

# Gamma Phi Beta invited to join Greek community

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Gamma Phi Beta is coming to TCU.

Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority was selected out of three finalists and hellenic community in a vote Wednesday.

Panhellenic president

university.

"All the presentations were strong, but after everyone al president of G-Phi, said heard all three and had time TCU's reputation for academic and TCU," Johnson said. to think about it, Gamma Phi excellence coincided with the eight applicants by the Pan- Beta was the best choice, and organization's goals, and that dean of campus life, said G-I think it's a good choice," the board of trustees voted Phi had a well-developed plan Munsch said.

G-Phi International was invitation.

Hannah Munsch said G-Phi notified early Thursday of the is the best option for the university's official offer to cre- versity support of fraternities ate a chapter on campus.

Linda Johnson, internation-

"We are aware of the uniand sororities and we see a

James Parker, assistant get to know." unanimously to accept the for ensuring the success of its organization into the future.

give the chapter is that every- representatives on campus one said they were a likeable once or twice this semester to parallel between the mission group," Parker said. "The promote G-Phi and prepare for and values of Gamma Phi Beta sororities all thought they were fall recruitment. a group they would want to

> The university will now begin working with the sorority to plan their first recruitment process.

"The best compliment I can Johnson said there will be

Panhellenic recruitment director Rachel Knapp said G-Phi will have a separate bid day and recruitment process but it will look to See G-PHI, page 2

### Actor to use firsthand experience to advise students

By MICHELLE EUPERIO Staff Reporter

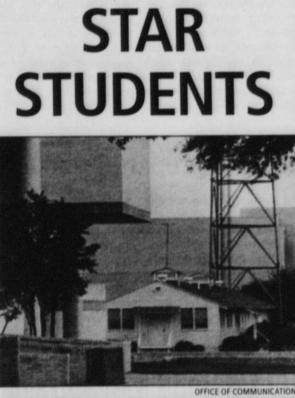
Broadway, television and film actor Michael Kostroff will share his professional acting experience with theatre students in Buschman Theatre



today Kostroff will discuss getting into the acting business, how to overcome obstacles and the often-

MICHAEL KOSTROFF made mistakes actors should avoid, said Harry Parker, chair of the theatre department.

Some of Kostroff's television career includes "General Hospital," "Boston Legal," "Veronica Mars," "The West Wing," "ER" and "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip," according to the



(RIGHT) Starpoint students are shown attending class nearly 40 years ago. The Starpoint School is an active educational laboratory school for children with learning disabilities. (ABOVE) The Starpoint school is shown in its original location between Sid Richardson and Bass Hall. Now the school is located at Stadium and Cantey

## Starpoint to celebrate 40 years of success

# Officials to recommend Four Sevens for gas lease

#### By JAMES BROWN Staff Reporter

An administrator said TCU will recommend to the board of trustees today that Four Sevens Resources Co. be named the university's "natural gas operator.'

Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, said in an e-mail Thursday that the designation would jumpstart negotiations with Four Sevens to generate a lease allowing exploration for natural gas on TCU property.

Today's recommendation is the university's first sign of communication with the TCU-area community regarding a potential gas lease; communication, Gutierrez said, would occur once more information had been gath-

ered about the feasibility of drill-

Terms of a potential lease,

More than a week ago, Colt

Exploration, a leasing broker

under contract with Four Sevens,

placed fliers in the Colonial Park

neighborhood announcing that

Four Sevens "has been awarded

Gutierrez confirmed negotia-

tions with Four Sevens but said

Feb. 22 that Colt was premature

Because TCU's 260-acre cam-

pus sits atop the Barnett Shale,

one of the United States' largest

natural gas reservoirs, its miner-

al rights have been sought after

by many local oil and gas com-

wireless Internet

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glued to your laptop screen.

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Campuswide

By MICHAEL BEST Staff Reporter

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> Kostroff is most recognized as Maury Levy on HBO's "The Wire" and for an Arby's commercial as a man who gets whistled at by construction workers.

"Kostroff's name or face is sometimes not recognizable, but he has been successful in his career." Parker said.

Kostroff, originally from New York, worked in Granbury last summer. He met TCU staff members who wanted him to talk with students about their professional careers, Parker said.

Parker said he hopes the discussion will help students learn about getting into the professional acting business.

Desmond Ellington, a sophomore theatre and communications major, said he is interested in learning about an actor with such a diverse performance background.

"It will be nice to hear his personal experiences that could help me with my career," Ellington said.

### By KATIE GIANGRECO Staff Reporter

When Bryan Rigg was 8 years old, he enrolled at Starpoint School after failing first grade twice and being told he would be a junior-high dropout.

Rigg, now 45, was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder as a child; he had a speech impediment and a mild form of dyslexia. After one year at Starpoint dents and professors are researching, School, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this weekend, Rigg could read at the fifth grade level.

"I was reading way above students who made fun of me at my previous schools," he said.

The school will be celebrating its anniversary with an open house today and a banquet Saturday.

Starpoint School is one of TCU's ing disabilities, such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorder, said Shawn munications.

Marilyn Tolbert, director and Jean W. Roach Chair of Laboratory Schools, said TCU is the only uni- learning disability that wasn't recog- am so indebted to that school."

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serving children with special needs. professors and the community. 'The children and TCU students

learn at the same time at Starpoint," Tolbert said. "It's a very hands-on learning environment for everyone. While the children are learning, stustudying and observing them."

Tolbert said the school's curriculum is based on the needs of the children. The school provides children with highly specialized teachers and small classroom sizes, she said.

The school has worked with more than 1,600 children ages 6 to 12 over the past 40 years, Kornegay said.

Starpoint School opened its two active educational laborato- doors in 1966 when TCU Trustry schools for children with learn- ee M.J. Neeley and his wife Alice wanted to develop a school where children with learning disabilities Kornegay, assistant director of com- could learn and university students could learn to teach them, according to a press release.

