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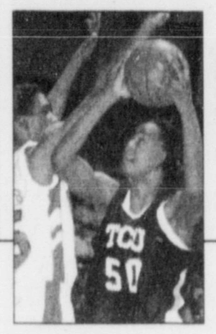

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Bush outlines second term

Bush sketches term-two agenda: pressing anti-terror war, seeking tax overhaul, Social Security changes.

By JENNIFER LOVEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A minority president no more, President Bush sketched a second-term agenda Thursday that includes fighting the worldwide war on terror while seeking tax and Social Security reform.

"I earned capital in the campaign-political capital- and now I intend to spend it," he said at a news conference 24 hours after securing his second term.

Bush also pledged to pursue the foreign policy that was a flashpoint in the presidential campaign and has sparked criticism from some American allies in Europe.

"There is a certain attitude in the world by some that says that it's a waste of time to try to promote free societies in parts of the world," Bush said, a reference to Iraq in particular. "I've heard that criticism."

"Remember, I went to London to talk about our vision of spreading freedom throughout the greater Middle East and I fully understand that that might rankle some and be viewed by some as folly."

When a reporter told the president that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had died, Bush said he intended to "contin-

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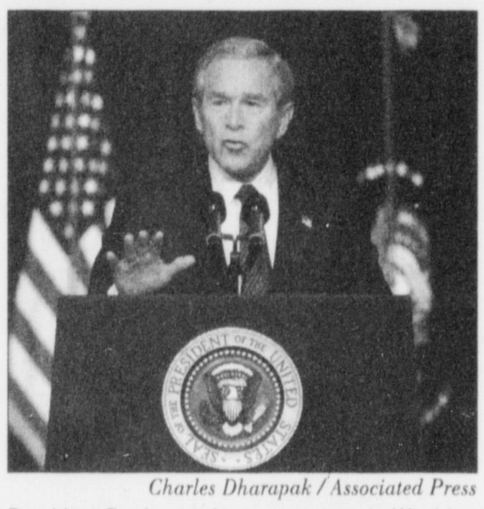

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President Bush speaks to reporters in Washing ton, Thursday, at his first news conference following his re-election.

Committee looks over campus life

Student representatives came together to propose ways to make campus living more enjoyable.

By SHAWN FINER
Staff Reporter

The Board of Trustees Student Relations Committee met with Intercom, a group consisting of heads of major campus organizations, Thursday to propose ways for better funding, diversity and leadership development among residential life on campus.

The committee consisted of 11 student organization presidents and various members of the Board of Trustees.

Jay Zeidman, Student Government Association president, said the university's goal is to improve student life and the TCU experience.

"We need to make TCU feel like home ... and create a sense of community," Zeidman said.

Lauren Love, Residence Hall Association president, said there are 11 residence halls and approximately 3,000 students who live on campus. She said the budget for RHA is $5,268 for all of its events and operations.

Ryan Motter, Interfaith Council president, said residential assistants must have seven events for their resident hall wing.

"Each RA has a budget of $200 which is $29 for each program and only 75 cents per student," Motter said.

Motter referred to this issue as "fiscal inability." He said more funding could possibly get more residents to come to programs put on by the RAs.

Motter said he wants to get students more involved with programs for reasons other than because food will be present.

Cynthia Montes, Intercultural Council president, said diversity on campus has become better but still needs to be addressed.

"The university needs to be commended for promoting diversity on campus," Montes said.

Montes said TCU should establish a mandatory training program for faculty and staff to better deal with diversity among students. She said the university should try and make the faculty more diverse.

"Only then can we produce individuals to work and function in a global society," she said.

Greg Beauchamp, Honors Program president, said the university needs to implement a leadership transition program that focuses on encouraging new students to become involved in campus leadership early in their college experience.

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Stephen Spillman / Photo Editor
The Board of Trustees Student Relations Committee discussed residential issues Thursday afternoon in the Student Center.

Café awarded for creative innovation

By SAMANTHA SUTTLE
Staff Reporter

The Jazzman's Café staff has something to be proud of. Jazzman's was recently named a 2004 HOT CONCEPTS! winner, an award sponsored by Nation's Restaurant News and Tyson's Food Inc.

The award is given to restaurants that exhibit an innovative restaurant concept, demonstrate large growth potential and "have the ability to fire up appetites across the country," according to a letter from Sodexho USA's Retail Brand Group.

Jazzman's Café is a bakery-café concept conceived by The Wood Co., a food management firm located in Allentown, Pa., according to an article published in the May issue of Nation's Restaurant News. The Café, with more than 100 locations on college campuses, hospitals and large corporations nationwide, sells sandwiches, signature salads, baked goods and coffee.

Sonia Hernandez, the supervisor of Jazzman's Café, said the Jazzman's concept has been compared to restaurants like The Cheesecake Factory and Einstein Bros. Bagels. Hernandez said being compared to restaurants like those is really exciting.

Rick Flores, general manager for Dining Services, said Dining Services was presented with a plaque that is now on display in Jazzman's Café.

Tina Gordon, a Sodexho retail manager, said each employee was also given a plaque.

"They were the ones that made it happen," she said.

Gordon said she was proud Jazzman's was a HOT CONCEPTS!

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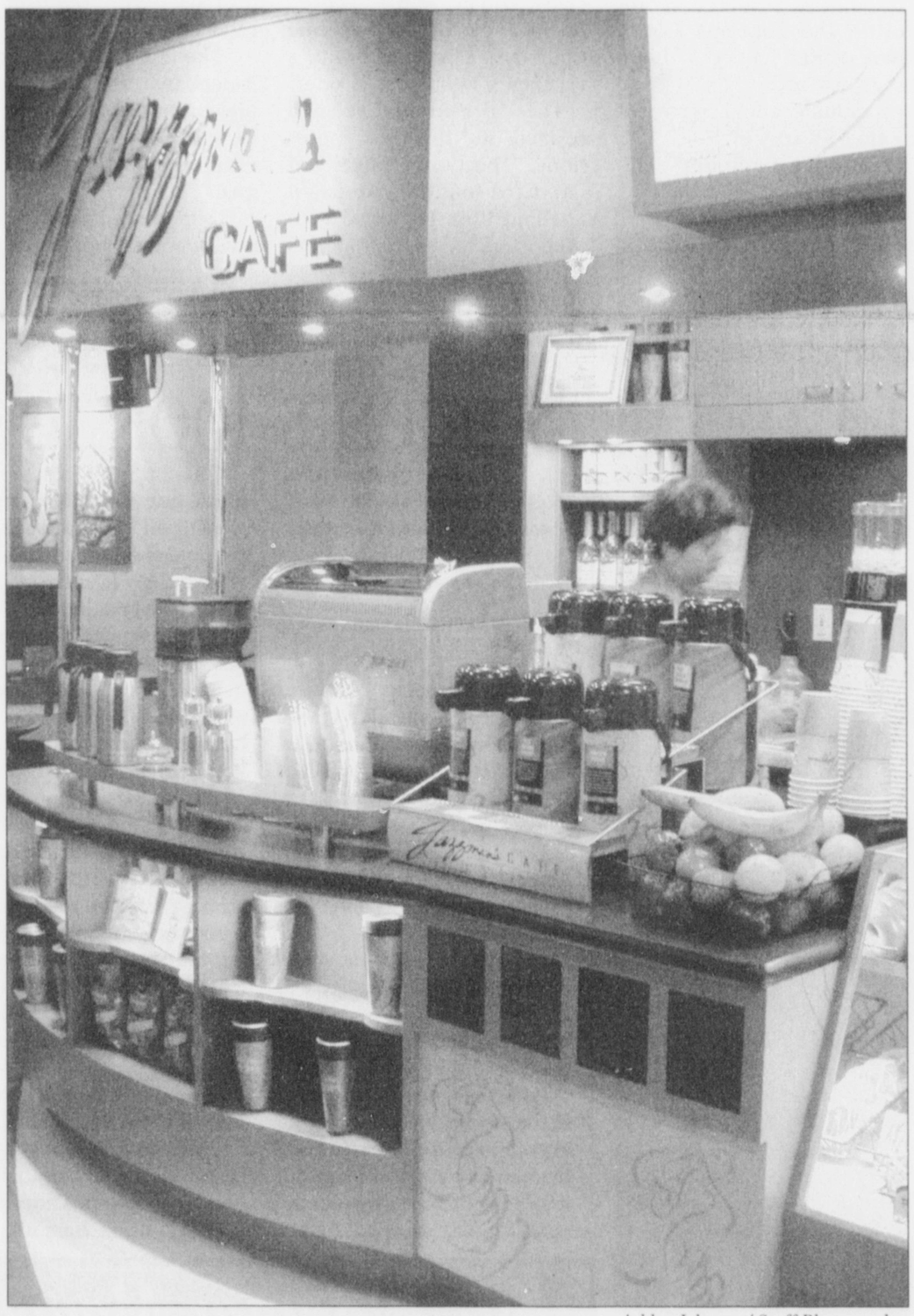

