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BUDGET

Provost: 4-day week won't cut energy costs

By Alexandria Bruton
Staff Reporter

While some colleges around the country have eliminated Friday classes in an effort to save on energy and commuter costs, the provost said he doubts cutting the extra day would have much of an impact on TCU's energy costs.

Provost Nowell Donovan said if Friday classes were canceled there would still be a significant amount of energy use on campus. With the current construction, security and number of students living on campus, dropping Friday classes might not

make a big difference, Donovan said.

Purvette Bryant, community relations manager at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Fla., said BCC transitioned to a permanent four-day week last May and reaped numerous benefits.

Bryant said since cutting Friday classes BCC has saved \$266,944 on energy costs.

"We have become a more efficient campus and staff sick days have been reduced by 50 percent due to the shorter week," Bryant said.

Byrant said a survey showed 85 percent of 2,000 students on the BCC campus

said the four-day week has been a positive change.

Donovan said that the idea was mentioned in the past by students that desired a longer weekend but not in regard to saving on electricity consumption.

George Bates, manager of electrical maintenance for TCU, said that energy conservation and reducing electrical costs has always been a campus priority.

Bates said motion detectors installed in classrooms and offices that automatically turn off the lights after a period of inactivity have helped the campus cut down on energy costs.

Bates said though cutting Friday classes sounds like a good idea, it doesn't mean the campus would save 100 percent on electrical costs from that day.

Mark Bloom, assistant professor of science education, said he is doing his part to promote less drastic ways to conserve energy on campus. Bloom sends out "College of Education Goes Green" e-mails to the faculty and staff of the education department. The e-mails provide tips on energy conservation to faculty and staff, he said.

Bloom said there are other ways to

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RISKY BUSINESS



Alexa Perryman, assistant professor of business, lectures during her strategic management class Monday afternoon. Perryman's paper, "When the CEO is Ill: Keeping Quiet or Going Public," has been used in publications such as USA Today and PC World.

Prof. sparks debate on CEO health

By Courtney Jay
Staff Reporter

A business professor's research is sparking new interest in the disclosure of CEO health information.

Alexa Perryman, assistant professor of management, researched and wrote an academic paper on how different firms handled CEO illnesses over the past decade.

Perryman said three other authors researched and wrote "When the CEO is Ill: Keeping Quiet or Go-

ing Public."

Perryman said her research included the recent controversy surrounding the health of Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple Inc.

"We thought this would just be a topic that everyone could understand ... and have opinions on," Perryman said.

She said their focus was not specifically on Jobs, but whether or not the Securities Exchange Commission should classify the health of CEOs as a material fact.

"Steve Jobs had been sick previously with pancreatic cancer, but not all companies are that open about disclosure so we just thought it was a timely, interesting, relevant topic," Perryman said.

Perryman said she doesn't think minor ailments need to be disclosed. However, she said if an ailment is serious enough to affect the quality of one's day-to-day work, then companies should let investors know.

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ENGINEERING

Hands-on training begins early

Professor: university doesn't overstress theory in teaching

By Patrick Burns
Staff Reporter

Engineering students can get applied professional practice as early as their freshman year, giving them valuable training once they enter the workplace, a university engineering professor said.

Despite a study that finds engineering schools too focused on teaching theory rather than real-world situations, the university aims to ensure a hands-on environment with students, engineering professor Stephen Weis said.

The study, conducted by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, examined 40 collegiate engineering programs and found their teaching methods, common at many of the 1,740 college-level engineering schools in the U.S., focused their attention on technical knowledge, with less emphasis on preparation for professional practice.

The report concluded that most schools fail to properly prepare students for the workplace. TCU was not one of the programs examined in the study.

Although the report noted that these practices were common among engineering schools, the university engineering program does not have the problems that other schools have, Weis said.

