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Mending fences, reaching out SGA strives to gain students' interest

With a new semester underway, SGA officers roll out their plans for the university and student body.

By Matt Turner
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association officers hope to regain the trust of the student body by increasing communication with students, officers said.

SGA will debut a professionally designed Web site, distribute a bi-monthly newsletter

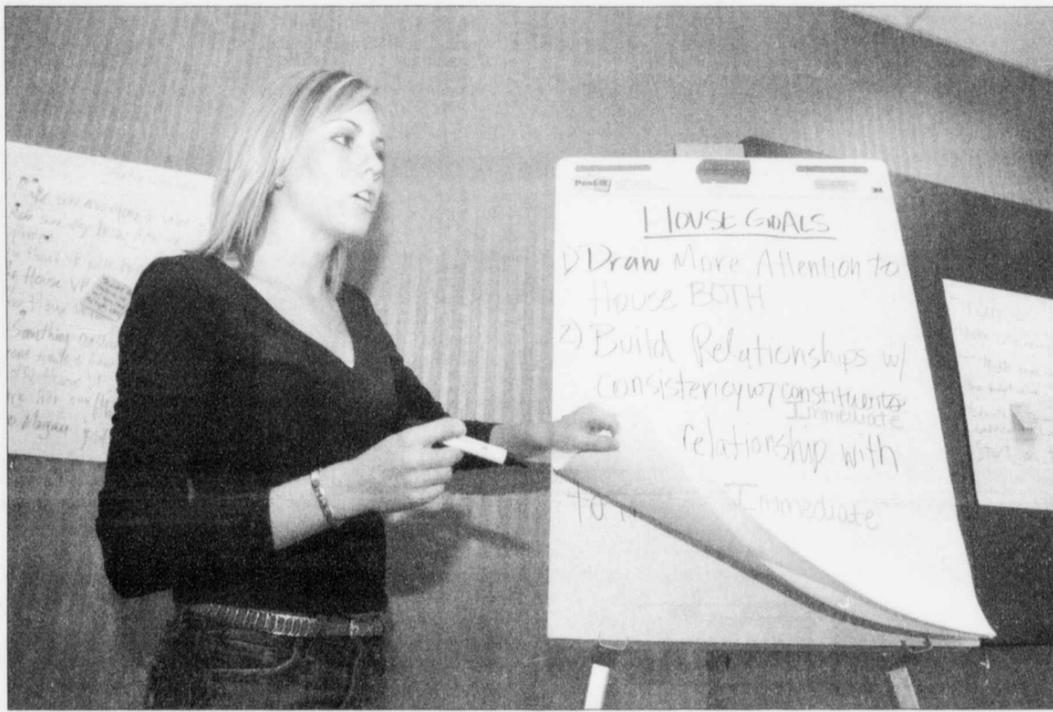
and send campus-wide e-mails to students this semester, officers said.

One goal of SGA is to make the House more accessible to students by being proactive leaders, an effort Secretary Corrie Lockhart said she believes will help regain the student's trust after election difficulties last semester. The election code is currently being revised to avoid future problems and student assistance with the revision is welcome, officers said.

President Jay Zeidman said the best way to reconcile with students is to pass visible legislation and to increase communication with them.

House Vice President Megan Brown said she believes the election did not have much effect on the relationship between SGA and students because there was not a strong relationship to begin with.

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Sophomore international relations major Kiley Herring outlines SGA's goals last weekend at the SGA retreat in Arlington's Wyndham Hotel.

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More options for late-night munchies

The Sunset Grill has extended hours to satisfy students who want more food choices after 8 p.m.

By Natalie Mattern
Staff Reporter

Late-night cravings for hamburgers and mozzarella cheese sticks will be easier to satisfy now.

Sodexo general manager Rick Flores said he decided to extend the hours of the Sunset Grill in The Main after a number of students complained about the variety of late-night options at Frogbytes.

The Grill will now be open until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

The idea was proposed by George Ferguson, House of Student Representatives dining services chairman.

"I thought it would be nice if students had another option," said Ferguson, a sophomore business major. Flores decided to extend the hours after 150 students attended a successful trial run in November and he realized students may want to eat healthier at a later time.

"The complaint was not 'we want to eat late night,' but students want more to choose from," said Bryant Currie, food services director of operations. Flores said he only expects to break even on profit during the extended hours because 95 percent of students still eat between 5 and 8 p.m. However, the extension allows Sodexo to do more to satisfy the needs for students, Flores said.



Freshmen Beth Anne Edwards, Tyler Cochran and Mayra Pastor enjoy food in The Main after 9 p.m. The Main has extended dinner hours until 10 p.m.

Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

"Students can get grilled food they never had at Frogbytes," he said.

Meaghan Hertel, a junior finance major, said the later hours are beneficial for students who have night classes or work later. "It's more convenient to swipe it on your card than going to Chili's

for a late dinner," she said.

Students can also use the space longer for studying and congregating with friends, Currie said.

"We have built it, you have to come," Currie said.

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Higher standards plus aid for Fijis after bar raised

The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity continues to complete sanctions since being put on probation on suspicion of hazing last semester.

By Stacey Grant
Staff Reporter

Phi Gamma Delta fraternity members may have to hit the books harder this semester.

One of the chapter requirements to lift its probation for suspected hazing is to establish a 3.0 cumulative GPA for the semester, a mark only two of 10 social fraternities made last fall.

James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life, said no member can have a GPA below 2.5 for the semester. The grade requirements were not enforced last semester because the fraternity's probation came so late in the year, he said.

