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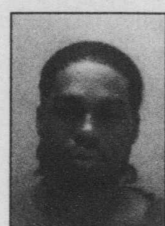
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Frogs wide receiver arrested on assault charge

By MEGAN MOWERY
Staff Reporter

A football player who played in Saturday's game at Stanford University had assaulted his wife earlier in the week and was arrested, according to a Fort Worth police report.

Junior wide receiver Walter Bryant, 21, was arrested Wednesday and charged with assault with bodily injury to a family member,



BRYANT

his wife, Danielle Land, agreed he had assaulted her and there were visible physical injuries, according to the police report.

a misdemeanor, according to the police report.

A Fort Worth police officer arrested Bryant after he and

Bryant was released Thursday morning on a \$2,500 bond, according to the Mansfield Jail.

Athletics media relations director Mark Cohen declined to comment on whether there would be disciplinary action and head football coach Gary Patterson couldn't be reached for comment.

Land, who attended TCU, went to visit Bryant at his

residence at the Chesapeake Apartments located at 6047 S. Hulen St., according to the report. Bryant and Land, who have been married since March, do not live together because Bryant is in school, according to the report.

When Land and their son arrived, she noticed another woman at Bryant's residence, according to the police report. Land said it

smelled like they had been smoking marijuana, police reported.

The report stated Land said she left the residence once she smelled marijuana. Bryant followed her to her vehicle and they began to argue, according to the report. Land said Bryant slapped her in the face and she told him she wasn't going to let him hit her anymore since he has hit her in

the past, the report stated.

Land said Bryant then slapped her arm, causing her to fall to the ground. While Land was getting up, Bryant slapped her in the

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Read the police report and the court documents online.

BUILDING UP



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Paul Sessi, a senior psychology major walks near to Milton Daniel Hall across from the construction of the new student union building set to be completed in Fall 2008.

Conference to address religious diversity

By AMANDA SHIMKO
Staff Reporter

"Diversity Within Religion" will be the subject of a daylong conference sponsored by Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services on Wednesday.

The luncheon keynote speaker, Manochehr Dorraj, a political science professor, said he will discuss why religion matters in a post-modern world.

"One of the most important forms of diversity is religious diversity and different venues of religious and spiritual life," Dorraj said.

IIS hosts the Inclusiveness Conference annually to open a campus-wide dialogue on issues of diversity within different realms of society.

Previous conferences have dealt with diversity within the media and various "-isms," said Greg Trevino,

IIS director.

The decision to cover diversity in religion was because the subject had not been focused on much in previous years. IIS has been working with the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life throughout the planning process, Trevino said.

Adam Gamwell, program coordinator for the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, said the office shared

its pool of knowledge and was able to suggest specific speakers.

Gamwell said the conference will be a step toward religious education.

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Inclusiveness Conference

What: Visit diversity.tcu.edu for more information.

Utah students to visit TCU, begin leadership exchange

By ALLIE BROWN
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association will host the president and vice president of the University of Utah's student government this week to discuss a collaboration of ideas between universities in the Mountain West Conference.

SGA President Jace Thompson, SGA Vice President Thomas Pressly and Dean of Campus Life Suzy Adams traveled to Utah during fall break to meet with the Associated Students of the University of Utah and prepare them for a trip to TCU.

ASUU President Spencer Pearson said during the visit the groups discussed "collaborating a little more as student government leaders and discussing the conference as a whole."

Thompson said the trip was to begin a "leadership exchange" between the two schools and for the students to become more familiar with Utah.

The idea for a leadership exchange was initially proposed in spring 2006, but it was early summer when meetings were held with sports leaders and administrators to discuss hosting Utah for next year, Thompson said.

"TCU had an administra-

tive connection with the University of Utah, so the school was a good fit," Thompson said. "Our goal is to have a Mountain West Conference convention where delegates from each university will come and hopefully resolutions for the future will be made."

Pressly said the ASUU president and vice president will be visiting Wednesday and Thursday for the football game against their school.

"This is the opportunity to bring leaders to TCU," Pressly said. "It's also an opportunity for TCU to be a leader within the conference."

Thompson said the ideas discussed at the Utah conference this week will include activities funding allocation and what is and isn't effective within SGA.

Pearson said he is excited for the visit because the University of Utah has never had this kind of exchange within the conference. He said he hopes to understand the school better, share ideas and get the TCU experience.

"We want to start to build more community between schools," Pearson said.

Thompson said he hopes having these guests on campus will teach student leaders how to entertain a smaller group before com-

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Group hosts auditions for campus talent show

By ANA BAK
Staff Reporter

Mu Phi Epsilon and the Music Education Organization are looking for talented students to be a part of the TCU Stars talent show.

Hopeful performers can sign up for an audition in the Brown-Lupton Student Center from noon to 2 p.m. today and Wednesday or by e-mailing Katelyn Farris, junior music education major. The audition will be held at the PepsiCo Recital Hall from 4:20 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, said Tanner Wilemon, junior music major.

TCU Stars will perform Nov. 1 at the PepsiCo Recital Hall.

As of Monday, there were seven acts signed up to audi-

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Talent show auditions

How: To sign up for an audition, e-mail Katelyn Farris.
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tion, said Lauren Novak, senior music education major.

"The auditions will only be five to 10 minutes long," Novak said. "It'll just give us a taste of what they'll be doing at the show."

Christa Bentley, sophomore vocal performance major, who is in charge of planning the event, said the talent show will

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—Associated Press

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mitting to a larger group in future conferences.

"Before we host and start something big, it would be wise to entertain with a smaller group so we're not making the same mistakes," Thompson said.

Thompson also said this is not something he wants only for SGA. He said he looks forward to other leaders around campus getting involved.

