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# Panhellenic rep: Delta Zeta risky choice for campus By DIA WALL DZ was accused of asking DZ national headquarters votes will be recommended to and dean of campus life, said chapter at DePauw.

By DIA WALL Staff Reporter

be a dicey choice to join campus this fall.

"It will be a concern because if you bring on a sorority with nationwide conflict," said Rachel Knapp, Panhellenic director of recruitment, "that's taking a big liability."

women to accept alumna sta- forwarded all questions to the university. Then, the uni- she thinks it will be difficult The Panhellenic recruitment tus at DePauw University by Cynthia Menges, who did not versity will make the decision not to discuss the national and public relations major, said director said Delta Zeta could two national representatives respond to multiple e-mails to extend or withhold an invi- attention. because they did not promote a desirable chapter image. Every

overweight, black, Korean and Vietnamese member was was asked to vacate the sorority house, according to a Feb. 25 New York Times article.

and phone calls for the sec- tation. ond consecutive day.

Gamma Phi Beta in preferen- sidered. tial order.

The finalist with the highest chancellor for student affairs cifically related to the Delta

Hannah Munsch, Panhellen- Kate Holloway, a former DZ At today's meeting, each of ic president, said DZ will still member at DePauw, said she the sororities on campus will be in the vote, but the recent thinks the organization is included in the request and rank Alpha Phi, Delta Zeta and events at DePauw will be con- not bad and could potentially serve TCU weli, but it made Susan Adams, associate vice poor judgment decisions spe-

Knapp, a junior advertising quite a few of the sororities at Despite recent events, TCU were impressed with DZ's presentation last week and were shocked at the negativity now surrounding them.

> They had an amazing presentation," Knapp said. "It was very dynamic.

See Delta Zeta, page 2

# Sexual Assault reported in GrandMarc complex a sexual assault occurred until

### By ASHER FOGLE Staff Reporter

ual assault in the GrandMarc to said. police Monday night, according to Fort Worth police.

Thomson said a woman reported son said, because of effects of that she woke up Sunday morning and saw a man she did not at the hospital. recognize in her residence at the

contacted when the woman hours." went to the hospital Monday after the reported incident. At the hospital, Thomson said, a sexual assault evidence kit was administered to the woman.

The woman told police the incident occurred between 2 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, referred questions to the Fort according to a report from Fort Worth Police Department, Worth police. Police are unable to confirm tigation.

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they receive medical reports A TCU student reported a sex- from the hospital, Thomson Police detectives had not been able to talk to the woman Fort Worth Police Sgt. Jim as of Tuesday afternoon, Thom-

medication given to the woman "If they do a sexual assault

GrandMarc at Westberry Place. kit," Thomson said, "you can't Thomson said police were usually talk to them for 24

Thomson said the woman had not yet provided police with a description of the man.

TCU Police sent a crime alert to students Tuesday to inform them of the reported incident.

TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham which is handling the inves-



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# Singing student finalist in 'Good Day' competition

### By ASHLEIGH WHALEY Staff Reporter

A TCU student became one of 16 finalists last week in the Fox 4 Good Day Karaoke Contest and could soon be singing the "Good Day" theme song every morning to thousands of viewers across the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Junior radio-TV-film major Lauren King said she auditioned to Artist Training, which directed be the next star of the morning show "Good Day" last Friday when she sang the Emmy-awardwinning theme song, "Have you had a Good Day," to a panel of six judges.

Finalists' audition tapes were posted Monday on myfoxdfw. com, and whoever receives the most votes by March 2 will get the job, King said.

give rising artists valuable expo- to do.' sure and experience, said Jessica Dowdy, associate producer of creative services at Fox 4.

"The 'Good Day' theme song is a good tune a lot of people know," King said. "They're looking for someone to sing it, do the commercial and promotion of it and just be the artist of the year nitely a good experience, but I singing it on the show with the grew up real fast." band.

show their support by voting for to be too shy to sing in front her on the Web site, and said the of others until she realized how winner will be announced on the much it was holding her back. show Friday.

ships at the University of Cen- am good at inside like a secret," tral Arkansas last year because she missed the singing and acting opportunities she had grow- out for "American Idol" this ing up in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, she said.

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TODAY: Cloudy, 77/57

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To vote and watch auditions: · Log onto myfoxdfw.com · Click "Good Day" Click "VOTE: Good Day Karaoke

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King recently became a "master artist" at the Septien Center for Jessica Simpson and Ryan Cabrera early in their careers, King said. She will soon be featured on a reality television show, tentatively titled "Pop Academy," with other "master artists" from Septien, she said.

'This is a passion I have that took me a while to figure out," King said. "I'm so much happier now because I know what Singing on "Good Day" will I love and I know what I want

King said she's been in the entertainment industry since she was 3-years-old and was a cast member on "Barney and Friends" from ages 5 to 10.

"I was Kathy, the little girl who was always holding her bear," King said. "It was defi-

Despite her acting role on King is hoping students will "Barney," King said she used "I found out how pointless it

She left her soccer scholar- is to hold something I love and King said.

She looks forward to trying

See KING, page 2



Sophomore Tricia Williamson, Arlie, faces the older version of herself, played by senior Amanda Bass, Arlene. The show "Getting Out" premieres Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hays Theatre at the TCU Walsh Center.

# Theatre students release emotions in prison inmate role

By MICHELLE EUPERIO Staff Reporter

> Students in the new theatre show "Getting Out" are getting out of their comfort zones with a different, dramatic, edgy and emotional play this week.

> "Getting Out" looks into the past and present of a young woman, Arlene, attempting to find her way in life after being released from prison.

Amanda Bass and Tricia Williamson both play the role of Arlene one before prison and the other after getting out of prison.

"The two personalities examine the struggle of the individual to ultimately remake herself in the shadow of her past actions, as well as in the eyes of those who judge and dismiss her," said Preston Swincher, a sophomore musical theatre major and the theatre publicity chairman.

Cheryl Bellows, a senior musical theatre major, plays the role of Arlene's mom.

ing over," Bellows said. "People look

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for that second chance in life and wish they could start over."

Bass, a junior theatre major, portrays Arlene after her

release from prison and said this was her hardest role to play yet

"My character is just so different," Bass said. "She killed a man, found God and is trying not to go back "In essence, the show is about start- into prostitution. I, on the other See THEATRE, page 2

# Author teaches leadership with war strategy



Best-selling author Chin-Ning Chu speaks in the Student Center on Tuesday.

By JILLIAN HUTCHISON Staff Reporter

A best-selling author stressed the importance of courage and confidence in your heart in this particular being a successful leader hour," Chu said, "it's going in a lecture Tuesday eve- to change your life." ning

national author and expert Creative Ethical Leader," on the business application highlighted the practical of military general Sun application of "Art of War" Tzu's "Art of War," talked to to leadership today. about 150 students, faculty Chu, a direct descendant and community members of the Royal Ming Dynasin the Student Center Ball- ty, said "Art of War" is an room as part of the Frost ancient Chinese book on Foundation Lectureship for military strategy. Global Issues.

they would each get

something different from her presentation because of their varying ages.

