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Restaurant changes hours following armed robbery

By DAVID HALL
Staff Reporter

A fast food restaurant on West Berry Street has closed its dining room to late-night customers after an armed robbery last week, an employee said.

The Whataburger restaurant located at 2401 W. Berry St. was

robbed about 1 a.m. Feb. 11 by a man wearing a mask and wielding a shotgun, said Lt. Paul Henderson, Fort Worth police spokesman.

A Whataburger employee said the location has closed its dining room from midnight to 6 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday

in wake of the robbery, but the drive-thru remains open 24 hours a day. The general manager declined to comment about the incident.

Henderson said the man ordered everyone to get down and kicked a Whataburger employee before leaving with

an undetermined amount of cash from the registers and midnight drop boxes.

The suspect escaped in a dark-colored, older-model sedan driven by another man, Henderson said.

Henderson said the same two men are suspected of

robbing a RadioShack store on the 3000 block of Mansfield Highway and a Great Outdoors Sub Shop franchise in the 3200 block of Camp Bowie Boulevard.

During the other two reported incidents, one of the men entered with a shotgun, while

another brought in a pistol, Henderson said. He said it was hard to determine the men's ages because of their disguises.

Henderson said the police do not have any definitive leads as to the identity of the suspects.

CUTTING THE WAY



Robert and Mary Wright cut the ribbon at the dedication of Wright Hall on Friday with their family and Student Government Association president Thomas Pressly.

Ex-House speaker to conduct local Clinton campaign

By ANNA HODGES
Staff Reporter

He wears a red, white and blue pin on his sports coat that reads, "Hillary 2008."

It doesn't take much to figure out which candidate former

House Speaker Jim Wright is supporting in what has been called a dead-heat in the Democratic race for the presidential nomination.

Wright will serve as chairman of a Fort Worth steering committee that aims to bolster local support for Hillary Clinton's campaign.

Wright said Clinton's unique experiences serving in both the legislative and executive branches have given her an understanding of how to get things done.

"We've had enough hostility. It's time for someone who understands both roles to work out a

cooperative plan," he said.

Wright said his goal as chairman is to garner support for the Clinton campaign and motivate people to get actively involved.

He said he will write letters, meet with campaign organizers to develop strategies and itineraries, and keep the community informed about special events.

"It is an interesting challenge," he said. "It's a human effort — you must appeal to people to do things."

Although assistant professor of political science Adam Schiffer said Wright is a respected figure in the Texas Democratic Party, he doesn't think Wright's endorsement will have much of an effect.

"Endorsements in general — having prominent people — have never proven to have much of an effect, but he is one of the elder statesmen in Texas politics, so it can't hurt," Schiffer said.

In addition to his position

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CORRECTION

Statistics about alumni donations in Thursday's paper were collected by the Council for Aid to Education in 2006. The year was inaccurate in the story.

Federal act may help prevent university tuition increases

By PATTY ESPINOSA
Staff Reporter

Congress is working to pass new legislation to help off-set tuition increases at universities.

Members of the Education and Labor Committee, which address present issues for students and workers, think the College Opportunity and Affordability Act will expose colleges with large tuition increases that make it difficult for prospective students to afford a higher education by placing the institutions on a "watch list."

The watch list will require institutions to form a Quality Efficiency Task Force to find out why tuition has increased and what will be done to stem the increase in the future,

wrote Elizabeth Esfahani, spokesperson for Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Texas, in an e-mail statement.

College Board reported an average 6.3 percent tuition increase at private schools for this year, not including extra university fees and room and board costs.

Colleges will be put on three lists: top 5 percent most expensive, least expensive and largest percentage increase in tuition, wrote Rachel Racusen, spokeswoman for Congressman George Miller, D-Calif., in an e-mail statement. Institutions will be held accountable for the rising cost of tuition, Racusen wrote.

According to House records, the universities and colleges categorized in the top 5 per-

cent of the largest percentage increase in tuition would be subject to the bill's sanctions.

According to the College Board Web site, the price of an education at a private university has increased 33 percent in the past 10 years.

The committee wants to restore the promise of the initial Higher Education Act, which expanded access to education in 1965 to ensure college is affordable for all, especially low-income students and minorities, Miller said at a committee markup meeting in November, according to the meeting minutes.

Private institutions such as TCU, Baylor University and Southern Methodist University have contributed to the

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Christian sorority offered home on campus in Worth Hills area

By CHRISTINA SCHAMS
Staff Reporter

Beds, desks and a lounge equal excitement for one on-campus sorority.

Wiggins Hall, located in the Worth Hills area of campus, will house He Is Sufficient, a Christian sorority, next fall, said James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life.

Parker said HIS was chosen for the spot because it has enough members to fill the rooms and would benefit most from them.

The 120-member sorority was offered 10 rooms for 20 women and a lounge, but not a chapter room, Parker said. He does not anticipate the sorority having trouble filling the rooms, he said.

Jackie Quisenberry, president of HIS, said it is important for the sorority to have a spot to call

its own on campus. In addition to the Sid Richardson Building, where HIS meetings take place, Wiggins will be another place members can meet, she said.

"I think it is a very positive step for our sisterhood," Quisenberry said.

Quisenberry said she hopes the change will make students more aware of the sorority and increase membership.

At the beginning of this semester, HIS became a member of TCU Fraternity and Sorority Life, Quisenberry said. Members are now advised by both University Ministries and Fraternity and Sorority Life, she said.

Quisenberry said being offered the rooms helped create a smooth transition and improved the sorority's relationship with Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Wiggins was renovated in sum-

mer 2007 and houses about 104 students, including 50 freshman men, 27 Sigma Phi Epsilon men and 27 Pi Kappa Phi men, Parker said.

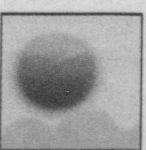
Sig Ep and Pi Kap will continue to live in Wiggins in the fall, Parker said. In order to make room for HIS and Gamma Phi Beta, a new sorority, freshman men will move from Wiggins to other dorms on campus next semester, he said.

Brett Singer, Sig Ep president, said HIS has earned and deserves the opportunity to live in the dorms.

HIS is excited to be neighbors with Gamma Phi Beta, Quisenberry said.

It is the first time a Panhellenic and Christian sorority will live side by side at TCU, Parker said, but it is not a first among other universities.

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PECULIAR FACT

LONG BEACH, Calif. — A collection of 301 cents, featuring some of the rarest examples of the America penny, was auctioned off for \$10.7 million.

—Associated Press

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as chairman of the local steering committee, Wright holds the position of being one of Texas' 32 superdelegates.

A candidate needs 2,025 of 4,049 delegate votes to win the party's nomination, 796 of which are superdelegates, who are par-

ty leaders who can vote for the candidate of their choice. The current delegate count is close with Obama ahead in the overall delegate count and Clinton leading in the superdelegate count, according to the Democratic National Convention Committee Web site.

With Wright's endorsement already known, the former speak-

er refers to his superdelegate status as "a big hubbub."

Political science professor Jim Riddlesperger said in this close contest for the regular delegates, superdelegates might provide the swing vote and mathematically make the difference in who is chosen as the democratic candidate. However, he said, superdelegates may not play as important

a role as is expected in order to present a unified party that stands behind its candidate at the Democratic National Convention.

"The superdelegates are all ardent democrats who are more interested in who wins in the fall than who gets the nomination," Riddlesperger said.

Wright said he does not know

when Clinton might appear in Fort Worth. He said nominee visits are often hard to come by because of the difficulty faced by local committees in garnering support and stirring up a crowd on short notice.

"Even the committees don't typically know about appearances until three days in advance," he said.