"This is designed to include more than just SGA," Thompson said. "We hope to be integrated into the conference in more than just an athletic way."

Thompson and Pearson both said they are in the early stages of planning and hope to have more details after this week's visit.

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help bring the TCU community together.

"The event is also a way for other people on campus who are not music majors to be involved," Bentley said.

Because auditions have not yet been held, Claire Stewart, sophomore music education major, said she is not sure what the show will be like.

"The people I've talked to have said, 'It'll be really musical,'" Stewart said. "Who knows what it'll be like right now? We'll see what happens after auditions."

Sheri Neill, associate professor of music education and associate director of choral activities, said she

estimates 200 to 300 students will be at the show.

Bentley said she thinks the show will have a mixture of humor and impressive talents. The event is open to any kind of talent, she said.

"It can be all kinds of acts," Neill said, "from singing and dancing and anything in between."

Curtis Green, a junior dance major, will audition because of their love for dance.

"It's a chance for people to show off their talent — their pride," Novak said.

Bentley, said the event is a fundraiser for the two music organizations and the event will cost \$5.

Tickets will go on sale Oct. 22, Ferris said.

"The money will be split between the two organiza-

tions," Bentley said. "MEO will use the money to attend a Texas Music Educators Association conference and Mu Phi will use it to help the new member pledge class."

ARREST

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leg, causing her pain and bruising, police reported.

According to the report, Bryant said he was trying to get Land to leave and he did slap her leg. Bryant told police he slapped her arm because she was putting her

hands in his face, the report stated.

Land said in an interview Monday there is a protective order in place for her and her son with Fort Worth police. She said the order will expire after the first of the year but she can renew it.

Bryant said Monday he didn't want to comment about his arrest.

"I didn't do anything wrong and I don't want to comment after that," Bryant said.

During TCU's win over Stanford on Saturday in Palo Alto, Calif., Bryant, of San Angelo, caught two passes for 23 yards.

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of the season or will the unit's stretch of dominance be a "one and done" performance like that of a bad Fox sitcom?

The Stanford game could have acted as the turning point in the season just as the back-to-back games against BYU and Utah were in 2005 and the Army game was last season. Following those wins, the Frogs would rip off winning streaks of 13 and nine games en route to back-to-back 11-win seasons. In other words, TCU was feeling it.

But before we announce Saturday as the night sanity was returned to the 2007 season, the Frogs must exact revenge on a Utah team that effectively ended any remaining hope TCU had of repeating as conference champions.

If memories and bad feelings still resonate from last year's 20-7 loss, we may be heading for at least a two-week reZnaissance.

And if this college football season has taught us anything, it's to not concede anything just yet. This might not be 2004 after all.

CONFERENCE

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"Without awareness there cannot be education," Gamwell said.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude with the play "Platanos and Collard Greens" at 7 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

The event is free, but registration is required. Registration for the event, information and a calendar of speakers can be found on the IIS Web site, diversity.tcu.edu.

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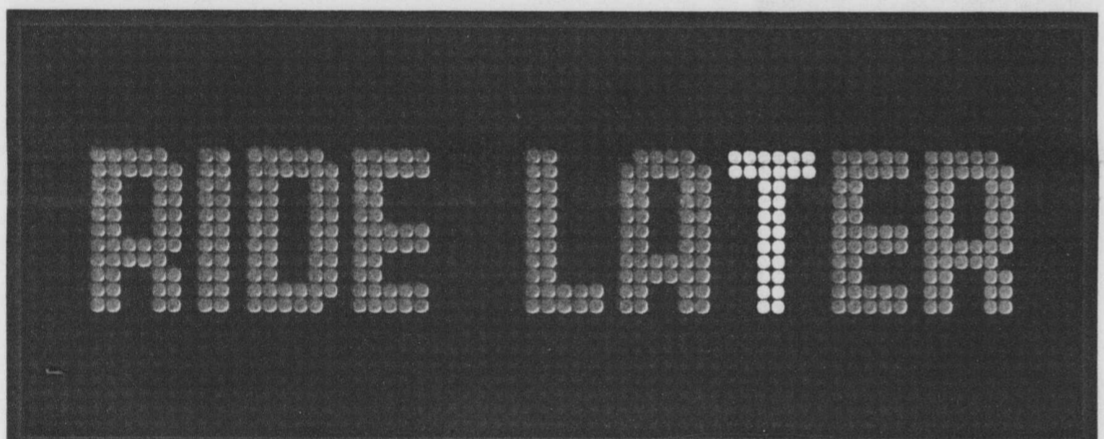
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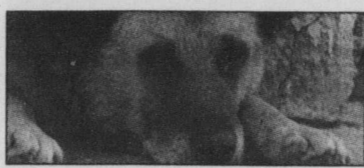
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"Age is mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."
— Satchel Paige

THE SKIFF VIEW

SGA's idea could strengthen ties

Athletics may be the only thing bringing together schools from the Mountain West Conference now, but there is a possibility student leaders may be solidifying that relationship on a deeper level.

The student leaders from TCU and Utah plan to meet to exchange ideas about their respective student government systems in hopes of learning from each other's mistakes and successes.

"Our goal is to have a Mountain West Conference convention where delegates from each university will come and hopefully resolutions for the future will be made," SGA President Jace Thompson said.

At a time when regional rivalries in athletic games attract more attention than conference games, it will help for the schools to become more familiar with fellow conference members to foster camaraderie between athletes and fans.

Leadership exchanges are a great way to start.

The university has been working toward creating a community on campus, and SGA has commendably taken the initiative further by trying to create a community among universities. Student leaders at TCU and Utah have taken advantage of an already-established relationship through an athletics conference to improve efficiency within their respective campus systems.

