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Nursing clinical sign-ups cause schedule difficulties

By AUNDREA EICHMAN
Staff Reporter

The system in which required nursing clinical sign-ups are being conducted is making it difficult to register for classes and plan work schedules, nursing students said.

The problem with signing up for clinicals is that students do not know the days of the week their clinical will be held when they register for classes, said

Whitney Huffaker, a junior nursing major.

"They see this as giving everyone a fair opportunity," Huffaker said. "When, in actuality, they are just making it impossible for you to make your schedule for the following semester, since you don't know what time you will be in clinical and/or which day."

Susan Weeks, a nursing professor, said she realizes the

frustration that clinical sign-ups cause students, and she is hoping to find solutions to improve the process of finalizing clinical spaces. Weeks said enrollments in the nursing program have made clinical spaces in hospitals scarce and that it takes until the end of the semester to finalize specific days for each clinical section.

"The primary impact on students is that they may need

to arrange work and/or childcare issues after the posting on the clinical days and times," Weeks said.

This allows for students to finalize schedule arrangements over the summer, she said.

TCU is one of many schools in the area that vie for clinical spaces, Weeks said, and clinical spaces have become scarcer over the past three to four years because enrollment in nursing

programs has increased.

Weeks said this issue should not impact any student's graduation.

Stephanie Mangan, a junior nursing major, said that there are six section groups available for students to sign up for clinicals.

"When you blindly pick a section, there is no information going along with it," Mangan said.

The information Mangan said she would like to see go along with the section number is when and where the clinical will be and who the instructor will be.

She said she understands the way it works because the teachers do not know their schedules or the hospital schedules at the time of registration.

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Symposium questions celebrity fascination

By ASHLEIGH WHALEY
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty want to know why America is obsessed with celebrities.

"Why is America obsessed with celebrities" is the question of the day and the title of today's Searchlight Symposium from 5 to 7 p.m. in Smith Hall 104.

Students will hear about celebrity obsession from guest speakers Richard Allen, a radio-TV-film professor, and Adam Schiffer, a political science assistant professor, and can participate in an open-question forum, said John Wood, founder of the biannual event that started in 2006.

Allen, who has worked as a contributing writer for numerous soap operas, including "Days of our Lives" and "One Life to Live," said he will offer a creative perspective to accompany Schiffer's scholarly view.

"It's important to realize that the media can manipulate you if you're not aware," Allen said. "Manipulation by the media would be less pervasive if people were more media literate."

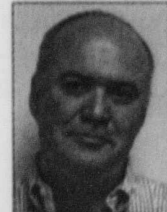
People aren't attracted to a dramatic event as much as they're attracted to the personality involved, Allen said.

"The media builds up what we know about certain personalities," he said. "They take people who are already famous and create celebrities out of them by offering more and more information about their personal lives."

From a political angle, America's obsession is affecting how people look at politicians by making them into celebrities, Schiffer said.

"The press has taken over as the key decision-maker in choosing party nominees," Schiffer said. "It's important to take a look at our nation's priorities particularly rendered by major news organizations."

Searchlight Symposiums encourage students to take a look at issues rarely discussed in class and give an "interdepartmental exchange," Wood said.

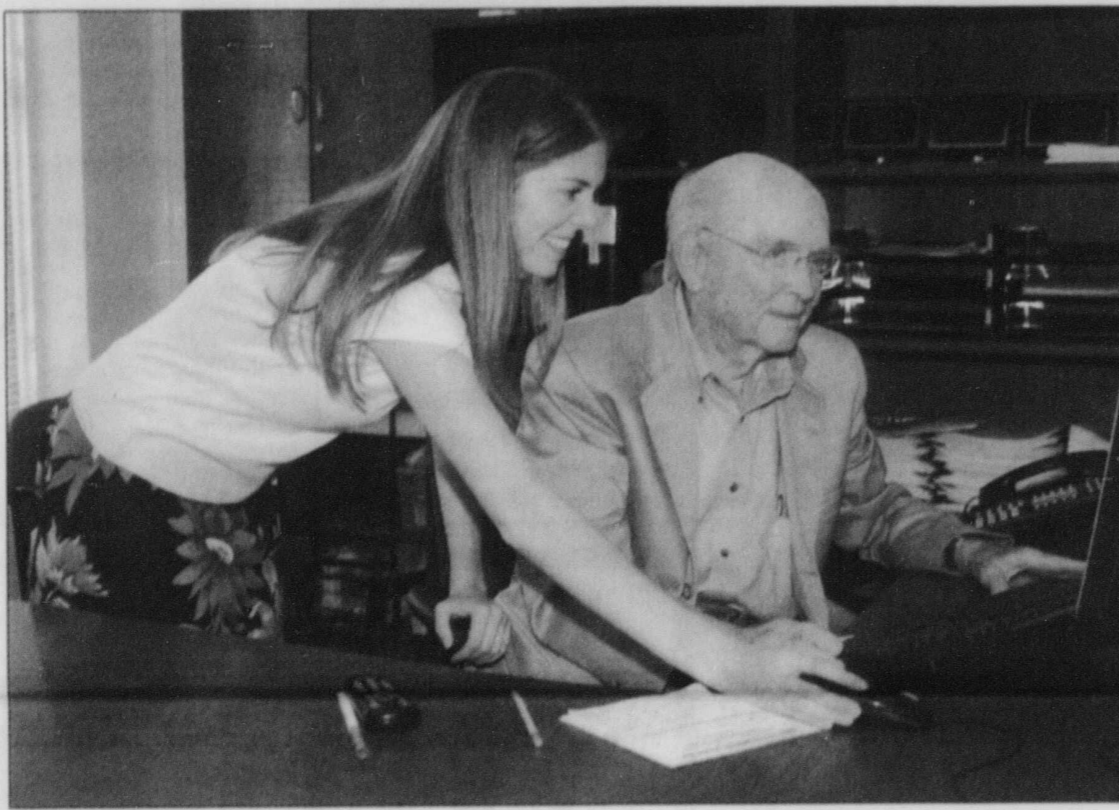


RICHARD ALLEN



ADAM SCHIFFER

GRANDFATHER CLAUS



(LEFT) Howard Payne, 82, and Crystal Gauthier, senior accounting major, use the computer in the Jarvis Hall office. Payne has been working as an office attendant for more than 20 years. (RIGHT) Howard and his wife, Mildred, prepare for an event at the Kelly Alumni Center. The two have been married for 58 years. Howard and Mildred met at the university and have volunteered at Frog Camp.

By SONYA CISNEROS
Staff Reporter

Howard Payne's office isn't one filled with accolades and awards on the wall.

There are a few plaques and a TCU baseball cap decorating the bookshelf, along with a bright blue lunch box.

The office is fitting for an 82-year-old who knows that people matter most.

