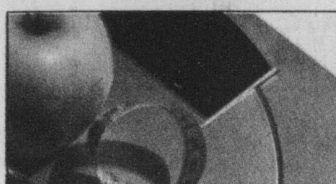




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Neeley to start South Korea study abroad program

By KRISTIN BUTLER
Staff Reporter

The Korea University Business School and the Neeley School of Business are joining together to provide TCU's first partner exchange program in Asia for undergraduates, said professors in the

business school.

The exchange will start in spring 2009, said Steve Lim, an associate professor of accounting and an alumnus of Korea University.

He said as long as there is a demand for students to study abroad, the business school

will work to integrate the program. Lim said the school has sophomores and juniors in mind to study abroad, but the option is open to all business majors. Sixty-five percent of the classes are offered in English, according to Korea University's Web site.

Garry Bruton, a professor of management and president of the Asia Academy of Management, said while on business in Korea in December, he and Lim were able to visit Korea University to discuss establishing a relationship with TCU.

Bruton said Korea University is a leading business school in Asia and has a strong research faculty, including alumnus Lee Myung-bak, South Korea's current president. He said it is a private university like TCU but has a higher application rate. Korea University has

an enrollment of more than 30,000, according to its Web site, and the country boasts the world's 16th-largest gross domestic product, according to the CIA World Factbook.

"It is a great opportunity for students to experience a See **PROGRAM**, page 2

STACK THE APPS



JOHN D. SIMMONS / Charlotte Observer via MCT

Gilda McGee Parker, an assistant director of admissions for the traditional undergraduate at Queens University, works on college applications in March in Charlotte, N.C. Queens University has received 37 percent more applications than they had last year, an increase reflective of a national trend among colleges.

College hopefuls apply in record numbers

By DAVID PERLMUTT
McClatchy Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — George Alyateem is a senior at East Mecklenburg High, a fine student with a 4.5 grade point average in the school's rigorous International Baccalaureate program and a receiver on the football team.

Yet he can't quickly rattle off all the colleges where he's applied for admission.

There are too many — nine. "The competition is rising," said Alyateem, who wants to be an orthopedic surgeon. "Applying to more colleges

gives me a better chance to go to the school I want."

It's seniors like Alyateem who have admissions offices at colleges working overtime sorting through stacks of applications.

At TCU, applications are up 3 percent from last year for a total of 12,016 in 2008, admissions data show.

Applicants to Queens University of Charlotte, N.C., are up 37 percent over last year. The numbers have also jumped at Davidson College (up 10 percent), Johnson C. Smith University (10 percent) and UNC Charlotte (5 percent).

Winthrop University in Rock Hill, N.C., has four to five applicants for each available space in the next freshman class of 1,000 to 1,075 students. A number of trends are fueling the rise.

Nationwide, the current high school senior class is the largest in 20 years. They're applying to college in record numbers and the process has never been more user-friendly — with most colleges accepting applications online. Some schools waive application fees if students file that way. More seniors are casting wider nets, applying to multiple See **COLLEGE**, page 2

Humanist to speak during convocation

By JULIETA CHIQUILLO
Staff Reporter

Renowned philosopher Simon Blackburn will address students and faculty today at the 46th annual Honors Convocation.



BLACKBURN

Blackburn, a professor of philosophy at the University of Cambridge, will deliver the keynote address at the annual honors event, which brings a distinguished guest to campus to conclude a week of senior honors presentations. Blackburn will also be the keynote speaker at this weekend's symposium "Nietzsche and the Philosophical Life."

Blackburn, a scholar and

FOR YOUR INFO Honors Convocation

When: 11 a.m. today
Where: Ed Landreth Auditorium
Canceled classes: 9:30 a.m. classes will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. classes are canceled.

author on metaphysics and philosophy of mind and language, has also taught at the Pembroke College at the University of Oxford and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a vice president of the British Humanist Association, an organization that promotes secularism, human rights and democracy, See **HONORS**, page 2

Speaker to interpret philosopher's theories

By ELIZABETH SEHON
Staff Reporter

In 1882, German existentialist and philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, "God is dead and we have killed him," sparking outrage in Western society.

That's one of his many radical ideas that will be interpreted by internationally renowned philosophers on campus this week.

The symposium "Nietzsche and the Philosophical Life" will take place today through Saturday in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Nietzsche was a philosopher in the late 1800s who confronted the foundations of Christianity and traditional morality,

FOR YOUR INFO Talking points

Where: Ed Landreth Auditorium
When: April 17-19
What: Internationally renowned philosophers to speak on the beliefs of Frederick Nietzsche

according to the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy Web site. He is usually referred to as one of the first existentialists.

Existentialism is a philosophical theory that emphasizes the existence of the individual as a free and responsible person See **NIETZSCHE**, page 2

Dual academic couples increase in higher education

By AMIE GLOVER
The (University of Texas) Daily Texan

AUSTIN — Students might plan on meeting their future spouse on campus. So might professors.

According to a February 2007 publication by the American Society for Cell Biology, almost 27 percent of faculty are coupled with a fellow faculty member.

"Dual-career academic couples," as they are commonly called, are populating university campuses in growing numbers.

In line with national trends, the number of UT faculty members coupled with other scholars is on the rise. Spouses may office down the hall from one another, as is the case with communications studies professors John Daly and Anita Vangelisti. The two have co-authored a book and more than 13 articles.

Daly said couples who choose to collaborate should also assert their intellectual independence.

"It's important to disagree," Daly said. "If you collaborate, people always think one per-

son's really smart and the other one's carried by the other."

Daly also cautioned that even professors need a break from school sometimes and stressed the importance of leaving work at the office.

While some professors are married before coming to UT, others meet on campus. Associate English professor Beth Hedrick said she met her husband, associate history professor Bruce Hunt, while she was doing research for a paper.

"I was writing an essay with connections between literature and the history of science, and

a colleague of mine said, 'Why don't you talk to this guy in the history department?'" Hedrick said.

The two began dating, were later married and now have two children.

Some couples even collaborate in class. Kinesiology lecturers Phil and Dixie Stanforth teach a course together, alternating days.

"Most days, we don't see each other," Dixie said. "It's different for everybody. We have our focus at work and we have our focus out of work, at home."

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LONGMONT, Colo. — A discharged hospital patient was accused of stealing an ambulance and driving away at a high speed.
— Associated Press

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rapidly expanding region of the world," Bruton said.

According to its Web site, Korea University was founded in 1905 and was the first business school in Korea. The university has 56 business school partnerships in 22 countries.

Korea University has exchange programs with six BusinessWeek top-50 undergraduate schools not counting TCU including the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Southern California, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Washington, Binghamton University and the University of Florida.

Griffin Guthneck, a sophomore finance and international economics major, said he expressed interest and signed up for the exchange program because of the growing economy, cultural diversity and ability to transfer business hours back to TCU.

"A large number of people at TCU study in Europe, but it would be cool to study somewhere that not as many people get to," Guthneck said.

Siri Terjesen, assistant professor of management, said she has taught and traveled throughout Asia and hopes students use the opportunity to learn different cultural activities.

