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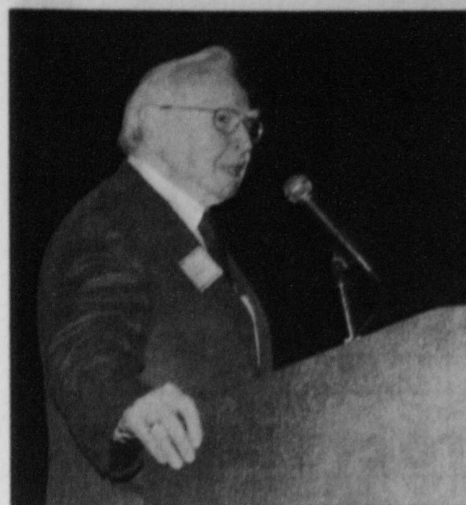
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Former House Speaker Jim Wright discusses his book "The Flying Circus" and introduces Harvard professor Thomas Sander at the Student Center ballroom Thursday afternoon.

Human socialization key, director says

By KATHERINE LANE
Staff Reporter

The executive director for a civic engagement group at Harvard University discussed the importance of social communities to a crowd of more than 275 students, faculty and visitors at the 5th Annual Jim Wright Symposium on Thursday.

Tom Sander, executive director of the Saguaro Seminar: Civic Engagement in America at Harvard University, said human socialization is beneficial to many.

"Social networks have value for a broad range of individual and collec-

tive human activities," Sander said.

Sander said television and generational gaps are to blame for the dwindling number of families sitting down for a family dinner — an example of civil disengagement.

Sander said he wanted to emphasize to students how important social connections are in creating strong communities.

Sander took the place of professor Robert D. Putnam, a research colleague, who was scheduled to speak but came down with a potentially life-threatening staph infection, said Lynn Taylor, an event planner for TCU.

"We were afraid people wouldn't show up when they found out it wasn't going to be Putnam," Taylor said, "but it was a great turnout."

Associate professor of political science Valerie Martinez-Ebers said Sander has a wonderful sense of humor, which helped him deliver the data and material that was serious, alarming and appalling.

The symposium this year was hosted by the political science department and the TCU Center for Civic Learning.

It was a day-long discussion about civic engagement, said Terri Gartner,

an administrative assistant for the political science department.

Rosa Rosales, the national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, also spoke at the symposium.

Rosales said she wanted to convey to students the need to organize instead of agonize.

LULAC is the oldest and largest Hispanic organization in the United States, according to the Symposium's program.

There was a strong connection between the presentations of Sander and Rosales because
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Project aims to raise funds to give families livestock

By ALEX ZOBEL
Staff Reporter

For the Rev. Angela Kaufman, minister to TCU, a hive of bees was one of the best wedding gifts she said she received.

Nine months ago at Kaufman's wedding, social work professor Tracy Dietz donated a hive of honey bees in Kaufman's name to Heifer International, a non-profit organization.

Kaufman said Heifer International appealed to her because it is not just about providing temporary relief to people in need, but it is also about creating sustainable development.

Kaufman said when student activist Kelly Rand, a social work and religion major, approached her about creating a fundraising project for Heifer International in October, she fully supported the project.

The result is the TCU Ark Project, an effort by students and faculty to raise \$5,000 in October for Heifer International.

The money from the fundraiser will go toward purchasing what the organization refers to as an "ark," a select combination of 15 types of animals, according to heifer.org.

Part of Heifer International's strategy is to provide families in developing communities with livestock and training on how to use livestock to become economically self-sufficient, according to the Web site.

"It's an organization that has been in existence for more than six decades, working around the world to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth," said Maria Franco Tapia, Heifer Inter-

national's Central Regional community relations coordinator for Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

Foster Hall resident assistant Ryan Motter said his wing will be raising \$300 to purchase two llamas for the ark, which he said should happen by Oct. 31.

Motter said he, with the help of the other 34 residents in his wing, has already decided to name the llamas Phil and Lois.

"Each resident would have to contribute \$8.50 for us to buy Phil and Lois," Motter said. "That's roughly the price of a burrito at Chipotle, so there's no reason we shouldn't be able to raise the money."

Fundraising plans also include a benefit concert featuring local bands Vagabond King, Red Tape and Get Well at 10 p.m. Thursday at the Black Dog Tavern.

TCU anthropology major Adam Gamwell, the lead singer and keyboard player for Vagabond King, said he estimates the concert could raise around \$2,000 based on results of past benefit concerts his band has been involved in.

"I'd love to raise \$2,000," Gamwell said. "There are probably 300 people who know about the concert right now, so it's definitely possible."

Kaufman said St. Michael's Lutheran Church has contributed \$500 to the Ark Project, which will go toward purchasing one of two heifers.