To some, the title of office assistant hardly encompasses what Payne has contributed to TCU for more than two decades.

Jodi Norman, a former TCU student, has an especially close relationship with Payne — one that spans 20 years.

Payne is a father figure that offers direction, example and support to many students, she said.

"If there was an ambassador of TCU, it would be him," Norman said.

Born and raised in the south

side of Fort Worth, Payne has seen the city at its best and worst.

Growing up during the Great Depression, Payne said much of his time was spent making do with what he'd been given.

He said his family was fortunate in that his father's job provided them with maybe a little more than most.

He said people were hungry back then and recalled his mother always giving passers-by a cup of coffee and fried-egg sandwich.

"Those were the days," he said with a smile that never left his face.

After spending three years in the service, Payne enrolled at TCU.

With a twinkle in his eye and a mischievous grin, Payne said it was at TCU where he met his wife, Mildred.

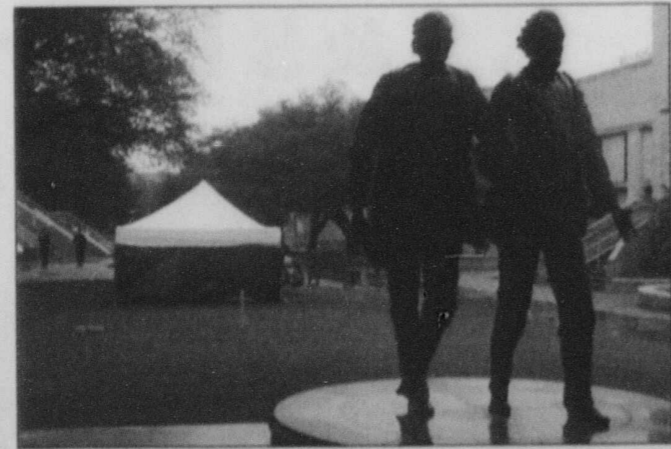
Payne began the memory of



Howard Payne celebrates his 80th birthday two years ago. Howard and his wife have not missed a TCU graduation in almost 40 years. He said TCU keeps him and his wife young.

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Week's events to raise awareness of Darfur genocide



Global Days aims to raise Darfur awareness through refugee huts on campus.

By AUNDREA EICHMAN
Staff Reporter

The TCU community is participating in Global Days for Darfur to raise awareness about the genocide occurring in Darfur, a professor said.

Global Days is a worldwide campaign to raise awareness and is all about education and action, said Cecil Van de Voorde, an assistant criminal justice professor.

"I want people to wake up, pay attention and start acting," said Van de Voorde, who is managing this week's events.

Nathan Kaspar, a junior criminal justice major, said the Build-a-Camp event will challenge students to create a small refugee camp meant to raise awareness about the genocide occurring in Darfur. Kaspar said building started at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

"This week of events is a step in the process of making a difference," Kaspar said.

Van de Voorde said one tent built is a refugee hut filled with posters and fliers for information

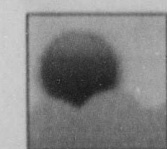
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FOR YOUR INFO

GLOBAL DAYS EVENTS:

- Documentary Screening Sid Richardson today, 7:30 p.m.
- 5K Walk/Run Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$10 minimum donation
- Darfur Victims Memorial Sadler Lawn Saturday, Noon to 6 p.m.
- Documentary Screening Student Center Lounge Sunday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. \$5 minimum donation

The events will close at 5:30 p.m. Sunday on Sadler Lawn with a moment of silence and silent prayer.



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and the other will represent a medical unit. She said she wants people to be aware and to seek out more information and share it with others.

Canopies were provided by the Rec Center and all other materials were either donated or bought from Home Depot for less than \$10, Kaspar said. He said there is no budget for the refugee camp.

STAND, which stands for Students Take Action Now, Darfur, is a student anti-genocide coalition that is heading up the Global Days events, he said.

He said along with the refugee camp there will be posters of people in

Darfur, small grave sites and wooden crosses.

"We either choose to ignore it," Kaspar said, "Or we do not even know about it at all."

Kaspar said this crisis has been going on since 2003, and at least 400,000 people have been murdered and 2.5 million displaced.

He said he wants to get the word out that something is going on.

"Hopefully, when people find out they will want to take some kind of action," Kaspar said.

He said most people do not understand what is going on in Darfur because everything is provided for them, especially people at TCU.

Van de Voorde teaches a class on political violence and her research is focused on genocide. She

said she has always been involved in human rights and humanitarian law.

"This conflict is something I have taken to heart," Van de Voorde said.

Jenica Gammie, a freshman nursing major, said she didn't know much about Darfur, but she might look into it more because of the Global Days' events.

"I think it is really interesting because it is not something you usually see on campus," Gammie said.

She said it leads to curiosity which leads to asking questions. She was outside in the rain along with the Darfur tent raising money for Invisible Children, an organization that raises awareness about the displacement of children in Uganda.

These issues are important to her because

students live in a global community and should raise awareness, Gammie said.

Global Days for Darfur lasts from April 23 to April 30. Along with Build-a-Camp, which will be displayed until April 28, TCU is also showing films, having a 5K walk and a moment of silence.

This week students may participate in the Take Action Ad Campaign in front of the library and Student Center. Here they may create advertisements about the Darfur genocide.

Students have plenty of opportunities to get involved such as participating in this weeks events as well as donating money, Van de Voorde said.

She said TCU is going to start a chapter of STAND. She said there are more than 800 chapters in high schools and colleges.

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Mangan said that she would at least like to see each section number matched with a day because holding down a job is also difficult without knowing the schedule beforehand.

This system makes it hard for students to schedule other classes and arrange day care for children, Mangan said.

HOWARD

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meeting Mildred on the second floor of the Bailey Building.

They were both representing their respective Methodist churches at an informational meeting on campus and "one thing lead to another," he said.

They have been married 58 years. Working in the West Texas oil business and then for himself, Payne kept returning to TCU.

The couple first volunteered at TCU with Frog Camps, orientation and "this, that and the other," Payne said.

"It's been so good that TCU has let me hang on this long," he said.

Though Payne has two sons, he said the women at TCU have been like daughters to him throughout his work in the female residence halls.

He said he served as the "out-of-town father" for the Delta Gamma sorority in

"Adequate spaces are held for each student in the clinical courses they need," Weeks said.

The upper divisions clinical courses are two days a week and are available on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, Weeks said, and that allows students to sign up for Tuesday and Thursday courses.

She said that most nursing classes are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings so students are able to sign up for elective courses that are Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

the '60s, attending formals when fathers couldn't.

He also gave a student away at her wedding.

No matter what he's doing, be it a big or small thing, he does it with the same heart, Norman said.

"TCU is his whole life," she said.

Payne, who also serves as TCU's Santa Claus, said he feels that the students like having a grandfather-figure.