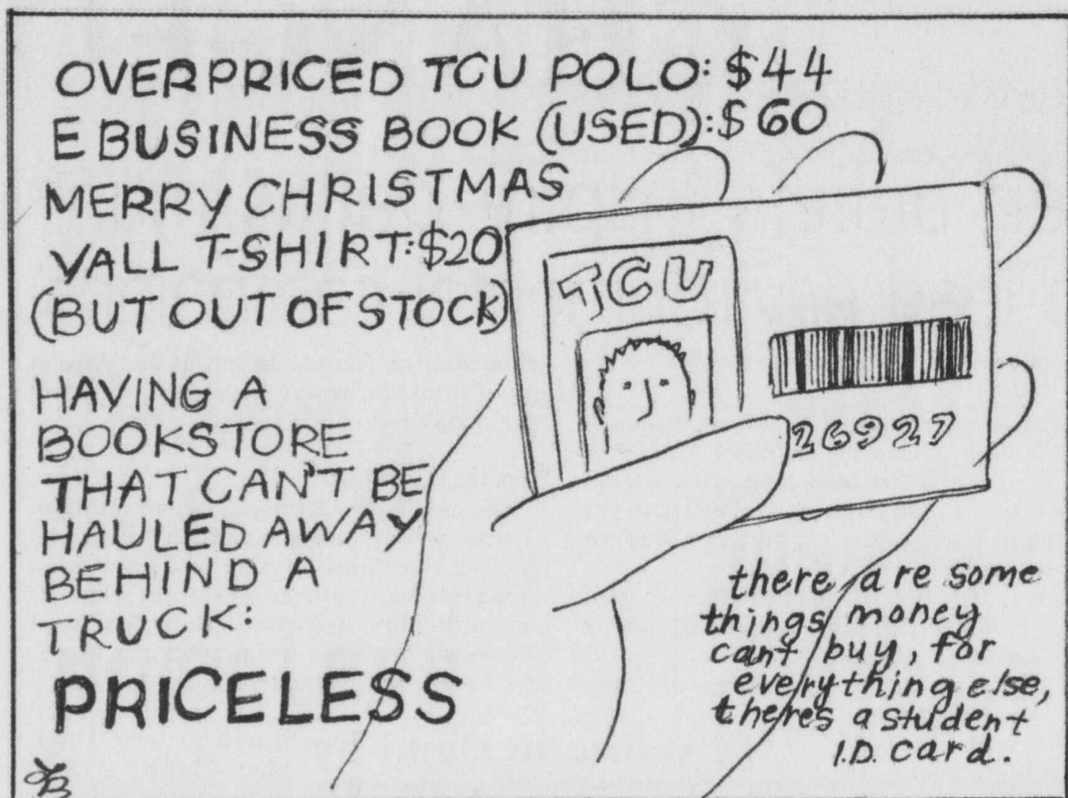
"We want to start to build more community between schools," said Spencer Pearson, Associated Students of the University of Utah president.

A community built on more than just athletics will be beneficial to leaders who face similar challenges, because it is through a competing array of ideas the most efficient one will emerge.

Although the exchange is only in the planning stages right now, the preliminary meeting with Utah could be the beginning of a more sustainable conference relationship.

Features editor Saerom Yoo for the editorial board.

BY LANA BLOCKER



Self-interested sweet behavior sours college admissions process

The college admissions process seems to get more ridiculous every day.

COMMENTARY



Jillian Hutchison

From hiring private counselors to reading the U.S. News and World Report college ranking list like the Bible, many high school students and their parents appear willing to do whatever it takes to catch the eye of the admissions staff and glean an acceptance letter from that oh-so-prestigious school.

The latest tactic: thank you notes.

Apparently, there is a growing trend of prospective students sending thank you notes to admissions counselors and tour guides after a college visit.

The New York Times reported last week that one student even went so far as to send M&M's in the school's colors, inscribed with her name, to the counselor, with a note attached, "Keep me on the tip of your tongue when reviewing applications."

This has simply gone too far.

College admission should be based on academic records and essays, not manners, and certainly not monogrammed M&M's and thank you notes.

Though that certainly gets the point across.

Thank you notes have



become a lost art.

It is rare these days to receive personal thank you notes from people after giving a gift, showing hospitality or granting a favor.

Perhaps this should be the beginning of the revival of the thank you note. But they should be sent truly as thank yous.

It's interesting how people are suddenly willing to write thank you notes when it's in their own self-interest.

Students should rely less on small things such as thank you notes to impress colleges and instead focus on their time in high school — and making that something to be proud of and worthy of college admission.

Universities don't need students who know how to be extravagant, but students who know how to impress without trying by simply being themselves.

What will the trend be next year, fruit baskets?

Jillian Hutchison is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Omaha, Neb.

Awareness months create issue apathy

Many of us look forward to October.

It brings cooler weather and grants us license to wear silly costumes and flirt with diabetics.

But there is more to October than Halloween.

Grab a Sharpie and mark your calendar because October is National Month Month.

Just about every advocacy group in the United States uses the month of October as its awareness month.

The national observances in October range from the serious to the ludicrous.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Depression Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month and National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

It is also National Go on a Field Trip Month, National Seafood Month, National Construction Toy Month and Celebrate Sun Dried Tomatoes Month.

I didn't even make those up.

The purpose of national observances is to educate the public about a certain issue or to increase appreciation about parts of a culture. But how is any one cause going to hold your attention long enough to do that when so many are fighting for space in your mailbox?

The notion of "awareness month" has turned into a joke.

Although some might argue that sun-dried tomatoes are a sufficient cause for revelry, do

they really merit a spot in the calendar?

Health, however, is no laughing matter.

About 178,000 women in the United States will develop breast cancer in 2007.