Tapia said the \$5,000 will go toward buying an ark of animals, which Heifer International will give to a family they think needs it most.

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Maria Franco Tapia
Heifer International's central regional community relations coordinator

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JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor
Senior education major LaMonique Flournoy, Alpha Kappa Alpha president, reads a Halloween book to students at Starpoint School Thursday. Promoting education is one of the targets for AKA's Fall into Skee Week, a week of community service events.

Sorority looks to recruit members

By LINDSEY BEVER
Staff Reporter

Alpha Kappa Alpha has only four members, but its president said the sorority is hoping to expand its membership during this week's Fall into Skee Week.

LaMonique Flournoy, AKA president, said about 15 students have attended this week's events including a financial planning session, kickboxing class and movie night.

Flournoy said the purpose of

Fall into Skee Week is to educate students on the five targets of the AKA national program: health, education, black family, the arts and economic development.

"I think it's important to give us the opportunity to interact with the TCU community as well as enlighten and entertain students on things that concern them the most," said Flournoy, a senior early childhood education major.

Fall into Skee Week, named

after AKA's signature call "skee", which is used to recognize fellow members on campus, will end Saturday when AKA members volunteer at the Fort Worth Kidney Walk.

Flournoy said the women will help set up for the race at 6:40 a.m. at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden and is open to anyone who wishes to help set up for the race.

The sorority members kicked
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ROBYN SHEPHERD / Staff Photographer
TCU alumna Karyn Frist, '76, wife of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, signs books at the Kelly Alumni Center Thursday. Her book, "Love You, Daddy Boy," celebrates daughters' relationships with their fathers.

Bands to battle for spot on Homecoming schedule

By LAUREN PICK
Staff Reporter

Sadler Lawn will transform into a live music venue 4 p.m. Sunday for Programming Council's Battle of the Bands.

Five out of nine bands that applied will perform. In order to participate, the bands have to have at least one TCU student, submit a photo, a sample of their music, a brief history of the band and a \$25 application fee, said Vanessa Flores, vice chairwoman of the Programming Council.

"We wanted to bring together a group of bands that each had their own style, experience and originality," Flores said.

Acoustic, alternative, Texas country and rock will be the genres performed, Flores said.

"All the bands are so different," said Kristen Chapman, PC special events director. "Something will appeal to everyone."

The winning band will perform as the opening act for The Spazmatics, who are described on their Web site as a new-wave '80s band, before the Homecoming football game on Oct. 28, Chapman said.

Cash prizes will also go to the first-, second- and third-place bands, Flores said.

The winners will be picked by students attending the concert, said Aaron Wolfe, PC director of spirit and traditions. Students will rate

each band immediately after it plays, and then the top three bands will play again.

"Voting while the band's fresh on your mind will make it more fair and competitive," Wolfe said.

To ensure that only TCU students are voting, students will be required to show their student IDs, Chapman said.

The bands performing include Might as Well, Rob Baird & the Whiskey Reunion, Shoot Fulton Shoot, T & A and Withheld.

Topher Howard, a junior sociology major, said this will be the first show for his band, T & A, oth-

er than performing for friends.

T & A is made up of Howard and Adam Clawson, a senior psychology major, who both sing and play guitar. Howard described their music as light acoustic.

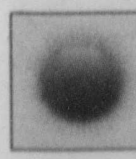
"We just want to put on a good show," Howard said. "We want to have people hear us and know who we are."

Flores said although PC didn't have a Battle of the Band last spring, the council tries to hold one every spring.

"Since it didn't happen last spring we wanted to compensate for that," Flores said.

Chapman and Wolfe both said they consider this event to be a good way to kick off homecoming.

"This event emphasizes the TCU community," Wolfe said.



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AKA

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off Skee Week at the Christian Outreach Center on Sunday, which Rebekah Brooks, a senior nursing major, said allowed the women to have fellowship with other members, Flournoy said. AKA also invited two Bank of America representatives to discuss financial planning with the sorority Monday in an effort to promote economic development, she said.

AKA focused on health Tuesday by welcoming an instructor from Larry North to teach a kickboxing lesson, Flournoy said.

The sorority read to first- and second-graders at Starpoint School, a school for 6- to 11-year-old students with learn-

ing disabilities, on Thursday morning to encourage education, Flournoy said. The women adopted the Ivy Reading Academy event from AKA's graduate chapters both nationally and internationally, she said.

Flournoy said students are invited to join AKA for "Soul Searching" on Sadler Lawn at 6 p.m. today as they read from "Chicken Soup for the College Women's Soul."

"AKA always holds events about interesting things that can be useful in the future like the financial planning night," she said. "It was very informative. I found out how to keep my credit on the right track."