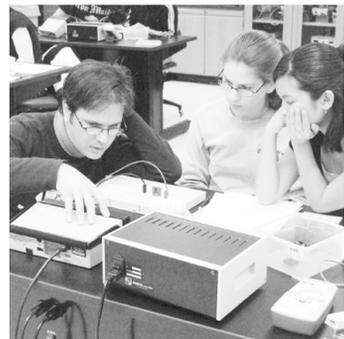
Weis, who specializes in electrical engineering, said the students get real-world experience as early as the first semester of their freshman year, along with other introductory engineering courses. The study stated that most schools do not have design projects until later in their collegiate experience.

"They actually do some experiments and projects on their own," Weis said. "They start in teams of two or three, and they start working right then. There are many projects throughout."

Some of the projects include working with several drawing programs on the computer, Weis said.

Patrick Walter, a mechanical engineering professor, said the school emphasizes labs to add to the instruction learned during classes.

"We spend a lot of time with hands-on activities," Walter said. "If you look at the number of hours our students put in



ALEXIS MLADENOFF / Staff Photographer Teaching Assistant Eric Gonzales helps sophomores Jaci Grainger and Phi Nguyen with their experiment using different types of multimeters during their Physics II lab Thursday afternoon.

RELIGIOUS LITERACY

Professor honored through lecture series

By Elise Smith
Staff Reporter

The department of religion is honoring a former professor by bringing prominent speakers to discuss the issues of religious literacy, a professor said.

Darren Middleton, associate professor of religion, said that the department started the Daryl D. Schmidt Lecture Series to promote religious literacy, which Middleton said is a fuller understanding of religion's nature and function in the world. Middleton said that religious literacy was important to Schmidt, former chair of the religion department.

Mark Dennis, assistant professor of religion, said the planning started about three years ago but the first speaker is scheduled for October.

Schmidt was chair of the department about 10 years ago and his tenure began during the early 1980s, Middleton said.

Middleton said that he and Schmidt were part of the Jesus Seminar, which has a commitment to raising religious literacy about the New Testament.

Middleton said after Schmidt died of colon cancer in 2006, Provost Nowell Donovan gave the department money to start a biennial series of lectures to honor Schmidt.

"Many of us feel we have a task to help people develop a deeper, richer, fuller understanding of religious nature and its function in the world," Middleton said.

Joey Chamberlin, a junior religion major, said he feels these kinds of lecture series are chances for students to learn from the best in the topics of religion.

"It also gives students who aren't religion majors exposure to religious topics that they might not have access to otherwise," Chamberlin said.

Dennis said the first speaker to start the series will be Karen Armstrong, an internationally renowned scholar of religion who has written on topics related to religion and public life.

Middleton said Armstrong is a former Roman Catholic nun and is now a freelance scholar.

"She now writes books and lectures on the circuit to help the public understanding of religion," Middleton said.

Middleton said that Armstrong's books sell well because she has an easy, accessible writing style. She writes on a variety of

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NEWS



Groundskeepers stand on the wreckage of the American International School in Atatra, Gaza Strip. The school was destroyed by an Israeli airstrike Jan. 3.

Israel shakes up Gazans with airstrike on school

By Shashank Bengali
McClatchy Newspapers

ATATRA, Gaza Strip — When former President George W. Bush visited the West Bank a year ago, Palestinian militants in Gaza vented their anger by ransacking the American International School here, smashing windows, stealing computers and torching a small fleet of buses.

It was just the latest episode in a decade-long string of bombings, kidnappings and lootings at the elite private school, which isn't connected to the U.S. government but has an American-style curriculum and coed, English-only classrooms, which have made it a favorite target of Islamic extremists.

On Jan. 3, the school finally was destroyed, but not by Islamist extremists. An Israeli airstrike flattened the two-story building and sprayed shards of steel and stone over the manicured lawns and soccer field. The night watchman was killed. Books, computers, and art supplies were crushed beneath the wreckage.

Within moments, Gaza's perhaps most pro-Western institution — a symbol of possibility in a sealed-off, war-torn land — was gone.

The Israeli army told McClatchy Newspapers that its forces hit the school because Hamas militants had launched rockets from the grounds. School officials and neighborhood residents rejected that explanation, however, saying that the hilltop campus offered few places to hide and that the militants themselves often had attacked the campus.

