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Relations with Mexican school remain on hold

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO
Staff Reporter

A joint program with Mexican school Universidad de Las Americas-Puebla, remains in limbo following the departure of UDLA's rector, the dean of the College of Communication at TCU said.

William Slater, dean of the College of Communication, said the dual degree program with UDLA is currently on hold. Pedro Angel Palou resigned as rector of UDLA in late November after accepting a position as a researcher at a French university, according to a statement on

UDLA's Web site.

"We're taking a wait-and-see attitude, based on things that transpired there over the last year or so," Slater said.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said TCU's position about Palou's resignation is that it is an

internal affair for UDLA.

"We await future events with a friendly interest," Donovan said in an e-mail.

Palou did not respond to an e-mail seeking comment on his departure from UDLA.

Palou, who became rector of UDLA in 2005, was a target of

heavy criticism after the temporary closure of the student-run newspaper and the firings of several staff and faculty members.

Mark Ryan, former dean of colleges and professor of international relations at UDLA, said Palou "was extremely unpopu-

lar and was under a great deal of pressure from many quarters because of discontent with his administrative actions."

Maria Lopez Aguilar, sub-director of communication at UDLA, said the university would not comment on Palou's resignation. See **UDLA**, page 2

HOMECOMING



Larry Lewis and David Heiliger look over Frog Fountain. The fountain, though not yet complete, sits in front of the Brown-Lupton Student Center. MARCUS MURPHREE / Multimedia Editor

Fountain set to flow again, bigger than before

By KATIE WINTER
Staff Reporter

After its removal in May 2006, the flutes of Frog Fountain have returned to their rightful place.

The fountain was taken down to make room for residence hall construction and for repairs.

No date is set for when water will flow in the fountain, Chancellor Victor Boschini said. Construction crews are working as quickly as possible to return life to the fountain, he said.

Boschini said students will notice a couple differences between the old and new fountains. The fountains are

in the same relative location they have been in for the last 38 years, and the flutes were assembled in the exact manner they were taken down.

The biggest difference is the size of the base and the plaza the fountain rests on, Boschini said. The pool is

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Interior design program more selective

By DAVID HALL
Staff Reporter

Although the interior design program is growing in size, it recently started limiting the number of students allowed to graduate within the major in order to better use its resources, officials in the program said.

After three years of declining enrollment, down from 111 students in 2004-2005 to 100 in 2006-2007, the program has grown to 113 students this academic year, according to the TCU Fact Book.

All interior design majors admitted to the university

for the 2007-2008 academic year and after, however, are required to submit a design portfolio in the fall of their sophomore year. A maximum of 15 applicants are selected to continue toward their degree, said Jane Kucko, associate professor of interior design.

"We have always required the portfolio," Kucko said. "But the new policy of 15 people is based on available resources."

Kucko said controlling the student-teacher ratio was the key element in the policy. Before this academic

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Monnig gets slice of Mundrabilla

By VALERIE J. HANNON
Staff Reporter

The largest iron meteorite slice in the country is coming to Monnig Meteorite Gallery.

The 45-ton meteorite, Mundrabilla, is one of seven slices cut by a dealer in Frankfurt, Germany, and is named after the town in western Australia where it was found, curator Arthur Ehlmann said. The Mundrabilla slice, which measures about 3 feet wide and 2 feet long, is the only slice that will be displayed in the United States, Ehlmann said.

Two slices will be returned to Australia, and the other four will be displayed in museums around Europe, Ehlmann said.

"I think that it is one of the most exquisite pieces we have in the collection," said Teresa Moss, director of the gallery. "It's one of my favorites."

Ehlmann said he paid nothing for the slice. "I had something he wanted, and he had

something I wanted," Ehlmann said.

The dealer chose 15 duplicate meteorites from the collection to trade for the slice, Ehlmann said.

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Course addresses politics of the body

By CHRISTINA SCHAMS
Staff Reporter

The female body is the focus of a new course in the political science department.

Politics of the Body examines the image of the female gender and body in society and culture.

Each week, a different faculty member is scheduled to present a topic on the female gender in his or her area of expertise, according to the course syllabus. Students will hear speakers from TCU's seven colleges and the Brite Divinity School. In addition to a textbook, the faculty member will prepare packets that include articles and essays.

Joanne Green, associate professor of political science and director of the Institute on Women and Gender, said it is important for students to understand the way the female body is often misused in different areas of study.

Green is scheduled to

present a lecture on the participation, behavior and representation of women in American politics for the course. Marcy Paul, associate director of the Institute on Women and Gender, said the course structure allows faculty members to share their research with students. It is important for the Institute on Women and Gender to look at gender issues from a variety of disciplines, she said. The course is scheduled for this semester only, Green said.

"The class has a lot of potential, but the future of the course depends on the reactions of students," Green said.

Seth Harris, a senior international economics major, said his visit to a museum last summer motivated him to learn more about gender issues.

"I am curious and anxious to find out about the course," Harris said.

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QUICK NEWS

Deco to reopen after flooding

Deco Deli was closed Tuesday because of a flood caused by water leaking from the ceiling, the general manager of TCU Dining Services said.

The flood most likely occurred on Monday night or Tuesday morning, said Rick Flores, general manager at Dining Services. Unsure of the cause of the leak, Flores said it was most likely a water pipe eruption in Reed Hall.

"The main concern was to fix the water leaking from the ceiling," Flores said. "We also had to dry out the flooded equipment and make sure everything was sanitized."

Deco Deli was clean and functional an hour before opening, but the staff did not have enough time to prepare for lunch, Flores said.

"It was tough not being able to serve the students, because we really look forward to that," Flores said. "But we didn't want to take any risks."

Deco Deli will be open during regular hours today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Staff reporter Megan Curtis

DESIGN

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year, the number of students accepted after submitting their portfolios was unlimited.

The current number of freshmen interior design majors was unavailable at the Office of Institutional Research and the College of Fine Arts.

Freshman interior design major Kassi Wash said students not accepted to continue their degree studies often must choose another path.

"You either change majors or change schools," Wash said.

Janace Bubonia-Clarke, chair of the Department of Design, Merchandising and Textiles, said she does not think selecting a set number of students will negatively affect the program.

"We have always been very selective with the portfolios," Bubonia-Clarke said. "We take a maximum of 15 now because that's what we are able to accommodate."

Sophomore interior design major Jena Meagher said she agrees.