"When students go on to be successful in the business world, they will more than likely cross paths with Korea, so it would be good to know its business approaches," Terjesen said.

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colleges. The "Common Application" works at 315 schools nationally — including TCU. A student can apply to several schools with the punch of a computer button.

"Where once students were sending three applications, they're up to five to eight," said Tina McEntire, UNCC director of undergraduate admissions. "I've talked to my colleagues and everybody's up."

There are pitfalls for applicants. With a bigger applicant pool, schools can be more selective. TCU's acceptance rate rose from 46 percent last year to

47 percent this year.

At schools like Davidson, with no plans to increase enrollment, wait lists could grow. So could rejections.

"It puts us in the business of having to say 'no' more often," said Chris Gruber, Davidson's vice president and dean of financial aid.

And application fees aren't cheap — \$50 a pop at Davidson and UNCC. George Alyattem spent nearly \$500 to file his nine applications.

The applications spike won't necessarily translate into larger freshman classes. Since many students are filing multiple applications, they're applying to schools they have no intention of attending. "These kids want

choices and they can choose only one school," said UNCC's McEntire.

Colleges call these students "phantom applicants."

"The 150 very selective colleges are sending out more acceptances because they're having a harder time figuring out who's going to attend," said David Hawkins, director of public policy and research for the National Association for College Admission Counseling. "So in a way, these students who send out 10 to 15 applications are shooting themselves in the foot. They're causing some of the uncertainty in the admission process."

Sandy Rhinehart, East Meck's guidance counseling chair,

FOR YOUR INFO

Who applies to college?

Class of 1978: 3.2 million high school graduates who are post-World War II baby boomers. Half pursued college.

Class of 2008: 3.3 million "Echo Boomers," children of baby boomers. Two-thirds are applying to colleges. The number of graduating high school seniors will peak in 2009 at 3.4 million. It will then start a gradual decline but stay above 3 million for the next five to seven years.

International students: After Sept. 11, tougher visa rules led to years of declining numbers. Those numbers began rising in 2005, when there was an 8 percent spike in new students from other countries. They've been rising ever since. Last year, their numbers increased by 3 percent to 582,984 students.

Online applicants: 58 percent of college applications were filed online last year.

advises students to apply to three to five schools.

"We tell kids they should have a dream school and the

other ones should be sure schools," she said.

News editor Joe Zigmata contributed to this report.

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capable of determining his or her own development through acts of the will. Nietzsche's philosophy has inspired leading figures in all walks of cultural life from Adolf Hitler to Sigmund Freud, according to the Web site.

Simon Blackburn, author and professor of philosophy at the University of Cambridge, will open the Honors Convocation today at 11 a.m. with a keynote address introducing the Nietzsche event, said Lisa Albert, communications specialist.

Nietzsche considered a Christian's way of thinking as a "slave morality," an idea that may be discussed in greater detail, said Richard Galvin, a philosophy professor.

"Blackburn does not suffer from a lack of courage in his convictions and should make this symposium interesting," Galvin said.

Galvin said the symposium should intrigue many people of all types, especially college students.

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- Ruth Abbey, University of Notre Dame
- Christa Davis Acampora, Hunter College
- Jessica Berry, Georgia State University
- Maudemarie Clark, Colgate University
- Daniel Conway, Texas A&M University
- Kathleen Higgins, The University of Texas at Austin
- Clancy Martin, The University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Thomas Miles, Boston College
- David Sherman, The University of Montana
- Alan White, Williams College
- Simon Blackburn, Cambridge University

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according to the group's Web site.

Peggy Watson, director of the Honors Program, said Honors Week runs jointly with the Festival of Student Scholarship and Creativity, which features student academic projects from seven of the university's schools and colleges. The aim of both events is to celebrate student excellence, she said.

One of the highlights of the ceremony will be the announcement of the recipient of the Honors Faculty Recognition Award, said Justin Brown, president of the honors student cabinet. Brown, a junior political science major, said the award is particularly meaningful to faculty because students select the recipient. The honors student cabinet chooses the finalists from a list of faculty members nominated by honors students, who then select the winner in a final round of votes, he said.

"Being designated as the honors pro-

fessor of the year is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a professor at TCU," Brown said.

Philosophy department chair Gregg Franzwa, a past recipient of the award, agreed. He said students are in a better position to judge the faculty.

The convocation is a tradition that seeks to commend students' efforts in different academic contexts, Franzwa said. Brown said the Honors Scholar Award and honor society Phi Beta Kappa inductees will also be announced at the event. He said about 40 students will be inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, which has chapters in 276 colleges and universities nationwide.

"Only competitive universities are allowed to have chapters of Phi Beta Kappa," Brown said.

The Honors Scholar Award not only recognizes the student but also provides the recipient with research funding, Brown said.

A banquet this evening at the Kelly Alumni Center will cap Honors Week.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Success is a journey not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome."

— Arthur Ashe

THE SKIFF VIEW

Gov. ignores change in new book

Gov. Rick Perry signs copies of his book, "On My Honor: Why the American Values of the Boy Scouts are Worth Fighting for," today in the TCU Bookstore. The book details what he feels are hypocrisies in liberal agendas, specifically those of the American Civil Liberties Union, which attacks the Boy Scouts of America because of its policies restricting homosexuality and atheism for troop masters.

Perry wrote the purpose of Boy Scouts is not to engage in debate about these issues.

While this could be the case, Perry ignores a culture of change, evolving with greater understanding and diversity.

Restricting one establishment while others are changing would only further a confusion or misgivings children might already have.

"If ... the counterculture activists can take down the Scouts, they will have gone a long way toward imposing a culture of self and moral relativism on the entire nation," Perry wrote in his book.

The point activists try to make with tolerance

is not to destroy an establishment, but rather to help it adapt.

It is not an imposition of self or moral relativism, but a desire for future generations to not have the crutches of ignorance that plague the present and past.

If children are the future, and the future is tolerance, how can an establishment with the sole purpose of building morals, justness and courage take a cowardly and offensive back road?

With a motto like "Always be Prepared," how can the Boy Scouts fail to prepare for this undeniable disillusionment in the quality of difference?

Gov. Perry has his legitimate points regarding the hypocrisy of some liberal institutions such as the ACLU that are "enforcing upon us the tyranny of the minority."

But someone has to stick up for the little guy. Someone who enforces what is different is often good.

Sports editor Brett Larson for the editorial board.

BY NATE ARNOLD



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

Theft motif in art innovative despite possible bad message

The art exhibit "Lift-ing," which displays various works of theft and vandalism at the TCU-owned Fort Worth Contemporary Arts gallery, seems to portray the newest edge in art.

According to a Skiff article, one piece by Ann Messner depicts her attempting to steal T-shirts by putting on as many as she can in front of a security camera. Although a risky and somewhat odd move, Messner said the short film from 1978 wasn't about stealing, but rather the art of theft, because she was not seen leaving the store with the shirts.

The art of theft sounds twisted in itself, but when it is applied to art it seems almost normal. Although this exhibit is certainly not traditional by any means, its modern look at how an illegal act can be construed as artistic is an innovative concept.