"It seems that targeting our

school ... was one of the very few things that fanatic groups and Israel could agree on," said Sharhabeel al-Zaeem, a member of the school's board of directors.

As school officials search for a temporary campus for their 230 students, the loss has stunned many Gazans. If any place should have been safe from Israel's war on Hamas, they say, it was the school, which for years flew a U.S. flag over the main gate and whose graduates attend top universities in the U.S., Canada and the Middle East.

Yet of the 25 schools and hospitals that Israeli forces hit during the 22-day war, according to a tally by Palestinian officials, only the American International School was destroyed. Days after the airstrike, Israeli bulldozers and tanks returned to the campus and plowed over the basketball court and the jungle gym, school officials and residents said.

Human rights experts are investigating whether Israel's attacks on Gaza schools — which as civilian property are protected by international humanitarian law — constitute war crimes.

"This was not a base of terror," Zaeem said. "We are trying to bring the best education to Gaza."

The day after the school opened in September 2000, however, then-Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon made his provocative visit to the disputed Temple Mount in Jerusalem, which triggered a Palestinian uprising. As violence surged throughout Gaza, the school's buses were pelted with stones.

"We were doomed from the beginning," said Ribhi Salem, the school's director.

After a Dutch principal and his Australian deputy were kidnapped briefly in 2005 by members of a militant group calling for the release of their jailed leader, foreign teachers began to leave. In April 2007, masked militants claiming allegiance to al-Qaida stormed the school and set off a series of bombs, which caused widespread damage but no serious injuries.

Two months later, when the militant Islamic group Hamas took over Gaza, school officials hauled down the American flag.

The school was closed for the Christmas break when Israel launched its air assault on Gaza on Dec. 27. After several days of strikes nearby, the night watchman asked whether he could bring his family to stay with him at the school, thinking that it would be safe from attack. Salem refused, citing school rules.

The next morning, at about 3 a.m., two Israeli warplanes bombed the building, collapsing it "like a biscuit," said Ramadan Sabah, a 23-year-old who lives in a shack 200 yards from the school.

"They had no reason to hit the school," Sabah said. He and other residents said militants hadn't fired rockets from the area.

The watchman was killed, and Salem's decision probably saved the lives of the man's family. The British-trained educator doesn't feel much relief, however.

"It's really very sad to see Israel target a place that Gaza needs to reach a common understanding between cultures and promotes openness and diversity," Salem said. "We should have a hundred schools like ours in Gaza, not one."

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topics including the history of the city of Jerusalem and biographies on Buddha, Middleton said.

"We've got a very influential figure in Armstrong," Middleton said. "She's an enormously charis-

matic, fabulous human being."

The department hopes to have her meet with students and visit local radio stations after her lecture in October, Middleton said.

Middleton said that no speakers after Armstrong are confirmed, but the committee will continue meeting about once a month to

discuss finances and planning for the future.

"I hope that if someone sees a list of the names of our speakers in the future, they will see how prestigious the lecture series was and it will raise TCU's prominence both nationally and globally," Middleton said.

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laboratories, you'll find that our students have more laboratories than at other universities."

Walter said the senior project, which requires seniors to spend an entire year working on a product or part for a company, gives students direct professional practice for the workplace.

Although not as large as the senior project, students take part in numerous projects in order to ensure students understand how to work as a team, Walter said.

Devon Clark, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, said along with the lessons and labs the students work on throughout their courses, the professors' help put a face behind endless equations.

Clark said the small class sizes and the availability of the teachers are major reasons she preferred the department compared to other schools' programs.

"You can have a teacher that stands up there all day long saying, 'These are equations,'" Clark said. "Until a teacher can say, 'This is how the equation is used in the real world,' then that's where it actually helps."

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save on energy besides turning off lights.

Bloom said it's important to remember "vampire electronics"

like cell phone chargers, computer monitors and other easy to forget electronics that need to be shut off or unplugged when not in use.

Students can do their part to help the campus save on energy as well, Bloom said.

