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## SGA upholds veto of bill requesting jazz on KTCU

By DAVID HALL  
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association House of Student Representatives upheld a presidential veto Tuesday, blocking a resolution requesting the return of jazz programming to the campus radio station.

The resolution request-

ing the immediate revival of jazz to KTCU FM 88.7 "The Choice" was passed in November, but was struck down by a veto from outgoing SGA President Jace Thompson, whose term expires next week.

Thompson said KTCU and its listeners should decide

what airs, not the SGA.

"Jazz is America's first true art form," said Justin Brown, the College of Fine Arts representative, who wrote the bill supporting jazz. He said its presence would benefit the university.

When Thompson vetoed the resolution, he said it

was because it did not represent the student body's interests.

Brown said he wanted to pass the resolution to take it to KTCU and show the station manager that the student body wanted jazz back.

During the meeting, Brown said he thought the veto was

out of line.

"I think we want to represent the students," Brown said. "Based on one person's decision upon leaving office, I think we've deflated the impact of SGA, which is really sad for the students."

A resolution was also passed supporting a plan to let stu-

dents use their dining plan money at sporting events in the form of paper "Frog Pass Dollars." These dollars could be deducted from the dining plan in the Brown-Lupton Student Center and used to pay for food at a variety of athletic events.

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## Honors program to host Frog Camp in London

By STEPHANIE SCOTT  
Staff Reporter

Some incoming Frogs will jump the pond for a seven-day Frog Camp this summer, the director of the First Year Experience said.

Thirty-six incoming freshman honors students may attend Frog Camp in London this summer from July 1 to 8, according to the Student Development Services Web site. Incoming honors students for fall 2008 are the first to have the opportunity to experience Frog Camp internationally.

On the trip, students will visit Westminster Abbey, Parliament, Globe and National Theatres and British museums and stay at the TCU London Centre while participating in activities that will help students feel connected to the university, said Carrie Zimmerman, director of First Year Experience.

Honors Program directors approached First Year Experience, which made Frog Camp London an honors-only pilot program, said Ronald Pitcock, assistant director of the Honors Program. Pitcock submitted the proposal at the request of the director of the Honors Pro-

gram, Peggy Watson.

The TCU London Centre allowed Frog Camp and the Honors Program to collaborate for Frog Camp London. Watson liked the idea of a joint Frog Camp with the Honors Program and the idea of an international camp, especially in London, Pitcock said.

"It's London," Pitcock said. "There is so much in terms of history, literature, theater, culture and economics. It just seems like a good place to take a group of honors students."

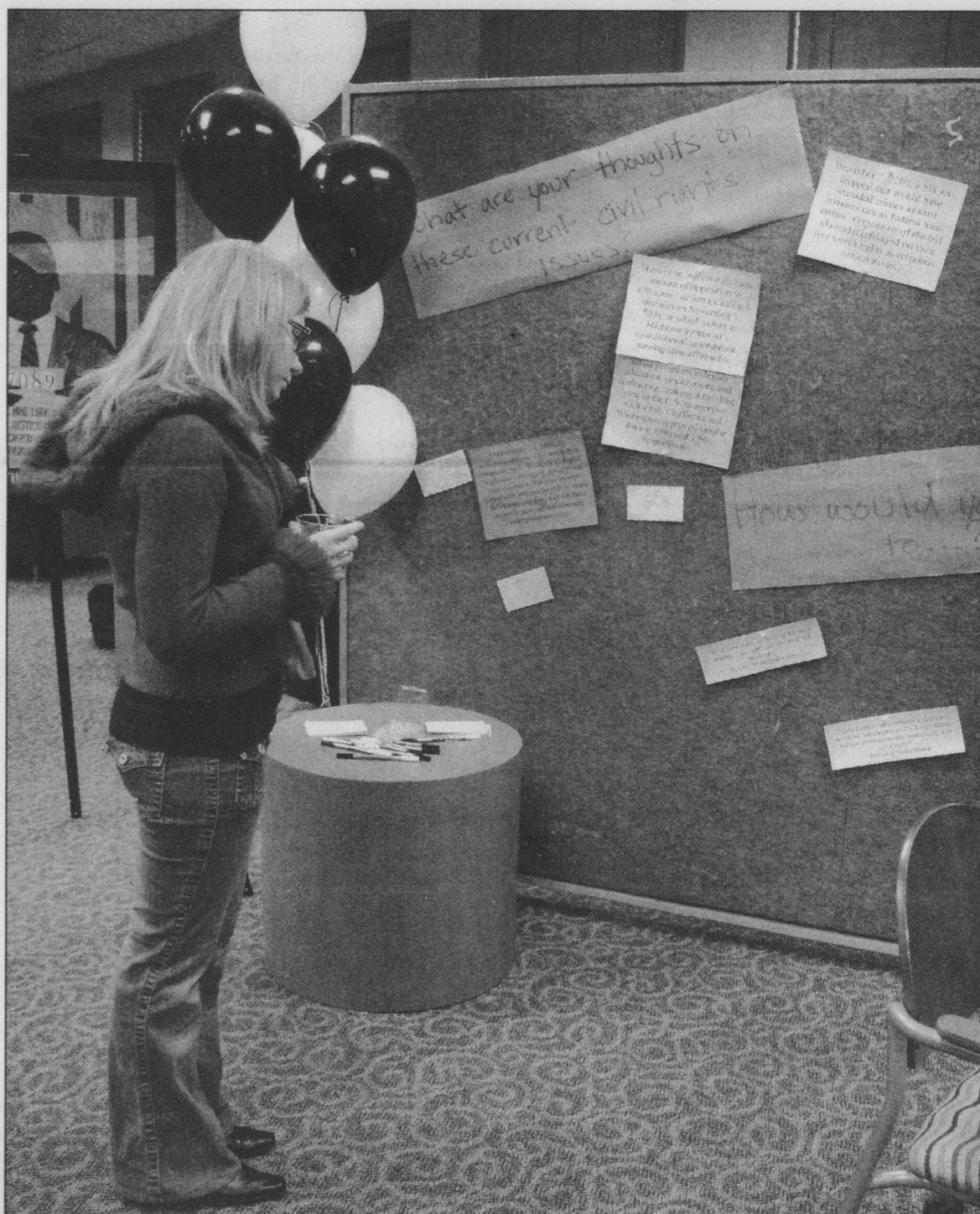
Students will participate in the same small group activities as every other Frog Camp while also exploring London, Zimmerman said.