Melanie Harris, a fellow Clinton supporter and TCU alumna, said Wright's experience will bolster the Clinton campaign in Texas.

"Speaker Wright is highly respected not only in Fort Worth, but throughout Texas," Harris said. "His endorsement and support will definitely have an impact."

TUITION

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increase with tuition prices ranging from 7.8 percent to a little more than 8 percent, according to the universities' financial aid offices.

The House of Representatives passed the bill by a vote of 354-58 on Feb. 2, according to Racusen.

According to the bill, any institution that had an increase above 6.3 percent this year would be at risk for the watch list.

Along with Rice University, SMU and Baylor, TCU would be part of the watch list.

TCU increased its tuition this year by 8 percent for the 2007-2008 academic year, setting its price at \$24,820, said Wendy Crowley, a TCU financial aid officer said.

"It's difficult to talk about this subject right now because the bill has not been enacted yet, and tuition prices usually aren't set until November," said Tracy Syler-Jones, assistant vice chancellor for marketing and communication.

Other private universities, such as the University of Dallas, would not be watch-listed. Tuition increased by 5 percent with a cost set at \$21,820, said Luahati Aguas, a cashier officer at the university.

According to Esfahani's statement, the act also aims to make college textbooks more affordable by providing students and parents information on textbook prices ahead of time.

If the bill is enacted into law, the Department of Education would release an annually renewed list of watch-listed institutions, according to House records.

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Gamma Phi Beta will have 15 rooms for 30 women in Wiggins in the fall.

"It does not matter that we are not part of Panhellenic," Quisen-

berry said. "It will be fun to meet new people and build good relationships."

Jessica Wickizer, president of Gamma Phi Beta, said she is pleased that her sorority is moving into Wiggins and living next door to HIS.

Parker said both organizations have similar goals and missions that

will mix for a good partnership.

The male counterpart of HIS, Brothers Under Christ, does not have designated rooms on campus to live in, but it has not been an issue, said Kurtis Freeman, president of BYX.

"It is too far away from what we are used to," Freeman said.

TCU's BYX chapter has been on

campus since 1989. They have never been offered housing, and the members enjoy being able to live off campus and branch out, Freeman said.

"HIS has very good leadership and I am sure they made the best decision for their sorority," Freeman said.

Documentary shows life in Uganda's war

By ANNA HODGES
Staff Reporter

Sunday, a young Ugandan boy, dreams of becoming a doctor because he's seen so much suffering. He has spent his childhood struggling with hunger, disease and death.

The boy is featured in Invisible Children Inc.'s newest documentary, "Black is for Sunday."

Volunteers from Invisible Children Inc. will return to campus Feb. 19 and 20 to screen the documentary.

The documentary aims to reveal the greater effects of a 21-year war on the people of northern Uganda — specifically the Internally Displaced People camps.

IDP camps are inhabited by Ugandans who were forced from their homes to flee violence but have not

crossed international borders, said Eric Cox, a political science professor. These camps differ from refugee camps, which are inhabited by those crossing international borders to flee violence and are protected by international law.

The documentary follows the life of Sunday and details his experiences living in one of the camps.

Cox said these camps have a history of breeding violence.

"IDP camps bring the persecuted group into one place, making them easier targets for their enemies," he said. Ashley Young, president of TCU's Invisible Children United, compared IDP camps to concentration camps.

"People are growing up here," she said. "Some have been here for 10 to

20 years — living on nothing."

The new documentary should update the audience on the crisis, organizers said.

"It's the same area, the same people and a different problem," Young said.

Any Barr, a volunteer with the organization who will be on campus today and Wednesday, said there was a reason for IDP camps when the Ugandan government needed a way to protect people from the rebel army, but there is no reason now.

"People in these camps have no way to work, and so there is this strong sense of hopelessness," she said. "Thousands of people die each week of starvation, malnutrition and disease." According to the Invisible Children Web site, more than 90 percent of the region's population of

almost 2 million people has been relocated into IDP camps.

"We just want the people to go home and be able to live their lives," Barr said.

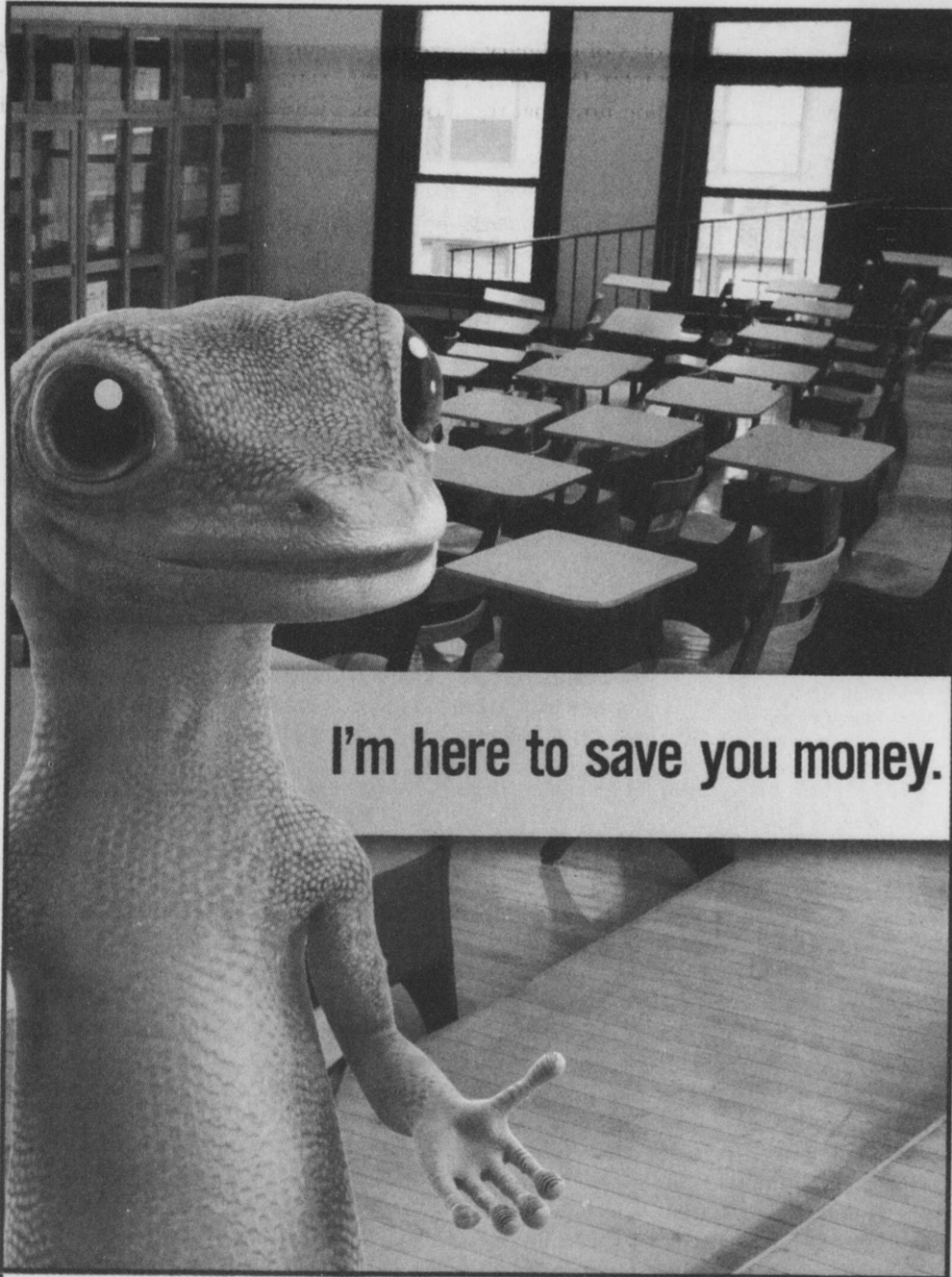
The Invisible Children movement began after three young filmmakers from Southern California took a trip to Uganda and were inspired to create a documentary, "Invisible Children: Rough Cut," about northern Uganda's night commuters and child soldiers, Young said.