"It's like taking vitamins every day when you get out here," Payne said. "You just pep yourself up by being here."

Payne proudly displayed multiple photographs of students he's met throughout the years, one of which was Miss Texas 2000, Tara Watson.

Norman, once one of those students, said meeting Payne "had quite a profound effect" on her life.

Since TCU is their whole life, Mildred Payne said, the couple hasn't missed a TCU graduation since 1968.

Payne said TCU keeps them young. "How fortunate and lucky can I get?" he said.

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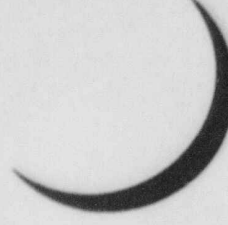
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Opinion

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A taste for irony has kept more hearts from breaking than a sense of humor, for it takes irony to appreciate that joke which is on oneself."
— Jessamyn West

THE SKIFF VIEW

Faculty should work all term

A lot of people on campus get lazy during this time of the semester.

But, while students can be excused by having had months of weekly papers, quizzes, homework and jobs, TCU faculty have no excuse.

Professors are paid to be here, teach us, test us and grade those tests. It's not too much to ask a professor to return graded tests in the class following the test day. It's inexcusable when a professor takes more than a week to grade a test, unless that teacher is grading novel-sized essay exams.

Professors who require homework but only grade the assignments based on completion are lazy. If a student takes the five, 10 or 30 minutes out of his or her day for an assignment, then the professor should at least take the five minutes to grade it for content.

Another unacceptable incident of indolence is ignorance of eCollege, or tcuglobal.edu. The only thing worse than a teacher who only uses the service when it's convenient for them

to do so is one who doesn't use eCollege at all. All professors should consider using eCollege not only as a way to assign work, but more importantly, as a way to keep students informed about what they care about most: grades.

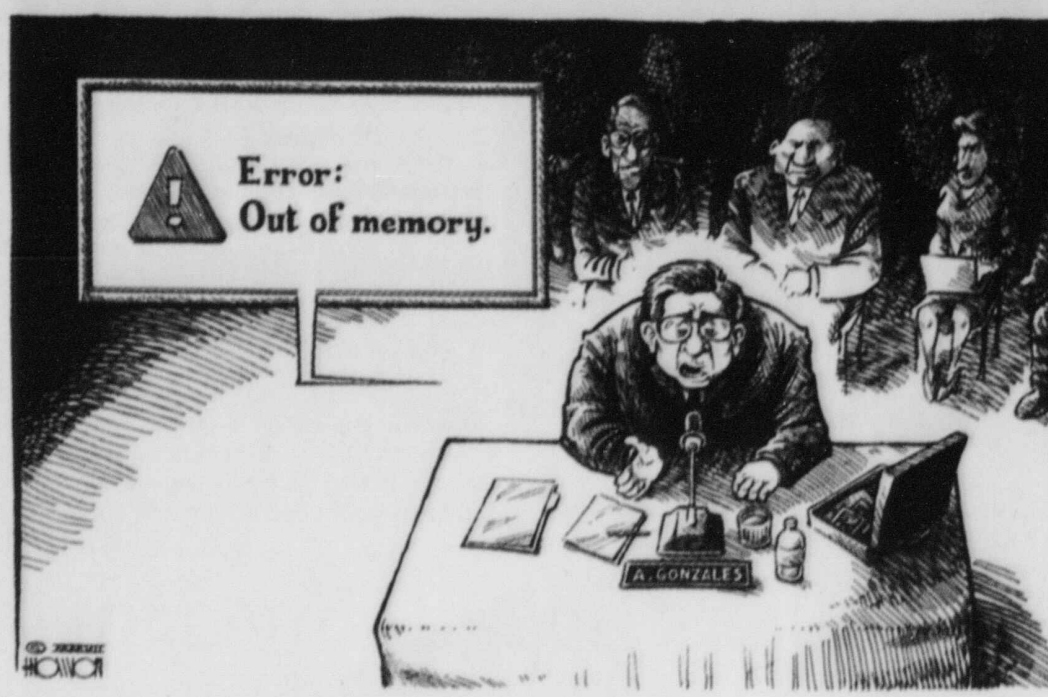
A student who knows his or her grade is a happy student, and a happy student bubbles in "strongly agree" on teacher-evaluation sheets.

It's unreasonable to paint all professors with the same brush; many professors do remain dedicated to ensuring students are satisfied with their teaching staff.

But, until all professors put as much effort into their work as many students do with theirs, then those evaluation sheets will include penciled-in complaints.

As students prepare for that last week of blood, sweat and tears before summer vacation, faculty should do the same.

Managing editor John-Laurent Tronche for the editorial board.



Credit cards beneficial if used wisely

Becoming a legal adult at the age of 18 comes with many new liberties, such as the ability to purchase tobacco or play the lottery. Of these many new privileges, perhaps the most overlooked yet beneficial privilege is the ability to sign up for credit cards.

COMMENTARY



Caleb Slavin

While most new adults avoid credit cards on the basis that they are evil or dangerous, a credit card, combined with a little discipline and responsibility, can be a convenient tool for establishing a good credit rating and saving money.

As most adults know, having a strong credit rating is extremely important. With a strong rating, one can easily be approved for loans and mortgages. Furthermore, those with sound credit ratings usually receive the lowest interest rates on the loans they take out. One of the easiest ways to build a credit rating is by using a credit card responsibly: By simply charging a few items to a card and promptly paying the bill in full each month, one can easily build reputable credit. Conversely, making late payments, no payments or carrying a high balance can have the opposite effect and actually hurt one's credit rating.

Thus, it is vital to keep track of charges and bill due dates, making sure to not spend too much or pay the bill too late.

Not only can a credit card help a young adult build priceless credit, it can also save him or her money. Since many cards offer some sort of cash back or points program, by charging everyday purchases and paying the bill in full every month, a cardholder can avoid interest charges while receiving a small amount of money back on his purchases. Further, a person with decent credit can open an account with a 0 percent introductory interest rate, essentially providing a free loan to the cardholder for six or 12 months, depending on the card. Of course, if the cardholder fails to clear the balance of the card before the introductory rate ends, he could be penalized with an entire year's worth of accrued interest, depending on the card's terms. Again, the key is responsibility.

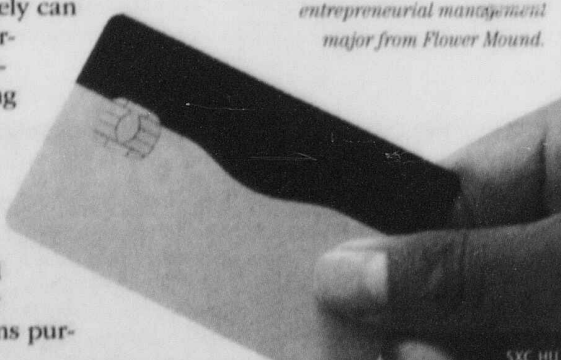
On top of building credit and saving money, a credit card used wisely can provide numerous other benefits depending on the card. For example, some cards automatically provide extended warranties for electronic items pur-

chased with the card, while others include traveler's insurance in case a vacation goes wrong. All credit cards provide a safe and convenient payment method that removes the worry of losing irreplaceable cash or having to deal with annoying change.