In addition to touring the city, the Honors Program arranged for incoming freshmen to meet alumni "who are living out the global experience" in their professional lives, Pitcock said.

The six Frog Camp facilitators will be returning Frog Camp facilitators. Zimmerman said First Year Experience would try to choose facilitators who were part of the Honors Program, though it is not definite that all facilitators will be honors students. Applications are due by

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## IN HIS WORDS



Caroline Gladkowski, a senior Spanish major, reads quotes off of an on an MLK bulletin board. A Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, intended to challenge students to think about the leader's impact on the nation's history, took place Tuesday in the Brown-Lupton Student Center Lounge.

## Fort Worth ranks No. 5 for top job hunting cities

By KRISTIN BUTLER  
Staff Reporter

Fort Worth is a hot spot for jobs in 2008, according to Forbes magazine. And with a TCU degree, chances of finding a job in the area are high, said a Career Services professional.

Ann Reynolds, director of University Career Services, said she agrees with Forbes that Fort Worth is an ideal place for people to find work.

"Fort Worth still has a small town flavor, which is important to companies," Reynolds said.

Fort Worth is ranked No. 5 in the nation and four other Texas cities are in the top 20 of the Forbes list. Austin ranks No. 3, Houston is No. 7, San Antonio is No. 11 and Dallas came in at No. 18.

The magazine said five qualifications were considered to make the list, including the state's unemployment rate, job growth, income growth, median household income and cost of living.

According to Forbes, the largest 100 metropolitan areas were studied, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau and Moody's Economy.com.

Reynolds said having a TCU education increases students' chances of being selected for a job.

"When a person is hired from TCU, the company knows they are getting top-notch quality," she said.

The problem most people have when trying to find a job in the area is that they do not know how to market themselves, Reynolds said. She said she encourages students to get familiar with University Career Services early and have a resume ready by their sophomore or junior year.

Justin Zavala, a senior psycho-social kinesiology major, said job searching should not be difficult in the area.

"Most people probably won't have trouble finding a job, but

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## Council to vote on ad/PR name change

By KATIE WINTER  
Staff Reporter

A proposed change to the name of the advertising/public relations major will better reflect the nature of the program, said the advertising/public relations division chair.

Julie O'Neil, division chair and assistant professor in the Schieffer School of Journalism, said the new name will bring only a few changes to the curriculum.

"One of the things that distinguishes our ad/PR program from other schools around the country is that we have an integrated degree, meaning advertising and public relations is one degree,"

O'Neil said. "We want to use a name that is more reflective of that and strategic communication is perfect."

The Undergraduate Council approved the changes Friday, and if the University Council approves the changes, it will be final, said Michael Butler, chair of the Undergraduate Council and associate dean of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Mike Wood, a professional in residence in advertising/public relations, said strategic communication is a better description of the end product of students.

In the advertising and public relations business, things are always chang-

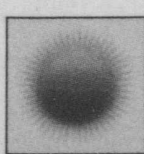
ing, so the change should be a natural one for the department, Wood said.

He said his goal is to prepare students for the real world, and the department has to keep up with it.

"It's not like majoring in history or English," Wood said. "You're majoring in a living, breathing thing that changes every day. And you have to change with it, and that's what we're doing."

O'Neil said if students want to major in strategic communication, they will be required to take Communications in Society, Media Writing and Editing 1, Public Relations Principles, Advertising Principles

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**WEATHER**

TODAY: Mostly sunny, 50/27  
TOMORROW: Partly cloudy, 43/32  
FRIDAY: Showers, 46/27

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MELBOURNE, Australia — Two robbers were sentenced for robbing a restaurant and what they thought was a sack of cash was a sack of bread rolls.  
— Associated Press

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# Youth turnout low in Nevada caucuses

By NICK COLTRAIN  
(University of Nevada-Reno)  
Sagebrush

RENO, Nev. — One year for one hour.

The caucuses have come and gone, leaving in their trails student clubs, untold candidate fliers and perhaps the most political attention in Nevada history.

The party nods ultimately went to Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Republican Mitt Romney but Nevada's 25 Democratic and 31 Republican delegates aren't bound to any candidate.

The delegates made no promises to support a specific candidate in the county or state caucuses, which will be held in the coming months. Theoretically, both could lose the majority of the delegates despite winning the polls.

Theory aside, if more youth caucused then Obama would have likely claimed initial victory, said Eric Herzik, a Univer-

sity of Nevada, Reno political science professor.

At UNR, Obama supporters dwarfed those from other camps. He is the only state-winning candidate from either party to visit UNR.

"The youth vote didn't materialize," said Herzik, a Republican and self-described cynic when it comes to youth voting. "He needed a bigger, better youth turnout."

CNN reported that Obama reined in 59 percent of Democratic caucus-goers between ages 18 and 29. But that demographic only made up 13 percent of participants statewide.

Five percent of Nevada youth caucused for either side, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement.

Herzik said youth might not have participated because the caucus would mean losing part of Saturday, the university wasn't in session, apathy.

While no numbers exist

on college student participation, some were impressed by turnout. Wolf Pack sweatshirts filled the Democratic precincts at UNR. Several students, Republican and Democrat, became delegates for their candidates. Some even ran their precinct's caucus.

"I think right now the participation by young people is just staggering," said Sandy Rodriguez, director of the Associated Students of Nevada and member-at-large in the Washoe County Democratic Party.

Rodriguez said about a third of student government members involved themselves with a campaign. Several senators worked with the Obama campaign or the student club. Speaker of the Senate Greg Green, a supporter of Republican Sen. John McCain, was voted a delegate.

Other students said they caucused out of a sense of duty.