More than 19 million Americans suffer from depression every year.

Down syndrome afflicts more than 350,000 people in the United States.

These and other issues merit equal attention, but few get their fair share of the spotlight when they are all hurled to the public in one package.

The proliferation of national observances is problematic, especially in regard to health awareness campaigns, which already have to compete with one another for funding and celebrity sponsorship.

The truth is, there are many causes worthy of our attention and not enough months in the year.

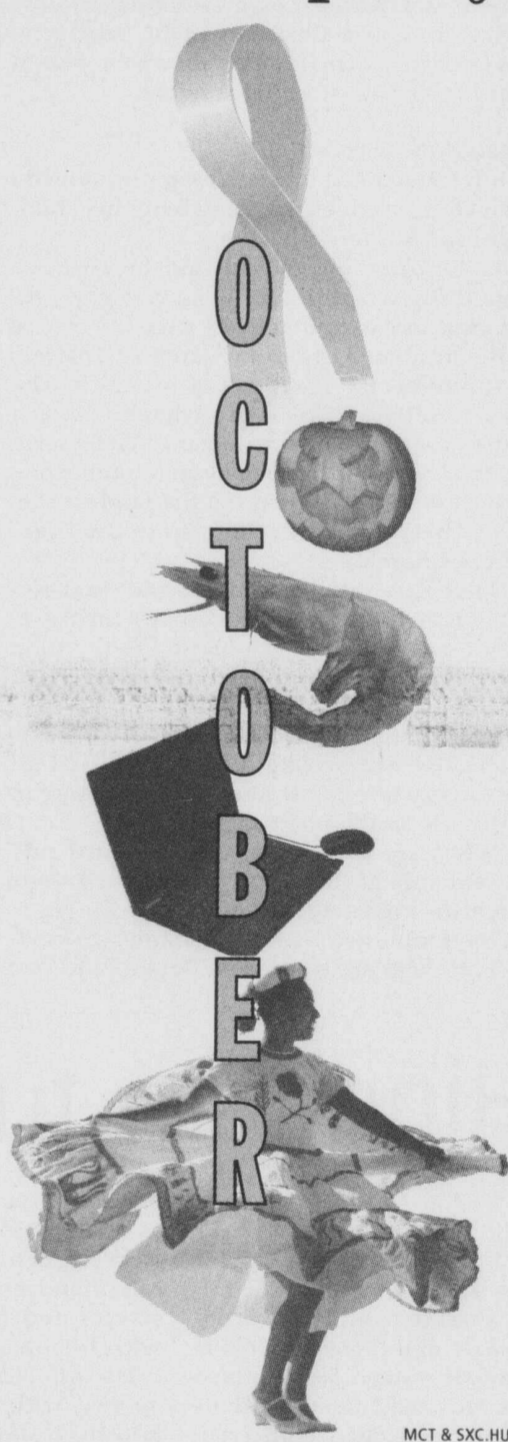
National Hispanic Heritage Month? I don't need a slot in the year to celebrate my culture. It's a year-long fiesta.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month? The man who beats up his wife doesn't stop to think about the time of the year before he gives her a black eye.

National Sarcastic Awareness Month? Sarcasm will come your way whether it's October or not.

We shouldn't need an annual reminder to care. There are some things that should always be on our radar.

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



Former deputy press secretary: Politicians polarized by missing manners

WASHINGTON — It came to me on traffic-clogged I-95 during the post-summer drive back from Massachusetts to the nation's capital: proper merging, whether on the highways or the byways of government, is a thing of the past.

We've all had the same stressful experience: you're tooling along at the relatively high-speed limit of 65 or beyond when a huge tractor-trailer truck lugging heavy-duty equipment rumbles by you on the right at about 85 and cuts in front of you to pass someone who is driving in the so-called "slow lane" — darting in and out of traffic like a veteran of the NASCAR circuit.

And those, my friends, are the tractor-trailers. We haven't even mentioned the SUVs and passenger cars driven by racecar wannabes that play dodge'em and endanger lives on the highway at speeds of up to 90 mph.

Your mind temporarily shifts to thoughts of the federal government where Democrats and Republicans no longer seem able to courteously shift ideological lanes in the spirit of compromise for the common good.

And you remember the good old days when such fiercely partisan political infighters as Tip O'Neill and Ronald Reagan would battle it out in the papers about some issue or another, then meet over a couple drinks and work out a compromise on middle ground that slowly moved the country ahead. No longer!

If you wait 15 minutes after reading this and do a blog search you'll find bloggers who will denounce me for being one of those old-fashioned mushy moderates who don't believe in one thing or another.

The hard liners on the left and right — the ones that appear to occupy most of the blogosphere these days — would rather be smugly pure than get anything accomplished.

An old boss of mine summed it up succinctly: "they like to look good losing."

Well, political moderation may be sadly out-of-fashion but I willingly admit I like compromise and baby steps forward as opposed to stagnation.

I like the idea that we can have serious and thoughtful debates about

important issues and then come together to solve that problem.

Unfortunately today, most politicians just want to win a political point rather than advance solutions that strengthen our nation and make our lives better.

Politicians now battle over who can trot out the best "victims" of a policy and get that prized one-minute of exposure on television.

They battle over who can win the second paragraph in a front-page story and be the talking head everyone wants to interview on the Sunday talk shows.

Today we get debates between a White House and a Congress dug-in on the extremes where there is no agreement.

The politics of this coun-

try has become more and more polarized with each decade since those days when such political opposites as Tip and The Gipper could sit down and genially cut a deal that split their differences in the public interest.

The goals of electoral politics have become the norm in Congress. Campaigning — like journalism — has become 24/7 and the only goal is winning at any price.