Yvonne Watkins, vice president of AKA, said the activities have helped sorority members meet other women on campus. Before Watkins was a member of

the sorority, she said, she learned about AKA during Skee Week.

Rebekah Brooks, a senior nursing major, is not a member of AKA, but said she participated in this week's events because she felt welcomed by the sorority.

Now, Brooks said, she is considering membership.

"This week has given me the opportunity to meet the ladies and to see if joining is something I want to do," Brooks said. "And so far, I haven't been disappointed."

AKA adviser Diedra Turner said AKA was the first black Greek organization and was founded in 1908 at Howard University. The sorority has had a chapter at TCU for 30 years. Although AKA is still a social organization, its main focus is service, she said.

ARK

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The Ark Project is part of the Heal Hunger Campaign, a year-long effort by the University Minis-

tries to organize at least one event or project every month. The Ark Project is the undertaking for October, but reaching the goal of \$5,000 could last into mid-November, Kaufman said.

WRIGHT

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LULAC is an organization promoting community engagement, Martinez-Ebers said.

The symposium included the luncheon with Sander, a reception for Rosales, a panel discussion about perspectives of civic engagement and Rosales' presentation.

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Q: What did one ocean say to the other ocean?
A: Nothing, it just waved.

THE SKIFF VIEW

Virtual reality secludes students

As our techniques of communication become increasingly efficient, we, as a society, are also becoming increasingly isolated — shrinking back into dark caves, so to speak, retreating from person-to-person interaction and willing to be known through online summaries of our personality through Web sites such as Facebook.

These sites quickly divide TCU students. On one side, it's a fantastic way to keep track of friends at schools worldwide. On the other, it is too easy to reduce our personalities to a one-page summary — changing our electronic selves to reflect our changing moods. Some students update their Facebook profiles more regularly than they brush their teeth. It's obsessive.

Xanga, MySpace, Friendster and so on. Could the virtual universe get any worse? Yes, it can.

Second Life, an online 3-D virtual world

launched in 2003, offers users an alternate universe where they can visit virtual casinos, attend virtual weddings and own virtual land. All of the things one does in real life, you can do all over again in this online community. Has the real world become so boring and daunting that we now feel the need to retreat to an alternative fantasy land? More than a million people around the globe apparently think so.

Even worse, the British news agency Reuters has begun reporting news on Second Life to keep users up to date. But wait, there's more: Reuters correspondent Adam Pasick has created his own character, Adam Reuters, to report on the virtual news from this virtual world.

It seems harmless. But there is the possibility that real damage is done when we forfeit human interaction for online anonymity and distance.

Earth to students: come back to the real world.

News editor John-Laurent Tronche for the editorial board.

BY RICKY ANDERSON

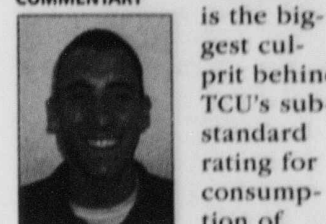


COMMENTARY

Binge drinking unfounded

On Tuesday, I opened my three-part series on campus health with a look at smoking. Now, it's time to shift to what

I believe is the biggest culprit behind TCU's standard rating for consumption of unhealthy substances: alcohol.



David Hall

This simple, ethanol-based drink is a mainstay at college campuses nationwide. However, the consumption of alcohol is often taken to irresponsible and dangerous levels. TCU drinking is no exception.

There is rarely a Monday morning walk to class when I don't hear at least three conversations beginning with the words "I was so wasted on Saturday ...". On a couple of separate occasions this year, some of my friends have had trouble remembering what happened to them at the previous night's party.

The culture of heavy drinking here at TCU has to stop. As much fun as it might seem to get completely plastered at a party, no good ever comes from those situations. It's time for everyone to begin taking responsibility for his or her behavior. Look, before you

start typing an angry e-mail, I'm not favoring a campus prohibition of alcohol by any means. Drinking, when performed in a safe manner, is something that perfectly utilizes the mood-altering power of alcohol. To borrow a line from the founding father and face of the \$100 bill Benjamin Franklin, "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." Yes, God does want us to be happy. However, I don't think God is too keen on your being so drunk you try and proposition a potted plant for sex. OK, maybe that example was a little extreme, but I've seen some pretty embarrassing drunk behavior, both in person and on various Web sites.

Beyond the point of merely embarrassing oneself, excessive consumption of alcohol also puts people at a higher risk for dangerous behavior. According to the Alcohol Policies Project conducted by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, binge drinkers are 21 times (yes, 21 times) more likely than nonbinge drinkers to do one or more of the following: engage in unplanned sexual activity, not use protection during sex, drive a car after drinking or become hurt or injured.