"We have to vote," Mike Carter, a 22-year-old political science major said. "We feel

obligated."

While the overall youth turnout was half that of those older than 30, participation in the caucus overwhelmed many organizers. Several precincts, Democrat and Republican, ran out of ballots or didn't have enough room. Some students said the overall experience was negative, though they would do it again.

"It was absolutely disorganized and probably one of the worst election experiences I've had so far," said Bryan Bedera, chairman of the state Republican Youth Majority, of his Reed High School precinct.

Rachel Miller, president of the UNR Young Democrats, said she wanted to her boyfriend after the caucus. She said her precinct captain at Sparks Middle School needed to count heads four times and fights for undecided participants turned to deceit.

"I'm a little disenfranchised by the whole process because it got kind of crazy," she said.

## QUICK NEWS

### Smoking car leads to GrandMarc alarm

A fire alarm sounded Tuesday afternoon at the GrandMarc because a car in the basement of the parking garage was emitting excessive exhaust fumes, said Marcus Martin, resident services manager for the GrandMarc. Nobody was injured by the fumes.

Retail customers and people inquiring about renting GrandMarc apartments are the only people allowed to park in the basement of the parking garage, he said.

Martin said he did not know how long the car was in the garage before the alarm sounded, but it was gone when the firefighters arrived. Firefighters arrived two or three minutes after the alarm, Martin said.

Authorities turned on exhaust fans in the parking garage after the alarm sounded, and they do not know how long it took the fans to clear the garage of smoke.

Staff reporters Christina Durano and Christina Schams

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and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.5. Previously, students had to earn a C or better in each class.

The GPA requirement is designed to attract students who are interested in this major, O'Neil said.

Advertising/public relations is the fourth largest major on campus with 334 students, and the department is more interested in quality, not quantity, Wood said.

"We want learners who are

motivated to be in this business and will represent us well," Wood said.

O'Neil said the proposal for changing the major began last spring and was written by the advertising/public relations faculty. Evaluation of courses, research from recent graduates and surveying people in the area helped put the proposal together before taking it to the university, O'Neil said.

The University Council will meet 3 p.m. Feb. 18 to discuss approving the change.

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5 p.m. today.

Honors Program directors, who are currently in London, will finalize the exact itinerary in terms of excursions and

meals, Pitcock said.

Zimmerman said the cost of the trip for the incoming freshmen and for the university depends on the final plans from the Honors Program, but the university will pay the vast majority of the cost.

## WORK

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have trouble finding a job they like," he said.

Fraser Ringel, a senior mechanical engineering major, said he has been thinking about looking for a job since his junior year.

"My teachers became mentors," he said. "I went to my teachers to see if they knew of any job opportunities. I have had two really good internships which have helped, too."

Marla McClung, a senior music

education major, said she has already received two job offers from teachers she student-teaches for in Fort Worth.

"Everyone I know has been offered jobs through internships," she said. "It's all about networking and who you know."

Reynolds said there is not one particular profession that is most favorable in Fort Worth.

"This is an extremely diverse area," she said. "There are places looking for all different backgrounds."

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**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Upholding SGA veto good move**

**K**udos to the Student Government Association for not overriding a veto that would bring back an undemocratic resolution.

SGA's resolution requesting that KTCU FM 88.7 "The Choice" bring back jazz programming last fall evoked opposition by KTCU and students. Later, the resolution was rightly vetoed by Jace Thompson, outgoing student body president. But despite the president's veto, the same resolution resurfaced Tuesday.

SGA made the right decision this time and did not allow the resolution to pass.

Jazz previously aired on KTCU from 1 to 4 p.m. and Russell Scott, KTCU station manager, said after jazz was taken off the air, fewer than five students complained to the station.

Last fall, Jeff Yale, KTCU program director, said KTCU's job is to change as programming needs of students change in order to increase listenership.

The radio station is under no obligation to adhere to the personal desires of the student government; its obligation is to its audience.

Thompson seemed to recognize SGA was overstepping its bounds at the time, and its resurfacing Tuesday was unnecessary.

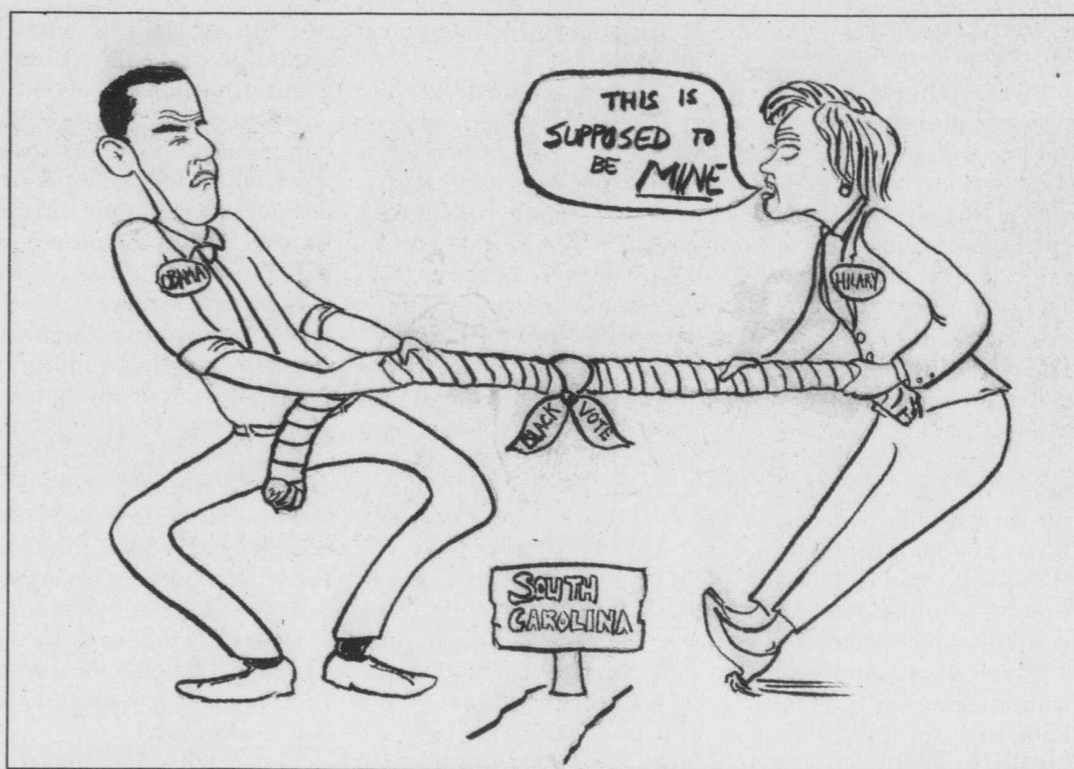
SGA's role is not to manage other campus organizations — such a position would violate First Amendment rights. SGA should be run as a democracy, not a dictatorship.