According to the Invisible Children Web site, the film has been seen by more than 2 million people.

Documentary screenings and presentations will be Feb. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. in the Special Events Center at the University Recreation Center. "Black is for Sunday" will be shown both nights, Young said.

Young said about 700 people attended last year's screenings but her goal is always bigger.

"We wanted to bring this event back to campus because it works," she said. "When people don't know about a problem, there's no way to solve it."



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The whole point of being alive is to evolve into the complete person you were intended to be."

— Oprah Winfrey

THE SKIFF VIEW

STD stats would benefit students

In the wake of recent studies concerning human papillomavirus, the student body should be able to know the number of people affected by the virus at TCU.

Initially, HPV was known to impact mostly women, but it has also become a growing concern for men.

Being naive about a virus like HPV could be detrimental. Students would benefit from knowing the number of those affected because they could take extra preventative measures.

HPV is the No. 1 sexually-transmitted disease on college campuses and TCU confirms evidence of this trend. But it is unclear as to how many of the university's 8,668 students have HPV.

The Health Center's policy is to not release statistics concerning the number of students at TCU who are infected with HPV — or any STD for that matter, said Karen Bell, assistant dean of Campus Life. The health center does not disclose the number

for privacy reasons, Bell said.

However, Frank LoMonte, executive director at the Student Press Law Center, said giving out a number like this would only break privacy laws if individual students could be identified through the number.

This is not a TCU issue only.

SMU also doesn't publicly release the number of those affected with HPV, said Robert Bobo, assistant director of news and communications at SMU.

He said the main reason was that it would not be an accurate number, because students infected with HPV may not have found out through the university's health center.

This was also TCU's reasoning.

Regardless of how accurate it may be, knowing the number of students who know they are infected would give the student body an idea of how prevalent the virus is, aiding them to make more conscious decisions when it comes to sex.

Opinion editor Ana Bak for the editorial board.

BY JACOB BRAHCE



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

Alternative to animal testing milestone in product research

I've always hated the thought of my makeup, shampoos, face cleansers, etc. being tested on animals. I check all products before I make a purchase to make sure they haven't

One of the biggest steps to stop this animal torture has recently been undertaken to

with hope, eliminate testing products on animals, according to a Feb. 15 USA Today article. U.S. agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, have signed a "Memorandum of Understanding" to develop and implement the new methods, according to the article.

Environmental agencies, health agencies, animal rights activists and many more agencies and groups are in support of new technologies that will eventual-

ly eliminate the need for animal testing.

I'm one of the world's biggest animal lovers, and I hate hearing about the circumstances some animals endure just to ensure that a product won't negatively affect me. I have never agreed with animal testing, but at the same time there have not been many other options until now.

Martin Stephens of the Humane Society of the United States said, "The agreement is a milestone. This is the beginning of the end for animal testing."

Stephens said the entire conversion process will take up to 10 years, but it will begin soon and fewer animals will be used for testing each year until no animals are used.

Everything that makes an impact takes time, but it's the simple fact that we're now saving animals' lives and not treating them as trash. No, animals

are not equal to humans, but in the same light they are not equal to a banana either. They still deserve more rights than inanimate objects.

Now they have that chance.

The agencies and advocates of animal rights are relying on new systems that test human cells grown in laboratories and computer-driven testing machines to determine risks rather than injecting animals with potentially toxic compounds, according to the article.

Federal agencies are working on testing the accuracy of the new technology before it is implemented and accepted, according to the article.

Whatever the outcome of these federal investigations and tests, animals are still winning. They are gaining momentum and rights activists are pushing harder than ever.

"You develop a technology for one purpose, and you realize, 'Goodness! We can use it for something else!'" said Francis Collins, director of the NIH's National Human Genome Research Institute.

We have the technology to remove this age-old torture process for animals and implement a new process in which animals are not used at all, but we haven't been using it in the correct areas.

Now that researchers have found a good fit for this new technology, maybe God's creation can reign freely where it belongs; in the wild.

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

COMMENTARY



Marissa Warms

Environmental agencies, health agencies, animal rights activists and many more agencies and groups are in support of new technologies that will eventual-



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Superdelegates cut common voters' say

If you vote for a candidate for president, and your candidate receives the most votes, then your candidate wins, right?

Not necessarily in the Democratic primary. (Nor in the infamous general election of 2000, as you might recall.)

Before this year, few people knew — or cared — that a group of Democratic Party insiders known as "superdelegates" had the potential to cancel out the votes of ordinary citizens.

But more Democrats are paying attention now that the closeness of the race between Sens. Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois has increased the likelihood of superdelegates deciding who will be the party nominee. As of Monday, Obama and Clinton were virtually deadlocked.

To win the nomination, a candidate needs 2,025 of the 4,090 delegates at stake at the Democratic National Convention; among them are 796 superdelegates. A superdelegate isn't bound to vote for a given candidate, regardless of the popular vote in his or her state's primary or caucus.

(The Republican Party doesn't have superdelegates, although it does have 463 "unpledged" delegates, about 19 percent of the total.)

Most superdelegates are elected Democratic Party officials, including all of the Democratic members of Congress.

These men and women are the prizes in a parallel, less vis-

ible contest between Clinton and Obama. More than half of the Democratic superdelegates haven't declared which candidate they will support.

Democratic Party officials should get rid of this establishment-friendly rule before the next presidential contest. This system, in place for decades, has the potential to undermine the collective will of voters. Who knows what deals will be made to gain a superdelegate's allegiance?

Democratic officials defend superdelegates, saying it makes sense to include people who have worked hard for the party and are passionate about its success. They say superdelegates don't ignore voters' wishes.

Even regular delegates aren't bound by law to vote for a particular candidate, although they almost always vote for the person to whom they are pledged.

Still, the very existence of superdelegates is the party's way of saying it doesn't trust the will of the voters.

This feature was created to ensure that the Democratic Party establishment could nullify a candidate deemed too risky. But it has the potential this year to deny voters the final say in a contest between two strong candidates.

Political parties, of course, have the right to create rules as they see fit. But allowing so many freelancing delegates increases the likelihood of a contest being settled in a backroom — not at the ballot box.

This editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Feb. 12.

Beagle popularity rises, but breed not for everyone

Behold the beagle, the wildest counter-surfer in dogdom, slow to housebreak, rarely the valetictorian in obedience class and eager to eat itself to death, given half a chance.

The beagle has a lot to say — oooooooooooooo — but can't hear you calling if its nose is to the ground, which is always. It ain't nothing but a hound dog, in other words.

So it was a treat to see Uno, the beagle, fetch top honors this week at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show at Madison Square Garden.

Although he represents a breed never absent from the 10 most popular lists, he's the first beagle to win Best in Show in the competition's 132 years.

He bested 2,600 dogs, including finalists Charmin, an "elegant" Sealyham terrier named for the squeezably soft toilet tissue; Remy, a standard poodle described by one writer as "a cross between a Victorian magistrate and a young Farrah Fawcett"; Marge the Weimaraner; Macey the Akita; Vikki the toy poodle and Deuce, an Australian shepherd just back

from maternity leave. With his perpetually wagging tail and his tendency to engage spectators with a burst of look-at-me baying, the underdog charmed crowd and judge alike.

