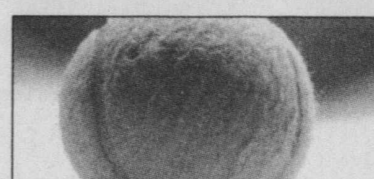


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Proposed business minor changes await approval

By CHRISTINA DURANO
Staff Reporter

The Neeley School of Business is in the process of restructuring its general business minor, the dean of the business school said.

Students who declare a business minor after spring 2008 will be under the restructured minor if the business school faculty, Undergraduate Council and University Council approve the changes by the end of this semester, said

Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean of the Neeley School of Business.

The business school will also need university funding to hire more professors, said Dan Short, dean of the business school.

Students who declare a business minor before the summer may have the option of taking classes in the current or restructured minor to fulfill their requirements, Moncrief said.

Short said the business school will combine the basics of the courses to make them more applicable.

"We are trying to revamp the minor with the idea of providing students with what they need to know to start a career in business," Short said.

Classes in the restructured minor will have new course numbers and will be open only to business minors.

"Many of the same courses

will be there; they will just be reconfigured," Short said.

The current business minor requires students to take six set classes, including two accounting classes. The restructured minor will require four set classes, only one of which will be accounting, and two of three business electives, Moncrief said.

"They're going to get a good overview of functional areas of business and go

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FOR YOUR INFO

Current General Business Minor

Principles of Financial Accounting
Principles of Managerial Accounting
Legal Environment of Business
Organizational Management
Marketing Management

Restructured General Business Minor

Accounting
Management
Marketing
Finance
Two of Three Electives: Integrated Marketing Communications, Entrepreneurship, Business Tools and Technology

STAMPED OUT



A student takes a drag from a cigarette outside of Panther City Coffee Company. Indoor smoking is becoming of a thing of the past after the restaurant smoking ban went into effect at the start of the new year. Bars around TCU still have indoor smoking while the restaurants do not.

ANNIE COOPER / Staff Photographer

New smoking ban receives mixed reviews

By MICHELLE ANDERSON
Staff Reporter

While the air in Fort Worth restaurants is clearing up, many workers say they are not breathing any easier.

Because of the recently enacted smoking ban, smokers can't light up in pub-

lic buildings. Since Jan. 1, smoking has been banned inside and within 20 feet of all restaurants and pool halls as well as some bars.

Bars that generate more than 70 percent of their sales from alcoholic beverages are not included in the ban. Establishments consid-

ered private clubs are also not included in the ban.

Although the ban has been in effect for several weeks, restaurant workers said it's business as usual and hope it will stay that way. Apart from several unhappy customers, they

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Customers can report violations by calling 817-212-2710 or by going to Fort Worth's Web site at www.fortworthgov.org/publichealth

Local students earn automatic admission

By KATIE WINTER
Staff Reporter

Next fall, qualified Arlington ISD high school students will be guaranteed admission into TCU and the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, the assistant director of communications said.

Shawn Kornegay, assistant director of communications, said AISD approached Harris College a year and a half ago about the partnership and soon after they started working on the program.

Paulette Burns, dean of the Harris College, said most nursing schools have a limited

number of openings each year.

"Currently there is a nursing shortage, and nursing schools are doing their best to keep up with the demand," she said.

Each year, the university has more nursing school applicants than can be admitted, Burns said. The AISD agreement offers one of those opening slots to an Arlington student, provided he or she has met the admission requirements, she said.

Last year, 148 students entered the university with a declared major in nursing or health science, according to the TCU Fact Book.

Admission rates were unavailable, according to Burns and the Office of Institutional Research.

To qualify, Arlington students must graduate with an SAT score of 1800 or an ACT score of 27, three years of a foreign language and four years of math and science courses.

Mac Bernd, AISD superintendent, said there is no difference in admission requirements for AISD students and other students being admitted.

"That's the beauty of the program," Bernd said.

"TCU looked extensively at each prerequisite class taken by our students and the content they offered. TCU agreed that the classes would make the students pre-qualified."

"TCU is a worldwide prestigious school that is giving AISD students an outstanding opportunity."

Sharon Hudson, assistant to the dean of the Harris School, said because these requirements are tough to meet, she doesn't expect a large number of students to apply or meet these expectations. However, she said, those who do apply and qualify are likely to succeed in the program.

FOR YOUR INFO

MLK Day Celebration hosted by Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services

WHERE:
Brown-Lupton Student Center lounge

WHEN:
Noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday

WHAT:
Screening of "March of Washington" and viewed of display boards commemorating the accomplishments of Martin Luther King.

SOURCE: Greg Trevino, director of IIS

Online bills to replace paper statements

By YUSI CHENG
Staff Reporter

Financial Services is helping the university go green. Receiving student bills online through the university's new e-Z Bill service will completely replace printed bills in June, the university controller said.

Cheryl Wilson, university controller and associate vice chancellor for Financial Services, said e-Z Bill will grant

parents additional access to their bills so they can get them earlier.

"It cuts out all of the time we normally spend on printing and mailing the bills," Wilson said.

In order to allow parents or others paying student bills to access bills online, students will have to provide an e-mail address to grant them access to view student account information.

"You can see your old bills at one place, and you have 24/7 access to your bill so you can print your bill any time," Wilson said. "Students can grant access to up to three other parties."

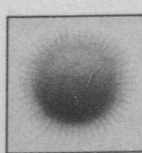
Wilson said students who grant access to a parent or other responsible party by Jan. 25 will be automatically entered to win an iPhone.

She said e-Z Bill is the online version of the printed bill stu-

dents get now. When it comes to students who don't pay, she said, this may not encourage people to pay but will remind them the payment is due.

Financial services uses more than 10,000 pieces of paper each month, Wilson said. With e-Z Bill, the office will be joining the conservation effort of several departments on campus, some of which have stopped handing out paper

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WEATHER
TODAY: Partly cloudy, 50/27
SATURDAY: Sunny, 47/27
SUNDAY: Mostly sunny, 56/45

PECULIAR FACT

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Scientists are working on software to analyze dogs' bark so owners can better understand their emotions. — Reuters

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said they have not lost too many of their regulars, though some are reluctant to abide by the new rule.

"When a man this morning found out we didn't have smoking, he turned around and walked out," said Tonya Weimer, a waitress at the International House of Pancakes.

One customer at Ol' South Pancake House said he would rather have a Diet Coke instead of coffee when he found out he couldn't smoke.

"Coffee and smoking just go together," said Ol' South customer Britt Groze.