When SGA begins micromanaging independent organizations, its credibility as a student government will suffer. More important issues will inevitably be pushed aside as long as such frivolous issues clutter SGA's agenda.

The fact that the resolution was revisited is laughable, but at least SGA members were given a chance to redeem their earlier vote.

*Web editor Lindsey Bever for the editorial board.*

BY JACOB BRAHCE



*Jacob Brahce is a freshman criminal justice and political science major from Cedar Park.*

**Feel-good reality television encouraging, gives hope**

In December, The New York Times ran an article about Oprah Winfrey and her upcoming attempt at creating feel-good reality shows for television.

"Participants will compete to come up with the most creative ways to take a given amount of money and other resources and multiply them before giving them away to help others," Edward Wyatt writes about one of Winfrey's ideas for a show, "Oprah Winfrey's 'The Big Give.'"

The second show would feature one family each episode facing a serious financial crisis. They would be given help and advice by a team of financial experts and would tentatively be called, "Your Money or Your Life."



Recently, I've been watching more television than I have in the past.

Over the break, I caught Bravo playing an entire season of "The Biggest Loser." I had never watched it before, but it was the middle of the day and watching that was much better than watching soap operas.

I was obsessed. I couldn't change the channel; I couldn't leave the house for lunch and I certainly was not going out with friends that night because the finale started at 10 p.m.

When they advertised the upcoming season of "The Biggest Loser: Couples," I knew I had to watch it.

I began to ask myself why I enjoyed watching this show so much. Did it make me feel good about myself? Did it make me feel like I was better than them because I don't have a problem with my weight? No.

"The Biggest Loser" was a feel-good show. I felt what they were going through with their weight problems. Winfrey is hoping people like me will get hooked into her shows after watching just one time. I used to think reality TV

was pointless. I didn't understand why people seemed to be bewitched by it.

"Oprah Winfrey's 'The Big Give'" has the most potential. To see what people can do to increase their cash and then give it all away in the end, showing selflessness, would be incredible to watch. It would even encourage others, even me, to do something selfless for those less fortunate.

There have been studies done on the effects of reality TV and whether it makes its audience perceive reality differently. If someone honestly thinks no part of reality TV is staged, they probably have a false sense of reality to begin with.

Shows like "The Biggest Loser" and possibly "Oprah Winfrey's 'The Big Give,'" if given a chance to air, don't allow people to perceive reality differently. If anything, it should give them hope and encouragement that they can also do what the casts are doing.

Winfrey has a good idea, and at least one of these shows can work for her. Humans like to feel good; they like things that make them smile and encourage them. The reality TV shows that can achieve that goal have succeeded.

*Marissa Warmis is a senior advertising/public relations major from Irving.*

**Toy paranoia justified cause for holiday shopping problems**

This Christmas was scary for both consumers and retailers thanks to a toy recall involving lead paint.

There I was, a few weeks before Thanksgiving, trying to figure out what to put on my 1-year-old daughter's Christmas list because I knew family members would start asking me what to get her. The recalls affected my list, making me doubt the safety of the toys still on the shelves.

I imagine most parents were giving the new toys a second look and thinking exactly the same thoughts. I was. Are they safe? How many toys out there are painted with lead paint? Will that one make my child sick? And these lead to even more questions. Do we already own toys that have lead paint? As if parents don't have enough to worry about when it comes to toys, such as small parts, magnets and how they will affect their child's future and self-image. The fact that the lead paint was traced back to China also makes me wonder who dropped the ball.

Do we place the blame on China, or do we place the blame on our own manufacturers for not checking the compa-

nies out and allowing them to paint toys with lead paint?

I think the blame falls on both. The manufacturers here should have looked further into the companies they were in business with and made sure they were using safe, quality products. Those companies in China never should have used harmful products in the first place.

Retailers' bottom line was affected, as well. If parents were afraid to buy then retailers wouldn't make any money.

My mother and I went shopping the day before Christmas. She was trying to finish up her shopping and needed my recommendations and advice. I was alarmed at the amount of toys still on the shelves (and equally

alarmed at the drastically empty Hannah Montana and High School Musical shelves, but that's another story). This could only mean one of two things: either the stores were surprisingly well stocked, especially with it being the day before Christmas, or not many people were buying those cute and colorful toys, afraid they might be harmful. I'm going to assume it was the latter, which means that retailers lost money.

With all this, it makes me wonder. What next? Should we expect more recalls? I hope not. I guess we'll just have to wait and see and hope that we've heard the last of them.

*Alisha Carranza is a junior English major from Rowlett.*



MCT

**MySpace security increase nettlesome and ineffective**

In the latest round of Whac-A-Mole that is regulation of the Internet, 49 state attorneys general and MySpace last week agreed on a set of protocols that would ostensibly make the online community a safer place.

Under the pact, MySpace will implement several measures that will make it somewhat more difficult for strangers to reach children using the online community, including allowing parents to submit their children's e-mail addresses to MySpace to prevent their children from setting up a Web page, changing the default setting from public to private for 16-

and 17-year-old users and strengthening software to identify underage users.

When it comes to protecting children online, these steps will likely have the practical impact equivalent to taking your shoes off as you pass through airport security. Nettlesome and attention-grabbing, but probably ineffective at restraining the targeted population.

