

Plus/minus system takes effect; professors choose their own scales

By SONA THAPA Staff Reporter

the new plus/minus grading system, two students with the associate registrar said.

Mary Kincannon, associin no credit.

After more than two years of heated debates and consid- dent making an 80 and anoth- hand, will receive a C-minus

With the implementation of tem this semester. The system With the plus/minus gradsame grade of a 71 may not and transfer students. Students B-plus but also a more grade the system was not fair. receive the same credit, the enrolled before this semester points. will not be affected by it.

ate registrar, said a grade of tem will use grades such as a same class, and make a 71, opposed to the grandfather- grading system. a C-minus or below will result B-plus and a B-minus instead the sophomore will receive a ing. He said it should have of a flat B.

erations, TCU implemented er student making an 89 in a and will have to repeat the plus/minus grading system the plus/minus grading sys- class would both earn a B. course. will be applicable for incom- ing system, a person earning of religion and chair of the the debates that have plagued ing undergraduate, graduate an 89 will not only receive a department, said this side of it for two years, there was a

The plus/minus grading sys- and a sophomore take the grading system, he was has confidence in the new C and will get credit for it. gone into effect for every- to disperse it like that," San-Under the old system, a stu- The freshman, on the other one.

Grant said even though he

Some freshmen said the

was not mentioned during aca-David Grant, professor demic advising. However, like mixed response toward it.

William Sandoval, a fresh-However, if a freshman supported the plus/minus man religion major, said he

"I actually believe it's fair

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"People who are studying harder should get more credit than someone who's doing a mediocre job."

William Sandoval freshman religion

major

NEW CREW



Students cited for alcohol violations

By ALYSSA DIZON Staff Reporter

Despite prior warnings, some students had their first taste of alcohol violations before ever stepping foot in a classroom.

There were six on-campus alcohol violations since the first day of move-ins, but Sparkle Greenhaw, associate director of alcohol and drug education, said this is not an unusual occurrence.

"Just as soon as students get back on campus, we start getting alcohol violations," Greenhaw said. "The majority of violations come from first-year students."

Chris Sewalish, the director for Milton Daniel Hall said, "This is their first time to be without their parents so it's not unusual for students to get alcohol violations."

As soon as TCU opened

FOR YOUR INFO

Penalties for alcohol violations

FIRST OFFENSE -Complete 30 hours of commu-

nity service or pay a \$150 fine. Attend an assessment screening and an alcohoi education workshop.

SECOND OFFENSE -Pay a \$225 fine

-Complete 45 hours of community service

-Attend a second assessment screening

-A letter will be sent to the student, the studen'ts parents and the Office of Campus Life. **THIRD OFFENSE** -Pav a \$300 fine -Complete 60 hours of commu-

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Potential new members of Gamma Phi Beta wait in line during Greek Week outside Wiggins Hall on Aug. 16. The sorority will continue its recruitment Sept. 10.

Sorority ready to recruit first class

By ANA BAK Staff Reporter

its recruitment Sept. 10.

Greek community March Shultz said. 1, Gamma Phi took part formal recruitment.

and then dropped out.

Shultz said the reason

because the sorority had adviser, said even though a Gamma Phi. After an abbreviated for- to use alumnae instead Gamma Phi didn't complete mal recruitment last week, of current TCU students formal recruitment it was dean of Campus Life, said Gamma Phi Beta will start to bring in pledges. For- good for them to take part if the women who went mal recruitment was used in it. Invited to join the TCU more as a marketing tool,

in last week's Panhellenic like our coming-out party, Gamma Phi representatives tract at the end of round a time to spread the love," sit in on their mock recruit- four of rush. Jamie Shultz, collegiate Shultz said. "It was insane- ment to see how recruitleadership consultant for ly busy but it was a great ment functions." Gamma Phi, said the sorori- experience. It gave us a ty participated in round one chance to tell people who Wallis said that throughout ment Card, Lemm said. The we're all about."

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really supportive of Gamma ma Phi, they would have "Formal recruitment was Phi," Lemm said. "They let had to forgo signing a con-

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ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photo

James Parker, assistant through formal recruitment "The other sororities are wanted to become a Gam-

The contract is called the Membership Recruitment Rho Gamma Alexandra Acceptance Binding Agreeformal recruitment women MRABA is a card that binds Kelsey Lemm, coordina- were informed about the woman to receive a bid See GAMMA PHI, page 2

its doors for housing moveins, all incoming freshmen received the student handbook and were reminded about the alcohol policy when they checked in, at orientation and at the all-hall meetings.

Craig Allen, director of residential services, said the information was available clinical and alcohol prevenand easy to understand, but tion. problems start once students disregard their handbook.

book)," said Rachel Beebe, freshman mechanical engineering major. "I think people aren't going to follow it if they don't want to."

The handbook stated that nizations, Greenhaw said. TCU follows state drinking sible adults.

Greenhaw says the Alcohol and Drug Education Center is divided into two categories:

-A letter will be sent to the student, the student's parents and the Office of Campus Life

-The student will be put on University disciplinary probation and students living on campus may be expelled from University housing for at least one semester.

SOURCE: Student Handbook

The clinical side provides individual student treatment, "I read parts of)the hand- follow-up care and references to outside alcohol or drug treatment centers, and the prevention side trains resident assistants, frog camp facilitators and campus orga-

Throughout the year, Allen laws and focuses on main- said ADE counselors collabtaining a healthy learning orated with residential serenvironment that will teach vices to hold campus-wide students to become respon- alcohol education programs and train students.

This year, Greenhaw said

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Wiggins Hall renovated; fraternities find new homes

By ANA BAK Staff Reporter

Heads or tails? With a simple cointoss, the future homes of

mined their future residences first choice as to which side in a coin toss last winter. Both of Worth Hills Pi Kapp got fraternities are now housed housed in. in the former girls' dormitory, new sorority, Gamma Phi Beta and freshmen males.