"Our class was the last class to not have a set number of students taken," Meagher said. "However, that does not mean that it was any easier to get into the program. The department accepts those that qualify due to work. Even in our class, four or five girls were cut and 17 remain."

UDLA

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nation until a new rector is appointed.

Edward Simmens, UDLA's former official historian, said 213 faculty and staff had been fired as of August 2007. Simmens, who holds a doctorate in British literature from TCU, said he was dismissed without explanation Jan. 4.

"People are waiting and wondering what's going to happen," Simmens said. "Faculty are afraid to talk."

UDLA was put under warning January 2007 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, an institution that gives accreditation to schools in 11 U.S. southern states and abroad. Initially accredited in 1959, UDLA is one of six international institutions with SACS accreditation, said Belle Wheelan, president of the Commission on Colleges of SACS. SACS last reviewed UDLA's accreditation in December, when it placed the university on probation, an evaluation more severe than being under warning, Wheelan said.

"The institution will send a report to us. Then we'll send a team to verify what the report says, and then both of those reports will go the commission to vote on the status of the institution," Wheelan said.

Wheelan said SACS will decide on UDLA's accreditation status in December. Among the standards UDLA has failed to comply with are financial stability and a gov-

erning board not controlled by a minority, according to a statement on the SACS Web site.

"The budget should reflect the priorities in the institution, and the budget that we had was not respected," said Luis Focerrada, former provost of UDLA. "The real expenses were far away from priorities."

Members of the university's advisory board resigned or were dismissed after expressing discontent with the administration, Ryan said.

"Under previous administrative structures it had been given quite a bit of power," Ryan said of the advisory board. "It was abolished toward the end of Palou's tenure."

UDLA's governing body is the Patronato, a board that comprises members of the Jenkins family, who run the Puebla-based Mary Street Jenkins Foundation.

Established by American businessman William O. Jenkins the Mary Street Jenkins Foundation is a main source of funding for UDLA.

Attempts to reach the Jenkins family at the Mary Street Jenkins Foundation offices in Mexico City and Puebla were unsuccessful.

Slater said TCU is willing to continue relations with UDLA if there is change in the administration.

"As it stands right now we are willing to continue our relationship with them assuming a new rector will come in and make things right," Slater said.

FOR YOUR INFO

UDLA-TCU Timeline

Jan. 2, 2007 The SACS accreditation agency places UDLA on a yearlong warning.

Jan. 16, 2007 UDLA shuts down its student newspaper. The university says the closing is to reorganize the paper to be more like a community service organization, but students claim it is punishment for a series of articles critical of the university.

Jan. 26, 2007 Provost Nowell Donovan says TCU is re-evaluating ties with UDLA.

Feb. 1, 2007 La Catarina is reopened after 16 days.

Feb. 8, 2007 Study Abroad reconsiders its relationship with UDLA in light of the situation.

Feb. 21, 2007 UDLA sends Chancellor Victor Boschini an explanation of its actions. TCU administrators decline to say whether the explanation is satisfactory.

April 2007 UDLA removes 15 faculty members and five trustees.

Aug. 29, 2007 La Catarina begins publishing with a new staff. The former staff says members were replaced while awaiting a written freedom of speech guarantee.

October 2007 According to a Sept. 24 article from a Puebla newspaper, the rector of UDLA claimed a new governing form would be voted in.

November 2007 UDLA's rector resigns.

WOMEN

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class was open for enrollment, about 16 permits were requested to be in the class, Paul said. The class of 20 is full and waiting list is growing, she said.

Not only are undergraduates and graduate students interested in taking the class, but faculty members have asked to audit the course, Paul said. The TCU Office of

Extended Education allows community members to enroll in classes for no credit at TCU, said Julie Lovett, assistant director for extended education.

These life-long learners can only attend the first half of the class period, which is the lecture portion, for \$180, and space is available, she said. Community members also have the option of paying \$60 to take the course for one-third of the semester, Lovett said.

RIDE LATER

New late night service from downtown every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Horned Frogs can enjoy even more of the excitement Downtown Fort Worth and Sundance Square has to offer and still hop a ride back to campus. The T's Route 7 bus will now depart ITC station at 11:15pm on Thursdays, and 11:28pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Plus all three nights, the last TRE train from Dallas will connect you with the later running Route 7 bus. For more information, visit The-T.com or ask a TCU T Team member.