Several customers at Ol' South said they did not appreciate the 20-foot rule and said it makes them feel like "second class citizens."

"I'm a smoker and if I want to smoke, I'll just go outside. I don't need anybody telling me how far away to go," Groze said.

Jamie Fluary, assistant manager of the IHOP on University Drive, said though the ban has attracted new customers, she still wishes it was a smoking restaurant. Fluary said she thinks there will be some disappointed TCU students when school starts back up.

Although some customers said they have negative feelings, some appreciate it.

"As a non-smoker, I like the ban," said IHOP customer David Floyd.

Rhonda, a waitress at Ol' South, said it is easy to forget about the smoking ban. Ol' South employees seem to have also forgotten the 20-foot rule and stand right outside the back door to smoke.

Although the ashtrays have been removed from the tables, there are still ashtrays standing inside the entrance way. Workers say they will be removed in the near future.

Restaurant workers at IHOP and Ol' South said inspectors haven't come in to check on them.

Violators face fines up to \$500 for individuals and \$2,000 for businesses, according to the Department of Health Web site. All smoking complaints are investigated within 48 hours, said Amy Casas, Public Information Coordinator for the Fort Worth Public Health Department.

Casas said the department has received 12 complaints regarding violations of the ban and have investigated them. Officials have heard no other complaints.

GAME OVER



A golf cart drives across the new sidewalk that cuts through Clark Lawn. Friday afternoons on the lawn were spent with students playing sports outside, but the recent construction has put an end to the games and other activities. For the story, see page 5.

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syllabuses.

"We are also trying to be part of that initiative about eliminating paper and helping save trees so we can do our part in going green," Wilson said. "Many colleges and universities have already moved student billing online. TCU is just joining the trend now."

According to their official Web sites, Southern Methodist University, Baylor University and the University of Texas at Austin have started online billing services.

"It won't make a big difference

to me," said Maria Paula Bermudez, junior communication studies and psychology major. "My parents are not used to checking bills online."

Wilson said the online bills can be formatted in a printer-friendly version for those who wish to have a printed version of the bills.

She said Financial Services will send both the student and the parent or responsible party an e-mail about the eighth day of each month indicating the student bill is available online.

"Our hope is to have everyone signed up for e-Z Bill in the next couple of months," Wilson said.

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into depth with the electives," said Lynn Cole, assistant dean of undergraduate programs in the Neeley School.

Mike Haeg, a junior political science and business minor, said the restructured business minor will be beneficial because only the basics of the classes were important.

"It gives you a very good look at business without actually majoring in it," Haeg said.

The current business minor puts students in existing courses for business majors, however, the restructured minor will have courses specifically for business minors.

"It's not intended to be a watered-down business degree,

but rather a complement to a broader liberal arts education," Short said.

Short said the restructured minor will have the same rigor as the current minor but students might perceive it as an easier minor because it will seem more relevant.

Administrators said they expect the restructured minor to increase the number of business minors, which is currently more than 500, Moncrief said.

Cole said the restructuring will alleviate overcrowding in business classes because business minors will have different classes than business majors. The restructured minor will help everyone involved because business minors will have more course options and business majors will have more focused classes, Cole said.

Athlete arrested at Texas State

By AMANDA VENABLE
The (Texas State) University Star

SAN MARCOS — Texas State linebacker Brian Quackenbush says he was assaulted in his home by teammate Gunter Elenburg, a freshman punter, early Saturday morning.

"An argument ensued between the two individuals" on Sixth Street in Austin late Friday night, said San Marcos Police Department Sgt. Byron Mobley. The argument "continued from Austin to San Marcos."

Police found Quackenbush at home, according to KXAN-Austin. His furniture was overturned and the walls were splattered with blood. He was taken to Brackenridge Hospital with a 4-inch gash over his left eye and a bruised face, which the police described as being "covered in blood."

Coach Brad Wright told KXAN that Elenburg, who has been identified as the assailant, has been kicked off the football team.

"It is my knowledge there were five people — three guys and two girls — involved," Mobley said. "We need to find out (if) we have an actual full-blown assault."

Mobley said he assumes there was alcohol involved in the dispute.

"I couldn't positively say that, and the report doesn't say that," Mobley said. "But they were on Sixth Street and it happened at 4 in the morning. I don't think they were having a ham sandwich."

Mobley believes the individuals were in two vehicles because there were text messages sent and calls made between the two parties.

Quackenbush, a junior, played two seasons at Arizona State before transferring to I-AA Texas State.

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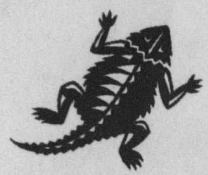
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it."

—W. Somerset Maugham

THE SKIFF VIEW

Campus keeps going green

In addition to the Spudware utensils in the cafeteria, there is another step the university is taking to become more environmentally-friendly.

Financial Services has adopted e-Z Bills, an electronic billing format for student accounts. This new billing will take effect in February. Starting in June, bills in the mail will be a thing of the past.

Everything will be done via e-mail and the World Wide Web.

The change is sure to decrease money spent on paper and postage. In addition, e-Z bills will be available 24/7 online and give access to previous bills. No more keeping track of paper.

However, the decrease is not only monetary. Being environmentally-friendly coincides with TCU's mission statement as educating individuals to act as