Both fraternities were previ- houses." ously housed in Milton Daniel

man and honors students.

Young said to determine the location for each house, Pi two fraternities were decided. Kapp's housing committee said. Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Phi chairman flipped a coin and Epsilon, the Sig Ep President Simons called it. Simons lost has moved nine times since dential services, said moving

Wiggins Hall, alongside the both sides," Young said. "Our mer and I didn't even unpack," we would put them in there," house is closer to Bellaire, and Simons said. Sig Ep is closer to the sorority

Hall, which now houses fresh- began the Monday after gradu- tion this summer, many early

Pi Kapp President Brian tant dean of campus life .

Currently a junior, Simons

Clayton Simons said, deter- the coin toss, so Younghad being at TCU and said he is Pi Kapp and Sig Ep to Worth excited about finally being able Hills fit into the overall housing to settle in.

"I had to live in the Fiji (Phi "There are advantages to Gamma Delta) house this sum- vate Wiggins, so we thought

Leah Carnahan, coordinator of fraternity and sorority been something both frater-

ation, said James Parker, assis- move-in students were placed in alternate housing. Carna-"I had never been so excit- han said people who weren't ed about construction," Simons Greek were also housed in the Fiii house.

> Craig Allen, director of resivision of the university.

"We were going to reno-

Campus meteorite gallery gains samples for research and make up the most recent By ALLIE BROWN Staff Reporter

The TCU community doesn't have to travel to said 75 percent of the collec-

With the addition of 22 meteorites to the Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Gallery, space is brought to their very hands.

Arthur Ehlmann, a longtime friend of Oscar E. Monnig and curator of the collection, said 22 meteorite samples were purchased by TCU in February for \$70,000

space to rock out.

addition to the Monnig collection. Although Ehlmann tion is made up of irons, each See ROCKS, page 4





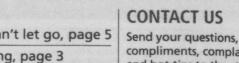
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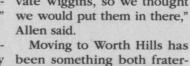
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Renovations for Wiggins Hall life, said because of construc- nities have wanted for a long

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doval said. "People who are studying harder should get more credit than someone who's doing a mediocre job." On the other hand, Evan

Kern, a freshman premajor, said he was not sure if the system was good or bad. Kern said if he received an 81 in a class, he would not want to get a B-minus and receive a lower grade when he could have earned a B. On the other hand, he said, if he made an 89, he would want to get a better grade than someone who made an 81. However, the plus/minus

grading system is not man-

enrollment management.

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using different grading sys-

datory, said Patrick Miller, the way a professor sets his registrar and director of grading scale, Miller said. "One professor could say Miller said the facul- 94 is an A and another could ty members will have the say 90 is an A," Miller said. Marco Duran, a junior they want to follow this sys- biology and finance major, tem. Students, however, will said he was concerned about not have the same option. the system. Duran said if a The grading range will student was doing well it also be the faculty mem- would be a good system for bers' decision, Miller said. them. However, making a Miller said the disparity 4.0 would be more difficult between the grades of two since making a 90 would students in the same class no longer guarantee four with different professors grade points, Duran said. Miller said he believes tems is not fair. However, the plus/minus grading he said that the disparity system to be a "more accuexists even now. It might rate grade scheme" that not be in terms of plus/ will give better grades to minus, but it might be in more deserving students.

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ited in round four, Lemm said. If she chooses not to accept the bid that she receives on bid day, she cannot join another Panhellenic sorority for a calendar year, Lemm said.

On the first day of recruitment, Gamma Phi hosted 12 groups of women for 20 minutes each in its new chapter room. The women got to hear alumnae talk about their experiences with Gamma Phi, Shultz said.

"Our atmosphere was upbeat, even though our house is still a work in progress," Shultz said. "We were

off what we had."

will have tables in the said. Brown-Lupton Student Center from Aug. 22 to Sept. 10. and bids are handed out, She said Gamma Phi will Gamma Phi will be a fullyhold its recruitment infor- functioning sorority, Shultz mation session in Ed Lan- said. dreth Hall Sept. 10.

Phi will bring in members from other schools. Oklahoma State University Gamma Phis will be here for their philanthropy round and members from the University of Oklahoma for their Panhellenic members, all preference round, Shultz the girls (who go through said.

There will be four rounds, home in the Greek commujust like formal recruitment, nity," Parker said.

just really excited to show and a bid day at the end of recruitment with a planned Shultz said Gamma Phi sisterhood event, Lemm

Once recruitment is over

"We hope to get 150 girls," For their rounds, Gamma Shultz said. "That would be ideal.'

> Shultz said Gamma Phi will not cut a prospective pledge because of her year in college.

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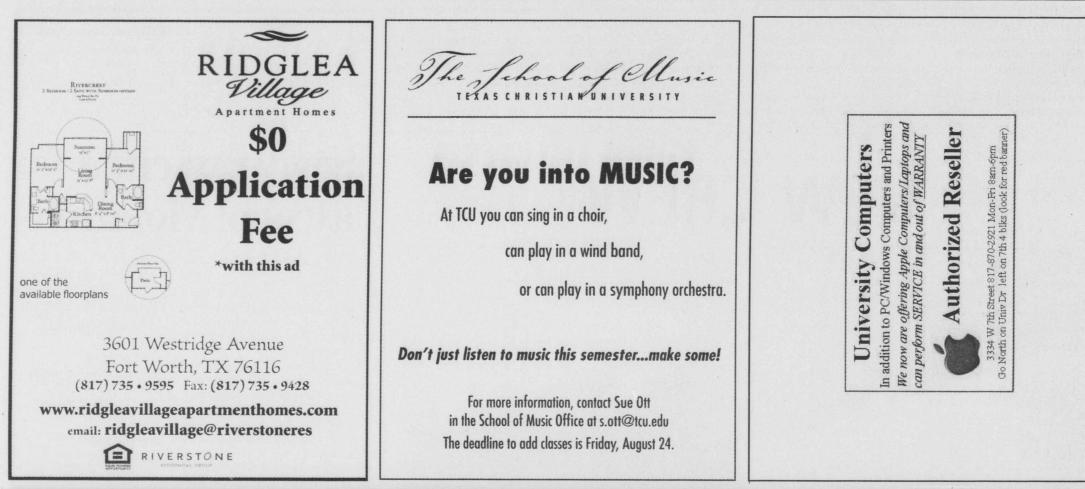
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