Ashley Johnson / Staff Photographer
Jazzman's Café, in the basement of Tucker Technology Center, was a 2004 HOT CONCEPTS! award winner.

Schieffer speaks today on election, new book

TCU graduate and moderator of the third presidential debate returns to campus to speak.

By CHRISTINE WILSON
Staff Reporter

Bob Schieffer, chief Washington correspondent for CBS, will speak on the third presidential debate and election at the AddRan College Board of Visitors luncheon today.

Schieffer and his wife, Pat, are both TCU graduates.

"He's very loyal to TCU," said Phil Record, journalism professional in residence. "He'll come down and help whenever he can."

Record, a longtime friend of Schieffer's, will introduce him at the event. The two became friends when working at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"We talk back and forth almost every week," Record said. "I helped him with research on his book 'This Just In,' which is a journalistic autobiography."

Schieffer, moderator of the third presidential debate in October and host of the show "Face the Nation," is also promoting his new book "Face the Nation: My Favorite Stories from the First 50 Years of the Award-Winning News Broadcast."

Schieffer

The event is sponsored by the AddRan College Board of Visitors, each of whom is asked to buy a table, said Mary Volcansek, dean of the AddRan College. The event is invitation only and about 260 students, faculty and members of the Board of Trustees are expected to attend.

Local youths sample university experience

Fourth-graders get an idea of what college is like through the mini-university program.

By PAMELA BAILEY
Staff Reporter

The School of Education's fifth annual mini-university program will be held Saturday with a collaborative effort from the science, math, engineering and education departments.

Janet Kelly is an associate professor in the School of Education and the director of the School of Education's Institute of Math, Science and Technology Education, which hosts the event.

The mini-university program provides workshops in science and math to local fourth-graders here on the campus.

"It's not just education students, but math, science and engineering students as well putting on these workshops and presentations," Kelly said. "We also have in-service teachers presenting workshops, which gives them some experience."

Kelly said the fourth-graders get to have a real university experience. TCU students and in-service teachers also get real-life experience in a classroom setting, Kelly said.

Kelly said part of the funding for the program came from the Sid Richardson Foundation.

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> **Rob Loar**
> *Sophomore biochemistry major*

The workshop focuses on science and math because, according to a nationwide study, students appear to lose interest in science and math after the third grade, Kelly said.

Samuel Deitz, dean of the School of Education, said the primary goal is to help fourth-graders regain an interest in science and math.

Deitz said the cooperation of the science and engineering departments, along with education students, has been the key.

"It started as something very small and now the program has hundreds of fourth-graders in attendance," Deitz said.

Each fourth-grade student will attend three 50-minute workshops from 9 a.m. to noon in the Sid Richardson Building, Winton-Scott Hall, Tucker Technology Center and other academic buildings.

There will also be TCU student escorts to make sure the students are in the correct buildings.

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Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

- The Student Body Officer Election is Nov. 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. To vote, visit (http://my.tcu.edu). Contact Whitney Grey at w.k.grey@tcu.edu for more information.
- The Health Center Web site offers new topics each month about current health issues. "The Flu Review" gives ways to stay healthy during the flu season, what to do if you become ill and the difference between having a cold or the flu. Also, this is National Diabetes Month — find out if you are at risk and how to prevent Type 2 Diabetes.
- Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, will speak on campus at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 in Smith Entrepreneurs Hall.
- Do you want to be a Resident Assistant? Applications are available online at (http://www.rlh.tcu.edu/raselection.HTM) for Spring 2005 openings. Information on job qualifications are on the Web site, or for more information, please go to the office of Residential Services in Student Center 223 or call x7865.
- "Run Away," a religious thriller, will be shooting in and around Dallas prior to Christmas. Looking for experienced actors or those who aspire to become such. Send headshot, resume and film reel to Intrinsic Value Films, Attn: Marshall Mills, 666 West End Avenue, Suite 17E, New York, NY, 10025.

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winner. She said she loves the laid-back atmosphere and enjoys the background music played in the Café.

"Jazzman's is never very crowded, so it is a good place for students to study," Gordon said.

Flores said he thinks Jazzman's earned this award because the Café offers a certain atmosphere and a true sense of community.

Flores said he appreciates Jazzman's creative promotions. He said Jazzman's Café sells compact discs of the music they play, a marketing idea that Starbucks has since introduced in many of its stores.

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The fourth-grade students "pre-registered" for their classes on a computer system. The classes include "Kitchen Science: Mixing the Unmixables," "Magic Madness" and "Water Works."

Rob Loar, a sophomore biochemistry major, said he heard about the event from a graduate teaching assistant and decided to help her present "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, Who has the Sweetest Voice of Them All?"

"I thought it would be neat to teach children something they may not have known," Loar said. "Teaching kids makes science more fun."

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Beauchamp said mentors could teach younger student leaders about conflict resolution and empowering all students in campus involvement and leadership.

"It's about cultivating students not just in the classroom," he said.

The school needs to put forth more funding to bring in renowned individuals to talk to students, Beauchamp said. This helps student leadership as well as getting the school's name out to the academic world, he said.

Sebastian Moleski, vice president of Programming Council, proposed a university calendar encompassing all organization events to create more campus involvement and for students to know what is going on daily.

Moleski said if students and organizations know what is happening on campus, then more students can get involved in events.

Zeidman said students are participating at record numbers this year, but he would like to see even more.

"We want solid, sound events where students will come and get something out of it," Zeidman said. "Students need to be excited about being on campus."

Zeidman said he wants the university to push students to have a voice.

