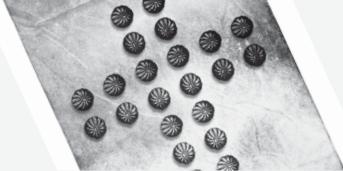




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Students aren't seeing an increase in insomnia despite a national trend. Tomorrow in News

CAMPUS SURVEILLANCE

Police aim to update camera technology

By Madison Morgan
Staff Reporter

Campus police are working to improve security around campus due to an increase in campus parking lot break-ins, a campus police official said.

Steven McGee, chief of TCU Police, said he attended a technology show put on by The American Society for Information Science & Technology in order to preview the most productive surveillance cameras to place on campus.

McGee said he is looking at a system of surveillance cameras for the Police Department

that are more consistent in the way they operate and have updated technology.

"Before if someone had their laptop stolen in the library we would have to watch hours of video," McGee said. "With this new equipment we can isolate the area where the student was sitting and the program itself will only show footage where there was any sort of movement or activity."

The cameras currently being used have different operating systems and were put in by different departments, McGee said. This has kept the force from using them most effectively, he said.

But cameras do not prevent car break-ins; students do, McGee said.

"Students cannot leave valuables such as iPods or GPS systems in plain sight," McGee said. "There have been instances in which thieves have busted in windows just to see what was in a backpack or gym bag."

McGee said campus police use the cameras that are operating now to monitor suspicious activity in parking lots.

"If we see a car pass up several open parking spots we immediately send out an officer to investigate the activity," McGee said. "If someone doesn't take a front row parking spot, they're probably not there

to park."

McGee said he continues to use alternative methods to catch thieves by placing officers in unmarked tinted cars around campus.

"We're not Big Brother," McGee said. "We are simply trying to deter the bad guy and if a potential thief sees someone waiting in their car they are less likely to attempt a break-in."

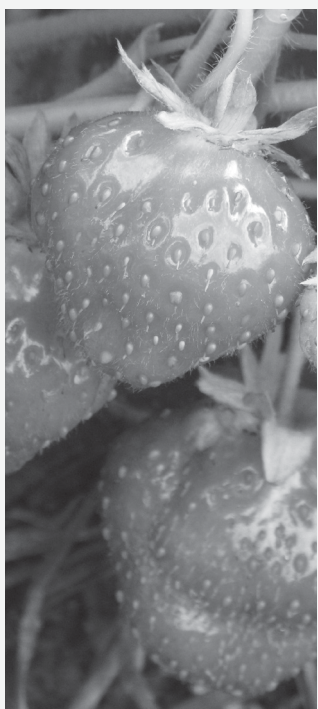
McGee said officers have detained people in the process of breaking in and charged them with criminal trespassing.

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Organic produce is great — if it's local. Opinion, page 3

PECULIAR FACT

TOKYO — Seven diners in northern Japan fell ill and three remained hospitalized Tuesday after eating blowfish testicles prepared in a restaurant not authorized to serve the poisonous delicacy.
— Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER

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MIXING IT UP



AMANDA RINGEL / Staff Designer

The Mountain West Conference is leading an effort to make changes to the current format of the Bowl Championship Series. The proposed changes to the system, which is filled with controversy nearly every college football season, will make it easier for conferences like the Mountain West to gain automatic bowl bids and easier access to the big-time bowl games. Will the Horned Frogs and the rest of the Mountain West Conference be able to make the changes to college football that fans so desperately want?
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UNIVERSITY DRIVE

Development on hold due to recession

By Annie Cooper
Staff Reporter

WestBend, a new mixed-use commercial real estate development on University Drive across from University Park Village, halted construction due to the bad economy, the project's developer said.

WestBend is the first large commercial development in Fort Worth to halt construction, according to a Fort Worth Business Press article.

Tommy Miller, senior partner of the project's developer, Trademark Property Co., said the project's initial goal was to open a 32,000 square-foot development in the spring of 2010. However, the capital markets became volatile and the retail economy became especially fragile, delaying the projected opening one or two seasons, he said. Trademark Properties is hopeful that

things "scab over" in the market and that construction will begin again by the end of the year for a spring 2011 opening, Miller said.

"We have a lot of prospective retailers that we are in negotiation with and we are confident that the lineup is strong," Miller said.

Retailers Anthropologie and J. Crew agreed that delaying construction would be in the project's best interest, Miller said.

Heather Cohen, vice president of J.Crew real estate, said no one is immune to the economic environment.

"We are delaying our opening and will continue to assess the leasing progress that the developer has," Cohen said.

According to the company's Web site, J. Crew sales increased after the first family appeared at the inauguration dressed in custom J.Crew designs.

Brian Kym, a senior finance major with

an emphasis in real estate and leadership and an intern for Trademark Property Co., said he makes it his job to be aware of the economic climate.

"In today's market we can only expect a handful of new stores," Kym said. "Stores have to be healthy themselves to go around signing leases."

Kym said he enjoys working on projects that will in turn cater to the university but that approval for funding by equity financiers is incremental.

A commercial developer has to find retailers to lease spaces to be able to deliver a plan to the financiers, Kym said.

"You are approved as long as you deliver," he said. "That is how the system works."

Miller said it might be a while before new developments get underway.

"Opening any new project in 2009 or early 2010 is not smart business."