"Walking to class instead of driving, printing on double-sided paper and using natural sunlight in dorms are all small things that can make a large impact if enough people commit to doing them," Bloom said.

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"If it's something that can shorten your life or has high risks like cancer or something to that effect, then yes, I think they should be required to disclose that," Perryman said.

When Jobs' story unfolded, Perryman said, the circumstances aligned with their research.

"We happened to use Steve Jobs as an example because it was current at the time," Perryman said. "We had no idea that it was actually going to be a continuing story with Jobs, so it was just a lucky break."

Perryman said Apple Inc.'s decision not to disclose the severity

of Jobs' health problems may have had an adverse effect on consumer opinion.

"To some degree there's a sense of connection with Steve Jobs in terms of seeing him on the commercials and seeing him on press and radio and things like that," Perryman said. "So when he wasn't forthcoming, I do think that hurt their reputation a bit."

Bloomberg.com reported that Apple Inc. is under investigation to determine whether the lack of disclosure regarding Job's illness was misleading to investors.

John Heine, spokesman for the Securities Exchange Commission, declined to comment on whether an investigation is taking place.

Elizabeth Montalbano, senior

writer at IDG News Services and author of the PC World article that included Perryman's research said Perryman's paper was a timely and interesting perspective on a hot topic.

Montalbano said she agrees there should be a law pertaining to health disclosure from celebrity CEOs in particular.

Whatever the end result is for Apple Inc., Perryman said, she will continue to focus on the actions and behaviors of CEOs, top management teams and boards of directors.

"Being in business, it's just extremely relevant," Perryman said. "It's current and it's constantly changing so you always have to keep pace, and to me that's fun."

Wisconsin university student forced to graduate against her will

By David Klepper
McClatchy Newspapers

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Brenda Councillor admits she was a rable-rouser on the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University.

But it still came as a shock when she discovered over the holidays that she had been graduated — and kicked out of her dorm room — against her will.

University administrators admit they waived her last semester and a required course, but they deny it was to get rid of her.

Councillor isn't so sure. "I feel like I've been banished," said Councillor, 45, who is originally from Wisconsin.

Councillor had complained loudly about university President Linda Sue Warner's decisions. Councillor circulated a petition last fall seeking the removal of Warner, who has had a stormy relationship with students and the Board of Regents during her two-year tenure.

But Warner insisted this week that had nothing to do with Councillor being barred from the dorms, locked out of her campus e-mail account and getting her diploma early.

Warner said the university registrar decided to waive Councillor's final required course. Warner noted that Councillor already had 10 more credits than required for a degree and has been on campus for four years. She said the university wants

students to make academic progress and graduate so other students can enroll.

But Warner acknowledged that the university has "administratively graduated" only one other student in the past, and that other students take five or six years to graduate without officials taking similar action.

Still, she doesn't understand why Councillor's upset — even though her name was listed incorrectly on her diploma.

University registrar Manny King did not return calls seeking comment. Nor did Russell Blackbird, the acting vice president of academic affairs, who oversees academic policy.

"My priority is working with current Haskell Indian Nations University students," Blackbird wrote. "Your concerns as a recent graduate of Haskell Indian Nations University in American Indian Studies will not be considered at this time."

But George Tiger, vice chairman of the university's Board of Regents, called Councillor's case "worrying."

"We hear concerns from a lot of students," Tiger said. "One concern we hear is that there's a possibility of retaliation if you're not a supporter of Dr. Warner."

The Regents represent tribes from across the nation and have only advisory power. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Education oversees Haskell directly. Tiger said he and

other regents will meet with bureau officials next week to discuss concerns about Haskell's administration.