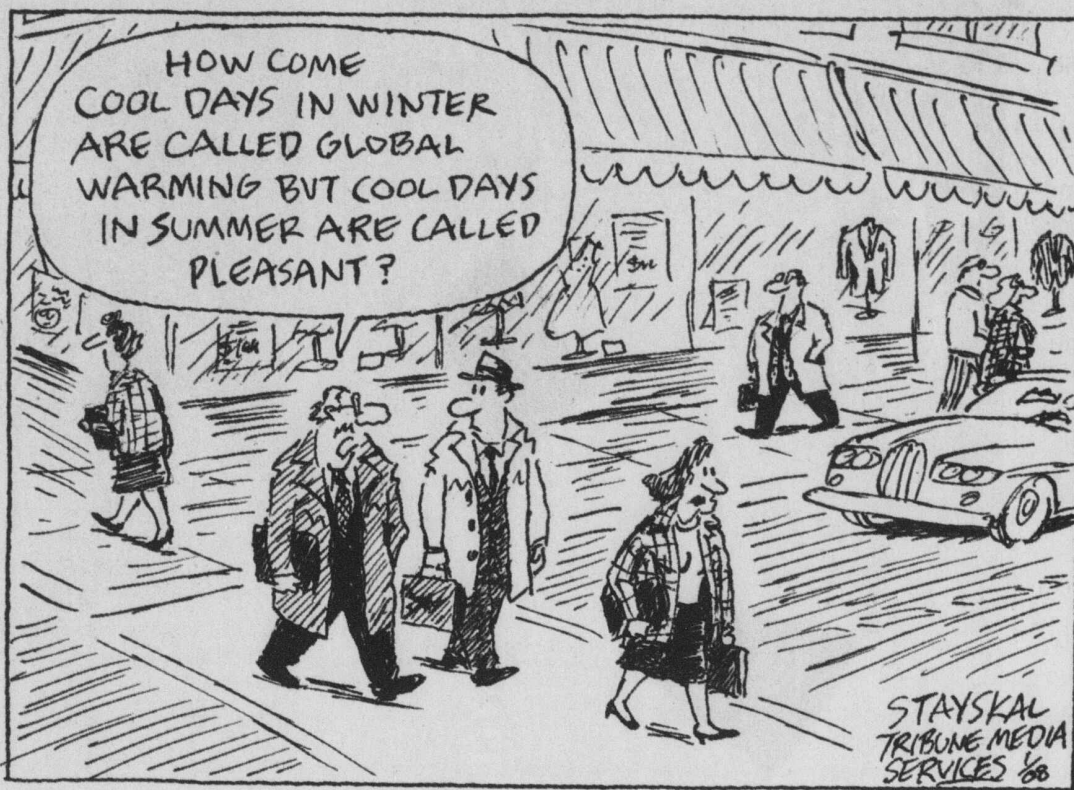
ethical leaders and responsible citizens. Taking care of our environment is acting as an ethical leader. Students should be proud the university is taking such an initiative.

But there is more work to be done. TCU could take extra measures to continue in an environmentally-friendly direction, such as getting bottle recycling in the library. Students are sure to have noticed the waste bins overflowing with Red Bull cans and water bottles, especially during finals week.

Getting biodegradable utensils and removing extra paper are just a couple of baby steps in the right direction, but those little steps are sure to help the university and the student body become more aware of the issues concerning the environment.

Opinion editor Ana Bak for the editorial board.

BY WAYNE STAYSKAL



Democrats losing ground on economy

Financial giant Citigroup announced a \$10 billion quarterly loss Tuesday, the worst in the company's history. The same day, Democratic rivals Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack

COMMENTARY



Kara Peterson

Obama each released statements effectively ending the days-long bitter feud between the candidates that had dominated election coverage. Citigroup's announcement is only the most recent indication of the U.S. economy's slide toward recession, but Democratic frontrunners are largely ignoring the issue and instead choosing to focus on each other. Clinton and Obama spent more than three days earlier this week sparring over comments each made about the other's views on race, civil rights and diversity.

Comments from Clinton supporters about Obama's ignorance of the Clintons' civil rights work began a back-and-forth battle between the candidates that ended Tuesday with each admitting that when it comes to civil rights, Democrats are on the same side.

What should have been

the biggest issue of the week — and maybe the election — was evident on Wall Street. In addition to Citigroup's poor performance, Bank of America's proposed buyout of beleaguered Countrywide sent both companies' stocks downward, and unemployment at post-Katrina levels isn't helping dissuade recession fears.

Addressing the distressed economic environment is imperative for Democrats. Just ask the Republicans.

Republican candidates Mitt Romney, Sen. John McCain, and Mike Huckabee each adjusted their respective messages in the days leading up to the Michigan primary to address the country's economic woes, and for good reason. According to CNN, 55 percent of Republican voters in the Michigan primary cited the economy as their main concern, and nearly 70 percent said the economy isn't in good shape — powerful numbers under a Republican president and indicative that the economy is a concern for all voters, including the Democrats.

Clinton and Obama should avoid campaign distractions and instead focus on the issues on the minds of American voters. Specifically, they should

give voters a reason to believe the economy will improve under Democratic leadership — no small task in today's environment.

Fresh off respective wins in Iowa and New Hampshire, Obama and Clinton allowed campaign mudslinging to overshadow the economic issue. If

interparty sparring continues to deter from the real election issues, Democrats may find themselves on the losing side of an all-important contest — November's battle for the White House.

Kara Peterson is a advertising/public relations graduate student from Fort Worth.



Shift to organic products improves Americans' health

It could quite possibly be that alternatives such as orangutan pee are remedies to more than insect bites. They could be the remedies to our nation's health care crisis.

COMMENTARY



Bradley Petty

Not making much sense? Let me explain. The Food and Drug Administration recently announced it would allow food from cloned animals (particularly cattle, swine and goats) to be processed for sale. Food from cloned animals is deemed "as safe to eat as food from conventionally bred animals," according to the FDA Web site.

For years, Americans have put trust in the FDA and looked to it as a guide to determine what is safe or not safe to consume. If the FDA is not the definitive source on safe consumer goods, what is? Americans should focus on the effects their respective diets have on their health.

There is a movement in our society that promotes a back-to-Eden exodus from fast food, preservatives and other conventional methods of satisfying man's age old companion, hunger. This movement is a far cry from fad diets and

merely a second or third cousin to conservation.

The movement suggests the Bible has specifically detailed the safest and healthiest diet and insight into how to combat disease. Proponents include Jordan S. Rubin, the author of the best-selling book, "The Maker's Diet."

Supporters also include my mother, who is a registered nurse. During the break, a family friend asked her how to remedy a small sore that seemed to be a bug bite. My mother promptly prescribed Bragg Organic Raw Apple Cider Vinegar as a natural alternative to a doctor's visit.

"What are you going to do with that orangutan pee?" the woman's husband quipped, referencing the vinegar's consistency and color.

Maybe the use of actual orangutan pee is a far stretch to cure America's health care epidemic, but the revolutionary concept of following the scripture is not.

Bradley Petty is a senior finance major from Sherman.



More strict form of state-issued identification needed

Should banks cash checks from people who cannot prove who they are? Should parents hire baby sitters they know nothing about? Should airlines let passengers on board without validating their identity?

For most Americans, these questions answer themselves. Our citizens depend on forms of government-issued identification, such as driver's licenses, every day.

But are these documents reliable? Consider these facts:

— All but one of the Sept. 11 hijackers carried government IDs that helped them board planes and remain in the country illegally.

— Last year, our immigration and customs agents charged hundreds of illegal workers with

crimes relating to state and federal document fraud.