Adolescents already use e-mail addresses that their parents don't know about. They already misrepresent their age online, because they know that minors are barred from certain types of content. Finally, MySpace

"Combining the fear of strangers abducting children with the mysterious world of the Internet makes for a great headline."

**Minneapolis Star Tribune**

has little incentive to develop tools that might dampen traffic on the site, knowing that if adolescents begin to chafe under the restrictions they'll flee to other sites.

Singling out MySpace also creates an ad hoc situation that will have little impact on the next online site-of-the-moment. Furthermore, patchwork solutions mean that parents can't count on

one set of privacy restrictions applying to all Web sites, increasing the complexity of an already complex world. Ad hoc solutions also fail to give guidance to future online services that may arise. And if the past 15 years of the Internet has shown us anything, it's that the next hot thing is just around the corner.

Emphasizing threats such

as sexual predation of children online can distract attention and divert resources from the larger issues around sexual molestation of children. Although there have been serious instances in which a stranger has gone to meet a child in person after first having met them through MySpace, unrelenting publicity has distorted the danger. Combining the fear of strangers abducting children with the mysterious world of the Internet makes for a great headline. In fact, however, when it comes to sexual assaults on children, 93 percent of the offenders are

either family members or acquaintances of the victim, according to data from the Department of Justice.

It is true that numerous sexual predators have been found lurking on MySpace. But children are smarter than we give them credit for, and evidence of the need for intervention on MySpace is thin.

Going after the bogeyman of online sexual predators of children may make us feel good, but it does little to address the larger and more relevant issues around families and child safety.

*This editorial appeared in the Minneapolis Star Tribune on Friday.*

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# Walking the dog has become big business

By MELISSA DRIBBEN  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Last summer, Rebecca Davis and her boyfriend were at one of the outdoor tables at Vesuvio in Philadelphia, having coffee or wine or whatever, that's not the point. The point is that when she wasn't gazing lovingly into his eyes, she noticed a dog getting a short walk around a small park.

"The owners seemed disinterested," Davis recalls, "and the dog looked frustrated." Davis is a marathon runner. "I thought, that dog needs a run. Maybe I should start a dog running service."

Three days later, with her computer-savvy boyfriend's help, she set up a Web site for Run Philly Dog Run, offering, for \$40 an hour, to take dogs for a leashed cardio workout at their pace of choice.

Today, the 27-year-old research assistant at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is running six to 10 dogs a week and hoping to turn her budding business into a full-time profession.

Over the last five years, the dog-walking/pet-sitting industry has grown exponentially. Young entrepreneurs have found profitable careers doing what used to be mere after-school chores that paid little more than

change for popcorn and pinball.

The first person to respond to Davis' Web site was Zeth Weissman, who owns PhilaPet.com, one of Philadelphia's largest pet-sitting operations. Zeth and his wife, Deirdre, refugees from the dot-com bust, moved from Boston to Philadelphia in 2003. Deirdre was about to start veterinary school. Looking for a way to make a little money before classes started, she went to a dog park and casually asked around.

Did they need someone to walk their pets while they were at work or on vacation? "She started out with one," says Zeth Weissman. "Then another. The next thing we knew, she was walking 10 to 15 dogs a day."

Deirdre is now in her fourth year of vet school and Zeth works full time running the company they formed in 2004. They employ 45 pet sitters and three full-time managers. On Christmas Eve alone, PhilaPets' crew walked 40 dogs. Last year, their business grossed about \$650,000.

This year, Zeth Weissman says, "we're hoping to make a million."

Dog walking still does not rate its own classification from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Since many in it

operate off the IRS radar, it would be difficult to obtain accurate numbers anyway.

"But anything related to companion animals is absolutely booming," says Henry Kasper, an economist in the BLS Office of Employment Projections. (He has a cat.)

Claudia Kawczynska, editor of the magazine The Bark, says the growing number of dog-walking/pet-sitting franchises shows a clear trend.

Franchises of the national chain Fetch have opened in the Philadelphia region. The company, founded in 2002, reports 1,000 "service areas" across the United States.

Dog walking, says Kawczynska, "has become one of the biggest growth areas in the pet sector."

Those who have been in the business for a while say increased competition is no problem. The demand for reliable animal-tenders willing to go out, even when the wind chill shatters the enamel on your teeth, is so great that there's room for all comers.

"It hasn't affected me one iota," says Richard Whiteside of Blue Beagle Promenade.

"I've actually scaled back," says Whiteside, 44, a former pet-store owner who has been walking dogs full time since 2002. "I'm very selective, and I don't advertise." Prices among dog walkers



DAVID M. WARREN / Philadelphia Inquirer via MCT  
Bismark, an almost 1-year-old dachshund, stands next to dog walker Gina Downs, the "Pet Nanny," in a fenced-in area where she walks the dogs she cares for in Philadelphia. More and more dog walkers are popping up across the country because of an increased need.

vary, with higher rates for special services, such as Davis' one-hour one-on-one run, or animals with special needs, such as diabetic dogs that need insulin injections.

And not all dog walkers are equally skilled, says Wendy White, one of Whiteside's clients.

White, a former White House counsel under President Bill Clinton, used to live in the suburbs of Washington, where her children and their baby sitters would

walk the family's temperamental 90-pound Dalmatian, Bailey, during the day. In 1999, when she moved to Philadelphia to become general counsel for the University of Pennsylvania, she had to hire someone to do the job.

Bailey rejected three of the applicants. He refused to leave the house. Then the family heard about Whiteside.

"Richard comes in, sits at my kitchen table, eats his lunch," White recalls. "He

feeds Bailey scraps." Afterward, the dog lets him take him for a walk.

"He does this every day for two weeks," she says, and when the courtship ends, Bailey is smitten. "I've been in his debt ever since."

Self-employed dog walkers rarely get time off.

"That's one of the rough parts of the business. You just work every day, and that's your life," says Gina Downs, the pet nanny.

## NCAA

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As for the Big Ten, Maturi said officials are largely satisfied with the current system.