Taking something from the ordinary and making it extraordinary is what art is all about, and contemporary art takes it a step further with a mixture of ingenuity and commonality about the everyday things in life by putting them on display in unique ways.

That mixture is echoed throughout the exhibit with other works, including one titled "Room 28." Joel Ross'

piece, which displays evidence that he vandalized a motel room, is complete with photos and a statement. Damage to hotel rooms is nothing new and because it happens casually it makes an attractive situation to depict artistically.

However, this artistic concept does have its drawbacks.

Is taking or vandalizing things, or appearing to do so, ethical? And what about the artists? Should they be viewed as thieves and delinquents, or as artists trying to communicate a message?

And if so, what are they saying? Maybe their message is one of those everyone-takes-something-different-from-it mindsets and people can interpret it as they wish or as it applies to them, as some art does communicate various things to different people. However, not everyone is going to find all art techniques acceptable, and this one might go too far in appearing to condone theft.

While the idea of portraying theft as artwork may disturb some people, I find it refreshing. After all, it is only art and it is not causing harm. Messner is quoted in the Skiff article saying she would not tell whether she did or did not actually take the shirts in her piece, saying that it took away from the tension of the

work. And tension is what it adds.

Not knowing whether Messner's piece is solely art by the action in itself, or if it is the act of stealing in which she partook, brings mystery into the work to say the least. It seems interesting when we do not know if she really did steal anything, but if we were to know that she had, that would change things. We would see her as a thief, not an artist, and her work would be a caught-in-the-act piece instead of a portrayal.

This exhibit takes art to a new level with the concept that the act of stealing is art. Its original and unusual characteristics make it an exciting new look at art, like any new development in an artistic movement. This is just saying that art can be found everywhere, including vandalized motels and security footage of shoplifting.

As with all things, this exhibit will either inspire and be applauded as a new artistic movement, or be seen as offensive by people who cannot see the true art behind the acts of stealing, which is an odd concept to grasp.

Either way, the exhibit is provocative and stimulates thought, which is art's ultimate goal.

Anna Waugh is a freshman news-editorial journalism from Crowley.

College pounds can be avoided

The year is coming to an end and the difference between August and May is incredible.

Students, whether it is the first or last year, people tell you to gain a wealth of knowledge, independence, responsibility, friends and skills. The list could go on.

Although these are beneficial, there is one gain we should be wary of: the gain of the freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, "15." Those pesky pounds students tend to pack on during their time of freedom.

When heading off to college, every student hears of roommate horror stories, late night cram sessions and the myth that we will all gain 15 pounds by the end of our first year. While this may be very easily attainable, it may not be necessarily true.

A 2006 Rutgers study weighed 67 students in the fall and again in the spring, and the average weight gain was 7 pounds. Although the weight gain was not 15 pounds or universal, three quarters of the students still managed to pack on a few.

If 7, 15, or even 20 pounds does not seem like a big deal, then consider these facts. Eating just 100 extra calories a day will result in a gain of 10 pounds in one year. So that means if someone starts eating one innocent looking 100-calorie

pack or drinking a refreshing Gatorade, he or she will not only increase the reading on the scale, but also increase the risk of being overweight or obese.

According to a 2006 report from the Food and Drug Administration, 65 percent of Americans are now overweight and more than 93 million are obese. The percentage of overweight children and adolescents ages 6 to 19 has doubled from two decades ago to 15 percent.

The Weight-control Information Network explains that being overweight increases an individual's risk of: Type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease and stroke, metabolic syndrome, certain types of cancer, sleep apnea, osteoarthritis, gallbladder disease, fatty liver disease and pregnancy complications.

It is not difficult to take in a few (hundred) extra calories here at TCU. We have several food operations here on campus and about 32 places to buy food within walking distance. Also, the dining plans, which will start at \$1,799 a semester, tempt us to purchase more food, snacks, beverages, etc.

I found it difficult to pass up grabbing a goodie bag at the bulk bar in Frog Bytes and rationalized the purchase because I had plenty of money on my meal card.

Interested in the subject, senior nutrition students Chelsea Cartwright and Shea Saunders conducted a research study comparing TCU students' eating habits

from high school to college. Their results showed a trend of decreased fruit and vegetable intake and exercise, and an increase in fast food consumption. The most common reason given for the decrease in healthy habits was the time restraint. Also, current average fast food visits a week is 2.5, and 77 percent of students said their weight had changed since high school.

When we enter college, it is likely our participation in sports decreases, our time gets increasingly crunched and restrictions on food choices or food preparation from parents no longer remain.

Perhaps the focus should be taken off of gaining the extra pounds and placed on programs to help students make healthy choices for themselves. Whether students have restrictive parents that did not allow candy or soda in the house, a mom that prepared home-cooked meals each night or ate fast food every day, everyone could benefit from guidance on healthy choices and making the transition to being self-sufficient. One day we will all be on our own and completely responsible for our choices, including how we take care of our bodies.

As this year closes and a new one fast approaches, make efforts to gain the benefits of maintaining or making changes toward a healthy lifestyle.

Kristina Keilson is a senior nutrition major from The Woodlands.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Faith should play role in voting

I would like to heartily disagree with the Skiff's view that faith should not be a deciding factor in a candidate's race for president.

While I agree that religion and politics should remain separate, faith should still register in voters' minds. The simple fact of the matter is that faith could help people determine what those candidates might do in a tough situation.

The Skiff uses the example from Hillary Clinton's commercial about making a decision at 3 a.m. What the Skiff fails to recognize is that people of faith might choose a better path because of what their faith has taught them

through life.

Further, people tend to hold others in higher positions of authority to much greater standards than they perhaps even follow themselves. Would you want a president with no moral compass or a sense of right and wrong?

In this case I am not even sure it's about which religious values, but that a candidate has values at all.

Issues are a big part of the election, but they by no means tell the whole story of the candidate. To just throw them to the side is an intolerable injustice.

Thomas Guidry graduated from TCU in 2007.

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Old war planes make safe landing at California museum

By GUY KEELER
McClatchy Newspapers

ATWATER, Calif. — Old planes “land” at the Castle Air Museum on a lot less than a wing and a prayer. They usually come in pieces, their once-proud bodies taken apart and carried in on trucks.

But the museum is a place where obsolete war birds — even those that have been rotting in the sun for years — can live again. All it takes is the patient, determined work of the museum’s team of restoration volunteers.