So, if used responsibly, a credit card can help a young adult build an impressive credit history, save money and provide numerous minor benefits depending on the card. New cardholders must be careful, of course, lest they ruin their credit or spend hundreds or thousands of dollars on ridiculously high-interest charges. Simply keeping a careful watch on the card balance and knowing one's budget limitations, however, should be enough to prevent such misfortunes.

Ultimately, a little discipline and a credit card can go a long way in building credit for the future while saving money today.

Caleb Slavin is a freshman entrepreneurial management major from Flower Mound.



Don't let finals stress you out; take some time out to relax

Finals. With each passing moment we get closer to the sleep-deprived, coffee-chugging gauntlet that seems to pack an entire

COMMENTARY



David Hall

semester's worth of homework into a week. Welcome back, stress.

Finals can be tough. GPAs are on the line, scholarships can be in jeopardy and the idea of failing a class that you paid \$2,000 to take doesn't exactly lend itself to a carefree environment.

So, how can Joe T. College Student reduce his stress to a reasonable level while avoiding an "F" on his geology exam? Let's take a look.

WebMD.com gives some great suggestions. Exercise is a great way to ease the nerves during a tough week. You could lift weights at the University Recreation Center, go on a scenic run, or, be one of those weird people that does tai chi in the middle of a park and scares small children.

If all other methods of exercise fail, you could always join a fight club.

Mine is currently accepting members. Dues are \$30 to join plus a bag of Fritos every other week.

Writing about your problems is also a good way to reduce stress. The things that are currently bothering me are the price of gas, that Wendy's retired the Monterrey Ranch Chicken Sandwich from its menu and the fact that the Chicago White Sox wear black hosiery.

Not surprisingly, letting out your emotions is an effective way to release the 8,000 pound gorilla on your back. There's no use in bottling up stress deep down inside. It just leads to terrible things such as anger and heavy metal music. Talk to a friend, watch your favorite comedy, or have a good old-fashioned cry. For best results, cry in the shower while playing something by Counting Crows. It captures the moment perfectly, uh, not like I've ever tried it...

Engaging in your favorite hobby is a welcome release from the perils of cramming. Why not work on your stamp collection, cook a gourmet meal or knit a sweater?

Hey, even if you're into somewhat obscure hobbies, such as making life-size statues of the cast of "Charles in Charge" with mayonnaise, go for the gold. Albertson's has enough Miracle Whip to go around.

Last but not least, relaxation of the body can help melt away the pressure of finals. Breathing exercises, yoga, aromatherapy and massages are very popular. Take a break and enjoy the sounds of TCU. Let the soothing melody of construction, passing trains and that one obnoxious woman who takes it as a personal challenge to be as loud as she can whenever she passes by the study room calm you down. On second thought, soothing music will do the trick.

So, as the stress of finals begins to creep up, make sure to take some time to maintain sanity. Live in peace and harmony in cohesion with the 8-hour cramfest for that history exam. Be calm, be focused, be successful.

David Hall is a freshman news-editorial journalism major from Kingwood. His column appears Wednesdays.

Transgendered individuals need universal support

Like foreigners in their own skin, transgendered people suffer from massive confusion, verbal and physical abuse, and struggles with acceptance.

COMMENTARY



Hayley Freeman

Many know about gay people, lesbians and bisexual people, but little is known about people who identify themselves as transgendered. "Transgender" is a term used to encompass people who do not identify well with the genders they were born as. Since not much is known about transgendered people, they lack certain rights and are often discriminated against. With education and more tolerance, more legal rights for these people should be made possible.

So far, campuses nationwide have formed support groups for those who identify themselves as gay, transgendered or bisexual. Many schools, includ-

ing TCU, have their very own Gay-Straight Alliance, which brings together all students to become aware of rights in regard to gender and sexual identity. This is important for schools because it teaches tolerance and understanding. The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network took an in-depth look at schools in every state and released what they found. The survey they conducted showed that the top three reasons for harassment at schools in Texas are appearance, sexual orientation (whether it be perceived or real) and expression of one's gender (whether they act "girly" or "manly"). The last of the three has become a recurring problem for transgendered.

Sixty-three percent of students say they have seen someone get made fun of because of how he or she expresses his or her gender. Girls get made fun of for being too masculine, and boys get

teased for being too feminine. Student organizations along with changes in school policies can allow for a more positive environment that accepts everyone.

Gender is really just an expression. It is a set of guidelines set by society, and it is not always true for everyone.

Most people associate women with skirts, but not all women wear skirts. "Manly" men are often portrayed with power tools, but there are some men who do not even own a drill. Unfortunately, everyone finds themselves measured up against these standards, and if they fall short, they fall prey to the wrath of society.

Fresno High School in Fresno, Calif., is taking a step in the right direction. One of its students, Cinthia Covarrubias, after being nominated by her fellow students, was able to run for prom king. The school added her name to the ballot because of a law made in the year 2000 that protected a

youth's right to express his or her gender identity at school that students brought to the school's attention. The dance was held April 21. Although Covarrubias did not become Prom King, she still feels victorious.

She said, "I'm happy I actually made a difference about changing the law and the policy so you can run for your choice."

Everyone needs support whether they have discovered they are transgendered, are dealing with bisexuality or just have problems connecting with the opposite sex if they are heterosexual. Policies should be inclusive to everyone no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity. People should tolerate and terminate negative behaviors that turn the community into a harder place to live in. We should all be allies to each other.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sex remains a factor in women's salaries. OK. The real question is why?

The article in the Skiff made the assumption that men believe women are less deserving and that women are being stifled out of positions in business because of a double standard.

Seriously? Go read up on Fortune 500's Top 50 women in business: Indra Nooyi is CEO of PepsiCo — she's a woman and she's Indian. Plenty of women hold jobs in major companies and make plenty of money. Also, while for-profit business is primarily male-dominated, non-profit organizations are heavily in favor of women in leadership.

While these organizations pay less, they offer more intrinsic value, which appeals more to women. But don't forget that there are some women who choose not to make work their No. 1 priority.

Men and women alike should continue to put family before the office, and many women who work forgo higher pay in favor of better health benefits for their families, better hours or more paid vacation. I didn't recall any mention of these factors in the survey conducted — did anyone poll these women on why they accept lower pay? I doubt most of them would say "Because a man believes I am less qualified."

Lauren Novak is a senior music major from Plano.