That type of winning, of course, has nothing to do with solving the problems of the country.

As a result, we get no progress — only head-on policy collisions.

Back on I-95, I look into my rear-view mirror and see the letters "M-A-C-K" almost emblazoned on my rear window. A big rig is

positioned about one foot off my rear bumper and holding steady at 75.

If I so much as sneeze and my foot slips off the gas pedal, the son of a gun will literally roll his 18-wheels right over my car and just keep going.

I'm sure he doesn't realize it, but that same hard-ball attitude plays out in Washington's halls of power everyday. Politeness and courtesy no longer exist on the highways or on the byways of government. And we — as a democratic society — are immensely poorer for it.

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CHANGED BY FAITH

Zen beliefs inspire Dallas man to lead environmental campaigns

By CHRIS BLAKE
Staff Writer

As a newly ordained Buddhist monk at Plum Village monastery in France, Gary Stuard, along with some other monks, attended a Good Friday service at an Orthodox Church in 1994 in search of finding a Western way to explain Buddhist practice.

Stuard, who had left the Christian religion more than a decade before, realized that his faith had never left him.

"The service was so beautiful — the singing, the chanting," Stuard said. "As all of this was happening, in mind's eye, I saw this image of Christ, and I realized I was still a Christian," he said.

Stuard's spiritual journey has taken him around the United States as a Christian, to France as a Buddhist monk and finally to the Dallas area as a Christian again, where he has become an environmental activist. Stuard said he has at last found comfort.

Leaving the Church

"I felt like I had a very strong relationship with God," said Stuard, describing his childhood in Houston.

As he grew up, Stuard said he realized something was different — he was gay. Stuard ventured to four colleges over the course of his academic career in search of answers to fundamental questions in his faith. The third was Baylor University, where he took a course on the PBS documentary "The Ascent of Man," which examined human intellectual evolution and critiqued the theological ideology that Stuard grew up with in the Evangelical Church.

"That class was like a supernova," said Stuard, who will speak at Wednesday's Inclusiveness Conference. "It just blasted everything away. I was free intellectually, and I just couldn't believe the faith I grew up in."

Despite the intellectual freedom, he said, loneliness was setting in as he focused all his energy into his studies, and a change in faith was on the horizon.

"What are you doing, God?" Stuard said he remembers thinking. "You haven't done much for me lately, so goodbye."

His decision to leave Christianity coincided with his departure from Baylor, and two

years later, he found himself at the University of Houston, where he began practicing Zen meditation.

From the Inside Out

"Zen meditation is the practice of sitting in silence, paying attention to each breath and focusing the mind on here and now," said Ruben Habito, a professor of world religions and spirituality at SMU's Perkins School of Theology. "It allows the practitioner to see how we are all connected in the universe."

Zen meditation led Stuard to hear Thich Nhat Hanh, a Zen master from Vietnam, speak. Stuard soon left the United States for Plum Village in May 1992 and became the first western male to be ordained as a monk by Hanh. Stuard's experience at the Orthodox Good Friday service came 16 months after his ordainment.

"I felt like I was able to reclaim what had been lost," Stuard said.

So, in March 1996 Stuard left the monastery, learned of Habito and moved to Dallas to practice Zen meditation, which led him to his involvement in environmental activism.

"(Stuard's) dedication to social ecological work derives from his spiritual practice," Habito said. "Zen meditation opens your eyes to the wounds of the earth and you see the pain that's happening around you."

With his renewed fervor in Zen meditation, Stuard said he felt moved to do something to stop global warming.

"I refuse to stand by and see my planet die," he said. "And I refuse to be a victim."

Family Matters

"I was able to stay in the closet for her sake," Stuard said of his mother who passed away in May 2005. He said he did not come out to her because he didn't want to further endanger her health.

Stuard said he felt liberated when he could finally come out to everyone because he was able to live truthfully. This comes at the expense of minimal contact with his family because of their intolerance of his homosexuality, he said.

Although the inner comfort is there, he said he still refuses to forgive the religious right or evangelical churches for creating



Gary Stuard's journey through religions has taken him around the United States and the world, he was a Christian in the U.S., a Buddhist in France and returned to Dallas as a Christian where he has become an environmental activist.

the rift between he and his family.

"I'm holding you people accountable," he says of the religious right as he pounds his finger on the table. "If there is anything anti-Christian, it is the American Religious Christian Right." A group Stuard said he thinks, in association with the Republican party, put the U.S. years behind other countries, environmentally when the Reagan administration gutted the alternative energy programs set up by Jimmy Carter.

Hoping for Change

Stuard will be speaking Wednesday at the Inclusiveness Conference, hosted by Intercultural Inclusiveness Services and the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life. Kaufman said he will speak about religious views on climate change and care for the environment.

"Gary is a terrific and tireless worker for peace and justice," said Virginia Holleman, assistant to the rector at Stuard's church. Stuard is trying to educate the parishio-

ners at his church about the environment. Last year, the church wouldn't let him show Al Gore's documentary "An Inconvenient Truth"; this year he is teaching an adult class on climate awareness, something he sees as progress.

"We have what it takes to prevent the worst from happening," Stuard said. "As a Christian, a Buddhist, a humanist and a human being, my goal is to be as effective as possible in letting people know that this is real, this is so urgent."

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Inclusiveness Conference
Diversity within Religion

When: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Student Center 2nd Floor

Religious views on climate change

Who: Gary Stuard
When: 10 a.m. Wednesday
Where: Student Center Room 206

Hinduism turns former punk into spiritual monk

By BIBEK BHANDARI
Staff Writer

At 14, he decided to alter his life.