The morning after, thousands of people were no doubt in the hunt for a beagle of their own. Uh oh. Beagles have long

been a favorite of families because of their size (18 to 35 pounds), temperament (the breed standard calls for "a merry little hound") and wash-and-wear coat.

What's not to love? Plenty, according to the folks who love them most. Beagle Rescue, Education and Welfare has plenty of experience with beagles whose

homes did not work out, and its Web site has a helpful section titled "So U Want A Beagle?"

Some excerpts: I want a pup that is easy to house train. YOU MIGHT NOT WANT A BEAGLE.

I want a dog that will not get in trouble in the house. YOU MIGHT NOT WANT A BEAGLE.

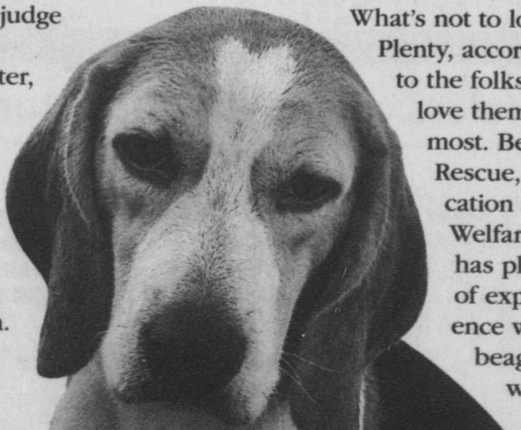
I want a dog that is quiet and non-assuming. DO NOT GET A BEAGLE.

Beagles are smart, curious and hungry, so it's best not to leave one unattended in a kitchen with a trash can.

They get along great with kids and cats, but if Kitty leaves some Little Friskies in her bowl for later, the merry little hound will help himself, visit the litter box for dessert, then kiss the baby. Pure dog, in other words.

If that grosses you out, do not get a beagle. Think twice about getting a dog, in fact — there are too many homeless hounds out there, dumped by people who just had to have a puppy like the one they saw on TV. How about a nice begonia instead?

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Thursday.



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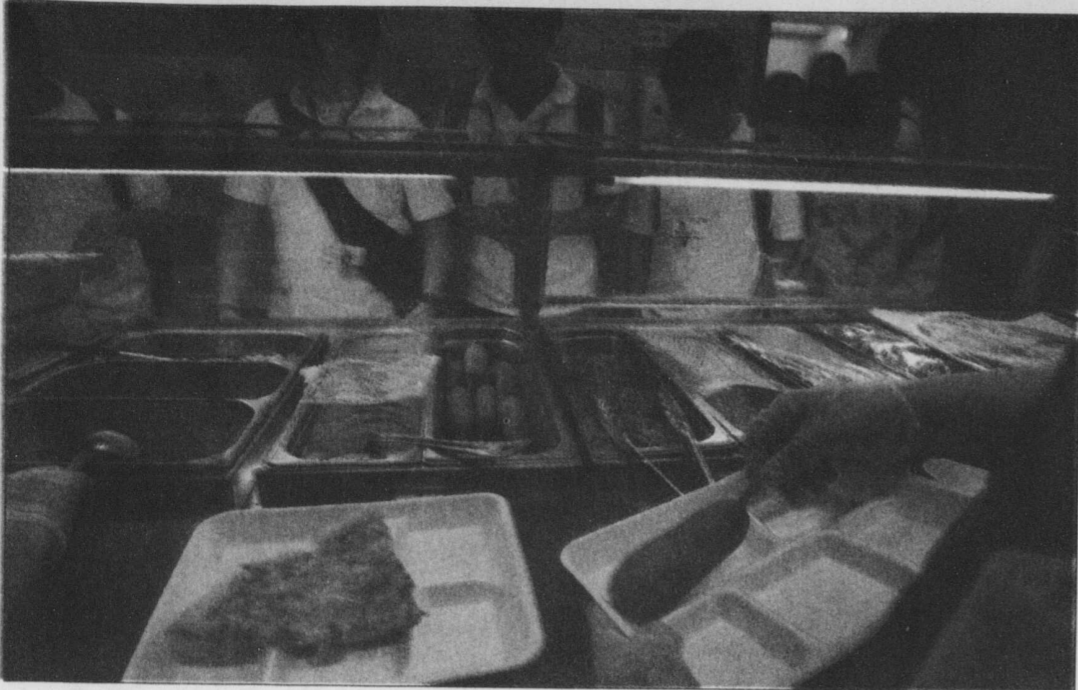
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Growing schools lead to unconventional cafeteria schedules



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Seventh- and 8th-graders line up for pizza and turkey corn dogs as they are served lunch at Taft High School on Feb. 1 in Chicago. Schools in the city and its suburbs are scheduling lunch times that are far from the normal. Some kids are scheduled for lunch as early as 9 a.m. and as late as 2 p.m.

By MARY ANN FERGUS
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — While many Chicagoans are still thinking about waffles and eggs, high school freshman Yanira Gomez digs into lunch: pizza and fries, dished out at 9:06 a.m.

Her next chance to eat is usually after 3 p.m., when she gets home from Steinmetz Academic Centre on Chicago's Northwest Side.

"Before school ends, I'm hungry again," said Gomez, whose last classes are algebra and honors biology. "I catch myself — instead of thinking about my work, I'm thinking, 'When am I going to get out of this class and eat?'"

At schools throughout the region and the nation, space and schedule crunches are pushing some school lunch periods far from midday. Stu-

dents find themselves sitting down to eat an hour or so after they arrive; others shortly before dismissal.

Some students like it and roll with the lunches, so to speak. They already eat at all hours of day and night.

But others, as well as many parents and nutritionists, say odd lunch hours wreak havoc, leaving kids so hungry it's difficult to concentrate and learn.

School officials concede it's not ideal but say they have no other option as they try to feed growing student populations with limited cafeteria capacity.

"It's easier to go to the taxpayers and get them to support more science labs or classrooms than one big cafeteria," said Paul Gillette, associate principal at Barrington High School, where lunch starts at about 10 a.m.

The United States Department of Agriculture mandates that school lunches be served between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., but Chicago Public Schools have been granted state waivers, getting permission last fall to serve lunch outside those hours at 17 schools.

"We haven't had any complaints," said Principal Eunice Madon of Steinmetz. "It just seems to be normal ... part of the fabric of our day."

Besides helping out kids who skip breakfast, some educators argue that an early lunch works well for athletes and commuters, who rise before 6 a.m. and are ravenous by 10 a.m.

Eating is not permitted outside the cafeteria at Steinmetz or at most Chicago Public Schools, but Madon and other principals say they see students scarfing down snacks en route to classes and usually look the other way.

A 2007 study by the Virginia-based School Nutrition Association suggests a fifth of elementary and 16 percent of high school schools start lunch at 10:30 a.m.; an additional 8 percent of high schools start even earlier.

"I think we would hope that ideally lunch would occur around midday," said

Paula De Lucca, a food service director with the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago and president of the Illinois School Nutrition Association. "We would like to see that students would be able to take in all the components of the meal that are nutritious and intended to be fully consumed by them."

In most of Chicago's 257 Catholic schools, lunches are served between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., De Lucca said.

A combination of overcrowding, limited space and scheduling flexibility led schools to start offering extended lunch times about a decade ago, Chicago Public Schools spokesman Mike Vaughn said.

The number of schools with extended lunch times increased a few years ago, he said, especially on the Northwest and Southwest Sides, where student population is booming.