"In order for each fraternity

to reach its highest potential, we must set high goals so it can go after them and meet them head on," Parker said.

Some fraternity members say that they're happy to get a second chance, even if they don't love every provision.

"Sure, it sucks we can't have alcohol at our parties," junior Justin Lemon said. "However, we're trying to get on good status again, and we'll do whatever it takes."

The fraternity says its implementing new policies to meet its probation.

Fiji President Chris Duty said members who have a GPA below 2.5 must participate in eight hours of study hall each week this semester. A \$200 scholarship will also be avail-

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Despite vaccine shortage, flu remedies still remain

The flu season is in full swing on campus, but there are steps students can take to avoid the bug and soothe the symptoms.

By Lori Russell
Staff Reporter

Don't go to the Health Center if you want a flu shot. They're tapped out.

And you may not find the vaccine anywhere else in town either.

But doctors say you can still take steps to prevent coughing and aching at the time of year when the virus hits campus the hardest.

Burton W. Schwartz, a physician at the Health Center, said students should try to get at least eight hours of sleep a day, drink plenty of fluids and eat healthy, balanced meals. Hot liquids, such as vegetable and chicken soups, can soothe sore throats and are packed with protein, carbohydrates and fat, all of which are important for maintaining good health, he said.

The early flu season in the United States has been accompanied by an unusually high and persistent demand for flu shots, or trivalent inactivated vaccine. This resulted in nationwide shortages of the vaccine, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Health Center, which

announced availability of the vaccine in October, ran out near the end of last semester after administering more than 1,400 shots, Schwartz said. TCU will not get anymore vaccine this season. He said students might still be able to get the shot from their family doctor.

The Tarrant County Public Health Department ran out of vaccine Dec. 11, Vanessa Joseph, a senior public information officer, said. But the county has

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QUICK FACTS

Ways to prevent the flu

- Get plenty of sleep (at least eight hours a night)
- Drinking plenty of fluids
- Eat healthy, balanced meals
- Avoid smoking or being around cigarette smoke because it irritates the respiratory system
- Avoid alcohol because it weakens the immune system and can cause dehydration



Sarah Chacko/photo editor

Review team grants accreditation

The M.J. Neeley School of Business and the accounting program earned reaccreditation once again. The school has been accredited since the 1940s.

By Drew Irwin
Staff Reporter

The School of Business has received re-accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

"Re-accreditation was critical for our image nationally," said William Moncrief, senior associate dean of the business school. "Students come to a school like TCU because of our accreditation."

The school received accreditation last month based on the association's visit to the business school in October, when the school was checked for quality of programs, facilities, atmosphere, faculty, staff, students and faculty research.

Moncrief said the team found the school "in very good shape." The report also suggested that the school's undergraduate program is one of the top 50 in the country, he said.

The school was ranked as one of the top business schools in the Wall Street Journal for 2003 and 2004. Forbes Magazine and Entrepreneur Magazine have also recognized the school in the last year.

The association also re-accredited the business school's accounting department. Only 162 other accounting programs in the nation have individual accreditation.

"The accreditation enhances our credibility," said Robert Vigeland, accounting department chairman. "This puts us in fairly elite company, and it, hopefully, will help us attract more students."

While accreditation is a continuing process for the business school, the re-accreditation will last for an additional six years.

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Theft in Worth Hills dorms over break

By Amy Sikes
Staff Reporter

More than \$13,000 in cash, video and audio equipment and other items were stolen from two fraternity houses at Martin-Moore Hall on Dec. 24, the morning after the Fort Worth Bowl, according to presidents of the two fraternities.

Approximately \$7,000 of stereo equipment was missing from the Phi Kappa Sigma chapter room, President John Discher said. Phi Gamma Delta President Chris Duty said approximately \$6,000 of stereo equipment was taken from their chapter room, as well

as a television from one member's second-floor room. The Phi Kap and Fiji fraternities are connected by a door on the second and third floors of Martin-Moore Hall.

Discher says he has reported the missing items to the police. However, TCU Detective Kelly Ham said only small items such as wallets and cash had been reported stolen. On Tuesday, Duty said he had not yet reported any stolen items to the police, and Ham said Wednesday he had not received any further reports.

TCU allowed residents to stay in their dorms until the day after the bowl game, as long as they registered

with Student Affairs. Associate Dean of Campus Life Mike Russel said. Five residents of Martin-Moore Hall were registered to stay the night of the incident, he said.

The police report states that the thefts occurred after an overnight guest of a resident left a room door unlocked.

Ham would not name the resident nor his fraternity but Russel said that the residents who stayed in the residence halls for the Fort Worth Bowl were not allowed to have overnight guests.

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Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

■ **December 2003 degree candidates** should file Intent to Graduate forms in the office of their academic dean by the deadline set by that academic office. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the registrar by Oct. 6.

■ **Worship Rally 2003** will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Frog Fountain. Students can meet with various religious student organizations at the rally. Charlie Hall will perform live.

■ **University Career Services** will offer two free information sessions to help students prepare to enter the work force. A session on resume and cover letter writing will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3 in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 134. A session on interviewing will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24 in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 134. For more information call (817)

SGA

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To build communication, officers hope to have a template for the new Web site in a month. Students



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
SGA President Jay Zeidman blindfolds a member of the House of Student Representatives as part of a leadership-building game at the SGA retreat.

will be able to view information ranging from advising schedules to dining menus, Zeidman said.

A newsletter will be distributed in mailboxes and bins around campus every two months and house calls to organizations will

show what SGA can offer them, Lockhart said.

Zeidman said he plans to send campus-wide e-mails to students and meet personally with the heads of organizations to let them know SGA is there for them.