— In 2005 alone, identity theft cost American households \$64 billion, and 28 percent of these incidents likely required a driver's license to perpetrate.

These examples highlight America's need for more secure forms of identification.

In 2005, Congress passed the REAL ID Act for this purpose, and on Friday, our Department of Homeland Security unveiled uniform standards to help the states advance this vital imperative.

Under these new standards, individuals seeking driver's licenses must provide their state Department of Motor Vehicles office with documents proving who they are and that they're here legally. States must verify

that the documents presented are legitimate. DMV offices will be required to protect their own operations from identity theft and other nefarious activities. States must issue new, REAL ID licenses that will be tougher to counterfeit

"Our citizens depend on forms of government-issued identification, such as driver's licenses."

Michael Chertoff

or tamper with.

Many states are already taking steps to secure identification and we will grant extensions for REAL ID implementation to those that need them and are making genuine progress.

We are making \$360 million

available to help defray the costs of implementation — \$80 million in dedicated REAL ID grants and \$280 million in general homeland security funding. We've cut these costs by 73 percent by giving states greater flexibility in issuing licenses to Americans who will be 50 years of age and older as of Dec. 1, 2014. We will extend their enrollment deadline to Dec. 1, 2017.

As a result, the average cost increase for issuing a REAL ID license will be about \$8 per person. For states issuing five-year licenses, that is an increase of just \$1.60 a year.

For most people, that's a price worth paying to prevent others from stealing their identity and committing crimes with fraudulent identification.

But that's not the case for a small but vocal minority who oppose REAL ID.

Some of their objections are based on misinformation. A good example is the claim that we're ushering in a national identity card. What we are actually doing is setting standards that will let the states keep issuing their own ID cards.

Other critics think that it is a privacy violation to create secure identification.

But remember what I said about checks, baby sitters and planes. Almost no one denies that sometimes we need to know who we're dealing with.

Put another way, what good is having identification if it cannot be relied upon? Why check someone's ID if we

can't tell if it's genuine?

Your privacy is at stake in the REAL ID debate. But in my view, it's the opponents of secure identification who pose the greatest risk. Without REAL ID, you are far more likely to endure one of the worst privacy violations — having your identity stolen.

In the end, by embracing REAL ID, we can indeed cash a check, hire a baby sitter or board a plane with confidence. By issuing this rule, we've moved decisively to secure our nation and its people in the coming years. I believe that one day our children will look back at this day and wonder how we could have lived without these common-sense protections.

Michael Chertoff is secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

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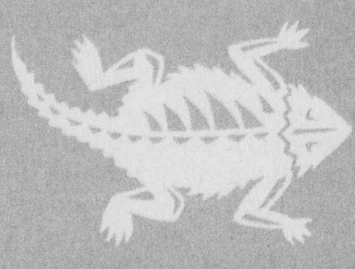
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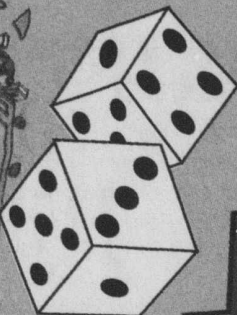
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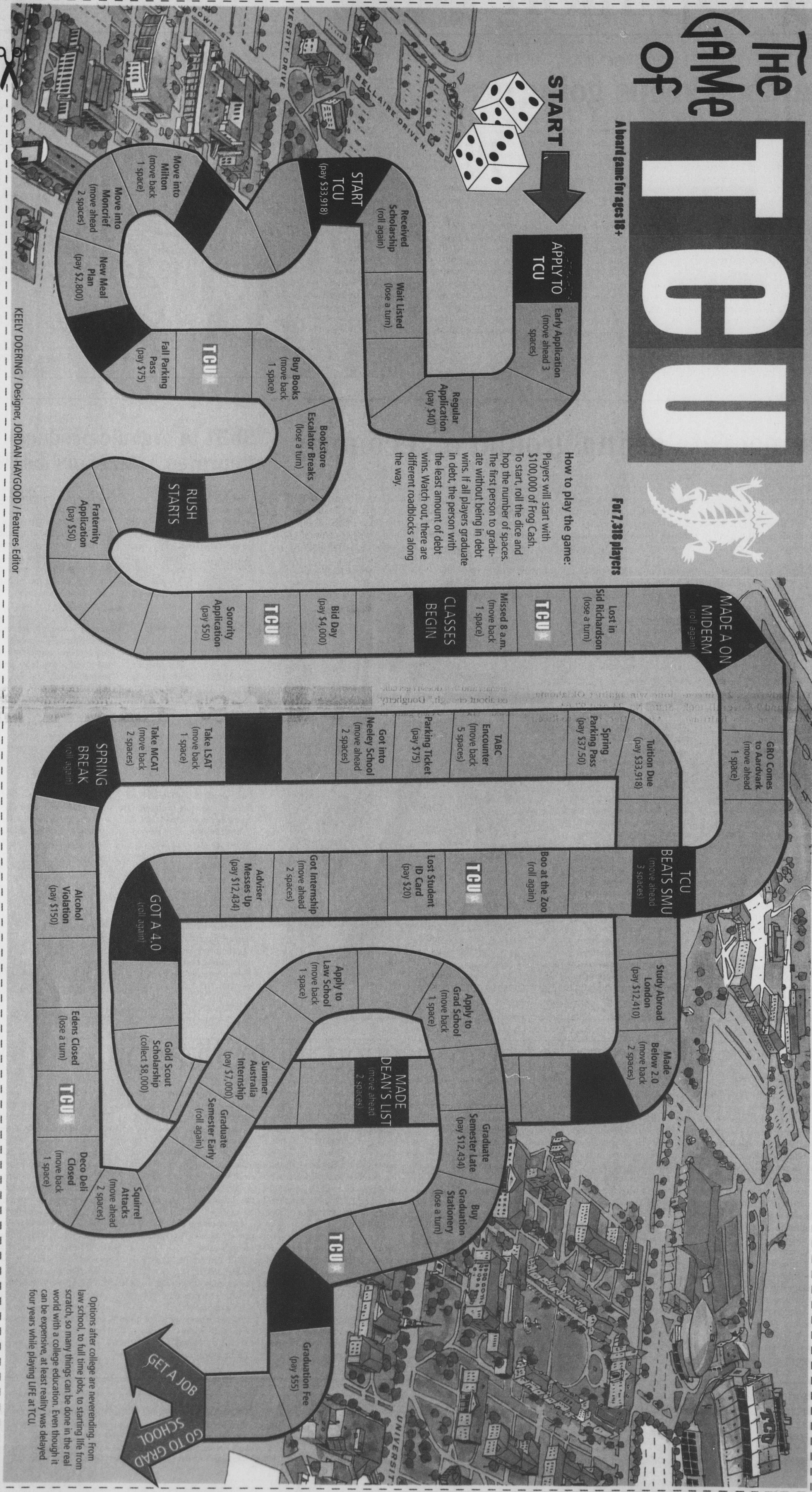


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KEELY DOERING / Designer, JORDAN HAYGOOD / Features Editor

Options after college are neverending. From law school, to full time jobs, to starting life from scratch, so many things can be done in the real world with a college education. Even though it can be expensive, at least reality was delayed four years while playing LIFE at TCU.