--- Associated Press

versity with two laboratory schools nized until he attended the Starpoint School in New York City, according Tolbert described the schools, Star- to an article from TCU Magazine. point School and KinderFrogs, as on- The Neeleys brought the school's campus training sites for students, name and its director to TCU's campus to help other students with special needs.

**Rigg says Starpoint School taught** him that it was OK to be different. He said his wife describes his selfesteem as bulletproof and he owes it to Starpoint.

'My learning difference was embraced at Starpoint," he said. "All I knew before then was failure."

Rigg graduated with honors from Yale University with three degrees. He was a recipient of the university's Henry Fellowship and studied at Cambridge University where he received his master's degree and doctorate. He also served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Rigg has written three books and works as a private wealth manager in Dallas.

Tolbert said Rigg is Starpoint School's biggest success story.

"I'm as proud of Starpoint as I am The Neeleys' grandson had a of Yale and Cambridge," Rigg said. "I

Chancellor to participate in charity cooking competition

By SUSAN GILMARTIN Staff Reporter

**Chancellor Victor Boschini** is giving Chef Boyardee a run for his money.

on Sunday at the Fort Worth organization that was start-Community Arts Center to raise money for scholarships and youth leadership training.

Boschini is one of the featured guests.

Who Care," Boschini said. "I

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organization."

Melissa King Foster, TCU alumna and volunteer coordinator, said the Kids Who Care Kids Who Care will host its is a nonprofit, Fort Worth-10th annual Cookin' For Kids based international theatre ed in 1987 and offers professional musical theatre classes, camps and performances for pre-school to college age. Cookin' For Kids is a cook-

"I really believe in Kids off between teams of celebrities and chefs from the Fort

think they are a wonderful Worth area, and each celebrity One dish will be judged, and ticket sales and auctions, will be paired with a chef to the other will be auctioned to they are hoping to exceed make two dishes, Foster said.

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the highest bidder.

Kelly Shafer, Kids Who Kids Who Care program. Boschini said his cooking

skills are not the best. "I'll be honest, I'm just going to support Kids Who Care and get a good meal," Boschini said. Shafer said between the

\$60,000

She also said food is not the tickets and a private piano con-

Foster said they are expecting about 300 people, including 25 to 30 volunteers from the university.

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Amber Gore, a freshman

cert will be up for grabs.

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compliments, complaints and hot tips to the staff at NEWS25KIFF@TCU.EDU

PECULIAR FACT FOSTORIA, Ohio --- An attorney, challenging the authority of the city's police chief, wants the department's police SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy, 57/34 dog to appear in court as an exhibit because he says the dog and the chief have criminal justice degrees from the

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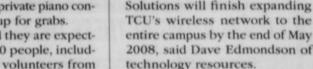
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TCU's wireless network to the entire campus by the end of May 2008, said Dave Edmondson of technology resources.

The wireless network, expected to cost about \$650,000 to See WIRELESS, page 2

tor, said Cookin' For Kids is the tioned. Things such as vacasingle largest fundraiser for the tion accommodations, airplane

### **G-PHI** From page

the Panhellenic council for guidance.

"It's up to the new sorority how they would like to do recruitment," Knapp said.

The sororities that were not chosen, Alpha Phi and Delta Zeta, were notified Thursday of the university's decision, Munsch said.

Neither Alpha Phi nor DZ could be contacted for comment regarding the university's decision.

DePauw University is dealing with angry students, faculty, parents and alumni because of a national DZ restructuring program that removed all its overweight and minority members, according to a Feb. 25 New York Times article.

Munsch said before the vote the events would be taken into account.

G-Phi delivered its presentation Monday in the Kelly Alumni Center with representatives introducing themselves and explaining their plan and why they were interested in TCU.

Ten representatives conducted the presentation, including two chapter members from the University of Oklahoma, one chapter member from Southern Methodist University and national officers.

### KOSTROFF

Kostroff writes an online column about audition information for professional actors at backstage.com, a Web site for the acting industry.

Ellington said he wants to ask Kostroff questions about other career choices and what Kostroff's parents think of his career now.

Senior theatre major Michael Cook said he is more interested in learning about auditions.

"People can talk about what to do at auditions, but you never know unless you experience it for yourself," Cook said. "It will be nice to be able to talk with someone who has been in that situation and made it because it eases the apprehension of not making it."

Kostroff will sell his book of backstage anecdotes called "Letters From Backstage" after the discussion. The book is about his twoyear experience touring on the road as Thenardier in "Les Miserables" and as Max Bialystock in "The Producers."

Students will be able to get books signed and ask questions about professional acting and the audition process.

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\$700,000, will be available to other places where wireless anywhere on campus to students with registered Ethernet cards, said Jace Thompson, student body president.

of trustees to encourage it to expedite the implementation work.

Thompson said wireless Internet is currently only available in certain areas of some and academic buildings, but Edmondson said. the extension of the network will provide students with a much greater workspace.

COOKING

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sorority, Delta Delta Delta.

She said she enjoys tele-

vision cooking shows and

"The wireless network should make it a lot easier puses, Thompson said.

for students to work on group projects," Thompson said. "It encourages students to stay on campus instead of going

Internet is available." The wired network will remain the fastest connection available on campus, security system will emulate He said the student govern- running about 10 times fast- that of the wired network, but ment and student relations er than the wireless connec- that wireless technology isn't committee met with the board tion, Edmondson said. He as stable as wired because it said the connection speed will vary depending on and less time has been spent of a full-campus wireless net- how many users are online working with it.

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> The movement toward a campuswide wireless net- puswide wireless network was work will bring TCU up to date with other college cam-

"We're not going to be the leaders in implementing this, but we're not going to be far behind," Edmondson said. Technology resources will

encrypt the network, making it as secure as technology allows, Edmondson said. He said the is a more recent development,

The wireless frequency is rent wireless network. dents and faculty from using it, Edmondson said.