THE SKIFF VIEW New grading system requires consistency

Though the implementation of the plus/ minus grading system might give a more accurate representation of students' grades, the lack of consistency i mandating it could create problems for students and administrators.

The plus/minus system was put into effect this fall for all incoming students, but the decision to use plus and minus grades is left up to the professors.

The system allows a professor to give a wider grade range, such as a C-plus, a C or a C-minus. Because a student must make a C to pass a class, a C-minus — though still in the C-range — does not count for credit under the new system.

Because of the optional implementation by professors, if two students are taking the same class with different professors and they both make a C-minus, one will pass the class with a C and the other will make an unsatisfactory grade with a C-minus.

Another discrepancy is that there is no set numerical grade range that corresponds to the letter grades. Each professor must outline his or her own grade range in his or her syllabus, for example, stating that a B-minus is the

equivalent of an 80 to an 82.

This means that if two professors teaching the same class have different grade evaluations, even if both professors use the plus/minus system, students in their classes who make the same grade will receive different grade points.

When given the option to take a course with a professor who uses the plus/minus system or with one who doesn't, it seems that most would choose the professor who doesn't use the new system.

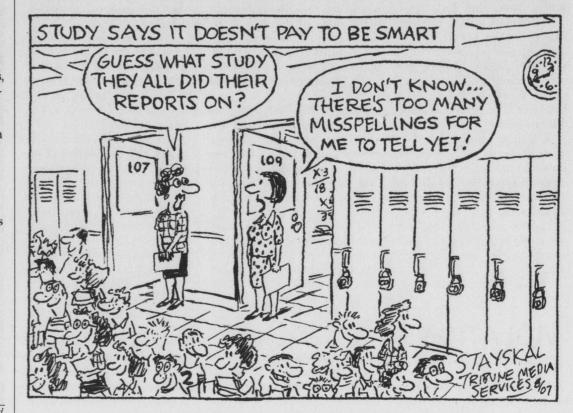
This also creates a distinctive and inconsistent gap between passing and failing. In a class where the professor doesn't use plus/minus, a grade of a 69 is almost passing. In a class where the professor does use the plus/minus system, a 69 is almost a C-minus, which is still unsatisfactory. It seems that professors who might bump a 69 to a passing grade will be less likely to do so when they have to increase the grade by more than one point.

In essence, giving professors the ability to choose to use the new grading system creates unfair balance that will ultimately cause more problems than it solves.

Neus editor Bailey Shiffler for the editorial board.

BY WAYNE STAYSKAL

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Avoid freshman 15; try these healthy tips

It seems those dreaded words "the freshman 15" are on everyone's lips when they first start college. As a vegetarian and a



myself completely aghast when the 'freshman 15" started creeping up on me Ericka Strickland during my

fairly healthy

eater, I found

first year of college. After reexamining my eating habits, I found that my healthy lifestyle had been corrupted by college food favorites — the cheap and easy kind. So here are some tips to eating healthy. First, stay away from the

Main. It may be enticing with already cooked meals, luscious cornbread and gooey cobblers, but at least put some veggies

You might also want to remember that exercise is important to avoid "the freshman 15." Find some time to walk your dog, ride your bike to and from school or make use of the University Recreation Center - it's free!

Of course, you shouldn't deny what you crave. It seems that when people keep themselves from eating what they desperately want, they go crazy when they finally get it and gorge themselves. Keep the chocolate and candy around, but snack in moderation.

With that being said, keep healthy snacks on hand. Some good ideas are: trail mix, carrots, yogurt, red grapes, cheese sticks and mixed nuts. Remember, the key word is "snack" but don't be too weary about how much you consume as each of these foods have

So far the Democratic-controlled Congress has not done much in the way of legislation. Seemingly, it has spent

> Say what you will.

percent of the population, which translates into about 37 million people. This is unacceptable considering the economic stature of the United States. Compared to most other industrialized societies, the U.S. has higher poverty rates for children and the nonprovides for a three-stage 70

cents increase. The first stage,

effective on July 24, increased

the federal minimum wage

from \$5.15 per hour to \$5.85.

elderly.

New minimum wage a step, still not enough

There are many complex causes of the state of poverty in the U.S., one being the growing disparity between the average income and the minimum wage income. Despite national increases in worker productivity and corporate profits, the typical income of the minimum-wage workers remains in a state of proportional decline.

The increase in minimum wage serves as a good starting point. However, it does not grant either Congress or U.S. citizens a clear conscience. The problem of poverty and wage worker

abjection will persist if we buy into the notion that this recent minimum wage increase is enough.

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Our society needs to approach the problem from multiple angles, ranging from healthcare, education and housing costs to the price of gasoline. All of these issues factor into the larger problem. Therefore, if we only narrowly focus on the wage aspect, we will certainly fail to make even a dent in the class inequalities that plague this country.

> Lance Webb is a junior philosophy and news-editorial journalism major from Fort Worth.

Required P.E. would combat obesity

School is a place where students exercise their minds by learning and growing in knowledge. Academics become more and more

lem would be to increase the number and quality of the physical education programs in schools.