"Student concerns have elevated from parking and food to complaints about the library," he said. "This is a good sign because it shows students are more involved with things on campus."

Moleski said all of these issues must be addressed.

"These are important items to apply if we want to move forward," he said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he was pleased with the presentation.

Mills said the student presenters voiced issues of quality, such as student life on campus, rather than quantity, like parking space availability.

"They really got the essence of college life," he said.

Laura Miller, Students Relations Committee chairwoman, said she is proud of how hard the students have worked.

"I appreciate the efforts of these students," she said. "They are doing a good job in representing the rest of the student body."

Mills also briefly discussed a new core curriculum that has been approved and will go into effect next fall, as well as the construction of apartments along Berry Street that will begin in December.

BUSH

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ue to work for a free Palestinian state that's at peace with Israel." Later reports said that Arafat, in a coma in Paris, was still alive.

Bush sidestepped questions about changes in his Cabinet and potential vacancies in the Supreme Court, where Chief Justice William Rehnquist recently disclosed he was undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer.

"I haven't made any decisions on the Cabinet yet," Bush said. Nor about his top staff, he added. Changes are widely expected in both, and senior aides said Attorney General John Ashcroft was likely to submit his resignation before Bush's inauguration for a second term on Jan. 20.

As for the nation's highest court, Bush said, "There's no vacancy for the Supreme Court and I will deal with a vacancy when there is one."

The president seemed relaxed as he took questions, the uncertainty of a hard-fought campaign behind him. He joked with reporters at several points and asked for a show of hands on how many of them would stay in their jobs while he remained in his.

Bush fielded questions after securing re-election in a campaign framed by the war in Iraq and economic issues at home. Nearly complete returns gave him 51 percent of the popular vote.

For the second straight day, he pledged to reach out to those who opposed his re-election.

"The campaign over, Americans are expecting a bipartisan effort and results," he said. "I will reach out to every one who shares our goals."

"Democrats want a free and peaceful world," he said at one point.

He opened his first post-election news conference by prodding the lame duck Congress that meets later this month to send him an overdue spending bill while keeping deficit concerns in mind. He also called for approval of legislation to overhaul the nation's intelligence apparatus to help protect against another attack.

He sidestepped a question about the cost of the war in Iraq, saying his administration would present Congress with a "realistic assessment" of the funding that is needed. Congressional aides have said the administration is likely to ask lawmakers for an additional $75 billion to pay for military costs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Students look for housing

ISA searches for accommodations for those staying in Texas over the semester break.

By NATALIE MATTERN
Staff Reporter

Many students look forward to being at home during the Winter Break, but some international students who will not be flying home do not know where they can stay.

The International Student Association is looking for off-campus housing because residential halls close Dec. 18.

Roger Fisher, director of residential services, said they will not offer housing during Christmas break because too few students said they needed it.

Fisher said he sent an e-mail in the summer to all incoming international freshman inviting them to live in Brachman Hall if they needed housing over the break, but got no response.

"We can't afford to keep all the dorms open, and our staff wants to go home for Christmas," Fisher said.

ISA and Student Government Association sent out a survey in September and 24 students responded saying they needed housing during the break, ISA President Telma Sevilla said.

She said the number could change if students have financial troubles or problems preventing them from traveling home.

Another survey will be sent out next week to get an accurate count of students who need housing, said Sevilla, a junior marketing and management major.

Sevilla said she will be working with SGA and Campus Life on a proposal for Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, for finding off-campus housing for this year and in the future.

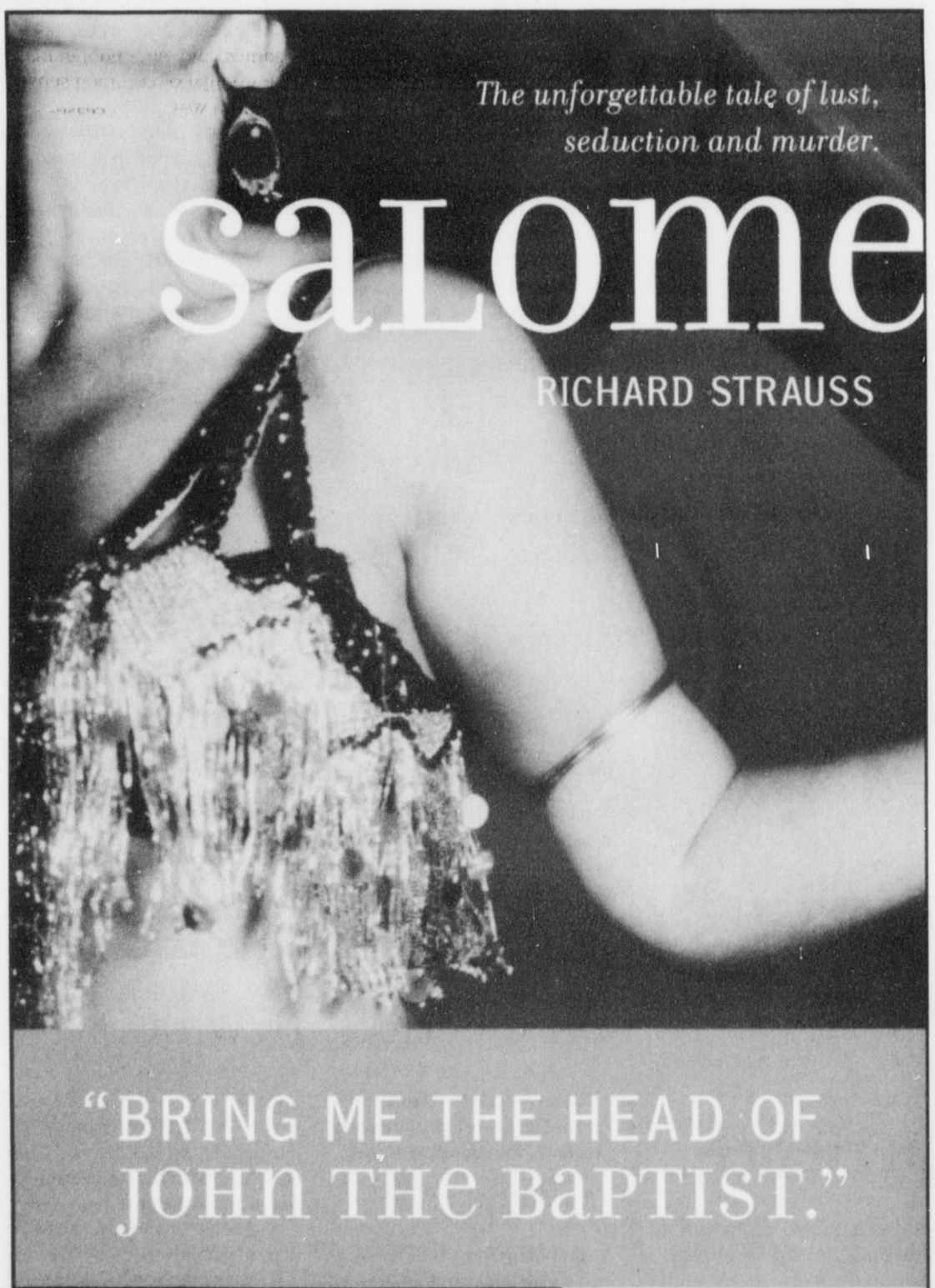
Sevilla said another option for these students is staying with a host family. However, some students might feel out of place, Sevilla said.