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sufficient at the time, Thompson said. He said that students should be pleased by how quickly the network is being implemented.

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Josh Jacobs, a freshman science and engineering premajor, said he thinks the network will run slowly because many students will rely solely on the wireless connection, but he said he appreciates that the network will be expanded because he has great difficulty finding a signal from the cur-

Ryan Barnhart, a senior of the network.

"I think the wireless network is definitely a good idea because of the convenience of being able to use the Internet trustees and SGA meetings; anywhere you want to," Barn-

the day, including setting up, "I think it's a wonderful hosting and cleaning up.

In addition to the Chancellor, Jose Feghali, TCU's artist-

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### Documents show U.S. unprepared to combat nuclear attacks

By GREG GORDON

Although the Bush administration has warned repeat- documents suggest that,

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Experts and government lives.

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Foster said she hosted a in-residence and Van Cliburn training session for the vol- International Piano Competiunteers at the Community tion gold medalist; country Arts Center on Feb. 22 to singer Sonny Burgess; and became involved with Kids give an overview of what to Jim Austin, co-founder of the Who Care about a year and a wear and what each volun- Cowboys of Color Museum, thought it would be interest- half ago when his youngest teer would be doing. There are some of the celebrity

competition while doing com- in the program. munity service at the same time. "I have never done anything said. premajor and Cookin' For Kids with a children's theatre, but volunteer, said she found out I love being around kids, so I about the event through her am excited," Gore said. The Chancellor said he first

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it." - Mark Twain

### THE SKIFF VIEW **Events bring cultural flavor**

rops to the International Student Association for putting together an event desperately needed at TCU ---International Week.

In an increasingly interconnected world, knowledge of other cultures is more important than ever, and TCU is taking steps toward becoming more global.

International Week has accomplished two things: It celebrated the international students who are a part of TCU and introduced the rest of the student body to cultures different from its own.

Thursday, students and faculty had the chance to participate in the food, dance and culture from a different continent each day. A live African band kicked off the week, and the festivities from India, Asia, Pakistan, Greece and Latin America haven't stopped since.

It's great that TCU is taking the time and money to inject some culture into our everyday campus life because diversity is an integral part of society that has been lacking at this school.

Even something small such as stopping to try an exotic food such as meat dumplings

wrapped in pickled grape leaves (offered Tuesday), or catching a game of Mancala on Sadler Lawn can be a great and educational experience.

The Latin Carnival tonight - a salsa, merengue and reggaeton extravaganza where students can join or watch TCU Latin American students show off their dance skills --- is a fantastic opportunity to learn a facet of a different culture.

Students need to get their feet wet in different cultures because the race and class structure of our campus isn't proportional to real life.

International Week opens the eyes of the TCU community to the global community by making something different seem not so foreign.

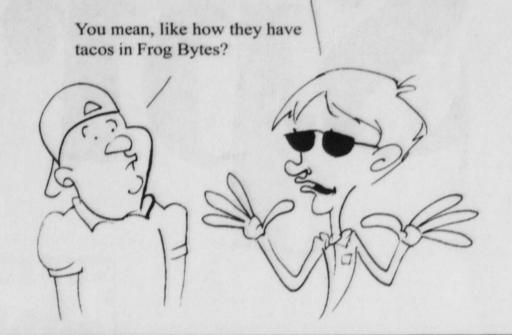
It has helped dispel myths and hopefully challenged students to step outside their comfort zones and learn something new.

The majority of the TCU population misses out on experiencing other cultures on a day to day basis, but International Week has made it possible.

Features editor Amber Parcher for the editorial board.

### **BY BRENDAN KIEFER**

What do you think about International Week? Isn't it great to learn about other cultures and other countries?

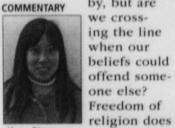


# Don't impose personal beliefs

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who will. According to an

It is very noble to have moral beliefs and make conscious decisions to live by, but are



Alyssa Dizon not give peo-

ple the right to impose their religion on others. It is one thing to abstain from something one considers wrong and another to force others to take on those same beliefs.

In a recent study by the University of Chicago, researchers found that many doctors feel they do not have to refer patients to another doctor to receive treatment if they do not morally agree with the patient. Such treatments include abortion and teen birth control. Not only will those doctors refuse to treat certain patients, they refuse to

American Medical Association policy statement, doctors can refuse to treat patients who are "incompatible with the physician's personal, religious or moral beliefs," but they must make sure that all options are made available to the patients.

People go to a doctor to see a doctor, not a preacher. Even if doctors do not necessarily agree with what those people want, doctors should explain their reasoning for refusal and tell patients where they can go to get their desired treatment. By withholding information, not only are those doctors not doing their job, but they are also not being completely honest.

Another recent exam

sume alcohol, let alone have any in their possession.

Although it may be difficult to understand and accept at first, we should respect other people's moral decisions and take another taxi if we need to. When we come to this dilemma in our own professions, we must decide when it is acceptable to voice our beliefs without infringing upon the rights of others.

"It ends up being a personal, ethical choice," said management professor Rebecca Jordan. "When individuals go into an organization, they may not be able to practice their religion or moral beliefs. You hopefully choose to work at a place where you can live consistently with your own moral beliefs." Our society is full of various cultures and beliefs that are not always in agreement. The concept of what freedom of religion really is has been in constant dispute in several cases from teaching evolution in public schools to saying "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. Obviously, no one is going to be completely satisfied one way or the other because no two people think the exact same way.

# Same-sex marriage education OK

Children should be taught about same-sex marriage as they grow up to avoid confusion later on in their lives. Same-sex marriage

has become COMMENTARY a regular issue in the news lately,

if they are not presented with the facts

From an early age, kids it, and they will grow up



tive citizens in democracy. "Diversity is a hallmark of our nation," Wolf said. "It is increasingly evident that our diversity includes differences in sexual orientation."