"If you listen to it with

Her presentation, titled Chin-Ning Chu, an inter- "Be a Rapidly Adaptive

When I was 10 years See CHU, page 2

## **PECULIAR FACT**

MURRAY, Ky. - A teacher trying to buy pot was arrested after she sent text messages to a state trooper instead of a dealer, police said. --- Associated Press

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She told the audience that old, my father read Chi-

KING From page

year, which she had to miss in the past for three-a-day soccer practices.

"They always look for someone with a story behind them," King said. "Hopefully, they'll see the one behind me."

King also shares the distinction of being one of the only students at Septien.

"A lot of 'master artists' don't go to school, and I don't think that is very smart of them because there's a lot of people out there trying to make it in the industry," King said. "I'm going to have that degree to fall back on and even use."

However, King is still hoping for the big break so many other celebrities have received in the past, she said. She is scheduled to sing the national anthem March 4 at the TCU baseball game against Vermont

'Lauren is an incredibly talented singer with an energetic presence on stage," said Mathew Butler, director of artist development at Septien. "People can't take their eyes off her when she's on stage."

### THEATRE From page

hand, go to TCU and worry about things like if I'll pass my psychology test or not."

The cast has been rehearsing since the semester started, director TJ Walsh said.

"We worked hard, but we would have a lot of fun," Bass said. "It's nice to be around people that love what they are doing and be in a group where people are exactly where they want to be."

The crew for the show welded iron bars together to create a prison setting, said Julie Via, a junior theatre major and costume designer for the show

There are 12 characters in this show, which was written by Marsha Norman.

Norman is a Pulitzer Prize winner and head of play writing at The Juilliard School in New York City, Walsh said. No one under the age of

14 should attend the show because of its adult content, Via said.

"It's a good, very solid show," Bellows said. "People will like it because it's down to earth, gritty and moving."

### **DELTA ZETA** From page

Three of the six remaining members of Delta Zeta at DePauw did not reply to multiple e-mails seeking comment.

Adams said TCU is looking for an organization that highlights student success as an overall goal.

reaction to how the negative spotlight on DZ will affect TCU if selected, Adams said that will not be an issue unless it happens. "It will be considered by

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every chapter that will vote," said Munsch, a junior finance major. "I think there's a good chance it will influence the vote."

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### nese strategy classics to me as a bedtime story instead of Cinderella,"

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she said. Though it is an ancient book, Chu said the strategies outlined in "Art of War" are still applicable to people's everyday lives.

"It's about how to win without fighting by maximizing who you are," Chu said.

Chu talked about leadership and winning and highlighted important elements of each.

"A good leader needs to be courageous," she said.

Until a leader becomes courageous, Chu said, good ideas will never become more than good ideas.

Jueyin Wang, a junior business major, said she was inspired by Chu.

"She explained very deep, profound philosophy in an understandable way," Wang said.

Xueji Wang, a freshman pre-business major, said she was challenged when Chu encouraged the audience members to help the on-campus international community to continue to grow.

"You will get challenged by life," Chu said.

Despite those challenges, Chu said to the audience, it is possible to be happy with life in the end, knowing that you did your best.

# Senator's daughter: Rev. Sharpton overreacts to reports about lineage

She has the right to dis-

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liams' comments.

agree," Sharpton said.

By AARON GOULD SHEININ McClatchy Newspapers

COLUMBIA, S.C. - The biracial daughter of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond says the Rev. Al Sharpton "over- er members of the Thurreacted" to news reports mond family Tuesday were stating that he is a descen- unsuccessful. Washingtondant of a Thurmond family

slave. relatives since news about "He's been on TV con-Sharpton broke Sunday. stantly saying the many negative things that he did, and tion," Essie Mae Washing-

ton-Williams said of the New of the legendary senator and York City civil rights activ- a black maid in the Thurist. She spoke during a Tues- mond home. Thurmond died day meeting with reporters in June 2003. at the Columbia Marriott.

Washington-Williams, 81, terms in the U.S. Senate, lives in Los Angeles but was retiring in 2002. For much in South Carolina for a book of his Senate career, Thursigning. She said if it had mond was best known as a been anyone else's family, segregationist but in later the news wouldn't have been years modified his positions as big a deal. on race.

"But because Strom Thurreported Sunday that genemond had been a public figalogists hired by the newsure, a person who spoke out, I think that's why he paper discovered Sharpton's great-grandfather, Coleman felt so strongly about him," Sharpton, was owned as a she said.

In a telephone interview said he was "not offended ther was Strom Thurmond's ownership."

**Bomber within mile of Cheney** 

By RICHARD SISK New York Daily News

He was separated from the vice president by three security gates and almost a mile in distance - but cloaked in secrecy, with only a with his schedule and made the a suicide bomber Tuesday brought handful of top-level people in those brief flight to Kabul, where the home the brutal realities of life in countries aware of his destinations Afghanistan to Dick Cheney.

The bomber blew himself up and killed at least 20 others, including two U.S. soldiers, at the main Cheney was targeted. They said gate to America's headquarters in Afghanistan.

A resurgent Taliban claimed it was an attempt to assassinate Cheney, a claim scoffed at by U.S. military officials.

dent to hear, and effective enough Base, built by the Soviets during to see Cheney moved swiftly to their occupation of Afghanistan, is a sandbagged bunker. "I heard a loud boom," Cheney said. "The Secret Service came did raise questions, however, about in and told me there had been an attack on the main gate." "They moved me for a relatively after local news reports noted that brief period of time to one of the bomb shelters nearby," Cheney said. "As the situation settled down and they got a better sense in terms of what was going on, troops and they saw smoke rising then I went back to my room until over the main gate.

great-great-grandfather, the at all" by Washington-Wilnewspaper reported.

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Sharpton said at the time that the revelation was "probably the most shocking thing in my life," according to The Associated Press.

The New York-based civil rights activist and 2004 pres-Williams said she has not spoken with her Thurmond idential candidate has since said he wants a DNA test to determine if he and Thur-Washington-Williams mond are related. Two white to me that was an overreac- announced in December ancestors of Coleman Sharp-2003 she was the daughter ton's owners told the Daily News they would provide samples for a DNA test.

Washington-Williams said Tuesday that if the DNA tests proved Sharpton was relat-Thurmond served eight ed to the Thurmond family, she does not know what the reaction from the Thurmonds would be.

> 'I have no control over that," she said. "Welcome to the fold."

situation is much different from Washington-Williams', and to compare the two is "almost insulting" to him.

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it was time to leave." Most of the dead at the main entrance were Afghan truck drivers The attack was startling because

who deliver supplies to the base. the details of Cheney's trip to Pakistan and Afghanistan had been tarmac was guarded by U.S. and and schedule.

The New York Daily News

U.S. military officials, however, drawn. dismissed the Taliban's claim that President Hamid Karzai, Cheney the only reason Cheney was still said the attack signaled that the Taliban "clearly try to find ways at the base at the time of the attack was because bad weather had preto question the authority of the vented him from leaving the night central government." before.

