-year anniversary of being trans fat-free.

Sodexho, the largest food management company in North America, provides food services at TCU. Sodexho completed its switch to trans fat-free products before January 2006, according to the Sodexho Web site.

The conversion at Sodexho began in 2005, but it took some time to sell out the TCU stock in order to replace it with the new products, said Legia Abato, marketing manager of Dining Services.

Sodexho changed to trans fat-free products because it realized there were healthier and better products for its consumers, which range from toddlers to senior citizens, Abato said.

All the food produced by TCU is trans fat-free. However, pre-packaged products on campus may still contain

trans fat, Abato said. Trans fat is found in partially hydrogenated oils and in pre-packaged foods because it increases shelf-sta-

bility, said Gina Hill, TCU nutrition assistant professor. Hydrogenation is a process of pumping-up oils with hydrogen, forming a denser substance with a butter-like consistency, according to the On-line

Medical Dictionary. These oils may be cheaper for food venders to keep in stock, but they are costly for consumers' health, Hill

said.

Trans fat decreases the body's HDL See TRANS FAT, page 2



WEATHER TODAY: Mostly sunny, 84/58 WEDNESDAY: Partly cloudy, 63/51 THURSDAY: Partly cloudy, 67/50

PECULIAR FACT

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A man who repeatedly went to the same restaurant each Wednesday and ordered two drinks and a steak and skipped out on his \$25.96 bill was arrested by police on his fifth visit.

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TRANS FAT

(high-density lipoprotein or "good cholesterol") and increases LDL (low-density lipoprotein or "bad cholesterol"), according to The Chronicle of Higher Edu-

HDL is good for heart health because it slows the build-up of cholesterol in the arteries, according to the American Heart

LDL on the other hand can ing on campus.'

according to the AHA. Jeff Proctor, a junior radio-

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ing the risk of heart disease,

TV-film major, worries about his heart health. "All the men on my mom's

side of the family have a high risk of heart disease," he said. Trans fat is now one less thing that TCU students, like Proctor,

say they must worry about. "I didn't know about the trans fat ban at TCU," Proctor said, "but it makes me feel better about eat-

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university has now received 11,703 applications for 1,650 still expected to be submit-

"What we're experiencing this year is a phenomenon of doing admission work,"

ted as well.

stunning.'

he felt an increase of even 5 percent during the year would have been considered a success.

In other news, the board voted unanimously to remove spots in the fall freshman the loyalty oaths listed in the class. He said that at least faculty/staff handbook before another 100 applications are the upcoming school year, according to Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs

The Mary Couts Burnett unlike any I've ever heard Library also announced it's of in my nearly 30 years considering leaving the library open until 3 a.m. on week-Brown said. "An increase nights instead of closing at of 38 percent over the pre- midnight. This won't be decidvious record year is simply ed on until a later date.

The next board of trustees He said to put this into meeting is scheduled for a date perspective, and he said between Nov. 7 and 9.

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Brian Andrew, former SGA treasurer, said he believes funding should remain with the AFB because the smaller organizations deserve funding just as much as other organi-

ed so they can be able to hold

their events," Andrew said.

Arnold said SGA wanted students to rely less on AFB. "The idea now is to make

organizations go to PC instead of having AFB be a sort of welfare," Arnold said. "What I mean is that AFB will simply provide money and not help with anything else. "I was not in favor of giving With PC, organizations can such a large amount of money get money as well as getting to PC because it's important to their name out to the rest of

Groups unite for Praise Fest

By JENIGHI POWELL Staff Reporter

The muddy ground of Sadler Lawn did not stop more than 50 students from following Lady Michelle Nurse as she led the crowd Sunday night in "flowing," a continuous free-form dance for Christian worship.

Saturday marked the second annual Christianfocused Praise Fest, a daylong event that included a morning conference and an evening concert.

