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Panhellenic narrows down sorority candidates

By DIA WALL
Staff Reporter

The 10 Panhellenic sororities voted unanimously to invite three sororities to present their organizations in an effort to become the newest sorority on campus.

The Panhellenic extension committee suggested Alpha Phi, Delta Zeta and Gamma Phi Beta as the most qualified

sororities to join the university this fall.

"The committee spent three weeks reviewing in-depth applications," said James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life.

Eight organizations applied to create chapters at TCU, and the sororities recommended by the committee were considered strongest in three major

areas, said Clare Edwards, former Panhellenic president and extension committee representative.

Edwards said internal chapter organization, chapter support and links to TCU were criteria that were vital in making their choices.

Alpha Phi, Delta Zeta and Gamma Phi Beta will visit campus from Feb. 12 to Feb.

26 to give formal presentations for their respective organizations.

The Panhellenic sororities represented on campus will be invited to attend the presentations in their entirety. The 10 existing sororities will receive one vote each for the final vote on Feb. 28, Edwards said.

"The most important thing is that they mesh well with the

10 organizations already established on campus and that they still manage to give women a different option," said Hannah Munsch, Panhellenic president and member of the extension committee.

Parker also announced that the search for a new assistant dean of fraternity and sorority life is under way.

He said in the next two

weeks there will be a presentation and a reception announcing the new assistant dean.

FOR YOUR INFO

Sororities Panhellenic is considering bringing to campus:

- Alpha Phi
- Delta Zeta
- Gamma Phi Beta

Bus backs into student's car

By ASHER FOGLE
Staff Reporter

A TCU shuttle bus backed into a TCU student's Toyota Corolla at about 2 p.m. Wednesday on the corner of West Cantey and Cockrell.

Sara Baker, a sophomore communication studies and accounting major, was taking sophomore Ali Buron, mechanical engineering major, home when the bus she was following stopped, backed up and hit her vehicle.

"We were stopped because the bus stopped," Baker said. "I put my horn on and the bus smashed into me."

Bus driver Doris Chappell reversed the bus when a passenger yelled for her to stop, Fort Worth Police Officer L. M. Sanborn said.

"When somebody is yelling at you like that, it's normal to react suddenly," Sanborn said.

Chappell declined to talk about the incident.

"There was a certain point when I knew I was going to get hit," Baker said. "I'm a little shaken up, but I'm just glad nobody was hurt."

The front end of Baker's car was damaged, but she was able to drive it from the scene.

TCU hired Five Star Coaches to provide the campus shuttle service, TRAC, TCU Police Sgt. Michael Hanvey said. Hanvey said Five Star Coaches' insurance is responsible for the damages to Baker's vehicle.

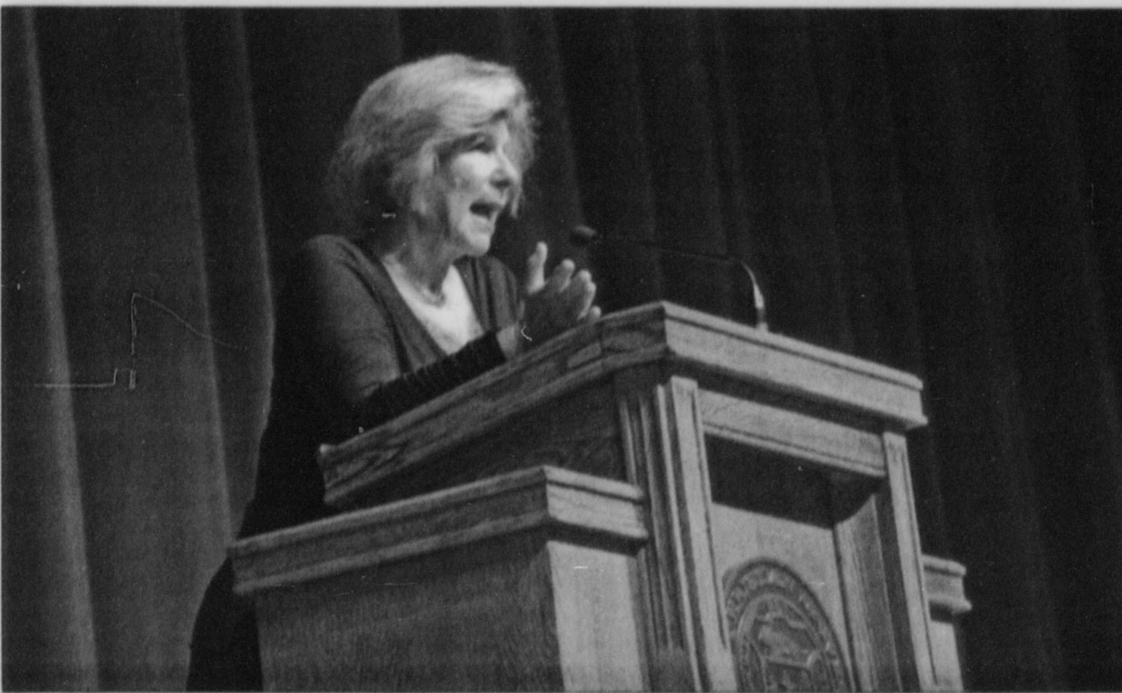
"My advice is not to get too close to the back of a bus because drivers cannot see behind them," Sanborn said.



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

Sara Baker, (front) sophomore communication studies and accounting double major, and Ali Buron, sophomore mechanical engineering major, look at the damage to Baker's car. A TCU shuttle bus backed into the vehicle Wednesday afternoon on the corner of West Cantey and Cockrell.

POLITICALLY CHARGED



(ABOVE) Nina Totenberg discussed the Supreme Court in Ed Landreth Auditorium on Wednesday. (RIGHT) Nina Totenberg (left) speaks with Bonnie Melhart and other members of the community.

NPR's legal correspondent discusses Supreme Court's importance to next generation

By KATIE GIANGRECO
Staff Reporter

Nina Totenberg, National Public Radio's legal affairs correspondent, talked about everything from jury selection in the Lewis "Scooter" Libby case to current school-integration cases to an audience of NPR listeners, students and faculty Wednesday night.

Totenberg said she gave her speech a general name, "The Supreme Court and You," so she could talk about anything she wanted.

Following her presentation was a question-and-answer session.

Sophomore Aimee Braun said she came to hear Totenberg give her perspective on political issues.

"Since she's in the media," Braun said, "I want to know what she thinks. Political issues are difficult to understand, and I hope she can make it more clear."

Totenberg said in an interview that it's important to follow Supreme Court cases because



ANNIE COOPER / Staff Photographer

what's being decided will affect the future.

"Yes, the Supreme Court doesn't have anything to do with your date on Saturday night," Totenberg said, "but it may have a good deal to do with the air you and your children will breathe and whether you and other members of your family will go to war. It's terribly important."

Totenberg said when it comes to staying informed, reading a newspaper is more beneficial than watching the evening news.

"Smaller newspapers like USA Today have a lot of short stories," she said, "and if you read the paper every day, you would know

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System upgrade in progress for my.tcu.edu portal

By SONYA CISNEROS
Staff Reporter

Though students may not notice a major difference when logging on to the my.tcu.edu portal Monday morning, there will be many unseen advantages to the newly upgraded system, an administrator said.

New hardware and a more secure system will ensure that data is more protected than it was before, said Dave Edmondson, associate provost for technology resources.

While the system is upgraded, students will be unable to access their my.tcu.edu accounts until 8 a.m. Monday morning, according to an e-mail Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, sent out to all students and faculty last week.

The e-mail featured the link to a demonstration, where users could test the new system.

Once finished, the site will provide better service to students, with enhanced navigation and integration of applications, said Ruben Chanlatte, associate provost academic affairs technologies.

It's a step toward having all menu options in a central location, Chanlatte said.

TCU chose PeopleSoft, which has now merged with software company Oracle, because it has the resources to routinely develop new software, providing the university with state-of-the-art technology, Edmondson said.

"We believe that PeopleSoft is the leading solution for higher education that's available to us," Edmondson said.

TCU now has the most current version of

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A demonstration of the new software will be conducted in Mary Couts Burnett Library, Room 219, 9-9:30 a.m. Feb. 1.

Smoke causes false alarm at tennis center

By ASHER FOGLE
Staff Reporter

Where there's smoke, there are fire trucks, police cars, maintenance workers, tennis facility staff and alarm contractors.

Members of the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center staff saw smoke coming out of an air vent shortly after 10 a.m. Wednesday, said Craig Smith, tennis center director.

The alarm system signaled TCU Police, who dispatched vehicles to the scene and contacted the Fort Worth Fire Department, said DeAnn Jones of the TCU

Police Department.

Firefighters found no fire and left further investigation to the Physical Plant staff, Fire Department Lt. Mark Cone said.

Contractors have been installing a new fire alarm system for the past two weeks, Smith said.

During installation of the new system, contractors turned off power to the main heating unit but not to the duct heaters, said Erron Savage, mechanical and electrical maintenance supervisor.

Savage said one of the duct heaters burned the dust on top of the heater, causing the smoke.