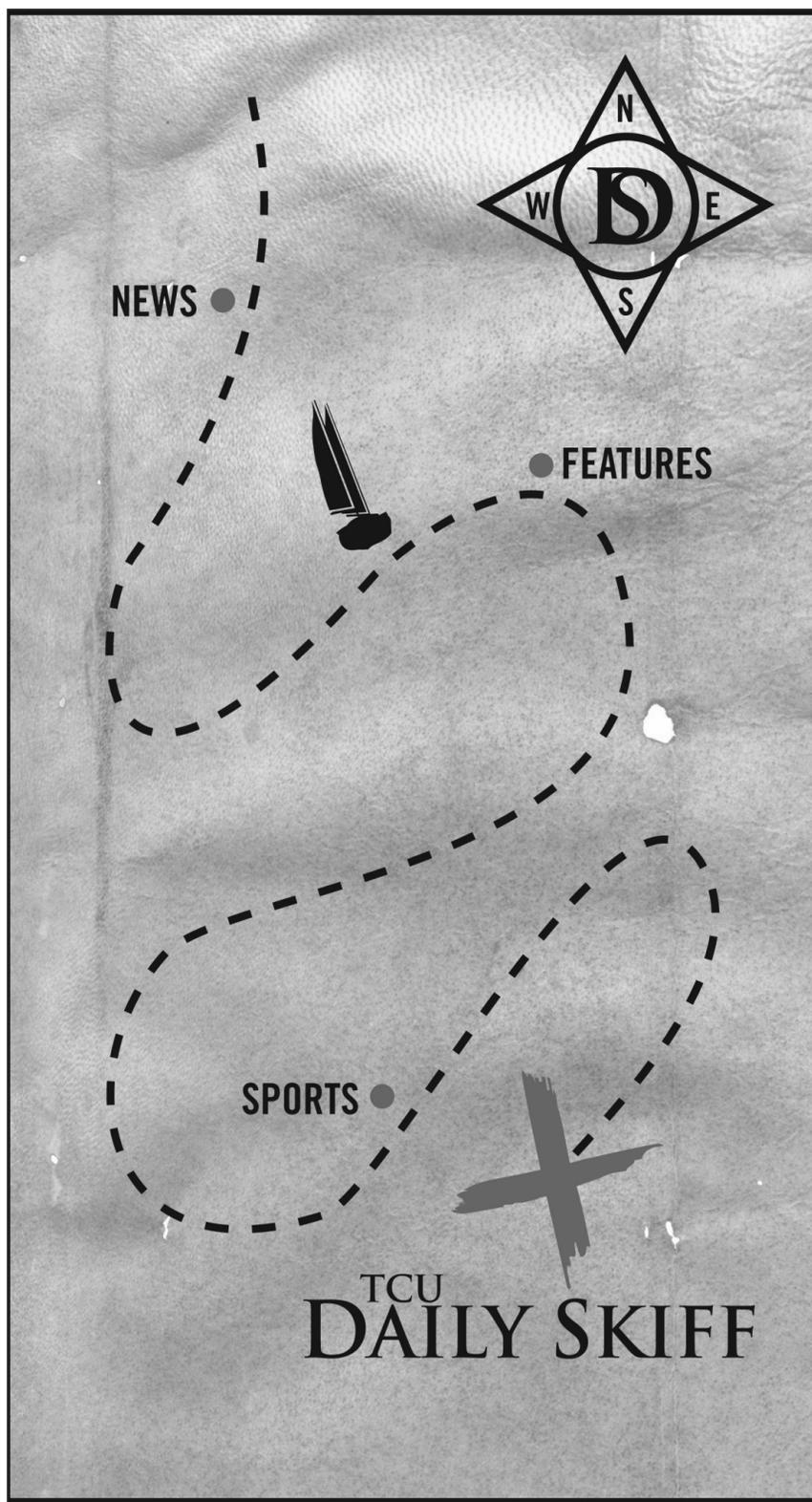
When Warner took over as president two years ago, she promised to modernize Haskell — the nation's only federally funded four-year university dedicated to Native American students — and make it competitive with major universities.

She started a new campus research center, implemented a new student health program, signed cooperative agreements with other universities and started work to expand degree options. A new personnel policy was established, and some faculty members were reassigned.

Yet some students complained that Warner wanted to raise student fees and hadn't done enough to address campus security or upgrade computers. The Board of Regents also complained that Warner wasn't listening to students and wasn't forthcoming about university finances.