In one of the few studies to examine the impact of early lunch on students, Pennsylvania State University researchers found in a 2003 survey that many early diners chose a la carte items, such as cookies and chips, rather than a hot meal.

Students and parents say that is often true here too.

At Barrington High School, a table full of senior girls munched on hot breadsticks at 10 a.m., cringing at the thought of eating any more.

"It's nice to have that break in the middle of the day," senior Kristin Ott said.

"But it's kind of hard to think about eating a whole meal," she said.

On a recent day, the glazed ham, mashed sweet potatoes and broccoli remained mostly untouched during the first lunch period at Taft, at 9:40 a.m. Students opted instead for spicy chicken sandwiches, corn dogs or a bag of chips.

"It's screwed up," said freshman Bart Kotlarek as he worked on Spanish during lunch, saying he wasn't hungry enough to eat. He knows he'll be starving in a couple hours but added, "I really don't like the idea of eating pizza at 9 o'clock."

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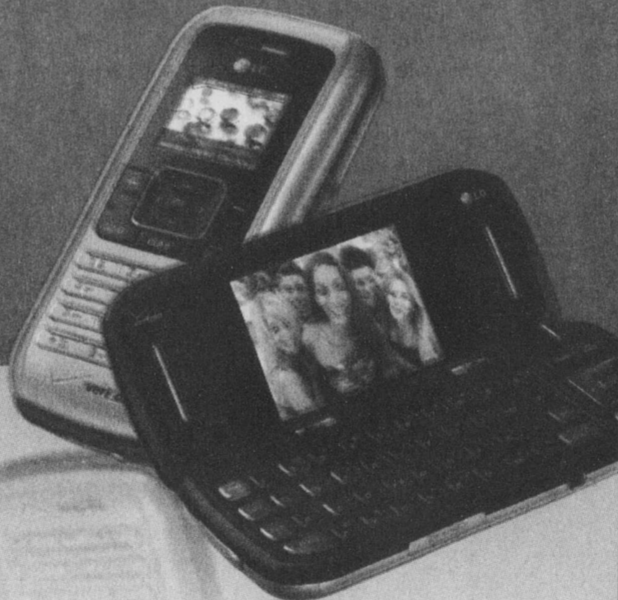


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By LINDSEY BEVER
Web Editor

In the spring of her sophomore year, a 21-year-old TCU senior found a bump on her genitals. She had abnormal cervical cells and genital warts, and the Brown-Lupton Health Center diagnosed her condition — Human Papillomavirus.

"They told me I had HPV," she said. "At that point, there hadn't been a lot of education on campus, so I didn't really know what it was and I freaked out."

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted disease in the U.S., which can infect both men and women, said Melchor Boone, co-director of the dysplasia clinic in the John Peter Smith Health Center for Women. Of the more than 100 types of HPV, some are low risk, which can result in genital warts, and some are high risk, which can lead to cervical cancer, he said.

Boone said he sees about 30 patients a day — all of whom have high-risk HPV.

"The biggest danger is the potential for it to lead to precancerous lesions of the cervix," he said. "Over time, those could lead to cervical cancer if not treated. Worldwide, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women."

The TCU senior, who asked to remain anonymous, said her HPV virus is not cancerous right now, but it has not cleared her body.

She fits the most common demographic for the virus.

About one in four women in the U.S. has HPV, and almost 45 percent of those infected are between the ages of 20 and 24, according to the American Social Health Association.

HPV has infected about 20 million Americans, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Likewise, local university health professionals say HPV is the No. 1 STD on college campuses, including TCU and Southern Methodist University.

Boone, an assistant professor at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, said by using those numbers, one can conclude that the majority of cases would be in the college-age group.

Because HPV testing is a new practice, those being tested now tend to be in the college-age population, Boone said.

"Some of it may be just due to the fact that we know it's very prevalent in this college group just because we've started testing this college group," he said.

Cindy McLean, a sexually transmitted disease specialist with the Tarrant County Public Health Department, said there is a greater risk of STDs in general on college campuses.

"There seems to be more drinking on college campuses," she said. "A lot of times, if you're drinking or under the influence of drugs, you're more likely to have unprotected sex. You're also more likely to have sex with someone you wouldn't have sex with if you were sober."

Spreading the virus

HPV infects about 6.2 million Americans each year, according to the CDC.

Viruses, such as HPV, may not have symptoms, Boone said. The STD is becoming widespread because a majority of the people who have it are unaware they have been infected and continue to spread it, he said.

HPV is transmitted through skin-to-skin contact — fondling, touching genitals, oral sex — not just intercourse, said Johnnie Ireland, the Health Center's nurse practitioner of women's health.

And no protection is guaranteed.

McLean said even if people wear condoms, that doesn't necessarily protect them from the skin-to-skin contact.

"And with all the people who are shaving nowadays, every time you shave you make microscopic nicks in the skin with the razor, and that's the perfect place for the viruses like herpes and warts to climb right in," she said.

Mary Rae, TCU's director of Health Services, said people with a healthy immune system can clear the virus.

"Your own bodily defenses will get rid of the virus just the way your bodily defenses get rid of a cold virus eventually," she said.

On the other hand, McLean said, anytime someone's immune system is knocked down because of stress, lack of sleep, poor diet or binge drinking, he or she will be at a greater risk of infection.

"That's the time where viruses that your immune system would usually keep in check, like herpes and warts, would come out more prevalent," she said.

Preventing HPV

University health care professionals agreed that abstinence is the best prevention against STDs.

Ireland said students can become infected after the first time they have sex.

"There are serious side effects that you could potentially deal with for the rest of your life just because of one evening of fun," she said.

Boone said the next best method of prevention is the three-dose Gardasil vaccine and use of condoms.

Lisa Petersen, immunization coordinator for the Fort Worth Public Health Department, said the inactive vaccine protects against four major types of HPV — preventing 70 percent of cervical cancer and 90 percent of genital warts.

Boone said though the vaccine will significantly reduce one's chances of getting HPV, it's still not a 100-percent guarantee because there are more than 100 different strains of the virus.

"It's going to take years before we see a marked reduction in overall HPV prevalence as the vaccine gains in popularity," he said.

As of September 2007, the Health Center had given about 210 HPV vaccines, Ireland said. And Megan Knapp, health educator at SMU, said she sees a constant flow of people coming to get the vaccine.

Boone said he thinks the vaccine will become mandatory, ultimately decreasing HPV in the U.S.

The vaccine is available only for women. But Boone said

he believes men will be approved for HPV vaccine in the future.

Ireland said she is seeing more cases of HPV because of student awareness, but that doesn't mean it's getting worse.

"Statistics say by about age 50 we'll all be exposed to HPV," she said. "With that said, I'm not saying that it's getting bad, but potentially from the screening and people getting screened and being more aware, you're going to see more cases."

Ireland and Karen Bell, assistant dean of health promotion, said it is against the Health Center's policy to release statistics concerning the number of students at TCU who are infected with HPV.

McLean said there's no treatment for HPV, only for the symptoms.

"We can treat the warts and make the physical warts go away, but there's no treating the virus," she said.

Sometimes when women in their late teens or early 20s get the virus, their bodies clear the virus, McLean said.

But Rae said even treating the symptoms — removing genital warts — is purely cosmetic.

"The tricky thing is that you can still have the virus under the surface," she said. "Just like any wart, when you treat it, it's just like knocking it back."

Ireland said the treatment doesn't eradicate the virus and it can still be transmitted.

However, Petersen said, it's still important to have genital warts removed.