"One of the coaches came to me and said he smelled smoke," contractor Jared Cearley said. "I popped the top off the heater and told him to call maintenance."

Smith said Jeff Wrage, associate director of the tennis center, called the Physical Plant to report smoke in the building.

Savage said the smoke did not cause any damage to the structure of the building.

Staff members at the tennis center removed all the clothing and merchandise from the pro shop to prevent smoke damage while the building aired out, Smith said.

Savage and other mechanical and electrical maintenance staff checked above the ceiling to ensure the heater did not ignite any duct work.

"We just have to verify and check everything before we start the system up again," Savage said. "They're just going to have to smell smoke for a bit."



The TCU Physical Plant inspects the air ducts, suspected to be the cause of smoke in the tennis pro shop.

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TODAY: Mostly Sunny, 55/34
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PECULIAR FACT
BEIJING — 443 chickens trampled each other to death in eastern China after being frightened by the screaming of a 4-year-old boy, who, in turn, had been scared by a barking dog, media reported Wednesday.
— Reuters

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the software, excluding a new upgrade introduced a month ago, Edmondson said.

An upgrade from version 8.0 to 8.9 will give students advanced technology and protection against newly-developed viruses, Edmondson said.

PeopleSoft version 8.9 "helps companies achieve disciplined growth and drive toward world-class performance,"

according to Oracle's corporate Web site.

This upgrade is at no additional cost to students, since it was already included in the university budget, Edmondson said.

"Thanks to the dedication of the staff that has worked on this project, we haven't needed to spend additional money," Chanlatte said.

Matt Ross, a senior political science major, said he hopes, as the university tries to make things more efficient, the system won't

become more complicated.

Chanlatte said the TCU staff has tested the program for the past year to ensure everything will work properly for students.

"We have made this transition as invisible as possible," Edmondson said.

If students need the services provided by the portal, there will be contact information at my.tcu.edu, Chanlatte said.

"I have confidence that it will be a success," Edmondson said.

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much more than just watching the news. You find out a lot of things you wouldn't know otherwise."

Totenberg added that Internet sites aren't beneficial either.

"When you go online, you look at what interests you," she said. "You need to pay attention to other points of view and challenge your thinking. It's foolish to only watch or read something that affirms your beliefs."

While she understands people are busy, Totenberg said if

someone wants to be a semi-informed citizen, he or she has to look at a newspaper at least a few times each week.

"If you don't stay informed," Totenberg said, "you won't know what you're doing when you vote. Then you get what you deserve. What's going on right now is very significant."

New team gets new logo

By SUSAN GILMARTIN
Staff Reporter

Bill Nye "The Science Guy" and the Lovehandlers share a common fondness — ultimate frisbee.

The women's ultimate team got a new logo and took the name the Lovehandlers when it separated from the men's team for its 2007 season.

Jessica Gamwell, a junior biology and chemistry major, said the team joined with women from the University of Texas at Arlington last spring and fall but will compete this semester solely with TCU students.

"I think, for a girl's team, we'll have a lot better chance of being more competitive this year," said Gamwell, the women's team co-captain.

Gamwell said ultimate is like a mixture of football, basketball and soccer. The object is to get the disc to one

of your teammates in the end zone to score a goal.

According to cstv.com, Bill Nye started playing while attending Cornell University.

Daniel Bess, a senior secondary education major and men's team captain, said he is happy for the Lovehandlers because it gives them a chance to become more competitive on their own.

The teams practice twice a week on the intramural fields. Gamwell said practices are scheduled with the University Recreation Center so conflicts with intramural events are not frequent.

anniversary of the TCU Ultimate team.

When Meachum started playing four years ago for the co-ed team, the team only had three or four women on the

team, she said. Four years later, 10 players now make up the female-exclusive roster.

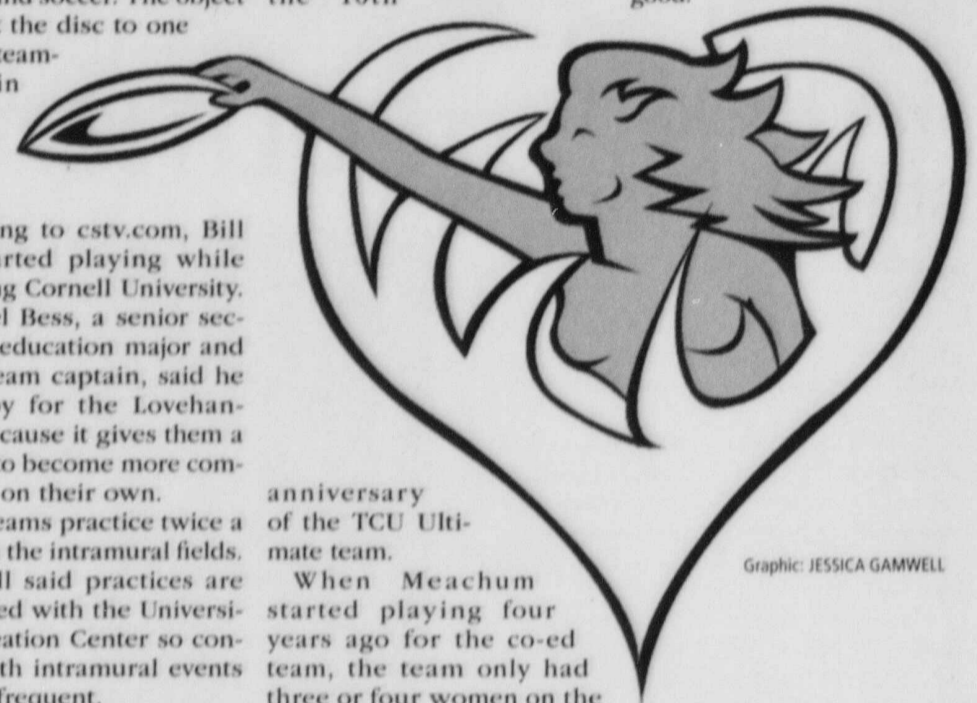
"We would love to have more people so everyone can have a sub whenever they need it," Meachum said.

She said their main challenge in separating from the men's team was recruiting enough players to fill an adequate roster.

"The transition from us not having very many women to having a team of our own was awesome," Meachum said.

Gamwell said she is looking forward to kicking off the Lovehandlers' inaugural season.

"It's good for them because they are going to get to go out on their own," Bess said. "They're actually really, really good."

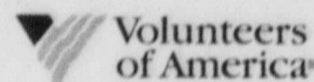


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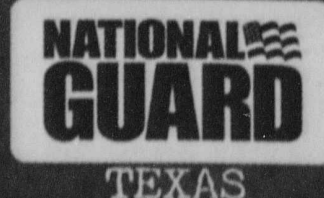
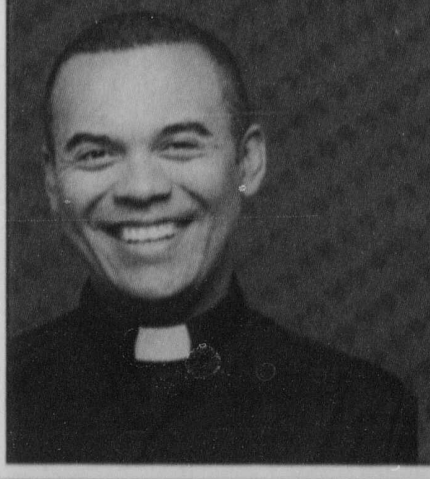


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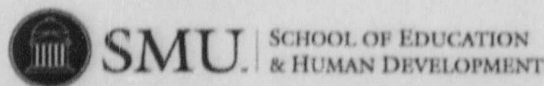
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QUOTE OF THE DAY "Success is going from failure to failure without a loss of enthusiasm." - Winston Churchill

THE SKIFF VIEW

All departments deserve say

The Faculty Senate is working on eliminating the number of at-large representatives in an effort to gain equal membership of senators from various departments.

The function of the Senate may not be directly linked to the numbers, but equal representation is key to how the American Congress works. This method should be used at the university level.

Rhode Island, the smallest state, and Texas both have just two members in the Senate. Equality is reached, and levying for certain views is determined by group decisions.

Although the at-large members were supposed to represent the faculty as a whole, that is not always the case. Senate chairwoman Suzy Lockwood mentioned that some of the at-large members will use their departmental ties to sway the at-large views rather than remaining fully loyal to their nonbiased approach.

The gradual decline of at-large members is justified if the members of other departments are willing to step forward so as to keep the Senate the same size while keeping an equal proportion of representatives from each college.