Last summer, the Regents called for Warner to step down and asked for an investigation of her administrative policies. Warner refused and was backed by her supervisors in Washington.

Last fall, 400 of the university's 997 students signed Councillor's petition seeking Warner's removal or resignation. Earlier this month, the University's Endowment Association disbanded because it said Warner wouldn't meet with them.



OPINION

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The Skiff View

University overlooks costs of digital TV

TCU Connect officials have moved swiftly to ensure that the campus is prepared for the digital transition, which should be commended. However, it seems that in their quest to bring students the superior picture and sound quality that digital provides they have left them on the short end of the stick.

Currently, students without a converter box receive channels 2 through 38, even though they are still paying for the other channels their TV does not get.

TCU Connect's solution is for students to go out and buy a conversion box for their TV.

It does not make sense for students to buy a digital converter box to use while they are on campus, as they are only required to live in the residence halls for two years. After students move off campus, the converter box that they bought will be rendered useless because they will probably be given converter boxes for rent by their cable company.

While the university is working with Campus Converters to help provide a limited supply of Tivax converters for \$85, those who miss out might have to pay more than \$200 dollars to access channels they already pay for.

Requiring students to buy their own digital conversion box adds an additional burden for those students who do not have the financial resources; meanwhile they are still paying for the service they cannot access.

If TCU Connect continues with the plan for students to pay for their own converter boxes, they should take steps to decrease the cost to all students.

Multimedia editor Jason Fochtman for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

Average citizens need bailout



KATIE MARTINEZ

I watch "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" a lot. I don't normally consider him to be extremely profound so much as amusing, but in an episode this week he said something so intriguing I'm still thinking about it days later.

When discussing the new bailout plan with guest Gwen Ifill moderator of PBS' "Washington Week," Stewart proposed a "trickle-up theory" of economics in which the corporate bailout money goes first to the taxpayers with the sole purpose of paying off the consumer debt and mortgages they have with banks.

"Then they'll have money, we'll have no debt and the world will be made of unicorns and rainbows," Stewart said on the show.

Now Jon Stewart is no economist, and neither am I, but it seems to me that the government should be more or at least equally concerned with the mess that average people are in, instead of this obsessive "bailing out" of corporate giants.

CardWeb.com reported recently that the average American household has \$9,200 in credit card debt. This, in addition to mortgages, car notes and student loans have many Americans struggling to stay afloat in a time of massive layoffs.



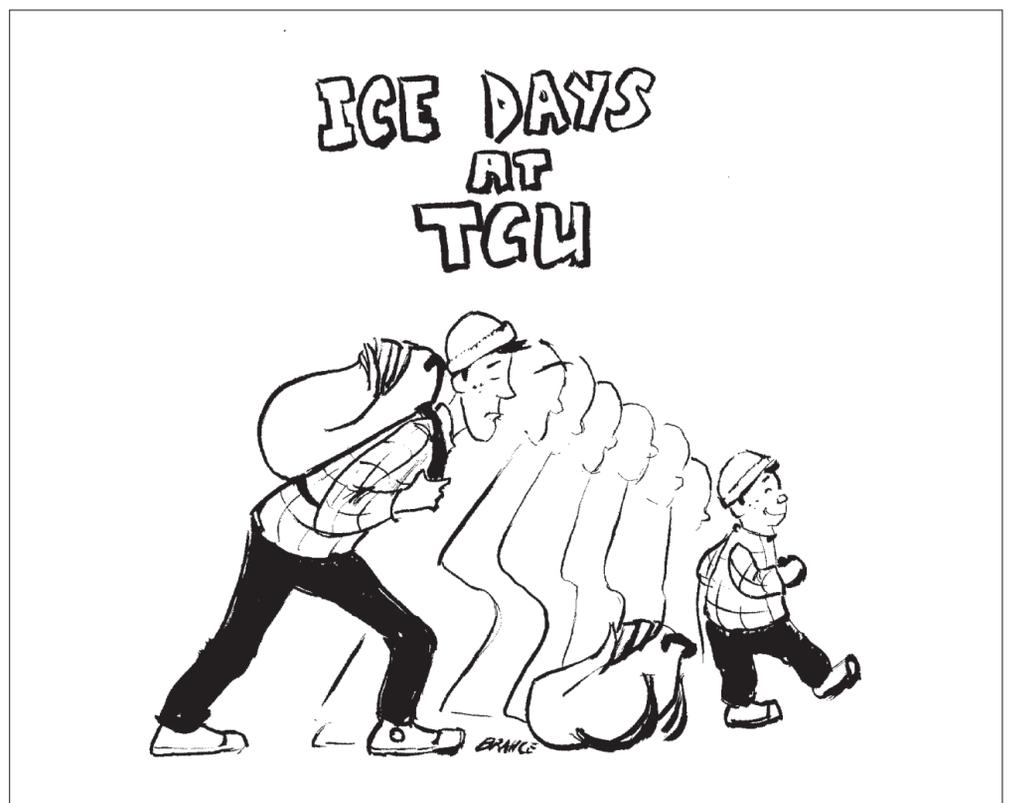
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The meager stimulus checks and tax breaks we've received in recent years have done little or nothing to help the average American get back on track.