Praise Fest was organized by several Christian and intercultural and inclusiveness organizations on campus in order to promote this year's theme "One Day, One Place, One Body." Holly Dacke, a junior entrepreneurial management major and Praise Fest committee member, said they chose the theme in order to promote bonding of all the Christian organizations.

"We based Praise Fest off a need to see the campus come together," said alumna Feleceia Benton, master of ceremonies for the concert. "When you see a need for something, God gives you the desire to act."

The Praise Fest committee raised more than \$5,000 through fundraisers, raffle tickets and selling T-shirts promoting the event, and the remaining \$15,000 of the \$20,000 budgeted for the event came from donations from local churches, Intercultural and Inclusiveness Services, Programming Council and University Ministries, said Kelly Krammer, a junior social work major and

Praise Fest committee member.

The four-hour morning conference consisted of praise and worship through song, dance and prayer as well as "Digging Deep" workshop sessions led by several local pastors and community members. About 30 people, mostly TCU students, attended the morning conference, which provided student-oriented information on how to unify Christian believers.

'The conference is really encouraging," said Ryan Hambley, a junior middle school education major. "I think Praise Fest takes faith to another level."

Praise Fest also focuses on a philanthropic cause such as last year's Invisible Children campaign and this year's One Campaign to raise awareness to end poverty and the spread of AIDS. Krammer said the One Campaign complemented this year's theme.

The evening concert, which was from 6 to 10 p.m., featured local Chrisdifferent gospel and rock genres, as well as Great Commission Mime Team, the crowd of about 100 peo-TCU's Soul Steppers and Calling in Action Christian Dance troupe.

artists at the same time," Krammer said.

to the university, spoke to "Jesus Love."

tian performers of several Sophomore Andrew Sullivan performs at the second annual Praise Fest on the Sadler Lawn on Saturday night. Sullivan was one of seven musical acts to perform during the event.

ple on the One Campaign as biology major, said she well as Bread for the World, enjoyed the concert a nationwide Christian move- because of the variety of We hope, by having dif- ment to end hunger. Per- acts. ferent genres, people could formers also were supportive plug in to what they like of the event's promotion of involve more variety in the while experiencing new poverty awareness. Singer- acts next year by includsongwriter Andrea Thomas ing more genres and culsang about living on less tural influences such as Angela Kaufman, minister than \$1 a day in her song Latin and Asian worship

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THE SKIFF VIEW

U.S. cannot ignore global warming

The split of the nation's judicial leaders on whether America needs to do something about global warming is a good thing.

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In a 5-to-4 decision Monday, the Supreme Court ruled the Bush administration's Clean Air Act does allow the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate carbon dioxide emissions and berated the EPA for not attempting to regulate them in the first place.

By law, the EPA must regulate "pollutants," but the Bush administration has said the Clean Air Act does not consider carbon dioxide a "pollutant." The majority of the Supreme Court thought differently.

So does this mean the highest court in our nation has expressed the reality of global warming and any greenhouse gas-producing industry will suffer?

Not quite. More accurately, it has qualified the looming danger of greenhouse gases and given the EPA a chance to regulate it.

It's a step in the right direction for the highest-producing carbon dioxide emissions nation in the world, but it's a good thing we haven't swung into ultra-green mode yet. There are still four significant dissents in the Court. Chief Justice John Roberts said this issue is better solved by the other two branches of government than his.

According to The New York Times report on the case, the EPA can continue to refuse to regulate carbon dioxide emissions only if it can prove they do not affect global warming or present a good reason for why "it cannot or will not exercise its discretion to determine whether they do."

Here's where qualifying the issue comes into play. America is the world's superpower for one obvious reason: our developed industry. Regulating our oil refineries, car manufacturers and everything in between is a good idea in theory but needs to be looked at carefully by Congress and the executive branch.

It's time to accept global warming as a real issue but also time to stop and consider our nation's economy before we jump into the role of saving the world.

Features editor Amber Parcher for the editorial board.