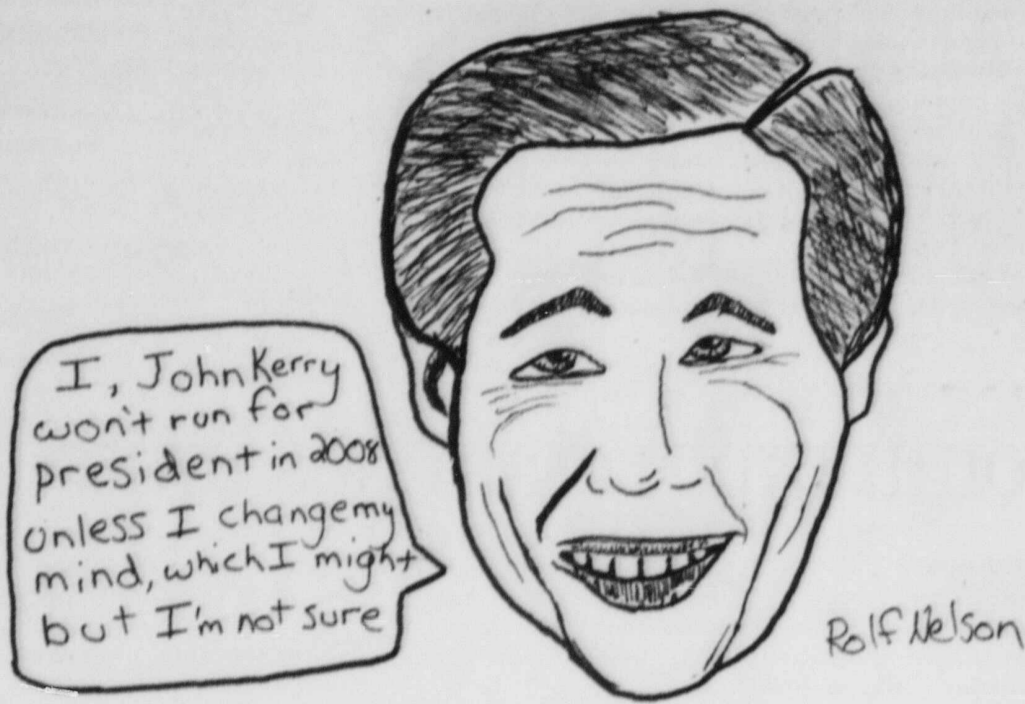
Since there will be more available spots in the Senate for the departments with the elimination of the at-large spots, an effort should be made to get more faculty involvement in the Senate.

If these seats are not filled, the possibility for bullying the elections with larger colleges could take place. The smaller departments have their chance for equal representation, keeping the Faculty Senate as a functioning forum of ideas that will work for the continual improvement of the student body.

This justifiable bylaw, which was passed in March, will begin going into full effect this spring. Perhaps a chance for complete representation will give a stronger sense of equality among the faculty when they meet to discuss the issues pertinent to the development of Texas Christian University.

Sports editor Marcus Murphree for the editorial board.

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Candidate's inexperience minus

Barack Obama is one of the more promising presidential candidates to come along in the last few years.

He's easy on the eyes, speaks well and claims to be a moderate. He sounds like a shoo-in. However, it's likely there's more hype than substance to this presidential hopeful.

Obama's voting record is very short and, from what we have seen, has been extremely liberal. An independent, liberal, political organization, Americans for Democratic Action, gives Obama a 95 percent liberal rating, which matches Sens. Hillary Clinton and John Kerry.

His Illinois and U.S. Senate votes show almost unquestioning support for unions, abortion and gay marriage.

Among his campaign contributors are George Soros, People for the American Way, pro-abortion groups and teachers' unions. This support makes it unlikely that Obama would be able to change his positions without angering his Democratic base in the primaries.

Also, Obama is still on his honeymoon with the press. The newspapers seem more concerned with the swooning crowds around Obama than the candidate himself. And that means Obama-mania will probably be alive and well in the press for at least a few more months.

But at some point that lack of a long public history could present some problems for the senator.

Inevitably, the "Who is Barack Obama?" stories will come. And, since Obama has a small public record, the press will probably make up whatever they want — for better or for worse.

Young presidents do not have the best track record. The list of presidents in their 40s include Bill Clinton (impeached), Ulysses S. Grant (scandalized) and John F. Kennedy (shot). When I bring up Obama's relative youth, 46, and his short time in the Senate, those concerns are usually addressed by something like, "Well, Kennedy was young." What the statement fails to take into account is that Kennedy was not a good president.

He launched a failed invasion of Cuba, philandered with other women and nearly let the United States be annihilated in a nuclear holocaust. Kennedy's story should caution voters against electing inspiring, but inexperienced, politicians to the presidency.

One factor Obama enthusiasts continually point to is his race.

Obama was born in Hawaii to a Kenyan father and a white, Kansas mother. This gives Obama a racial and cultural identity profoundly different than any former president. However, while this may be thoroughly exciting to white people, I suspect the black community may not be as enthusiastic as white Democrats expect. Obama has what was fundamentally a white, middle class upbringing, which distances him from the typical black experience.

Again, this works great for white voters because it arouses no feeling of racial guilt, but black voters may not connect with him the way most Democrats expect.

A new face on the political scene is a welcome change, especially after the rabid partisanship of the last eight years, but I hope voters will be cautious about who they choose to support in the next election. Obama has some promise, but I suspect he will not be the cure-all Democrats expect.

Tyler Fultz is a senior history and political science major from Indianapolis.

Obama's views forward-looking

America's next president could very well be the self-described "skinny kid with a funny name."

With his announcement last week that he will declare his intent to run or to withdraw from the race for the Democratic nomination by Feb. 10, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., has received an incredible amount of media attention and has been picked by some as the most likely candidate from the Democratic Party.

But who is this junior senator from Illinois, and is he really viable as a candidate? Political science professor James Riddlesperger said the 2008 election is unique in that the nomination from both the Republican and Democratic parties are open.

"2008 is the most wide-open presidential election we've had since God knows when," Riddlesperger said. Pointing to the Web site

pollingreport.com, Riddlesperger showed that although Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., who declared her intent to run earlier this week, currently has the most Democratic favor, support for Obama is increasing.

"It's way too early to guess what's going to happen in two years from now," Riddlesperger said. "Political party support is very fluid."

We may not be able to look into the future, but currently Obama is a consistently liberal candidate who has impressed Republicans and Democrats alike by incorporating ideas from all sides for improving legislation.

"I come from Chicago, and a lot of my Republican friends are supporting Obama," said Austin Uebele, president of TCU College Republicans.

But Uebele, while admitting the Republican Party has made mistakes over the past few years, said he would not support Obama because he worries many of Obama's goals are unattainable.

Specifically, Uebele, a junior psychology major, said the mistakes the Republican Party have made lost the trust of the American public in its government, and Obama's goal to restore that trust cannot be achieved as quickly as Obama would have us believe.

But Obama has certainly taken steps toward winning that trust with his honesty about trying cocaine in his youth and his consistency in politics. Even his main criticism, his inexperience at the national level, lends Obama an advantage over his more experienced opponents.

Unlike Clinton, who voted for the now unpopular war in Iraq, Obama has no voting record to hold against him, Riddlesperger said.

And, even though Obama has little experience on the national level, he currently has more political experience than President George W. Bush had before running.

Riddlesperger said President Bush had six years as the Texas governor, and that was the only position he ever held.

On the other hand, Obama, according to his Web site, was a community organizer in Chicago, earned a law degree from Harvard, became the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review, was a civil rights lawyer, served seven years in the Illinois State Senate and has served in the U.S. Senate since 2004.

Last week, The Economist called Obama "the most naturally gifted politician since Bill Clinton," and I am inclined to agree.

He is a candidate for everyone who is ready to move forward from the corruption and ineptitude of the current administration.

And yet, his ability to cooperate and negotiate with conservatives and liberals alike places him beyond the realm of the "lesser of two evils" game American voters have been forced to play.

It is my great hope Obama will declare his intent to run on Feb. 10, because the "skinny kid with a funny name" has made a seriously huge impression on me.

Talia Sampson is a junior news-editorial journalism and international relations major from Moorpark, Calif.

Learning too much information destroys life's simple pleasures

Sometimes there are just some pieces of information I just do not need nor want to know.

A psychologist named Cliff Arnall declared this past Monday the most depressing day of the year 2007.

He claims to have a formula that can predict the day of the year we would most like to go home, lock the door and throw away the key.

All day Monday I was aware of this "holiday," but as far as I was concerned I was having an OK day — until I slipped and fell on the ice with my cowboy boots.

Instantly I thought, "Today is supposed to be the most depressing day ever in the history of 2007. Crap."

Information like that just makes me sad.

For instance, in approximately 5 billion years the sun will swell and envelop the moon.

It's great that we have the technology to predict these things, but now every time I go stargazing and see the moon, I'll think of its impending death.

Recently the burial site and death certificate of the woman who was the model for the "Mona Lisa" has been found. We can now say that Lisa Del Giocondo was married at 16 to a guy 14 years older than she was and that she then had five kids.

Personally, as amazing as the Mona Lisa is, knowing this information ruins the mystique of this painting.

I don't want to know the mundane details behind her bewitching smile. The reason the "Mona Lisa" is so great is because I don't know much about the woman.

Then there's all this business about people not liking snow. They say it's too cold, there's black ice, it's too slushy, it's too hard to walk in.

This campus is gorgeous in snow and people forget how handy it was in elementary school for a 2-hour delay or cancellation. Snow can bring out the kid in all of us, and I'm a firm believer that snow is magical, so don't ruin its perfection.