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BACKYARD BASEBALL

Construction ends afternoon sports tradition

By ROBERT BEMBER
Staff Reporter

For 3 1/2 years, Robert Carr Chapel's chimes could have played "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," at 3 o'clock every Friday.

The recent construction on Clark Hall has a group of seniors surprised and upset by the loss of Clark Lawn, which has served as their Tennisball baseball field since the beginning of their freshman year.

"I was mad. I was ticked off," said Kirk Oliver, senior mar-

keting major and former Clark residential assistant. "I've been playing for four years. We have a Web site and stat books. It's my last year and I won't get to play again."

Harold Leeman, the associate director of major projects, says the project will be quick and Clark Lawn will return to normal by the beginning of the fall semester.

Oliver and his friends began playing Tennisball baseball in the fall of 2004.

Nathan Kaspar, senior crimi-

nal justice major and one of the sport's founders at TCU, said the game started as something fun he and his friends would do but eventually evolved into a sport.

"Sometime during the course of our freshman year we just decided to go out and play baseball with a tennis ball and peg each other," Kaspar said.

The Tennisball baseball players took their game seriously. Statistics were taken at every game and later posted on the Tennisball baseball MySpace

page, and the team made T-shirts.

"We just accrued more guys as time went by," Kaspar said. "People would just walk by and ask if they could join in. It almost became a club sport on campus."

The sport became so popular they even had to cut players, Kaspar said.

Oliver estimates that more than 70 different people have played Tennisball baseball over the years. As an RA in Clark, Oliver said he used it as

an opportunity to get to know his residents.

The group will miss the game but knows the friendships made through it will continue, Oliver said. Three of Oliver's groomsmen are fellow Tennisball baseball players.

"Yes, college is about grades, but, more importantly it's about relationships, and the relationships carried out through Tennisball baseball have been outstanding," Kaspar said.

"I'm going to miss them for

Tennisball baseball, but the friendships that were formed because of Tennisball baseball are going to be missed even more," said Greg Nord, junior communication studies major.

However, Nord, a resident of Clark for two years, said he understands the need for renovations.

"We knew Clark was going to be renovated," he said. "I just don't think it crossed anyone's mind that they would have to put fences up."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs improving during conference play

By REESE GORDON
Staff Reporter

With the men's basketball team getting a close win against a conference opponent at home, the Lady Frogs found themselves in the same position on the road.

The team notched its first win in six trips to The Pitt, New Mexico's home court, Tuesday night.

"It was a good victory," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "We've been in the Mountain West for what is now our third year, so we've been there two previous times and hadn't played very well."

The Lady Frogs, 2-1 in conference and 9-8 overall, took a 36-20 lead into halftime. The team managed to hold off a strong second half from the Lobos winning 57-54.

The win also marked the team's first road win of the season, with the Lady Frogs now standing 1-6 away from home.

"That was probably one of the biggest wins of the season," said redshirt freshman forward Emily Carter. "We played really well as a team and I think that's going to spark us in the conference season."

Senior guard Adrienne Ross led the team with 18 points

and eight assists in 40 minutes of play.

Ross, a New Mexico native, came into the season 666 points shy of Sandora Irvin's TCU record for career points. She credited Irvin for helping her grow into the player she said she is today.

"She's known me since I was a young player, and she helped me gain a lot of the confidence that I have now," Ross said.

The Lady Frogs started their season with a schedule that featured five top-25 teams.

The Lady Frogs went 1-4 against those teams with the lone win against Oklahoma State, No. 23 and 97-63.

After a Dec. 6 loss to Rice, the team fell to 3-5. Since then, it has won six out of nine games.

"Our focus right now is just getting better as a basketball team," Mittie said. "We still have a lot of growing to do, but we've been a better basketball team since Christmas."

On the season, the team is averaging 71.2 points a game while allowing 62.8 points a game.

The next home game for the Lady Frogs is Saturday, Jan. 19 against 2-13 Colorado State.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

DRIVE THE LANE

Team takes to skies for weekend game

By JOE ZIGTEMA
News Editor

Although the men's basketball team whipped up its own meatloaf dinner at Central Market on Wednesday night, it will leave that home cooking behind Saturday against Colorado State in Fort Collins, Colo.

Head coach Neil Dougherty said a victory Saturday would be a huge confidence booster for his team, which plays in a tough road conference.

"It's difficult to play in these arenas, and that doesn't get talked about enough," Dougherty said. "There's no easy game in the Mountain West to go play in, and if you look at the win-loss percentage for the entire conference home and away, it backs that up."