In addition to harming themselves, heavy drinkers also have a profound impact on the lives of their fellow students. According to the Alcohol Policies Project, 57 percent of students have taken care of an intoxicated peer. Thirty-six percent have been insulted or humiliated by a heavily intoxicated student, and 11 percent have been pushed, hit or assaulted. Heavy drinking is also dangerous to one's health. Besides the immediate dangers such as alcohol poisoning, a host of long-term problems are also beginning to be realized. A Vanderbilt University study showed simulated binge drinking in rats made them unable to store new information as easily as before.

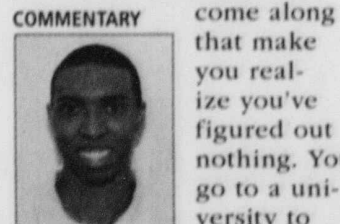
It is important to realize many people make the conscious decision to consume large amounts of alcohol in a short period of time without any prodding from others. In the end, avoiding excessive consumption is a decision that rests with the individual. While binge drinking may be just for kicks and giggles, it is a dangerous practice that threatens the well-being of the student body.

David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column appears every Tuesday and Friday.

COMMENTARY

Purposeful faith found through personal reflection, challenges

Life is a series of uncertainties. When you think you have one thing figured out, circumstances



Erick Raven

come along that make you realize you've figured out nothing. You go to a university to learn how to make a living and realize, through a series of events, you haven't figured out your life at all. These experiences are common in the lives of college students — and if you haven't experienced it yet, rest assured, you will.

As a graduate student, I have learned things I wish I had learned as an undergraduate. I don't mean in the area of academics but in the area of life. I did not realize life is a mystery that must be solved as we live; it is not a preordained path with every problem worked out in advance. Realizing that would have saved me untold days of confusion and uncertainty. I now know the only thing certain is uncertainty — and that's where faith is born.

No matter what religious background one is from, all human beings have to live with a sense of faith in what they're doing. I don't mean faith in a dogmatic

sense, but rather, faith as a sense of purpose in what one does.

Of course faith always has doubt as its dancing partner.

According to Taylor Branch's book "Parting the Waters: America in the King Years," Martin Luther King Jr. said, "... if a position implies a negation, and a negation a position, then faith carries unbelief with it, theism, atheism, and if one member of the pair comes to be doubted, the result may be disastrous." The problem many of us have is the unwillingness to admit we don't know where our lives are heading after we finish school — we believe we have it all figured out.

Yet faith demands honesty — with ourselves and our world. Faith is not a wish or fantasy; it is the heartbeat behind every human endeavor. All who wish to do great things must have honest faith. To delude ourselves with the notion that everything in life is going to be smooth and all of our plans will work out just as we imagined it would be is both foolish and sad.

Unfortunately, I believed that lie and experienced a necessary disillusionment. I now realize life must be embraced as a puzzle, with the pieces falling into place

only as we live and not as we daydream.

The only way to reach a place of realistic perception is to be honest with oneself. You must find out who you are on your own and not rely on what anyone else may have told you in the past. Perhaps a "wilderness" period is the only way you can discover the mystery of you. After all, Moses, Buddha and Jesus all had to wrestle with their demons and come to terms with who they were before they made the impact they did. Of course I'm not expecting anyone to be a founder of a great religion — that's the last thing we need — but I am hoping we embrace those periods in our lives that force us to take stock of who we really are and not what we are in our own exaggerated imaginations.

It is only when we get to the point where our lives become a reflection of who we are on the inside that faith is truly revealed. Getting to that place requires suffering (in its many manifestations) and perseverance, and yet it is necessary if we are to be the people we are intended to be.

Erick Raven is a first-year graduate student in the School of Education from Grand Prairie. His column appears every Friday.

Instant runoff voting improves campaigns, participation

With two independent candidates running for Texas governor who might actually attract more than 2 percent of the vote each,



Adrienne Lang

the state's gubernatorial election sets up a rare possibility — the next governor of Texas could win without a majority vote.

Nov. 7, the candidate with the most votes wins, even if that person has less than 50 percent of the votes.

But a former independent presidential candidate

has a better idea. John Anderson, former presidential candidate, offers an alternative system that would work better in present-day elections — instant runoff voting. Instant runoff voting, Anderson said in a speech to TCU students last semester, involves giving voters a chance to get their second-choice candidate into office when third party candidates are on the ballot — whether they are of significance or not. Voters would vote for their favorite candidates in a prioritized manner.

In case no candidate gets a majority, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is

eliminated — making way for the "instant runoff."

Then the results are recalculated, using only the remaining names. This means even if a voter's first, or perhaps even second or third choice, does not win, the voter still has some say in the process. Since voters rank the candidates on one ballot, only one election is necessary.