When the Saints lost to the Chicago Bears this past Sunday, the last thing I wanted to see on ESPN the next morning was all the reasons the Saints should have won.

It's great the Saints rallied together this season, but it just makes their bitter-sweet season more bitter.

They lost. The end. And chocolate. Leave it alone. Stop saying it's going to give me pimples or is like 1,000 calories. I just want to eat my Reese's Cups.

There's no real scientific research to support the pimple thing anyway.

I guess the philosophy doesn't really sit well with the nature of journalism. Usually journalists come equipped with two things: a "tell-me-everything-you-know" attitude, and a sweet sweater vest collection.

Don't get me wrong, there is definitely information out there the public needs to know. Melting polar ice caps and the situation in the Middle East top that list.

I'm all about journalists being the community watchdog. After all, that's the job description.

But journalism also taught me to make every word count.

I've always wondered what news would be reported if there was a ration on words, like sugar was back in the day.

So choose your words carefully. Think twice before you rain on somebody's parade.

Erin Prah is a columnist for the Daily Collegian at Pennsylvania State University.

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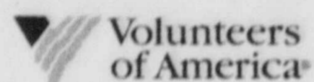
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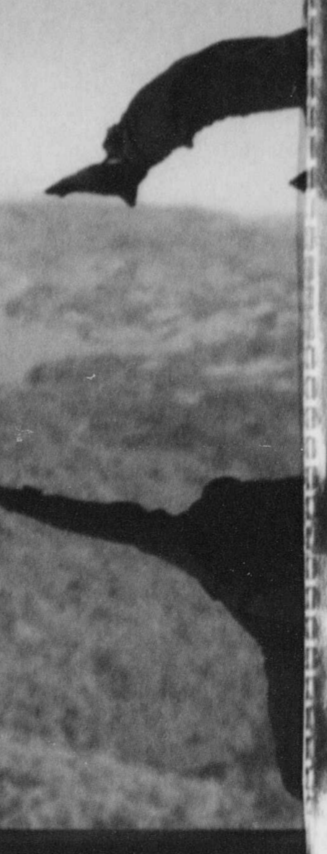


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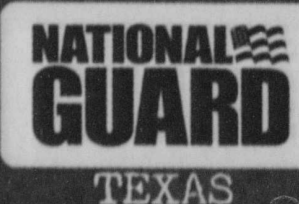
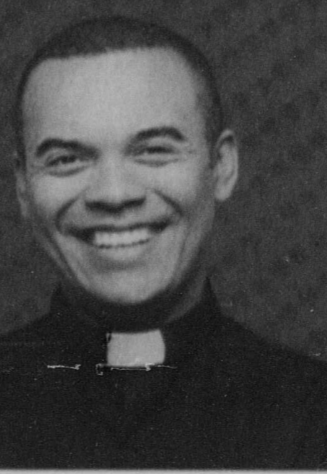
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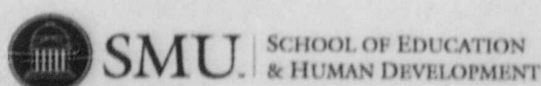
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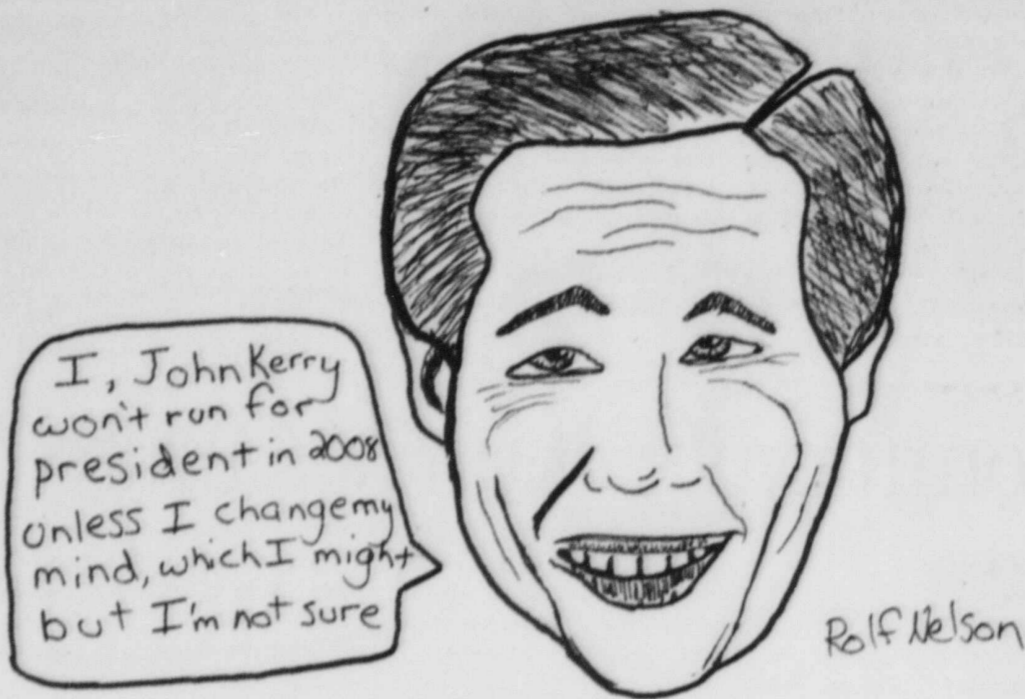
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Obama was born in Hawaii to a Kenyan father and a white, Kansas mother. This gives Obama a racial and cultural identity profoundly different than any former president. However, while this may be thoroughly exciting to white people, I suspect the black community may not be as enthusiastic as white Democrats expect. Obama has what was fundamentally a white, middle class upbringing, which distances him from the typical black experience. Again, this works great for white voters because it arouses no feeling of racial guilt, but black voters may not connect with him the way most Democrats expect.

A new face on the political scene is a welcome change, especially after the rabid partisanship of the last eight years, but I hope voters will be cautious about who they choose to support in the next election. Obama has some promise, but I suspect he will not be the cure-all Democrats expect.

Tyler Fultz is a senior history and political science major from Indianapolis.

Obama's views forward-looking

America's next president could very well be the self-described "skinny kid with a funny name."

With his announcement last week that he will declare his intent to run or to withdraw from the race for the Democratic nomination by Feb. 10, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., has received an incredible amount of media attention and has been picked by some as the most likely candidate from the Democratic Party.

But who is this junior senator from Illinois, and is he really viable as a candidate?

Political science professor James Riddlesperger said the 2008 election is unique in that the nomination from both the Republican and Democratic parties are open.

"2008 is the most wide-open presidential election we've had since God knows when," Riddlesperger said. Pointing to the Web site

pollingreport.com, Riddlesperger showed that although Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., who declared her intent to run earlier this week, currently has the most Democratic favor, support for Obama is increasing.

"It's way too early to guess what's going to happen in two years from now," Riddlesperger said. "Political party support is very fluid."

We may not be able to look into the future, but currently Obama is a consistently liberal candidate who has impressed Republicans and Democrats alike by incorporating ideas from all sides for improving legislation.

"I come from Chicago, and a lot of my Republican friends are supporting Obama," said Austin Uebele, president of TCU College Republicans.

But Uebele, while admitting the Republican Party has made mistakes over the past few years, said he would not support Obama because he worries many of Obama's goals are unattainable.

Specifically, Uebele, a junior psychology major, said the mistakes the Republican Party have made lost the trust of the American public in its government, and Obama's goal to restore that trust cannot be achieved as quickly as Obama would have us believe.

But Obama has certainly taken steps toward winning that trust with his honesty about trying cocaine in his youth and his consistency in politics. Even his main criti-

cism, his inexperience at the national level, lends Obama an advantage over his more experienced opponents.

Unlike Clinton, who voted for the now unpopular war in Iraq, Obama has no voting record to hold against him, Riddlesperger said.

And, even though Obama has little experience on the national level, he currently has more political experience than President George W. Bush had before running.

Riddlesperger said President Bush had six years as the Texas governor, and that was the only position he ever held.

On the other hand, Obama, according to his Web site, was a community organizer in Chicago, earned a law degree from Harvard, became the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review, was a civil rights lawyer, served seven years in the Illinois State Senate and has served in the U.S. Senate since 2004.

Last week, The Economist called Obama "the most naturally gifted politician since Bill Clinton," and I am inclined to agree.

He is a candidate for everyone who is ready to move forward from the corruption and ineptitude of the current administration.

And yet, his ability to cooperate and negotiate with conservatives and liberals alike places him beyond the realm of the "lesser of two evils" game American voters have been forced to play.

It is my great hope Obama will declare his intent to run on Feb. 10, because the "skinny kid with a funny name" has made a seriously huge impression on me.

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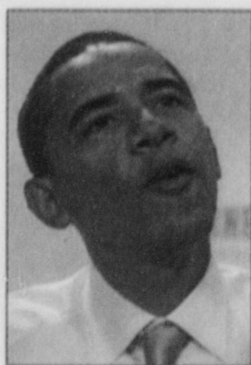
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Information destroys life's simple pleasures

Sometimes there are just some pieces of information I just do not need nor want to know.