The book that sparked the controversy is titled "King & King." The book tells the story of a young prince who rejects several beautiful princesses

and children will wonder what all the fuss is about

Michelle Anderson of life.

are taught that men and women get married from fairy tales, television, movies and from observing others around them. What happens when children see same-sex marriage argued on the news? Children will not know what to make of

see it in the media when they go home. Parents have the ability to explain how they feel about homosexuality to their children. Someday children will develop their

dren will still

own opinions about homosexuality and same-sex marriage. Trying to ignore the subject will not be successful and will not be beneficial to children.

I am a firm believer inopen-mindedness. Introducing children to the concept of homosexuality and heterosexuality will allow them to be more open-

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ple of religion conflicting with business is the Muslim cab drivers in Minnesota who refuse to serve customers carrying alcohol. Muslims cannot con-

If one has moral beliefs, by all means stick to them and practice them in the workplace, but be cognizant of what others think.

> Alyssa Dizon is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Aiea, Hawaii.

with a negative attitude toward the gay community.

According to Yahoo! News, a federal judge has recently dismissed a suit filed by two families in Lexington, Mass., that wanted public schools to stop teaching their children about gay marriage. The families who filed the suit claimed that the reading of a gay-themed book in class without first notifying parents was a violation of religious rights. I do not feel that allowing

children to see homosexuality discussed in a children's book is violating anyone's religious rights. The families may not agree with homosexuality, but it still exists. Avoiding the subject in the classroom does not make it disappear. Chilminded when they get older. I do not believe children should be taught about sexual aspects of homosexuality in school just like they are not taught sexual aspects of heterosexuality

in elementary school. "Reading the book was not intended as sex education but as a way to educate children about the world in which they live, especially in Massachusetts, the only U.S. state where gays and lesbians can legally wed," said officials from the Lexington school system.

Federal Judge Mark Wolf, who dismissed the case, ruled that public schools have the right to teach anything that is reasonably relevant to teaching students to become engaged produc-

because he is in love with another prince. The two princes marry and seal the union with a kiss and go on to live happily ever after.

The use of a book like "King & King" is a gentle introduction to the ways of society. The Disney movie "Bambi" taught children about death, "Cinderella" taught children that life is not always fair and "Aladdin" taught children about the class system. "King and King" serves that same purpose of many other types of children's media. It shares an idea in a way that children can begin to understand their world and all of the different ideas in it.

Michelle Anderson is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Tyler. Her column appears Fridays.

# Divided America worsens global crises, needs to unite

The other day, a friend asked, "Is it just me, or are the wheels coming off the world?" It's not him --- the wheels are coming off. And that was true before reports of an assassination attempt against Vice President Dick Cheney in Afghanistan.

The drumbeat of disaster is getting louder. Events in Iran and Iraq only grow worse. Pakistan and Afghanistan would apparently rather fight each other than al-Qaeda. We seem on the verge of a new Cold War with Russia. China is mad at us because Cheney expressed concern about its

growing military strength.

**Editorial Boar** 

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I'm no fan of Cheney's, but I

share his China worries.

The attempt on his life, which killed more than 20 people, including two Americans, came despite an information blackout about his trip to Pakistan and Afghanistan. That the terrorists reportedly knew he was at the Bagram base, even though American news organizations were sworn to secrecy, is a chilling reminder of the nature of this war. We don't know who the enemy is, but they know where our leaders are.

So much for the bad news. The good news is ... well, there isn't any good news. Unless you feel better

knowing that Congress is

still debating whether to debate Iraq. Or perhaps you're one of those people who feels smug for keeping your money under the mattress instead of in the stock market. Many on Wall Street are convinced that Tuesday's plunge is the start of a serious downturn in global markets, and maybe the economy.

If the pessimists are right, we're headed for the dismal combo of fighting World War III and facing an economic crisis — at the same time.

And who will rise up and lead us out of this mess? Certainly not George Bush, who every day drives us deeper into the muck. The

White House repeatedly denies it plans to attack Iran, but I don't believe it. The constant ratcheting up of pressure appears aimed at forcing a confrontation. Even the new "summit" in Iraq smells like an attempt to make the case for war.

Better that Bush listen to the counsel of caution from Fouad Ajami, the Mideast scholar and author who says, "Iran is a radical player in the world of states, to be sure, but we should not overstate its power." Writing in U.S. News & World Report, Ajami warns that "we should not fall for the Persian bluff. It is important that we do all we can to

thwart Iran's nuclear ambitions and to checkmate it in arenas that count, but we should always remember that this is a society swimming against the tide of history and confronting the limits of its capabilities. There is an Iranian role in Iraq, but it should not be exaggerated."

That's the sort of smart, strategic thinking we have a right to expect from the baker's dozen of candidates pining for Bush's job. But we're not getting it. We're getting small talk and tactical political maneuvers. One reason is that Bush's failed presidency has stilted all debate

into a knee-jerk response: You're either for or against whatever Bush is doing at the moment. It's a bind that inhibits independent approaches and creative thinking, not to mention bipartisan cooperation.

We're going to need all those things to work and fight our way out of this global crisis. We can start by realizing that a divided America is a weakened America. The rest of the world already knows as much. That's why there is a growing list of those against us instead of those with us.

> Michael Goodwin is a columnist for the New York Daily News. This column was distributed by MCT.

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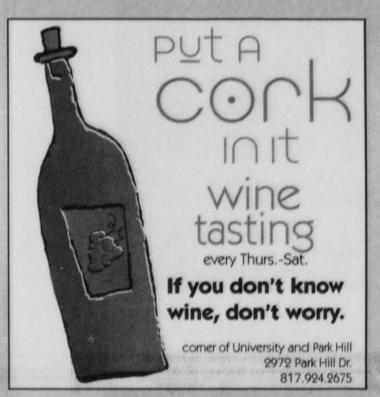
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### CAMPUS

# Senior receives opportunity to be chancellor; Boschini attends student's leadership class

### By NATHAN BASS

Staff Reporter

What would you do if you could be the chancellor for a day?