BY BRENDAN KIEFER



Some relationships should end amicably, honestly

Today's news is filled with negativity - that's why many of us don't watch the nightly news anymore. All we ever hear about is

murders.

violence.

burglaries

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will never miss hearing about someone we know in a context like that. Nobody wakes up in the morning expecting to hear on the news that some-

thing tragic has happened to

someone they know. Unfortunately, last week, something tragic did happen. March 26, a Keller woman was strangled by her husband. The family reported her missing, and the husband aided in the search until he finally confessed

to her murder. According to a March 30 Star-Telegram article, police reported that he strangled her with a shoestring around 4 a.m. March 26. He drove her car to a location a few miles from their home and then drove his own car to Waco for a business meeting,

with her body in the trunk. When I first heard this story from my Spanish professor, who had seen her friend on the news helping to distribute missing-person flyers, I kept thinking about the fact that the woman was from Keller.

Though my home is in Fort Worth proper, my high school, just two miles away, is in Keller. I couldn't help but wonder if it was someone I knew.

That same afternoon I received a phone call from a high school friend, making an unfortunate connection for me. The woman killed was Donna Sandlin, the secretary in the counseling office at Fossil Ridge High School — my alma mater. As if the story wasn't horrendous enough in itself, I found out that it happened to someone I knew.

Now, when I see Richard Sandlin's picture in the media, I cringe. I don't understand what the state of our moral code must be that a woman's husband one who has vowed to be with her in sickness and in health and to love and cherish her - can look her in the eye and think to himself, "I'm going to kill you someday."

How is it that our society

has become so accustomed to murdering a spouse rather than resolving the minor issue that friction arises from? According to a Star-Telegram article from March 30, police revealed that Richard Sandlin was having an affair with a woman in Denver. It is unknown whether Donna Sandlin knew about it.

Keller police Lt. Brenda Slovak said, "He just recently started seeing her." Maybe he was just too afraid to

confess his adultery to his wife, and, of course, the easy way out from a potential divorce is murder, right?

Maybe the divorce rate has become so high people feel like they do not want to fall into that statistic. But that is not a reason to make yourself part of the murderer statistic - it is reason to work it out.

I am not an advocate of divorce, but perhaps the solution is to promote it so that dazed and confused husbands don't feel like murder is their only option.

I wonder how he thought he would get away with it - which is the same question many others close to her have been asking. At best, he could have carried on a life with his lover in Denver — holding the secret that he strangled his former wife. Or if he confessed to her, there would be greater motivation for her to be his next victim. And who is to say he would not have killed her anyway, if and when he found a third woman

who sparked his interest? Crimes we hear of every day are unfortunate enough, but when they happen to someone you know and love, coping with the atrocities man is capable of is even harder. A man with a skewed moral compass and an obvious need for rehabilitation took away an adored woman and the nicest lady in the counseling office.

Anahita Kalianivala is a freshman English and psychology major from Fort Worth. Her column appears Tuesdays.

Housing sign-up system needs improvements, order

Earlier this year, TCU broke with the long-standing tradition of requiring only freshman to live on campus. Starting in the fall,

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Students and university employees are entering uncharted waters. It is in this venture * into the great unknown that Residential Services

has dropped the ball. First, let's start with the tuation in the new dorms. Touted by the university as the greatest thing since Christ and moveable type combined, they have everybody fighting for a space. With private bedrooms, full-size beds and living rooms, who wouldn't do a couple of mafia hits to be

living the "suite" life? Trying to curb an outbreak of such violence, the university wisely granted the first 100 people to pay their advanced housing fees spots in the new halls. Those who got in were under the impression that the other bedrooms in the suite would be reserved so they could invite their friends to live in them. Easy as pie, right?

Not exactly.

Students in the first 100, who were banking on living with their friends next year, received bad news two weeks ago. They found out that people eligible for housing sign-ups based on their credit hours could just move in and take up a bedroom in the suite.