A psychologist named Cliff Arnall declared this past Monday the most depressing day of the year 2007.

He claims to have a formula that can predict the day of the year we would most like to go home, lock the door and throw away the key.

All day Monday I was aware of this "holiday," but as far as I was concerned I was having an OK day — until I slipped and fell on the ice with my cowboy boots.

Instantly I thought, "Today is supposed to be the most depressing day ever in the history of 2007. Crap."

Information like that just makes me sad.

For instance, in approximately 5 billion years the sun will swell and envelop the moon.

It's great that we have the technology to predict these things, but now every time I go stargazing and see the moon, I'll think of its impending death.

Recently the burial site and death certificate of the woman who was the model for the "Mona Lisa" has been found. We can now say that Lisa Del Giocondo was married at 16 to a guy 14 years older than she was and that she then had five kids.

Personally, as amazing as the Mona Lisa is, knowing this infor-

mation ruins the mystique of this painting. I don't want to know the mundane details behind her bewitching smile. The reason the "Mona Lisa" is so great is because I don't know much about the woman.

Then there's all this business about people not liking snow. They say it's too cold, there's black ice, it's too slushy, it's too hard to walk in.

This campus is gorgeous in snow and people forget how handy it was in elementary school for a 2-hour delay or cancellation. Snow can bring out the kid in all of us, and I'm a firm believer that snow is magical, so don't ruin its perfection.

When the Saints lost to the Chicago Bears this past Sunday, the last

thing I wanted to see on ESPN the next morning was all the reasons the Saints should have won. It's great the Saints rallied together this season, but it just makes their bitter-sweet season more bitter.

They lost. The end. And chocolate. Leave it alone.

Stop saying it's going to give me pimples or is like 1,000 calories. I just want to eat my Reese's Cups.

There's no real scientific research to support the pimple thing anyway.

I guess the philosophy doesn't really sit well with the nature of journalism. Usually journalists come equipped with two things: a 'tell-me-everything-you-know' attitude, and a sweet sweater vest collection.

Don't get me wrong, there is definitely information out there the public needs to know. Melting polar ice caps and the situation in the Middle East top that list.

I'm all about journalists being the community watchdog. After all, that's the job description.

But journalism also taught me to make every word count.

I've always wondered what news would be reported if there was a ration on words, like sugar was back in the day.

So choose your words carefully. Think twice before you rain on somebody's parade.

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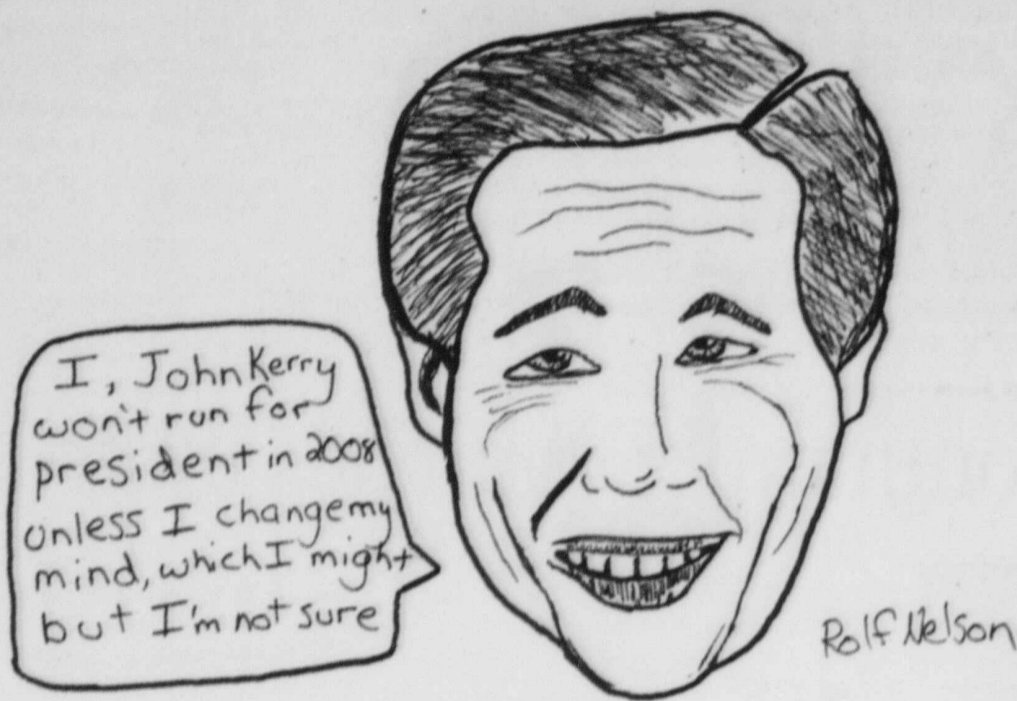
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Candidate's inexperience minus

Barack Obama is one of the more promising presidential candidates to come along in the last few years.

He's easy on the eyes, speaks well and claims to be a moderate. He sounds like a shoo-in. However, it's likely there's more hype than substance to this presidential hopeful.

Obama's voting record is very short and, from what we have seen, has been extremely liberal. An independent, liberal, political organization, Americans for Democratic Action, gives Obama a 95 percent liberal rating, which matches Sens. Hillary Clinton and John Kerry.

His Illinois and U.S. Senate votes show almost unquestioning support for unions, abortion and gay marriage.

Among his campaign contributors are George Soros, People for the American Way, pro-abortion groups and teachers' unions. This support makes it unlikely that Obama would be able to change his positions without angering his Democratic base in the primaries. And good luck trying to get votes in Red States with a pro-abortion stance.

Also, Obama is still on his honeymoon with the press. The newspapers seem more concerned with the swooning crowds around Obama than the candidate himself. And that means Obama-mania will probably be alive and well in the press for at least a few more months.

But at some point that lack of a long public history could present some prob-

lems for the senator. Inevitably, the "Who is Barack Obama?" stories will come. And, since Obama has a small public record, the press will probably make up whatever they want — for better or for worse.

Young presidents do not have the best track record. The list of presidents in their 40s include Bill Clinton (impeached), Ulysses S. Grant (scandalized) and John F. Kennedy (shot).

When I bring up Obama's relative youth, 46, and his short time in the Senate, those concerns are usually addressed by something like, "Well, Kennedy was young." What the statement fails to take into account is that Kennedy was not a good president. He launched a failed invasion of Cuba, philandered with other women and nearly let the United States be annihilated in a nuclear holocaust. Kennedy's story should caution voters against electing inspiring, but inexperienced, politicians to the presidency.

One factor Obama enthusiasts continually point to is his race.

Obama was born in Hawaii to a Kenyan father and a white, Kansas mother. This gives Obama a racial and cultural identity profoundly different than any former president. However, while this may be thoroughly exciting to white people, I suspect the black community may not be as enthusiastic as white Democrats expect. Obama has what was fundamentally a white, middle class upbringing, which distances him from the typical black experience. Again, this works great for white voters because it arouses no feeling of racial guilt, but black voters may not connect with him the way most Democrats expect.

A new face on the political scene is a welcome change, especially after the rabid partisanship of the last eight years, but I hope voters will be cautious about who they choose to support in the next election. Obama has some promise, but I suspect he will not be the cure-all Democrats expect.

Tyler Fultz is a senior history and political science major from Indianapolis.

Obama's views forward-looking

America's next president could very well be the self-described "skinny kid with a funny name."

With his announcement last week that he will declare his intent to run or to withdraw from the race for the Democratic nomination by Feb. 10, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., has received an incredible amount of media attention and has been picked by some as the most likely candidate from the Democratic Party.

But who is this junior senator from Illinois, and is he really viable as a candidate?

Political science professor James Riddlesperger said the 2008 election is unique in that the nomination from both the Republican and Democratic parties are open.

"2008 is the most wide-open presidential election we've had since God knows when," Riddlesperger said. Pointing to the Web site

pollingreport.com, Riddlesperger showed that although Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., who declared her intent to run earlier this week, currently has the most Democratic favor, support for Obama is increasing.

"It's way too early to guess what's going to happen in two years from now," Riddlesperger said. "Political party support is very fluid."

We may not be able to look into the future, but currently Obama is a consistently liberal candidate who has impressed Republicans and Democrats alike by incorporating ideas from all sides for improving legislation.

"I come from Chicago, and a lot of my Republican friends are supporting Obama," said Austin Uebele, president of TCU College Republicans.

But Uebele, while admitting the Republican Party has made mistakes over the past few years, said he would not support Obama because he worries many of Obama's goals are unattainable.

Specifically, Uebele, a junior psychology major, said the mistakes the Republican Party have made lost the trust of the American public in its government, and Obama's goal to restore that trust cannot be achieved as quickly as Obama would have us believe.

But Obama has certainly taken steps toward winning that trust with his honesty about trying cocaine in his youth and his consistency in politics. Even his main criti-

cism, his inexperience at the national level, lends Obama an advantage over his more experienced opponents.

Unlike Clinton, who voted for the now unpopular war in Iraq, Obama has no voting record to hold against him, Riddlesperger said.

And, even though Obama has little experience on the national level, he currently has more political experience than President George W. Bush had before running. Riddlesperger said President Bush had six years as the Texas governor, and that was the only position he ever held.