Meghana Mathew, a freshman accounting and finance major, said host families serve mainly as a support system for international students.

"If I was to spend Christmas with them I wouldn't feel comfortable," Mathew said. "A lot of students feel they are going to be intruding on someone else's festivities."

Mathew, originally from India, said many international students assume there is a system set up to ensure housing over breaks.

Some universities, such as Baylor University and Southern Methodist University, offer parts of campus for students needing winter housing, Mathew said.



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Team America World Police R- 12:15, 2:35, 5:10, 7:30, 10:10
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***The Incredibles PG-** 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45, midnight

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Skiff View

Students need more than signs

Voters still in dark as SGA elections approach

Student Government Association elections are coming up and we've all noticed the colorful signs that have flooded campus walkways.

We like the interest toward politics, but the candidates are going at it the wrong way.

After several months of pointless presidential campaign advertisements that told us nothing, we're now getting a lot of colorful posters that tell us nothing.

"Vote for (name)" is all we get, along with what is presumably the candidates' favorite neon color. What does that tell us about the candidate? What does it tell us about his or her goals for their term? Why should we choose one candidate instead of his or her opponent?

These signs tell us nothing. We just learn their name and sometimes we learn what they look like. We'd like to think collegiate elections have evolved beyond a simple popularity contest.

If these candidates want to be taken seriously, they must take the race seriously. Political events like SGA's scheduled debates are a step in the right direction.

But 200 neon signs that tell us nothing about the candidate is something out of elementary school. That kind of stuff needs to be sitting in the Starpoint lawn, not on a college campus.

So thanks for giving us something to look at while we walk to class, but let's try to put a little thought into this stuff next time.

Your View

Letters to the Editor

Bush should tap oil reserves

After the 1973-74 oil embargo, a Strategic Petroleum Reserve was established to protect against future crises. The reserve was placed on the Gulf of Mexico and consisted of a number of gigantic salt caves. The science behind drilling a hole 2,000 feet into the earth filled with water to dissolve the salt, creating a cavern the Eiffel tower could be dumped into with room to spare, was originally perfected by oil companies along the gulf. The U.S. government bought a few caves from them and then drilled many more, creating a space that now has a capacity of 727 million barrels.

The circumstances in which petroleum can be withdrawn from the reserves are outlined in the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA). For a full drawdown of the reserves, the president must deem there is an energy shortage that would adversely affect either national security or the national economy. However, a limited drawdown of resources may occur if this action would aid in a circumstance in which there is a supply shortage, and thus lessen the effects of the crisis.

President George W. Bush ordered the reserves filled in 2001, and as of this September the reserves were at 669 million barrels. It is on track to be filled by July 2005.

OPEC asked the United States on Oct. 27 to dip further into its reserves. OPEC President Purnomo Yusgiantoro was quoted as saying, "We have asked them (the United States) to use their oil reserves to help cool down the prices."

With gas well above $2 and winter coming, requiring more oil for heating, one must ask why the Bush administration has only loaned oil from the reserves in small amounts. The government should open the reserves more to help families, because heating bills have doubled since several years ago. If the government won't help the prices of fuel, it should help keep us warm.

If the government is confident that everything will be fine, then there should be no hesitation in releasing the reserves. Unless, that is, the government is not confident that it will not need the Strategic Petroleum Reserves later. If the Bush administration wants us to believe everything will return to normal once Mexico and Nigeria get their production on track, and we're not in the early stages of peak oil, it should convey that confidence by aiding its own people.

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Maintain your interest in politics

COMMENTARY

Jason Ratigan

George W. Bush has won a second term for himself this year. Cheers to him, but this is far from over.

The true test will come in six months or three years when we'll see if you are still engaged.

Will you be talking about the economy, education systems or your representative in that time? Do you know who your representative is now? Think about what this election has done to this campus alone. We're talking about important issues to this country and not just to our own lives. There's a whole load of stuff out there that many of us don't know about and instead of discouraging us, it should embolden us to learn even more about it.

Bush (and other Republicans) have the ability, if not the obligation, to prove to those who didn't vote for him that he means what he says and will compromise with the opposition and find some common ground. The mark of a true leader is how he or she deals with victory, and this is a resounding victory to Republicans.

Bush has nothing to worry about from the Democrats for the next two years at least. In that time, he can make whatever political moves he wishes, and I'm eager to see what they are. He has the ability to get important things done, even if they're unpopular. It's not like he's worrying about re-election. He has the ability to take enormous strides in stem-cell research, minimum wage, health care, education and foreign policy.

> "In an election, you take a side that is closest to your own and that leads you to keep quiet on some of the big issues that you disagree with."

The test is if he takes advantage of those without fear. The test is in Sudan, South Korea and Iran, all of which he can pass. But it's not just Bush. Every single one of us is obligated to make sure the voice of the people is heard. The people are us.

In an election, you take the side that is closest to your own and that leads you to keep quiet on some of the big issues that you disagree with.

The election is over; the work for the next four years has just begun and the time to voice your opinions is now. What will you do to ensure democracy to the next generation of students that study here at TCU and around the country?

Jason Ratigan is a sophomore history major from Keller.

University needs improved connection

COMMENTARY

Brian Wooddell

Has anyone else noticed a slower Internet connection on campus this year?

I sent an e-mail to Information Services complaining about my connection dropping while using AOL Instant Messenger. The application would stay connected for about 15 minutes before falling into a semi-connected state. I could still see my buddies, but I could not communicate with them. Only after restarting the application would it work, but only for another 15 minute period.

Their response? It's my fault. Apparently my lightning-fast PowerBook G4, which hasn't changed configurations for the last two school years and is connected to a network that has not dramatically increased in size or decreased in bandwidth, is the issue.

So why do all three of my roommates, as well as other students, have the same problem?

Almost like church bells, I hear the chiming tones of re-connection echo throughout my apartment almost every day.

When I'm watching from the Skiff office or an off-campus location, I see scores of TCU students drop at the same time.

I've discussed this problem with many of my friends and all of them have complained about the exact same thing. We can't watch movie trailers, we can't download necessities like software updates (which TCU encourages us to download), we can't even efficiently navigate Web sites without frustration.

But I guess Information Services doesn't care about that stuff. According to them, "The network is bonus, it is not requirement that a university provide its student with connectivity in their dorms. There are plenty of computers around campus so we are not entirely sure how the ability to not stream a movie trailer ... affects your academic life." I guess that rules out radio-TV-film majors.

They went on to say, "The sole purpose of having a network is for educational purposes, which means that if you can get to the library home page and do a Google search then we are happy."