The bomber also failed to get suicide bomber, I suppose, is one But the killer's brazen act was past even the first of three secu- way to do that," he said. "But it close enough for the vice presi- rity gates at the base. Bagram Air shouldn't affect our behavior at

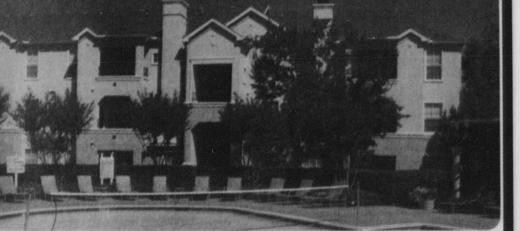
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The apparently futile bombing the growing reach of the Taliban and its ability to quickly respond Cheney was at Bagram.

In brief remarks after the 10 a.m. attack, Cheney said the blast erupted after he had break fast with U.S.

American and NATO officials have been asking for additional troops for Afghanistan because a renewed Taliban is expected to launch a powerful offensive when the snow melts this spring.

Cheney also said the attack should send the message to Congress to back off on attempts to put limits on U.S. troops in Iraq, saying such a move would embolden terrorists in Iraq and Afghanistan,

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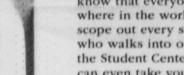
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OK, right? Wrong. Someone's watch-

know that everyone, everywhere in the world can scope out every student who walks into or out of the Student Center. They can even take your picture. All it takes is a visit to the **Residential Services Web** site.

try defending social networking Web sites such as Facebook and MySpace. Those who put personal information on display do so of their own accord. If it's something designed for other people to view and/ or enjoy, then assume that all other people, such as the FBI, will. It's not an invasion of privacy when

a friend from history class gets arrested for posting pictures of his "marijuana and jailbait party" on Facebook.

However, there are more disturbing activities to discuss, such as presumably private search engine records being released to the government.

Just last year, the Department of Justice subpoenaed four Internet companies to surrender their records as part of an eight-year battle to protect children from Internet pornography. America Online, Microsoft and Yahoo all complied to a certain degree, giving a week's worth of search topics but not giving any personally identifiable information about those who made the searches. Yes, the companies keep a log of every search you make. Sure, these Internet giants didn't give out any personally identifiable information this time, but a dangerous line has been crossed. What's to stop them from giving out the

identities of every user in favor of whatever anti-terrorist guilt trip that the Bush administration can send them on? The Department of Justice already has its foot in the door, so barging in just got a whole lot easier.

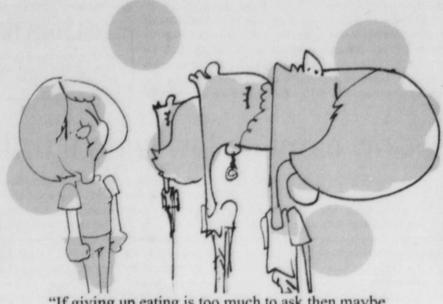
The classic big government defense would sound something like, "If you're not breaking the law, you have nothing to worry about" or "It helps us to defeat al-Qaida." Sure, but how far are we willing to bend on our civil liberties in order to protect this country? If present trends continue, the government will start wire-tapping private phone calls. Oh wait, they already did that. Starting to get nervous? It's time to draw a line in the sand. Government encroachment on private activity via the Internet is a dangerous road that seems like a turn toward an authoritarian state. Whether using the Internet illegally, citizens should be wary of impending violations of their civil liberties. Some might argue that it's un-American to question the government's authority, but, if we never had, we'd still be speaking the king's English and sipping tea and eating crumpets.

# **BY BRENDAN KIEFER**

**OUOTE OF THE DAY** 

"I paint objects as I think them, not as I see them."

- Pablo Picasso



"If giving up eating is too much to ask then maybe you should leave."

# **Buffet-style TV most effective for** cutting violence out of viewing

Violence has become a part of many television shows. It is used in combating terrorists in the popular show "24," crime-

busting in

COMMENTARY "CSI" or in nightly news reports. Violence has a way of creeping into the media and Hayley Freeman

making an impact. Viewers should have the option to avoid blood, guts and gore as they surf through a sea of channels.

The Federal Communications Commission has tried to fight the growing violence on television by

FV for "fantasy violence," is only recognized by 12 percent of parents. In its constant battle against television violence, the FCC has devised two more options in a recent report: limiting material deemed violent to a certain time of night or a way of choosing cable and satellite channels.

The best way to go about this would be to choose satellite and cable channels. The suggested "a la carte" method of programming would help people choose what they want to be exposed to. If viewers do not want to watch shows about plastic surgery because the shows are too gory, viewers can decide for themselves. The FCC would not be taking away any of our rights in doing that; instead they would allow us to have freedom of choice. "TV Guide" conducted a poll in which 57 percent of those polled noticed "an increase in offensive material on television lately.

ing programs their parents do not approve of because about 44 percent of children in that same study watch different programs when parents are watching with them than they watch when they are completely unchaperoned. That method merely makes parents sleep better at night but does not provide a permanent solution.

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Parents should wake up because according to Leonard Eron, senior research scientist at the University of Michigan, 10 percent of all youth violence is influenced by the violence seen on television. The American Psychiatric Association says that by age 18, children and teens in the United States will have been

Be wary of civil rights violations, government-watched Internet use

the spot.

decision.

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appeared before the Panhellenic Council on

Wednesday, it neglected to mention the con-

troversy. Whether the sorority intended to

keep the council in the dark to improve its

chances or merely forgot about the issue of

national concern, such an action is inexcus-

Panhellenic President Hannah Munsch

But the sorority's actions should sway

pus, TCU would be supporting, in essence,

the vote. By bringing Delta Zeta to cam-

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said the Delta Zeta controversy will be

considered in the selection process but

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able. A lie by omission is still a lie.

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**DZ** acceptance would degrade Greek life

elta Zeta has turned on its own

members in an effort to revamp

the sorority house.

Delta Zeta Nationals cleaned out its

chapter at DePauw University in Green-

black, Korean and Vietnamese, according

to a Feb. 25 New York Times article. And,

as one of three sororities competing for

a spot on TCU's campus, Delta Zeta has

play of prejudice and racism at its worst.

Delta Zeta has exhibited a disgusting dis-

The purpose of a sorority is not to ostracize

women regardless of their body fat percent-

ages or the color of their skin. The chapter

has thrown away the diversity that made it

a sorority, which disgraces its name and all

TCU will bring a new sorority to campus

and has selected Delta Zeta, Alpha Phi and

Gamma Phi Beta as the three finalists now

being considered. However, when Delta Zeta

its fellow sisters but to accept like-minded

hopefully lost the race.

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bers, most of whom were overweight,

There you are, walking out of the Student Center on a seemingly normal Wednesday afternoon.



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Let Alpha Phi or Gamma Phi Beta have Opinion editor Lindsey Bever for the editorial board.