On the other hand, Obama, according to his Web site, was a community organizer in Chicago, earned a law degree from Harvard, became the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review, was a civil rights lawyer, served seven years in the Illinois State Senate and has served in the U.S. Senate since 2004.

Last week, The Economist called Obama "the most naturally gifted politician since Bill Clinton," and I am inclined to agree.

He is a candidate for everyone who is ready to move forward from the corruption and ineptitude of the current administration.

And yet, his ability to cooperate and negotiate with conservatives and liberals alike places him beyond the realm of the "lesser of two evils" game American voters have been forced to play.

It is my great hope Obama will declare his intent to run on Feb. 10, because the "skinny kid with a funny name" has made a seriously huge impression on me.

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COMMENTARY



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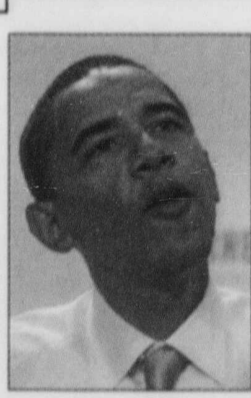
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OBAMA'S VIEW ON CAMPAIGN ISSUES

ABORTION	GUN CONTROL	IRAQ WAR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voted against requiring medical care for aborted fetuses who survived. (2001) • Voted for similar legislation that included clarifying language that didn't interfere with abortion rights. (2004) • Had 100 percent rating from Illinois Planned Parenthood Council. <p>Source: Ryan Keith, AP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported ban on semi-automatic "assault weapons" and a limit on handgun purchases to once a month. • Opposed letting people use self-defense if violating local handgun bans by using weapons in their home. • Supported allowing retired police officers to carry concealed weapons. <p>Source: Ryan Keith, AP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "And we're still mired in a tragic and costly war that should never have been waged." <p>ALTERNATIVE FUELS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Our continued dependence on oil has put our security and our very planet at risk." <p>Source: "A Message from Barack" barackobama.com</p>



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Learning too much information destroys life's simple pleasures

Sometimes there are just some pieces of information I just do not need nor want to know.

A psychologist named Cliff Arnall declared this past Monday the most depressing day of the year 2007.

He claims to have a formula that can predict the day of the year we would most like to go home, lock the door and throw away the key.

All day Monday I was aware of this "holiday," but as far as I was concerned I was having an OK day — until I slipped and fell on the ice with my cowboy boots.

Instantly I thought, "Today is supposed to be the most depressing day ever in the history of 2007. Crap."

Information like that just makes me sad.

For instance, in approximately 5 billion years the sun will swell and envelop the moon.

It's great that we have the technology to predict these things, but now every time I go stargazing and see the moon, I'll think of its impending death.

Recently the burial site and death certificate of the woman who was the model for the "Mona Lisa" has been found. We can now say that Lisa Del Giocondo was married at 16 to a guy 14 years older than she was and that she then had five kids.

Personally, as amazing as the Mona Lisa is, knowing this infor-

mation ruins the mystique of this painting. I don't want to know the mundane details behind her bewitching smile. The reason the "Mona Lisa" is so great is because I don't know much about the woman.

Then there's all this business about people not liking snow. They say it's too cold, there's black ice, it's too slushy, it's too hard to walk in.

This campus is gorgeous in snow and people forget how handy it was in elementary school for a 2-hour delay or cancellation. Snow can bring out the kid in all of us, and I'm a firm believer that snow is magical, so don't ruin its perfection.

When the Saints lost to the Chicago Bears this past Sunday, the last

thing I wanted to see on ESPN the next morning was all the reasons the Saints should have won. It's great the Saints rallied together this season, but it just makes their bitter-sweet season more bitter.

They lost. The end.

And chocolate. Leave it alone. Stop saying it's going to give me pimples or is like 1,000 calories. I just want to eat my Reese's Cups.

There's no real scientific research to support the pimple thing anyway.

I guess the philosophy doesn't really sit well with the nature of journalism. Usually journalists come equipped with two things: a "tell-me-everything-you-know" attitude, and a sweet sweater vest collection.

Don't get me wrong, there is definitely information out there the public needs to know. Melting polar ice caps and the situation in the Middle East top that list.

I'm all about journalists being the community watchdog. After all, that's the job description.

But journalism also taught me to make every word count.

I've always wondered what news would be reported if there was a ration on words, like sugar was back in the day.

So choose your words carefully. Think twice before you rain on somebody's parade.

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Program begins to research women-, gender-related issues

By LISA FALCONE
Staff Reporter

A new program supporting the research of women-related and gender-related issues opens its doors to campus and the community today.

Religion professor Claudia Camp said she thinks the Institute on Women and Gender will be an asset to the university.

"I think (the institute) will benefit TCU in terms of

national recognition," Camp said. "It creates a structure where students and faculty can work together to do research."

The institute will be comprised of students, faculty, staff and the community, and will include all seven colleges and the Brite Divinity School, according to a press release.

Director Joanne Green said the opening reception will be

an informational gathering.

She said issues, such as domestic violence and eating disorders, will be discussed and analyzed from several perspectives, such as political, economical and religious.

"It creates a structure where students and faculty can work together to do research."

Claudia Camp
Professor of religion

Green was the director of the Women's Studies Program for three years and taught at TCU for six years.

Associate Director Marcy Paul said the program will promote research in the TCU community.

"The institute provides small grants to students, faculty and staff to do research," Paul said.

City organizations, including Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Planned Parenthood and Safe Haven, are attending the Institute's opening, Paul said.

About 100 reservations have already been made. "The support is unreal," Paul said.

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Community churches unite

By LAUREN PARKER
Staff Reporter

People from various churches came together Wednesday night to promote peace and unity between denominations in Fort Worth.

The Unity Dinner, held in the University Christian Church, concluded a week of prayer for Christian unity.

Suzanne Castle-Rolen, associate minister for college ministries, said the Unity Dinner was the finale of a weeklong international event that encouraged unity between churches in Fort Worth.

The event is held in various places around the world annually, but it is making its return to Fort Worth.

"The relationship between churches has been dormant in recent years,"

said Tim Carson, senior minister at UCC. "Sometimes it takes a major event like this to jumpstart a change."

Michael Kinnamon, professor for mission and peace at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, was the featured speaker for the evening.

Kinnamon teaches courses in peace and justice, interfaith dialogue and the global and local mission of the church, and he is involved in many social justice activities in the St. Louis area.

Carson said Kinnamon's speech focused on uniting churches in the Fort Worth area and building the relationships between congregations.

In addition to Kinnamon's speech, the TCU Word of Truth Gospel Choir performed.

Carson said it is important for TCU students and young adults to attend an event like this because they are the future leaders of the world.

Kamaria Powell, a UCC member, said the event was very important.

"Unity is important regardless of the cause, but I believe it is especially important when dealing with the unity of Christians," said Powell, a junior biology major. "This is what the unity dinner is all about, gathering together to uphold and celebrate the things that we are united for: faith."

Carson said every year there is a different continent that is the focus of the event. This year, Africa was the featured continent and Kubwinya, an African marimba group, performed.

'War' symposium to discuss justifications of Iraq war

By BETT ROGERS
Staff Reporter

Members of the staff will discuss the legitimacy of the war in Iraq today at the second Searchlight Symposium.

The symposium, titled "What is a Just War? Are We in One?", will be conducted by a panel of professors including Mark Gilderhus, Eric Cox and Nadia Lahutsky.

All three have said they agree the war needs to be addressed at TCU.

"Kids are dying," said Gilderhus, chair of the history department. "This issue concerns every person on campus, students and faculty, Democrats and Republicans."

Cox said he views the symposium as a prime opportunity to explore the morality of war and foreign policy. He taught a six-month course titled "Just War and Just Peace" at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church.

Cox said he was struck by students' willingness to discuss

the sensitive subject.

Lahutsky said the notion of a "just war" is a recurring element in her area of expertise: Christian history. The concept emerged within the faith as early as the fourth century and has remained a subject of debate ever since, said Lahutsky, associate professor of religion.

Lahutsky also drew comparisons between the present situation in Iraq and the Vietnam War, noting a fundamental difference between the two.

She said the sacrifices of the Iraq war are not distributed evenly throughout society as they were during Vietnam.

"It is a very different setting now that we self-select for military service," Lahutsky said.

"We are not all bearing the burden as we were in Vietnam."

Junior philosophy and English major John Wood organized the event in conjunction with Programming Council and the Student Government Association.

The symposium is structured to resemble a lecture session rather than a debate. Each staff member will speak for 20 minutes individually before answering audience questions collectively and engaging in open discussion.

"It is an opportunity for professors to get together and address a critical cultural issue from the perspective of their various departments," Wood said.

SYMPOSIUM

"WHAT IS A JUST WAR?
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• Today, 5 - 7 p.m.
• Student Center Ballroom

Language classes look to close gaps

By LEIGH ANN WEAVER
Staff Reporter

TCU is now offering a Spanish in the Workplace series that teaches faculty and staff to speak Spanish in their everyday working environment.