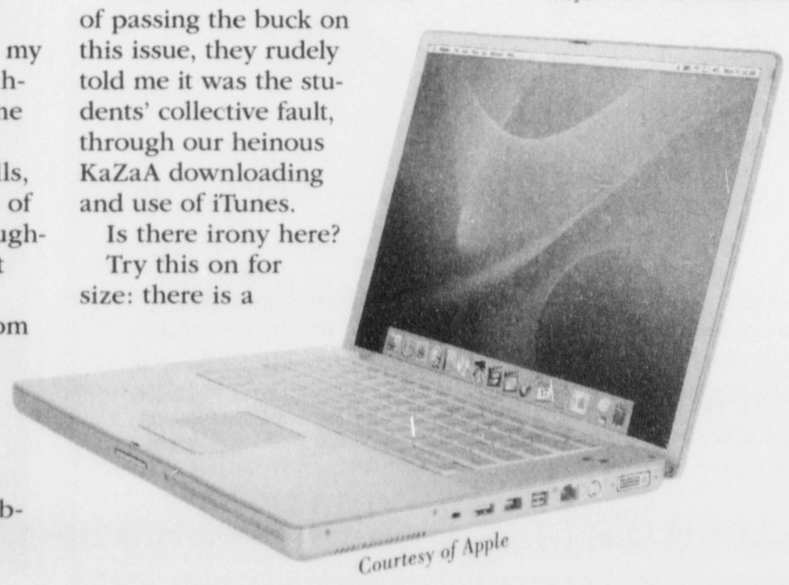
And when I accused them of passing the buck on this issue, they rudely told me it was the students' collective fault, through our heinous KaZaA downloading and use of iTunes.

Is there irony here?

Try this on for size: there is a major push by the chancellor and his administration to get about 65 percent of students to live on campus within the next decade. The only way to do that is to provide students with the same or better services than they can obtain elsewhere. High-speed Internet, for this generation, is a major selling point for an off-campus dwelling and students will flock to wherever they can connect the fastest and stay connected the longest.

The Internet can be an amazing tool. It can connect people and increase campus diversity. It can give students access to whole other worlds. But it can only happen if the connection is properly maintained. Those who work for Information Services should listen to students' problems and find solutions, not excuses.

Visual Editor Brian Wooddell is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from The Woodlands.



Courtesy of Apple

Nintendo apologizes with free games

COMMENTARY
Jonathan Titchenal

I'd like to believe in the legal system. I'd like to believe the purpose of the lawyer is to assist me in obtaining justice. When I go to bed at night, I want to do so with an easy mind, knowing as I do that if a crazed maniac breaks into my apartment and I beat him unconscious with a tire iron, I will not go to jail for doing so.

It comes as a blow, therefore, when I find companies I previously viewed with respect and at least some admiration have been using this sacred trust between citizen and lawmaker to bludgeon innocent Web sites about the head and face. I am speaking, of course, about the recent incident between Suicide Girls and Nintendo.

For those who don't know, Suicide Girls is a Web site where, yes, people take their clothes off. It's gained quite a reputation for being one of the best Web sites where people take their clothes off, and just recently, it's been given some free publicity by Nintendo, makers of such fine games as Super Mario Bros. and Metroid. It seems a member of the Suicide Girls Web site mentioned in his personal profile that he liked a couple of Nintendo games, and Nintendo, in blatant denial of common sense, sent the Web site a cease-and-desist order, claiming "unauthorized use of Nintendo trademark works."

If that were true, does it mean if I own and use a Nintendo product, and Nintendo decides I'm doing things it doesn't like — hopefully not taking off my clothes for money — it could force me to cease and desist making unauthorized use of its trademarks? If I tell my buddy I enjoy an ice-cold Coca-Cola on hot days, can I be sued?

The only saving grace in this tale of stupidity comes from the fact that, not so long after, someone in Nintendo who did not have the IQ of hanging beef realized how stupid this was, and the company sent out an e-mail apologizing for the incident and offered a free Nintendo system to both the Web site and the unlucky guy whose post got spotted.

This is comforting, but only a little. Was the original letter part of some massive search program that looks through Web sites for use of the word "Zelda" and sends them cease-or-desist letters? Or was there someone actually at the board who decided it would be a good idea? I prefer to believe the letter was some desperate attempt at covering up. I can just imagine the guy at the terminal ogling people with no clothes on, and — to his horror — discovering his boss standing behind him.

Boss: "Are you looking at porn on company time?"

Guy: "Uh, no, no of course not! I'm, uh, I'm (clickety-click) — I'm searching this site for illegal use of Nintendo trademarks!"

I still wonder, though, if the company had pushed the matter instead of recognizing it as offensive and silly, would it have worked? I mean, the law is there to work toward justice, right?

Jonathan Titchenal is a columnist for the Daily News at Ball State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

treasurer candidates

Shamaila Malik

Experience and goals are what Shamaila Malik said help put her one step ahead of opponents.

Malik

"The finance committee makes the ultimate decision when dealing with the funds being allocated, but as treasurer I will facilitate how this happens," said Malik, a sophomore finance and political science major.

Malik, running for SGA treasurer, said one of her goals is to get smaller organizations more recognition and the funding they need and deserve.

"There are a lot of organizations on campus and only a small number of them receive money from SGA," Malik said.

Raising awareness is crucial to achieving this goal, Malik said. It shouldn't always be the large organizations receiving the money, she said.

"She wants every organization to feel important enough to the school to have access to the money available," said Mallory Bolduc, a sophomore political science major.

Malik is a member of organizations including Students for Asian-Indian Cultural Awareness on campus and Metroport Teen Court in Southlake, Texas.

"I know how hard it is for small organizations to get funding," Malik said. "I've been on the other side of the table and I know what it's like."

She said hard deadlines can be difficult for organizations to meet when asking for funds.

"The current system needs to be tweaked a little to give organizations more than one deadline to meet," Malik said.

Malik encourages every student to attend the finance meetings and get their voices heard.

"There's a lot of money in the reserve that is not being used and this money needs to be available to every organization, big or small," Malik said.

- Julie Papenfuhs

Sheldon Pearson

Sheldon Pearson, a candidate for the Student Government Association treasurer, said he wants students to know where the money goes.

Pearson

After talking to students, Pearson said he noticed the majority of those he spoke to were not aware of how their fees are distributed.

Pearson, a junior accounting and finance major, said students pay fees to SGA and should know where their money is going and why.

"Most students aren't aware of how their money is spent and I want to change that," Pearson said.

Pearson has recently served on the Finance Committee and has represented students on various other committees throughout his TCU career.

In addition to Residential Concerns, Pearson has served on the Dining Services Committee and the Communication Committee.

Pearson served with Jason Ratigan on the Residential Concerns Committee for Brachman Hall.

Ratigan, a sophomore history major, said Pearson knows how to ask the right questions, understands the issues and prioritizes what needs to be done.

"Sheldon is a highly engaged individual. He'll work to get important stuff done," Ratigan said. "He knows that time must be taken on things that will truly aid the student body."

David Watson, SGA's current treasurer, said there is a significant time commitment that must be accommodated for the position.

Watson said experience in SGA is vital to the position.

Pearson said he listens to students' concerns and presents the issues to committee representatives.

"If there is a concern for a new focus at TCU, I can speak out about it," he said.

- Roxana Latifi

Matt Jacobson

Matt Jacobson said if elected treasurer of Student Government Association, he will make changes to the method SGA uses to distribute money to student organizations.

Jacobson

"Funding for student organizations is simply a sad state of affairs," Jacobson said. "A confusing mix of policies, sources and procedures makes requests for funding a bureaucratic mess."

Earlier deadlines and communication between SGA and student organizations seeking funds needs to be improved, Jacobson said.

"I believe the creation of a Student Activities Committee is in order," Jacobson said.