"We have the staff, we have the resources, we have the facilities, we have the funds. Let's use them," he said.

Treasurer David Watson said the House has a fund for special projects and a fund for conferences and conventions that student organizations are eligible for, and if organizations get the support of a representative, it can be voted on.

The new officers discussed goals and talked to student organizations on the Campus Life retreat last weekend at the Wyndham Hotel in Arlington. The new officers have shown a great deal of cohesiveness and

are excited about what they can accomplish, Lockhart said.

The officers said they will focus on academic advising, the off-campus use of meal cards and a new student center.

Zeidman said he wants to utilize Intercom, a group of 15 presidents from different campus organizations, to take the three major proposals directly to the Board of Trustees this semester.

Soon, students can expect to receive personal invitations to House meetings, which are always open forums, Lockhart said. Meetings will be 5 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 27, in Student Center Room 222.

Zeidman said he believes it is important for SGA to be visible and establish their identity as an organization that represents everyone.

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FLU

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other remedies.

The Health Department offers a nasal spray form of the vaccine, FluMist, for \$30. It is available at two locations: Southwest Public Health Center in Fort Worth and Northeast Public Health Center in Bedford. It is only available for healthy people ages 5 to 49.

Schwartz said the flu usually hits campus hardest during January

and February, so there is still a chance TCU will experience a second round of the virus.

Schwartz recommends avoiding smoking or cigarette smoke, which irritates the respiratory system. They should also avoid alcohol, which weakens the immune system and can cause dehydration, he said.

Several students a week last semester were sent to hospitals and emergency rooms for treatment of dehydration, a common complication with the flu, Schwartz said.

"We had some very sick people, and some students had fevers of 102 to 104 degrees," Schwartz said. "Every cell in their bodies ached."

Schwartz said since many students are starting the new year with a new daily planner, it might be a good idea to turn to October now and write down a personal reminder to get your flu shot early next year.

That's what Angie Payne plans to do.

The freshman psychology major

has gotten flu shots yearly since she was a little girl, but didn't get around to it this year.

Angie came down with flu symptoms a few days before dead days last semester, and suffered from a severe sore throat, body aches, fever and chills.

"The sore throat and body aches were the worst," Angie said. "At night my fever would go way up and I would feel really hot and then I'd get the chills."

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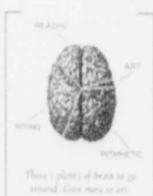
Instead of a gun, Louis Armstrong delivered his peace from 1955 jazz peace for mankind.

the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make

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Armstrong left his fingerprints on the jazz world, leaving his on records.

leaps were simply a matter of course for Satchmo. For no one has ever embodied the art form the way he did. It was he who helped make virtuoso solos a part of the vocabulary. It was he who was honored with the title "American goodwill ambassador" by the State Department. It was he who was the last jazz musician to hit #1 on the Billboard pop chart.

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The Skiff View

SuperFrog is a super sellout

Nokia commercials hurt TCU's Christian image

When SuperFrog appeared in television ads with notorious rapper Snoop Dogg during the Bowl Championship Series, TCU got the "Ultimate Bling" indeed: free publicity that reached into hundreds of millions of homes.

But it paid a hefty price for the bling-bling. It was not paid with the Benjamins, but rather the further

erosion of the Christian values on which this university was founded.

Snoop Dogg's troubles with the law — including a murder charge for which he was ultimately acquitted — and admitted drug use are well documented. Those, perhaps, can be written off as past mistakes that can be forgiven. Far more damning is the

"pimp" lifestyle the Los Angeles rapper endorses. Rappers are "teaching people how to hustle and how to look good," Snoop Dogg told The Associated Press. "I'd rather be a pimp than a gang-banger because I grew up being a gang-banger and I tell you, you live longer being a pimp."

Snoop Dogg may not be an actual pimp, someone who finds customers for prostitutes, but he is a pornographer. He hosted the X-rated video "Girls Gone Wild Doggy Style" that features nudity and sexual activity. He says he is working to see more minorities featured — we would say exploited — in the videos.

"If you notice, there hasn't been no girls of (ethnicity) at all on none of those tapes," he told The Associated Press. "No black girls, no Spanish girls, all white girls, and that ain't cool, because white girls ain't the only hos that get wild."

Even in the preliminary Nokia ad, Snoop Dogg is surrounded by women, presumably the "hos" he spoke of, when he receives SuperFrog's picture on his cell phone. NCAA President Myles Brand reportedly called the ads "inappropriate for a college game."

Some may say the commercials were lighthearted and in good fun. They were good publicity. And they were funny. But that misses the point. Agreeing to appear in ads with a noted smut peddler implies acceptance of that lifestyle.

Those are not the values that Texas Christian University represents. Sooner or later, TCU needs to decide whether it wants to be a Christian university or a secular one.

Right now, it's just selling out.

Your View

Letters to the editor

America will be better off with the current health care system

Brian Chatman's column supporting national health care was built not only on faulty premises and half-truths, but satires the right with as much grace as an elephant in tights.

Mr. Chatman first asks, "Hasn't the government provided services to minimize unemployment and provide a safety net for those who have lost their jobs?" This question is directed to only a portion of the dilemma under examination. Mr. Chatman has turned a blind eye toward the second, much larger half of the welfare state. Since the New Deal, America bleeds nearly a third of our national budget into a vast welfare culture.

Mr. Chatman also mentions how the government regulates

business "to preserve competition and ensure standards of quality and work conditions." However, our friendly national government produces the most inefficient and profitless conditions whenever it has the chance to meddle in the business and lives of its people.