Sun, sand and surf suddenly lost significance for this Hawaii native. He trimmed his Mohawk, dismantled his punk band, changed his religion and tattooed the Sanskrit chant of Hare Krishna, a Hindu deity, on his hand.

Troy Granger, who is now Nityananda Chandra Das, is living a spiritual life.

Dressed in a traditional Hindu costume with a sacred paste on his forehead and a small ponytail in the middle of his shaved head, 29-year-old Das looked cheerful as he spoke of his days of transformation.

"I went from punk to monk," Das said, remembering his past.

As the vocalist of his band, Skeksis — named after a character from a 1982 fantasy film "The Dark Crystal" — Das defined himself as an avatar of a punk rocker: an 18-inch Mohawk, pierced lips, nose ring, a tongue ring and kooky clothes.

"One of my pants had 500 safety pins, and my belt had all kinds of spikes," he said.

As a teenager, Das said he surfed, hung out with his friends, smoked pot and partied.

"I was at concerts all the time and rode my motorcycle," he said. "There were all kinds of underground punk, metal and ska bands."

Das characterized himself as a fun, laid-back guy who worked midnight shifts doing telephone surveys, attended school and then wandered with his buddies.

His wife, Krishna Mangala, agreed with Das about his laid-back style.

"He is fun to be around," she said. "He will make you feel better."

As a teenager, Das said he liked reading about government conspiracies, aliens, karma and reincarnation. But, life changed for him after one of his friends introduced him to the religious philosophies of Hinduism and explained this view's definition of the soul and the difference between body and soul.

He said Hinduism gave a detailed perception about the self-soul, karma and reincarnation and this became the sole rationale for his inclination toward the religion. Also, Das despised the slaughterhouses, and since this religious path denounced the killing of animals, his fascination intensified.

"It gave a higher taste of spirituality," he said.

Lifestyle Changes

At 20, Das moved to a temple in Portland where he adhered to the four principles of initiation to a spiritual life, which he would follow his entire life: no meat, fish or eggs; no intoxication, including caffeine and cigarettes; no illicit sex; and no gam-

"My (life's) priority then was to advance materially. My priority now is to make advancement spiritually."

— Nityananda Chandra Das

bling.

Das said that one year shaped his life in a positive way.

"I quit smoking pot, and there was no intoxication," he said.

His devotion made him less materialistic and therefore less affected by lust, greed, envy, pride and anger, he said.

"My (life's) priority then was to advance materially," Das said. "My priority now is to make advancement spiritually."

He regarded himself as someone from the "lost generation" who had no guidance toward life's realm and thus became more attracted toward spirituality.

The former punk rocker's daily routine reflected his devotion toward his spiritual attainment.

"He wakes up early; devotes himself to the temple all day long and helps people 'til late at night," said Rachel Blackwell, one of his neighbors in Dallas.

For Bhakta Mark, a member of the Dallas temple, Das connected to him as a friend.

"He is very compassionate and a spark of energy," Mark said. "He wants to share the joy that he gets from this

loving, devotional service. He wants to educate."

Das said taking the spiritual path made him closer to the spiritual world, but distanced him from his family and friends. His father, a Jehovah's Witness, didn't show his appreciation, nor did his friends. He said his friends didn't want to hang out after knowing about his new way of life.

"A lot of friends are not your real friends," Das said.

However, that neither saddened him nor made him feel isolated, Das said. His mother and one of his friends supported his spiritual path; many others befriended him as he made his journey through the U.S. and the world before settling in Dallas in 2005.

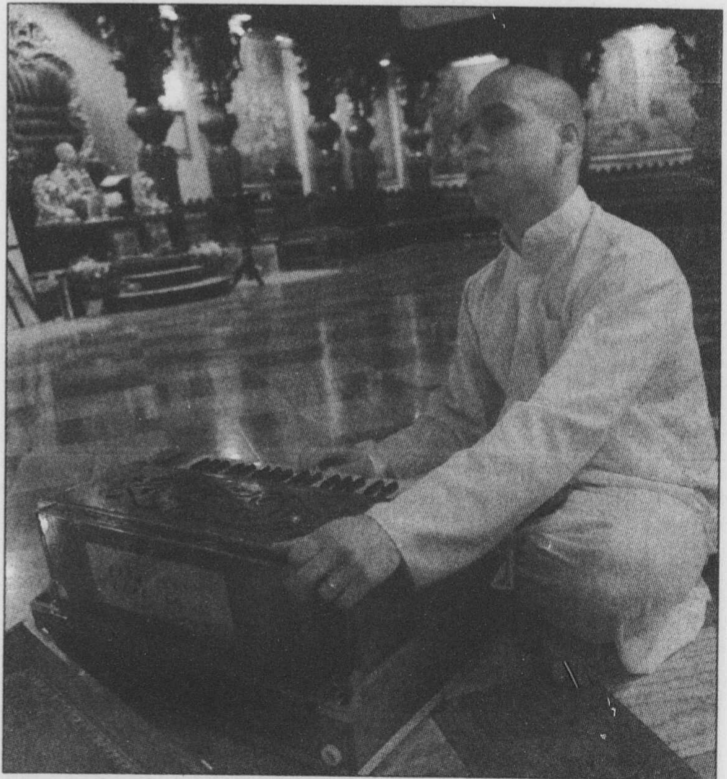
Continuing the Journey

He also met his wife through his spirituality.

Das cracked a smile as he disclosed his love story.

"I sold her a book in the New York subway station," Das said.

Mangala, also a punk rocker, saw him preaching and gave a donation for the book.



Minister Nityananda Chandra Das plays a harmonium while singing a traditional Bhajan Kirtan Hindu song. The Hawaii native devoted himself to Hinduism at age 14.

"I looked like you," Mangala chuckled, remembering their first conversation when Das commented on her looks.