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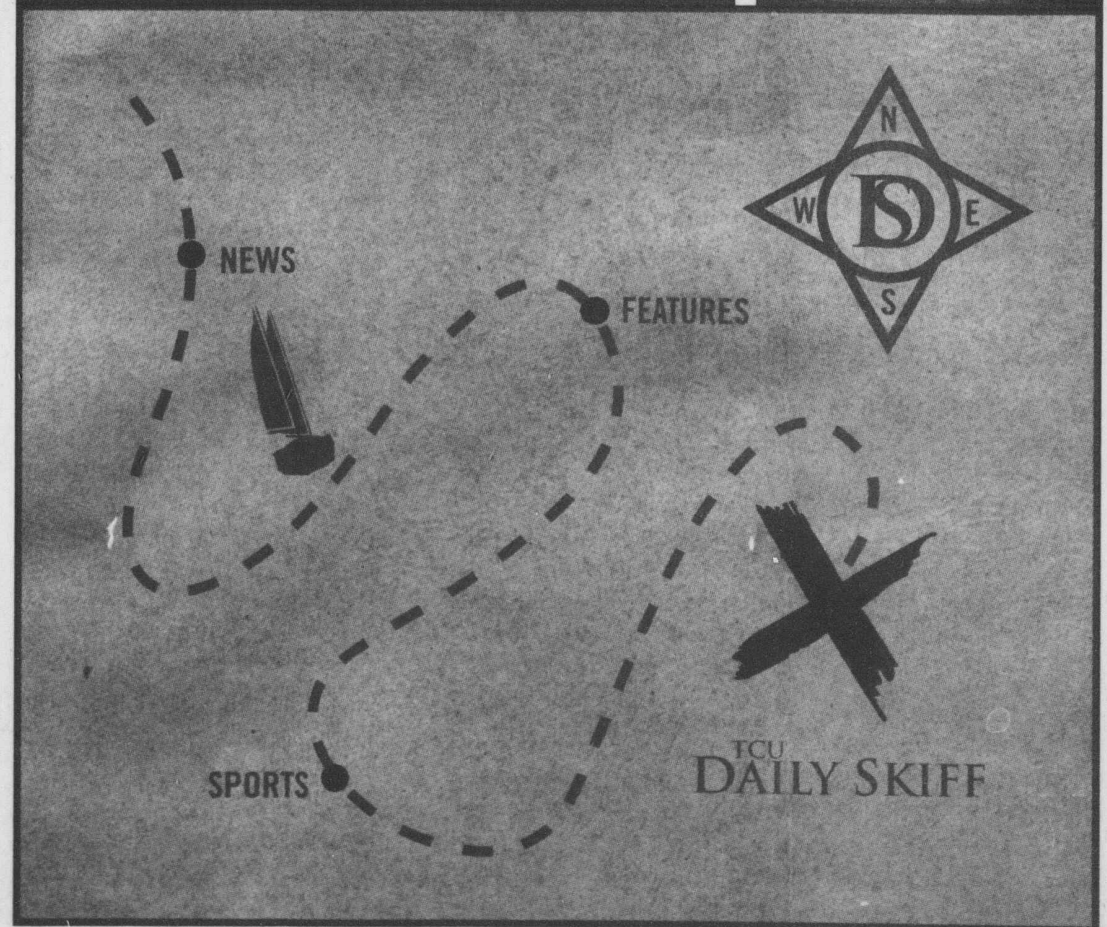
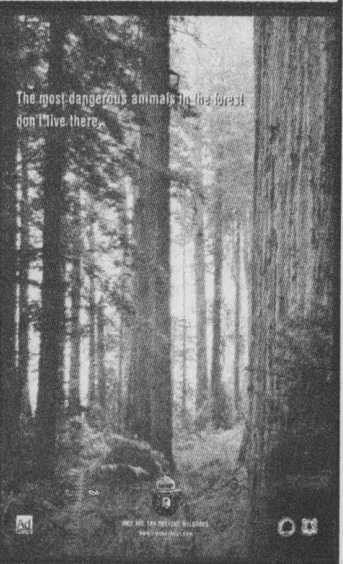
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THE SKIFF VIEW

New minor creates opportunities

The presence of the Barnett Shale in the freshmen parking lot has taken some getting used to for students, but it has largely been considered a plus because of the positive impact it has on the local economy.

With the possible addition of an energy technology and management minor — emphasizing preparation for the petroleum industry — the Barnett Shale could take a new level of importance for students.

The minor could provide an upper hand for students interested in entering the petroleum profession, which now has a strong local and global presence.

The minor has already been approved by the College Committee and will be proposed to the Undergraduate Council on Friday.

Along with the positives the minor offers students, the school's timely pro-

posal and possible addition is equally impressive.

With the local formations of the Barnett Shale, this minor could not have come at a better time.

If the Undergraduate Council approves the minor, TCU will become an attractive university for businesses looking for employees with knowledge of petroleum exploration.

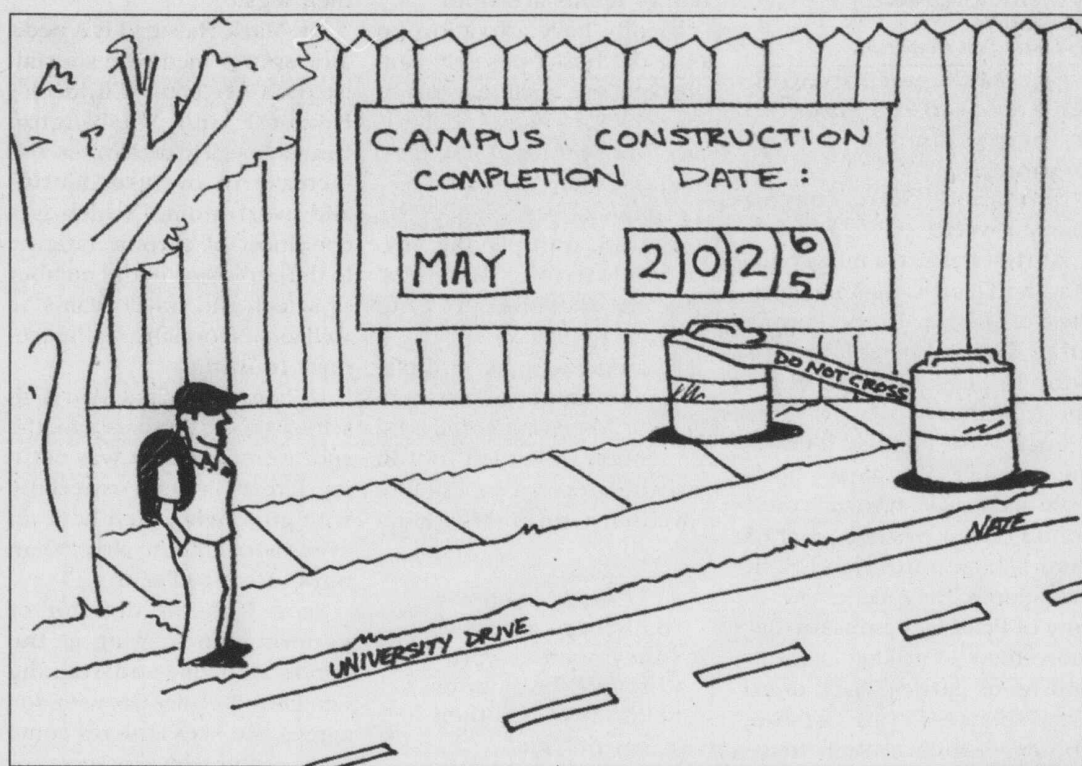
It also opens up TCU to prospective students looking to enter the petroleum field.

The potential minor would include classes in the business and economics departments as well as a new geology class.

No longer an inconveniencing distraction, the Barnett Shale has opened up new doors for TCU students and prospective students.

Sports editor Brett Larson for the editorial board.

BY NATE ARNOLD



Nate Arnold is a junior marketing and e-business major from Edmond, Okla.

Smoking ban helps health of local restaurant patrons

Fort Worth took a step in the right direction with the expansion of its smoking ban, which went into effect Jan. 1.

COMMENTARY



Michelle Nicoud

The ban outlaws smoking in most public places, including restaurants, restaurant bars, office buildings, bingo parlors, bowling alleys and within 20 feet of a primary entrance or exit of any of those facilities, according to the City of Fort Worth Web site.