Craig Allen, director of Residential Services at TCU, said that the staff never specifically told students that being in the first 100 would guarantee that they would be able to live with all of their friends in the upcoming academic year.

While this may be true, many students had the opposite impression.

Mischa Astroff, a freshman advertising/public relations major said, "The fact that so many students had the 'wrong' impression about sign-ups for the new dorms points to a serious flaw. The information should have been presented in a clearer fashion."

It's not just the new dorms that are giving next year's on-campus residents a headache, either. There's not even a good system for those trying to room with their friends in other residence halls. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. This leads to pressure and angry Facebook messages to try and force those deemed "undesirable" to live with to vacate their positions in a room in favor of friends of current occupants.

Thus, hostilities between 'squatters" and friends of roommates could become very heated. This could lead to blackmailing, emotionally scarring battles of wit or, worst of all, break-dance fights. Nobody wants that. There has to be a better way.

Why doesn't Residential Services offer a service in which students submit the names of those they wish to live with, and they do their best to accommodate students' demands? Friends can room together, and those who wish to go potluck can do that, too. Also, they could completely block off the suites for those who did early sign-up for the newer dormitories. If the number is reduced to the first 50 to sign up, those lucky students should have the right to pick their suitemates. In that case, there would still be plenty of spaces left for upperclassmen.

The way in which housing sign-ups are handled at TCU is in need of improvement. The people in Residential Services are smart, and they strive to do all that they can to ensure a positive residential experience for students. However, they are capable of creating a system to facilitate room assignments to eliminate all of the chaos. The current method has to go.

David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column appears Wednesdays.

Horoscopes, signs play role in personalities

There are many factors responsible - at least in part - in regard to the connections we make in life, whether business or personal.

To make a

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connection with - or first impression on — a person, there are required actions one

Ylona Cupryjak

must fulfill, such as openness, friendliness and genuine interest in others. However, many people have wondered sometimes why they can't connect or become acquaintances with certain individuals. Though there usually isn't something obvi-

ously wrong or out of place; sometimes, it can be something that is felt but can't be outwardly explained.

Explaining about horoscopes and people's signs in connection to how it can and does affect their lives might seem a bit strange and, frankly, alien because of people's skepticism, and the almost laughable notion that this is something to take somewhat seriously or at least be aware of and keep in the back of one's mind.

Also, though this too might vary, there are foundations and set characteristics about each sign that might not explain everything about a person but seem to be somewhat

of a hint or link about the type of person he or she is, whether it is obviously shown or secretly hidden. Relationships or friendships I have observed have succeeded or been long-lasting because of open communication, a sense of humor and patience; having compatible signs to go along with that doesn't hurt, either. The same goes for relationships or friendships that have disintegrated; it was a common factor that both parties' signs were at odds from the start, though the reasons for separation or split have varied tremendously. Signs weren't always the common factor but were

more often than not.

This is not to say horoscopes are supposed to dictate people's lives. There does seem, however, to be a sort of underlying truth or similarity between people's signs and the connections or associations they make. For example, many people I have met whom I didn't fare well with or whom I couldn't find a common connection to were ironically people whose signs I found out I wasn't compatible with, though that isn't the main or only reason I attribute to when I don't or can't become friends or more with someone. It is simply a thought to keep in the back burner of the mind a thought that holds

some valid coincidences regarding associations but is too vague and mystical to be cited as tangible or substantial proof of the way relationships and connections work in life.

This is only a theory, something that is nonetheless fascinating and interesting to explore and shouldn't be completely ignored. There are truths and hidden secrets to find about each sign, and learning about one's horoscope could expand his or her mind and self in the process; after all, knowing who you are, what you can do and who you are compatible

with shouldn't dictate your life, but simply knowing such information can't be detrimental, either.

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Programming Council hosts Austin folk band

By LEIGH ANN WEAVER Staff Reporter

Students will have the chance to catch an Austin folk band on campus tonight in a special Programming Council concert.

will feature Vanessa Peters & Ice Cream On Mondays.