Instant runoff voting is not without fault, but it is a step toward better citizenship and campaigning.

Instant runoff voting would reward people by giving them a chance to make their votes count, and, in turn, voters would be more motivated to bet-

ter inform themselves of the candidates and issues.

Instant runoff voting could also better campaigns by encouraging more parties to enter a race, thus changing the debates and information given during a campaign.

The election system would be further improved by an assumed high-voter turnout — at least more than the paltry numbers in most past years' elections. If people understand their votes will count, they are more likely to actually vote.

People would not be as discouraged to vote for a minority candidate.

While some people do not vote for a Ralph Nader

because they do not agree with his platform, others actually support his efforts but believe voting for him would be a waste.

Third parties presently do not threaten either of the two dominant parties in the presidential race, but under this system, they would probably receive more votes out of principle — which might give independents a chance in the future. Under Anderson's proposed system, people could vote for Nader because they agree with him and know their vote is not wasted because of prioritized voting. In turn, third-party candidates will be taken more

seriously, leading to better campaigning from all parties.

With the new system, campaigning would be more effective because third-party candidates will be more inclined to run.

Third parties have a great deal of trouble gaining attention under a dominant two-party system.

But while, say, an Anderson might not be the first choice of a majority of voters, he might be everyone's third choice. As it is, there's no way to learn that on Election Day.

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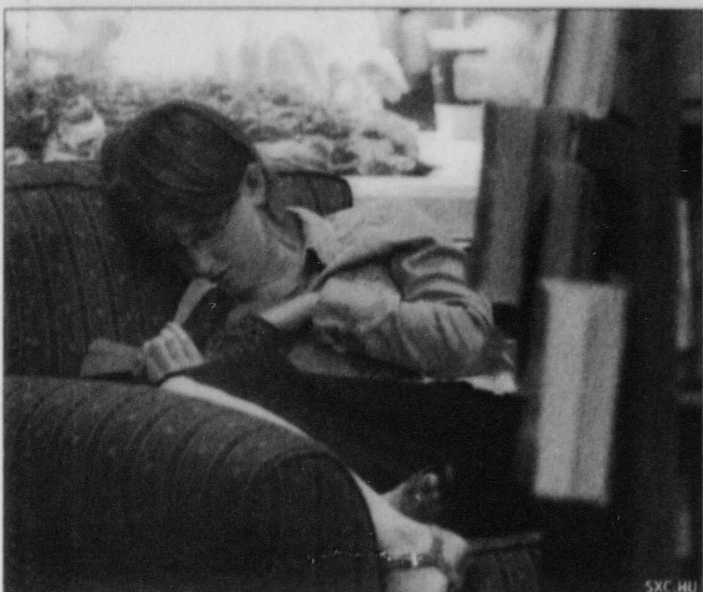
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BOOKS

Leisure reading less of a campus pastime

By JEFF ESKEW
Features Editor

Everybody is obsessed with the Facebook feature allowing users to list their favorite TV shows, music, movies and hobbies, but there is one field that seems to be missing from many students' profiles — favorite book.

There is a field for it, and it is either magically left off the profile or filled with responses such as "I don't read" or "I read pop-up and picture books."

There appears to be a solid reason why this little category is so often left off of people's profiles.

A 2004 survey conducted by the National Endowment for the Arts titled "Reading at Risk" reported about 10 percent of literary readers have quit reading between 1982 and 2002. The 10 percent loss

represents close to 20 million fewer people reading than two decades ago.

The NEA survey states the number of readers between 18 and 24 years of age seem to be declining faster than any other age group. And those who do read are reading a lot less.

According to the survey, college-aged adults saw a 55 percent larger drop than that of the total adult population.

Kate McBride, a junior speech pathology major, said she can understand why reading has dropped off with the younger crowd since college is so time consuming.

"During the semester, all I have time to do is read my textbooks," McBride said.

She said she mainly catches up on her leisure reading during the semester breaks.

"During the summer, I will

read a book for hours, with my favorite being various murder mysteries," McBride said.

McBride isn't the only student on campus who has had to cut back on their reading due to classes.

John Williamson, a junior religion and philosophy major, said he reads less than an hour a week.

"Between reading for class and my schedule being so busy, I just do not have the time to read," Williamson said. "And when I do have time, I just don't want to read anymore."

Time seems to affect even those students who still read, but have had to cut back as school began.

Self-proclaimed book lover Alese Deere, a senior English major, said she will read just about anything but that it gets more difficult to read in her

down time as the semester progresses.

"I read a lot during my spare time, but it is hard during the semester because I am so busy reading the required books for my literature classes," Deere said.

