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Bulldogs' coach off limits to media this season

BY ELIOT DUKE Staff Writer

Thomasville High School varsity football coach Allen Brown will not be talking to the media this season.

Brown did not attend the Bulldogs Media Day on Friday and when reached by phone that afternoon, deferred all questions regarding the football program to assistant coach Stan Baranowski. Brown said he would not be addressing the media this season but did not give

any specifics. Sources close to the program said that Brown came to the decision because he did not like how the media handled a situation involving his son, Benjie Brown, earlier this year.

"Basically, he's just not talking to the media this year," THS Athletic Director Woody Huneycutt said Monday of



Brown



Huneycutt

Allen Brown's decision. "I am pretty much going to respect his wishes when it comes to that. As long as he will make somebody available to talk, and he makes his players available to talk, the only thing that will change is that he's not going to talk. Things may change as the year goes on, but right now, he is very adamant about not

doing it and if things get bad enough he'll just — we'll just get another coach," basically.

In January, Benjie Brown, principal at Liberty Drive Elementary, was charged with assault and battery for allegedly striking Thomasville Middle School teacher Luke Starrett. The charges against Benjie Brown were dropped on June 30, and Thomasville City Schools Superintendent Keith Tobin said disciplinary actions

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'I don't see him changing his mind right now, but he may. I'm going to stick by my coach.'

—Woody Huneycutt Thomasville High School Athletic Director

Teen faces additional larceny charges

BY ELIOT DUKE Staff Writer

Charges just keep coming in against a Thomasville teen suspected of breaking into dozens of



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vehicles throughout the Chair City. Sincelast Wednesday, Tyler Adam Robinette, 19, of 1109 Harvest Drive, has been charged with an additional 14 counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle, 11 counts of misdemeanor larceny, one count of felony larceny, one count of injury to personal property and one count of larceny of a firearm, adding to his already lengthy list of allegations. Between Thomasville Police Department and Davidson County Sheriff's Office, Robinette has been charged more than 70 times in the past month.

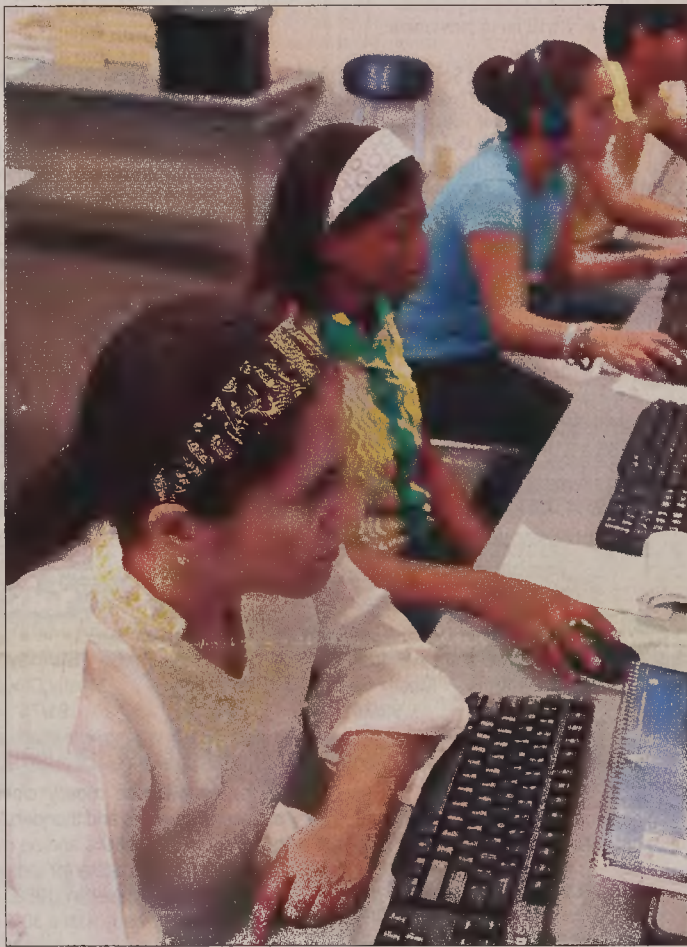
"He has been involved in quite a few of these type of B&E situations around Thomasville," Sheriff David Grice said. "More charges just keep getting added as detectives gather more information for warrants"

According to warrants obtained from the Davidson County Clerk of Courts Office, TPD has charged Robinette with 27 counts of breaking and entering, 24 counts of larceny, one count of possessing stolen property, one count of felony conspiracy and one count of larceny of a firearm. DCSO has charged Robinette with nine counts of breaking and entering, eight counts of misdemeanor larceny, one count of larceny of a fire-

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STUDYING ABROAD

Lal Bano, Akua Achiaa and Katyuska Blanco make use of computers in an English as a Second Language class at Davidson County Community College. The students traveled to the U.S. from their native country to attend classes are various colleges — one of which is DCCC. For full story, see FOCUS, Page 4.



ABC scores high for county schools

BY ERIN WILTGEN Staff Writer

Davidson County Schools continues its trend of improvement.

With Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) scores already recording progress, the school system's ABC scores, reported in the beginning of August, also carry a positive overtone.

Of the system's 32 schools, 29 — or 90.6 percent — reached expected or high growth and 20 — or 62.5 percent — achieved a performance composite of 80 percent or higher.

"We are happy with that," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sandi Lee. "Obviously, we'd like to have 100 percent, but what we're happier with is the number of schools that have 80 percent proficiency or higher."

The ABC system, created in 1996 and expanded in 2002-03

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— Dr. Sandi Lee DCS Asst. Superintendent

to meet No Child Left Behind requirements, sets growth and performance standards for every school in the state. Scores take in growth, proficiency and AYP status.

Growth looks at the rate students learn over an academic year. Each student is given a target score based on the end-of-grade (EOG) tests of the previous two years. Students are expected to perform as well as or better.

In Davidson County, all 14 of the middle and high schools made expected or high growth, with 11 making high growth, and 15 of the 18 elementary schools made expected or high growth, with four making high growth.

Nineteen of 32 schools system-wide met the School of Distinction or Honor School of Excellence designation as opposed to 13 in 2008-09. A School of Distinction made at least expected growth with an 80-89 percent proficiency, while an Honor School of Excellence made at least expected growth, AYP and 90-100 percent proficiency.

Proficiency measures the percent of students who scored at or above grade level. Proficiency measures the achievement of a school. Growth measures a student's change in academic achievement.

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Alcohol sales at Farmer's Market approved

BY ERIN WILTGEN Staff Writer

Thomasville City Council voted to amend the rules and contract for rental of the Farmer's Market facility to allow the sale and consumption of alcohol at its meeting Monday.

Council members also had to amend a city ordinance prohibiting the sale and consumption of alcohol on city property except for Finch Field and Winding Creek Golf Course. Both votes passed 6-1, with Council Member Raleigh York Jr. opposing each time.

The amendments would allow events at the new PACE Park amphitheater to have a beer garden of sorts — a location where people could buy and sell alcohol in a controlled setting while still maintaining a family-friendly environment. Alcohol would be served at events using or adjacent to the Farmer's Market property, not during normal Farmers Market operating hours.

"There are places all over that have events and have a controlled environment with responsible salesmen there to provide alcohol," said Council

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