That committee would be in charge of hearing requests for funding from student organizations, Jacobson said.

Current treasurer David Watson said Jacobson's experience with the SGA Finance Committee gives him insight on how SGA functions, especially when it comes to giving funds to different organizations for projects.

"Matt has had experience working on finance reports and has observed some of the tasks I've done over the year," Watson said.

The new treasurer should be able to look at ways of reforming how SGA gives away money and how they make assignments, Watson said.

SGA adviser Larry Markley said Jacobson has been very active on the finance committee and has been one of the more vocal members. He has also been to every House of Representatives meeting despite not holding an elected position, Markley said.

"I feel that my current leadership positions in combination with my experience on Finance Committee and SGA have prepared me for the position of treasurer," Jacobson said.

-Pamela Bailey

secretary candidate

Jennifer Prus

With hopes of winning the uncontested position of Student Government Association secretary, Jennifer Prus said she plans to strengthen the bond between the student body and student government.

Prus

Prus, a junior early childhood education major from Houston, currently serves as the Chi Omega representative in SGA.

"I think experience is the key to an effective student body officer," Prus said. "I know through Dave Watson's leadership I will be able to serve TCU to the best of my abilities."

Prus said she plans on continuing the Sharing Opinions and Solutions forum created by Corrie Lockhart, the current secretary for SGA.

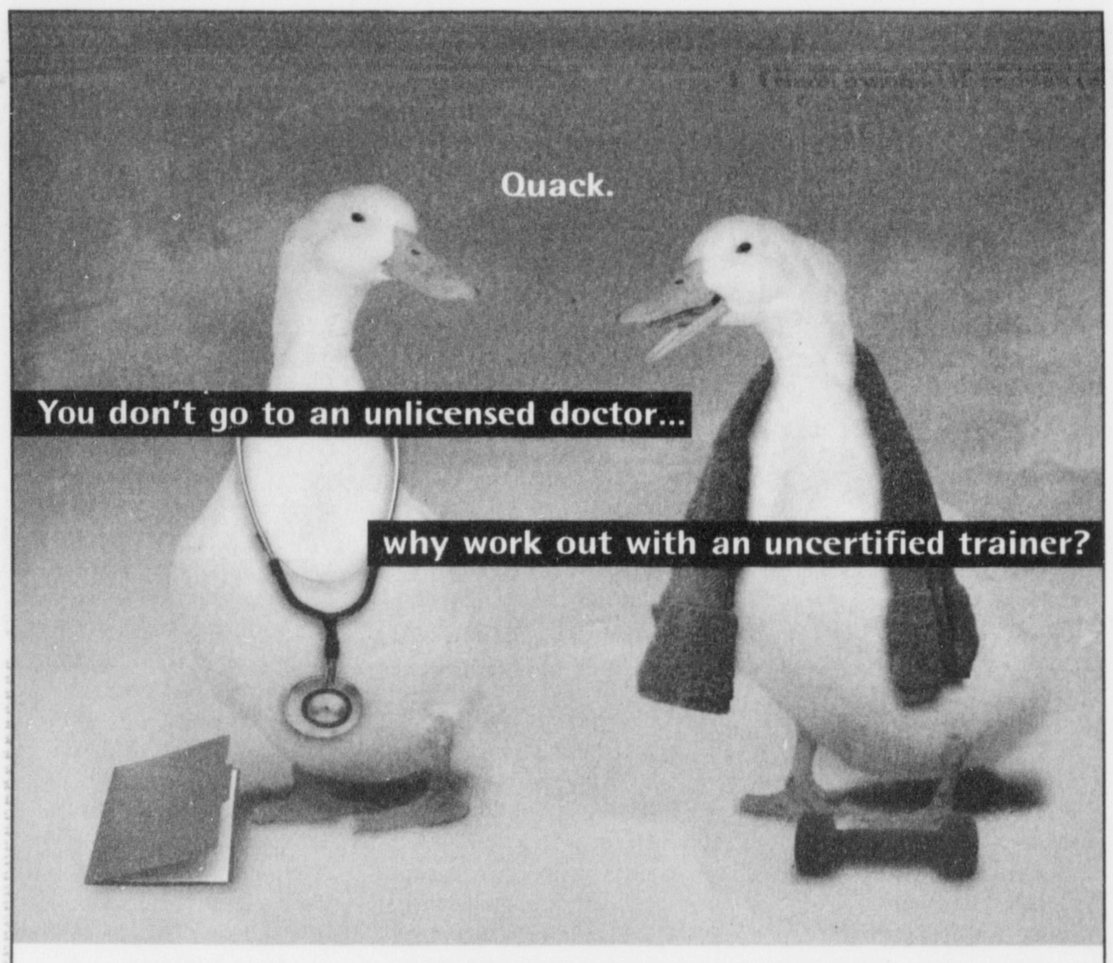
Lockhart, a junior communication studies major, said the SOS forum takes place once a year during the fall semester. The event brings together department heads and administrators such as the chancellor, the vice chancellor of Student Affairs, the director of Campus Life, the TCU Chief of Police and the director of Residential Services.

At the forum, Lockhart said the students can ask officials questions and voice concerns about the campus. They are given the opportunity to fill out comment cards as well. The comment cards are then distributed to the directors of the appropriate departments, she said.

Prus said she plans to continue the speaking tours program throughout the semester. She said she will regularly visit campus organizations' meetings on the walking tours. During her visits, she will brief students on the latest SGA news and tell students how SGA can help them, Prus said.

Prus said as secretary, she will work on improving the advising program. She said she wants to make it more accessible and effective for students.