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Scared? It's only natural. The thought of a sweaty 43-year-old man in a Battlestar Galactica T-shirt taking pictures of the student body without its consent is enough to send a collective shiver down TCU's spine.

The advent of higher technology is increasingly putting most of the developed world into a low-privacy vacuum that's surprisingly easy for anyone, especially the government, to infiltrate. And, trust me, Uncle Sam is much more threatening than any middle-age computer geek. Big Brother is

watching you.

There's a limit to authority, people. There's a limit. David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column

appears Wednesdays.

promoting the v-chip, a device that picks up a coded rating from TV shows and blocks whatever rating it is told to. About 15 percent of all parents use this device as a means of blocking unsuitable content for their children, according to a recent survey conducted by the Kaiser Foundation. The Kaiser Family Foundation has found that the v-chip's effectiveness is limited because most parents are clueless about the rating system. About 28 percent of parents with children ages 2 to 6 years old know that the rating Y7 means that the content is suitable for children more than 7 years old. Another rating,

The other method the FCC came up with, banning violence to nighttime, would not be as effective as the "a la carte" method. About 54 percent of children have a television set in their own bedrooms, making it easy to view violent shows after bedtime hours according to a study by the University of Kansas. Children can get pretty sneaky about watch-

exposed to 200,000 acts of violence and 16,000 murders enacted on the television.

Methods like ratings and the v-chip were designed for viewing safety. Since the number of v-chip users and the amount of consumers that know what the ratings actually mean are low, picking and choosing programming would be ideal. The "a la carte" method gives viewers the power of choice. It makes television a buffet where one can choose only what they want and do not have to partake in what they do not.

> Hayley Freeman is a freshman English major from Fort Worth. Her column appears Wednesdays.

# Sirius, XM satellite providers to merge, create healthy competition

Sirius and XM, the country's only providers of satellite radio, want to merge. Their reasons are obvious. Over the last eight years, the two have lost a combined \$7 billion, and they don't see a way to profitability.

They have a combined 14 million subscribers, but they're still losing lots of money. One reason: They handed out giddy sums to lure programming such as Howard Stern, the National Football League, Oprah Winfrey and Major League Baseball. Heck, whatever Sirius paid for Bubba the Love Sponge, it was too much.

So, should regulators tell Sirius and XM: Tough luck, you made a bad bet, no merger allowed? A merger,

after all, would create a satellite radio monopoly.

Well, not so fast. A merger might make sense, even for consumers.

XM and Sirius are the only companies that reach you by satellite, but there are plenty of other competitors for what goes in your ears. This market is changing with amazing speed.

Consumers can pay \$12.95 a month for Sirius or XM. Or they can listen to thousands of free radio stations around the world via the Internet. They can listen to radio downloads on their MP3 players. About 10 percent of the 12,500 broadcast radio stations have upgraded to high-definition signals, a number sure

to grow. HD allows broadcast stations to expand their offerings via digital multicasting and, eventually, they will provide datacasting of weather, stocks, sports, traffic, etc. HD radio will usher in static-free sound, which will bring FM quality sound to the AM radio band and CD-quality sound to FM.

A merged Sirius/XM would compete against all of the above. Lest a combined Sirius/XM is tempted to send its subscription price soaring, it will find that consumers do have options, and more options every day.

The merger has to pass muster with the Justice Department and the Federal **Communications Commis**sion. FCC Chairman Kevin

Martin has said the deal faces "high" hurdles to win approval. Indeed, the FCC granted Sirius and XM operating licenses a decade ago on the condition that the licenses would not eventually be owned by the same company.

But regulators have to be forward-looking in their analysis. They can't evaluate this in terms of a 10-yearold agreement. In the communications sphere, that was centuries ago.

They need to consider where competition is today and where competition will be tomorrow. And then they have to be humble, because their powers of forecasting haven't been great. A decade ago, the FCC

thought it saw the future and decreed there would be two licenses for satellite radio. The companies awarded those licenses would compete with each other.

The market had different ideas

Radio via the Internet was barely a blip on the horizon back in the '90s. Last year, 52 million Americans listened to Web radio, a 35 percent jump over the previous year.

In the '90s, no one had heard of an iPod. Yet, more than 70 percent of 2007 cars made in the United States offer easy integration with an iPod. Satellite radio is just another option in a universe that is changing with astonishing speed.

So let's hear more from Sirius and XM about this proposed deal. The government doesn't want to kill satellite radio - but that's a possibility if both these money-losing players go under.

Better to permit the merger and invite other companies to seek a license to launch satellite radio. Perhaps no one would jump at the opportunity, which involves a massive upfront investment. But a combined Sirius/XM certainly would have competition from emerging businesses - and from businesses no one has yet dreamed up.

> This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Feb 23. It was distributed by MCT.

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By REBEKAH

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# Project to provide professional attire for underprivileged women employment, according to its government agencies, such tee, said she encourages stu-

### By LISA FALCONE Staff Reporter

Without a job, how can one a job?

The TCU chapter of the for Success. National Association of Women MBAs is helping to solve this problem by hosting a suit drive to benefit Dress for Success Dallas.

organization for graduate stu- ate clothing to assist them in

A resolution supporting the

creation of a law school at TCU

passed in the Student Government

Association House of Student Rep-

resentative's meeting Tuesday,

though the university's pre-law

adviser said its creation is unlikely

The Resolution to Support the

Creation of a Law School at Texas

Christian University, which passed

27-5, was co-authored by the SGA

executive cabinet and sophomore

Donald Jackson, the pre-law

adviser and political science pro-

fessor, said there is no objective

need for a law school at TCU now,

the suggestion of Brian Andrew,

recruitment and retention officer,

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The resolution was amended at

representative Haley Murphy.

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to happen anytime soon.

By VALERIE COOPER

Staff Reporter

on mentoring and community service projects, said Julie afford a suit? Without a suit, Baker, faculty adviser of the how can one interview for TCU chapter of NAWMBA. This year's project is Dress

From Feb. 26 to March 2, students can donate new and gently used business suits in the atrium of Smith Hall to help underprivileged women NAWMBA is a nonprofit acquire interview-appropri-

Professor: campus law school unlikely

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ating a law school for TCU anytime

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The Board of Trustees consid-

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but declined following advice from a new, unranked law school.

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Jackson said the chances of cre-

"The big policy question is,

"TCU has so many projects going

Murphy said the resolution is

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soon are highly unlikely.

answer is probably not."

dents in business that focuses joining the work force.

Dress for Success is an international, nonprofit professional attire, employment retention programs and career guidance for low-income women seeking

Web site.

By LAURIE GOERING

The streets of India's

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Platoons of motorcy-

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Chicago Tribune

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Dress for Success clients and director of the NAWMBA Baker said. "I would really like

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law school," Jackson said. "The

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compete with others in the area

tin, Southern Methodist University,

Baylor University and the Univer-

sity of Houston all have law school

programs ranked in the top 100,

America's Top Law Schools.

according to the U.S. News's list of

Texas Tech University, Texas

Though Jackson said there would

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University also have law schools.