That was the question for senior Thursday.

"It's been my best experience at TCU so far," Pierret said. "The chancellor is a very amazing person, but he's also very busy. It takes a lot of people to run this university, and I have a better appreciation for that now."

Boschini also had the opportunity to

attend psychology instructor Dianna 1976 as a service organization with Newbern's advanced leadership class the idea of promoting the overall with Pierret on Thursday afternoon, Pierret's only class of the day.

"It's a great way to meet someone advertising/public relations major Ash- and get to know them a little bit," ley Pierret when she switched places Boschini said. "It also helps give me with Chancellor Victor Boschini on a little better picture of the student experience."

> The Student Foundation sponsors the event every year known as the "Big Switch," offering a member of the foundation the chance to find out what goes into running a major university.

The foundation was established in

MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Staff Photographe

Senior advertising/public relations major Ashley Pierret shares a textbook with Chancellor Victor Boschini during a lecture by Diane Newbern about conversation styles in a professional environment. Boschini traded places with Pierret for a day.

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welfare of the university. Among a number of other worthwhile activities, members of the foundation lead weekly tours around the campus for prospective students, call and thank donors for their gifts to TCU and serve as student hosts at various alumni events.

"It's a great opportunity for a student to gain an understanding of what happens here," said Karen Baker, assistant to the chancellor. "When I was in college, I would not have had a clue about what was going on up here. It's a different view for them.'

Pierret met with several administrators Thursday morning to discuss some of the difference aspects of their jobs and the manners in which they deal with problems or situations that they encounter within their departments.

Among the administrators who met with Pierret during her day as Chancellor were Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs; Davis Babb, associate director of athletics: Susan Adams, associate vice chancellor and dean of campus life; and Larry Lauer, vice chancellor for marketing and communication.

After the meeting with the different administrators, Boschini ate lunch with Pierret and a few of her friends in the chancellor's dining room before accompanying her to Newbern's class at 12:30.

"I think it's great that he gets to go to Ashley's classes," said junior psychology major Courtney Bohner. "It allows him to identify with the students better."

Newbern also showed appreciation for Boschini's interest in the students.

"Chancellor Boschini showed students that he really cares about them as students," Newbern said. "He was very interested in the leadership topics we discussed in class.

The switch-up concluded at 2 p.m. Thursday at the end of Newbern's class.

# International Week ends with Latin-culture rhythm

#### By AMBER PARCHER **Features** Editor

International Week 2007 will cap off its tour of cultures with a pair of dancing shoes tonight.

dent Association is inviting all students to join a night want students to know it." of free Latin American dancand club Gloria's.

in Carnival" is for the stu- which had a live band playdents to both have fun and ing African beats, had the be given a taste of one of largest attendance of any the most prominent aspects International Week cereof Latin American culture mony ever. - dancing, said Michelle Fabrega, ISA president and tional Week was to have a junior advertising/public set of events with internarelations major.

students from Latin Amer- Estrada said. ica, and we want to show is about," Fabrega said.

The festivities, which will work, travel and life. include free salsa dance lesaround 9:30 p.m. Friday and at 2 a.m., Fabrega said.

But dancing won't be the dance like this.'

only chance for people to experience the Latin American culture tonight, said Maria Correa, a junior marketing major and member of ISA who comes from Colombia. Correa said

Gloria's will also offer

authentic El Salvadorian food such as pulpusa, a corn mixture similar to a tortilla, plantanes and churrascitas, or steak

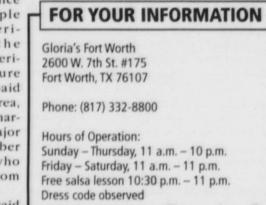
"This is a good opportunity To celebrate the Latin to create awareness of inter-American culture and the national students because culmination of International other students don't always Week, the International Stu- try to connect," Correa said. "We're very open and we

Karen Estrada, a junior ing lessons at the restaurant finance and accounting major, said the Feb. 22 car-The objective of the "Lat- nival's opening ceremony,

"The focus of International components but also "There are a lot of TCU to make them educational,"