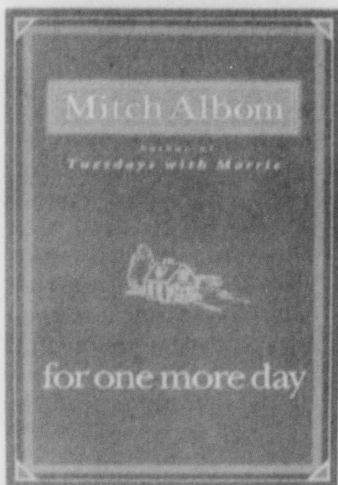
She said her friends are about split down the middle on whether they read during their own time.

"I feel the majority of students are just too busy trying to keep up with their class load," Deere said.

Whether it is due to the changing landscape of the media, where online text is becoming available and iPods have taken over college campuses, it seems more popular to talk about the latest episode of "Grey's Anatomy" with a group of friends than about the most recent James Paterson release.

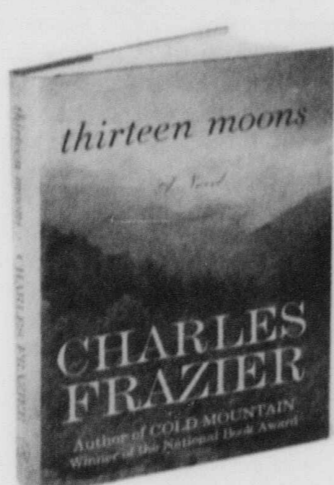
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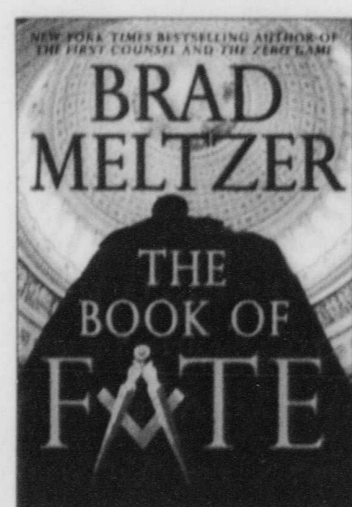
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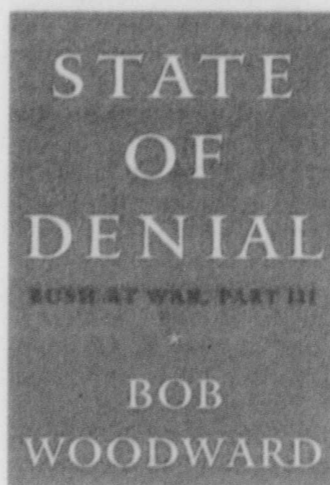
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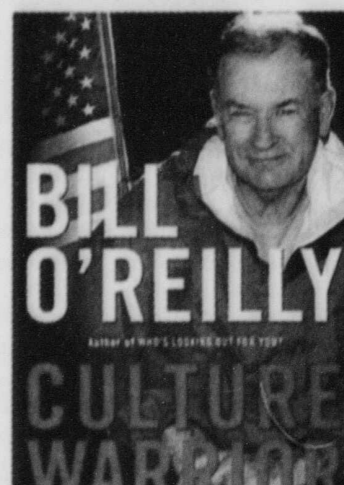
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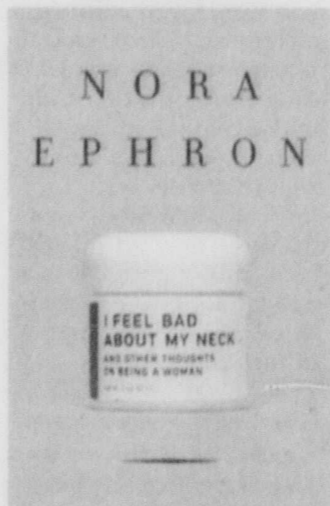
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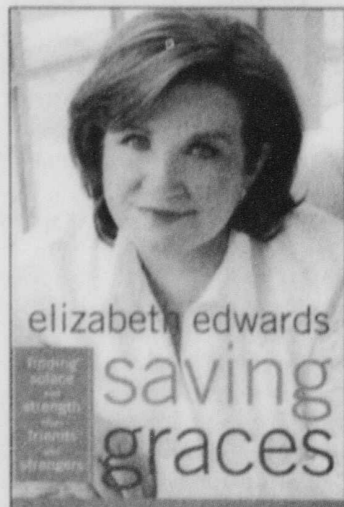
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COMEDY

Diamonds are forever

Screech leaves Bayside for local comedy club



By JEFF ESKEW
Features Editor

One of the most recognizable late 1980s and early 1990s TV characters will be making a stop in downtown Fort Worth today and tomorrow.