I assert that we are not well served in power, education, welfare and business regulation by our government, and if we cede more of the health care industry to the oversight of bureaucrats and politicians we will live to rue that day. Mr. Chatman ought to glance across our borders to Canada's messy, costly and inefficient health care system, and if he likes what he sees, he ought to emigrate. America would be better off without his mindless vote.

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Point/Counterpoint

Today's debate: School vouchers

Money must be put into public schools, not taken

It seems that with every election, someone claims he or she is the champion of education. This year, schools have not gotten better — most areas are stagnant or have fallen in quality of education.

What should you do? Pack up your family and move to a gated community where all the houses

look the same and send your kids to a private school.

Apparently people seem to think that hiding behind a wall will solve a problem. The latest version of this, of course, is the school voucher program. On the surface, it seems like a great idea. The government has a figure that they say is the amount spent per student in your local public school. If your child makes the grades and passes the test, you can take that money out of your local school and put it into a private institution.

Sweet deal! We get our taxes back and it will pay for our child's private education away from those hooligans in public schools. I don't pretend to know exact dollar amounts, but the last I heard on the

news was that the vouchers allow for around \$2,000 per student. Tuition for local private schools is much higher than that. The largest private school in Fort Worth (which shall remain nameless) has tuition in excess of \$10,000 a year. Even smaller private institutions are approaching \$9,000 per year.

So where is the rest of the money going to come from? Some of these schools do offer scholarship programs, but what if you don't qualify? Well take out a bank loan! So you put your child into a private institution from kindergarten to graduation with a bank loan of \$120,000. Disregarding the fact that tuition increases every year, that still costs as much as a fairly nice home. Apparently if deficit spending is good enough for the U.S. government, it is good enough for the private citizen. Don't want to do that? Use your personal retirement money. Thanks to the Enron Corp., we all know your 401(k) is safe. Translation: The well-to-do get to stay in their private schools for a discount, and the majority of the lower class stay in a public school that has less money than before.

Schools everywhere are suffering from a lack of funding. Teachers don't get paid enough to care about every student

that walks through their door. Students are learning from textbooks that are out of date and uninteresting. So if the teacher just teaches out of a textbook instead of engaging the students, and the students don't have up-to-date material, who ultimately suffers? Society as a whole. SAT scores set an all-time low last year. If the government should do anything, it should be an increase in funding to get better teachers and materials into the system, not take money out.

Conservatives have said that the public school system is a monopoly that must be broken up. Look around and you find several private schools, proving options do exist for those with the money for it. Public schools are not a monopoly, they exist to give those that may not have the money for private school a quality education. With that education, they can become informed voters and productive members of society. And just maybe, they will be able to send their children to private schools, move into a homogenous, gated community, and get away from those ruffians that plague our public schools.

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Public schools lack competition

No one can deny that our public school system is in trouble. Decreasing achievement, increasing violence, and general apathy seem to affect everyone involved. Parents tend to be uninvolved and students cynical about their prospects

for success. Extra money and regulations have not solved the problem, especially for inner city schools with children who are often drawn into lives of crime. America has one option that could help solve these problems: eliminate the monopoly of the public school system.

As consumers, we naturally hate monopolies. Monopolies have no need to improve the quality of their product, increase efficiency or lower prices in order to attract more customers. A monopoly can charge more money from its customers and provide less in return. The public school monopoly continues to grow, affecting 69 million consumers in the United States in 2003.

The solution to this problem lies in school vouchers. School vouchers are direct payments from the government to

individuals to help them purchase an education on the open market. The voucher could be used by parents to pay tuition at a public school in another district, a private school or a religious school. State-enacted voucher programs currently exist in Colorado, Washington D.C., and Cleveland.

The ideas behind vouchers are the same ideas that have built America into the nation it is today: capitalism and free choice. Currently, neither is in our public school system. The plan is to put voucher checks into the hands of low-income students so that they can take that money to whatever school they choose. By giving low-income students the chance to transfer out of failing schools, we give them the opportunity to pursue a good education, and by taking money away from bureaucratic school districts we encourage them to improve and attract more students. When schools have to compete for students they will model themselves more like corporations: efficient, effective and motivated.

Research has shown the benefits this competition can produce. In areas where public and private schools compete for the same students, Harvard economics associate professor

Caroline Hoxby's research showed academic improvement. Among students transferring from public to private school, Hoxby found a 12 percent increase in future wage gains and a 12 percent increase in the probability of college graduation. Hoxby also found an 8 percent improvement in the test scores of the students who remained in public schools. Such research proves that competition can improve public schooling.

Opponents argue that the financial state of underfunded public schools will only grow worse, but vouchers will merely encourage such schools to eliminate bureaucracy and become more efficient. In New York City, administrative populations have increased by up to eight times the rate of new student enrollment. Couldn't that money be better spent on students than on administrators?

The Bush administration is behind this innovative program and hopes to expand it. Opposing him are teacher and administrator unions; worried that a little competition might force them to work harder for their money. Vouchers can improve schooling for America's children, and isn't that what they deserve?

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Trekkies utilized in new campaign

President Bush was concerned that his base of friends and billionaire supporters wouldn't be big enough to ensure victory in the upcoming election, so he assigned Karl Rove, the White House political director, to uncover ways to

expand his popularity.

After extensive research, Rove discovered there are an estimated 2.5 million "Star Trek" and "Star Wars" fanatics living in their parents' basements who are not yet registered to vote. More importantly, there are enough of them in five key states to ensure an election victory.