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TCU, the competitive nature of the

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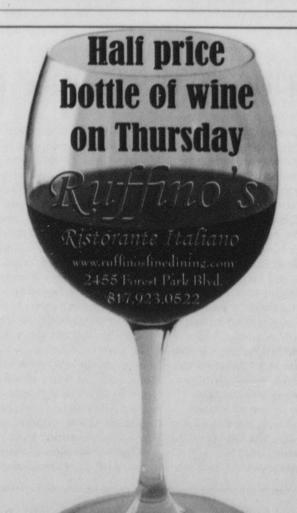


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Students do not have to look

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Prices for massage therapy

are now more affordable than

ever across the nation, and

businesses in the Fort Worth

area are a part of that trend.

many of these services that

were once considered luxury

items are now becoming afford-

able, and massage is just one

of those," said Frank Stockton,

owner of the Fort Worth fran-

The franchise has had great

success in drawing in clients

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The Fort Worth location of

Massage Envy has seen its

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### TROUBLE ON THE RANCH

Saving the environment might be hurting the ranching industry. THURSDAY

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Revitalize your Wallet

### Massages help TCU ranging from athletes, to groups of girl friends, to young health, without men shopping for gifts. hurting wallet

Perhaps Massage Envy's signature purple, "coincidentally the same purple that TCU has," is what helps to draw students in, Stockton said.

The Fort Worth School of Massage also offers reasonable prices for a massage session. The School sees about three to five TCU students a month, said Joetta Payne the school director and owner.

According to their Web site, the School offers hour-long massages by their students for \$30 and other spa services ranging from \$45 to \$60.

"It's not just for the rich and spoiled," Payne said. "Which is what people think of a lot when they think of getting a massage.

Though the prices at both the school and Massage Envy are low, Payne said, the service and experience is not expected to downgrade at all.

"It really is upscale," Stockton said. "Our goal is to give somebody a \$150 to \$200 experience for \$40."

In addition to the affordability,

experience from a minority per-

spective. Also, Marshall wrote

personalized letters to black stu-

dents who had begun the appli-

chancellor for intercultural and

outreach services, suggests the

hardest obstacle to overcome in

recruiting more black students

is the fact there are only 347

undergraduate blacks currently

We have fewer black students

applying because we have fewer

In fact, in the Princeton

Review's "The Best 361 Colleg-

es" 2007 edition, TCU is ranked

among the lowest colleges in

the category of racial and eco-

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But, for some students, prob-

lems go beyond the numbers.

The combination of low num-

bers of minorities and little inter-

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Taylor Lyons to leave TCU. Her

2004 freshman class had 64 black

students enrolled, according to

'Many people leave or get

mad about not having enough

black students on campus," said

Lyons, a fashion merchandising

and business major. "I went to

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Lacking Interaction

ranked lower than TCU.

black students," Turner said.

However, Darron Turner, vice

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immune system for up to 48 cure headaches and back Payne said.

"Massage is like working out," Payne said. "The more you do it, the better your body responds to it."

One of the most frequent ailments that clients come in with is stress, Payne said. She believes that today's students have more stress in gen- a one-hour stress-reducing

eral because of the demand of homework, keeping a job

Mara Nicandro, right, owner of Therapeutic Massage of Texas, gives a complimentary massage to Mykal Dunne, at the 94.9 KLTY/Medical Center of Plano

and massage therapy can take care of this problem, Payne said. For everyone, half way through a massage your blood pressure

The younger, the better, Stockton said in reference to what a good age is to begin getting massages.

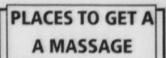
sages at the Campus Recreation Center, which offers massage therapy and spa services. For \$50 you can get full body massage, according to the Campus Recreation Web site.

Molly Boulay, a sophomore interior design major, frequents the Rec Center's massage department for heaith reasons.

"I started getting massages when I was 17 after I had a really bad car accident," Boulay said. "It really makes you feel better."

Massage therapy not only relaxes or heals patients but it can bring satisfaction to the providers as well.

"I know they feel good when they leave," Stockton said. "It makes me feel good to know that I helped someone receive something that they appreciate."



### Massage Envy Cost: \$39 for massage 3000 S. Hulen (817)732-7200

Fort Worth School of Massage Cost: \$30 for massage by students 5801 Curzon Ave. (817)923-9944

Campus Rec. Center Massage Therapy and Spa Services Cost: \$50 (817)257-PLAY



massages are becoming mainstream because people are realizing that it is a part of a healthy and life's uncertainties. Stress causes you to get sick, Massage can boost your

hours afterwards, increase your circulation, get rid of toxins and metabolic waste, aches and improve skin tone,

drops, she said.

Students and faculty can also take advantage of the health benefits from mas-

Fall Women's Expo and Holiday Bazaar in Plano in 2005. Massages are becoming more affordable.

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A group of TCU students walk across University Drive on their way to class Tuesday afternoon. The minority enrollment for the 2006 freshman class is lower than in previous years.

### Admissions, students aim for improvement

### By JENIGHI POWELL taff Reporter

Racial and class diversity have become a priority in admissions offices across the country, and TCU is no exception.

These concerns stem less from an affirmative action point of view and lean more toward embracing a multicultural society, as shown by efforts of TCU's Admissions Office.

Black-student enrollment has captured the attention of the TCU Admissions Office. Minority enrollment trends typically increase annually, but the 2006 freshman class saw a decrease from previous years' statistics in this segment of the student body. While enrollment of Hispanic and Asian students increased this past fall, black student enrollment slipped from 80 freshmen in the fall of 2005 to 79 in 2006, compared to an increase of 16 between the fall semesters of 2004 and 2005, according to Institutional Research.

Michael Marshall, admissions counselor, said 1,123 black students started to submit applications, but only 517 completed the process.

A Step in the Right Direction The Admission Staff hosted a brainstorming luncheon for black faculty and staff in early September 2006. The purpose of the luncheon was to gain feedback on how to increase the number of black students who accepted their admittance into TCU.

Last spring, Intercultural and Inclusiveness Services and the admissions office began implea predominately white high menting new steps to boost school, but some people from minority enrollment by enlistmore urban places have trouing current minority students ble adjusting to maybe being to call prospective students and the only black person in their talk to them about the college class.

> Lyons said she and other black students in her freshman class knew from campus visits and research beforehand that TCU would be a predominantly white school

Juan Floyd-Thomas, an associate professor of history who teaches African American experience, said blacks on campus should not have to give up their right to complain or want to change their environment.

The Black Student Symposium, held earlier this month, provided a forum for students to express opinions on racial interaction and other topics of concern.

At the Symposium, J'ai Holliday, a sophomore communication studies and radio-TV-film major, said, "Diversity, in the true sense, which is racial and cultural representation, is definitely not what is happening at TCU?

Jace Thompson, student government president, said student involvement is the best way to increase interaction.