Elementary and middle schools should allot between P.E. class, only about 55 percent continue it until their senior year.

In June, Texas passed Senate Bill 530, which states children in sixth grade or below need 30 minutes a day of "moderate to vigorous activity." Grades six, seven, and eight must take four semesters of a physical education credit, according to the bill.

it is currently phasing out the requirement.

While studying is important, a healthy lifestyle is even more beneficial in the

more time COMMENTARY achieved Lance Webb at least

one clear success by pushing through an increase in the federal minimum wage, which President Bush signed into law on May 25. The bill

By July 24th, 2009, the federal minimum wage will reach exercising \$7.25 per hour. Congressio-Many call this a victory; nal oversight. I call it a modest start. Currently, the official poverty rate However, is somewhere between 12-13 this Congress

on your plate. I love the Main but it's full of calorie-ridden goodness.

Second, nix the fast food. On a college, budget fast food seems like the best alternative. You and I have heard the statistics and seen "Super Size Me." There are a lot of healthier alternatives out there than Whataburger.

Another thing you can do is to cook at home. You get to be in control of your portions and how much butter or olive oil you add to your food. Whereas, if you go out to eat you have no idea what the chef might have added to your food to make it taste so good. In your own kitchen you get to control what you eat and how it's prepared. Remember there is a kitchen in the dorm.

individual health benefits.. Next, you should buy ingre-

dients for quick meals. So what if coq au vin is your favorite meal? If you don't have the time you are not going to cook it and will probably end up eating chicken nuggets instead. Buy things like whole-wheat tortillas, tomatoes, deli meats and cheese, bagged spinach and hummus. You can make wraps with all of these ingredients or bake the tortillas into chips for chips and dip.

Finally, be creative! Not every meal has to be macaroni and cheese - it could be macaroni and cheese casserole with tomatoes and baked chicken.

Ericka Strickland is a junior religion major from Plano. important as education becomes more and more competitive.

While the

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inactivity can lead to a state of poor health that progressively gets harder to reverse as the child grows.

According to the American Heart Association, 1/3 of U.S. children are overweight.

This problem has been growing throughout the years. The "Shape of the Nation" report states that the percentage of overweight young people has tripled since 1980. One solution to this prob-

150 and 225 minutes a week for physical education, as reported by the American Heart Association. This will be helpful in not only keeping the children active, but it will also give them the skills needed to stay active throughout their entire adult lives. Representatives of the American Heart Association are doing their part by communicating with states at the federal level, asking them to require physical education for all grades. Most states do not require

daily P.E. classes in kindergarten through 12th grade. The "Shape of The Nation" report for 2006 shows that physical activity in children slows as they get older. While 69 percent of high school freshmen may participate in a sport or

At most universities, students are not required to fulfill any sort of physical education requirement. According to a study by Washington University in St. Louis, 70 percent of college students gain a substantial amount of weight in their first two years of college. One reason given by personal trainer and author Diana Keuilian, was that college students give up sports or other activities for their studies. TCU used to have a requirement to take a physical education activity class along with a P.E. Health class, but

long run.

If educators start children off at a young age by encouraging them to do 30 minutes a day of activity, then maybe they will develop a healthier lifestyle, creating a strong foundation by the time they hit college. Physical education not only promotes strong bodies, but also a better knowledge of how the body works. With that knowledge, students can learn how to better care for themselves, therefore reducing health risks related to obesity and poor diet.

Future health depends on further activity and a wellrounded education that emphasizes not only academics, but athletics.

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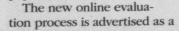
Schools should offer students incentives for online evaluations

Now that your grandmother can work a computer with cold dexterity, it makes sense that TCU steps into the 21st century by



joining other schools across the country in implementing online course evaluations. The initia-

tive underwent a trial last semester, employed by 200 sections. Contrary to expectations, the online survey might not be as effective as the traditional paper form.



better tool to gauge students' perceptions on courses and faculty. One strong argument in favor of the online evaluations is that they save time and resources because they're processed electronically, yielding results more promptly and saving the staff the hassle of going through the forms individually.

Instead of using class time at the end of the semester to fill out the traditional paper forms, online evaluations give students the freedom to take as long as they want to type responses.

"You've got the time and the space to make meaningful comments," said Katie Bain, a sophomore psychology major.

While this is true, it's likely that only the people with intense feelings about a course will actually bother to write lengthy statements. It will be either the delighted student who found a course awe-inspiring and life-changing or the student who feels such antagonism toward a professor that his or her future children will hold a grudge. The rest of the students will be content with only answering the multiplechoice questions and maybe typing a line or two.

Feedback from paper evaluations is higher than feedback from online surveys. Catherine Wehlburg, exec-

utive director of the Office

of Assessment and Quality Enhancement, said the response rate for the paper forms was 75 percent, whereas the response rate for the online surveys was about 41 percent.

This is predictable. There's no Houdini stunt that students can pull to avoid filling out the evaluations during class when confronted with the immediacy of a sheet of paper. However, students can easily hem and haw their way out of completing the survey during their free time, especially when they would rather spend that time finishing homework or engaging in less profitable activities, such as Facebook.

Heather Carlson, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, said she preferred to fill out the paper ones because they force her to do them at a certain time.

TCU is one of many schools to experiment with online evaluations. The University of Utah tested the measure with its fine arts students in 2001, but only 20 percent of the students completed the surveys. In 2004, Gene Block, provost of the University of Virginia, admitted that the response rates for course evaluations had decreased as more departments moved the evaluations online

The advantages of online evaluations - complete ano-

nymity, thriftiness, flexibility - should not be discounted. However, more data are needed to ensure the surveys provide meaningful feedback. For instance, Boston College encourages students to fill out the online forms by granting them early access to their grades - students can view posted grades from the first day of finals. Other schools opt to give students minimal extra credit for sacrificing a couple of minutes from their sacred nap time to complete the evaluations. TCU should follow suit and dole out incentives to raise participation.