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Donald Trump gave up flying his 25-by-50-foot flag on an 80-foot flagpole after he sued the town of Palm Beach.

Trump, Palm Beach reach flag-flying agreement

By SALLY APGAR
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Donald Trump and the town of Palm Beach have reached a quiet truce in the six-month war over the mega American flag he flies over Mar-a-Lago, his Creamsicle-orange fortress by the sea.

A shorter version of the same 25-by-50-foot flag stays. But, instead of flying from an 80-foot flagpole built to withstand a Category 5 hurricane, the flag will fly from a 70-foot pole.

So Trump gets to keep the flag in his own backyard.

But in a very untrumply manner, The Donald isn't talking.

He declined to comment Monday in deference to a stipulation in the agreement reached with

the town and approved unanimously by the Town Council over the weekend to not speak to the media until the two sides issue a joint statement.

Attorneys on both sides Monday either declined comment or could not be reached.

Last week, lawyers for Trump and the town reached an agreement during secret, court-ordered negotiations that call for the town to waive all fines for the code-busting flagpole that have been amassing at a rate of \$1,250 a day since January. Trump agreed to withdraw the \$25 million lawsuit he filed last December against the town arguing in part that its ordinances regulating the size of flagpoles to 42 feet violate the

U.S. Constitution and his civil rights by denying free speech and expression.

Trump's lawsuit also accused the town of violating equal protection guaranteed under the 14th Amendment by "selectively enforcing" its ordinances. His suit claimed that 20 other properties on the posh island also fly flags that violate town ordinances but they have not been fined.

The flag flap began in September when Trump sent the town a letter notifying them that he would erect a flag at Mar-a-Lago. He hoisted Old Glory on Oct. 3. Although the 25-by-50-foot flag violates the town ordinance allowing for flags 4 by 6 feet, the town fathers passed on enforcing the rule. But they nailed Trump for

having an 80-foot pole that was 38 feet out of compliance. The town alleged other violations, including not applying for permits or getting a "Certificate of Appropriateness."

According to the 11-point agreement, Trump also will donate \$100,000 "to charities agreed to between the parties dealing with Iraq War Veterans, (the) American Flag or the local VA hospital." Trump had originally said that if he won his \$25 million lawsuit, the proceeds would go to military members returning from Iraq.

The agreement also requires the town to "review its ordinances and codes dealing with flag poles and flags during the next zoning season."

Lawmakers hope to recognize Armenian genocide next year

By KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
Chicago Tribune

Every April 24, U.S. presidents commemorate the official day of remembrance of the Armenian genocide with a speech or statement carefully crafted to avoid use of the word "genocide."

U.S. officials have avoided the word because Turkey, a key ally, strongly opposes the characterization to describe the early 20th century deaths of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians at the hands of Ottoman Turks.

In the past, members of the House and Senate have proposed resolutions calling on the president to utter the phrase "Armenian genocide," but the efforts have run aground in the face of political concerns voiced by both Democratic and Republican administrations.

In the last year, however, the struggle over the word "genocide" has received international attention through a series of high-profile news events, commencing with the passage of a

law in the lower house of the French parliament criminalizing denial of the Armenian genocide and extending to the political murder of a prominent Turkish-Armenian journalist.

The issue has caught the attention of many U.S. lawmakers, and with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., sympathetic to the cause, advocates are hopeful that by next year's commemoration survivors and their descendants will find closure to a 92-year struggle to gain official recognition for the mass killings that took place in the Ottoman Empire in World War I.

Aram Hamparian, executive director of the Armenian National Committee of America, a Washington-based lobbying group, said that if the resolutions came to a vote in the full House and Senate, they would pass. "It's time to let public policy catch up with the truth," he said.

The House version is co-sponsored by 190 lawmakers, with 29 senators supporting the nearly

identical Senate version presented by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

Should the measures reach the floor, it would be the first time since 2000, when then House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., responded to a request from the Clinton administration by pulling a resolution on the use of the word "genocide" only minutes before a scheduled vote.

The bill's advocates had hoped that Pelosi, a longtime advocate for recognition of the Armenian genocide, would bring the bill to a floor vote by Tuesday.

Yet the bill is still lingering in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, where it has not been scheduled for a vote.

As a member of NATO and a key transit link for Caspian oil, Turkey has long been an important U.S. ally, and officials at the highest levels of the Bush administration are wary of straining that relationship.

In a letter to Pelosi and House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Tom Lantos, D-Calif., last

month, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Robert Gates wrote that Turkey — which borders Syria, Iraq and Iran — is "a linchpin in the transshipment of vital cargo and fuel" to U.S. troops engaged in the Middle East.

A negative reaction from Turkey to a resolution on the Armenian genocide "could

harm American troops in the field, constrain our ability to supply our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, and significantly damage our efforts to promote reconciliation between Armenia and Turkey," Rice and Gates wrote.

Daniel Fried, assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian affairs, added to the alarm in March when he told Lantos' committee that Turkey could respond to a genocide bill by blocking U.S. access to Incirlik air base, a transit point in southeastern Turkey for nearly three-quarters of all military cargo headed for Iraq.

But some legislators see the administration's warnings as misapplied fear-mongering.

"You can essentially sum up the argument against recognition in one word: expediency," said

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., who is author of the House resolution and represents a district with the largest ethnic Armenian population in the country.

"I don't see how we can speak with moral authority on the genocide in Darfur if we're unwilling to speak with clarity about the genocide against the Armenians," Schiff said. "It

cannot be our policy that we'll recognize genocide when it's committed by the politically weak, as in Sudan, but not the politically strong, as in Turkey."

Advocates of the bill add that a negative reaction from Turkey — however dramatic — would not be crippling.

"Each time we discuss this, Turkey has predicted the end of the world, or threatened to cut off all ties," Hamparian said.

But since Turkey refused to let the U.S. use its territory as an entry point into Iraq during the 2003 invasion, he said, American dependence on Turkey has waned.

"Turkey has relationships with the U.S. because it makes sense for Turkey," Hamparian said. "So these doomsday threats are really just threats to punish themselves."

Turkey vehemently rejects the assertion that Armenian deaths during World War I constituted genocide, maintaining instead that those killed — which it numbers at 300,000 — were the unfortunate casualties of widespread war.

Genocide — or lack thereof — is a contentious issue within Turkey. Tension spiked in January with the murder of Hrant Dink, a prominent Turkish-Armenian journalist who had been sentenced to jail under Article 301 of the Turkish penal code, which makes it a crime to insult "Turkishness."

Turkish officials have invoked his death — publicly mourned by Armenians and Turks alike — as a rallying point to call for more academic and historical dialogue between the two ethnic groups. That same call is being echoed by those attempting to stymie debate over the genocide issue in Congress.