The challenge then was to find a way to get these sloth-like creatures off their couches and into a voting booth to support a pure Republican ticket. If achieved, it would be the finest moment in American political history.

In an act of sheer brilliance, Rove recommended the president increase space travel and air as much of the footage as possible on television. Thus, the proposal to put man on Mars and back on the moon was born.

When questioned, Rove denied that appointing George Taki as a U.S. ambassador to the United Nations was part of this effort. However, as any good Trekkie would know, Taki played Ensign Sulu on the original "Star Trek." This move could sway the hearts of the masses.

Informed sources say the president originally was considering appointing Luke Skywalker to the U.N. position. However, Secretary of State Colin Powell informed him that not only was Skywalker a fictional character, but he also lived a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away and thus, was not technically a U.S. citizen.

The president is said to have expressed surprise by doing a great imitation of the Scooby Doo face.

Much criticism has been placed on the Mars mission by both Republicans and Democrats who argue, with good cause, that there just isn't enough money to fulfill the president's dream. The expected cost of manning both the moon and Mars missions currently is just under \$1 trillion. In fact, political experts agree that Congress quickly will shoot down any proposal.

To rally support for his campaign, Bush is planning a nationwide tour with William Shatner and They Might Be Giants. Shatner is expected to hold question-and-answer sessions about his years on "Star Trek," as well as performing some new beat poetry.

The convention/fundraiser tickets are expected to cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

It has yet to be seen if these new schemes will prove victorious in November, but Republicans have reason to be optimistic; the first five tour dates have sold out, and Trekkies worldwide are chanting Bush's name.

Maureen Murfin is a columnist for the Northern Star at Northern Illinois University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

"Live long and prosper"



National/International Roundup

Mother, 3 children found dead in car accident outside of Waco

MARLIN (AP) — A Central Texas woman and her three young children were killed Wednesday when a dump truck broadsided her sport utility vehicle in dense fog at a rural intersection. The accident happened in the crossroads community of Wilderville about 13 miles south of Marlin and 36 miles south of Waco.

The victims' names and the children's ages were not immediately released pending notification of relatives.

Investigators believe the 24-year-old woman didn't see a stop sign because of the fog and drove into the path of the 18-wheeler, said Senior Cpl. Charlie Morgan with the Texas Department of Public Safety in Waco.

The truck hit the driver's side of the SUV, pushing it into a ditch, Morgan said. The truck then overturned and the driver was ejected. He was taken to Scott and White Hospital in Temple, but his identity and condition were not immediately released.

At least two of the children were strapped into child safety seats, Morgan said. Investigators could not tell if the woman or the other child were wearing seat belts because the vehicle was so heavily damaged.

The woman had dropped her husband off at work shortly before the wreck, Morgan said.

Morgan said the woman's driver's license listed her hometown as Hearne, but investigators could not immediately confirm if she still lived there.

Man claims self-defense in the murder of two suspected burglars

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — A North Texas man was being held in the Dallas County Jail on Wednesday as police investigated

his claim that he killed two men who were trying to rob him.

Grand Prairie police expect to hand over the case against Foyil Edward Deal to Dallas County prosecutors by Friday, Detective John Brimmer said.

"We feel like there's enough information we've received during course of this investigation to question the validity of the use of deadly force," Brimmer said Wednesday. "It doesn't seem to be a clear-cut case of self defense."

Brimmer said Deal told officers that the two men forced their way into his Grand Prairie home, threatened him with a baseball bat and ordered him to accompany them to an ATM machine. Deal said he withdrew money and the men returned him to his home, where they again threatened him with the bat.

Deal, 63, was carrying a small pistol and shot both men as they sat in a car, Brimmer said. Deal has a concealed-weapons permit, and was not injured.

Brimmer said the crime did not appear to be random, but he declined to say why the men would target Deal.

Police identified the two dead men as Wesley Lewis Duncan, 40, of Cleburne, and Wylie Bailey Casey, 35, of Arlington. The men both died of gunshot wounds to the head, police said.

A Dallas County grand jury is expected to determine whether he should be indicted on the murder charges.

Men detained in investigation of falling death involving teenager

KAANAPALI, Hawaii (AP) — Two California men were arrested in the death of an 18-year-old New Jersey cheerleader whose naked body tumbled from the ninth floor balcony of a Maui hotel.

The two men, who were not identified, were arrested Tuesday

on charges of second-degree murder in the death of Lauren Crossan, of Randolph, N.J., said Lt. Tivoli Faumu.

Crossan was part of a group from the National Association of American Cheerleaders that had arrived at Maui to participate in Saturday's Hula Bowl college football game.

The two men, ages 19 and 20, were registered to the room from which Crossan fell. They were on vacation and not connected to the game or to the cheerleaders' group, Faumu said.

Crossan's body was discovered Monday morning on the grounds of the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort after a hotel guest reported seeing it.

The men told police that Crossan was in their room when they fell asleep early Monday. Her clothes and personal belongings were still in the room when police arrived to question them, but the men said they didn't know what happened to her, Faumu said.

An autopsy confirmed Crossan died of injuries suffered in the fall, Faumu said.

The investigation was continuing.



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able for pledges with a 3.0 or higher as well as a chapter endowment by Fiji parents for members with a 3.5 or greater. Fiji has never had study hours or scholarships before, Duty said.

J.B. Goll, director of chapter services for Fiji International Headquarters, said the fraternity has successfully completed last semester's sanctions, including non-alcoholic social events and supervision by Fiji alumni. This semester the fraternity must adhere to last semester's sanctions and develop educational programs, Goll said.