The ordinance only allows smoking in places classified as bars, which it defines as "establishments that are licensed by the state and that have more than 70 percent of their annual gross sales in alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises."

The ban is a good idea because 37,000 to 40,000 people die each year from heart and blood vessel diseases caused by other people's smoke. Smokers have an increased chance of getting chronic obstruc-

tive pulmonary disease, heart disease, many cancers and atherosclerosis, or fatty buildup in the arteries, according to the American Heart Association.

If a smoker wants to subject himself or herself to being the victim of one of these diseases resulting from a silly choice, that's fine, but others don't need to be brought into it.

Other cities in the area have come to this conclusion too. Benbrook, Dallas, Arlington, Plano and Frisco also have similar ordinances, according to an Oct. 17 Skiff article.

Some businesses are worried the ban will bring a cut so big, they will have to close. Although Ed Wilsberg, executive director of the Benbrook Chamber of Commerce, told the Skiff last semester that smoking bans have actually helped business in some places because smokers don't stay as long, and new customers can have the tables more quickly.

With the negative effects of smoking known and the negative effects of the ban unlikely, health was the correct option for Fort Worth.

Michelle Nicoud is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Dallas.



SXC

Escalating textbook prices put dent in students' wallets

Three hundred dollars, \$700, \$1,200. Nope, not buying a laptop.

COMMENTARY



Elizabeth Davidson

Just the cost of textbooks for a semester. Each semester the prices for textbooks seem to increase, with students having to shell out extra hundreds of dollars on top of increasing tuition rates.

According to the Government Accountability Office, textbook prices increased by 186 percent between December 1985 and December 2004, nearly tripling in price.

Students are paying large amounts of money for textbooks and are only getting a fraction of that price back when they resell their books, resulting in a huge financial loss.

What's even more irritating for students than paying ridiculous amounts for textbooks is when they don't even end up using

those overpriced books for classes.

Some books don't even come out of the shrink-wrap.

What a waste of money. And what's even more frustrating than that is when a student opens the book to the first page, and right there on the title page is the professor's name.

Can you spell r-o-y-a-l-t-i-e-s?

When professors write or co-author textbooks, they get a cut of the profits whenever the book is purchased. By requiring their students to purchase the book, professors increase the chance they'll make money off of it.

If it is actually a good book on the subject, well-researched and ideal for the class, then a professor choosing to use his or her own book is acceptable. Otherwise it would be better to use other authors.

While there are considerate professors who try to rely on free online materials to use in class instead of textbooks, alleviating the cost for students, there needs to be a serious effort to decrease the cost of books for students.

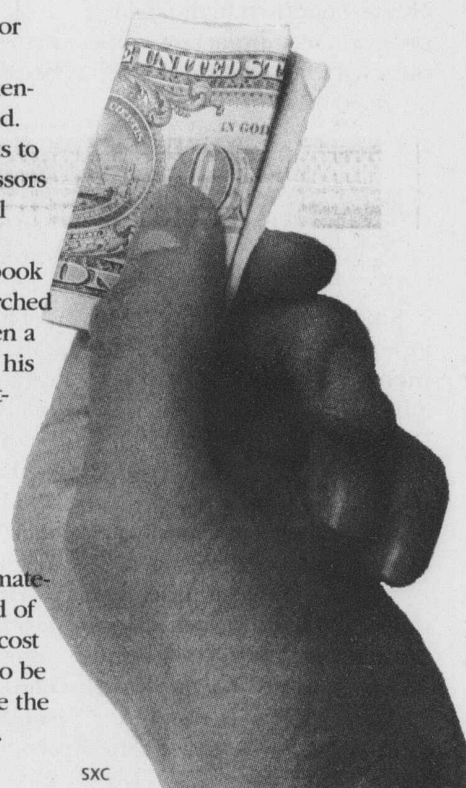
Whether it's requiring

fewer books, picking cheaper textbooks, or using online materials, faculty and administrators need to try to lower the expense for students.

Every dollar students don't have to pay is that much less in debt they will be when they get out of college.

Every little bit helps.

Elizabeth Davidson is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Austin.



SXC

Various study abroad programs enable global experiences

I saw a recent advertisement that said, "TCU: Ahead of the Curve. One in Three Study Abroad."

COMMENTARY



Kailey Delinger

I was astounded. A third of our student body studies abroad?

But then I stepped back and considered it — we're a pretty financially well-off student body, so we've got the resources to travel.

TCU offers many affiliated programs all over the world (most notably and most popularly the TCU London program), and what the university lacks in affiliated options it makes up for in options from the Institute for the International Education of Students and the Council on

International Education Exchange, its partner study abroad providers.

I know people who have gone to places from South Africa to New Zealand and received class credit for it. And in some IES and CIEE programs, the price is right.

I studied in Alcala de Henares, Spain, last fall and my entire trip — books, tuition, flight, travel expenses from my jaunts around Europe and general living expenses — was \$2,000 cheaper than a semester at TCU. The Center for International Studies let me apply my scholarship to my CIEE program, which was amazing.

And the experience is something I wouldn't trade for all of the money in the world — or at least I'd have to consider it for a second, which is saying something.

I not only met incredible people from places from Romania to Wisconsin, but also developed friendships that will last a lifetime.

I became fluent in Spanish — I even wrote essays about the European Union's fiscal policy in Spanish.

I challenged who I was and I learned an incredible amount about myself.

I learned that I can survive being uprooted from my own country, thrown into a group of people I've never met before and assigned to live for five months with a 65-year-old woman whose knowledge of the English language stops at "Yes."

I learned my friends can be young or old (my 65-year-old host mom became one of my closest friends).

I learned that we, as

Americans, live in a bubble that is hard to break out of. We know very little about anyone or anything else, and we are a hurried, impersonal crowd.

I also learned that we, as Americans, are an efficient and (usually) respected people in the eyes of Spaniards.

I learned to live in a tiny apartment with no heating or air conditioning.

I learned to wake up every morning and light a match to start the water heater.

I learned to wash my hair and body, shave my legs and wash my face in five minutes flat — before the hot water ran out.

I learned how short American history is in comparison to Europe's long, drawn out story.

I learned what absinthe

was and why it should be avoided.

I learned that I am spoiled living in America.