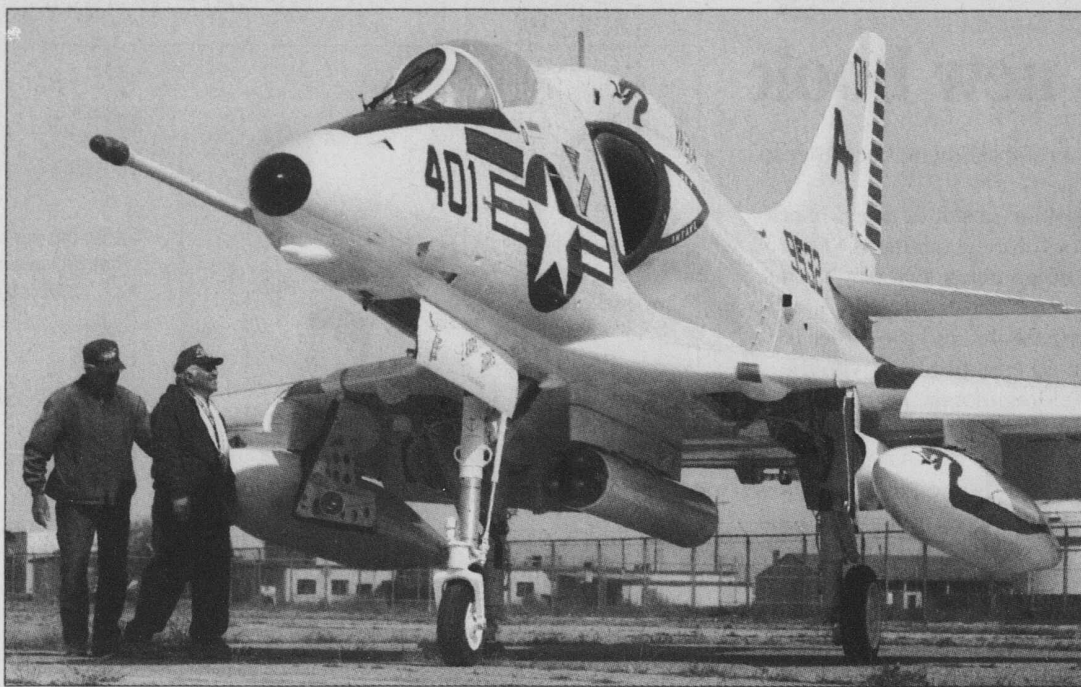
The 35 volunteers, many of whom were stationed at Castle Air Force Base before it closed in 1995, are masters at turning junk into aviation jewels. Their most recent project, which took thousands of hours over 18 months, is the restoration of a Navy A-4 Skyhawk attack aircraft that saw service during the Vietnam War.

Although the plane will never fly again, next month it will become the 50th aircraft on display at the museum. A look at what it took to restore the plane offers insight into its history.

The Douglas Aircraft Corp. built 2,960 Skyhawks between 1954 and 1979, according to a Web site maintained by the Boeing Company, which merged with McDonnell Douglas in 1997.

The A-4 was first used in combat during carrier-launched raids on North Vietnam on Aug. 4, 1964. Skyhawks also were used by Israel during the 1973 Yom Kippur war and were part of the Navy’s Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron 1974-86.

The Castle plane was built in the early 1960s as an A-4C,



Castle Air Museum volunteers Bill Hiller, and Ralph Robledo look over the A-4 Skyhawk attack bomber they helped restore in March in Atwater, Calif.

says Joe Pruzzo, the museum’s executive director. (The first letter stands for the plane’s mission, “Attack,” the number represents the sequence within the mission, and the second letter represents updated or modified versions of the original model.)

The A-4C version of the plane was later converted into an A-4L, with added electronic systems housed in a so-called “camel’s hump” behind the cockpit. As an A-4L, the plane was assigned to the River Rattlers Navy Reserve squadron based in Memphis, Tenn.

The restored A-4L bears the River Rattlers’ rattlesnake logo and the name of its last pilot, Cmdr. N. J. Flagler, who now lives in Lake Sherwood, Mo.

“As an A-4C, the plane made two cruises during the Vietnam War,” says Ralph Robledo, who researched the bomber’s history and led the

restoration work.

During the Vietnam cruises, it flew missions from the aircraft carriers USS Midway, USS Coral Sea and the USS Ranger. The plane was retired from service in 1978 and was in storage at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Fla., when the Castle Air Museum arranged for its transport to Atwater in August 2006.

“We got it on indefinite loan,” Pruzzo says. “The plane didn’t cost us anything, but we had to pay to have it disassembled and shipped to California.”

Pruzzo says with labor and shipping, plus the expense of replacement parts, the total restoration cost about \$12,000.

“When it came in, it looked like another pile of junk,” says Bill Hiller, manager of the museum’s restoration pro-

gram. The cockpit was gutted, the tires were shot and some key components, such as the center pylon for the plane’s rocket pods, were missing.

“We got it into the hangar and went to work on it,” Hiller says. “The first thing we did was put it together and get it up on its wheels.”

Next, the workers compiled a list of everything that was missing, and museum curator Larry Birks sought replacement parts from the “boneyards” at other aviation museums.

“I got on the phone and started calling other museums,” Birks says. “We wound up getting parts from six places from Florida and New York to Arizona and California.”

What Birks couldn’t find elsewhere the volunteers made themselves, including radar warning transmitters and receivers in the plane’s nose and tail.

Russ Schaff, who restored the cockpit, says his biggest challenge was finding replacement gauges.

“Clocks are the hardest things to find,” he says. “People remove them from old planes and take them home.”

With the help of Birks, Schaff found replacements for everything that was missing in the A-4L’s cockpit — and got a little surprise in one package from Florida.

“The radar scope they sent us came with some seaweed and clamshells,” he says. “We reupholstered the pilot’s seat and replaced all the missing gauges. The cockpit is com-



In a workshop, Castle Air Museum volunteer Russ Schaff shows a belt of 20mm rounds which were used on a A-4 Skyhawk in March in Atwater, Calif.

plete right down to blueprints.”

Dave Prince has been restoring planes at the museum for 25 years. He helped install the A-4L’s wings and landing gear.

“It’s always a feeling of success when you get a plane up on its wheels and you can move it around,” he says.

Retired Navy Capt. Jerry Palmer wasn’t involved in restoring the Castle plane, but he flew A-4s for five years in the late 1960s and early 1970s, including three cruises on aircraft carriers during the Vietnam War.

“The plane’s main role was as an attack bomber,” Palmer says. “We’d fly one or two missions every day.”

The A-4 was 41 feet long and had a wingspan of 27 feet. It could reach a top speed of 673 mph at sea level.

“It was like strapping on a Corvette,” Palmer recalls. “There wasn’t a lot of room in the cockpit. But it was very honest and maneuverable. It was a fun airplane to fly.”

The A-4 also could be refueled in flight, a capability that

proved vital when Palmer’s plane was damaged by enemy fire during one mission.

“I took a hit, which left a hole in the wing,” he says.

Although he lost the fuel in the damaged wing tank, Palmer was able to return to his carrier with the help of a tanker that supplied replacement fuel.

A total of 195 Skyhawks were shot down during the Vietnam War. In 1967, a pilot stationed at Lemoore Naval Air Station, Lt. Cmdr. Michael Estocin of Turtle Creek, Pa., was shot down after leading two attacks on surface-to-air missile sites under intense enemy fire. Estocin, whose body was never found, received the Medal of Honor in 1978.