Duty says the sanctions are an award since the fraternity is allowed to throw one party with alcohol. It was barred from any such events after being placed on probation in October.

"This semester, they can have as many social events as they want as long as there is no alcohol present," Parker said.

Fiji is working with TCU and their national office to fulfill the sanctions given with their probation, Duty said.

"No parties have been approved for sure yet," he said. "But we're planning on having

one called 'How much fun can you have without alcohol?'"

Parker said if the fraternity meets all of its requirements and remains incident free this semester, it may petition its national office and TCU to have a party with alcohol next semester.

Sophomore Fiji member Drew Corbett said not having alcohol at parties is not an issue and it is a matter of learning to have fun a different way.

The chapter is being supervised by a graduate trusteeship made up of eight Fiji alumni, Duty said. The alumni meet weekly with Duty and the Fiji treasurer and attend most of their chapter meetings, he said.

Fiji is also in the process of developing five educational programs for the chapter, Parker said. There will be one open to the campus this semester to show a video warning students on the dangers of excessive drinking and hazing, Duty said.

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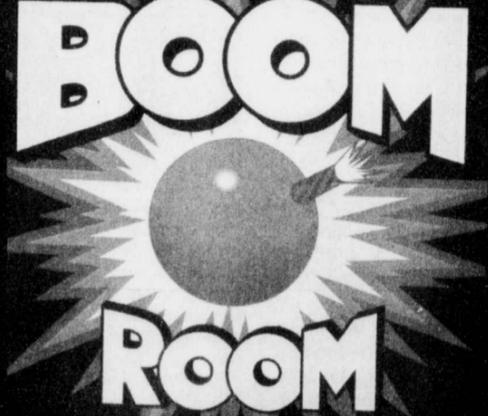
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Purple Poll

Do you support vouchers for private schools?

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by Stan Wahling



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by Hickerson



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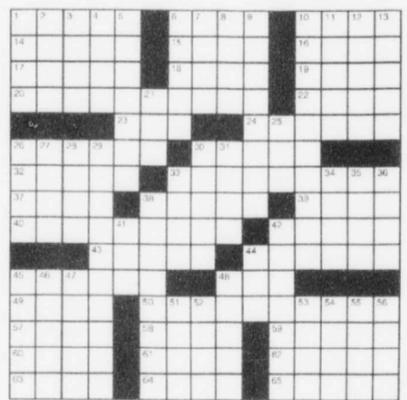
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Wednesday's Solutions

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Sideline

Bryant re-injures shoulder, may miss up to three weeks

(AP) — Kobe Bryant was placed on the injured list Wednesday and is expected to miss up to three weeks with a sprained right shoulder.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson said Bryant won't need surgery.

Bryant was injured in a collision with Cleveland's Kedrick Brown Monday night.

The NBA's seventh-leading scorer with a 22.0-point average, Bryant was injured late in the first quarter of an 89-79 victory over the Cavaliers when he faked Brown into the air outside the 3-point line and Brown landed on Bryant's shoulder.

In obvious pain, Bryant made three free throws, but left after the period ended and went to the locker room for X-rays. Bryant played a little more than five minutes in the second quarter, but was clearly not himself, running with his right arm hanging at his side.

Bryant had surgery on his shoulder June 12 — four weeks after the Lakers were eliminated from the second round of the playoffs by San Antonio. He had an inflamed bursa removed and a frayed labrum trimmed.

The Lakers have recently been without Shaquille O'Neal and Karl Malone because of injuries, and Malone's return doesn't appear imminent. The healthy members of their backcourt are Gary Payton, Derek Fisher and Kareem Rush.

O'Neal strained his right calf Jan. 4 and has missed five games, while Malone sprained a ligament in his right knee Dec. 21 and has sat out nine games.

Rick Fox, a starter for the past three seasons, hasn't played since undergoing surgery on his left foot eight months ago. He figures to start when fully healthy, which the Lakers hope will be soon.

Two TCU Swimmers take home C-USA weekly awards

TCU swimmers and divers swept Conference USA's performer of the week awards for the week of Jan. 12, the conference office announced Wednesday.

Freshman swimmer Keleigh Wentworth, a four-year high school all-American from Midland, takes home the title for the second time. She finished first in both the 1000 and 500 yard freestyle events and remains undefeated this season.

Kelly Seely, a sophomore diver from Friendsville, was C-USA's top diver for the third time after winning the one-meter diving title and the three-meter springboard event when she scored a 240.20 and a 240.05, respectively. She also remains undefeated on the season.

This is the third time this season that TCU has swept C-USA's swimming and diving awards.

— John Ashley Menzies

49ers quarterback arrested on suspicion of drunken driving

(AP) — San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving early Wednesday, a jail spokesman said.

Garcia, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, was booked into the Santa Clara County jail at about 3:30 a.m., spokesman Mark Cursi said. He was released six hours later, Cursi said.

He is scheduled to make a court appearance March 1, according to the Santa Clara County district attorney's office.

49ers general manager Terry Donahue said the team will have no further comment. A call to Garcia's agent, Steve Baker, was not immediately returned.

Garcia was pulled over by San Jose State University police near campus, Cursi said. He attended the San Jose Sharks' NHL game against the Dallas Stars on Tuesday night, waving to the crowd when he was shown on the overhead scoreboard.

Campus police issued a statement saying Garcia had three passengers in his SUV and that the vehicle was pulled over for "erratic operation." The statement said preliminary results showed Garcia's blood alcohol level was above the legal limit, but that final results would not be available for about two weeks.

First Fort Worth Bowl successful

PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl makes an impact, and more is expected in future years.