"Certainly we in the Big Ten benefit from our bowl arrangements," he said. "I think the majority of our presidents don't want to see a football playoff."

Brand said in a statement the structure of postseason college football rests with the presidents of member institutions and the NCAA national office will support their decisions.

In a lopsided vote, NCAA membership struck down an attempted override of legislation prohibiting coaches from text messaging recruits.

Like the scholarship legislation, the texting ban was

also heavily supported by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and is an important issue to student-athletes, Maturi said.

"Highly recruited kids are getting hundreds of text messages a day in some instances," he said. "If you receive them, you pay as well. To me those are all compelling arguments."

The use of text messages by coaches took away from the personal aspects of the recruiting process, Kenny said.

"If you're going to spend four years of your life with a coach, both parties should really try to get to know the other as much as possible," he said. "With text messaging, just the limited contact that it allows, it's just not something that needed to be in the recruiting process."

## UT lecturer ends weeklong hunger strike

By MAYA SRIKRISHNAN  
University of Texas Daily Texan

AUSTIN — Arabic lecturer Uri Horesh ended his hunger strike Sunday against a University of Texas non-discrimination policy with a liter of Very Veggie juice, a couple of granola bars and a cheeseburger.

Horesh began his strike last Monday because of the University's refusal to provide health care benefits to employees' same-sex partners on the grounds of Texas law. The strike ended on the seventh day. Horesh said his body began to break down on the sixth day from the lack of food. He lost 15 pounds this past week, he said.

Horesh said a leading factor in ending the hunger strike was the impact it was having on completing his dissertation for the University of Pennsylvania. He had been spending too much time talking to the media and responding to e-mails during the time

he had initially set aside for research, he said.

"I am ending my hunger strike," Horesh wrote in an e-mail Sunday. "I do so with some guilt and a lot of frustration that my measures have not served as leverage with the powers that be at UT to urgently move for a change that would ensure equality in our community."

Horesh said he did not know what to expect when he started his hunger strike. His ideal goal — to put enough pressure on the UT administration to take immediate action on the issue — was not necessarily met, though others were, he said.

"There was a lot of media attention," Horesh said. "It was exciting to an extent to see my name in the paper, but more importantly, it brought the matter to daylight."

Horesh said he received a job offer this past week from

a liberal arts college in Pennsylvania but is not sure if he is going to take it. This college would offer domestic partnership health benefits and sponsor a green card for him to stay and work if his contract were to extend past his work visa, which UT does not offer for a non-tenure-track lecturer.

Horesh began applying for positions at other universities when his initial complaint against the university's non-discrimination policy was denied in November by Linda Millstone, associate vice president for institutional equity and workforce diversity.

Lynne Milburn, co-chair of the Pride and Equity Faculty Staff Association, said she thinks a positive outcome of Horesh's actions is the association's new collaboration with Equality Texas to bring same-sex benefits to the UT campus.

"Different people have different strategies to make change," said Milburn, who expressed a strong and supportive relationship between the association and the administration.

The association has been researching national trends in relation to benefits for domestic partners for about a year and collecting narratives from faculty and staff who have been affected by these rules, said Milburn, who also chairs the domestic partnership benefits subcommittee.

Milburn said she does not feel pressure from the media attention brought on by Horesh's hunger strike.

"I feel it's important to do this in a way that's most effective. It's the difference between a marathon and a sprint," she said. "When you're making social change, it's a marathon, and we understand that."

## STABBING

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the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department said: "At this point, we obviously only have one side of the story, but witnesses say that the cars pulled

up, and there was a verbal exchange, and that's when the men jumped out of the car and started assaulting and stabbing individuals. (The investigation is) really going nowhere."

Jarosca said Monday that a detective would be assigned

to the case after the holiday. "From what Paul and David have told me, those guys were looking for a fight," Krugers' father said.

Utah head coach Kyle Whittingham made a statement Monday afternoon, saying the two athletes are on a road

to recovery and the athletics department has been in contact with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office about the incident.

"It appears to be a classic example of being in the wrong place at the wrong time," Whittingham said.

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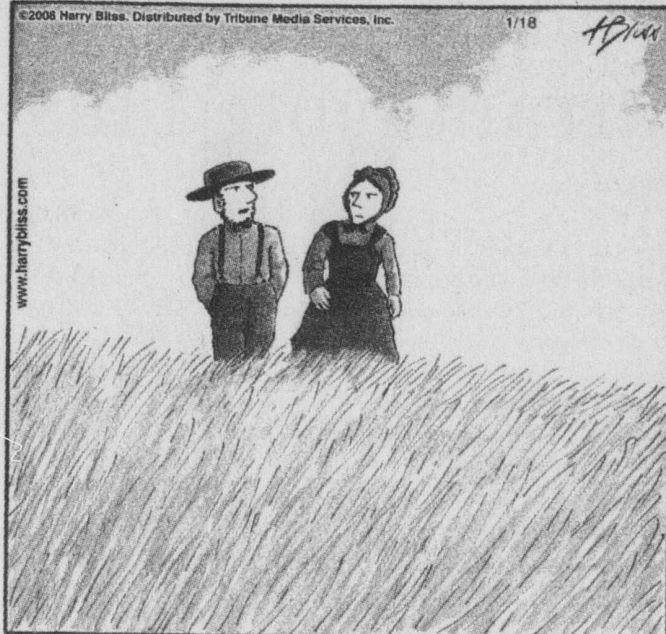
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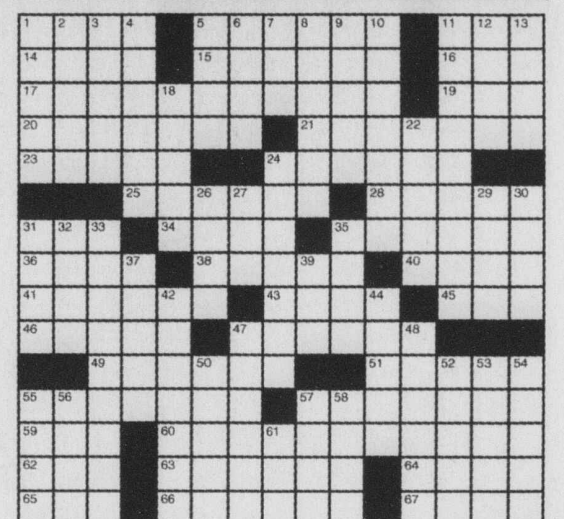
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By Annabel Michaels  
 Williamsburg, VA