"The purpose of this concert is to just have fun," said Kristen Chapman, PC president. "The school year is wrapping up, and we just want everyone to come to the concert, hang out with friends and have a good time."

Vanessa Peters & Ice Cream On Mondays is a smaller band that has made its mark in Austin. They were brought to TCU through associate professor Laura Prestwood, who saw them on

a study abroad trip in Italy. Peters worked at the place

where the students stayed and rock and it's not folk music; played for the group, Prestwood said.

"Professor Prestwood saw them and then contacted us PC is hosting a concert that about the band, and now we are really excited to have them on campus," said Natalie Boone, PC adviser.

> originally from Texas and she has played at other area campuses, Prestwood said.

have her play here if she was in the area," Prestwood said. According to the band's MySpace page, Peters is voted as one of the top 10 folk

artists in Austin. 'Vanessa considers her style

as 'milkshake folk rock,'" Preswood said. "It's not hard it's somewhere in between. I liked it so much I bought her band's four CDs that are already out.'

Although she is well-known in Austin, in the last two years she has toured across America twice and has toured all Vanessa and her band are over Italy, Germany and the Czech Republic, according to the band's MySpace page.

"I would encourage stu-"I thought it would be fun to dents to come out and support a local band," Prestwood said. "Vanessa just got out of college and is trying to make a name for herself and it would help her out a lot if students would show their support."

Survey: More students using mental services

By RUTH PADAWER The Record

HACKENSACK, N.J. -More students at the nation's top colleges are using mental health services than three years ago, according to a study released Wednesday by a national organization of anxiety-disorder specialists.

At a time when most college applicants will soon learn whether they have been admitted to their school of choice, the Anxiety Disorders Association of America survey of leading universities and liberal arts colleges aims to raise awareness of the pressing need for schools to provide adequate counseling

U.S. history, and that's espe- as likely as national universicially relevant given that men-ties to offer an unlimited numtal health problems often ber of free counseling sessions manifest themselves during to students; two in five did the college years.

With such a large number of kids having mental health problems," said the association's president, Jerilyn Ross, "it's prudent for a parent to get the information about mental health services available on campuses beforehand."

Here's some of the information the survey found:

Liberal arts colleges reported a higher proportion of students using mental health services (average of 23 The upcoming freshman cent). One reason may be that their student patients.

class will be the largest in liberal arts colleges are twice so, compared to one in five among national universities.

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A growing number of students now come to schools with a history of diagnosed mental illness. Over one-fifth of schools reported an increase in students seeking treatment at collegiate counseling centers who are already taking psychiatric medications.

Almost three in 10 national universities and two in 10 liberal arts colleges reported an increase percent of students) than at in the severity of mental national universities (13 per- health problems among

College applications may ask for criminal records

By KATHY BOCCELLA

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA - Along ricular activities, college-bound can leave the questions blank. students increasingly are being a spokesman for the Common asked to divulge information that may not be so flattering: their don't always know about the arrest and discipline records.

Since late summer, the Common Application, a form used by about 300 institutions, has asked ident of the New Jersey School students and guidance counselors Counselor Association, works, whether the applicant has ever the few kids who have had an been convicted of a crime or dis- incident tend to admit their ciplined at school.

Kids with rocky pasts may not make it beyond 12th grade.

blemakers before they hit cam- selor at Lawrence High School pus, colleges with their own in Lawrenceville, N.J. "We're forms also are requiring pro- the advocates for the child." spective students to disclose are contemplating it.