The Staff Assembly and Human Resources are co-sponsoring two eight-week series of classes by Command Spanish, the largest provider of workplace Spanish in the nation, said Julie Lovett, assistant director of extended education.

Lovett, who brought the program to TCU, said her main goals for the program are to bridge the communication gaps in the workplace and also between staff and the community.

Lovett, the chair of the Professional Development Committee, asked staff members what kind of professional development opportunities they would like in a survey.

Based upon the survey given last fall, the staff named Spanish as one of the ways it could continue to develop professionally, said Susan Oakley,

"It helps generate understanding and makes communicating easier in the workplace."

Joanne Lott
Member of Human Resources

assistant secretary of the Staff Assembly.

Both series of classes run at the same time. One series teaches Spanish for office personnel and the other series teaches Spanish for custodial and maintenance supervisors.

Lovett said the course is not a traditional language class.

"This class is not meant to be truly conversational Spanish," Lovett said. "No grammar will be taught, just key phrases for their workplace," Lovett said.

Currently, the class dedicated to office personnel is overbooked at 24 attendees and has

a wait list of 10, while the class dedicated to the custodial and maintenance supervisors has 13 attendees, Oakley said.

This is the first time the Staff Assembly and Human Resources are sponsoring the program, but it was offered to Human Resources employees about two years ago and was successful with eight employees being able to use Command Spanish, Lovett said.

The courses are offered at no expense to the participants, Lovett said.

Joanne Lott, a member of Human Resources and an attendee to the classes, said the course was informative.

"It helps generate understanding and makes communicating easier in the workplace," Lott said. "It also promotes good customer service and good customer relations."

The first classes were scheduled to start Jan. 17 but, because of the snow day, were pushed back until the next week. The classes should last until Spring Break, Oakley said.

Officials prep for avian flu

By AUNDREA EICHMAN
Staff Reporter

The avian flu may be flocking to the United States, and officials are developing a plan to ensure the safety of the TCU community.

TCU has taken action by researching and consulting with health officials at the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Tarrant County Public Health, said Laura Crawley, assistant dean of Campus Life and health promotion.

Dr. Mary Rae from the Health Center said if affected by the virus, a person's immune system is put into overdrive, causing it to attack the lungs and create severe inflammation. She said the avian flu is an influenza virus similar to seasonal influenza, but more severe.

This virus is highly contagious and has only been transmitted to humans from infected birds, according to the World Health Organization.

If the virus was to begin spreading from human to human, Rae said, living in the dormitories could allow it to spread easily.

So far the WHO has reported 265 human cases of avian flu,

with 159 of those resulting in deaths.

The first reported human case was in 2003 in Hong Kong, and now many other Southeast Asian countries, such as Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam, have reported human cases.

There is currently no threat in North America, Rae said.

Rae said, although there has been no evidence of a sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus in the past, it is a possibility.

Crawley said, if given enough opportunities, the virus could change into a highly infectious form for humans and spread easily from person to person. This could mark the start of a global outbreak or pandemic, she said.

"Our bodies can do some miraculous things, but there are some ways in which they can go spectacularly wrong in mutating these kinds of viruses," Crawley said.

Rae said that because the current contingency plan has consisted only of meetings with health officials, there is no cost.

"I wouldn't want people to be overly scared about it," Rae

PRECAUTIONS

- Develop a preparedness plan with your family
- Avoid travel to where the virus is present
- Stay home if you feel sick
- Thoroughly wash your hands often and use hand sanitizers
- Get a flu shot

STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS:

- Stay away from live poultry
- Keep in touch with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site advisories

SOURCES: Mary Rae, Health Center doctor, and Laura Crawley, assistant dean of Campus Life and health promotion

said. "Getting in the mindset of a possibility just helps us be ready should something else occur."

Crawley said that in the future, it will be better to be safe than sorry.

"The cost of not having any preparation is going to be much higher," Crawley said.

Although there is no vaccine designed for the virus yet, students may get a general flu shot at the Health Center as an added safeguard, Crawley said.

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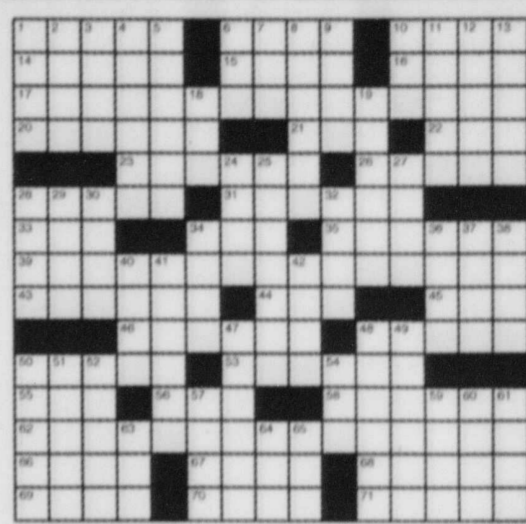
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By Gordon Seaberg
Los Angeles, CA

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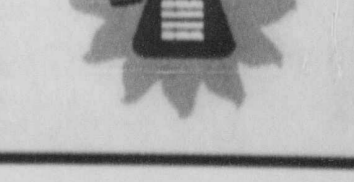
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GIRLS WITH GUNS

The women's rifle team prepares for its first competition of the semester.
TOMORROW

Men serve up 3 wins

By **MARCUS MURPHREE**
Sports Editor

Cold temperatures could not keep the No. 36 Horned Frogs' rackets from heating up against the UT-Pan American Broncos as TCU won their first match of the semester.

The Frogs swept the doubles competition with three consecutive match wins. The team was led by a win from the tandem of sophomore Kriegler Brink and freshman Caleb Bulls who dispatched their opponents 8-3.

The singles matches showed the Horned Frogs' dominance as they did not surrender one set to the Broncos.

Junior Cosmin Cotet erased his opponent, Gary Bianco, in straight sets (6-0, 6-1) on the center court.

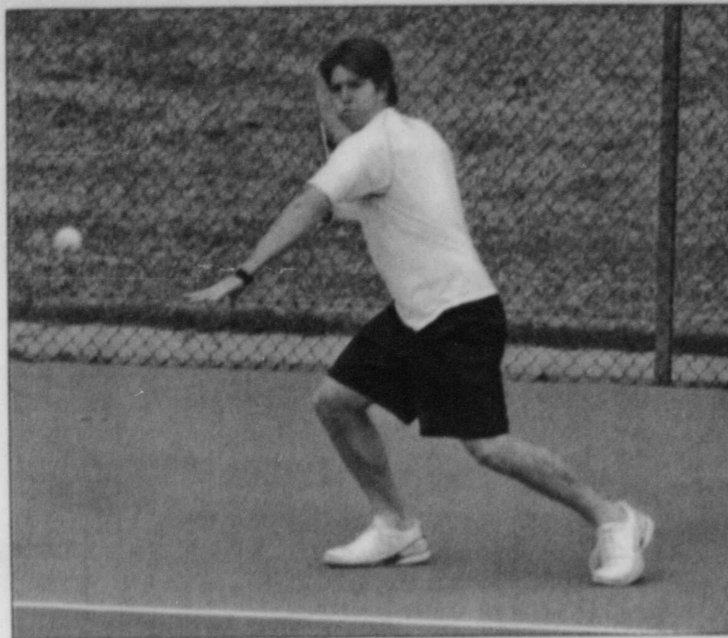
Cotet's performance earned praise from head coach Dave Borelli.

"He did really well," Borelli said. "We have been working on getting him to let go of a point that he's lost and just to enjoy himself."

Cotet and junior Stuart Row defeated Rosendo Cantu in similar fashion with a 6-1, 6-0 win.

The third match to reach completion for the Frogs was between Brink and Nirvick Mohinta of the Broncos. Brink had trouble finding his rhythm in the first set as he had to return from a two-game deficit. Brink's traditional serve and volley style was being met with little success during the first four games of the set. Borelli had Brink make some adjustments to his approach, and soon Brink found himself in a groove and finished the match 7-5, 6-0.

"The balls were 'heavier'



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor
Stuart Row, junior, prepares to return a serve in a doubles match against the UT-Pan American Broncos. The Frogs defeated the Broncos 7-0 in Wednesday's matches.

"I am lucky to spend my first match win with these kids."

Dave Borelli
Head coach

because it was colder outside," Borelli said. "Once he started rushing the net better, he became focused and got back on track."

The highlight of the afternoon came on court two when graduate transfer Chris Biro played in a marathon match against David Lopez-Heredia. After going through a 40-minute game in the second set, Biro came out on top of the opposition.