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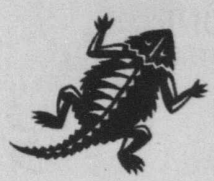
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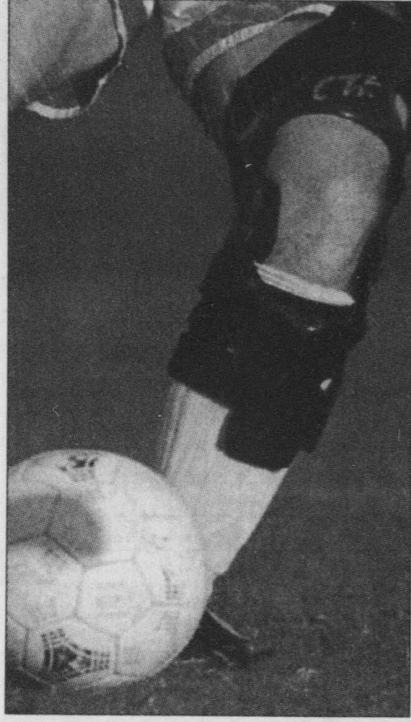




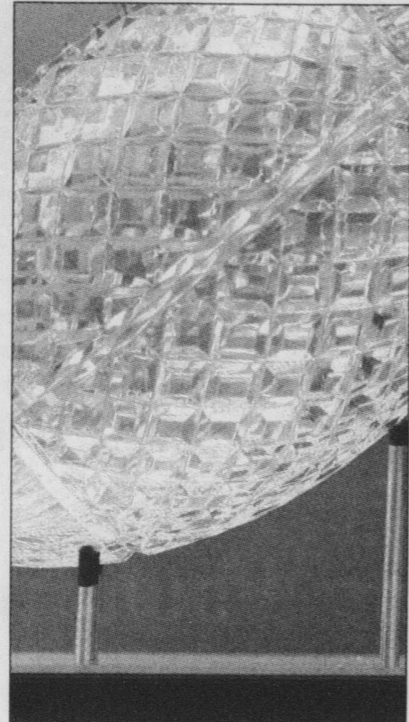
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**SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS:** Players will be given protection of their scholarships during a one-year term if they are pregnant or suffer from mental illness or drug and alcohol addictions.



**FOOTBALL BOWL GAMES:** Debating continues to decide between the BCS or a tournament-style college football postseason using the four main bowl winners as semi-finalists in January.



**TEXT MESSAGING RECRUITS:** College coaches will need to find new means of contacting athletes as the NCAA voted to uphold the ban on texting possible recruits.

## NCAA updates laws in January meeting

By JAKE GROVUM  
*(University of Minnesota Daily)*

MINNEAPOLIS — Last week, athletics directors, college presidents and NCAA officials gathered in Nashville, Tenn., to discuss a number of issues at the NCAA's 2008 National Convention.

Of those discussed, guaranteeing scholarships for student-athletes, the issue of a major college football playoff and prohibiting coaches from texting recruits took center stage.

Under legislation passed by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, student-athletes who are injured, have a medical condition or become pregnant will have their scholarships guaranteed.

With the new rule, student-athletes who suffer from mental illness or drug or alcohol addiction will retain their scholarship through its one-year term.

The legislation takes effect Aug. 1.

Previously, student-athletes' scholarships were only protected if they suffered an injury that made them unable to compete.

The legislation was heavily supported by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Division I National SAAC Chairman Kerry Kenny said.

"We've said for the past year that it's at the heart and the core of what student-athlete well-being is all about," he said. "It shouldn't be canceled and there should be some protection built in."

The legislation only protects the scholarships through the one-year term, and reassessment of the student-athlete's aid should be made by individual institutions, Kenny said.

Athletics director Joel Maturi praised the legislation and said concerns over an institution's right to evaluating a student-athletes' aid were addressed as well.

"Some people felt that if a kid became a drug addict, you couldn't take away his or her aid," he said. "If they don't do the things they're supposed to do, aid can still be removed, but it shouldn't be removed just because of the illness."

Maturi serves on the Division I Management Council, which passed the legislation to the Board of Directors, and is also a liaison to the national Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

In a letter to NCAA President Myles Brand, University of Georgia President Michael Adams called for a playoff in major college football.

Citing the increased commercialism of college football, Adams said in the letter that the Bowl Championship Series has become "a beauty contest largely stage-managed by the networks."

In the letter, Adams points to the possibility of having the winners of the four major bowls play semifinal games in mid-January, with the national championship a week later.

While the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee hasn't been asked to comment on the issue, Kenny said one concern for student-athletes would be the extended season and increased time demands.

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COMMENTARY

## Winning programs warrant more fans

By BRETT LARSON  
*Sports Editor*

In the time I've lived in Texas and gone to TCU, I've realized that Texans and TCU students love their sports and ally themselves wholeheartedly to their teams with a few exceptions.

COMMENTARY



Brett Larson

Whether it is one of the state's eight professional franchises or college fans dedicated to their university's teams, a lot of people in Texas care about sports.

Here at TCU, the fall brings stands full of purple and white supporters for the Horned Frog football team. They are not necessarily as die-hard as Longhorn or Aggie fans, but still sincere in their allegiance.

With the closing of the football season it only seems natural that Frog fans would start making the transition to total basketball devotion.

This is where the exception to the rule starts.

The men's team is currently second in the Mountain West Conference, and the women's team, coming off seven straight NCAA Tournament appearances, ranks third.

Both teams have winning records and are doing well in conference play, so why the apathetic approach from students?

The lack of support has led men's basketball head coach Neil Dougherty to shop his team's home games to sororities and fraternities during chapter meetings.