The University of Pennsylvania put its admissions policy lives have spurred the trend under review after the discov- toward preadmission screenery in January that a 25-year-old child molester taking graduate courses was commuting from his not appreciably increased Bucks County, Pa., prison cell. since 2003, according to the Saint Joseph's University will U.S. Department of Educaask about applicants' misdeeds tion, a few high-profile crimes beginning next year.

said Timothy Mann, dean of stu- to re-examine their admisdent affairs at Babson College, sions process. The Common implemented since students versity, where no more than 10 who is writing his doctoral dissertation on the subject.

screen and for what is contentious. Opponents cite privacy issues and the risk of penalizencourages rehabilitation, argues ciation, the nation's largest stu-

schools from releasing educational records - including disciplinary information - without with SAT scores and extra-cur- a parental approval. Counselors Application said. And schools trouble students get into off

> Where Mark McGrath, preswrongdoings.

"We try to put it in the best light we can (on the applica-In an effort to weed out trou- tion)," said McGrath, a coun-

Access to more accurate behavioral black marks. More information and increased expectations about college involvement in students' ing, Mann said.

Though campus crime has The debate over whether to concerned about liability, murders at the state university Executive Director Rob Kil- in Wilmington in 2004.

ing offenders twice. Education omit information. If they're the University of North Carolicaught lying, they're disquali- na's 16 campuses are checked the United States Student Asso- fied. Administrators believe against a national database most comply.

'Are we now putting insti- stricter measures. A new law ger suspicion are investigated, tutions of higher education in criticized by privacy advothe position of dispensing post- cates forces Virginia colleg- sel for the 200,000-student judicial punishment?" Bar- es to reveal names and birth system, said. As a result, 84 mak Nassirian of the American dates of incoming students applicants were denied entry Association of Collegiate Reg- so police can cross-check last fall. istrars and Admissions Officers sex-offender lists. If there's



committed by students with (Left) Mark Lapreziosa, assistant vice president of Enrollment Management at Arcadia University, discusses new enrollrap sheets have led institutions ment background checks with Enrollment Management Counselor Kyle Danielson.

ries at the request of schools tions committed two unrelated

In addition to being asked Students are warned not to about their pasts, applicants to of suspended or expelled col-Several states have taken lege students. Those who trig-Leslie Winner, general coun-

> Schools generally ask for consult counselors and others when a problem is reported. Though juvenile records are sealed, colleges can run criminal background checks on those 18

Application added its inqui- with rape and larceny convic- applicants a year report misdeeds. Serious offenders aren't ously," Lapreziosa said. invited to join the school's 5,000 or so incoming fresh-

deal-breaking offense, Hughes, an application in 1999 from the owner of Risk Aware, said. a man in his 30s who noted an Even with murder, she advises

not to jump to conclusions. What if they were defending themselves?" Hughes

"We look at it on a case-bycase basis," said Mark Lapreziosa, associate vice president of enrollment at Arcadia University, which uses the Coma letter of explanation and mon Application and which may revise its own form.

'We look for students showing growth or having learned" from their mistakes, he said.

So far only two students have disclosed arrests, one for drugs and the other theft. They never "There's really no need completed their applications, for a university to take a but options Arcadia considered risk," said Joan McDon- were requiring them to live offald, vice president of campus and to keep in close enrollment at Drexel Uni- contact with administrators.

"If it was a crime of violence we would have to think seri-

Pennsylvania State University, which has asked students about their criminal Each school has its idea of a pasts since 1991, received assault conviction. That confession and information the school received from another source prompted an investigation that revealed more time served for manslaughter and sex crimes.

> The man was arrested again - on a gun charge while the background check was underway

> Witold Walczak, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, worries that risk aversion may lead to overzealous enforcement. If getting arrested once was a consideration 35 years ago, he says, "an awful lot of people would never have gotten into college ... maybe even presidents."

Two killed at University of Washington

The Seattle Times

Two people were killed in an apparent murder-suicide at the University of Washington on Monday morning, police said.

At about 9:30 a.m., police received reports of six shots fired at a female administrative assistant, said Ray Wittmier, assistant chief of the University of Washington Police.

When police arrived at the fourthfloor office in Gould Hall, they found the woman and a man dead. A handgun was found in the office.

While not immediately revealing the motive for the killing, police said they were not looking for any other suspects.