"If it goes untreated ... the genital warts can get in the upper respiratory tract," she said. "But there's no treatment for the HPV infection. When you have it, you have it."

University health care professionals agreed women should have regular Pap tests to check for HPV.

McLean said there's no way to test men for HPV, but they are carriers of the virus.

"I tell my male patients that if they've ever had a girlfriend who had an abnormal Pap smear, chances are they have it and they have to have all future partners get their Pap every year," she said.

In addition to providing the HPV vaccine, the Health Center does Pap smears, Bell said.

Ireland and Burton Schwartz, a physician at the Health Center, educate students in fraternities and sororities, as well as other campus organizations and dorms, Bell said.

Tossing out the stigma

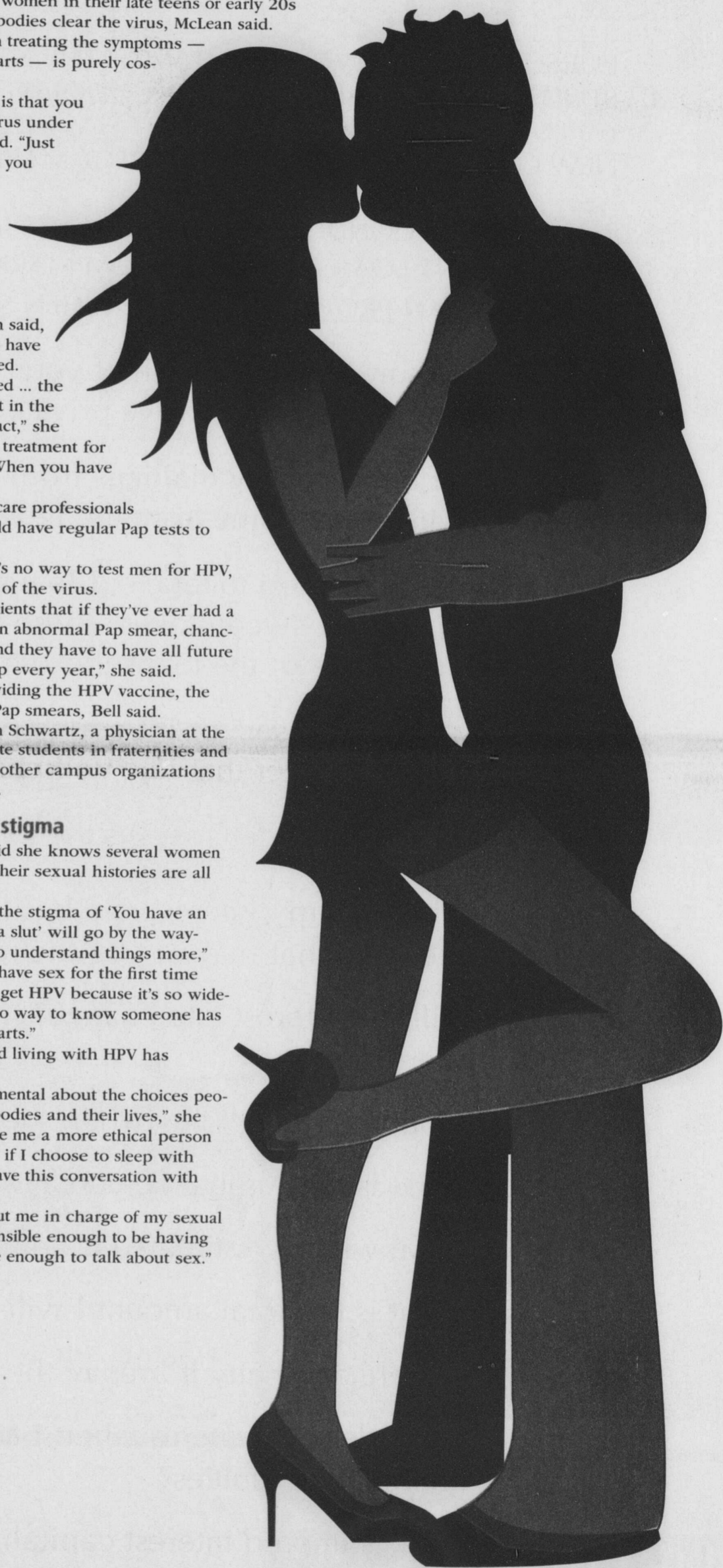
The TCU senior said she knows several women who have HPV, and their sexual histories are all very different.

"I really hope that the stigma of 'You have an STD so you must be a slut' will go by the wayside as people start to understand things more," she said. "You could have sex for the first time with one person and get HPV because it's so widespread. There's just no way to know someone has it unless they have warts."

The 21-year-old said living with HPV has changed her.

"I'm a lot less judgmental about the choices people make with their bodies and their lives," she said. "It has also made me a more ethical person in the sense that now if I choose to sleep with someone, I have to have this conversation with them."

"It has just really put me in charge of my sexual health. If we're responsible enough to be having sex, we're responsible enough to talk about sex."