"I have friends from all different kinds of backgrounds," said Thompson, a junior entrepreneurial management major. "The best way to have diversity is for everyone to get involved in at least one organization on campus."

Turner said there are classes and programs, such as the Black History Month events happening currently, in place to foster interracial interaction, but natural communication will depend on students' comfort level around other those with other ethnic backgrounds.

'You can't just throw people in a room and expect them to interact," Turner said. "We have to find more opportunities to draw them to a place they feel comfortable and have interaction naturally take place.'

Allison Robinson, a senior and the president of the TCU chapter of the NAACP, said a lack of diversity is an unfortunate reality of TCU but that she hopes cultural events can help to change the perception.

Michelle Fabrega, International Student Association president, said interaction among races doesn't happen in situations she has experienced. She said the communication gap is generated from a lack of knowledge of people of other ethnicities.

"It's more about ignorance," Fabrega, a junior advertising and public relations major from Panama said. "Sometimes people will ask me questions like 'Do you speak Panamanian?' or Where is Panama?' and I think to myself that they have so much to learn."

Fabrega said serving on the ISA executive board has helped to give her more of an international experience.

"I like working on the executive board a lot," Fabrega said. You learn so much about how to respect people from other cultures.

### Change in the Works

Linda Moore, a social work professor who teaches Issues in Diversity, said she tries to foster the idea of respecting other cultures in her class. The course,

which is open to all students, focuses on not just ethnic diversity issues but also deals with other issues such as sexuality, gender and physical handicaps.

"I try early on establish a comfortable environment to encourage discussion among students," Moore said. "The class is really good for students who don't realize how hurtful some words can be.'

Classes, such as Issues in Diversity, among others, that fulfill the global awareness or cultural awareness core curriculum credit aid the process of breaking down racial barriers, Moore said.

But can TCU break down racial barriers?

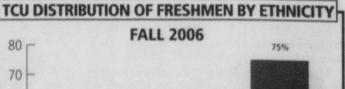
Admission staff remains optimistic as more than 3,600 prospective students have begun the application process for fall 2007, and more than 1,400 of those initiated applications are from black students, Brown said.

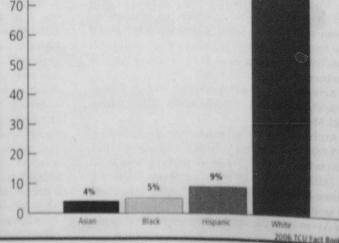
But he still wants to work with IIS on implementing some of the new ideas suggested at the black faculty and staff luncheon.

Most ideas centered on the idea of specifically targeting outreach programs to prospective black students such as including staff and faculty visits to area high schools. The group also posed the idea of hosting a black-student only "Monday at TCU" where the tours, major/ minor sessions and financial aid advising sessions that normally take place would be specifically tailored toward black students and their parents.

Ray Brown, director of admissions, said the admissions office has adopted an approach to recruiting much like President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

We will do anything, not knowing what will happen," Brown said. "If you have an idea for programming, we'll do it."





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# TXU to reduce some rates by 10 percent after buyout

By DAN PILLER Fort Worth Star-Telegram TXU Corp. will reduce some

electric rates by 10 percent as part of a \$45 billion buyout of ford, said he still has "significant the Dallas-based power compa- concerns." King said he thought ny, officials announced Monday, but some key state legislators said rates should be reduced even further.

The proposed deal with private equity firms Texas Pacific Group and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. was formally announced Monday. Under breakup of TXU, separating its the deal, shareholders would retail electric-service operations receive \$69.25 a share, and from its generation and trans-TXU would become a private entity.

TXU residential customers who have not already switched approval for the buyout from to one of the company's lower- the Texas Public Utility Compriced plans will receive a 6 percent rate reduction within 30 days, and an additional 4 is completed. The cuts would apply to about 90 percent of the state, and only its 14,000the basic rate of 15 cents per kilowatt hour.

The reduction would kick that rate down to 13.5 cents per kilowatt hour, still above prices of most providers.

TXU's buyers are hoping that by lowering rates and scaling back plans for new coal-fired power plants, they will head off the type of opposition that has scuttled utility buyouts elsewhere.

The TXU plan received a mixed reaction Monday in Austin, with some critics still issues

dential market," said Sen. Troy or service."

Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, chairman of the Senate committee on business and commerce.

Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherthat the reduction should have been at least 20 percent.

"We've heard more about electric rates than anything else," King said.

Fraser and King have coauthored a bill in the current session that would force the mission services.

TXU officials said the company does not need regulatory mission. TXU's general counsel, David Poole, said the company's retail electric service - the percent cut once the buyout entity that sends out the bills is no longer regulated by TXU customers who still pay mile network of transmission wires is still under PUC supervision.

> 'We have talked with the PUC members and pointed out that we have a transmission rate case coming for 2008 and that if they have concerns that would be the time to raise them," TXU Chairman John any employment agreement ished praise. Wilder said.

The PUC commissioners were silent on the issue Monday. But PUC spokesman Terry Hadley noted that Texas law allows owners. the commission to investigate raising concerns over both any sale of a utility operating system for more than \$100,000 "Offering consumers a rate or, in the words of the state that is still above the market law, "disallow the effect of the is hopeful TXU's shareholdprice only serves to further their transaction if the transaction ers might be able to vote on ture into three arms under the current stranglehold on the resi- will unreasonably affect rates the sale of the company by

THE PROPOSED TXU

If the planned \$45 billion sale of TXU is approved in its current form, it will be split into what the company calls "three separate businesses with their own management teams, headquarters and boards of directors.

 Luminant Energy, Dallas — Will own and operate TXU's 18,300megawatt generating fleet, including the nuclear plant at Comanche Peak, and will oversee the proposed Oak Grove plant in Robertson County.

Dallas-based TXU planned to build 11 new coal plants, like the one shown above in March 2006. TXU will be bought by equity firms, officials announced Monday. Wilder said that neither he still basking in an agreement or questions about the merger nor any other member of cur- to cut back planned construcrent management has signed tion of new coal plants, lav-

> "We all recognize this mornto stay with the company, nor are they active investors in the ing that the world is changing buyout. But he indicated that a bit when the biggest buyout day he could work with the new deal yet is made contingent on certain conditions going forward having to do with cli-"I have had a number of very constructive discussions with mate change," said Fred Krupp, them," Wilder said of KKR and president of the Environmental

Defense Fund. The company would restruc-TXU Corp. umbrella, separating the generation, distribution and retail arms under new In addition to Texas Pacific names.

The retail division, to be would include Goldman Sachs, called TXU Energy, and its 200 employees would move from Bros., Citigroup and Mor- downtown Dallas to a new gan Stanley as equity part- space in Irving's Las Colinas ners. TXU stock (ticker: TXU) business park where it opersurged \$7.91, or 13.2 percent, ates a call center.