A-4 pilots taken prisoner by the North Vietnamese included presidential hopeful and Arizona Sen. John S. McCain as well as the late James Stockdale, a Medal of Honor recipient who also was stationed at Lemoore and went on to be Ross Perot’s running mate in the 1992 presidential election.

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More Americans dreaming of a good night's sleep

By CYNTHIA HUBERT
McClatchy Newspapers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Dreaming of a good night's sleep?

Join the crowd. From teenagers to senior citizens, Americans are downright drowsy, according to a recent poll.

The National Sleep Foundation's latest Sleep in America survey finds that:

— Forty-four percent of those polled report having "sleep problems" almost every night.

— Nearly half wake feeling "unrefreshed" in the morning.

— Twenty-nine percent fell asleep or became "very sleepy" on the job during the previous month, and 32 percent report that they regularly "drive drowsy."

The National Center for Sleep Disorders Research at the National Institutes of Health estimates that 30 percent to 40 percent of adults have some symptoms of insomnia in a given year, and as many as 15 percent have chronic insomnia.

Why the sleeplessness?

We're working longer hours, cutting into our bed time. Electronic gadgets beckon for attention 24 hours a day. Worries about everything from war to gas prices to recession make us toss and turn. We're living longer, often with medical con-

ditions that can interfere with sleep.

Chronic insomnia has been linked to problems such as gastrointestinal distress, car accidents, bipolar disorder and diabetes.

But the quest for proper rest is not a lost cause. Here are some tips for getting the best night's sleep at any age from the National Institutes of Health, National Sleep Foundation, Sutter Sleep Disorders Center, SleepBetter.org and American Academy of Pediatrics.

ADOLESCENTS

Sleep patterns change as youngsters hit puberty. Teenagers are biologically driven to need at least nine hours of sleep per night, researchers at Brown University have found, but generally get seven hours or less. They often go to sleep later than adults do and feel sleepy during the day.

Consequences can include falling grades in school, crankiness, accidents and increased use of caffeine and nicotine.

Parents should look for signs of sleep deprivation in their teenagers, including difficulty waking up in the morning, irritability late in the day and falling asleep spontaneously.

They should enforce regular

sleep schedules, set aside a quiet time in the evening when lights are dimmed and loud music is not allowed, and adjust extracurricular activities to make sure that teens get enough rest.

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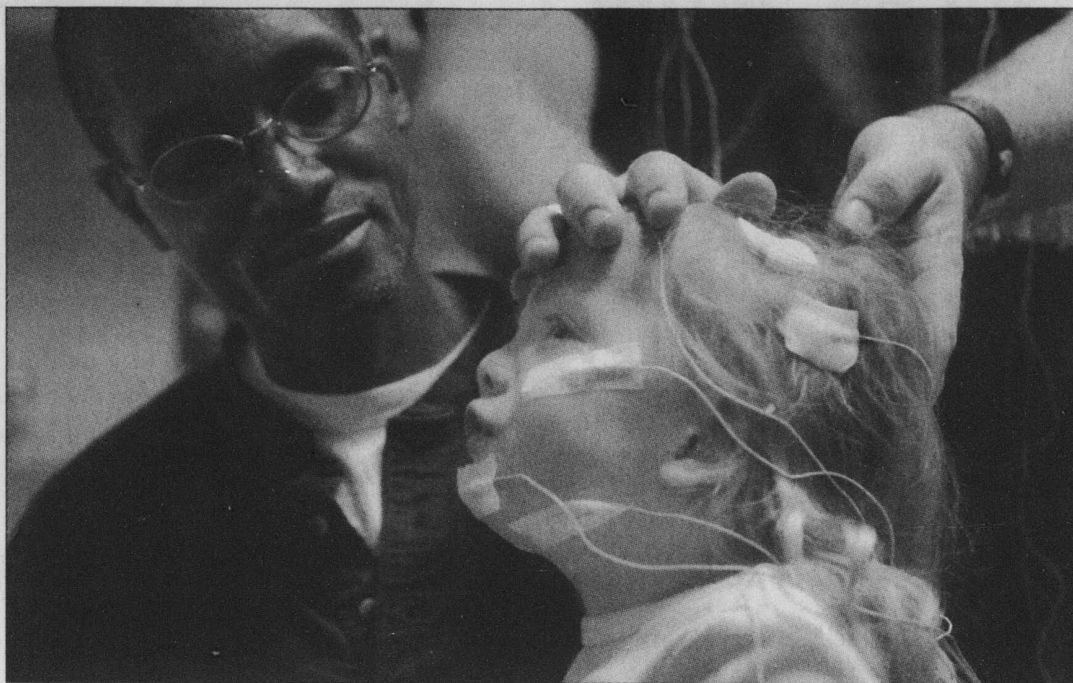
Demanding jobs, long commutes, young children and aging parents are among the factors that keep people in their 30s and 40s awake at night.

Americans who have full-time jobs are now spending five to 10 hours a week doing extra work from home, and they are going to bed later, usually around 11 p.m., according to the Sleep Foundation's latest poll.

To get a decent night's sleep, be sure to maintain good "sleep hygiene," sleep researchers say. Try to keep regular sleep hours, and make an effort to get eight hours of sleep each night. Make sure the bedroom is dark, cool and quiet. Exercise regularly, but make sure your workout is finished at least three hours before bedtime.

Use your bedroom only for sleep and sex, not as a home office. Put work aside two to three hours before sleeping. Linen sprays scented with lavender or rose help some people feel more relaxed.

If you're unable to fall asleep



Theron Simon, left, holds his daughter Shaharah Simmons, 3, as Chris Crout attaches devices that will monitor her while she sleeps on April 4 at the Sutter Sleep Disorders Center in Sacramento, Calif.

more than 30 minutes after going to bed, get up and read or listen to quiet music for awhile. Then try again.

SENIORS

As our bodies age, so do our internal sleep clocks. Sleep lightens, and deep sleep becomes more elusive. Older people often have problems falling asleep at night, and may nap frequently during the day.

"Like everything else, your

sleep clock ages, and as it does, it becomes less efficient," says Dr. Lydia Wytzes, a neurologist and sleep specialist at the Sutter Sleep Disorders Center in Sacramento. "The signals to wake up are not quite as strong. The signals to fall asleep often shift. Rather than a sustained sleep, you have lots of little wakeups."

Medical conditions associated with aging, including bladder problems, heartburn and arthritis, can also affect sleep in older

people. Simple lifestyle changes like getting more exercise and more exposure to natural light during the day, cutting back on caffeine and naps, and getting treatment for painful or uncomfortable medical conditions can help, experts say. Warm milk or herb tea before bed helps raise body temperature and can induce sleep.

If all else fails, prescription sleep medications may be the answer.

Tiny measurements yield big discoveries, including 'footquakes'



Jim Bergquist, a physicist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder, Colo., holds a keyboard to control the world's most accurate clock. It's based on the "ticks" produced by a single atom of mercury contained at near-absolute zero temperature in the silver cylinder.

By ROBERT S. BOYD
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — As scientists learn how to make more exact measurements, they're finding some astonishing surprises:

— The enthusiastic stomping of soccer fans after a goal creates a "footquake" on earthquake gauges 30 or more miles away.