- Samantha Suttle



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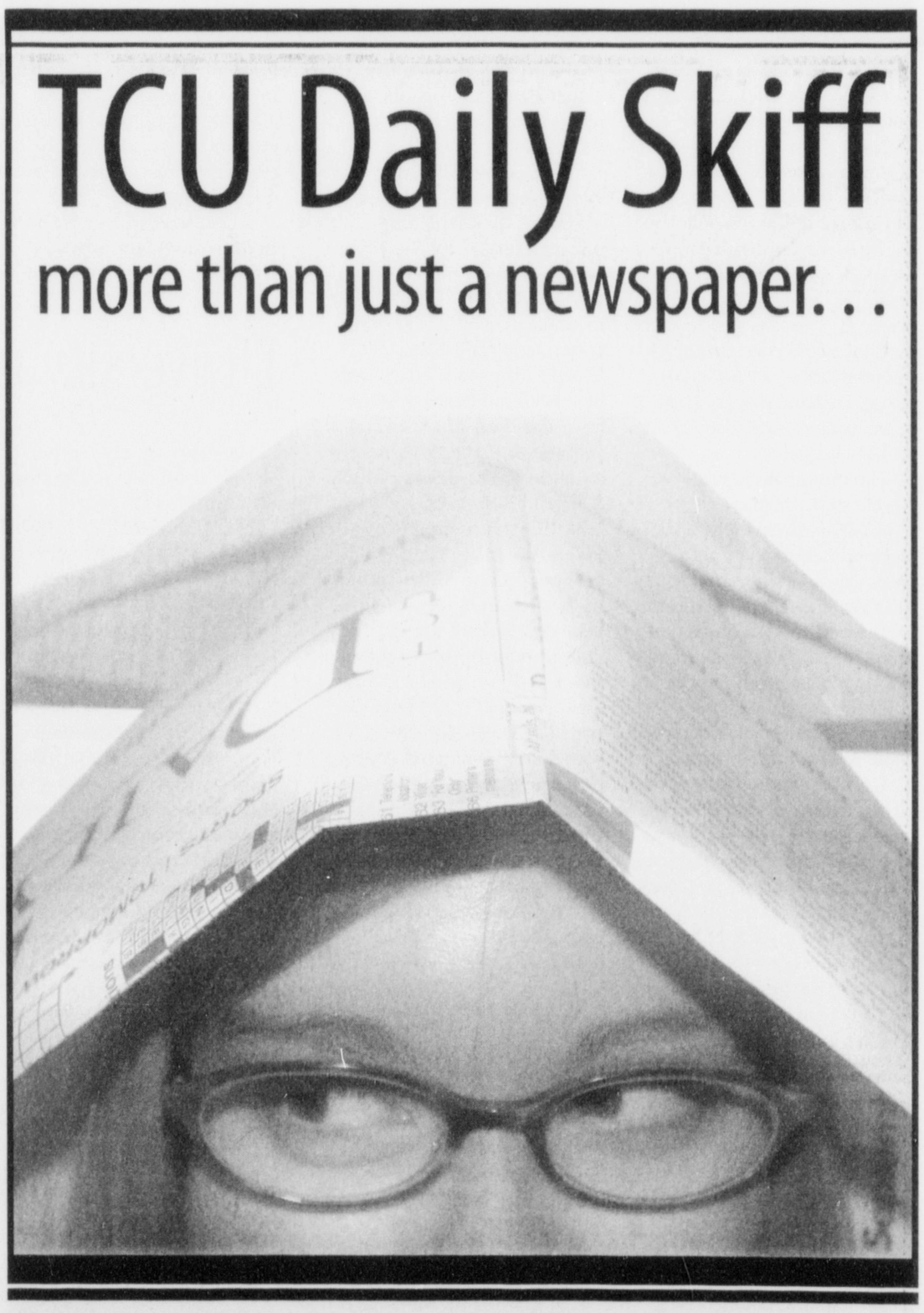

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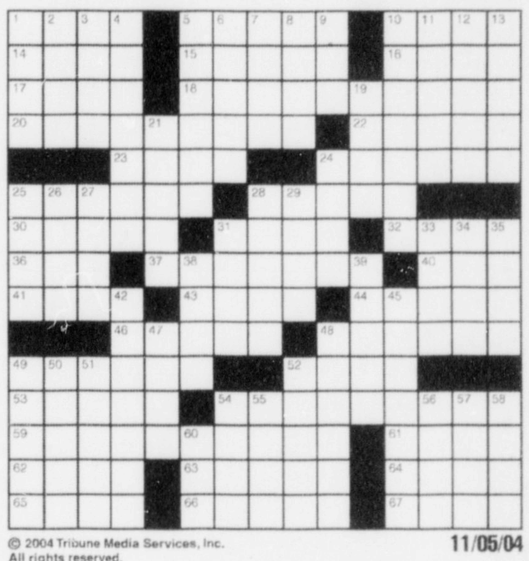

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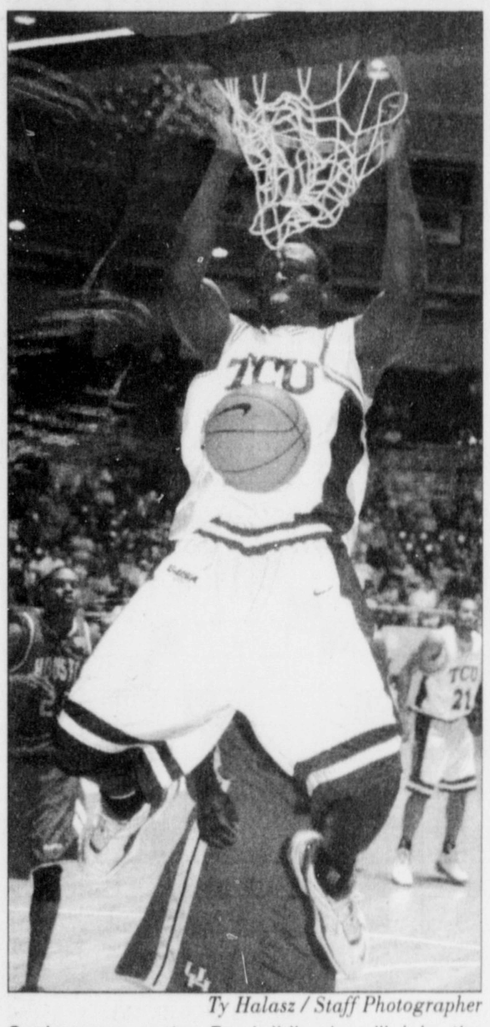


Ty Halasz / Staff Photographer
Sophomore center Femi Ibikunle will join the Frogs in a scrimmage at 7 p.m. Saturday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

This weekend the Horned Frogs get back on the court for a preseason warm-up.

By BRIAN ALLEN
Sports Writer

Time is closing in on the start of the regular season for the Horned Frog basketball teams.

Both the men's and the women's teams will play an exhibition game this weekend in preparation for the regular season. The Lady Frogs will take on TTT Riga from Latvia at 7 p.m. tonight and the men's team will play the Interhoop African All-Stars at 7:05 p.m. Saturday. Both games are at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and admission is free to the public.

The Lady Frogs finished with a 25-7 record and went three rounds into the NCAA Tournament last season.

Women's basketball head coach Jeff Mittie said, "Exhibitions are totally different than practices and they especially benefit our younger players."

Mittie said exhibitions are a time for players to evaluate themselves and see how far along they are in getting ready for the regular season.

The Lady Frogs are a young team with seven freshmen on the roster, yet the team received a 28th ranking in the preseason coaches' poll.

Senior forward Sandora Irvin is the most noticeable returning Lady Frog, partly because she averaged a double-double with 16.8 points and 12.2 last season.

Mittie said Irvin, Niki Newton and Ashley Davis are players that have looked explosive in practices.

Sophomore guard Natasha Lacy said, "We are tired of playing against each other and this exhibition game will give us a chance to see what we need to work on to get ready for our season opener against UCLA."

> "...this exhibition game will give uas a chance to see what we need to work on..."
> **Natasha Lacy**
> *Sophomore guard*

The men's team will go into their exhibition game coming off a 12-17 effort last season.

Seniors represent a big chunk in the Frogs' lineup, but four newcomers will be on the roster this season. They are Nile Murry, Brent Hackett, Neiman Owens and Judson Stubbs.

Men's head basketball coach Neil Dougherty said, " You already know going into the exhibition that you don't have every situation covered yet in terms of practice."

Dougherty said the team is going to be evaluated on effort and substitutions are going to be happening regularly.

Corey Santee, Marcus Shropshire, Chukwudi Chinweze and Femi Ibikunle are the four returning starters from last season. Chinweze and Ibikunle were the top two rebounders on the team last season.