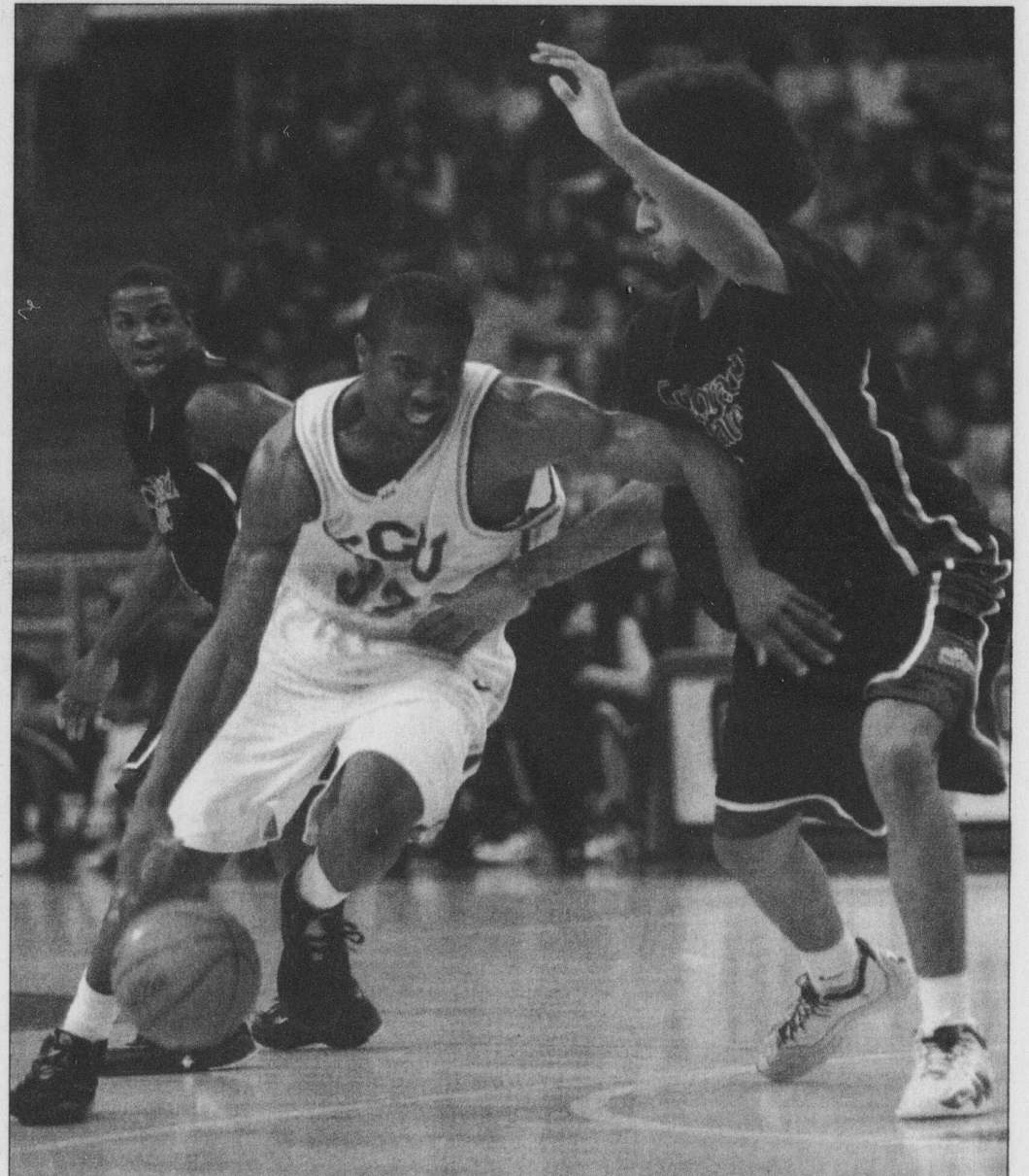
Winning on the road in conference play is key to staying in the mix in the conference race, Dougherty said.

"You've got to win your games at home and steal as many on the road as you can, and that's how we look at it," Dougherty said. "We have an opportunity to go and steal one from someone else."

Senior guard Brent Hackett said his experience in tough road arenas around the conference will help his teammates.

"There are a lot of guys who haven't seen tough gyms (in the conference)," Hackett said. "I think I can bring the experience I have at those places and know some of the things we should and shouldn't do in those situations."

Colorado State (8-10, 0-2) has lost its last three games and seven of its last eight, though



JEFFERY WASHINGTON / Fort Worth Star-Telegram via MCT
Kevin Langford and the Frogs hope the momentum from their second half comeback against New Mexico continues at Colorado State in Fort Collins, Colo. on Wednesday.

they are 4-1 against TCU since the Frogs joined the Mountain West.

The Rams are led by junior guard Marcus Walker, whose 16.8 points per game ranks second in the conference.

The Frogs, meanwhile, are winners of their last two, largely behind the play of junior newcomer Henry Salter.

"He's been making a lot of shots, and I'm just trying to stay out of his way," Hackett said. "I'm trying to be as aggressive as I can and play the team role."

Senior guard Ryan Wall, who delivered the game-winning shot against New Mexico,

said winning on the road is big for the team.

"We haven't won on the road in over a year, so it's always good to get one on the road," Wall said. "And a win is a win."

Wall did not say which group's meatloaf was the best.

"I think ours looked the best, but I'm not sure whose tasted the best," he said.

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Taize growing with young adults

By CHRISTINE MORENTE
San Mateo County Times

BURLINGAME, Calif. — In a darkened chapel, Taize followers touched their foreheads to a cross lit by candlelight and invited Jesus Christ to banish their burdens.

In accompaniment, more than a hundred chanted in Latin, "Where charity and love are, God is there."

Typically, more than 400 young adults gather at Mercy Center for Taize worship the first Friday of every month to be near an icon cross and feel a sense of community.

"It's just really spiritually moving and a beautiful experience," said Michelle Lau, a San Francisco resi-

dent who practices Taize at the Mercy Center.

Sister Suzanne Toolan of the Sisters of Mercy brought Taize — pronounced teh-zay — to the Mercy Center in 1982.

The prayer originated in Taize,

France, a small village on a hillside in southeastern France that was transformed into an ecumenical community in the 1950s by a man known only as Brother Roger.

Through the special meditative prayer, young adults have been inspired to live in solidarity with the poor and disenfranchised, Toolan said.

In the summertime, more than 6,000 young adults descend on the village on a weekly basis, living among the brothers who encourage them to pray and live a common life.

"The brothers lead a life of great simplicity and profound involvement of people suffering in the world," said Toolan, who has gone to Taize. "The young people come from all over. They come to a place of hope and

are asked to be messengers of hope and peace in their own environment."

According to Toolan, people drawn to the village aren't always affiliated with an organized religion. The brothers themselves are of different faiths.

"They model a church without the boundaries," Toolan said. "They are all united in a very firm and wonderful way."

In Burlingame, Calif., Sister Patsy Harney meets with young adults before Taize prayer.

Harney said prior to forming the group in 2006, she was inspired to help young adults find a place within the church to put their

energy and spirituality. Starting this month, there will be a young adults' Mass every third Sunday of the month.

"The sacraments (of the Catholic Church) are all built around developmental stages — baptism, confirmation, marriage and then death," the San Francisco resident said.

"There's a growing group of folks who don't easily find a place in church. The Mercy Center needs to learn from young adults, and they need to be invited and shown what the resources are."

Harney, who was born and raised in San Bruno, Calif., said she formed the group to build on the strength of Taize. People come together to share their search and their struggles. Then they are given pathways for spirituality, alleviating poverty and fighting for human rights.