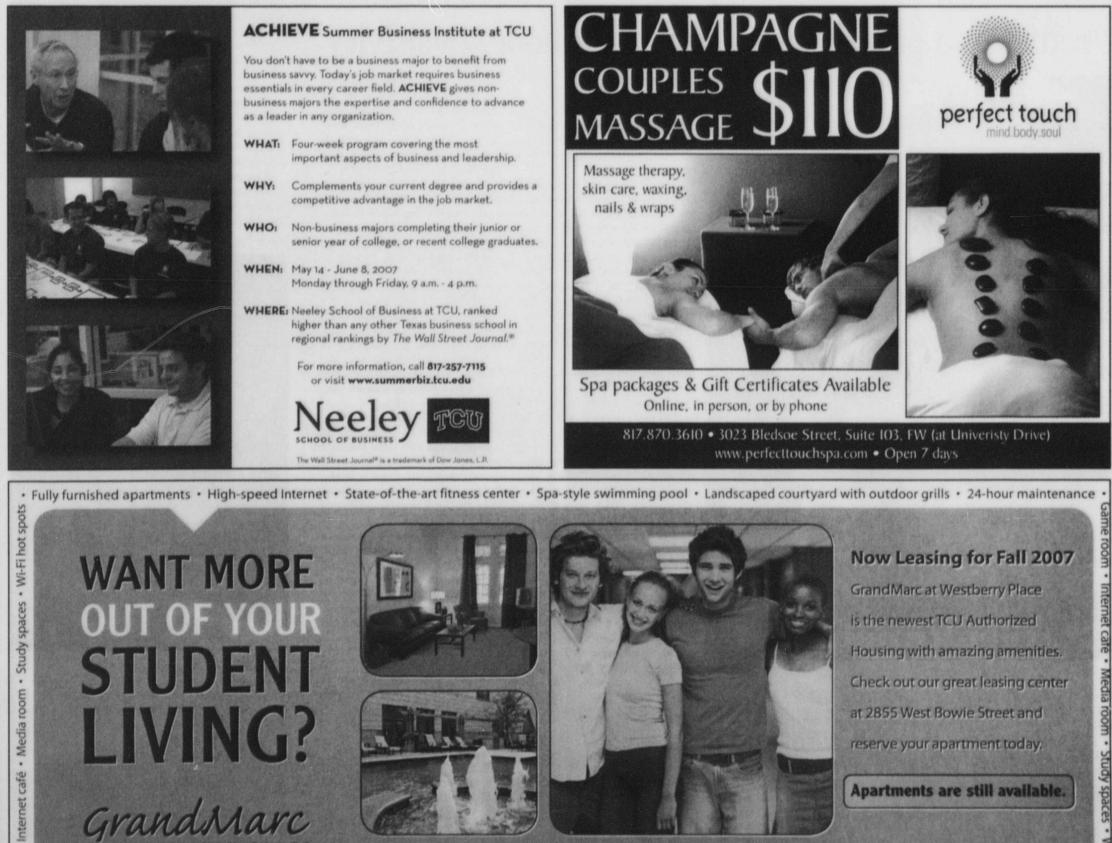
Estrada said that just havothers what Latin America ing a small taste of different cultures can assist people in

"Everything is global sons taught by professional now," Estrada said. "You dancers and accompanied could be traveling and by a live band, will start know something about the place and can say, 'Oh, I will last until the club closes have a friend from there. They eat this food and



There will be a \$10 cover charge after 10 p.m.





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# Weekend Flicks



(LEFT) John Travolta, Martin Lawrence, Tim Allen and William H. Macy star in "Wild Hogs."

**OUCHSTONE PICTURES** 

# Veteran stars bring comedic view to 'Wild Hogs'

#### By KIMBERLY BURTON Staff Writer

"Wild Hogs" is hard to hate, and moviegoers will appreciate its slapstick humor - though it only poses as a great comedy.

Doug (Tim Allen), Woody (John Travolta), Bobby (Martin Lawrence, "Bad Boys II") and Dudley (William H. Macy, "Thank You For Smoking") are four guys, in the throes of middle-aged mediocrity, who set out on the open road with only the wind at their backs. Only two things stand in their way: a highway patrolman (John C. McGinley, "Scrubs") with the uncomfortable need for male intimacy, and a band of beer drinkin' and carousin' bikers, who hate "posers," led by a mean, tattooed Jack (Ray Liotta, "Smokin' Aces").

The beginning of the film glimpses into the worlds of these middle-age suburbanites, both pitying and relating the audience to their plights. The four men set off on their trip, and a dozen mishaps later, they reach the town of Madrid, where the sheriff, his deputies and the rest of their town are locked down by the biker gang, the Del Fuegos. Like the conclusion of a typical Western movie, there's about to be a show down.

This movie is full of veteran star power. Jill Hennessy ("Crossing Jordan") shows up for a grand total of five minutes as Doug's ever-so-sweet wife Kelly. Marisa Tomei plays Dudley's love interest Maggie. It was disappointing to see Tomei not use more of her talent in this film, but hey, it's about nonetheless. You may not remem-

middle-aged mediocrity right? Also, Peter Fonda makes a brief cameo as Damien Blade, founding father of the Del Fuegos.

With all this talent, this film should have been a comedy of epic proportions. However, perhaps the part of Woody was a little miscast. John Travolta may be able to "get down with his bad self" (think "Pulp Fiction") or be the bad guy ("Broken Arrow"), but comedic side-kick? He isn't bad in the role, but this film is filled with moments where he's grimacing and scrunching up his face with his beady little eyes, and it lacks a little something. Stick with the disco dancing John ... it's what you're good at.

"Wild Hogs" was a funny movie,

ber much of it when you leave the theater, but you'll have a good time while you watch it. Lawrence and Allen were cast perfectly in roles that suited their comedic abilities. William H. Macy does a surprisingly good job at playing a silly bungling misunderstood middle-aged computer geek. He was willing to go on their trip as long as there was Wi-Fi.

As with any good comedy, stay for the credits, and you may see a cameo from a well-known television personality during a needless epilogue to the story.

Whether you're a biker or a "poser", check out "Wild Hogs." It's pretty good and probably worth the price of admission.

# Actors hinder thriller; film decent at best

#### By SAM ORTIZ Staff Writer

Obsession can be taken to the degree where it becomes the most powerful life force in a person. For Walter Sparrow in "The Number 23," it manifests into extreme paranoia.

The film "The Number 23" centers on a man whose life unravels after he comes into contact with an interesting book titled "The Number 23." Reading the book makes him become increasingly convinced that it is based on his own life. The number 23 starts to consume him, and he begins to realize the book forecasts far graver consequences for his life than he could have ever imagined. The film stars a fairly well-known cast including Jim Carrey, Virginia Madsen ("Sideways") and Danny Huston ("Marie Antoinette").

As far as thrillers go, it was a decent movie. Like most thrillers, it was highly entertaining and extremely engaging because of the need to know what happens and how it plays out. The plot was a good one - well-thought-out, unique and intricate.

Possibly the only thing hindering the film was the actors. Jim Carrey can play straight roles, but this is not one in which he excelled in. As the film's frontman Walter Sparrow/Fingerling, Carrey lacks a lot of the character's quality and leaves us with a man who was flat and extremely overplayed. Another, more capable actor could have easily played Sparrow/Fingerling and kept the film from being melodramatic.