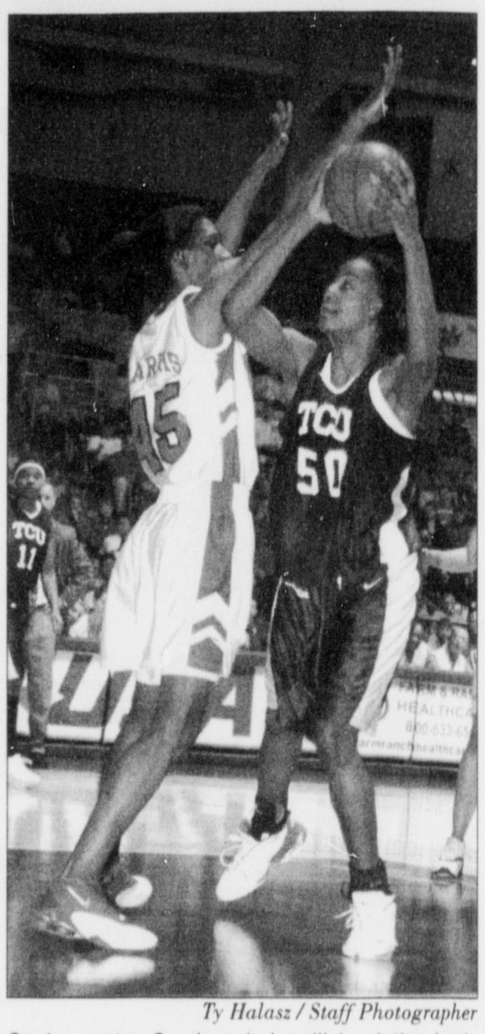
Santee said he might not play in the exhibition game because of the minor surgery he had on his knee last month.

Dougherty said the team is much improved and more physically able this season.

"By an early vote, (senior forward) Marcus Sloan is our most improved player because he understands what we are doing and he is more alert," Dougherty said. "Sloan is a more stronger and capable body this season."

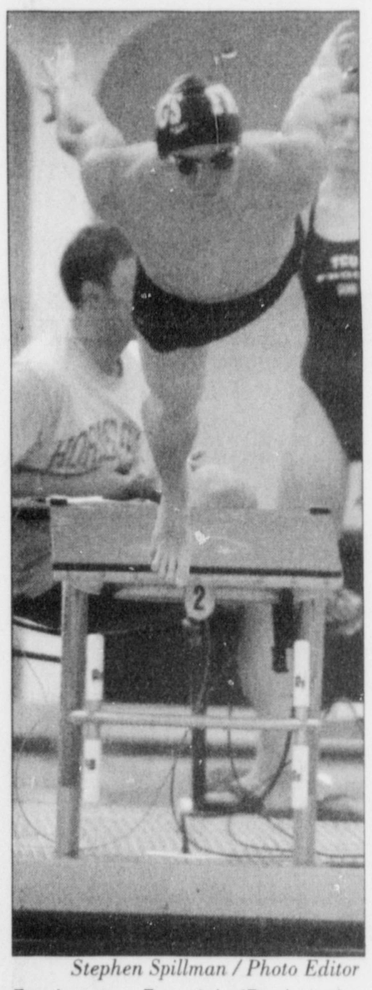
Sloan said, "Scoring inside, rebounding and playing tough defense in the paint is what I'm looking to bring to the team in the exhibition game."

Sloan said he wants to give the team a better chance to win in every way possible.



Ty Halasz / Staff Photographer
Senior center Sandora Irvin will lead the Lady Frogs into action at 7 p.m. today in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

H2O Frogs on roll before weekend meet



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Freshman Freestyle/Backstroke swimmer Jonathon Berrettini competes at the Centenary/McMurry swim meet Oct. 6.

Swimming teams hit the road to take on the Indians.

By DAN MCGRAW
Staff Writer

Inside the University Recreational Swimming Pool, head coach Richard Sybesma has hung a board near the pool that lists the times of individuals on the team next on the H2O Frogs' schedule.

This week, Sybesma added the University of Louisiana at Monroe Indians to that board, who the H2O Frogs will face this weekend, and Sybesma said the tactic is a reminder for the swimmers.

"The times are posted on the board and [Louisiana Monroe] are better than us in over half the events," Sybesma said. "We need to come and put our game faces on."

The men are 2-0 this season and Sybesma said this will be their toughest meet so far.

"They have a talented group of five or six swimmers that are pretty good," Sybesma said. "They can really do some damage if we're not ready for them."

Sybesma said the Horned Frogs are a much better team and he has already spoken to the men about getting mentally prepared for the meet.

Senior swimmer Craig Chapman said, "He just brought up that they were going to be ready to race."

Chapman said he was beat last year in the 200-meter backstroke. This year, he would like to have some revenge but said freshman Jonathon Berrettini would also challenge for top honors in the backstroke event.

Berrettini, who will be racing in his second college meet, said he was really excited and seeing the times has made him eager to face off against the Indians.

"I'm really excited," Berrettini said. "Seeing the times makes me hungry, I want to win."

On the women's side, the H2O Frogs are coming off a duel meet with the University of Houston and also the Rice Invitational. Sybesma said the team performed well in both meets.

"We swam very well this past week, but I think we just ran out of gas," Sybesma said.

The Frogs captured a 156-140 victory over Houston, which was the first conference opponent for many of the new Frogs, and were five points behind Rice, who was currently ranked first in the meet, going into the final round of the swimming.

Freshman Keilah Walker made a quick impression on the Conference USA as she finished second in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5 minutes, 6.50 seconds, which was a six-second improvement on her previous best time.

"She swam awesome," Sybesma said.

Along with Walker, Sybesma said he was impressed at how well Erica Tate swam this past weekend.

"She swam awesome this entire weekend," Sybesma said.

Tate took first place in the 100-meter freestyle against Houston, and she followed it up with a first place in the 50-meter freestyle in the Rice Invitational.

Both teams will face off against Centenary College Saturday after the Louisiana Monroe meet and Sybesma said he would use the meet to change things up.

"We'll race some people in different events to give them a mental break," Sybesma said.

Sports Brief

Coach says players improving

The women's tennis team will be sending players to the National Indoor Championships in Michigan and the ASU Invitational in Tempe, Ariz.

Head coach Dave Borelli said the two players who will be attending the National Indoor Championships, Helena Besovic and Story Tweetie-Yates, are treating this tournament as a reward.

"It's one of the most elite tournaments of the year," Borelli said.

Borelli said he expects the two Frogs to compete well against the top 32 women's tennis players in the entire nation and their focus is on doing the best they can.

Borelli said he looks at this tournament as a stepping stone in the continual pursuit of making a nationally recognized team.

"We are in a process of getting better," Borelli said. "I'd like to keep getting better, the best is yet to come."

Borelli said the most important thing about his young group of players is that he is finding players that have the same determination to win. He said his expectations of them are high, and he feels their expectations are the same.

According to (www.gofrogs.com), Besovic is coming off of her first tournament win as a Horned Frog, earning the ITA Southwest Regional Singles title. The Web site also mentions she was named C-USA women's tennis player of the month for October.

Borelli emphasized not only do the players comprise one of the best teams he has had while coaching at TCU, but they conduct themselves as players who want to win.

"They're my girls," Borelli said. "If they don't do well, it's not because their attitude wasn't there."

Borelli said he is working with players that are the foundation for making a top 10 recognized program.

"These are the kind of kids that build a program," Borelli said.

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