GRANTS AND LOANS

Bill could benefit thousands on campus

By Mark Bell
Staff Reporter

The proposed federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill could give students additional help in paying for college, a university official said.

Increasing the annual limit on Pell Grants and Stafford loans will allow students to borrow less from the more expensive private student loan programs, said Mike Scott, director of scholarships and student financial aid.

The Jan. 15 stimulus package proposal would increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$500, increase the limit on unsubsidized Stafford loans by \$2,000 and provide \$490 million to support college work-study programs, according to the press summary of the bill.

Senior financial aid advisor Kathryn Blackham said currently 847 students receive Pell Grants at TCU and 3,134 students receive funds from Stafford loans.

According to the U.S. Department of Education Web site, the Pell Grant is a need-based grant for low-income students while the Stafford loan is not a needs-based loan.

Scott said the increase in the Stafford loan is greater than the increase in tuition for next year. Tuition will be raised from \$26,900 to \$28,250, he said.

"In a worst case scenario for a student at least the increase in student loan money will cover the increase in tuition."

Mike Scott director of scholarships and student financial aid

NUMBERS

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NEWS

WEATHER



JASON FOCHTMAN / Multimedia Editor

Ana Carolina Quintanar, freshman biology major, walks to the Brown-Lupton Student Union for lunch Tuesday. Campus was closed due to ice. The Dallas/Fort Worth area is still under an ice storm warning through noon today.

Ice closes 251 area schools

As of 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, the recorded high temperature was 41 F and the low was 26 F, and the accumulation of ice totaled 0.4 inches, according to Accu-weather.com. Tuesday's weather caused 251 schools in the Dallas/Fort Worth area to close, including TCU, according to nbcdfw.com. An ice storm warning remained in effect until 6 a.m. today, according to the National Weather Service. The Brown-Lupton University was open until 9 p.m. Tuesday, but only the Corner Store and Market Square remained open. Today's weather will feel a bit warmer, with a forecasted high of 45 F and a low of 25 F, according to the Weather Channel's Web site.

— Staff reporter Maricruz Salinas

NATIONAL SECURITY LANGUAGE INITIATIVE

Arabic ignored despite incentives

By Kathleen Carroll
The Record (Hackensack, N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Arabic language classes are still few and far between, despite cash incentives from the federal government.

A new class at Passaic County's vocational high school in Wayne, N.J., may be the only public school class in the state, while classes in Mandarin Chinese have mushroomed in recent years and are now offered in more than a dozen North Jersey districts.

Both are considered "critical need" languages by the federal government, which set aside \$114 million to kick-start new classes under the 2006 National Security Language Initiative.

Across the nation, 90 percent of the grants have funded Chinese classes, federal education officials said, with the rest split among Arabic, Hindi, Farsi, Russian, Japanese and Korean.

"What you're seeing in New Jersey is a little microcosm of what's going on around the country," said Nancy Rhodes, director of foreign-language education at the Center for Applied Linguistics.

That's due in part to a well-funded initiative by the Chinese Ministry of Education to send trained teachers to U.S. schools. Instructional materials for Chinese lessons are readily available, and the government offers technical support for American teachers.

Arabic has had no such support — in part because it is spoken in 21 countries, with no one nation taking the lead in promoting the language overseas, said Mohammed Abdul Aleem, chief executive of Human Assistance and Development International, which advances Arabic language and culture in the United States.

"Our growth has been more organic," he said.

Indeed, Passaic County Technical Institute decided to offer the class after repeated requests by students, 7 percent of whom speak Arabic at home. Forty-one are enrolled this year, said spokeswoman Sandy Woods.

It could be a savvy choice: Arabic language skills are keenly need-

"One of the concerns is money. I agree (Arabic) is a critical need, but we're trying to meet a lot of critical needs in a very difficult fiscal situation."

Jan Furman
Northern Valley regional school district superintendent

ed by the federal government, and fluent speakers are often propelled into top jobs. This month, President Barack Obama tapped North Bergen native John Brennan, who studied Arabic and embarked on a 25-year career in the CIA, as his homeland security and counterterrorism adviser.

Most of the students in the Passaic County tech class have a personal connection to the language through their family or faith. It is taught by a William Paterson University professor and paid for by grants for the school's "college connections" program, which brings university instructors on campus and allows students to earn college credit. While state education officials don't officially keep count, it's the only public school course they know of.

During a recent class, students

and instructor Dina Kataw-Aidabole reviewed vocabulary and shared insights into Arab culture. A word for "sandal" also can refer to wooden shoes worn in the shower, which originated in Turkish baths, she told students.

"Yes, even in a house you have to take off your shoes," added student Ferdi Abedinoski, 17. "The carpet has to be clean."

"Yes, that's another cultural thing we should know," said Kataw-Aidabole.

Abedinoski said he wanted to study Arabic to enhance his religious education and because "it's a big language in the world ... it has a lot of influence."

Such classes are unique nationwide. Less than 1 percent of schools that offer world languages teach Arabic, according to a 2008 study by the Center for Applied Linguistics. Three percent of those schools offer Chinese, compared with less than 1 percent a decade ago.

The Northern Valley regional school district, which runs two competitive high schools in Demarest and Old Tappan, received a National Security Language Initiative grant to start a Chinese class three years ago. The district also has offered Japanese classes for nearly a decade, said Superintendent Jan Furman.