— Florida is getting closer to Canada by about 1 inch every 36 years.

— Astronomers soon will be able to measure the sideways motion of a star trillions of miles away even though it's moving at a speed of less than 10 inches an hour.

— It takes 61 trillionths of an ounce of force to make one atom hop over another.

As these examples show, new technologies are enabling researchers to measure things such as time, distance, temperature, weight, force, size and motion with a precision never before achieved.

Scientists say that these tools can help improve global positioning systems, space navigation, wireless communications, national security sensors, bio-

medical techniques and basic science in physics, chemistry, astronomy and genetics, among other uses.

For instance, the ability to work with extremely minute intervals of time soon may allow scientists to freeze motion — like an ultrafast strobe light — to observe the behavior of electrons inside an atom, according to Philip Bucksbaum, a physicist at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center in Stanford, Calif.

"The ability to measure time is reaching nearly ridiculous levels of precision and accuracy," said Michael Baum, a spokesman for the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md. The institute is the federal government's temple of metrology, the science of measurement.

A less precise notion of time was voiced by the late TV comedian Johnny Carson: "The smallest interval of time known to man is that which occurs in Manhattan between the traffic signal turning green and the taxi driver behind you blowing his horn."

No measurement can be 100 percent accurate. The laws of physics make such precision

impossible, but scientists are edging closer.

For example, Michael Roukes, a physicist at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, managed to measure the weight of a single molecule with an uncertainty of less than a billionth of a trillionth of an ounce (0.000,000,000,000,000,000,001 ounce). Mighty close, but still not perfect.

Garrett Euler, a seismologist at Washington University in St. Louis, detected tiny vibrations he called "footquakes." He'd installed a string of 32 seismometers across 900 miles in Cameroon, Africa, to observe volcanic activity there.

One day, Euler noticed an unusual pattern of squiggles on his seismometer. His girlfriend, Katy Lofton, figured out that the tremors came whenever a goal was scored during an African Cup soccer match between Cameroon and Ivory Coast.

"Each goal triggered a countrywide footquake as fans watching TV jumped and stomped for joy," Euler told the American Geophysical Union last winter. "The more crucial the goal, the stronger the footquake."

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PRO HOCKEY

Ducks' wing could return for series

By DAN WOOD
The Orange County Register

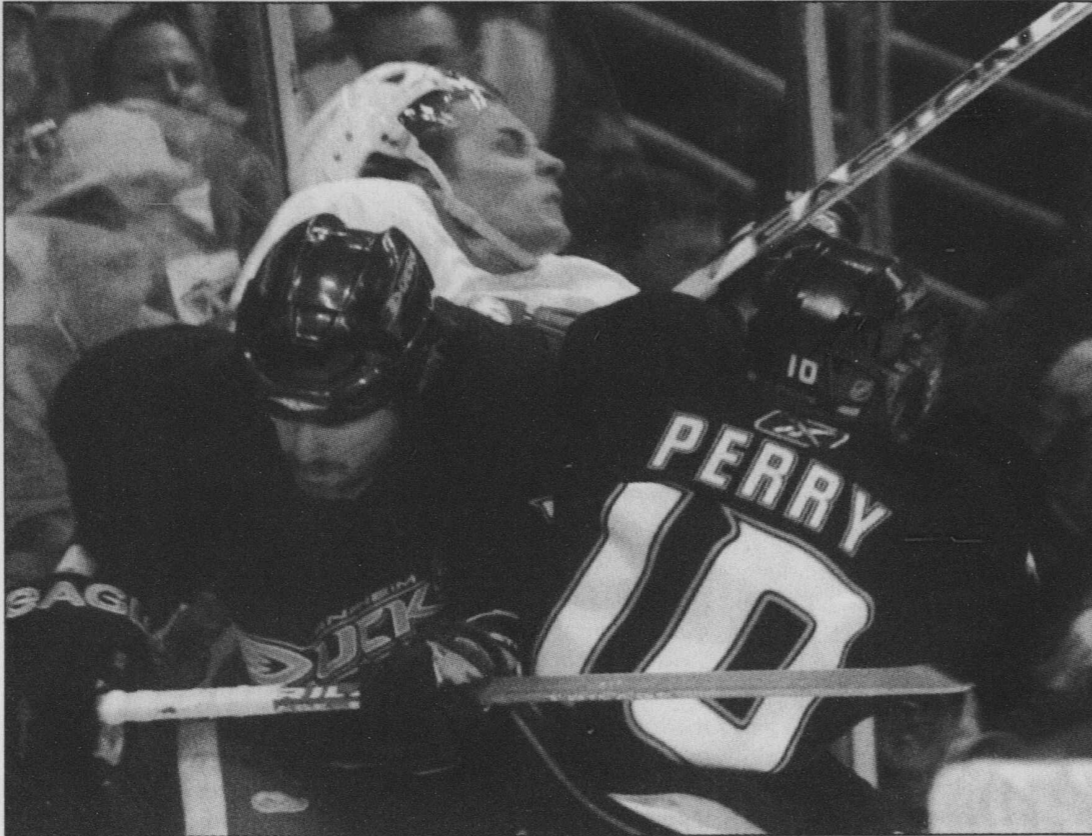
FARMERS BRANCH — Six weeks after he suffered a partially severed right-quadriceps tendon in a freak, on-ice accident, all systems appear to be go for right wing Corey Perry to jump back into the Ducks' lineup in Thursday night's fourth game of an opening-round Stanley Cup playoff series against the Dallas Stars.

With Tuesday night's 4-2 triumph having put the Ducks in position to even the series with another victory at American Airlines Center, the club could receive a significant boost with the return of its leading regular-season goal-scorer.

"The thing about Corey Perry is that he's around the puck," coach Randy Carlyle said. "His assets and his strengths are down low and around the net. It's not necessarily that he has to be providing offensive output, but I think puck control and offensive-zone time. He's quite capable of drawing penalties. He goes into those tough areas, plays an agitating, aggressive style of game."

Carlyle, of course, would rather hand his house keys to Stars coach Dave Tippett than confirm a lineup change, but all indications during Wednesday's practice in suburban Dallas were that Perry is ready.

"I felt pretty good," Perry said after skating alongside longtime linemate Ryan Getzlaf and veteran winger Brad May. "Practice was a little on the lighter side, but yester-



EUGENE GARCIA / Orange County Register via MCT
Anaheim Mighty Ducks' Corey Perry and Brad May check Detroit Red Wings' Tomas Kopecky in the first period during game 6 of the NHL playoffs at the Honda Center in Anaheim, Calif., on May 22, 2007.

day we did a lot of skating at the end of practice. It's gotten better since last week. That's for sure."

Perry, who produced 29 goals and ranked second on the team to Getzlaf with 54 points, was hurt March 6 in Denver. The skate of Colorado goaltender Jose Theodore got between Perry's pads and eluded a knee brace to sever the outer three-quarters of the tendon.

"It was pretty crucial that he didn't cut the other quarter, which is on the inside part of the tendon," Ducks team physician Craig Milhouse said. "It would have been a longer recovery period — probably

double the six weeks, at least. He would have been finished for the season."