> Julieta Chiquillo is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from San Salvador, El Salvador.

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This Octohedrite meteorite, found in Western Australia in 1913, is part of the new collection of 22 meteorites at the Monning Meteorite Gallery in the Sid Richardson Building. ing new developments and we we changed the gallery or made certainly can't keep them in the lobby." Melissa McDermott, a senior sizes and shapes.' physics and astronomy major,

July 2005 but has been a friend some time. McDermott said she is not trou-

ites, McDermott said.

"We have examples of all dif-"The gallery is fixed," Ehlmann ferent kinds of meteorites and offering more devoted to planmade for individual specimens, sage through space affects the lection might be more open to continues to cut, polish and anaso we don't have a way of show- meteorite," McDermott said. "If students."

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Richard Hanson, chair of geolmens on display is not alarming because every meteorite gets

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son said, and although the new Monnig Gallery, said the chances orites, the gallery that appears in bled by the lack of specimens on samples aren't on display at the of seeing the 22 new meteorites

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important to the collection as a whole not just for teaching but We hope to have a wider course

"The samples are certainly and won't be in the very near "Meteorites are so fundamen- behind glass cases, they are still said. "Even specimen holders are even imprints on how the pas- etary geology where the col- ites. In the meantime, Ehlmann

At the time, however, Hanson it bigger, we'd be putting out the said the collection on show is

perfect for the students' geology "The outer part of the gallery

has the best examples, a wonderful display and ideal for teaching," Hanson said.

Teresa Moss, the director of the on display are slim.

They are not on display yet future," Moss said.

Moss said although the recently added meteorites won't be open to the public for viewing upon request and there is no extra charge to see the meteorlyze them for future use.

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"It's been in the books for reveal the exact amount that has gone into their renova-The previous distance from tions, some of the new items the other chapters hasn't the Pi Kapp house will have affected the two fraternities, are a shuffleboard, a 50-inch said Matt DiLeo, Interfraterplasma TV, a new pool table and a 10-man conference table

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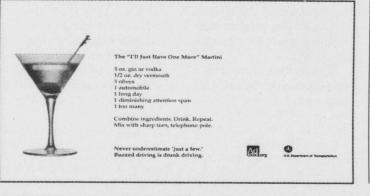
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The Oscar E. Monnig Gallery, located in the Sid Richardson Building, opened for the public in 2003 after longtime meteorite collector Oscar E. Monnig donated the collection to TCU before he died.

grown with the addition of several hundred specimens every year. Currently, the meteorite count is 1,371 - undoubtedly the largest documented collection in Texas, Ehlmann said.

"I can think of one university that has a parallel to our collection and that is Arizona State University," Ehlmann said.

Before being purchased, the samples sat in storage at Philadelphia Academy, Ehlmann said. When he heard the academy had no immediate plans for the minerals and meteorites, Ehlmann investigated and sent a friend to purchase them immediately.

"They had been in storage for many years and they had no plans to make any kind of exhibit, so I thought they wouldn't mind making some money off of them," Ehlmann said. "There were quite a number of specimens in the original Philadelphia collection that we already had, so the 22 were out of approxi- to the geology department for mately 125."

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Vicarious living stunts growth

By JENNIFER BURK Macon Telegraph

As a former college housing official, Paul Jahr recalls phone calls from parents who would say, "I want to change my roommate."

Of course, the parents didn't really mean their roommate. They meant their child's roommate. But the example just goes to show how involved parents can be in their children's lives, particularly as they head off to college, said Jahr, associate vice president for student affairs at Georgia College and State University.

"What stereotypically happens, parents of today have raised their children being actively involved in their lives - which is a good thing but when they come to college, some (parents) ... still continue for their son or daughter," Jahr said.

relationship doesn't have to be strained.

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"I think you have to look at it without consent. (phone calls from parents) as children."

Baham said if a parent calls small - wireless access. him with a concern, he will to help remedy the situation.

decisions.

But aside from philosophy, her daughter.



to try to, in essence, do things Students at Frog Camp Challenge A take part in different activities this summer at the Greene Family Camp in Bruceville. The tug of war (left) and the climbing wall (right) are intended to build students' trust in others and foster an atmosphere of cooperation which will help them during their college career.

the law also limits what an Although these parents educator can discuss with par- Sara Deppen said. "She's a very sometimes can drive educa- ents. The Family Educational independent and self-directed tors up the wall - asking Rights and Privacy Act, more questions about the size of commonly known as FERPA, a residence hall window or prevents colleges from sharing tor for advising and retention calling a professor to ask why educational records with par- at Georgia College, talks with their child received an F - the ents once the student reaches parents on a daily basis. age 18

Most college officials pre- college with a concern about fully respecting the fact that fer to work hand in hand with a child, the college may not these students are adults," be able to talk to them about McGill said.

Sara Deppen of Martinez, helpful. They're going to hap- whose first child, Lucy, is start-University. "Parents are going several times during the sumto be concerned about their mer to ask questions ranging campus, she said. from big - financial aid - to

College is a place for students tions. She said she hopes that make those," she said. to explore their independence, same communication continues and college officials want to between her and the university, in their students' lives have help students make their own although she doesn't anticipate been dubbed "helicopter parcalling much to check up on ents" because of the way they

"Only if she disappeared," Some educators refer to the person and always has been." Shaina McGill, senior direc-

We really, I think, like to So even if a parent calls a look at parents as partners, yet

Before parents call the college with a problem, they should ask their students if pen," said Jeremy Baham, asso- ing college at Mercer this year, they have talked to someone ciate dean of students at Mercer said she called the university on campus about the issue or sought out support services on

"It's an issue of parents letting go. It's an issue of letting She said she always has found students make good decisions always try to get the student officials willing to work out any for themselves, and sometimes, take care of their business problems and answer any ques- they're not always going to

Parents who are too involved hover over their children.

more intense parents as "Black Hawks," after the attack helicopters, McGill said.