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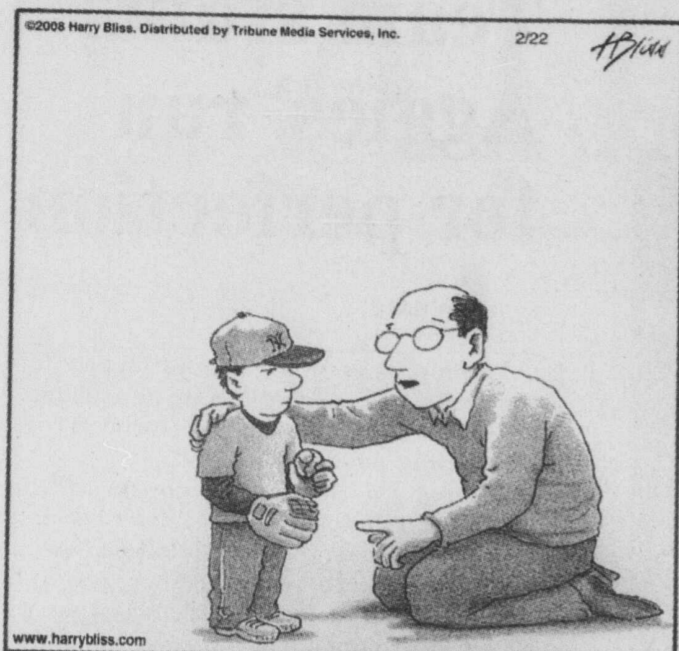
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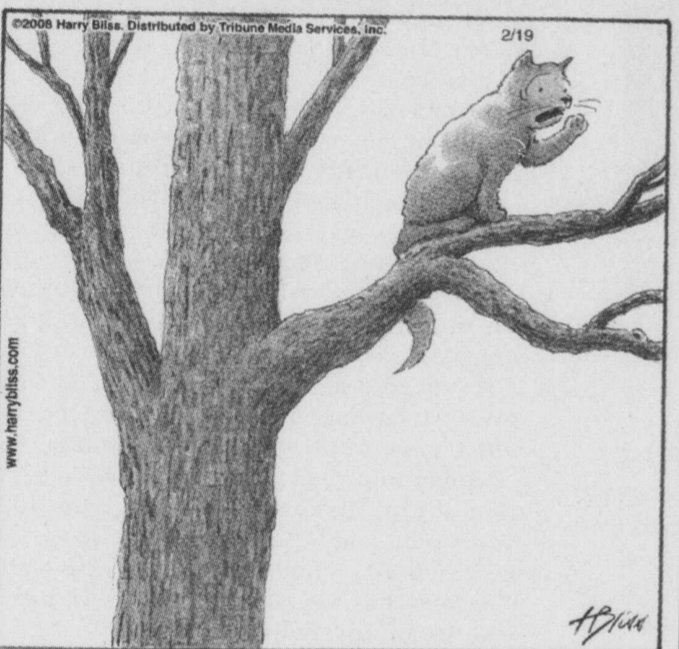
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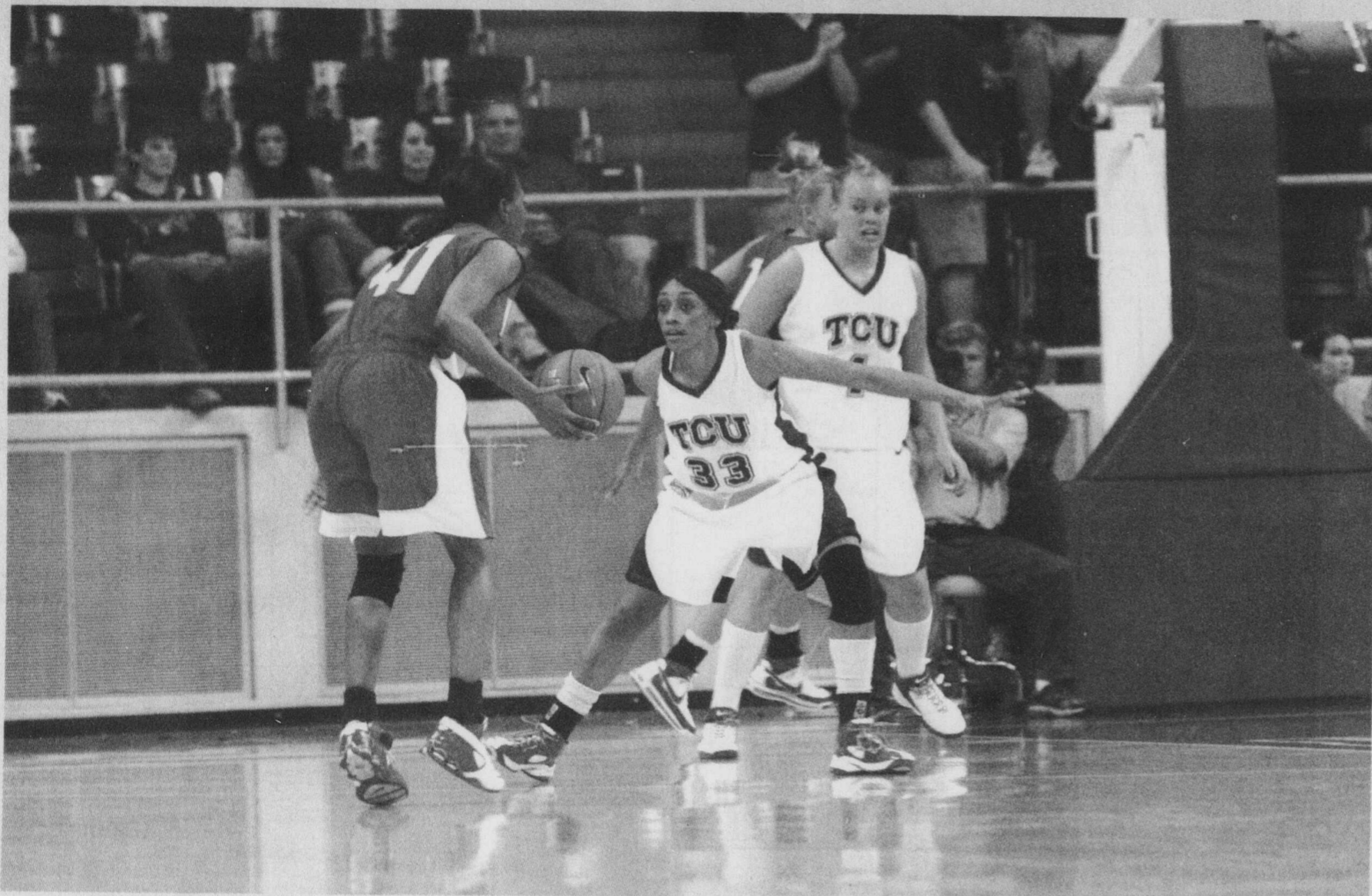
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Adrienne Ross guards Brandi Kimble during the second half of the game against the New Mexico Lobos on Sunday. Ross finished the game with eight points and one steal.

Freshman Frog's performance keys sixth straight win

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Multimedia Editor

Sunday marked the sixth consecutive conference victory for the Lady Frogs, and the team now has a one-game lead in second place in the Mountain West.

The weekend win did not come easy for the team, which had to outlast the New Mexico Lobos in a 59-51 overtime win. The Lady Frogs are now 9-2 in conference and 16-9 overall, while UNM fell to 5-6 and 13-11, respectively.

Leading the way for the team was freshman guard Helena Sverrisdottir, who scored 24 points, including four of the Lady Frogs' 13 overtime points.

Her performance earned her second straight Mountain West Conference women's basketball player of the week honor.

During the game, the lead changed hands six times before an audience of 2,750 fans. The Lady Frogs had to dig out of an early 13-point hole after a sluggish first 10 minutes to come back against the visiting Lobos.

A 19-0 run stretching from the latter end of the first half and into the second half proved to be enough of a comeback, and TCU was able to keep the momentum until the final buzzer.

The team's winning streak will be tested again when the Lady Frogs leave Wednesday for Fort Collins, Colo., to face the Colorado State University Rams. The Rams are currently cellar-dwellers in the MWC and are yet to win a conference game.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team stunts Aggies' run for perfection

By DAVID HALL
Staff Reporter

The tennis team's weekend victory left the Texas A&M Aggies kissing an undefeated season goodbye and the Horned Frogs celebrating payback.

Playing on the indoor courts of the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center because of rain Saturday, the No. 36 Horned Frogs upset the No. 28 Texas A&M Aggies 4-3, erasing the first round loss in last year's NCAA Tournament.

Texas A&M received the doubles point, but the Horned Frogs bounced back and won four of six singles matches for the win.

The victory was sealed in the No. 6 singles match as TCU's Idunn Hertzberg defeated A&M's Michelle Sammons in straight sets by a score of 6-2, 6-2.

Hertzberg said winning the clincher felt great, and the experience of winning under pressure will help her in the future.

Nina Munch-Soegaard, the Horned Frogs No. 1 singles player, said beating A&M gave the team a boost of confidence.

"It shows us that we can play with anyone and that we're a good team," Munch-Soegaard said.

TCU head coach Jefferson Hammond said it was the fan support, not the indoor courts, which gave the Horned Frogs a boost.

"Going into the match I thought it'd give us a slight advantage playing indoors," Hammond said. "But (A&M) showed they were a pretty good indoor team as well. The fact that we were on TCU's campus gave us an advantage."

Hammond said while he has a lot of respect for A&M, revenge was still sweet.

"They beat us twice last season," Hammond said. "If we meet them again we'll have to take it to them one more time."

The win put the Horned Frogs at 2-1 overall and put an end to the Aggies' undefeated season, who fell to 4-1.

RIFLE

Victory against Nevada ups postseason odds

By JOHN BOLLER
Staff Reporter

A weekend win helped preserve the recent winning streak for the Horned Frogs rifle team and put the squad one step closer to a bid in the NCAA Rifle Championships.

The championships start March 14, and after shooting an aggregate score of 4,627 on Saturday, head coach Karen Monez feels confident that her team will receive an invite.

"We have to officially wait for the qualifier results and make sure that we get an invitation," Monez said.