By Sarah Greene
Staff Reporter

With a home team playing a team from 1,600 miles away, not much was expected out of the inaugural PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl.

Thomas Starr, executive director of the PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl, said of the five bowl games hosted in Texas this season, only the Fort Worth Bowl did not sell out.

Tickets were priced at \$40, \$25 for students, and a \$60 family package, which covered two adults and two children.

TCU's Amon Carter stadium has 46,000 seats; 38,028 tickets were sold. An estimated 2,500 tickets went to the Boise State fans, Starr said.

"There is no reason why we cannot sell out," Starr said. "Fort Worth offers all that one looks for in a bowl game."

He continued to say that Fort Worth has premier hotels, great transportation, a traditional stadium, central location with respect to Big 12 schools and great football fans.

Starr said the game affected the community in two ways: exposure and economic impact.



Stephen Spillman/Staff Photographer

Although Amon Carter Stadium did not sell out, fans still made their presence known at the Fort Worth Bowl. The stadium has 46,000 seats; 38,028 tickets were sold. An estimated 2,500 tickets went to the Boise State fans. The crowds helped area businesses.

"For three and a half hours the Fort Worth Bowl ran unopposed by any other football game," Starr said.

He said not only did this show off TCU and its facilities, but during the breaks, ESPN also ran commercials for local businesses and upcoming events.

As for great economic impact,

a bowl game has the potential to bring large profits to a community, affecting everything from gas stations to hotels to restaurants. Starr said, for Fort Worth, this will come in the future.

Dennis McFarlin, general manager of Blue Mesa Grill, said he agreed. He said that the restaurant did not see an increase in customers

during the bowl game.

McFarlin attributes this to the participating teams. He said most TCU fans did not need hotel rooms or restaurants and that the 1,600 mile drive Boise State fans faced did not encourage many to make the trek, especially so close to the holidays.

"The Boise crowd probably did

not have the opportunity to be in town and hang out long enough," McFarlin said.

Fortunately, Blue Mesa found other ways to take advantage of the bowl game. On game day it catered a banquet at TCU's Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. The restaurant also sponsored the game, McFarlin said.

Other area businesses enjoyed greater benefits from the game.

"It sold us out," said Todd Berry, manager of the Fort Worth Courtyard by Marriott. "We have a great relationship with TCU, being so close."

Starr said the game also benefited the two teams involved, with each team receiving a minimum of \$750,000. He said most of this money came from tickets sales.

More than anything, Starr said the ultimate goal of the inaugural Fort Worth Bowl was to make it the best game possible. As for future games, Starr said he sees the game bringing more revenue to local businesses and continuing exposure for the Fort Worth area.

"We will try to bring two exciting teams to the game every year," he said.

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Lady Frogs' success continues

At 13-2 (2-0 C-USA), the Lady Frogs have earned the program's highest national ranking in history. However, the players aren't letting the rankings concern them.

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The Lady Frogs' basketball team has entered uncharted territory.

Never, in the history of the women's basketball program, have the Lady Frogs held a higher ranking as they do now: No. 18 in the Associated Press Poll and No. 17 in the Coaches Poll.

Head coach Jeff Mittie says the team is not satisfied by having the program's highest national ranking, instead, the players know their work is far from complete.

"There are a lot of things we can improve upon," Mittie said. "I'm excited about this team. We aren't by any means a finished product."

He said the team must not worry about moving up or down in the rankings, because if they can continue to win, everything else will fall into place.

"We realize that if we win, those (rankings) will take care of themselves."

Instead, Mittie said the Lady Frogs are more focused on getting back to the practice court, having just completed a six game schedule in the last 13 days.

"Our focus is on getting better as a basketball team," he said. "We don't even talk about rankings. We haven't since they first came out."

And, at that time, the Lady Frogs found themselves ranked No. 24.

Mittie said he credits the team's recent climb in the polls to its great team leadership, in particular that of Tracy Wynne and

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Top 25 standings AP vs. USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll

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| 1. Duke | 1. Texas Tech |
| 2. Texas Tech | 2. Duke |
| 3. Texas | 3. Texas |
| 4. Connecticut | 4. Connecticut |
| 5. Tennessee | 5. Tennessee |
| 6. Minnesota | 6. Minnesota |
| 7. Stanford | 7. Stanford |
| 8. Penn State | 8. Penn State |
| 9. Purdue | 9. Georgia |
| 10. Kansas State | 10. Purdue |
| 11. Georgia | 11. Kansas State |
| 12. Louisiana Tech | 12. Louisiana Tech |
| 13. North Carolina | 13. North Carolina |
| 14. LSU | 14. LSU |
| 15. Colorado | 15. Colorado |
| 16. Oklahoma | 16. Oklahoma |
| 17. DePaul | 17. TCU |
| 18. TCU | 18. DePaul |
| 19. Villanova | 19. Virginia Tech |
| 20. Auburn | 20. Boston College |
| 21. Miami (Fla.) | 21. Miami (Fla.) |
| 22. Boston College | 22. Ohio State |
| 23. Virginia Tech | 23. Michigan State |
| 24. Baylor | 24. Villanova |
| 25. Michigan State | 25. Houston |

Ebony Shaw, and a collection of different players stepping up this season.

"Wynne and Shaw have been great at taking the pressure off the younger players," he said. "They have made it easier on everyone."

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Swimming teams remain humble despite successes

After defeating the Air Force Academy in Denver for the first time in the program's history, the men's and women's swimming teams have records of 8-0 and 8-1, respectively.