These parents can be a hindrance to their children's learning independence, she said. McGill said she has received

phone calls from parents who wanted her to change their students' schedules because they had seen unfavorable ratings for professors on the Web site ratemyprofessors.com.

"They found professors with, quote, 'better' ratings, and they wanted us to move them. I wouldn't do that," she said.

Instead, students need to face the challenge, and if the class gets tough, work it out with their professors.

"When students learn to in this way, it's a wonderful, wonderful means for them to get ready for the real world," McGill said.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Tips for Parents

1. Keep the lines of communication open. Use e-mail or regular mail to keep in touch without having your child feel you're always checking up on him or her.

2. Let your child have independence; encourage your child to solve problems himself or herself.

3. Make sure your child is aware of various support services on campus.

4. Remember that you raised your child, and he or she is not going to change dramatically because of a location change.

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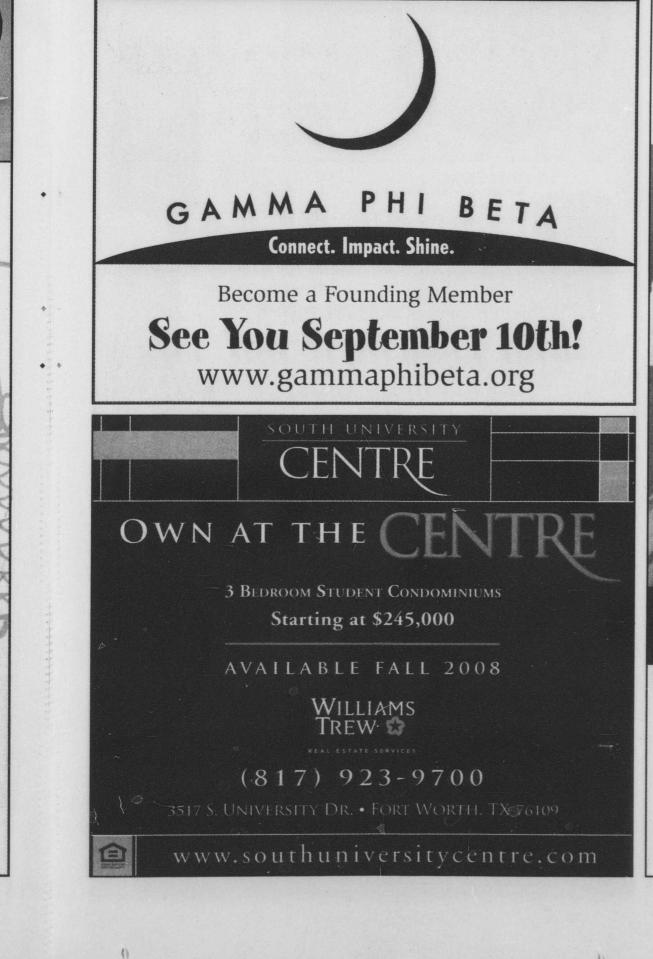
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Schools buy into get free downloads

By JASON RYAN

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McClatchy Newspapers

College students, the defenders of free T-shirts and free speech, have chalked up another victory: free music.

ty of South Carolina students heading to school this weekend will be able to download more than 2.8 million songs to their computers at no cost - thanks to a new agreement between the university and Ruckus online music.

USC joins 119 other colleges in its agreement with Ruckus. The company makes its money from online advertisements and charges students \$20 a semester for the ability to transfer unlimited songs to a portable music player after they've downloaded them to a computer.

"Downloading is free," said Kimberly South, public information coordinator for USC's technology services. "Transferring is not.'

In January, the Recording Industry Association of America named USC as one of the top universities for illegally downloaded music.

At that time, the association sent the university 914 notices of copyright infringement for the school year. Clemson received 71.

In response, USC began negotiations with Ruckus, tightened its Internet policies and discussed music piracy issues at new student orientation meetings this summer, said Bill Hogue, USC's chief information officer.

Since February, the university has received no notices of copyright violations, he said.

"We've gone from being More than 40,000 Universi- on a list of notorious universities to being model citizens," Hogue said.

More than 5,000 USC students have started using Ruckus, which became available in June after the spring semester. Students have downloaded more than 1.4 million songs.

One drawback to USC's no-cost partnership with Ruckus, though, is music downloads aren't available to Macintosh computer owners - 15 percent of students in 2006.

South said some Mac users are disappointed, but many already use iTunes to buy digital music.

Parents are happy to hear their students have a free. legal way to listen to music, South said.

The RIAA has sent 2,400 settlement offers to college students since February for copyright violations. These offers follow more than 18,000 lawsuits filed by record companies in the last three years for illegal music downloads.

Will Hall, a May graduate from USC, said he was always wary of being caught downloading music illegally in college, though some friends downloaded much more.

Hall said he doesn't expect his alma mater to offer free music to students, but "the fact that they do is nice."

music site; students Can you count to 30?

By EVAN GRANT The Dallas Morning News

No need to step lightly here. Put simply, the Rangers put a beating on the Baltimore Orioles Wednesday night, the likes of which have never been seen before.

Ever. Or at least since fielders started wearing gloves.

In the first game of what was supposed to be just a harmless doubleheader between two teams going nowhere, the Rangers took out a week or a year - or maybe even three-plus decades - of frustration by scoring and scoring and scoring some more. When they finally let the bats rest, they had pounded Baltimore 30-3.