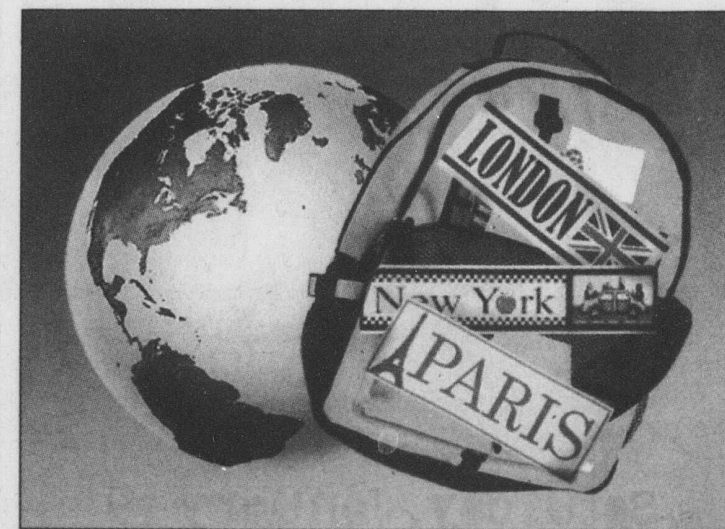
I learned that I can live without a lot of the luxuries I enjoy here.

But mostly, I learned to love my country, in spite of

its shortcomings and differences from the beautiful and exotic Spain.

Go study abroad. The lessons and fun are infinite, but your opportunities to do so are finite.

Kailey Delinger is an alumna from Fort Collins, Colo.



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Overuse injuries often plague young athletes

By CYNTHIA BILLHARTZ GREGORIAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Elaine Gill, 16, wanted to run faster. So she started running more. A lot more.

Sometimes she'd run 50 miles a week.

At first the extra miles paid off, and Elaine cut several minutes off her 5K cross country time. Then, during a race, a bone in her foot broke. Now, she can't run at all.

Such is the plight of a growing number of athletes, both male and female, who train their young bodies past the point of diminishing returns and right into injuries. The American Academy of Pediatrics estimates that more than 30 million children and teens participate in organized sports each year. Of those, about 3.5 million seek treatment for overuse injuries and chronic fatigue from overtraining. Though no data exist, local sports medicine specialists say they've seen a steady increase in the number of injured and over-trained athletes between ages 8 and 18 by as much as 25 percent in recent years.

Experts attribute that increase to more and more children specializing in only one sport and playing it year-round for school, select and traveling teams. That leaves no down time for rest and repair.

Sometimes, experts point out, it's because parents and coaches put pressure on children to excel. But kids often put the pressure on themselves. Elaine, a sophomore at Gateway Academy in Chesterfield, created her own high-mileage program to supplement workouts with her track and cross-

country teams at school.

"I really have a fixation on doing the best I possibly can, whether it's (academically), running or cheerleading. And this is one of those things I felt like I could do better," Elaine said.

A couple of years ago, Claire Dreyer, 15, quit playing several sports to focus on tennis. Soon, she was on-court 14 to 15 hours a week.

Six weeks ago, her athletic career also came to a screeching halt when she suffered a torn tendon in her left foot in a match. Dreyer, a sophomore at Webster Groves (Mo.) High

"I see kids on a daily basis who feel they need to work through the pain for themselves and their parents."

Dr. Mark Halstead
sports medicine
specialist

School, said her two older brothers were always ultra-competitive, which rubbed off on her.

"Plus, I want to go far away from Missouri (for college), so I definitely am going to need a scholarship," she said.

Then there's Sarah Van Cleave, 18, who's been dealing with shin splints and a cartilage injury in her knee. She's lucky though, because sports therapy has allowed her to keep running track and cross country at Mary Institute and St. Louis (Mo.) Country Day School while she mends.

Meanwhile, six of her teammates have been sidelined because of stress fractures in

their legs.

Dr. Mark Halstead is a pediatric sports medicine specialist with St. Louis Children's Hospital and Washington University. He attributes the increase in overuse injuries and overtraining, which is a condition of chronic fatigue, to the explosion in the number of select and travel teams as well as performance enhancement training.

"When I participated in high school sports 20 years ago, the sports environment was nothing like it is now, especially with girls, who often have an even more intense drive than boys," Halstead said.

Scott Roberts, director of performance training at the Sports Medicine and Training Center in Webster Groves, Mo., agrees. He sees athletes come to the center who play soccer or volleyball for school and select teams, with one season practically running into the next.

"You're talking about a total of six weeks off all year long," he said. "It's unbelievably intense and the time demands are staggering."

But many young athletes and their parents feel the select teams are necessary because they're a higher level of competition that offers the most exposure to college recruiters, he said. "I think recruiting has shifted. In the early '90s there was still an emphasis on high school sports, and recruiters would go to those games. Now they can go to a showcase tournament for soccer or volleyball select teams and see the best of the best."

Several experts noted how many parents spend a lot of money for their children to par-



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Claire Dreyer, a 15-year-old Webster Groves High School sophomore tennis player, completes her therapy at the Sports Medicine & Training Center Dec. 21 in Webster Groves, Mo. A growing number of athletes, male and female, are training their young bodies past the points of diminishing returns and right into injuries.

icipate in sports programs and feel like it's an investment.

"So now there's an added pressure for kids to keep participating even though they're not that interested anymore," Halstead said. "I see kids on a daily basis who feel they need to work through the pain for themselves and for their parents. And if we ask them to rest, it's almost a burden. I never want to tell an athlete they have to rest or stop their sport, but sometimes it comes to that."

A byproduct of more injuries is more rehab clinics and sports medicine experts, here and nationwide.

Jim Hofman owns and operates three Advanced Training & Rehab clinics in the St. Louis area as well as a sports injury hot line that sets up appointments for athletes with sports medicine

experts within 24 hours.

Hofman said it's important for injured athletes to see an orthopedic surgeon or sports medicine specialist because they deal with sports injuries every day. They're familiar with the unique mind-set of athletes, who feel they must continue some sort of training to stay fit, he says.

"You can't just tell an athlete to lay down and rest, because they'll go right back out and often reinjure themselves even worse," he said.

Sarah Van Cleave said Halstead and her sports therapist both understood that she needed to keep running for the season. They were able to accommodate her.

"They tested how strong all my muscles were and figured out that my right hip was weak-

er than my left," she said. "And then they provided exercises to strengthen my right hip. Right now I'm doing cross training and running twice a week."