Mangala said his devotion toward spirituality impressed her.

Das works for the Hare Krishna temple in Dallas. He does guest tours of the temple for various groups and updates the database of the congregation. He also lectures to a wide array of people, in and outside the temple, from different backgrounds on spiritual science.

"He practices what he

preaches," said Ricardo Meza, one of the volunteers in the temple. "He is a very social, carefree, charismatic person."

From singing in punk clubs and garages to relishing his spiritual journey, Das said he made the journey on his own. He gave up everything he wanted and chose a path where he realized the existence of his soul.

For Granger, life changed — and for Das — life began with an aim to better himself and to be purely devoted in his spirituality.



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The Quigmans

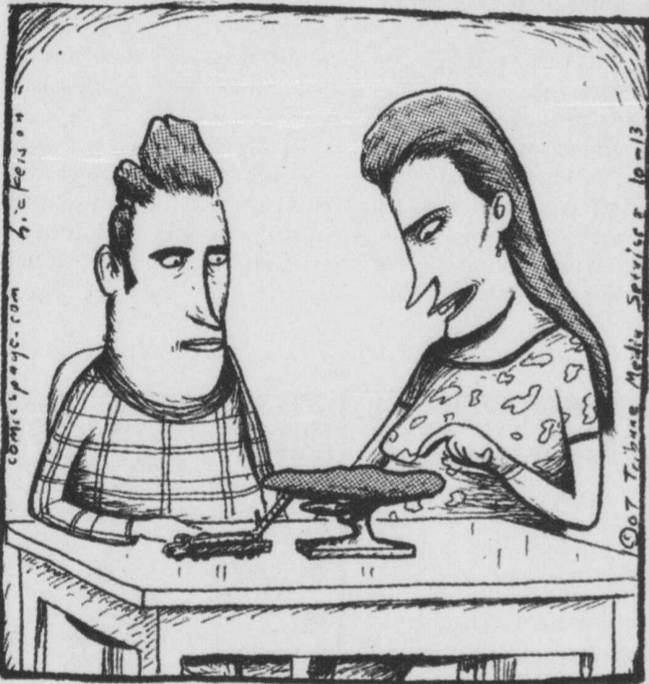
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"She's wearing colors that in nature usually signal 'I am an alluring yet highly poisonous tree frog: Beware!'"

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

Friday's Solution

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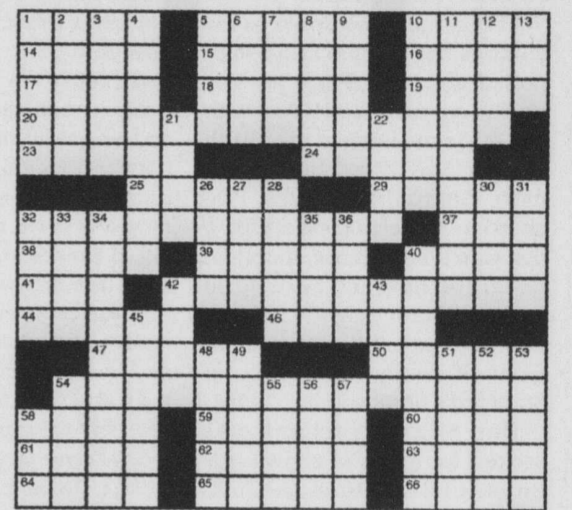
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By Jim Page
New York, NY
10/16/07

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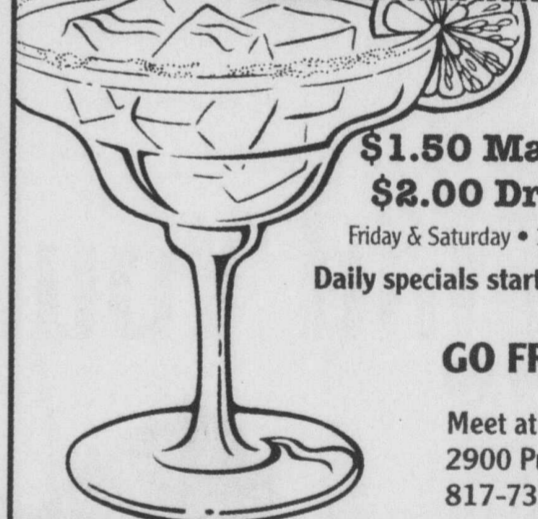


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FOOTBALL

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TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Fourth quarter drama ends in Frogs' favor

By DENIS GRIFFIN
Sports Editor, The Stanford Daily
Despite leading for most of the game, Stanford came up just short on Saturday, falling 38-36 to the Horned Frogs at Stanford Stadium in a game that, for the second straight week, was decided in the final minute.

The game came down to the wire, as the Horned Frogs (4-3) pulled ahead 38-34 on an Aaron Brown touchdown run with just 4:13 remaining in the fourth quarter. Led by redshirt sophomore quarterback Tavita Pritchard in his second career start, the Cardinal offense marched down the field and once again looked like it might engineer another dramatic comeback in front of nearly 37,000 fans at Stanford's homecoming game.

But when Pritchard was sacked for a loss of eight yards on second-and-10 at the TCU 20-yard line, the setback proved too much for the Cardinal (2-4) to overcome. Pritchard scrambled for a ten-yard gain the next play, but his fourth down pass to senior receiver Mark Bradford was batted away.

TCU then ate up the clock and intentionally took a safety, bringing the score to 38-36 with two seconds remaining. The clock wound down on the Cardinal's ensuing kick return.

"I believe that there were plenty of opportunities for us to win this football game, that's the tough thing," Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh said. "But I'm proud of the way our guys played, I really am. Our guys played with tremendous courage, and effort on both sides of the ball. It was a heck of a football game."