As Carrey's wife, Madsen floats in and out from being believable. Frequently, she adds to some of the films already corny scenes with her obvious inexperience in this genre, but she also delivers some of her lines in a way that she actually received laughter from people in the theater. Huston, on the other hand, is fantastic. As an actor who appears in tons of films but is little known by the



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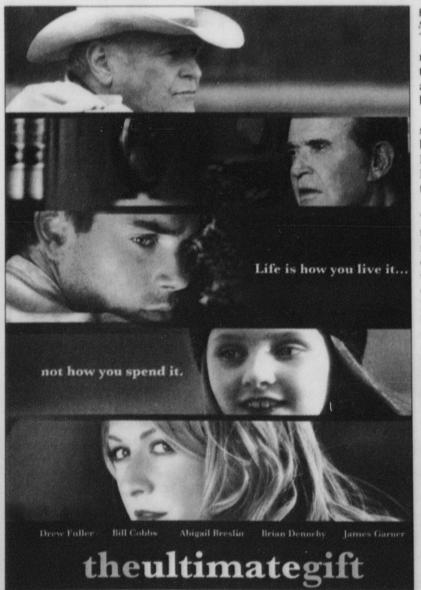
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# Predictable plot welcome, provides hope, positivity



#### By KIMBERLY BURTON Staff Writer

"The Ultimate Gift" is a for-

mulaic but heartwarming story that could perhaps answer the age-old question: "Can wealth buy happiness?"

This film is based on the bestselling novel "The Ultimate Gift," by Jim Stovall, and won the Heartland Film Festival's Crystal Heart Award, which is awarded to films with positive values.

Jason Stevens (Drew Fuller, "Charmed") is a spoiled rotten trust-fund baby, who has no real-life concepts of money, work or people. When his wealthy grandfather (James Garner, "The Notebook") dies, he expects his inheritance to be handed to him on a platter. Instead, Jason is required to perform a series of tasks, designed to teach him about life. During this road to selfenlightenment, he meets Emily (Abigail Breslin, "Little Miss Sunshine") and her mother Alexia (Ali Hillis, "Must Love Dogs") through whom Jason learns about love and life.

Breslin is one of the higher points of this movie as an outspoken and too-mature-for-herage little girl. Jason also meets Gus (Brian Dennehy, "The Exonerated") a Texas rancher who teaches him how to take pride in what he does in life EDIFY MEDIA and that money doesn't grow

on trees but, perhaps, grows on fence posts. As with all inspirational movies, the film is predictable. It begins with the reading of Jason's grandfathers' will and the inevitable ugliness of a family of obnoxious, spoiled and rich members bickering over the fortune. It ends just about as predictably as it began.

However, the message - as predictable as the movie is - is a good one. In life we are born and we die, and that is not what's important- it's the journey within. And, even though this is a film about a trust-fund kid, the message is something that anyone who has ever wondered about the relationship between money and happiness can relate to. This film is straight-out a fami-

ly film. If you're looking for blood and guts, this isn't what you will want. If you're looking for overly sexual or graphic scenes, sorry. If you want to watch a movie that shows the debasement of society, try again.

But, if you want to watch a movie with positive values, inspirational and uplifting scenes and a general premise of hope in humanity, then "The Ultimate Gift" is a definite must-see.

"The Ultimate Gift" opens in theaters March 9.

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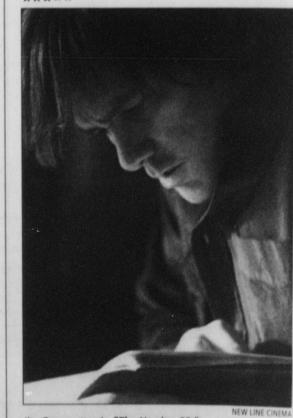
general public, he gives a great performance and characterization of Isaac French/Dr. Phoenix.

With a little recasting of the major roles, the film could be a great deal better and less humorous, but it wasn't a complete mess. The ending is marvelous and the twist will keep you planted to the edge of your seat for days.

However, the twist happens almost 30 minutes before the end of the film. It takes far too long to explain the ending, and leaves the audience sitting there waiting for the credits to roll.

"The Number 23" is no technical masterpiece, by any means, but definitely worth a try. It keeps its audience engaged, excited and scratching their heads.

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Jim Carrey stars in "The Number 23."

Getting ready for the weekend

### All weekend long:

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### **Today:**

 Jump on your hog and check out "Wild Hogs" (Tim Allen and John Travolta), opening in theaters everywhere.

· Based on real life, "Zodiac," starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Robert Downey Jr., opens.

 Also opening is "Black Snake Moan," starring Justin Timberlake, Samuel L. Jackson and Christina Ricci.

### Saturday:

For country and gospel lovers alike, veteran singer Randy Travis is sure to be a crowd-pleaser when he performs at Billy Bob's at 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 reserved / \$15 general admission. For more information, call (817) 624-7117 or visit billybobstexas.com.





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### SPRING BALL

See how spring practices are unfolding for the Horned Frogs football team. TUESDAY

# Sports legends ensure games' timelessness

#### By MARCUS MURPHREE Sports Editor

What makes a legend? Every sport has the great ones, hall of famers, All-Stars and superstars, but what makes them fall into the spotlight?

Sometimes, one play can make an



athlete into a legend. Doug Flutie's "Hail Mary" pass in the 1984 classic against Miami is one of those moments that turned a man into a legend. He wasn't the biggest guy on the field, but he used his heart and head on the

Marcus Murphree

college gridiron, and is now sealed forever in ESPN Classic fame.

LaDainian Tomlinson was one of those legends. Smaller, quicker, stronger, faster and just plain better. Every Sunday he makes highlights for the San Diego Chargers, and he is now ascending the ranks toward a career of NFL immortality that will hopefully land him in the Hall of Fame.