It was the first time since 1900, considered the beginning of the "modern era" that a team had reached 30 runs. The previous record The Chicago Cubs scored against two great pitchers, a run-scoring single. 36 runs in 1897.

The Rangers previous 19, 1996.

The Rangers, who had Saltalamacchia and Ramon in a 5-for-49 slump.

Travis Metcalf, recently called up from AAA, celebrates an eighth-inning grand slam he hit off of Rob Bell. There were six home runs during the historic night in Camden Yards when the Rangers put up 30 runs against the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday.

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The 10 hits in an inning tied single that loaded the bases. "It's ridiculous," Saltalamac- the club record. The inning Jason Botts, who had two chia said. "We were just shak- included Saltalamacchia's first singles and four strikeouts was 29 shared by the Bos- ing our heads. I don't know if homer and Byrd's grand slam. in his first six at-bats, had ton Red Sox (1950) and the it's karma or what. But you've Saltalamacchia, who batted a chance to make the Rang-Chicago White Sox (1955). had two bad games in a row twice in the inning, also had ers the first team with three

In the eighth, the Rangers came up short. He doubled

en RBIs each from Jarrod Vazquez. Vazquez had been Rangers scored six more who earlier in the day was times. Ian Kinsler and Met- named the club's manager Vazquez. Oh, and Travis In the sixth, the Rangers calf each walked with one for the 2008 season. "You Metcalf and Marlon Byrd scored nine runs on 10 hits. out and Byrd reached on a let it go."

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LOYD FOX / Baltimore Sun via MCT

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FOR THE NGUYEN Midfielder becomes leader during sophomore campaign

By BRETT LARSON Staff Reporter

What does a soccer coach do when his or her leading scorer goes down with an injury midway through a season? The answer for soccer head coach Dan Abdalla was to place a heralded freshman in position to lead the team.

With last season's injury of midfielder Lauren Pope, as well as the season-ending injury of midfielder Angie Nickens, Michelle Nguyen received the responsibility of leading the squad - a task not usually expected of a freshman.

"When (Nguyen and Pope) were in together, it was actually a very, very good combination," Abdalla said, "but Michelle was able to kind of pass the responsibility of everything off on to Lauren, so when Lauren went down she had to slide into that role where she really had to become our playmaker."

Nguyen responded to her leadership role with vigor, finishing second on the team in scoring and second in the Mountain West Conference in shots attempted.

Although Nguyen, currently a sophomore, is happy to have Pope back on the field, the experience of being looked to as a leader as a freshman was beneficial to both her individual and the team's development.

"I think the experience she gained last year was tremendous," Abdalla said. I think she had some ups and downs with it, but right now I think we're seeing the benefits of that."

Abdalla said Nguyen is twice the player she was last season

"Lauren's injury was a big deficit to the team, but I filled

to dictate the offensive flow and the tempo of the match, Nickens said.

Her advanced role on the team proved to be helpful to Nguyen, who in the off-season was named to Soccer Buzz's All-Freshman Central Regional Team — the first TCU student to do so since 1999.

She was also selected to join the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association's national camp. Abdalla's description of Nguy-

en's flair between the lines is that of "creative playmaker."

"She's technically one of the best players that I've ever been around, male or female, so that just gives her so much range for so many things," Abdalla said. "It's tough to pigeonhole her for just one thing, just because I think she has the ability to be so dynamic and do so many things.'

With all of her on-the-field responsibilities and off-thefield honors, Nguyen's game has already started improving and advancing with experience. Nguyen acknowledged that her time at the national soccer camp helped her game.

"(It gave me) higher level, higher standards and it increased my

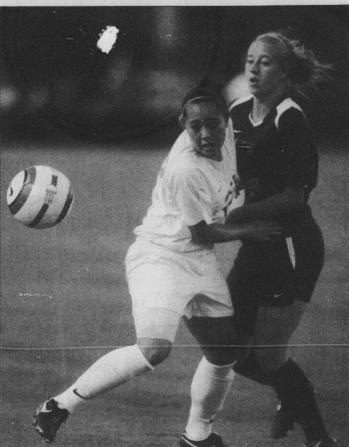
speed of play," Nguyen said. This season, Nguyen is joined by a healthy team and a Soccer Buzz-rated top 40 group of incoming recruits that include midfielder/forward Kaylie Garcia and forward Jackie Torda. "I feel the team came in at a

different caliber this year, so I think it's going to be a new year for us," Nguyen said. With Pope and Nickens enter-

ing their final years of eligibil-

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Who is Michelle Nguyen? Hometown: Richardson **Statistics and Highlights**



Freshman midfielder Michelle Nguyen keeps UTSA midfielder Julie Kopp away from the ball on September 23, 2006

ity, Nguyen will soon be taking over the top spot on the team again.

"She'll definitely be one of the top people to look up to from the younger players stand point," Nickens said. "I mean she's doing that now so I think she's ready for it.'

Abdalla agreed with Nickens' assessment of Nguyen's development.

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"I think she's already started to take a leadership role," Abdalla said. "We see her communicating, talking in practices and that's what we're going

increasing that role." The team could be an intimidating presence in the Mountain West Conference by being able to bode not only a triple midfield threat of Nguyen, Nickens and the team that missed the postseason by one game last year, will enter the Mountain West Conference with the top recruiting class in the con-

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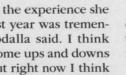
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in as best as I could," Nguyen said. "I'd try to help the team's emotions — not let them get down on themselves - let them know that we can still make it through the rest of the year."