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The Air Force Academy is not the only element that affects the men's and women's swimming and diving teams when they travel to Denver, head coach Richard Sybesma said.

There's also the altitude. Before last weekend's meet out west, the Frogs had never beaten Air Force in the high altitude.

Sybesma said the altitude has been a reoccurring problem for his team against Air Force in the past, especially late in previous meets, but that the team was able to handle the elevation this time.

"We had an awesome trip," he said. "I couldn't be happier. We finally beat them at their place."

Sybesma said one of the biggest keys to the team's victory was freshman Aran Bean, who set the pool record in the 200 breast with a 2:07.76 time.

"He's our awesome Aussie in the pool," Sybesma said. "Aran is a fierce competitor and he's also a dynamic person."

"He's the real deal. A true student-athlete."

Bean said he did not feel as though he swam any faster than usual during his record-setting race and that the "quick" pool was responsible for his performance.

"It felt pretty good," Bean said. "I felt like I had good speed, but I didn't think it was anything record-setting. I didn't even realize I had set the record until someone told me when I got out of the pool."

Bean, a 21-year-old from Australia, said the record and his other successes this season are more than welcome, but he never anticipated them.

"I didn't really know what to expect when I came here from Australia at all," he said. "I didn't come in with too many expectations or expecting massive things to happen. We'll see at the end of the season."

Sybesma said he attributes Bean's immediate success at the collegiate level to his competitiveness and ability to perform under pressure.

"He's a really great meet swimmer and one of the best competitors I've seen," he said.

However, Sybesma said he realizes the team's great records and successes are not the result of any one individual.

"We've got a good team, not only

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Victories out west Frogs' individual winners

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| W 3 meter dive Kelly Seely 240.05 |
| M 3 meter dive Kelly McCain 279.25 |
| W 400 medley relay Tiffany Strawn Erica Tate Liz Proffitt Christie McAdams 359.29 |
| W 1000 free Keleigh Wentworth 10:30.95 |
| M 200 free Yousif Del Valle 1:42.82 |
| M 400 free relay Yousif Del Valle Brent Norcross Aaron McLachlan Mitch Looper 3:08.58 |
| W 50 free Erin Irons 23.90 |
| M 50 free David Tietze 21.73 |
| M 200 Breast Aran Bean 2:07.76 |
| W 200 IM Jennifer Antisdale 2:13.36 |
| W 1 meter dive Kelly Seely 240.20 |
| M 1 meter dive Kelly McCain 325.65 |
| W 100 free Karen Sandifer 53.64 |
| W 500 free Keleigh Wentworth 5:06.93 |

in the pool but also outside it," Sybesma said. "Those kids are classy. We win with confidence and class."

Bean said the team's great season can also be attributed to the close bond the swimmers from the two teams have with one other.

"This team, it's really amazing," he said. "Everyone out here gets together so well. I think everyone puts in their part and leads at the same time."

Despite the men's record (8-0) and the women's record (8-1), Sybesma said the team will have no trouble remaining a humble, close knit group the rest of the season.

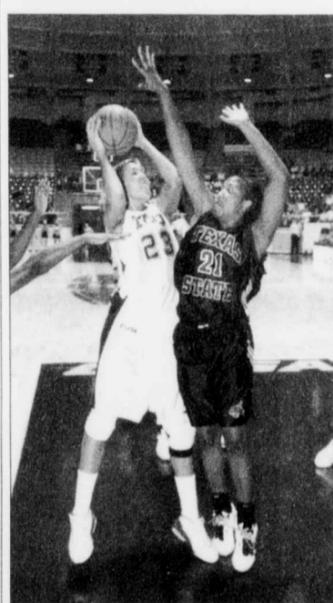
"The teams we swim against keep us humble," he said. "We have a confident team, not a cocky team. We aren't afraid of any team."

The Frogs host their first home meet in two months this weekend, as Houston visits 7 p.m. Friday and New Mexico and Florida 11 a.m. Saturday.

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Conference USA standings



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
Tiffany Evans tries to shoot over a Texas State defender last December. The No. 17 Frogs will play Houston 2 p.m. Sunday at home.

| Men: | Team | Conference | Overall |
|--------|---------------|------------|---------|
| | Cincinnati | 2-0 | 11-0 |
| | Louisville | 2-0 | 11-1 |
| | Marquette | 2-0 | 11-2 |
| | Charlotte | 2-0 | 10-3 |
| | UAB | 2-0 | 9-4 |
| | St. Louis | 2-1 | 9-5 |
| | TCU | 2-1 | 6-8 |
| | DePaul | 1-2 | 8-6 |
| | Southern Miss | 1-2 | 8-6 |
| | South Florida | 0-1 | 6-6 |
| | Memphis | 0-2 | 9-4 |
| | East Carolina | 0-2 | 8-4 |
| | Tulane | 0-2 | 6-6 |
| | Houston | 0-3 | 6-7 |
| Women: | Team | Conference | Overall |
| | DePaul | 2-0 | 14-1 |
| | TCU | 2-0 | 13-2 |
| | Houston | 2-0 | 11-2 |
| | Marquette | 2-0 | 12-3 |
| | East Carolina | 2-0 | 11-4 |
| | Charlotte | 2-0 | 9-6 |
| | Southern Miss | 1-0 | 13-1 |
| | Tulane | 0-1 | 7-7 |
| | Memphis | 0-2 | 9-6 |
| | Cincinnati | 0-2 | 9-7 |
| | Louisville | 0-2 | 8-7 |
| | South Florida | 0-2 | 7-8 |
| | UAB | 0-2 | 6-9 |
| | St. Louis | 0-2 | 6-9 |