But for now, Arabic is not on the table.

"One of the concerns is money," Furman said. "We're trying to hold on to everything we can. ... I agree (Arabic) is a critical need, but we're trying to meet a lot of critical needs in a very difficult fiscal situation."

The district picked Chinese because "it's spoken by the largest group of people in the world right now," she said. "The more our kids can be fluent in this language, the more opportunities they will have."

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"We can't arrest them on theft unless they actually break the window and we would rather save the student the cost of replacing a window," McGee said.

McGee said another preventive measure taken by campus police is closing all but one entrance into the parking lots in hopes to trap a potential thief.

McGee said he also posted new officers at certain locations on campus including the Mary Coats Burnett Library and Brown-Lupton University Union because of their late hours.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said funding will never be an issue when it comes to ensuring student's safety.

"I will do pretty much anything — regardless of cost — if I am convinced it will enhance our safety," Boschini said. "However, I believe that awareness is the best way to

actively protect oneself."

Boschini said he believes the university is safe place, especially considering its size, primarily because of good awareness among members of the campus community.

Alyssa Dolny, sophomore education major, said the off-campus crime alerts that students receive via e-mail from Detective Vicki Lawson provide students with the knowledge they need to maintain that awareness.

"I really appreciate the fact that TCU takes the time to provide its students with information that ensures their safety," Dolny said. "When the occurrences happen close to where I live on campus it impacts me greatly and makes me more conscious of my surroundings."

McGee said that the cameras should be on campus soon, and until the TCU Police Department finalizes how many cameras will be purchased, the price of the new system is undetermined.

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impact on the cost for students next year."

The increase in work-study funds is important because with the federal minimum wage slated to increase in July, additional funds will be needed to pay work-study students, Scott said. The money will help the university keep at least the same level of work-study students and probably enable hiring more, he said.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Web site, The federal minimum wage will increase to \$7.25 per hour effective July 24.

The entire higher education component of the bill is a step in the right direction and is happening quickly enough to help students when they need it, Scott said.

"I think this is a great thing," Scott said. "It's a good effort to keep students in the educational system, and it's probably something that will be done in time to actually make a difference."



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The Skiff View

Proactive students key to campus safety

The recent rash of crimes against the TCU community has been disconcerting. Considering the smash and grab parking lot break-ins and the knife-point robbery against a couple coming out of The Aardvark last semester, it can be scary to walk to your car at night.

It is a comfort though, to know that the campus Police Department is exploring different methods and better technology to keep us safe.

There are some who might protest the “Big Brother”-type eye in the sky, but if a robber were to knock them down on the sidewalk and take their wallet, those same people would probably be grateful the cameras were there since that technology could be instrumental in bringing their attacker to justice.

But as Steven McGee, chief of TCU police, reminded us, cameras don't always prevent crimes; people do. The cameras may serve as a deterrent if they are mounted in plain sight and constantly monitored, but the key to not becoming a victim is for students to be aware of their surroundings and be responsible for their own personal safety.

This can be as simple as scanning the parking lot before they head to their car or not leaving valuable items in cars. Attending the campus crime-watch meetings and becoming more involved with and educated about what's going on in the neighborhood would also be helpful.

Women on campus have access to the Froggie Five-0 program at night where student workers act as escorts to anywhere on campus. There are self-defense and rape prevention courses offered on campus free of charge.

The sophisticated cameras are a good thing, but they can't take the place of personal responsibility. Sometimes there is nothing that can be done to prevent a crime from happening, but it's not that difficult to be proactive in your own defense. You can't always count on there being a cop in the bushes.

Opinion editor Katie Martinez for the editorial board.

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Government can't solve the abortion dilemma



ANDREW WEATHERFORD

This month marks the 36th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, and keeping with that momentum, one of the first things President Barack Obama has promised to do in his first term is to implement the Freedom of Choice Act.

FOCA will supersede all existing laws regulating abortion, even state laws requiring parental consent for minors.

Many have said this new “freedom of choice” is an epic landmark in the progress of this great nation, but it is evidence of a deprived and selfish generation that can be more concerned with the inconvenience of having children than taking responsibility for their own flesh and blood.

We all have compassion for those who are victims of rape or incest, and rightly so, but statistics gathered by social science research group the Alan Guttmacher Institute show this is the case in less than 1 percent of abortions in the U.S.

“Every Child a Wanted Child” is the proudly boasted Planned Parenthood slogan we so often hear, but in truth the figures speak for themselves.

AGI research shows that America has successfully managed to “not want” 50,000,000 children.

The topic of abortion is not about choice and privacy, and it is not in and of itself the real problem. It is merely a symptom of a greater issue at stake: the declining moral fiber of man and his attempt to put a Band-Aid on an open wound.

I don't want government to control me any more than the next person, but why can't we take this freedom to choose and choose life?

A sharp, hard line divides churches concerning the Bible's alleged silence on the topic, but nine of the early church Fathers, from Cyprian to Tertullian, spoke out against abortion. It was declared a sin in the Apostolic Constitutions in the year 390.