"The other guy was serving and he was able to dic-

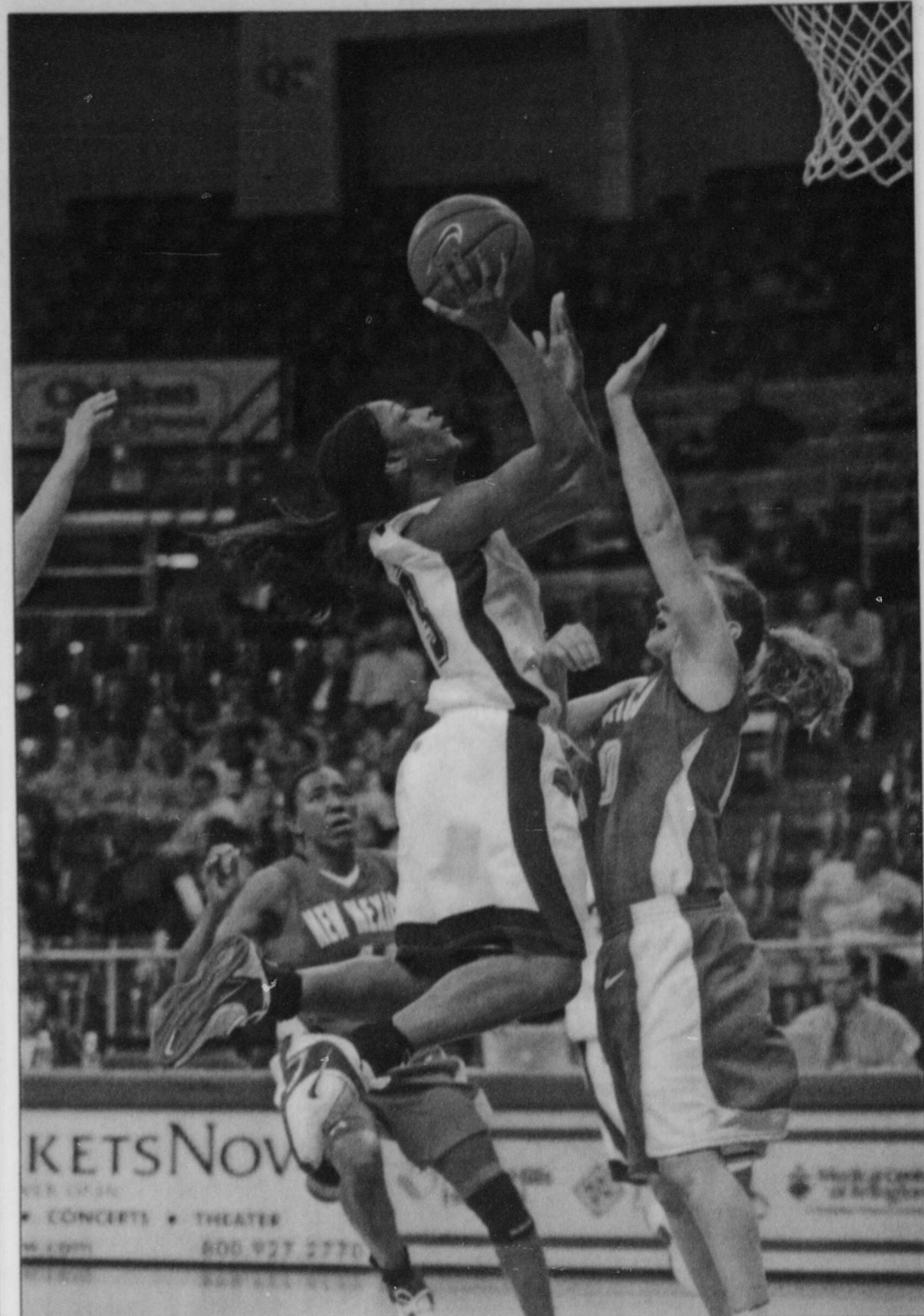
tate the play," Borelli said. "Once it was a neutral point, Chris (Biro) was able to control it."

Everyone won their matches giving TCU the team victory as a whole and Borelli his first official win as head coach of the men's team.

"I am lucky to spend my first match win with these kids," Borelli said.

Friday will mark the second match for the Frogs this semester where they face the No. 23 Clemson Tigers.

Guard tops record



ROBYN SHEPHERD / Staff Photographer
Junior guard Adrienne Ross drives toward the basket in the Lady Frogs game versus New Mexico on Wednesday evening. Ross scored her 1,000th career point in the first half. Ross scored 16 points en route to a 67-43 Lady Frogs victory.

By **MEREDITH ANDREWS AND MARCUS MURPHREE**
Staff Reporter and Sports Editor

The Lady Frogs topped the New Mexico Lobos on Wednesday night 67-43 to bring their record to an overall 14-6 and 4-2 in the Mountain West Conference.

Junior shooting guard Adrienne Ross scored 16 points, giving 1,011 for her career. She became the ninth women's basketball player to surpass 1,000 points in TCU history.

The Frogs had command of the game the entire night on the shoulders of Ross and junior forward Lorie Butler-Rayford before an audience of 3,463.

The Lady Frogs had con-

trol of the game underneath the rim with 48 rebounds, 19 from Butler-Rayford. The Lady Frogs managed to outscore the Lobos 24-18 while in the paint.

Other notable performances by the Frogs came from junior guard Ashley Davis and junior point guard Helen Roden. Davis led the team in points with 19, and Roden had 10 points and four assists.

The Lady Frogs' next home game is 2 p.m. Sunday against the San Diego State Aztecs. The last time these two teams faced off was in February 2006, when TCU won 80-49.

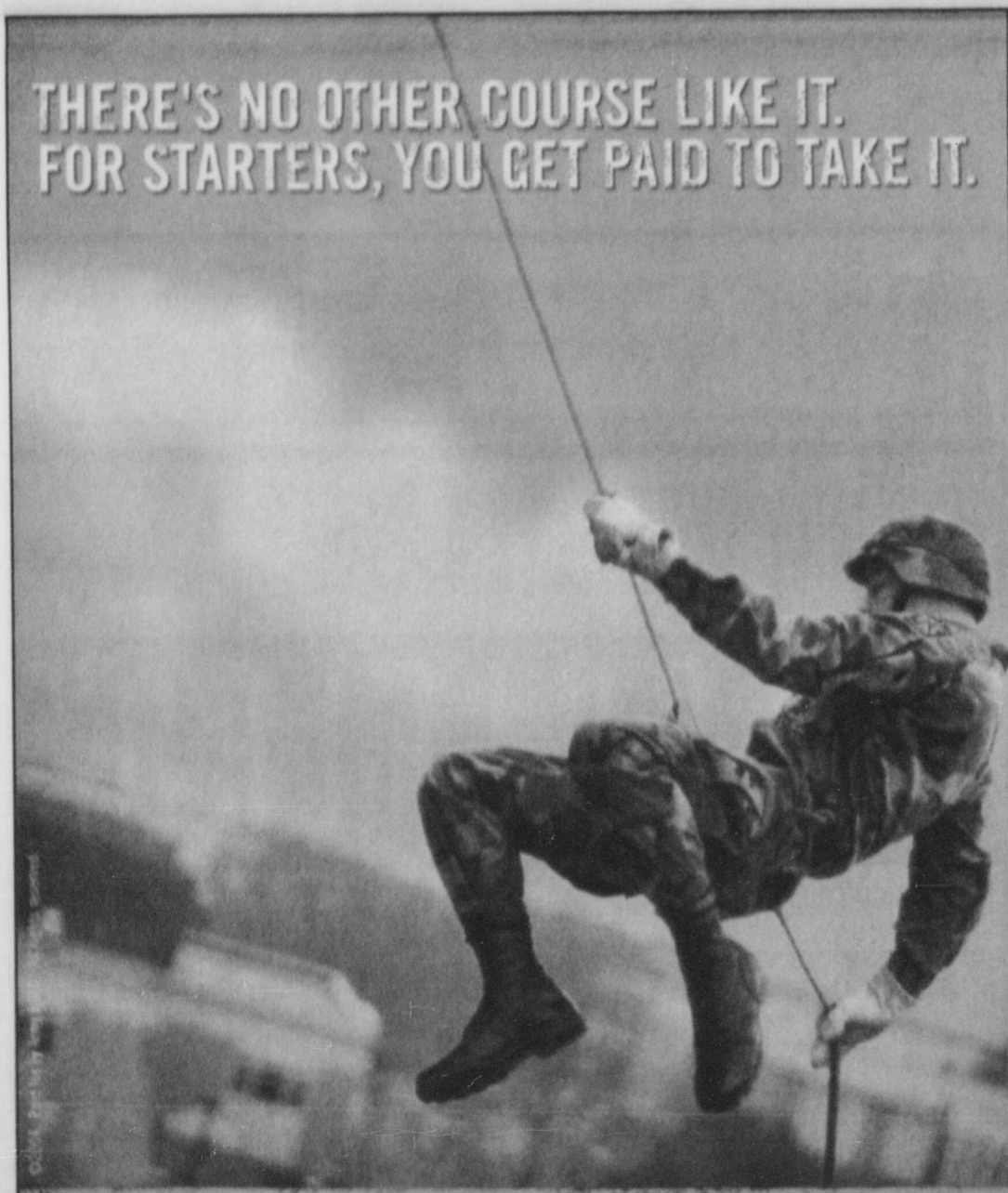
For more complete coverage of last night's game, be sure to check dailyskiff.com.

TOP SCORERS

Ashley Davis	19
Adrienne Ross	16
Helen Roden	10
Lorie Butler-Rayford	8
Hanna Biernacka	7

BOX SCORE

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