The shooting occurred during spring-quarter classes, and students in the building were locked into their classrooms during the shootings.

Hendrik Voll, a visiting grad student from Estonia, was on the fourth floor when the shots rang out.

Voll said he heard three or four shots, then a pause, followed by three or four more shots. He said it wasn't that loud and he wasn't sure it was gunfire at first. But, within about four minutes, he said police rushed into the building with guns

drawn. Gould Hall houses the College of Architecture and Urban Planning. It's located at the corner of 15th Avenue Northeast and Northeast 40th Street.

On June 28, 2000, UW pathologist Rodger Haggitt, 57, was shot in his office by medical resident Jian Chen, 42, who turned the gun on himself. Chen was on the verge of flunking UW's pathology program.

In July 1989, a California man, Azizolla Mazooni, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend, Marjan Mohseninia, and her friend, Abraham Sharif-Kashani, in a UW parking lot. Mazooni had hired a private detective to locate Mohseninia, who was a summer student at the university. Mazooni was later convicted on two counts of second-degree murder.

In December 1979, Roger Cutsinger, 21, fatally shot his roommate and lover, Larry Duerkson, for a \$500,000 insurance policy in which Cutsinger was named beneficiary. Duerkson, a University of Washington library employee, was walking between Parrington Hall and the Henry Art Gallery when Cutsinger shot him. Cutsinger was later convicted of first-degree murder.



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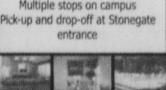
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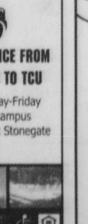
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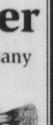
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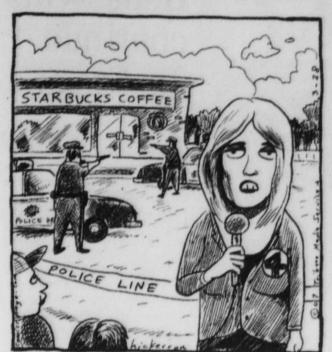
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A: A waist of time.

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The Quigmans

by Buddy Hickerson



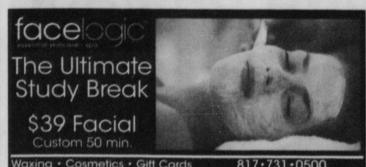
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> See Wednesday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

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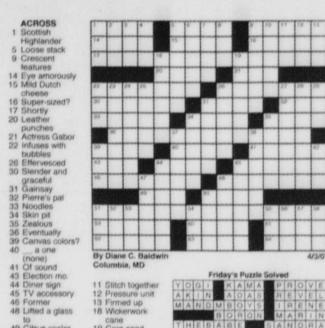
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FOLLOW THE RULES Some NCAA eligibility rules have been impacting TCU sports

WEATHERING DAMAGE

Completion delayed on new sports facility

By MICHELLE NICOUD

The \$7 million Sam Baugh indoor practice facility could be complete by the end of the month despite some weather-related construction delays.

Head football coach Gary Patterson said crews are working to finish the construction before April 27, the start of a two-day Nike camp that could bring several possible recruits to campus.

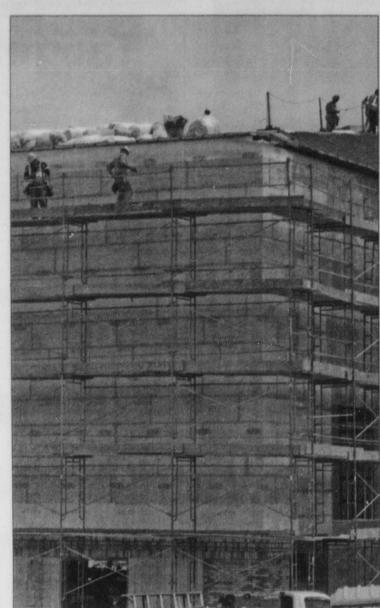
"To actually be able to use it for recruiting reasons and have it done for student-athletes to see what TCU has to offer (is our goal)," Patterson

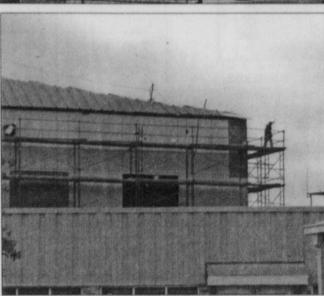
High winds related to a dust storm at the end of February blew off a portion of the roof, and recent rain has also slowed the building process, said Ross Bailey, associate be able to practice all the director of athletics for operations.