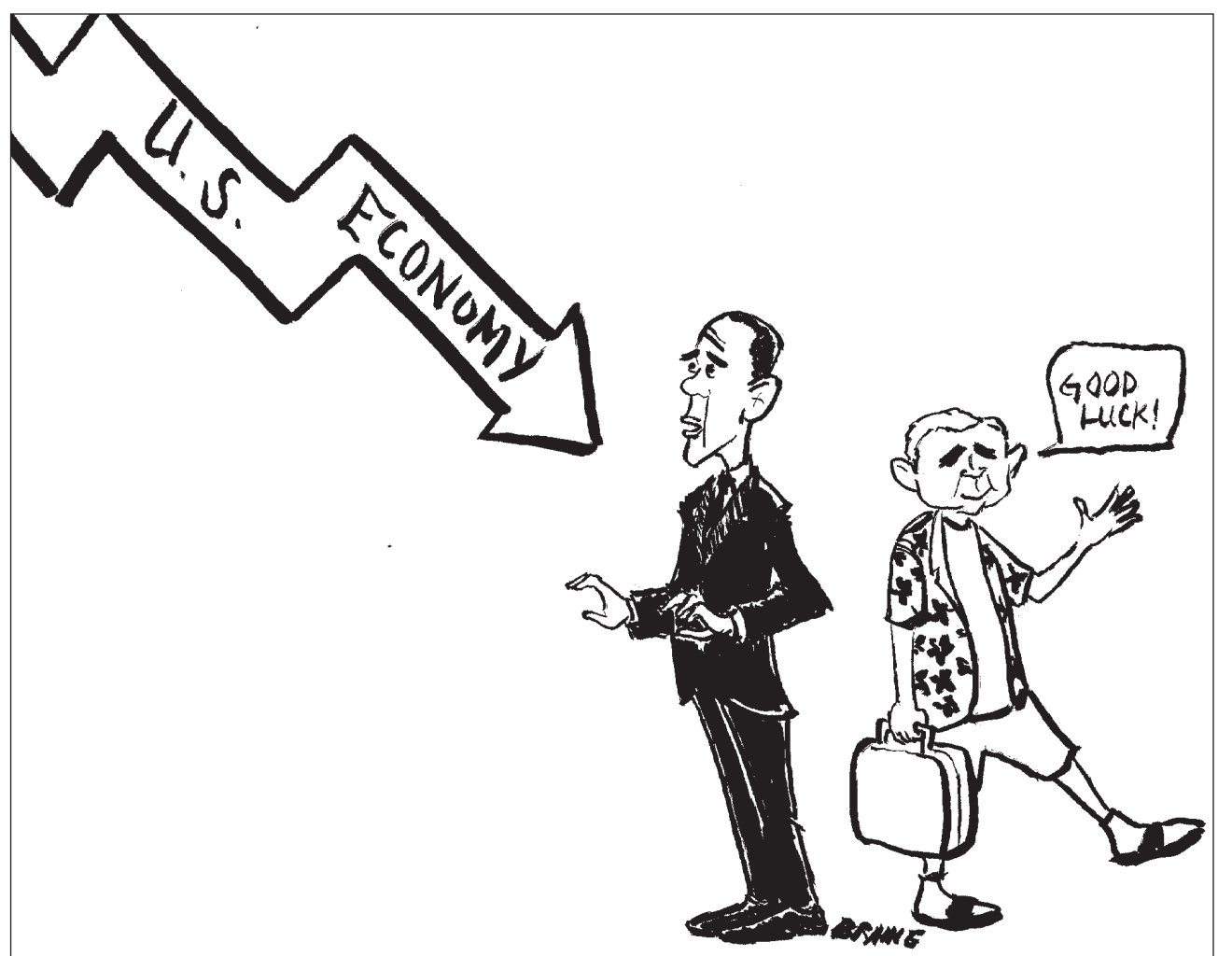
Abortion is a highly sensitive topic and there is healing for those who have gone through it.

It is no one's place but God's to judge, but denying life to the “least of these” is wrong and not from God.

As the prophet Isaiah states in 5:20, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil.”

The government will never be able to fix the hardened heart of man; only God in his great mercy can.

Andrew Weatherford is a junior religion major and pastor of Deliverance Bible Church in Fort Worth.



Jacob Brahce is a sophomore criminal justice major from Cedar Park.

Buy local, not organic produce to support community businesses



GRETCHEN WILBRANDT

As much as I am a passionate scientist, enthusiastic about the restoration and preservation of the Earth, I think about more than just figures, graphs and insects. With a strong community foundation, I believe that local interests and values within the community become extremely important.

A shift from globalization to localization occurs and voila, a self-sustaining society is formed! These ideal groups of people would recognize and fulfill meaningful relationships with each other as well harmoniously residing with the Earth. OK, so I am being highly idealistic here, but my point is that we need to support local produce rather than organic for the benefit of our community and support of the local economy.

Local produce has a great deal of variation in definition. Some define locality by city, state,

region, amount of travel (within a day's distance) and local cuisine. While Texas is a large state, I try my hardest to buy within its boundaries. If faced with two items, one organic from California or one from northern Mexico, I pick the product with favorable proximity. “Localvores,” as we commonly can be classified, have their own definition that helps them support their community, whatever the boundaries.

Now when it comes down to the impact of local purchasing, it is vast. Many small or private farms rely on their local sales to stay in production and save their land from development. Other people find the freshness of closer produce more favorable. One of the most significant impacts is the reduction of fossil fuels. I buy as close to home as I can to help out the Earth while simultaneously building up a strong local economy. When you support a local farmer, it builds them a larger profit to then turn over to organic farming upon demand. Because of local buyers supporting farms, requests can be made for more organic and sustainable farming practices. Overall, people support a myriad of ideas

from taste to environmental health.