Why not kill two birds with one stone and allow the taxpayers some tangible personal benefit from the trillions of dollars of our hard-earned cash that's being thrown around in Washington?

I don't know about unicorns and rainbows, but I think Stewart is on to something here.

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Obama shouldn't shut out dissenters



MICHAEL LAUCK

Last week, in one of his first White House meetings, President Barack Obama warned Republicans to stop listening to conservative radio personality Rush Limbaugh if they wanted to work successfully with the new administration.

Obama was discussing the stimulus plan with top Republican members when, according to a New York Post article, Obama said, "You can't just listen to Rush Limbaugh and get things done."

While this could be construed as an off-shoot comment, it seems more like a gag order for those who disagree with the president's plans.

It is a blatant attempt to turn the opposition into blasphemers. Either bow down to the church of bipartisanship or be an outcast.

In fact, the whole talk of bipartisanship has made me wonder what that even means. It should not be used to mean that one party remains silent while the other has their way with the country.

This also brings up the issue of the role of the media in American society. I always thought of the media as the "Fourth Estate." They have the freedom to report on politicians and make sure the government does not abuse their power.

Just because some people attack your views doesn't give you the right to shut them out by telling others not to listen to them,

Admittedly, Rush Limbaugh is not the most objective person on radio, and he doesn't pretend to be. But just because some people attack your views doesn't give you the right to shut them out by telling others not to listen to them, or else.

Overall, this incident shows that Obama's agenda includes shutting out those who are critical of his ideas, and this isn't the first time he has tried to scare people into agreeing with him.

In his New York Post interview, Obama also said, "We are experiencing an unprecedented economic crisis that has to be dealt with and dealt with rapidly."

Doing things rapidly seems very important to Obama. By using the current crisis as a scare tactic he is creating an excuse to enact his plans for the "good of the American people" without opposition.

When former President George W. Bush was in office, there was a lot of controversy surrounding his "with us or against us" mentality in the war on terror.

Now that we have a new president, the same concerns and questioning should apply. We must not allow fear to convince us to give up any more of our rights, especially not freedom of the press.

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YOUR VIEW
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Moral standards personal, not political

As a Christian, I would like to comment on the Jan. 28 column "Proposed abortion law attests to loose morals" by Andrew Weatherford.

First, I would like to state that from my personal religious standpoint rather than a moral one, that abortion is wrong. Biblically there seems to be plenty of evidence to support this case with verses

like Jeremiah 1:5 which states, "before I formed you in the womb I knew you." However, the Conservative right seem to misunderstand the fact that religious morals do not necessarily translate to societal morals.

Today's society has an obligation to separate church and state. Our society's moral obligations are determined by science. This means early abortions, before the fetus has become sentient, point to the fact that abor-

tion is not taking life. As a Christian I have a moral obligation to respect life no matter what stage it is in, but to hold others to the same standards when they do not share my beliefs is not only gross, it is self-righteous. While I may disagree with many of President Barack Obama's policy decisions, this is not one of them.