The Cardinal had several players rack up big numbers, high-

lighted by junior running back Anthony Kimble who rushed for two touchdowns and 109 yards on 19 carries. Pritchard went 12-for-27 for 171 yards and two touchdowns.

Sophomore wide receiver Richard Sherman connected with Pritchard for four catches, notching 112 yards and a touchdown.

Against TCU, Stanford's defense managed just two sacks and a single fumble recovery. Perhaps more significantly, the Cardinal failed to stop the Horned Frogs when it mattered, allowing 21 points on their opponent's final five drives.

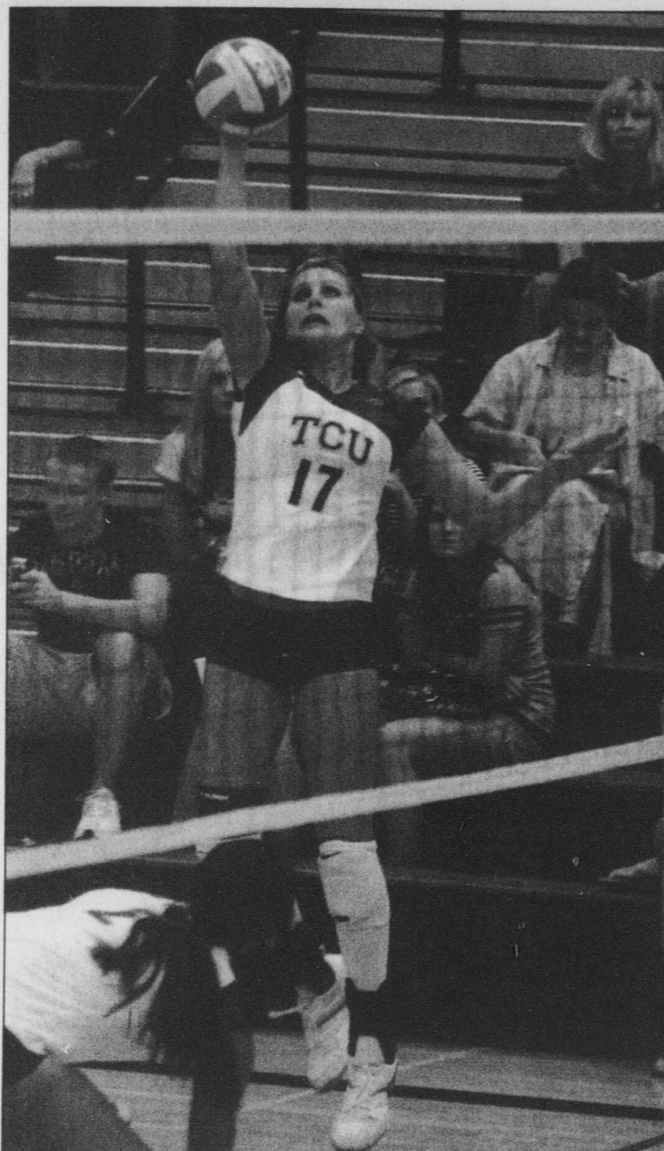
"Our coaches put together a really good scheme to stop them, and we just didn't execute it," sophomore safety Bo McNally said. "If we had done that, we would have stopped them."

TCU burned Stanford with the pass, as redshirt freshman quarterback Andy Dalton went 23-for-34 for two touchdowns and 344 yards. TCU freshman wide receiver Jimmy Young proved to be an exceptional deep threat, catching three passes for 110 yards and a touchdown. The Frogs put up respectable ground totals as well, with TCU running backs combining for 150 yards.

"They played well, but I believe we stopped ourselves on defense," sophomore linebacker Clinton Snyder said. "Missed tackles, missed assignments, we weren't getting lined up right. Just missed opportunities. We got a couple of facemask penalties which didn't help us there, but we've just got to be fundamentally sound on defense and we just didn't get it done today."

VOLLEYBALL

HIT IT



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Lauren Otto spikes the ball against Gonzaga on Sept. 15. The volleyball team moved to 17-7 after splitting home matches against UNLV and San Diego State this past weekend. For more coverage, go to DAILYSKIFF.com.

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TIM'S TAKE

Clutch plays deliver season turnaround

By TIM BELLA
Sports Editor

As I was following Saturday's game on the live update feature on my cell phone, I began to feel sick.

It couldn't have been from the Kincaid's burger I had enjoyed hours before, could it? No, of course not — such a thought is blasphemous.

Instead, it was the score that was the cause of my stomach's discomfort: 31-17 Stanford in the third quarter.

Oh, no. Not again. It was not too long after the Cardinal took the two-touchdown lead that I began to receive text messages from friends looking to dump their sorrows on me.

"Can you believe this?" one friend texted me.

"This is 2004 all over again," another friend said.

I was starting to concede that maybe my friend was right — just like I conceded that I enjoy country music in moderation and that Britney Spears might not have

much hope after all. Not even one minute after that last message was received, something was beginning to happen.

In a season that could have the Frogs just fighting for a bowl bid, something happened.

In a season marred by offensive inconsistencies, defensive collapses and injuries to key contributors, it was happening.

In a season that has made some fans want to hit the "restart" button as if it were a Playstation 2 game, it happened.

The Frogs, on the big arm of Andy Dalton and a defense that made pivotal second-half stops, came back against the media darlings from Palo Alto, Calif., and found themselves on the winning end of a close game.

Was it all a dream, or did the Frogs remember they were capable of being the team we thought they were? It was like watching "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" — except without all the awkward, sappy island romance.

Whatever it was, it was special. And now, here comes the hard part: Can the Frogs stretch Saturday's performance into a renaissance for the second half

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