The United States Department of Agriculture list of restricted pesticides is gigantic, but certain chemicals can still be used to treat plants. While harmful chemicals aren't often used, if we don't know about adverse affects, they could be out on the fields now! The last revision of the restricted pesticides added eight new banned chemicals that had been in production under the organic label until 2006. Though most organic products have been closely scrutinized for the sake of public health, it is important to read the label and look for adequate organic certification.

The qualms that I often file with organic produce is the locality. Is buying organic melons from Chile more environmentally friendly than purchasing local melons from Mission, Texas? It all comes down to what you value now. As time progresses and we watch the further global development, perhaps your mind will change, but for now, get me to the local Cowtown Farmers' Market.

Gretchen Wilbrandt is a junior environmental science major from Woodstock, Ill.



SXC.HU

Many factors contribute to university's falling application numbers



JOHN ANDREW WILLIS

The university's application numbers are lower than in previous years.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, and others said the decline is likely due to the elimination of the FastApp, a more concise application option. But, whether that is the case, we should continue to strive to be a place where qualified individuals seek education.

I firmly believe that TCU offers the best overall university experience in Texas. However, it's hard to sell that belief to potential students when our



JOHN D. Simmons / Charlotte Observer via MCT

already outrageously expensive tuition continues to rise during an economic recession.

TCU was founded on Christian values and has a conservative atmosphere. We have great on-campus ministry, and there are more churches than liquor stores within walking distance to campus. The university has little tolerance for drugs, even marijuana. We have

great Greek life and used to have a good student tailgate to prove it.

What makes TCU desirable beyond its superior education are the amenities it's able to offer as a private school. The student-teacher ratio is low. The Campus Recreation Center has the newest technology and offers everything found in most top-quality workout facilities. The library has everything students need

to study and more.

Every semester there is a new, cool building to explore. The campus is well-patrolled and most students feel safe.

The university offers top-notch facilities and services, but the areas where the school falls short might be the difference between a student attending Southern Methodist University, Vanderbilt University, University of Texas at Austin or the University of Oklahoma.

My theory of why TCU fails to impress in some areas is that the school is eager to impress but sometimes forgets to cater to the actual student. I find it disheartening, but I can't come up with any other explanation for the gross negligence of forethought in the meal plan.

But at least we're doing all this stuff to be more green, right? I can't wait to see some evidence. I applaud the initiative in signing the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment

and the “Think Purple, Live Green” theme semester, but besides the Purple Bike Program and the mandated printing restrictions for professors, there has not been a substantial change.

It seems as though TCU is simply perpetuating the illusion of caring.

Perhaps we should refine the approval process in the Physical Plant, which requires a 99-step process to change anything larger than a light bulb, and then I might actually see the installation of solar panels on the Rickel Building while I'm still an undergraduate.

I hope TCU begins a trend of turning talk about potential into tangible improvement. In doing so, as with regulatory operations, the school must recognize the need to put the interests of the students first.

John Andrew Willis is a sophomore environmental science major from Dallas.

NEWS & SPORTS

Stalin still a hometown hero

By Tom Lasseter
McClatchy Newspapers

GORI, Georgia — After their short, brutal war last summer, Russians and Georgians bitterly disagree about a lot of things. When it comes to the legacy of the blood-soaked Soviet tyrant who was born here, however, some of them see eye to eye.

At the J. Stalin State Museum erected in his hometown, the tour guide didn't hesitate for a moment when she was asked recently: What do you think about Joseph Stalin?

"He was a hero," said Tamuna, a young woman with dark hair, who didn't give her last name.

Before he was the ruthless strongman whose paranoid reign led to the deaths of millions, Stalin was born Josef Vissarionovich Djugashvili in this Georgian town not far from the white snows of the Caucasus mountains.

Despite the fact that Russia's military bombed Gori and then occupied its streets last August, some in Gori have kept a soft spot for Stalin, a name he took meaning "man of steel."

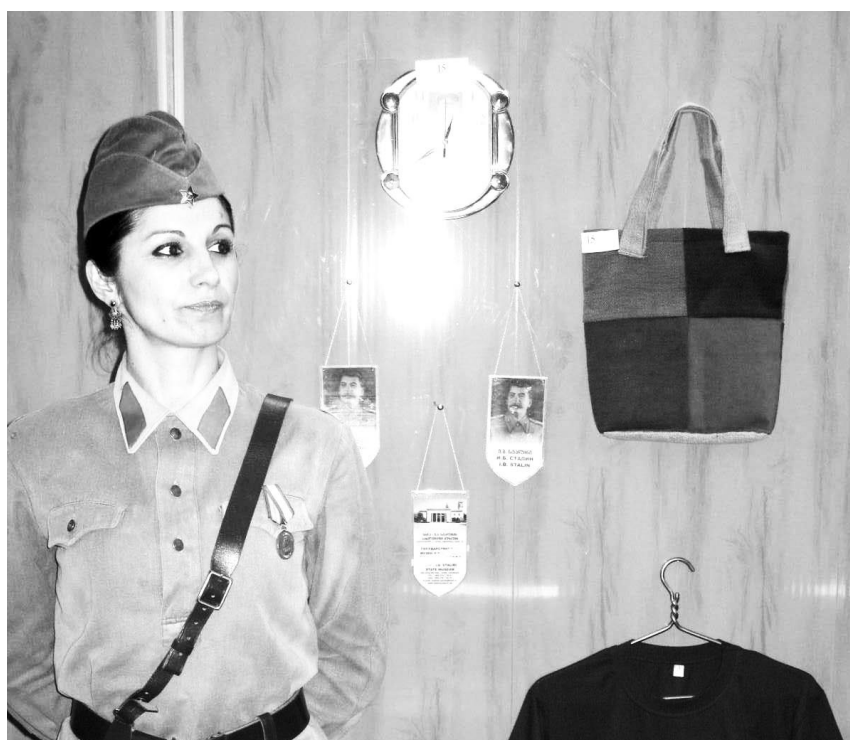
The affection, ironically, mirrors the resurgence of Stalin's popularity in Russia, a country that's battered Georgia not only with tanks but also trade and visa sanctions.