Dustin Diamond, who played Samuel "Screech" Powers in "Saved By The Bell," will be performing some of his stand-up comedy at the Hyena's Comedy Night Club.

Diamond's stand-up is said to be similar to another popular sitcom star, Bob Saget, because it reflects back on his TV past and can become very dirty with jokes.

Diamond has been in the news the past couple of years due to his stint on "Celebrity Boxing," where he beat up Horseshack from "Welcome Back, Kotter," and most recently, for his sex tape that has surfaced.

Owner of the Hyena Comedy Night Club Randy Butler said the publicity Diamond is receiving did factor into his booking at the club.

"We have actually booked him before," Butler said. "He worked out at our Arlington location about a year and a half ago, and it turned out great."

Butler said he expects all

four of Diamond's shows to sell out and said people should try to get to the club early to ensure getting a ticket.

Just because a celebrity is playing at the club, don't expect to spend a bundle.

"We didn't raise the price of admission into the club," Butler said. "It will be \$10 for general admission and seating, and \$15 for the preferred seating close to the stage."

So, if you're looking for something different to do this weekend, stop by and see the second "Saved by the Bell" actor — the other was Mr. Redding on campus during Howdy Week — to

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FAMOUS QUOTE
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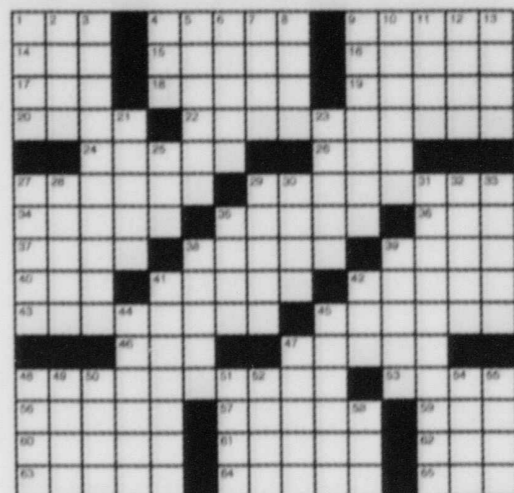
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By Barry Silk McLean, VA

10/20/06

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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FOOTBALL

Frogs prepared to face Army

By **BILLY WESSELS**
Staff Reporter

The Frogs, 3-2 overall and 0-2 in conference, will try to end their two-game losing skid when they face the Army Black Knights, 3-4, Saturday afternoon in West Point, N.Y.

This will be the Frogs' last game of their nonconference schedule. The team's season will end with six straight conference games.

TCU and Army met as rivals in Conference USA each year from 2001 to 2004, with the Frogs winning all four of those games. Last year the two teams met in Fort Worth, where the Frogs won 38-17 in a nonconference match.

When the teams met in West Point in 2004, the Black Knights took a 17-0 lead in the first quarter, but the Frogs rallied to a 21-17 victory.

"They're still very physical and do things where they can be successful," said head coach Gary Patterson. "They do a great job running the football, and it's obvious why Coach Ross

has won at every level."

Patterson said the games against Army are a way to respect the armed forces and what they do for us.

"The reason we get a chance to play the game is because of what the armed services provide us," Patterson said. "As far as the football aspect, you're playing tradition. They're playing for more than the game itself. They're playing for everyone overseas."

This will be the Frogs' first game after a 16-day layoff, a long break in which the Frogs worked on keeping up their physicality, Patterson said.

"We've had six practices, and they've probably been the most intense ones we've had in awhile, in particular last Tuesday and Wednesday," Patterson said. "With this much time off, you always worry because you only have so many hits in your shoulders and legs."

Since the Frogs' loss to Utah on Oct. 5, the Black Knights have played twice, including a 62-7 win against the Virginia Military Institute.

Aside from having never lost to Army, TCU has some other pieces of history in its favor.



Players huddle before this year's game against BYU. TCU plays Army at West Point on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

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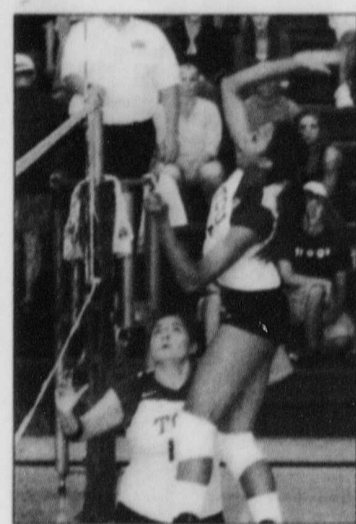
TCU has never lost three in a row under Patterson and has not lost three games in a row since a four-game losing streak in 1998.

However, one problem that has faced the Frogs all season has been their 108th-ranked pass defense, which allows 251.8 yards per

game.