But, Monez said, as of right now she thinks they will have an invite.

The rifle team shot consistently Saturday to defeat the University of Nevada by a single point, 4,627-4,626.

TCU and Nevada tied earlier in the season, each having an aggregate score of 4,614.

This time, however, TCU's shooters were able to outperform the Wolfpack by seven points in the smallbore rifle event.

However, the Wolfpack came back in the air rifle competition and defeated the Horned Frogs by six points, 2,337-2,331, but it wasn't enough to overcome the prior deficit.

Early on it took the Horned Frogs some time to get into a rhythm. Nevada's shooters came out firing and had a small lead over TCU following the first of three rounds in smallbore. However, TCU's shooters did not get discouraged, kept their focus and mounted a comeback in the second and third rounds.

"I had a rough start, a really rough start," sophomore Lauren Sullivan said. "I knew that I had to keep trying and do my best for the team."

TCU did just that. Sophomores Emily Paper and Erin Lorenzen led TCU in smallbore, shooting a 578 and 576, respectively. Sophomore Simone Riford came in right behind shooting a 575.

"I thought that we all just kind of played off each other," Riford said.

In air rifle, there would be no slow start from the Horned Frogs. Each member shot a personal score of more than 580, with Lorenzen leading with 586. Riford followed her exceptional performance in the smallbore, with an even better round in the air rifle, shooting a 583.

Both Paper and Sullivan were close behind their three teammates and tied at 581.

During air rifle, Riford had to take a break for a few minutes and get her focus back.

"I was frustrated about messing up the last part on smallbore," Riford said.

Monez talked to Riford, who then proceeded to finish the match with an aggregate score of 1,158.

"I was trying to help her get back on track," Monez said. "She was becoming a little bit too emotional about her shots, which doesn't work well in this game. Whether it is a good shot or a bad shot, you have to put it behind you and move on."

This was the last meet of the regular season for the Horned Frogs.

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All-Star upset sets tone for rest of season

By SAM SMITH
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NEW ORLEANS — And now back to your irregularly scheduled NBA season.

"This year has been the most surprising season and off-season we've had in the NBA in a long time," said the Cavaliers' LeBron James, who is making this midwinter NBA break something of a regular show, winning his second All-Star MVP award in three years Sunday night.

James led the underdog East to a 134-128 victory with 27 points, nine assists, eight rebounds, two steals and two blocks.

"With the Lakers dealing for Pau Gasol and Miami and Phoenix dealing Shaq and Shawn Marion ..." James said. "You look at Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett going to Boston, Rashard Lewis to Orlando, now (Mike Bibby to Atlanta and Jason Kidd off to Dallas). It's going to be a challenge."

It wasn't much of a challenge to enjoy Sunday's All-Star Game, especially an entertaining and competitive final six minutes that included six ties and three lead changes. The finish also featured a pair of big three-pointers from Allen, who scored a game-high 28 points, a big did-ya-see-that dunk from James and a Dwyane Wade block on a Dirk Nowitzki three-point try with 25.9 seconds left to protect a four-point East lead. Yes, that was NBA defense there.

"Man, the fourth quarter was crazy," exulted New Orleans favorite Chris Paul, who had 16 points, 14 assists and four steals in helping the bigger and more famous West stars charge

back after trailing by 13 points after three quarters.

After the East lost all of that 13-point lead in about five minutes, James darted past the basket for a clever reverse layup on a pass from Kidd, who led the East with 10 assists. The West regained the lead by going to its bigger players. Amare Stoudemire made a steal and block, fired in a runner and grabbed a big rebound to give the West a 122-119 lead with 2:54 left. But Allen hit his third three in a 70-second stretch, James railroaded down the lane for a dunk and Wade's block effectively clinched it before Allen made free throws.

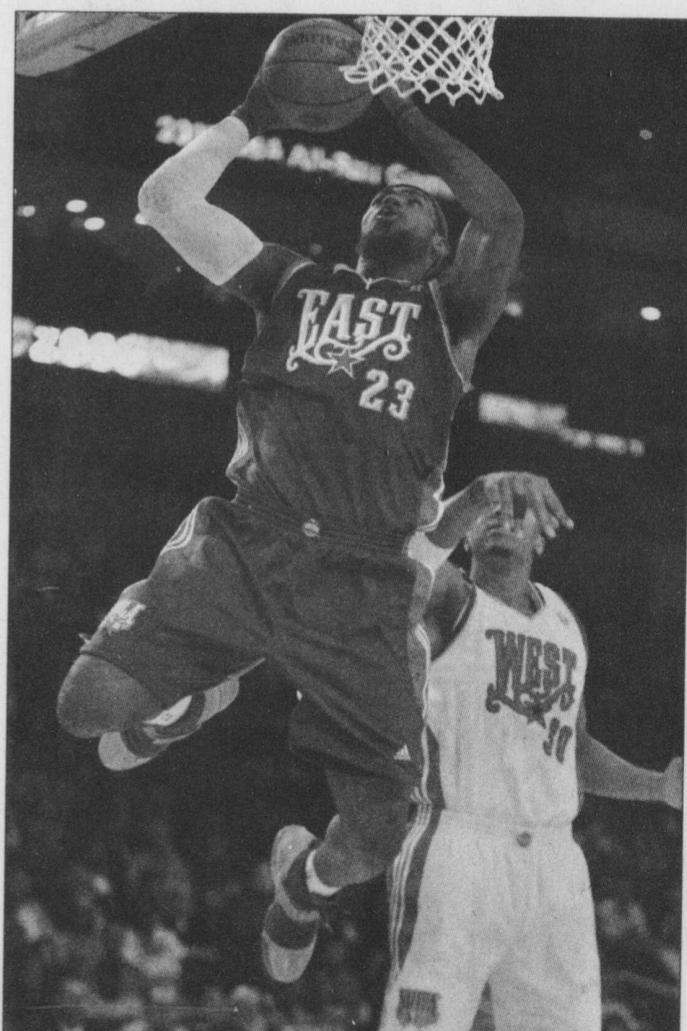
"D-Wade had the unbelievable block," said James, who now has the highest All-Star Game scoring average of 24.7 per game, with Oscar Robertson second at 20.5. "Ray hit some big shots. And I was able to put the finishing touch on with the dunk. They beat us up pretty bad in Las Vegas last year. We didn't want that to happen again."

It was an uplifting weekend for the East stars and for New Orleans.

It was basketball spectacle and silliness as usual in the usually festive Big Easy environment, one of relentless song and dance and merriment, which fits this game.

In many ways, the NBA All-Star Game fits best the personality of this offbeat city of jazz music and dance, filled with improvisation and rhythm.

One particular second-quarter sequence was its own riff with Orlando's Dwight Howard furiously slamming a pass from James that came volleyball style off a high lob from Kidd.



PHIL MASTURZO / Akron Beacon Journal via MCT
East All-Star LeBron James can't quite get to this lob pass at the rim during first half action at the NBA All-Star Game at New Orleans Arena in New Orleans on Sunday.

After Stoudemire, one of three West players to lead the team with 18 points each, responded with an angry tomahawk dunk, Howard repaid the favor with a high lob pass James dunked from behind his head as the East led by nine at halftime.

The West starters played little in the first half. Kobe Bryant was required to start after being selected by the fans, but he left the game after less than three minutes

so as not to further injure his finger.

It's not like All-Star Games matter, but as Rivers said, "It's a game. You should try to win it."

"The game hasn't changed. It's a make-or-miss league. Ray made some shots, LeBron made some plays. We won the game."

Perhaps a preview of what figures to be a slamma-jamma finish to this NBA regular season.

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