During a poll of millions of Russians conducted by a state TV channel last year, Stalin was in first place in early voting for the country's greatest historical figure before finishing third. He bested names such as Dostoyevsky and Lenin.

Tina Khakhriashvili, who was walking past the Gori museum earlier this month with her daughter, would vote for him.

"We haven't changed our opinion of Stalin. He was a great person," Khakhriashvili said. "Because of him, everyone knows about Georgia."

Khakhriashvili's family used to live in the separatist province of South Ossetia, but they fled after Russia's invasion and the torching of ethnic Georgian villages by local militias that followed. She waved off the suggestion that such an experience would sour her on the memory of Stalin and his rule from Moscow. "This was another time," she said.



TOM LASSETER via MCT
A worker at the gift shop in the Stalin museum in Gori, Georgia, wears a Soviet-era uniform Jan. 11.

A McClatchy Newspapers reporter who chatted with a handful of people in Gori one afternoon couldn't find a single person who disagreed.

"Of course, people have bad feelings about Russia," said Bichiko Chechelashvili, a security guard. "But for me, he was a good man."

Chechelashvili was standing close to a giant statue of Stalin that still looms over Stalin Square in downtown Gori.

The museum celebrating Stalin was dedicated in 1957, about four years after his death.

Befitting a man whose government frequently removed people's images from photographs after they'd been purged, effectively denying that they'd ever existed, the museum makes little deviation from the narrative of Stalin's life that he preferred.

Museum officials said it was only last year that they allowed a picture of Leon Trotsky, a rival for power who was stabbed in the skull with an ice pick on Stalin's order. The photograph is a small one.

There's no mention of Stalin's mother beating him as a child or of his drunken cobbler father screaming that the young

boy was a bastard. A local merchant, policeman and priest were mentioned as possibly being his real father, according to a recent biography.

Nothing is said, either, about the countless people who later died by firing squads, starvation, savage beatings in dim interrogation rooms or just crumpling to the ground for the last time after years of forced labor in gulags.

There is a souvenir shop, where a woman dressed in a Soviet-era military uniform will sell you a bottle of sparkling Stalin wine — with the old man himself on the label — for 30 Georgian laris, about \$18. Or a thin volume of the poetry Stalin wrote as a young man for three laris.

Sitting in his office, with a piece of shrapnel from a Russian bomb resting on the desk, museum director Robert Maglakelidze tried to avoid discussion about Stalin's legacy.

"He was an important figure, and of course we are proud that he is from Georgia and went on to rule such a big country," Maglakelidze said. "But I can't say he's the greatest person in Georgian history."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

More wins than losses mark arbitrator's career

By Jim Salisbury
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Sometimes you just get the feeling that things aren't going your way in a salary arbitration hearing.

Tal Smith had a good chuckle recalling such an event the other day.

In 1986, he was representing the Kansas City Royals in an arbitration case against pitcher Bret Saberhagen.

After both sides made their arguments, the arbitrator slid a piece of paper over to Saberhagen and requested an autograph.

"That sort of distressed us," Smith said in a telephone interview from his office in Houston, where he runs a consulting business and serves as president of baseball operations for the Astros. "Needless to say, we lost that one."

When it comes to salary arbitration in baseball, Smith has seen it all. He argued his first cases in 1974, the year baseball adopted the process, when he was an executive vice president with the New York Yankees.

Over the years, Smith and his staff have prepared more than 900 arbitration cases, with more than 160 going to a hearing.

Smith said he doesn't know what his record is, though it is over .500.

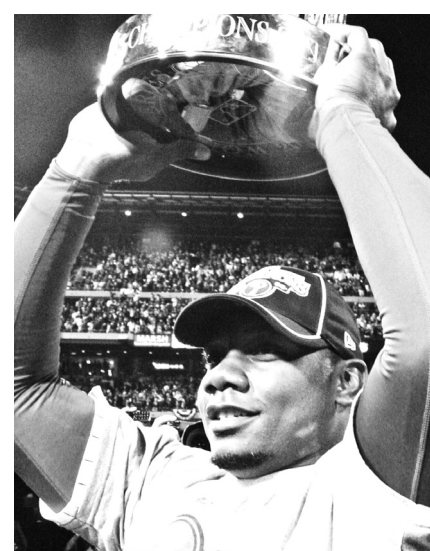
"I know we lost our last one," he said. "Before that, we won six in a row."