A jersey number goes down in the legendary shrines when a number gets retired. The number 34 has deep meaning in the state of Texas and even has some TCU roots. Nolan Ryan proudly wore the blue and grey 34 uniform for the Texas Rangers when he threw his final no-hitter in Arlington Stadium and now, the baseball scout's poster child, TCU's own Jake Arrieta, wears the same digits.

Earning respect at the cost of life and limb develops legends. Bear Bryant exemplified this approach with his no-holds-barred lifestyle of unfiltered cigarettes, strong bourbon and tireless practice. Seeing him sport a houndstooth hat with a Camel dangling from his lips will leave an image in the minds of college sports fans for ages.

Eventually, TCU will produce another Sammy Baugh or Davey O'Brien, but until then, fans must embrace the his-

### Frogs' experience hopeful advantage against Vermont By MARCUS MURPHREE

Sports Editor

Following a hard-luck road tournament in South Carolina, the Horned Frogs' baseball team has returned home for a threegame set with the Vermont Catamounts.

TCU will be using ace starter Jake Arrieta (2-1) in Friday night's match up against Vermont's Brandon Miles. Miles will be making his season debut for the Catamounts, while Arrieta will try for his second-straight home win.

The Horned Frogs (7-4) will bring 11 games of experience in the 2007 season while the Catamounts will take the field for the first time in this year's campaign.

"We've played a couple teams from up north before, and they definitely are not a pushover," said senior infielder Steven Trout.

Trout has been helping key the Horned Frogs' offense this season with a team-leading 12 RBI. Along with Trout's run production, the middle four batters of the TCU lineup are hitting a combined .331, and the return of senior outfielder Keith Conlon has been a boost. Conlon was scratched from the starting lineup for two games during the last home series against the Oral Roberts University Golden Eagles.

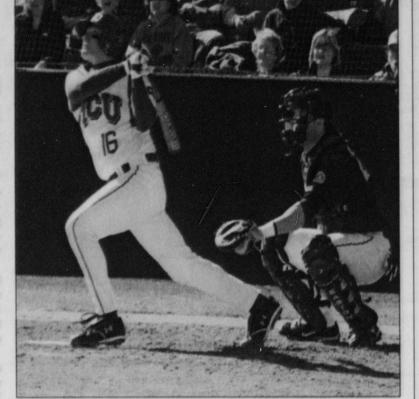
"It's been really good to have him back," Trout said. "He brings a spark to the lineup and is a big leader with the bat."

Game two of the series will be a battle of juniors as Seth Garrison (1-0) of the Horned Frogs faces the lefty Joe Serafin. Serafin had the most starts

for the Catamounts last season, and Garrison pitched TCU to a win

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ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer Senior Steven Trout follows through on his swing against Oral Roberts on Feb. 17. Trout leads the Frogs with 12 RBIs.

this 24 North Carolina State Wolf-12 pack Sunday.

"Garrison has been pitching great lately," head coach Jim Schlossnagle said.

Chris Johnson is the starter slated for game three on Sunday afternoon. Johnson earned his first win for the Horned Frogs against Oral Roberts where he gave up only two hits and two earned runs in five innings of work.

The rotation will give some of the relievers a chance to get work out of the bullpen during the series, as well, Schlossnagle said.

"Derek VerHagen and Tyler Lockwood were bright spots last weekend," Schlossnagle said about his relievers. "Ver-Hagen was surprisingly good because we haven't seen him much this season and he was lights out on Saturday night." Junior closer Sam Demel notched his second save of the

season against NC State. The win against the Wolfpack did bring a vote of confidence to the team, Trout said.

"It was a big win after we lost the first three and we were able to come back and beat a ranked team," Trout said.

Though the Horned Frogs fell from the national ranks with three losses in the tourney in South Carolina, the arrival back home will give the team a chance to rebuild a win-

ning streak as conference play draws near.

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### Athletes linked to recent arrests involving steroids

#### By T.J. QUINN New York Daily News

In a raid led by the Albany County District Attorney's office, officers from several Florida and national agencies arrested four employees of Signature Compounding and charged them in a scheme to provide steroids and growth hormone over the Internet.

A source told the New York Daily News that Tuesday's action was related to recent arrests at a Mobile, Ala., pharmacy and that drugs from that lab were allegedly received by athletes including Angels outfielder Gary Matthews Jr., former slugger Jose Canseco, ex-major league pitcher Jason Grimsley and former heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield.

Apparently the owners of Signature, who, according to a source, mixed their own steroids in the basement of their three-story south Orlando pharmacy, were aware enough that what they were doing might be illegal that they provided employees at the store with a list of lawyers' phone numbers in the event of a DEA or FDA raid.

Soares said Wednesday that there were no new developments in the case and his office was awaiting word on when it might be able to extradite four Signature employees for prosecution in New York. Soares and his staff were poring over the documents seized from Signature on Tuesday, as the effects of their raid were being felt around the country.

But as has been the case with most steroid busts, the names of the athletes are generating the most attention. Matthews, who had career numbers in every offensive category but stolen bases last season, was named by the Albany Times-Union as a client of the Alabama lab.

At the Angels' camp in Arizona, Matthews gave a vague non-answer about his involvement.

"I do expect it to resolve itself here in the near future," he told reporters. "Until we get more information, I just can't comment on it."

More alarming was the involvement of Richard Rydze, a Pittsburgh Steelers team physician, who was questioned over his alleged purchase of \$150,000 worth of human growth hormone with his credit card. Rydze has not returned numerous phone calls, and Steelers officials issued their own reserved statement Wednesday.

"There is no evidence that Dr. Rydze prescribed or provided any hormone treatments to any of our players," Steelers president Art Rooney II said in a statement. "Dr. Rydze has



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