In the future, she plans to build mileage slowly and focus more time on warming up and cooling down.

Elaine Gill spent five weeks hobbling around on crutches with a boot and then a cast. And while she's back in tennis shoes, Elaine is still unable to run or do cheerleading.

"My physical activity has been limited to practically nothing except walking from class to class," she said.

But she's well on her way to a full recovery and said she's learned an important lesson.

"Absolutely," she said. "Not to over-train. The consequences far outweigh the benefits."

SWIMMING

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Saturday's competition against Utah capped off the men's and women's trips to Salt Lake City with a win for the men.

McCracken and Berrettini were once again stars for the men's team. Each contributed to three wins in the meet.

Women's swimming and diving struggled last season against Mountain West opponents, and the struggles have continued this season.

Junior Katie Rosen finished

first in the 100-meter breast-stroke event with a time of 1:06.31.

The TCU men host rival SMU on Jan. 25. The teams are meeting for the first time since the 2004-2005 season.

With a 4-1 record, SMU is ranked No. 24 in the nation and has already beaten Mountain West teams University of Wyoming and Air Force.

The last time the H20 Frogs faced Wyoming, both TCU teams came out on the losing end. The men lost by a meet score of 172-128, while the women were beaten 173-123.

FLUTES

From page 1

The biggest difference is the size of the base and the plaza the fountain rests on, Boschini said. The pool is larger in diameter and the tiles have Horned Frogs on them. The walkway will make the fountain more accessible. Students will be able to sit around the fountain and look at the purple and white flowers of the landscape.

METEORITE

From page 1

The staff said the slice will join the permanent collection and hope it will be on display within a few weeks.

The Monnig Meteorite Gallery, located in the Sid Richardson Building, opened its doors to the public in 2003, according to its Web site.

Moss said the gallery is a popular field trip site

for many local schools and serves as a lab for geology, physics and environment sciences.

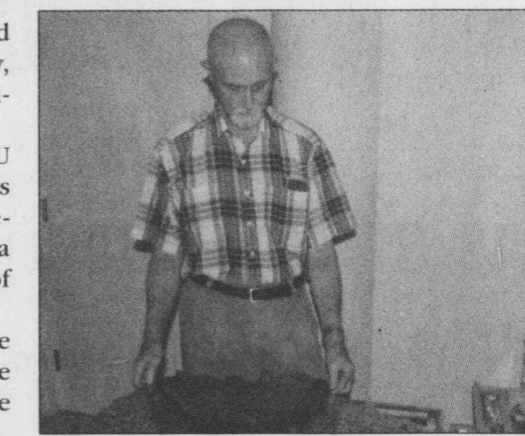
Moss said she hopes TCU students from all fields would come visit the museum to see the Mundrabilla slice, as well as the rest of the collection.

"There is not much else like it," Moss said. "Come by and touch a piece of the core of a meteorite."

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the landscaping will be in place by early March.

Heather Bing, a junior interior design major, said Frog Fountain symbolizes her growth at TCU.

"The fountain has a lot of meaning to a lot of different people," Bing said. "I was sad to see it get taken down, and I have been waiting for its return for a long time."



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Arthur Ehlmann, curator of the Monnig Meteorite Gallery, shows the Mundrabilla, which is currently housed in the gallery. The 45-ton meteorite is the largest iron meteorite slice in the country.

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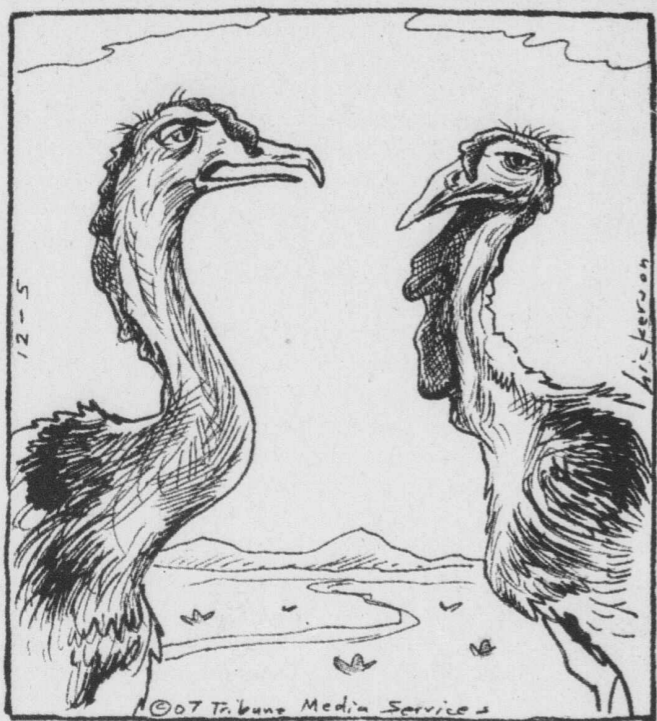
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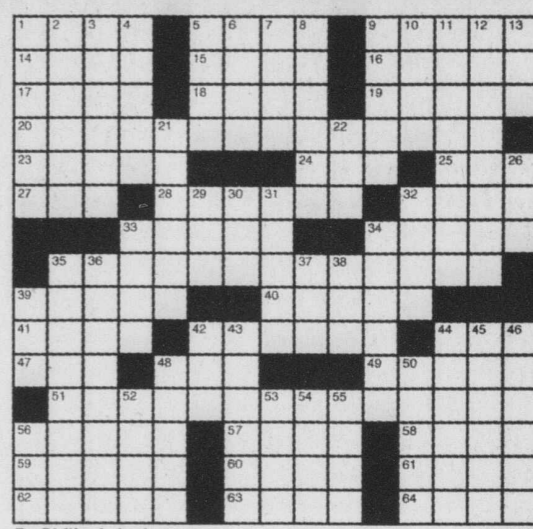
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Portland, OR