The last one took place 11 months ago. Smith represented the Phillies in a historic showdown against slugger Ryan Howard. The Phillies contended that Howard should be paid \$7 million, a figure commensurate with what elite players in his service class made. Howard's advisers, led by agent Casey Close, argued that their man's special accomplishments made him worth \$10 million.

Howard won the largest salary ever for a first-time arbitration-eligible player.

He added to his legend by leading the majors in homers and RBIs in 2008. Barring a settlement, Howard will head back to the arbitration table next month (the date has not been made public). Howard is seeking \$18 million for 2009. The Phillies have once again hired Smith to argue; they contend that Howard is worth \$14 million. If there's a hearing, an arbitration panel will pick one salary or the other.

Smith, who could not comment on the



STEVEN M. FALK / Philadelphia Daily News via MCT
Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard holds up the trophy in October after the Phillies won the World Series in Philadelphia. Howard received the largest salary ever for a first-time arbitration-eligible player, marking arbitrator Tal Smith's last lost case.

specifics of Howard's case, has a long history of representing the Phillies. He has argued seven of the eight cases the club has had during the arbitration era, winning all but Howard's.

Smith was the Astros' general manager from 1975 to 1980. He built a club that won 93 games in 1980 and was named Sporting News executive of the year. But Smith was fired after the Astros lost the National League Championship Series to the Phillies.

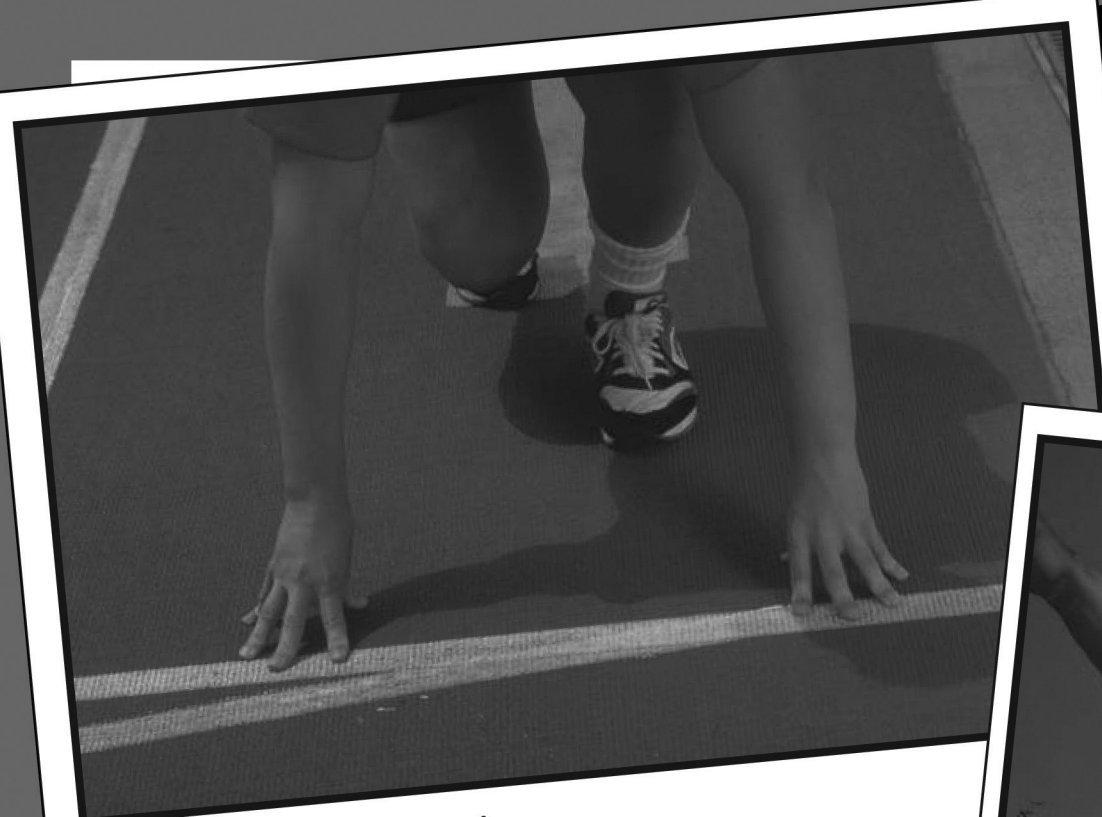
Before the 1981 season, the Oakland Athletics asked Smith to help them prepare arbitration cases against two players. With Smith's help, the A's prevailed in both. His company, Tal Smith Enterprises, was born.

Since 1994, the company has handled only arbitration cases for teams.