"You come here to refuel, to nourish yourself, and you go out and make a differ-

ence in the world," Harney said. "That's what the Christian gospel is all about."

Lau, 32, is part of the group and practices Taize at the Mercy Center. Also, she organizes a prayer gathering out of University of California, Berkeley every second Friday of the month at Newman Hall. The San Francisco resident is a big believer in social justice and promotes non-violence.

"The aspect of fostering peace is one of the values Brother Roger wanted to instill," Lau said. "Through the music and prayer intercessions, you feel that you're praying not just for



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Brother John of the ecumenical Christian community of Taize, France, leads a Taize prayer service in St. Joseph, Minn.

yourself and the local community, but for the world at large."

Adam Sternak of Burlingame first joined a Taize student group when studying in Poland. Now, Sternak goes to Taize prayer at Mercy Center on a regular basis.

"From that first prayer, I loved it," the 26-year-old said. "I felt the spirit of Jesus' love ... I felt truly connected in prayer with other people. To me these prayers are the true way of communication among Christians, and every time I participate, I tune into my inner voice."

When seniors take courses at the higher 400 level, however, they are expected to pay tuition, just as younger students do, school officials said.

To qualify for the program, seniors must be Pennsylvania residents, at least 60 when they enroll, and retired or employed less than half-time, Owens said.

To an older person, the free tuition might be a godsend.

"Here someone's offering to pay for it," McDermott said. "I have my car and my free time. Why not go

Penn State works to recruit retirees

By BONNIE L. COOK
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Maggie McDermott, a foreign-service worker whose postings took her around the globe, always wanted a bachelor's degree.

So when the Doylestown, Pa., woman retired, she enrolled in Pennsylvania State University's program for students 60 and older, in Abington.

"There was a little apprehension, just being older and suddenly being in a class with 18- and 19-year-olds," she said.

McDermott not only fit in. She excelled.

On Dec. 20 during ceremonies at the Abington campus, she graduated with distinction, earning a bachelor's degree in the social sciences. She'll use it to seek part-time work in her field.

McDermott's decision to go back to school at a suburban campus relatively late in life isn't uncommon. Last year, 216 older Pennsylvanians signed up for Penn State's Go-60 program, and the university is working to recruit more.

"Having older learners on campus enhances the climate of learning for all our students," Jane A. Owens, senior director of continuing education at Penn State's Abington campus, said in an e-mail.

The Go-60 program, which began in the 1980s, is offered at 20 of the 26 campuses statewide, said Rebecca Beatty, interim director of continuing education at the University Park campus.

The program opens lower-level courses to seniors tuition-free, on a space-available basis. The seniors pay for books and use of the library.

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"Here someone's offering to pay for it," McDermott said. "I have my car and my free time. Why not go

for it?" Sheila Boyle, a mother and grandmother from Chadds Ford, Pa., also wanted a degree. She signed up for classes in 2002 at the Brandywine campus in Delaware County, Pa.

Boyle kept studying until she earned her associate's degree in liberal arts. Graduation was Dec. 22. She plans to return for her bachelor's degree soon.

"There's so much to know. It just kind of compels you to another course that you didn't know you could take. I love it. I really do," she said.

Despite the appetite for learning, only a handful of adult learners graduate, Beatty said, because most seek personal enrichment rather than the means to a career.

"We have had a few people who have gone on to get degrees," Beatty said. "But the large majority are people with personal interests they did not pursue when they were working."

The older learners tend to favor art, language arts and other humanities, school officials said.

Report: Re-examination of study abroad programs needed

By WILLIAM GEST
University of Texas Daily Texan

AUSTIN — NAFSA: Association of International Educators suggested guidelines for implementing study abroad by third-party programs in its report Wednesday.

Although the report was not an official response to an investigation undertaken in September by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, his investigation has prompted study abroad programs nationwide to reexamine some of their

practices and roles in overseas education.

The report calls for university administrations to treat study abroad programs as a vital part of their institutions, instead of extras or luxuries.

"Study abroad must not be an island on campus," the report said. "Leadership at the top levels on campus is essential to cultivating support for study abroad from academic leaders and faculty throughout the institution."

Overseas education programs at UT have grown over the past few years. In the 2004-2005 academic year, 2,169 students studied abroad, a 63.1 percent increase since 1997-1998. In the same year, UT had the third-highest total number of study abroad participants in the nation.

Many students seek out affiliated programs or providers that offer study abroad packages. All providers officially affiliated with UT are required to reach a credit transfer agreement with the University, ensuring courses taken through these programs will count toward a student's degree.

Cuomo's investigation scrutinized practices such as

free trips for university officials and exclusivity agreements that some suggested were counter to the best interests of the students. Although the investigations turned up little evidence, the report suggests that institutions set clear guidelines on conflict-of-interest issues.

Not all schools in the UT System make extensive use of overseas-program providers. Robin Hoelt, adviser of UT-El Paso's Office of International Programs, said its program relies on partnerships with

schools in other countries.

"Mostly what we do are called bilateral agreements, where UT-El Paso and a school abroad come to an agreement and send students back and forth through the exchange," she said.

The association believes that the role of overseas education has changed, and university policy should reflect those changes.

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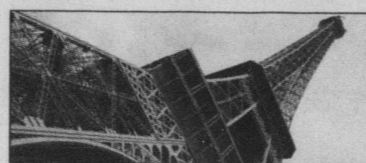
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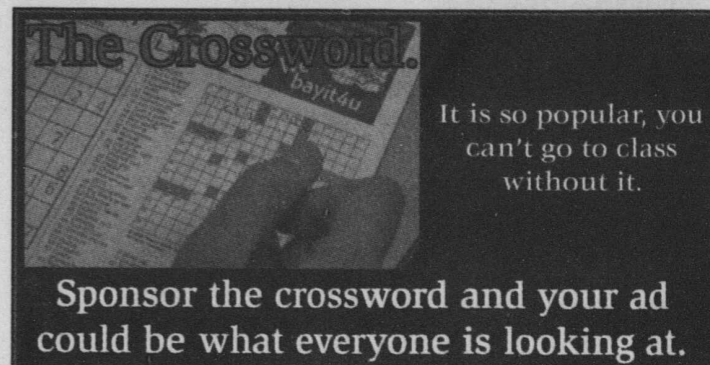
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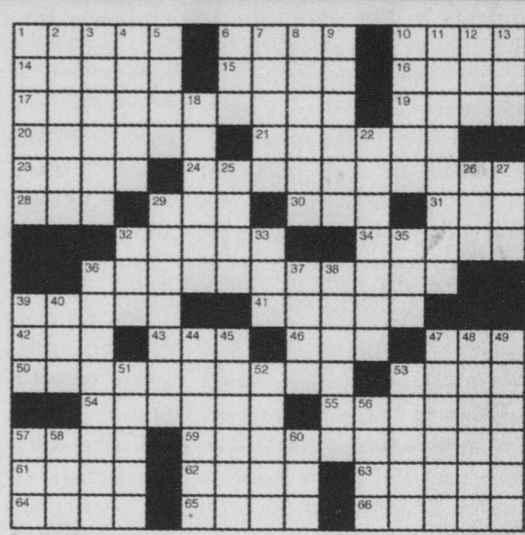
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By BILL LINDELOF
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Nick Burnett has eliminated live lectures in one of his classes this semester at Sacramento State.