But Schiff questioned calls for dialogue from a country that he says is still campaigning to censor parts of the debate. "There's really no denying that the murder of a million and a half Armenians constituted genocide," he said. "Iran is in the business of hosting conferences denying the Holocaust. We shouldn't be in the business of supporting conferences to debate undeniable facts of genocide."

"There's really no denying that the murder of a million and a half Armenians constituted genocide."

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By SAM ORTIZ
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Nothing broken about 'Fracture'



Ryan Gosling interrogates Anthony Hopkins in the thriller "Fracture."

By SAM ORTIZ
Staff Reporter

"If you look close enough, you'll find everyone has a weak spot." This tagline for the film "Fracture" is the most elementary way to explain this thrilling two-hour ride.

When meticulous structural engineer Ted Crawford is found innocent of the attempted murder of his wife, the young district attorney Willy Beachum who is prosecuting him becomes a crusader for justice. "Fracture" is packed with twists and turns that weave in and out of the courtroom as the pair try to outwit each other.

The first noticeable praise for the film is for the impeccable performances. Director Gregory Hoblit ("Primal Fear") left nothing out, going so far as to include an out-standing supporting cast that boasts the talents of Academy Award-nominee David Strathairn ("Good Night, and Good Luck") and Rosamund Pike ("Pride & Prejudice").

Easily the movie's best assets are the legendary Anthony Hopkins and Ryan Gosling. Gosling, with his Academy Award-nominated performance in "Half Nelson," manages to keep up with the stunning Hopkins without so much as breaking a sweat. In fact, Gosling goes so far as to outline every miniscule detail of his character's persona, including even the most mundane — right down to how his character holds

a fork. More excitingly, Gosling's style of understatement might just be one of the more exhilarating things to happen to film in quite a long time.

Chances are, without the fabulous entourage of actors, "Fracture" still would stand a chance at being a box office success. The story itself is complicated, detailed and fantastically put together. It keeps the audience on pins and needles through the entire runtime. When the film was at a point where the viewers believed they understood everything going on and they had it all figured out, the screenwriters had us running to catch up with them in the completely opposite direction. Its attempts at being coy, intelligent and entertaining paid off extremely well.

Watching Hopkins's character (Crawford) engage Gosling (Beauchum) in a sinister game of cat and mouse is worth the price of admission. But, more importantly, watching the two characters bend and twist the plot around to leave us with a fantastic story of infidelity, coercion and lies is worth the \$20 DVD.

It was definitely one of the more enjoyable films of the year, as well as one for which a second viewing would be beneficial rather than bland. You won't regret traveling to the nearest theater to see this one even if you aren't a frequent moviegoer.

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'Hot Fuzz' balances comedy, action

By JOHN BOLLER
Staff Reporter

If you thought "Shaun of the Dead" was good way back in 2004, then "Hot Fuzz" is worth your time.

Director and co-writer Edgar Wright ("Shaun of the Dead") teamed up again with co-writer and actor Simon Pegg and actor Nick Frost (both from "Shaun of the Dead") to give audiences a lot of laughs complemented by action and suspense.

Sgt. Nicholas Angel, played by Pegg, is the best officer in all of London; unfortunately it is not to his advantage. His high achievements in law enforcement continue to make his fellow officers jealous, and his superiors transfer him to the seemingly quiet village of Sandford.

In Sandford, Angel meets his new partner, police officer Danny Butterman (Frost). Even though Angel is far from the big action back in London, he still keeps his eye open for suspicious activity. After George Merchant, the richest and the drunkest man in the village, has an 'accidental' death when the oven in his kitchen explodes, Angel begins to ask

questions. The villagers laugh at Angel when he suggests foul play, and, with no evidence of any, he has only one supporter, Butterman.

Butterman, a big action-movie buff, is a cop who dreams about high-speed car chases, explosions and gun fighting.

Soon after the death of Merchant, two more grisly deaths occur, both of which have Angel convinced of foul play. What entails is pure action in the sleepy town of Sandford.

The film has hilarious characters in the town villagers, great comedy performances from Pegg and Frost and a solid plot and suspenseful story. The only downside to the film, at a running time of more than two hours, is that it seems to drag a few scenes a little too long. However, the film does make sure to keep audiences in the seats with a good constant pace of laughter and action.

If you are in need of a good laugh and some high-octane action, "Hot Fuzz" is the movie for you.

★★★★★



Simon Pegg, left, and Nick Frost get some action in "Hot Fuzz."

No Strings Attached

International guitar festival rocks Dallas

By SAEROM YOO
Staff Reporter

Step into the 214,000 square-foot warehouse and gape at the rows and rows of guitars.

Classical, acoustic, electric, vintage — there more types than the average music lover could ever name. Hear about 30 different guitar melodies simultaneously; all are live. Some come from professional guitarists playing on any of the five stages dispersed throughout the hall, but most are attendees of the world's largest guitar festival experimenting on their potentially new guitars at one of the 800 exhibitors' booths. Blend in with the infinitely diverse group of guitar-lovers and skim the array of guitars, some of which date back to 1923 — when the first electric guitar was made.



(Left) Eric Clapton's red guitar, his Cream guitar case and his favorite guitar nicknamed "Blackie," which has appeared on more album covers than any other guitar, were showcased at Dallas' guitar festival. Next to Blackie is Stevie Ray Vaughan's guitar.

HISTORY

According to the Dallas International Guitar Festival show guide, 30 years ago, the Dallas International Guitar Festival was a humble get-together of guitar dealers and collectors in a small hotel meeting room called Greater Southwest Vintage Guitar Show. About 20 years later, live music came onto the scene, bringing in more people. In 2004, the guitar festival made its way into the Dallas Market Hall, the world's largest privately owned exhibition hall, and enjoys the reputation of being the world's premier guitar show today.

THE CROWD

The demographics of this year's attendees shifted slightly from the more-seasoned Monte Montgomery fans with an appreciation for vintage collectibles to the fresher music-lovers as the festival brought in younger musicians such as Green River Ordinance and Hero Factor. These attractions were brought in through Trivate Entertainment, a managing company responsible for booking younger bands and promoting the festival to the college-age population, said Amy Graziano, a Trivate employee and senior advertising/public relations major.

THE HOLY GRAIL GUITAR EXHIBITION

The Holy Grail, sponsored by PRS Guitars, was a miniature guitar museum, "featuring 60 of the world's most famous guitars and memorabilia," according to the festival Web site. Its attractions ranged from the guitar Jimi Hendrix couldn't buy because he died before making it to southern California to make the purchase, to the first electric guitar ever made, which looked like a cross between a symphonic guitar and a harp; from a million-dollar guitar to Carlos Santana to Eric Clapton's very own guitars on loan from the artists themselves.



This 1958 Gibson with gold hardware is valued at \$1 million. It usually resides in Rolling Hills Estate, Calif.



The 1923 Lloyd Loard electric guitar is the first electric guitar ever made.