A key question is how much, and how quickly, Perry might be able to contribute. Carlyle cautioned that Perry might not start in tandem with Getzlaf. Teemu Selanne has played right wing on the top line most of the time since Perry's injury.

"We think it's dangerous to put a player in his first game into that slot," Carlyle said. "If we decide to play Corey Perry, we will ease him in. The guy has missed a lot of hockey. There will be a lot of intensity. The game will be played at a high pace.

There will be lots of physical play."

Sometimes it takes a little while for a player to get his feet underneath him.

"We have lots of confidence in Corey Perry that he'll get there. It will be a wait-and-see type of attitude that we will take with him."

After a month and a half of down time, Perry is eager to do whatever he can to further the cause.

"I don't wish this upon anybody," he said. "It's not a fun experience. It's been a long road back, a long six weeks."

"Yeah, my game is scoring and making plays and setting up goals, but you can contribute in other ways, too. You can contribute on the defensive side, get the puck in at certain crucial times in the game. There are all kinds of ways that guys contribute that really don't show up on the scoreboard."

HUMOR

Irony abounds during past week of national sports

By DWIGHT PERRY
The Seattle Times

It's a marriage made in tax-deduction heaven.

Former Alabama quarterback Jay Barker, now a radio host in Birmingham, and country-music star Sara Evans will bring a combined seven offspring from their previous marriages to their scheduled nuptials this summer.

"The 'Brady Bunch' had six kids, and we have seven kids, and if we had another one, we could do 'Eight Is Enough,'" Evans told the GAC Nights: Live From Nashville national radio show. "If we had two more, we could do 'Eight Wasn't Enough.'"

"I'm not having two more children, I can promise you that."

Blind Optimism

"The Packers' CEO says the team's post-Brett Favre future looks bright," noted Pete McEntegart of SI.com. "At least that's what I think the guy said — his guide dog kept yapping the whole time."

Farm Subsidy Dept.

Hoops All-American Candice Wiggins is about to take a pay cut.

As Seattle Times reader Janice Hough pointed out: "As a first-round draft choice she'll probably make the WNBA maximum for players with less than three years' experience — about \$42,000, which is less than one year's tuition, room and board at Stanford."

Corn 1, Boss 0

Maybe Bruce Springsteen ought to include the Nebraska fight song on his next album.

As noted by AP, tickets for a Springsteen concert in Omaha last month sold for \$39 — less than half the \$95 that ticket brokers were getting for the Cornhuskers' sold-out spring football game.

Out of Jail at Last

Portland, not to be outdone by Seattle losing the Sonics, has jettisoned its Jail Blazers. The

NBA team waived hobbled forward Darius Miles on Monday.

Noted The Oregonian's Jason Quick: "His release gives the Blazers a roster without any player who has been suspended or disciplined by the team or the NBA, the first time that has been the case in at least 15 years."

Try, Try Again

Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, arrested Monday for suspicion of drunken driving, is expected to claim a friend stashed the offending substance in Anthony's backpack.

Hey, don't laugh — it worked last time.

Quote Marks

— Sharks forward Jeremy Roenick, to the Calgary Sun, after the stat sheet listed his team with 18 giveaways in its NHL playoff opener against the Flames: "I never believe any of those stats — one minute, the stat guy is eating his hot dog, and the next he's writing stuff down."

— Reggie Hayes of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) News-Sentinel, on Fox pulling the plug on the final out of Saturday's Red Sox-Yankees game to switch to the NASCAR race in Phoenix: "East Coast fans speculated it was all a vast rear-wheel conspiracy."

— Jazz rookie Kyle Fesenko, to Salt Lake Tribune writer Ross Siler, after noticing that Siler's media credential was incorrectly dated March 30, 2008: "Were you sent here to kill us all?"

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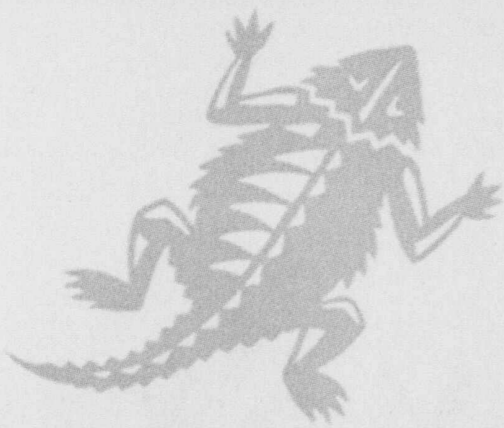
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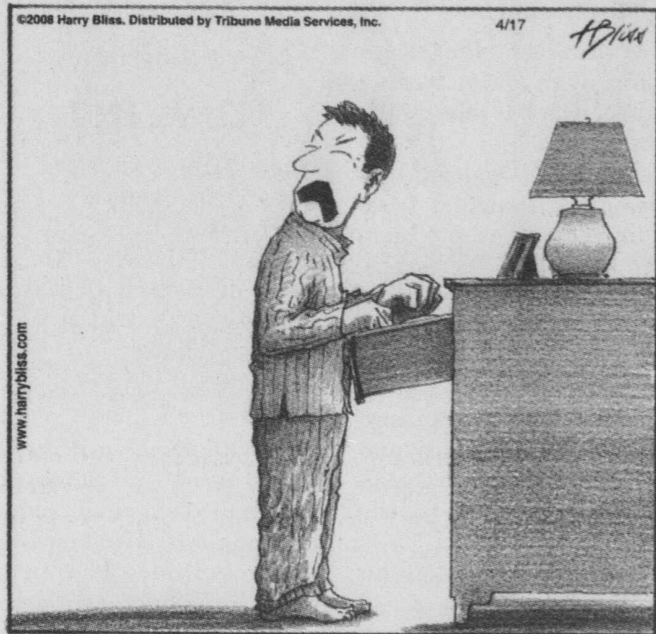
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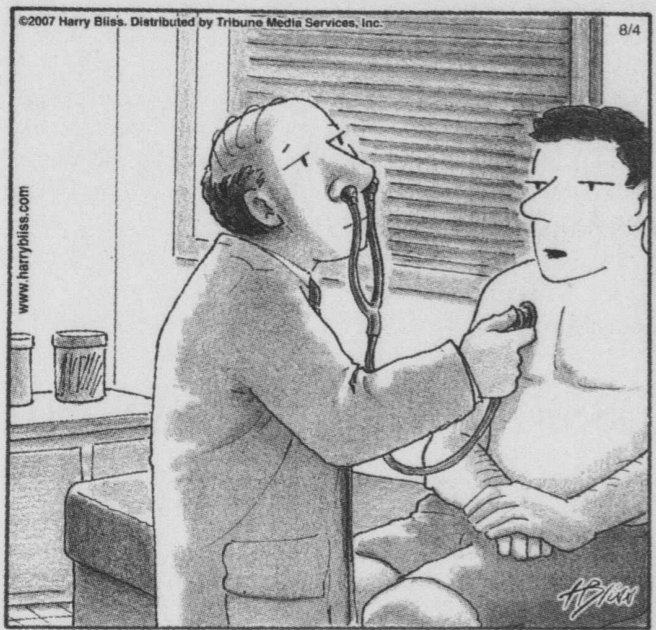
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By Alan R. Olschewski
Huntington Beach, CA