The deal, along with relat- edented for TXU - came at dria, Va., warned that if Texas rates 125 percent of the nationed promises for environmental the behest of the prospective doesn't build enough generatsensitivity and rate reduc- owners, who enlisted former ing plants, it risks electricity tions, set off several reactions. U.S. Environmental Protection shortages that could cause the Republican lawmakers King Agency director William Reilly same kind of price spikes that porate excess," he said in the and Fraser criticized the util- as an adviser and ambassador occurred in California several statement. "They need to be

Gov. Rick Perry, who last April stood beside Wilder in out of control in Texas because Dallas and vowed "we won't let there aren't enough suppliers bureaucrats jerk us around" on for the need and the state is TXU's plan to build new power so poorly connected to othplants, endorsed the sale Mon-

"I think this is good news. tunity for jobs and wealth cre-Washington.

He said the new owners assured him that they will provide enough power for the state, even though they won't build as many coal-fired generators. "There's nothing to ity rates. keep them from building new plants at old sites," he said. But to pay a CEO over \$50 million some conservative free-mar- in a year when low-income keters were jolted that TXU's people are struggling with prospective buyers had given ground to environmental bills," Burnam said in a news opponents.

A group called Action Fund All of the moves - unprec- Management Llc. of Alexan- would require a utility with

"Power prices could spiral er states," the group said in a statement.

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Spokeswoman Audrey Good economics. Good oppor- Mullen said of the TXU sale, "The deal highlights a growation," Perry told reporters in ing and worrisome alliance of greens with the financial services industry." Lon Burnam, a Democrat from Fort Worth, criticized Wilder for taking a huge pay package during a period of record high electric-

"It is simply unconscionable all-time highs on their electric release.

Burnam filed a bill that





- Oncor Electric Delivery, Dallas Will oversee TXU's 14,000-mile network of transmission lines. Much of this work is done from TXU's office in downtown Fort Worth.
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# Sinaloa cartel loses \$35,000 in North Texas trafficking bust

### By JASON TRAHAN The Dallas Morning News

The FBI and several other federal and local law enforcement agencies arrested 34 people Monday in North Texas on charges of trafficking drugs, including heroin that authorities believe originated with the Sinaloa cartel in Mexico.

The Sinaloa cartel is a chief rival of the Gulf cartel both are warring for control of north-south drug-smuggling routes.

The investigation, conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas, which includes Collin County, began more than a year ago after authorities say as many as seven North Texans died from heroin overdoses and more than two dozen others had near-fatal experiences with the drug.

Federal grand jurors in Sherman returned the drug conspiracy indictment on Feb. 15. Before dawn Monday, more than 100 federal, state and local agents and officers began arresting suspects in the trafficking ring. Two more indicted suspects remain at large.

"These arrested today are regional suppliers and distributors, and we hope some of them will give us information on others who are higher up in the organization," said John Ratcliffe, first assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District in Plano.

Arrests were made in Dallas, Plano, Frisco, Grapevine, Allen, Caddo Mills, The Colony and McKinney.

Authorities also seized heroin and cocaine, \$35,000 in cash, 20 vehicles and guns. They also seized a furniture store on Ferguson Road in Dallas and two ice cream shops on Harry Hines Boulevard and Webb Chapel Extension, as well as homes on Gross Road and St. Francis Avenue in Dallas, and property in Carrollton, Irving, Caddo Mills and Commerce.

# Analyst: Stock market decline may indicate recession

### By KEVIN G. HALL McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Tuesday's stock market plunge shows the start of a "correction," the ageold euphemism for a steep drop in stock prices, but it may also signal worse news than that.

A steady stream of recent data shows mixed signals about where the U.S. economy is headed. The old sage himself, Alan Greenspan, suggests recession could be looming.

Fasten your seat belts - some economic chop could be coming.

The Dow Jones industrial index fell more than 416 points, or 3.29 percent, in trading Tuesday. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite was off by 3.86 percent, and the S&P 500 was off by 3.47 percent. It was the largest one-day drop for markets since Sept. 17, 2001, the first day trading resumed after the Sept. 11 terror attacks

Tuesday's drops mirrored a global stock markets decline as the investor mood turned bear- the National Association of Realtors ish. Investors, who have been murmuring about reported that existing home sales in a coming "correction" for weeks, are concerned January rose by 3 percent, the largest that the U.S. and Chinese economies may be entering a period of cooling.

The drop underscores how connected the U.S. economy is now with the broader global economy. U.S. exchanges sank following a nearly 9 percent drop Tuesday on China's Shanghai Composite Index. It was the Shanghai's biggest oneday drop in a decade, and investors worried that interest rates may soon rise to douse China's sizzling economic growth.

Higher lending rates in China matter to average Americans. Most large American corporations either manufacture there or purchase from Chinese contract manufacturers. Higher lending rates in China would slow economic activity there and raise the cost of doing business, which would result in pricier import goods.

Adding to economic uncertainty, oil prices are climbing again, due in part to the Bush administration's escalating war of words with Iran. Weeks ago, some analysts projected a return to \$40 a barrel, but it now trades at about \$60. AAA reports that unleaded gasoline averaged \$2.37 a gallon nationwide on Tuesday, compared with \$2.14 a month ago.

Other economic data are sending, at best, mixed signals.

a 7.8 percent decline for orders of durable goods in January. It was the biggest dip in demand for business equipment in three years. The Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI said the drop was felt across industries such as transportation, high tech and industrial metals.

"There is no escaping the observation ... that growth in the manufacturing sector ground to a halt in September 2006 and continues to strugand businesses turn risk adverse in their capital this year or early next year. spending," said Daniel J. Meckstroth, the trade association's chief econo-

mist. But the Conference Board reported Tuesday that consumer confidence in January jumped unexpectedly to its highest level since August 2001. And in another surprising announcement, monthly jump in two years.

That good housing news, however, was tempered by concern about delinquent mortgages. The Mortgage Bankers Association reports that 3.8 percent of all adjustable-rate, sub-prime mortgages are in foreclosure proceedings, up from about 3 percent in 2005.

"It's not a great number, but it's enough to make a dent on the sales numbers, so we'll see (home) sales continue to drop through the end of this year," said Patrick Newport, an economist with consultancy Global Insight in Lexington, Mass. "So far what we've seen is a lot of this has been contained to the mortgage market and particularly to the sub-prime market (of riskier borrowers). No one has a sense of whether this will spread to other markets, like the prime mortgage market. So far it hasn't."

John Silvia sees the U.S. economy as being "on the edge of a knife." He's the chief economist for Wachovia, a large national bank based in Charlotte, N.C. He sees below-trend economic

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday growth, corporate profits leveling off and shortterm lending rates higher than longer-term rates. This phenomenon, called the inverted yield curve, historically has been a harbinger of recession.

"When you go into a fog, it's hard to make commitments as an investor," Silvia said. "It's not the time to make big bets."