Carlos Santana's double guitar is on loan by Santana.

THE MUSIC

Most performances were fairly humble: a small stage, a cluster of plastic fold-out chairs — more than half were empty. Passers-by would stop for a moment to get a taste of the current performer's music; some walked on to find a better suiting stage for their tastes, some sat down with a slight slouch, heads tilted up with alert. These stages in most part showcased one or two guitar players; some also sang and some were accompanied by one or two other

instruments. But one thing was obvious — this festival was meant to highlight and heighten the public's appreciation for guitars and their masters.

The musicians were far from the stereotypical rock star guitarists one might envision at a guitar festival. They blended in pretty well with the rest of the attendees in their button-up shirts and khaki shorts. However, once they got their hands on a guitar, their scurrying fingers immediately demanded

attention and admiration.

One Brazilian duo in particular, Brazilian Greats, attracted listeners through flowing and intricate melodies resembling a waterfall trickling down tier after tier, every note smoothly flowing into the next. Their appearance wasn't eye-catching, as they sat in T-shirts and shorts, and nor were their instruments: acoustic guitars. Their fingers easily and rapidly — almost carelessly — darted down the guitar necks but produced crisp,

clear notes, fully intended and perfect. The melodies are easy and soothing to the ears but as Felipe Nacif and Joao Erbetta said, their virtuosity results from 20 years of practice.

When asked how they spent their days when not playing the guitar, Nacif blankly replied after a moment of silence: "sleep?" Erbetta frankly admitted that he plays "all the time."

"I think people think I'm boring because I play so much," he said.

JARS OF CLAY

As Jars of Clay, the headlining band of the festival took its place on stage, the sun hovered over the horizon, as if waiting for permission to retire. The performance wasn't the typical rock show, where attendees push and shove to get a better view of their favorite musicians. Some stood and swayed to the music by the stage, while others sat on the black hardtop parking lot and listened from a distance. The set was balanced between energetic, interactive sing-alongs and poignant, gentle

sounds. Although Jars of Clay is now a well-known, mainstream band, its performance was in fact a unique one among the many other performances that took place in the market hall Saturday. The spotlight wasn't solely on the guitarist like the others; it was shared by a drummer, keyboardist, vocalist and two guitarists. The sky darkened, and a stimulating light show pulsed with the music as Jars of Clay epitomized the festival's essence with honest, loud and simply good music.



Dan Haseltine, lead vocalist for Jars of Clay, and Matt Odmark, guitarist, closed Saturday night's festival as the headlining band for the Dallas International Guitar Festival.

Mexico City legalizes abortion

By DAVID OVALLE
McClatchy Newspapers

MEXICO CITY — Mexico City's liberal legislative assembly passed a controversial law Tuesday night legalizing abortion during a woman's first 12 weeks of pregnancy, placing the Mexican capital among Cuba and Guyana as the only Latin American and Caribbean locations with unrestricted access to the procedure.

The vote, after a day of fiery debate, was praised by supporters of abortion rights and denounced by opponents.

The vote will dramatically alter the landscape of abortion in Mexico, where most of the 107 million population claims to be Roman Catholic. Mexico City has eight million people, but its surrounding region contains 21 million more, and opponents warned that Mexicans from throughout the country could avail themselves of Mexico City's new legislation.

"It's a huge victory," said Dr. Raffaella Schiavon, the executive director of the women's health advocacy group Ipas Mexico. "It could start a chain of similar initiatives in other Mexican states and be an example for other countries."

The passage also signifies a victory for the country's liberal Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD), which last year lost a narrow, bitterly contested presidential election to the conservative National Action Party (PAN).

Political analyst Armand Peschard-Sverdrup says the legislation's passage will help the left-leaning PRD solidify its appeal. "They're catering to their base,"

Abortion laws in Latin America

Mexico City is expected to legalize abortion though it would not be legal in the rest of the country. Abortion laws in the region:



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said Peschard-Sverdrup, the director of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies' Mexico Project.

The debate over the bill has roiled Mexico for weeks, pitting conservative leaders and the country's Roman Catholic Church, with help from the Vatican, against abortion-rights advocates.

President Felipe Calderon, of the PAN, has opposed the bill, and the party has said it will ask the Mexican Supreme Court to review the law.

Abortion in Mexico was already legal in cases of incest, rape or if a woman's life is in danger. The procedure would remain illegal if done after 13 weeks.

American Muslim unable to return home

By JONATHAN S. LANDAY
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Ethiopia has changed its mind and decided for the time being not to free an American Muslim who was captured trying to flee war-torn Somalia and was held without charges in Kenya and Ethiopia for more than four months, according to an internal U.S. government document.

The latest impediment to Amir Mohamed Meshal's repatriation follows the resolution of an internal U.S. government squabble that had blocked his return. The Bush administration now seeks to bring him back as quickly as possible, officials said.

"The Ethiopians have changed their minds," said an internal U.S. government memo read to McClatchy Newspapers on Tuesday. It gave no reason for the turnaround.

Ethiopia had been expected to release Meshal, 24, of Tinton Falls, N.J., from a secret prison following an April 13 hearing in Addis Ababa at which a military tribunal declined to charge him with a crime, U.S. officials said.

The State Department had made arrangements to fly him home. But it discovered that the FBI had placed Meshal's name on a no-fly list of suspected security threats maintained by the Department of Homeland Security.

Last week, officials from the FBI and the State, Homeland Security and Justice Depart-

ments agreed that Meshal should be removed from the no-fly list and brought back to the United States.

An administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case, said that Ethiopian officials had then told the U.S. Embassy that "administrative procedures" for his release were under way, but that they "would take an indefinite number of days."

"These are internal domestic procedures. They are complex logistical issues that are being worked to get him to the United States," explained the administration official without elaborating.

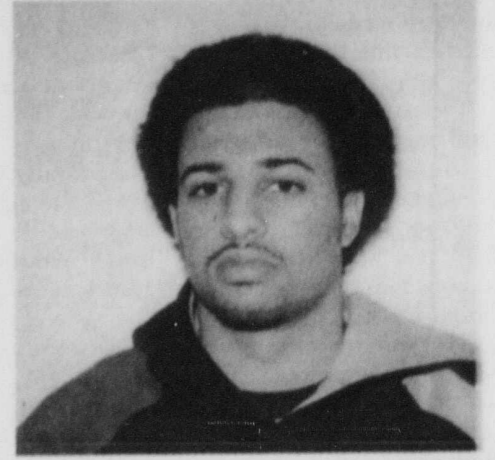
He said U.S. officials were "making every logistical effort that needs to be made to bring this guy back to the United States."

Jonathan Hafetz, a lawyer with the Brennan Center for Justice who's providing legal advice to Meshal's relatives, said in a letter Tuesday to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that the relatives' congressman, Rep. Rush Holt, D-N.J., had informed them on April 19 that Meshal would be home in two days.