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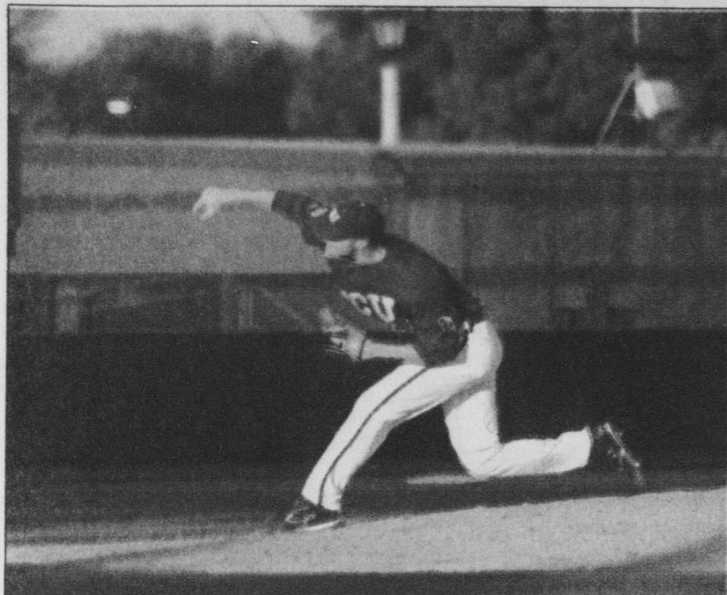
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BASEBALL

Horned Frogs look to rebound after streak-breaking loss



Redshirt junior Seth Garrison starts against the University of Oklahoma on Tuesday at Lupton Stadium. TCU faces Brigham Young University in a three-game series starting today in Utah. This will be the first contest between the two schools this year.

By **ROBERT BEMBER**
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs will look to bounce back from Tuesday night's 12-inning, nine-game, win-streak-snapping-loss to the Oklahoma Sooners tonight against Brigham Young University.

This is the first meeting of the two teams this season. The Horned Frogs have run off six straight Mountain West Conference wins to push their record to 8-4 through four conference series.

There should be no shortage of offense in Provo, Utah, for the Horned Frogs, which exploded for 12 runs Saturday against UNLV. TCU swept the series and outscored the Rebels

19-6 during the series.

The Cougars come into the three-game set with a team ERA of 7.62. Their home ballpark may contribute to the inflated ERA, as it is very much a hitter's park, junior catcher Hunt Woodruff said.

"BYU is an awesome place to play," Woodruff said. "We love going up there and playing — I mean they have great fans, great atmosphere, a nice ballpark and the ball flies out there. It's a great atmosphere and we love playing against them."

Last year when TCU and BYU faced in Provo, the Horned Frogs plated 29 runs in three games.

The Cougars' offense is lead

by junior outfielder Kent Walton, with a .331 batting average, which is tops on the team.

In January, Walton was temporarily expelled from the university and the team when he had his ecclesiastical endorsement withdrawn. The endorsement from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which sponsors BYU, is required to attend the university and must be renewed every year. He was reinstated to the team Feb. 7.

The Horned Frogs' junior relief pitcher Andrew Cashner has pitched in three of the last four games, notching two wins and a loss to push his record to 7-2. In the three games, Cashner worked 5 1/3 innings with 11 strikeouts. He struck out seven batters in his three innings against the Sooners on Tuesday.

"I feel good," Cashner said. "Hopefully I'll have Thursday and Friday off, and hopefully we can come after them and score a lot of runs and come

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home with some victories."

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle will once again send the young trio of sophomore Tyler Lockwood, freshmen Sean Hoelscher and Greg Holle to the mound for the series.

In his last start Saturday, Hoelscher took a no-hitter into the seventh inning. At one point, he set down 16 in a row en route to a career-high eight-strikeout performance.

"It's a big conference series, so we need to take care of business out there," sophomore catcher Bryan Holaday said.

EQUESTRIAN

Possible ranking system under review by NCAA

By **MEGAN MOWERY**
Staff Reporter

Next season, NCAA varsity equestrian might have a ranking system for individual and team standings for the first time, said the chair of the selection committee.

Kevin Hurley said this season varsity equestrian experimented with a ranking system that Rob Beuerlein, a TCU Athletics media relations student assistant, developed.

This is the seventh season varsity equestrian has been a collegiate sport and officials have been waiting for it to grow before it adopted a ranking system, Hurley said.

Now that varsity equestrian has grown to have 23 teams, officials will decide if the sport has grown enough, he said.

The selection committee will meet in May and Hurley said the committee will officially decide whether to use Beuerlein's ranking system.

Beuerlein said he is not comfortable revealing his method because it isn't official and will probably be revised during the meeting in May.

Every team in the varsity division is allowed to come to the meeting and one vote per school is permitted.

TCU head coach Gary Reynolds said he is in favor of the ranking system Beuerlein developed and said it will be good for the sport by allowing more coverage in newspapers

and magazines.

"Teams will have a better idea of how they stand during the season and coming into the National Championship," Reynolds said.

Prior to the ranking system, Reynolds said the team would estimate where it was ranked. The team wouldn't find out its actual ranking until the brackets for the National Championship were announced, he said.

Reynolds said awareness of the sport would increase on every level and it would help attract more fans by advertising individual and game rankings.

"It will absolutely matter to each school, as a selling point for recruiting and fundraising money," Reynolds said.

Varsity equestrian would like to become recognized by NCAA, which means the sport would abide by NCAA official regulations and the National Championship would be paid for by NCAA.

To become recognized by the NCAA, a sport must have 40 teams, Hurley said.

Varsity Equestrian has 23 teams that consist of 19 Division 1 schools and four Division 2 schools.

Hurley said he thinks a ranking system would allow for more publicity and more schools would become interested in adding varsity equestrian to their collegiate program.

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QUICK SPORTS

Equestrian championships start today

The Varsity Equestrian National Championships start today and the TCU team enters with the No. 1 ranking in Western Horsemanship.

The team went undefeated in the regular season in Western riding, which is the first time an NCAA team has accomplished this. The No. 1 ranking means the team receives a first-round bye and will face the winner of the No. 8 New Mexico State-No. 9 Baylor University matchup.

TCU battled the Baylor Bears earlier this season in the first day of the Baylor Fall Tournament and fell 8-4. The Horned Frogs' four points all came from Western Horsemanship.

Senior Kindel Huffman will also represent TCU as an individual in the championship bracket for Horsemanship. Huffman is the No. 1 seed and faces No. 4 Laura Upton from the University of Georgia.

If Huffman advances, she will face either No. 3 Stephanie Sanders from the University of Tennessee-Martin or No. 2 Caroline Gunn from Texas A&M University in the championship round.

Sports editor Brett Larson