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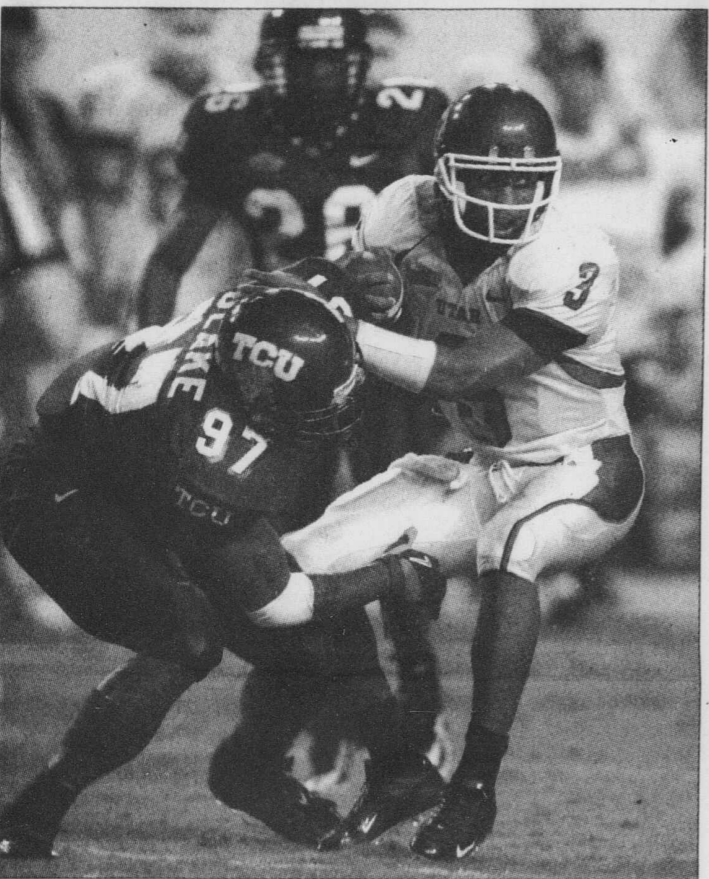
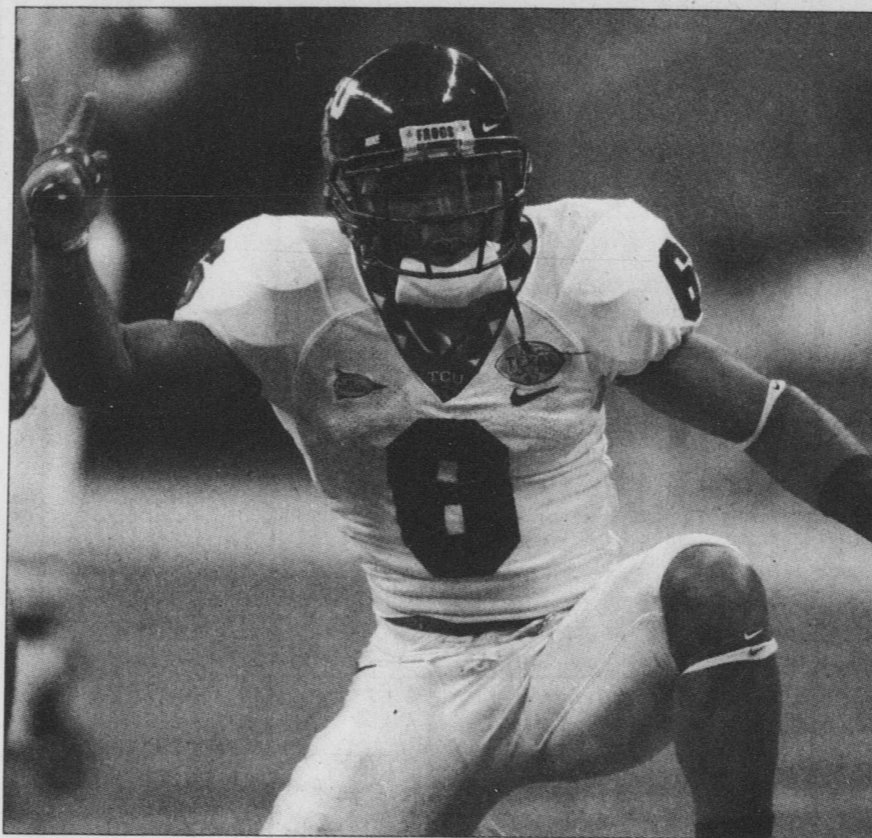
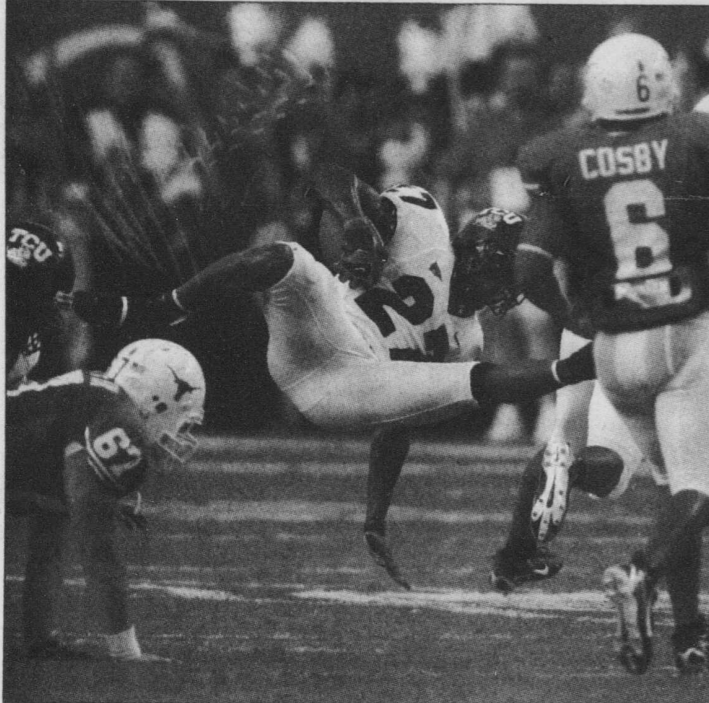


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Former players David Roach, safety, Brian Bonner, safety and return specialist, Tommy Blake, defensive end, and Chase Ortiz, defensive end, were invited to showcase their talent at the NFL Combine. The Combine, set to be held Feb. 20 to 26, is a chance for NFL teams to evaluate college players eligible for the draft.

Four players chosen to go to NFL Combine

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

After starting the year ranked, the TCU football team had its struggles but finished strong with a win over the University of Houston in the Texas Bowl. The good times continue to roll with the invitation of four players to the 2008 NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis.

The combine invited four of TCU's defensive starters to showcase their skills in an event that could propel them to the NFL.