Patterson may have history precedence on his side, but he said he does not expect this to be an easy victory.

"By no shape of imagination do I feel like this is an easy ball game," Patterson said.



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Sophomore setter Nirelle Hampton, left, watches as freshman middle blocker Kourtney Edwards hits the ball back over the net.

VOLLEYBALL

Team to host Colo. State, Air Force in weekend games

By **RACHEL MCDANIEL**
Staff Reporter

The Horned Frogs volleyball team opens up its second round of conference play as it hosts the Colorado State Rams and the Air Force Falcons this weekend at the University Recreation Center.

The team, which is 16-6 overall and 4-4 in conference play, heads into this weekend after two consecutive wins against New Mexico and Texas Pan-American last weekend.

Freshman middle blocker Kourtney Edwards said the team felt good coming off of last weekend's performances.

"We all came together as a team," Edwards said. "We really seemed to put everything together."

Senior middle blocker Anna Vaughn said the team is ready for the second round of conference play.

"Now we know specifically about the different teams that we've played," Vaughn said. "We know strategically what we need to do to take care of them this time."

The team will face the Rams Friday at 7 p.m. The Rams, which are 12-6 overall and 6-2 in conference, swept the Frogs at their last meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Head coach Prentice Lewis said the Frogs are excited for the opportunity to play Colorado State again.

"Every night, anybody can beat anybody," she said. "And we've shown that we're the type of team that can do that every once in a while, so we're hoping we do that Friday night."

Vaughn said she has no doubt her team can beat the Rams.

"We're usually a really good defensive team and last time we played them, it just wasn't clicking for

us," Vaughn said.

The Frogs will face the Falcons, who are 3-15 overall and 0-8 in conference, Saturday at 7 p.m. Vaughn and Edwards both said it's important for the team to start the second half of their conference schedule with two wins.

However, Lewis said the team's season doesn't rely on winning these next two matches.

"Of course that would be nice," Lewis said, "but it's not going to ruin our season if it doesn't happen."

TCU vs. Colorado State
7 p.m., Friday
University Recreation Center

TCU vs. Air Force
7 p.m., Saturday
University Recreation Center

SOCCER

Wins pivotal on road, coach says

By **MATT MABE**
Staff Reporter

Coming off of a winless weekend against the Wyoming Cowgirls and the UNLV Rebels, members of the soccer team, 5-7-3 overall and 0-2-2 in conference, said they are determined to come out on top this weekend.

"I'm excited for the games," head coach Dan Abdalla said. "The team is very hungry and playing better and better."

The soccer team heads off for its last road trip of regular-season play this weekend with a match Friday in Salt Lake City against the first-place Utah Utes, which are 11-4-0 overall and 4-0-0 in conference, and Sunday to Colorado Springs, Colo., to face the Air Force Falcons, 3-10-3 overall and 0-3-1 in conference.

"Every game is crucial for us now," Abdalla said. "It is a great learning experience for our younger players."

In the 2005 season, the Frogs came out on top against Air Force with a score of 2-1 in Colorado Springs but came up short against Utah with a 1-0 loss in Salt Lake City.

Abdalla said this weekend's matches will not be easy, but the team is determined to play hard.

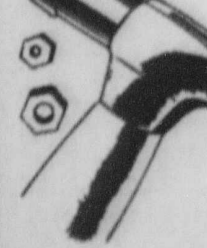
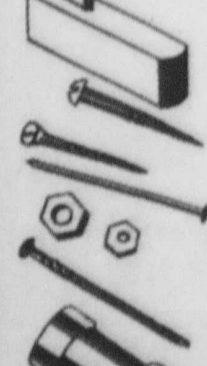
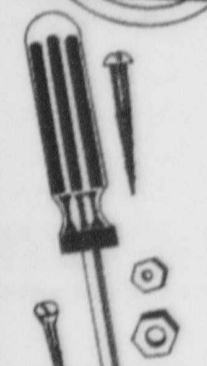
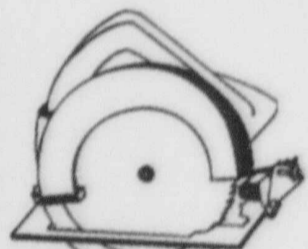
"It will be two tough matches," Abdalla said. "We've got to come out and get results if we want the season to continue."

Following this weekend's road games, the soccer team has its final regular-season home match at noon, Oct. 28, against San Diego State at Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium.

TCU vs. Utah
8:30 p.m., Friday
Salt Lake City

TCU vs. Air Force
Noon, Sunday
Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Thursday, October 26

Frog Follies*
7:00PM ~ Ed Landreth Auditorium

Friday, October 27

Homecoming Parade
6:00PM ~ Main Campus
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