Things have gotten so bad, Dougherty and his players are now crashing meetings asking for student support.

His team is in second place in a mid-major conference that sent two teams to the NCAA Tournament last year.

In the past week, his team won three games in row, had a SportsCenter Top 10 play and he still has to petition students

to attend.

Worst of all, TCU students can attend home games for free. We don't even have to pay to watch Division I basketball.

It's such a great deal, yet so few are taking it. We are failing as fans.

How did things get so bad?

The men haven't done exceptionally well since joining the Mountain West with only six wins the first season and 13 last season, which included an 11-game losing streak.

The women's team had a slow start this season, failing to win on the road until Jan. 15, and is off pace to reach its ninth NCAA Tournament in a row.

But times are changing.

The men's team's lone conference loss this season was against the conference-leading San Diego State Aztecs, and the women have gone 4-1 in the new year.

There have been a few highlights this season, as far as attendance goes.

Members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon camped out in front of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for the first home game of the season to show support for the teams. They kept strong even as their tents were pelted by sprinklers.

Attendance for women's basketball actually ranks third in the Mountain West right now with an average of 2,146 fans per game.

While the enthusiasm and numbers are presentable, we're still lagging in our support.

The average of 2,146 fans per game is close to 6,000 less than the University of Utah, which leads the conference in attendance and sits second in women's conference standings.

Although free Division I basketball and cheering on your school and its athletes should be incentive enough, TCU students seem to require something more.

NATIONAL

## Rejection from home game angers Duke basketball fans

By ROB COPELAND  
*The Duke Chronicle*

DURHAM, N.C. — All season long, the threat has been clear: pack Cameron Indoor Stadium for men's basketball games, or undergraduates risk losing some of their coveted courtside seats.

So for Saturday's game against Clemson University, students showed up in full force — but nearly 200 were turned away at the door anyway.

In spite of statements from line monitors that the Clemson game would be used to evaluate attendance for future changes, 180 of the approximately 1,200 undergraduate seats were set aside by the Department of Athletics for football recruits and their families.

"I don't think it makes sense to give away that many seats, especially because the validation system was put in place to increase student attendance," said junior Baldeep Pabla, who found himself waiting in the snow to no avail.

He was not the only shut-out student questioning the allocation of undergraduates' seats.

"I was shocked," said junior Dean Choi, who got in line

about 75 minutes before the 6 p.m. tip-off. "They didn't give us any indication that it was going to be packed, or that there was no shot of us getting in."

Head line monitor Roberto Bazzani, a senior, said he regretted having to turn away students, but the fire marshal instructed line monitors to stop letting in students shortly before 6 p.m.

Four undergraduates were permitted to sit in the upper bowl, in seats turned in by season-ticket holders, Bazzani said.

"I apologize to everyone who was outside in line," Bazzani told The Chronicle Monday. "It gets to a point where I cannot do anything about it."

Some students said while they understood the difficulty of the situation, a little bit of communication could have solved many of the evening's ills.

"We kept asking (line monitors) about what probability we had of getting into the game, and they seemed pretty optimistic," Pabla said.

Students received no communication about the reduced seating for the game.

Making matters more confusing, many students were given

wristbands even though they were not likely to be able to enter Cameron.

"In past games, they only gave out enough wristbands for people who would have been let in, so I assumed since I had a wristband I would get right in," said junior Ted Belsches, who said he was waved into the arena by line monitors before the entrance was closed in his face.

It was only the second game this year Belsches has missed, he said.

Bazzani said having a wristband does not guarantee a student entrance to the arena.

Junior Sunny Kantha, Duke Student Government's vice president for athletics and campus services, said he was never notified the student section size would be reduced for the game.

"I'm actually pretty mad about it and I'm really sad that all the students that waited out couldn't get in," he said.

He added that it was not a permanent change, and that he plans to ask the administration to permanently end the online validation system this week, while preserving the size of the student section.

NATIONAL

## Pair of Utah football players recovering after altercation

By CODY BRUNNER  
*Daily (University of Utah Chronicle)*

SALT LAKE CITY — Two Utah football players and a recruit were recovering Monday after being attacked while leaving a house party Saturday night.

Freshman All-American Paul Kruger was stabbed twice in the stomach with a knife and is in fair condition after surgery at the university hospital, hospital spokesman Chris Nelson said. Teammate Greg Newman was stabbed in the back with a screwdriver.

Newman has since been treated and released from the hospital. Kruger is expected to be released from the hospital Thursday or Friday, said his father, whose name is also Paul.

"My condition has been upgraded to fair, and I feel good about my improvement," Paul Kruger said in a statement Monday afternoon. "I'm just glad that my brother, Greg, and I are all going to be OK. If all goes well, I'll be able to participate in spring

ball. It was a scary situation. I was with my sister, brother and friends, and you don't expect that to happen."

Kruger's father said the blade nicked an artery, which caused a considerable amount of blood loss but missed all vital organs.

Meanwhile, Newman was treated and released Sunday afternoon for two stab wounds that went about four inches into his side.

"I went back into the hospital today for a follow-up, and the doctor said the wounds looked good, and I should be healed in about three weeks," Newman said. "I'm grateful that they didn't hit anything serious and that I'll be able to go back to school in a few days and back working out in a few weeks."

Paul Kruger's brother, David Kruger, was on a recruiting visit when the altercation occurred and was hit in the face with a metallic object that was believed to be brass knuck-

les. David Kruger suffered multiple cuts that required stitches, but was treated and released.

"My face is really swollen right now," David Kruger said.

Kruger's father said the three players were leaving a teammate's house with some friends when multiple cars pulled up next to them and started shouting obscenities. The Krugers and Newman told the men to leave and threw a snowball at the lead car, David Kruger said. This resulted in the men jumping out of the car and assaulting the group.

"We jokingly threw a snowball at the car, and they jumped out all pissed off," David Kruger said. "Things escalated, and one of the kids swung at us. A bunch of their friends came out of nowhere, and that's when Greg got stabbed and Paul got stabbed. When that happened, we all just kind of took off running."

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