That cautious view sounds remarkably like former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who told businessmen in Hong Kong on gle as consumers rethink big-ticket spending Monday that a U.S. recession was possible late

# Shockwaves from Shanghai

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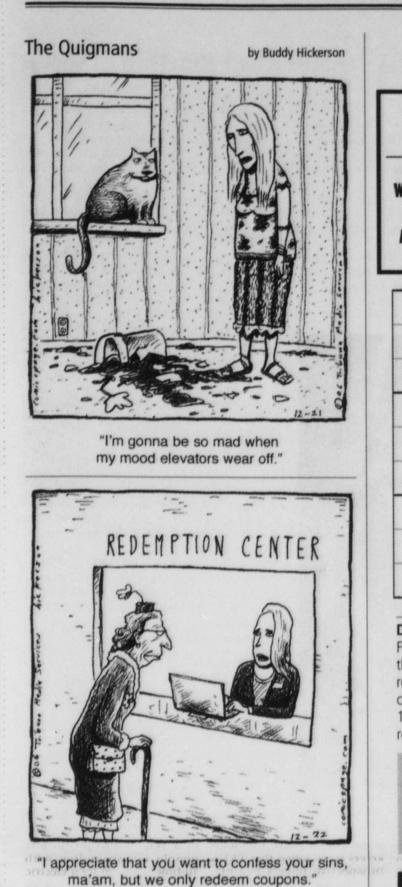
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# Horned Frogs look to continue momentum, face Wyoming Cowboys in final home game

### By TIM BELLA Staff Reporter

As the college basketball regular season comes to an end, teams aim to make a run in their respective conference tournaments, and the Horned Frogs men's basketball is no exception.

Coming off what players, coaches and fans consider the biggest win of the season, the Frogs look to build off the recent, late-season success as they prepare to face the Wyoming Cowboys tonight at 7 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The win against Air Force, which ended an 11game-losing streak, was reflective of the hard work and relentless attitude the team had despite losing 11 in a row, head coach Neil Dougherty said.

"They did a great job of playing hard throughout the losing streak," Dougherty said.

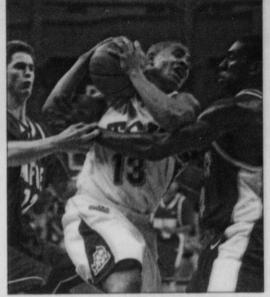
The Horned Frogs will now turn attention to a Wyoming team (15-13, 6-8 conference), who Dougherty considered to be the opposite of Air Force in that the Cowboys rely more on two players compared to Air Force's more balanced offensive attack. Those two players, guards Brandon Ewing and Brad Jones, average 20 points and 18 points per game, respectively, and, Dougherty said, the Frogs need to continue to do the little things during the course of the game in order to keep up with the highscoring duo.

"When you play Wyoming, you have to have a strategy to contain Jones and Ewing," Neil Dougherty said. "We've got to be able to deal with an outstanding pair of individual players."

The Frogs also hope to send seniors Blake Adams, Neil P. Dougherty and Femi Ibikunle off on a high note tonight, which is "Senior Night" for the three players. Neil P. Dougherty, who hasn't lost a game on "Senior Night" during his TCU career, said he pressures himself not to disappoint his seniors. Reflecting on memories of "freshman stupidity," and seeing the experience they've accumulated up to their senior year is emotional, he said.

"I'll be fighting trying not to cry," Neil Dougherty said.

Dougherty won't be the only one looking for a final win for the seniors. Junior guard Brent Hackett said the team, particularly younger players, play their best to assure seniors one last



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer Senior guard Neil P. Dougherty fights through two Air Force Falcon defenders on his way to the basket during the Frogs' 71-66 victory over the Falcons. Dougherty and two other seniors will play their last game for TCU Wednesday night.

home win before leaving.

"One thing the underclassmen have to worry about is playing hard for (the seniors)," Hackett said. "We want to end on a good note for them."

Considering the Frogs have enjoyed recent success on "Senior Night," Adams said the Frogs should feel good about their chances tonight.

"I can't believe it's already here," Adams said.

MOUNTAIN WEST STANDINGS					
School	Conf.	Season			
BYU Cougars	11-3	21-7			
UNLV Rebels	10-4	23-6			
Air Force Falcons	10-5	23-6			
San Diego State Aztecs	9-5	20-8			
Wyoming Cowboys	6-8	15-13			
Colorado State Rams	6-9	16-11			
Utah Utes	5-9	10-17			
New Mexico Lobos	4-10	15-14			
TCU Horned Frogs	3-11	11-15			

# Women ready to rebound against Aztecs

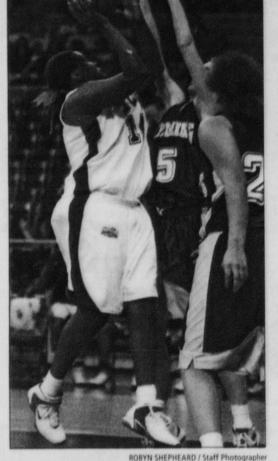
### By AMBER PARCHER Features Editor

The Lady Frogs, now fifth in the Mountain West Conference after two straight losses at home, are traveling to San Diego tonight for their last road game of the regular season against the Aztecs.

The Frogs (19-9, 9-5), who lost to conference opponents Wyoming and New Mexico at home, will play the Aztecs in a tight game where conference standings are up in the air.

San Diego State (12-13, 5-9) lost its last two games on the road, but is on a four-game winning streak at home in Cox Arena.

TCU last played the Aztecs at home in January and had a dominating 83-57 victory, and



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer Junior forward Lorie Butler-Rayford attempts a shot in the Frogs' 61-50 loss to the Wyoming Cowgirls on Feb. 22. The Lady Frogs will try to end their two-game losing streak against the San Diego State Lady Aztecs on Wednesday night. have beaten them in the last four matchups. However, the location is a factor in the game. The Frogs have a losing road record of 5-8, while the Aztecs are 11-3 at home.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said playing with confidence will be crucial to the Frogs' success.

"We've had a couple tough games here, but I think this team knows it's a good basketball team," Mittie said. "We've won some good games."

The Mountain West Conference standings have been shaken up almost every week. TCU was tied for first place with the BYU Cougars last Thursday but fell to fifth, while the previously fifth place New Mexico Lobos have now ascended to second in the standings.

Junior guard Moneka Knight said the conference championship could go to practically any team in the conference.

"All of us are pretty similar," Knight said. "From what I hear, whoever wins will be the only one that makes it to the NCAA tournament."

Knight said the notoriously physical and fast San Diego State team will force the Frogs to be on top of their defense.

"We've got to set screens and read our defense so we can get open," Knight said, also citing limiting turnovers as an important strategy.

Freshman guard Shayla Moore said slowing down the Aztecs' offense will be a big defensive strategy for the Frogs, something Moore said they tried to do the last time the two teams met and didn't succeed.

Mittie said the Frogs' ultimate goal — making it to the NCAA tournament — is still in sight despite the recent losses.

"If we play enough good basketball we can correct it," Mittie said. "We can be there at the end of the season."

After tonight, the Lady Frogs will have one regular-season game left before the conference tournament begins in Las Vegas on March 6.

### GAME TIME

The Lady Frogs will play the San Diego Aztecs at 9 p.m. today at the Cox Arena in San Diego.



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