He gave all the lectures this summer in a studio, where they were recorded and launched onto the Web. And in what Burnett believes is the first such large-scale experiment at California State University, Sacramento, 224 of his students will be able to hear him only by downloading his lectures onto their iPods or MP3 players.

Graduate assistants still teach once-a-week labs that go with Burnett's class, but students listen to Burnett when and where they want — through their earbuds as they stroll across campus, on their home computers.

"I'm a working mom, and I can just fit listening into my schedule when I have free time," said Stockton resident Cindee O'Neill, an account executive for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. who is juggling a business degree, commuting, parenting and work.

"I found it is best to just put on headphones and sit at my computer. If I want to catch up, I can listen to three lectures in one sitting."

At the end of the semester, students will evaluate the podcasted class, and their comments will help determine its availability in the future, said Burnett, chairman of the communication studies department.

Though Burnett offers his class via his Web site, some schools have partnered with iTunes. In May, Apple



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University of Miami medical students Michael Gombosh and Samantha Xavier both use iPods to watch their professor's podcast. In the foreground is someone else's iPod that features a lecture by Dr. Ronald Clarka, one of the Miami school's faculty members.

launched iTunes U within its iTunes Store, offering free course lectures from colleges and universities.

Burnett notes that the company may sell a few iPods along the way, which is why his podcasting does not exclusively work with the Apple brand.

Bruce Bikle, chairman of the faculty senate, says students don't have to have a professor in front of them to learn. "But in the ideal world, there should be somebody interacting with you on a face-to-face basis, either a graduate assistant, instructor or a professor's expanded office hours."

Burnett still offers a traditional version of his presentational speaking in businesses and organizations class to about 280 students who meet in a large hall for the lectures and break into groups of about 28 students for the labs.

Business major Rachel Celbrado often listens to Burnett's lectures at 9 p.m. after getting off work.

She said she doesn't need to see Burnett to benefit from

the class.

"Our graduate assistant can answer questions for me," said Celebrado. "Podcasting overall is a great system because of the convenience for somebody like me who has to work so much. And I can listen to it over and over again."

Burnett, 51, recorded his lectures over the summer in a 10-foot-by-10-foot studio.

"I didn't anticipate how bizarre it would be to give what used to be a mass lecture to myself," he said. "Frankly, I use a fair amount of humor when I lecture. It is really hard to get any energy for that when there is nobody responding."

But he has some reservations about podcasting.

"I worry about what podcasting might do to the future of teaching," he said. "So, great, we have people who are good speaking in 10-by-10 rooms. What happens when that professor is before a live audience and somebody raises their hand with a question or challenges what they are saying?"

Benefits for same-sex couples spurs lecturer's protest at UT

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AUSTIN — Arabic Lecturer Uri Horesh began a hunger strike in response to his denied complaint against the university's non-discrimination policy, which does not include health benefits for same-sex couples.

As of Jan. 1, the University of Michigan started offering some health benefits to employees and other qualified adults who have shared a residence for six months. This policy circumvents Michigan laws regarding same-sex marriage, which fueled Horesh's complaints against UT.

Horesh said he sent an e-mail to the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement in December and one on Monday about the strike, but has not received a response. Horesh said he will quietly abstain from eating until the policy is changed.

"I'm taking the responsibility on this somewhat creative idea whereby I could keep on doing my job until I may or may not be able to do it if something happened," Horesh said. "I can wear my rainbow-colored long-horn T-shirt or wear my little button, but who gives a damn about that? Maybe this would make more of an impact."

Division spokeswoman Deborah Duval said the office could not comment on Horesh's latest measure.

"I was thinking of a way in which I could on the one hand express my protest in a very physical way," Horesh said. "I started a Facebook group, but then I was thinking, 'What can I do that would actually be more

proactive, but still non-violent and not jeopardize my fulfillment of my responsibilities as a faculty member?' Well, I was thinking, 'I can go on hunger strike.'"

Horesh was scheduled to have a meeting Monday with Gregory Vincent, vice president for the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement,

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Uri Horesh
UT lecturer

in light of Horesh's claim of being discriminated against by a university with a non-discrimination policy. Vincent did not attend the meeting.

Duval said Vincent was called away on business. Shelette Williams, an administrative associate in the division, said Vincent did not come in Monday for personal reasons, which were not disclosed.

Linda Millstone, associate vice president for institutional equity and workforce diversity, took Vincent's place in the meeting. She denied Horesh's initial complaint in November because she said the state law precludes the university from providing domestic partnership benefits to its employees. Vincent upheld her decision in December.

"I want to know how the University intends to work around that and provide its employees

with the benefits they deserve. This law promotes bigotry," Horesh said.

Millstone said the failure to provide health care benefits to people who are not legally married in Texas not only affects people who are homosexual, but also people who are straight and live in committed partnerships.

The university is looking into further options regarding the issue, she said.

"The thing is this: If UT wants to really compete with high caliber institutions, it has to make a change and it has to make it quickly," Horesh said. "Gays and lesbians are treated as not equal, as people whose priorities and well-being is a low priority. I don't know exactly what you cover when you say 'diversity,' but it doesn't seem to cover sexual orientation."

Millstone said she disagreed, saying the UT Gender and Sexuality Center supports diverse sexual orientations among students.

"I do agree that the provision of benefits is a recruitment and retention issue for all of higher education, including this institution," she said. "But in terms of providing you today the university's procedures for moving forward, I am not going to do so."

Horesh left the meeting after about eight minutes.

"I am not very optimistic. I do not feel the actions of one person are going to change the conduct of the university, but I am hoping it will get the message out. I am creating a face to the problem," Horesh said.

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