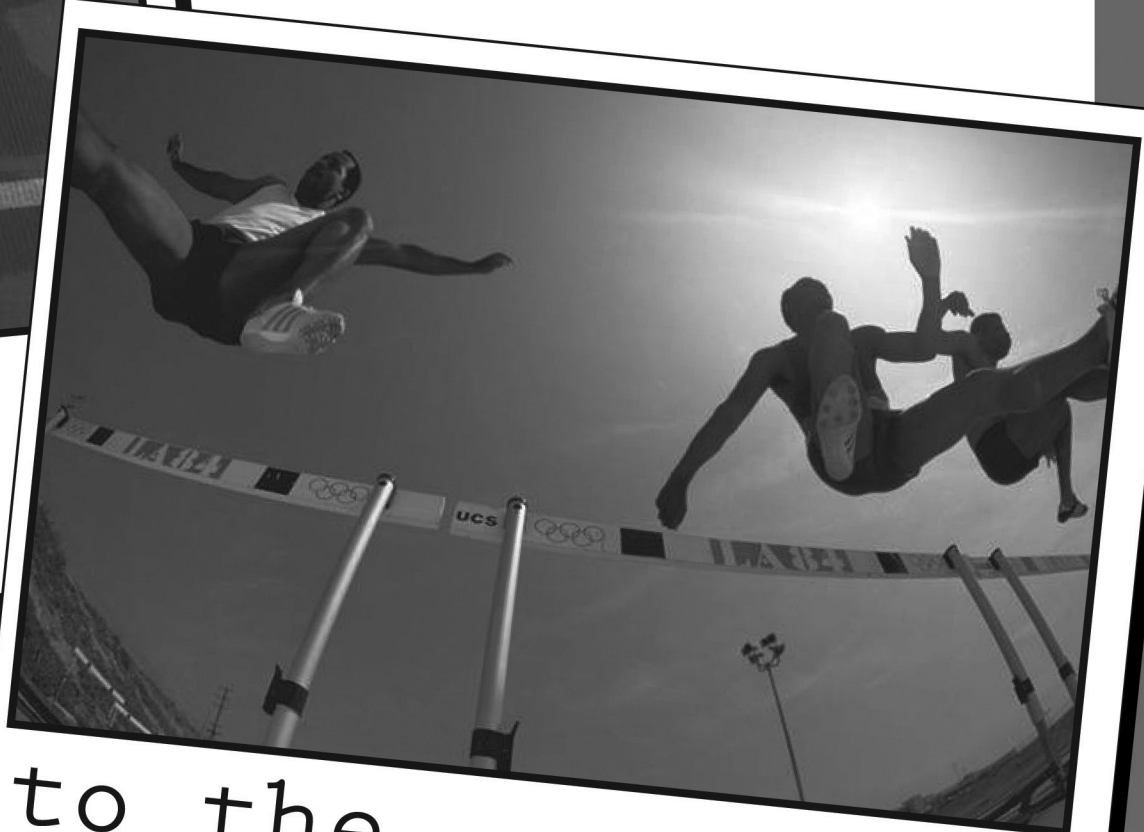
Rex Gary, a Philadelphia-based player agent who has argued more than 30 arbitration cases, has found himself across the table from Smith several times.

"I don't see it as a conflict of interest," Gary said. "There's no way Houston's interests diverge from another club's when Tal argues a case."

Gary added that Smith is "very good at what he does."



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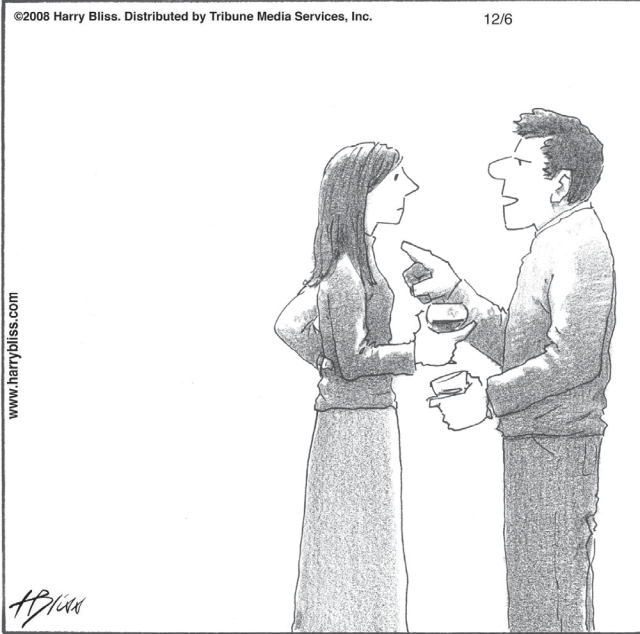
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- Prank
- Part of USNA
- Small barracuda
- Organs purchased on the sly?
- Slick
- Chemical suffix
- Beethoven dedicatee
- PAT value
- Perk up
- Silver or Leibman
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- Chinese secret society
- Kenny Loggins' rhinoplasty?
- Pariah
- Actress Washbourne
- Son of Eve
- Driving maneuver
- Sham doctor
- Any part of EAP
- Spelling of "Trick"
- Tierney and Tunney
- Speed contest
- Spots

DOWN

- Jazz singing
- Professional golfers' circuit

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

3 "Paper Lion" star Alan
4 Wet out
5 New Guinea language
6 Mar-lion figure
7 Continental crust
8 Grain-field weed
9 Convent head
10 Necklace fastener
11 Isle of
12 Put a stop to
13 Kite backdrop
21 Sham doctor
22 "Got Mail"
25 Mend
26 Very much
27 China's Sun
28 Explosive sound
29 Surfing the web
30 Became old hat
32 Legal phrase
33 Fridge Boys
36 Frozen over
38 Poivre companion

40 Small portion
41 Colonial blackbird
42 Diminutive
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48 Not accented
49 Thus far
52 Val d'_, Fr.
54 Pesky insects

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