Bailey said construction said. He said punting in is 17 days behind because the facility would require of the weather.

"We're replacing the east add more than \$3 million side of the roof that was damaged from the storm," he said "They're finishing up the plaster on the sides and the outside cosmetics are getting finished up."

For the inside, Bailey said workers must clean the turf in the plans as TCU was was to go right in and get





RYAN CLAUNCH / Staff Photograp Construction workers continue to work on the football team's new \$7 million Sam Baugh indoor practice facility. The facility is set to be completed before April 27. Construction is 17 days behind because of recent rain and a dust storm at the end of February that blew off a portion of the roof.

"For us in Texas, we don't have that much bad weather for it to make that

maneuvers it needs to

except punting, Patterson

to the price tag.

project, said Davis Babb, associate director of athletics for development. The university received a \$3 million donation from a higher roof that would the Jean and John Justin Foundation while the remaining \$4 million was an anonymous donation, Babb said.

"There are some schools much difference," Patter- that have facilities that large (for punting)," Babb said. A higher roof was never "Our fundraising effort able to quickly get two the money raised for this The football team will donations to finance the particular one. It's good

enough for field goals and passing.

The football team will use the facility during lightning storms and possibly in extreme cold though never in extreme heat, Patterson

The field turf will not be new to the football team as it practiced there for two years prior to the addition of the roof, Patterson

The soccer, baseball and track and field teams may also utilize the facility for their strength and conditioning programs, Bailey

A dedication ceremony is planned for May 10.

Home wins continue for Frogs

By MARCUS MURPHREE Sports Editor

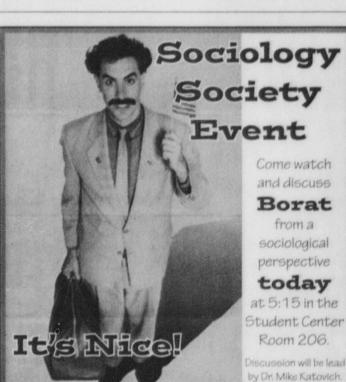
The No. 28 Horned Frogs baseball team will try to get the first win against a Big 12 opponent of the season tonight against the No. 21 Oklahoma University Sooners. The team extended its home winning streak to 18 games after taking a three-game set from the University of California at Santa Barbara Gauchos last weekend, bringing the squad's record to 21-8. However, tonight's contest will be played on the road in Norman, Okla. as the team starts an eightgame road trip. This could present a problem as the Horned Frogs are 7-8 while suiting up away from Lupton Stadium this season.

During head coach Jim Schlossnagle's tenure at TCU, the Horned Frogs have gone 2-5 against the Sooners. The last time the two teams squared off was in the 2006 NCAA Regional Tournament, where the Sooners knocked out the Horned Frogs 15-6 in an elimination game.

Last weekend's sweep of the Gauchos featured a potent Frogs offense as the team pounded out 34 hits over three games en route to scoring 28 total runs.

During the series, the relievers turned in lights-out performances as the bullpen worked more than eight scoreless innings, and closer Sam Demel earned credit for two of the wins.

Demel's win in the third game of the series capped off a late-inning come-from-behind victory keyed by some timely hits and sloppy Gaucho fielding. The comeback victories in the second and third games of the series were paid in large part to the four-run rally in the second game and the five-run eighth inning scoring in the series finale.





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