The delay in Meshal's release raises "serious concern about his welfare, the United States' commitment to bringing him home and the United States' role in his detention in Ethiopia," said the letter, which was also sent to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

It said that Meshal's family was suffering "tremendous hardship" and called for "immediate action" to obtain his release.

Meshal was among scores of people who were captured in Somalia as they fled toward Kenya in January after a U.S.-backed Ethiopian military offensive toppled a coalition of Islamic militias that had seized power last summer.



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An American citizen of Somali extraction, arrested after the brief U.S.-supported Ethiopian intervention in Somalia, Amir Meshal languishes in an Ethiopian jail because U.S. officials were unable to stop Kenyan authorities from deporting him in the middle of the night.

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Tuesday's Solutions

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See Thursday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

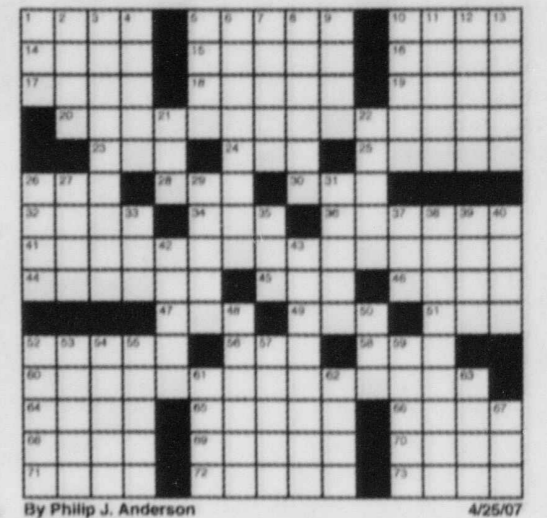
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By Philip J. Anderson
 Portland, OR 4/25/07

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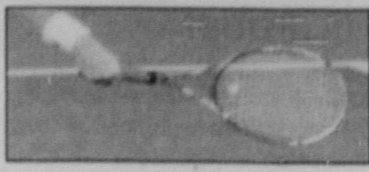
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SWING AWAY

Young batter rivals Big 12 veterans

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Sports Editor

Roll the tarp back and put fresh chalk on the base paths.

Although Tuesday night's nonconference contest was postponed, a mid-week ballgame will take place at Lupton Stadium.

A week ago, the No. 27 Horned Frogs baseball team had a taste of sweet revenge against the Oklahoma Sooners in a battle of top-30 teams.

Tonight, the Horned Frogs will try to bring the season record against teams in the Big 12 Conference to an even .500 in a game against the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

The last time that these two teams faced each other, the Red Raiders came out victorious in a 4-1 win over the Horned Frogs, whose bats were essentially held silent throughout the game. One of the only bright moments that shone during that game was sophomore Matt Vern's inside-the-park home run.

Since that game, Vern has become a plague to Big 12



Sophomore Matt Vern prepares to face a UC-Santa Barbara pitcher March 31. The Frogs will face the Texas Tech Red Raiders tonight. The Red Raiders won 4-1 during the last TCU-Texas Tech matchup.

through pitching, and he is leading the Horned Frogs in every major offensive category against the big boys from Texas and Oklahoma.

The past two meetings against Big 12 competition have ended in TCU's favor with the Horned Frogs' (30-10, 12-2) offense coming alive against the Baylor Bears during a 6-3 victory April 10, and in an 11-3 shelling of the Sooners just one week later. During the

win against the Sooners, the Horned Frogs managed to pound out five doubles helping erase the memory of the 13-5 loss that came April 3.

The Red Raiders (25-17, 7-10) are averaging 4.35 runs per game during conference play, and the team has the worst ERA in the Big 12 giving hope to a Horned Frog offense that is pushing almost eight runs across the plate each game.

Whether a win tonight will impact rank is not of importance, head coach Jim Schlossnagle said.

"It depends on how the other schools across the country play," Schlossnagle said.

Although the home winning streak was silenced by the BYU Cougars last weekend, the Horned Frogs still have a 17-1 record while playing on the manicured grounds of Williams-Reilly Field during the 2007 season.

Following the Texas Tech game, the Horned Frogs will have one more game against a Big-12 team when they face the Baylor Bears for the second time this season.

BIG BATS VS. BIG 12

	AVG	Hits	Runs	RBI	SLG
Matt Vern	.353	6	4	6	.647
Clint Arnold	.307	4	1	3	.384
Steven Trout	.285	6	3	1	.333
Austin Adams	.200	4	2	3	.400

'Character issues' in draft

By ALAN SCHMADTKE
The Orlando Sentinel

Digging up dirt on people hardly is a new concept. The question is what to do with it.

In the NFL, some answers are coming soon.

The NFL stages its annual draft next Saturday and Sunday. Some of the same team executives and coaches who applauded NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's recent crackdown on bad boys Adam "Pacman" Jones and Chris Henry will get the chance to attach actions to their public relations.

Last week, three more highly rated prospects publicly entered the muck when it was revealed that Georgia Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson, Clemson defensive end Gaines Adams and Louisville defensive tackle Amobi Okoye admitted to smoking marijuana while in college. All three are considered early first-round picks.

This year's group of prospects with "character issues" is set to enter the league in the wake of Goodell's ratcheting up of the league's personal-conduct policy. Is this the year police paperwork weighs more than stat sheets? Is this the draft where teams really do pay attention to character?

"You know talented players help you win, but immature players can help you lose," Kansas City coach Herman Edwards said. "It's not only young guys but veteran guys, too. . . . Nothing good happens after 12 o'clock."

Good, bad or indifferent, a team will draft Lynch. And Meriweather. And Thomas. Ditto Johnson, Adams and Okoye. Draft history suggests when players are young, talent is the

consistent trump card. That doesn't prevent teams from wanting to know how much character some prospects actually have.

"You gather information; you share information," Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio said. "I don't know that it's changed a whole lot, other than there's more information being gathered. You spend more time researching the background, the character backgrounds. . . . You really spend more time trying to make sure your checklist is complete."

Over the past two weeks, teams invited likely first- and second-round picks to their cities for detailed interviews. All topics are on the table.

"A lot of the questions are pretty blunt: 'Do you do drugs? If you get in a fight with a teammate or your girlfriend, how do you handle that,'" Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn told The Record of Hackensack, N.J.

The stakes have been raised. Changes to the NFL's personal-conduct policy, announced April 10, effectively alter the consequences of making poor picks on draft day. Players who encounter legal woes are increasingly likely to miss game time. And for the first time, teams are going to be held accountable for repeated misdeeds of their players and their front-office personnel.

"The teams that have been winning Super Bowls the last three, four, five years have been clean off the field," NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock said. "New England, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis — they have drafted well and been clean and won. The NFL is a copy-cat league."

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