When Pope went down against the Sam Houston State University Bearkats, the Richardson native had to define herself as the team's central midfielder, and it was her job

What she does: Sophomore midfielder	-Games Started: 18	
for the soccer team	-Goals: 3	
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leader following a sea- son that saw her gain	–Points: 9	
tremendous experience	-Shots: 62	
and exposure as one of the soccer team's go-to	-Shots on Goal: 26	
players despite only being a freshman.	-Game-Winning Goals: 2	

Pope in the middle will help guide the new recruits.

threat of Nguyen, Nickens and

Nguyen's future in soccer is not vet determined, but she said she is focusing on the present and trying to do what it takes to win. Abdalla, however, said that if Nguyen wants to play at a national level, she has the ability and the potential to do so.

Only time will tell what lies ahead for Nguyen, but one thing is for sure: she's ready.

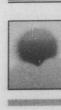
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Two former NBA referees say instructional overhaul necessary

By PHIL JASNER

Philadelphia Daily News

Hue Hollins worked 27 seasons as an NBA referee. Mike Mathis worked 26. Both worked games with Tim Donaghy in the mid-to-late 1990s. Both recall an eager, young official focused on improving, on becoming good enough to eventually work in the playoffs and, ultimately, the Finals.

Both Hollins and Mathis are appalled that Donaghy pleaded guilty last week to two federal charges, with the possibility of facing more at the state level if prosecutors say they have evidence that he deliberately miscalled games. But Hollins and Mathis share another painful belief:

That the NBA's problems in officiating run far deeper.

Both see a disconnect in the practices of hiring and training referees, which, in their minds, has led to a dropoff in the quality of officiating and a general acceptance of that dropoff.

'It's in a state of degradation," said Hollins, now living in Chino Hills, Calif. "It's changed, and not for the better. There's a lack of training, and the people who try and do the training have no experience. Zero. Some are referees who were fired, but came back as supervisors and observers. There's no prerequisite for group supervisors; they hire anyone. They have hired anyone."

Hollins said he has wanted to work as a supervisor since his retirement two years ago and wrote to commissioner David Stern and executive vice president for basketball operations Stu Jackson, who oversees the officiating program, but has never gotten response.

'They don't want people who can make referees better," Hollins said. "They want people they can control."

Mathis, a former head of the National Association of Basketball Referees, lives in Cincinnati and directs the Mathis Foundation, working with and helping supply scholarships for foster children. He said he has seen problems coming "for 20 years, not in gambling, but in the state of affairs of officiating.

Mathis, who went out on disability in December 2001, said that the problems are in hiring, training and accountability and that "the NBA fails miserably on those accounts.'

The current officiating staff is under a gag order, but one referee, speaking on the assurance of anonymity, said: "It's apples and oranges. I'm not a hurry, a typical young ref- of integrity, that's wonderful.

"It's changed, and not for the better. There's a lack of training, and the people who try and do the training have no experience."

Hue Hollins

former NBA referee

disagreeing with their points, but these are two guys who are disgruntled, who weren't happy when they were here. I don't need a supervisor or an observer to tell me what's right and wrong in life.

"People throw a lot of stuff on the wall. I would venture to say that most employees look at supervisors and think they can do better. Mike Mathis isn't speaking for us. He doesn't have a clue what's going on today. He's not in the loop, but some of what (Hollins and Mathis) say is true; there are problems in the profession that need to be addressed.'

A league representative said, "In consideration of the ongoing investigation, we will not be commenting further at this time."

This is how Hollins recalls Donaghy:

"I was his crew chief at one time. Then, I thought he was an up-and-coming referee, a little bit headstrong, a guy who wanted to move in

eree who wanted to do the playoffs. In everything else, he was fine."

And this is Mathis' recollection:

"I would have told you he had a hell of a future. He had moxie, arrogance, a little over the edge. But he had the cojones to make calls at the end of games and to make them on superstars the same as on anybody else. He could take a small problem and make it into a big one,

but these were all things that could be worked with." It all apparently changed

as Donaghy began providing inside information to gamblers, telling them, among other things, which referees would work specific games. That information is confidential until the crew arrives at an arena, but is available on a master schedule.

"In 27 years, I never had (a master schedule)," Hollins said. "I never wanted one."

Added Mathis: "If (referees) are now the flag-bearers But then shouldn't referees get as much attention as the marketing, (public relations), etc., areas? People are asleep at the switch when it comes to officiating."

Both Hollins and Mathis said the observers assigned in every NBA city have included former referees who were fired, a onetime college football trainer, former scorekeepers, a former player and others with no specific background in officiating.

"Somebody's out of work, somebody needs a job, a friend of a friend gets a job," Mathis said

"They make out the reports after games, and careers of referees are determined by that.

Hollins said that, for 17 years, he directed a camp for officials in Los Angeles, and that several current league referees passed through his sessions, including current director of officials Ronnie Nunn, Monte McCutcheon, Violet Palmer, Derek Richardson, Rodney Mott and Jim Capers Jr.

When people tell me the job of a referee is a science, I say it's not a science, it's an art," Hollins said.

Refereeing right now is in bad shape, top to bottom. How can they have people

telling a referee about what it's like to work in the first round (of the playoffs) when they've never worked in the first round?" Hollins said he believes that, given the opportunity, "I

could turn this thing around in a heartbeat." He followed that by saying, "If someone you know has a heart attack, do you send that person to an emergency room or to an auto mechanic?"

"Poor officiating is accepted," Mathis said, pointing to the final play of the 1998 Finals, when Michael Jordan drained a jump shot over Utah's Bryon Russell to nail down the Chicago Bulls' sixth championship. Mathis contends that Jordan should have been called for an offensive foul as he pushed off, but that the whistle was not blown because of Jordan's stature as a superstar.

"If we're going to stay up with the players, we'd better improve," Mathis said. "And we have not."

Said the anonymous referee: "Missed calls happen. Nobody's trying to miss them. The best officials miss calls. You can miss a play, no matter what the level of training. They've been documented for years. I'm not saying there aren't problems, but it's not fair to point to one play."