Defensive end and preseason All-American Tommy Blake, safety and return specialist Brian Bonner, safety David Roach and defensive end Chase Ortiz will all be representing the Frogs at the combine.

Blake was named to several preseason All-American and award lists, but medical problems kept him from reaching his full potential during his senior campaign. A running back in high school, Blake finished his career at TCU as one of the school's most successful and intimidating defensive players, finishing

third on TCU's all-time sacks list with 23. Bonner finished his senior season just 15 yards shy of the TCU record for punt return yards, second only behind famed Sammy Baugh. Bonner was named to the All-Mountain West Conference team as a returner the past two years and was also named to the list in 2006 as a safety.

Roach started all 13 games this season and had a career-high with 76 tackles. He was named to the second-team All-Mountain West Conference and finished tied for second on the team with seven pass break-ups.

Ortiz, similar to Blake, finished his time at TCU as one of the most prolific sackers, with 20.5 sacks, making him good for fifth on the all-time list. This past season he led the team with nine sacks and 16.5 tackles for loss.

Blake, considered to be a possible top recruit out of TCU, appeared to be hampered by injury during his playing time and out of shape at the end of the season.

Based on Blake's speed, athletic ability and

preseason awards he could be a late round pick, but teams might be scared by his medical absence his senior year.

Beginning in February, the Combine has invited more than 300 players to participate.

Executives, coaching staffs, player personnel departments and medical personnel from all 32 NFL teams attend the event to evaluate players eligible for the upcoming NFL draft.

Combine tests include the 40-yard dash, bench press, vertical jump, 20-yard shuttle, a basic knowledge test known as the Wonderlic, interviews and injury evaluation.

Defensive ends Ortiz and Blake will show their skills Feb. 23, while defensive backs Bonner and Roach perform the 24th, according to the official NFL Combine Web site.

The combine helps determine a players draft stock. Since head coach Gary Patterson has led the team, 16 players have been drafted.

All four players have already earned their degrees and graduated from TCU.

SWIMMING

Men to host SMU mustangs

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

The swimming and diving teams returned from a trip to Utah that pitted them against Mountain West Conference opponents Brigham Young University and the University of Utah.

Both the men's and women's teams started slow with losses to conference frontrunner BYU, and the women continued to struggle losing next to Utah, but the men picked things up and finished the trip with a win against the Utes.

The Utah meets put the men's record at 5-3 overall and 2-3 against Mountain West opponents, while the women are 4-7 overall with a 1-6 record against the Mountain West.

The BYU match Jan. 10 marked the men's first competition since the final day of the Las Vegas Invite on Dec. 17, and the women's first since a loss to San Diego State University on Jan. 4.

BYU was coming off a monthlong hiatus which did little to slow them down.

The meets against BYU did end with losses, but both the men's and women's teams featured strong individual performances.

Senior captain Jonathon Berrettini finished first in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 50.76. Senior sprinter Scott McCracken placed first in the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 21.07, and remains unbeaten this season in the event.

Junior diver R.J. Hesselberg won the diving event for TCU with a score of 344.10, his eighth event win of the season.

With a time of 1:06.46, freshman Ellie Bradley placed second in the 100-meter breaststroke.

See **SWIMMING**, page 2

RECRUITING

NCAA upholds ban on text messaging

By TERESA M. WALKER
Daily (University of Illinois) Illini

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Division I coaches are barred from text messaging recruits.

An attempt to override the ban failed Saturday at the NCAA convention. The vote was 240-65, with one abstention. The ban took effect Aug. 1 and was on the agenda after 30 schools asked to override the vote.

Kerry Kenny, who played basketball at Lafayette College and is the incoming chairman of the NCAA student-athlete advisory committee, asked delegates to uphold the ban.

"Only five months have passed since the ban, and I am delighted to say the recruiting process has survived," Kenny said. He called text messaging intrusive, putting an undue burden on recruits with messages coming in at all hours.

The American Football Coaches Association originally opposed the ban, while the National Association of Basketball Coaches surveyed members and found them almost evenly split.

The NCAA has overturned two rulings since 2006 and overturned one more Saturday, changing golf competition dates.

NATIONAL

UNC lawsuit might change boundaries for coach-athlete relationships

By JANE STANCILL
McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — The sexual harassment lawsuit against a famed University of North Carolina women's soccer coach never made it to a jury, but the case gained national attention and helped draw boundaries in interactions between coaches and players.

After nearly a decade, the case was settled Monday, with the university agreeing to pay former player Melissa Jennings \$385,000 and Anson Dorrance issuing an apology to all his players. The

deal also requires the university to conduct a comprehensive review of its sexual harassment policies and procedures.

The case centered on what were called inappropriate discussions about sex between Dorrance and his players. Jennings, who was recruited to the university to play goalie, said Dorrance and his staff never made a pass at her or pursued a sexual relationship with her. But they made multiple and overt sexual comments that were uninvited and offensive, she wrote. "As a result, I personally felt extremely uncomfortable,"

she wrote in a letter. Dorrance's apology letter, contained in the settlement, said he participated with his players in group discussions of team members' sexual activities and relationships with men.

"I understand that my participation in those discussions was inappropriate and unacceptable," his letter said.

Dorrance and the university had long argued the discussions were locker room banter. But last year a 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge wrote in a majority opinion that Dor-

rance's conduct "went far beyond simple teasing and qualified as sexual harassment."

The court's opinion was an important one, said Nancy Hogshead-Makar, a former Olympic swimmer who is now a Florida Coastal School of Law professor specializing in women's equity in sports. The opinion made the line of what is and isn't sexual harassment a lot brighter, she said. "It already did very good work in establishing that for female athletes and male athletes that that's not part of being on an athletic team," she said. "I do

think schools around the country are looking at this case."

The lawsuit has had many twists and turns because it was filed in 1998 by Jennings and another player who originally sought \$12 million in damages. The university and the state fought the suit all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which last year declined to hear it.

The agreement with Jennings was the second monetary settlement in the protracted lawsuit, which has been an embarrassing and expensive chapter for the university and its star soccer coach.

In 2004, the other plaintiff, Debbie Keller — a two-time national player of the year — settled out of court for \$70,000 and a requirement that Dorrance attend sensitivity training for eight years.

The money will come from the athletic department's operating budget, the university said, without the use of tuition dollars or state funds.

As spelled out in the settlement, Hogshead-Makar will review UNC's sexual harassment policies. Any revisions are to be done by July 15.



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