Thomas Guidry is a 2007 graduate from Lafayette, La.

Campus Voices

Should professors receive bonuses for having better evaluations, as Texas A&M University is doing this semester?



Yeah, they should receive a bonus, because it's a student-teacher relationship and usually the better the relationship, the better the student does.

Holt Redwine
 sophomore finance and accounting major from Dallas



No. Because it's their job to do the best they can. They shouldn't get rewarded for an evaluation that is feedback on their job.

Patrick McCaffrey
 freshman engineering major from St. Louis



Yes, because the success of the student can usually depend on the professor.

Hillary Hall
 sophomore advertising/public relations major from Austin



No, I don't think they should receive bonuses because I think good reviews should be expected and not rewarded. But there should be some incentive for teachers with better reviews.

Ryan Ross
 sophomore finance and Spanish major from Dallas



Are you serious? A student shouldn't be responsible for what a teacher gets paid by the response of their evaluation.

J.B. Litterer
 freshman engineering major from Austin



Yes, because some teachers are more qualified for their positions than others.

Taylor Lane
 sophomore advertising/public relations major from Dallas

NEWS

Colleges court nontraditional students

By Patricia Alex

The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Many of New Jersey's public colleges and universities are ramping up continuing and professional education programs, banking on the money-making offerings to offset shrinking state aid and endowments.

"We have to address the fact that universities have to get very serious about generating revenue," said Bernadette Tiernan, director of continuing and professional education at William Paterson University in Wayne, N.J. "We're more reactive to market forces."

Community colleges have long offered workforce training and non-credit bearing programs that respond to consumer demands. Bergen Community College, for instance, last week announced a new certificate program in wedding planning.

But now four-year schools, some of which had shied away from using revenue as a criterion for their

offerings, are much less reticent about acknowledging they are in the "business of education," Tiernan and others said.

Rutgers now has 50,000 students enrolled in non-credit programming throughout the state — including satellite locations as far south as Cape May County, said Ray Caprio, vice president for continuing education and outreach. And he said the state university hopes to increase that number by several thousand in the next few years.

"The overall strategy is that we all must become more entrepreneurial," said Caprio.

Ramapo College instituted its first programs for pre-college teens this summer, offered its first online winter session, and is working on more certificate and professional development programs including those for returning veterans, said Provost Beth Barnett.

"It's a big change for us," she said.

The college is going with academic strengths in offering profes-

sional development, Barnett said. Ramapo has an established nursing program, for instance, and will offer professional development programs for nurses this summer in its state-of-the-art nursing lab.

Similarly, William Paterson University, which has a huge education department, offers a wide variety of continuing education programs for teachers.

Continuing education is a "12-month operation," Tiernan said, "without the down cycles in traditional academia."

The university has robust summer and winter sessions. It also hosted nearly 500 pre-college students at enrichment camps this summer, including its popular jazz camp and has reached out to the business community to see what kind of courses they need and want.

"We're in the business of providing high quality education to those not necessarily seeking degrees," she said. "The brand is the university."

William Paterson also rents out

its facilities more often, making use of a new students center and dorms to host outside conventions and conferences, Tiernan said.

The demand for professional development and retraining is only expected to increase with an economy in flux, experts say.

The emphasis is a response to changing realities, said Caprio, of Rutgers. He said today's college graduates are likely to engage in as much as seven years of post graduate professional learning as their careers progress.

Rutgers this year plans to develop more off-campus programming that could serve "several thousand students in areas now underserved by public higher education," Caprio said.

And the state university wants to try to interest some of its 300,000 living alumni in new online offerings.

"If we get even 1 percent of alumni, it turns into reasonable money," he said. "The cheapest customers to get are the ones you've got."

WEIGHT LOSS



DEBBIE NODA / Modesto Bee

Sandi Krueger, left, sits with her daughter Megan, 12, Jan. 7 at their home in Turlock, Calif. Krueger, 38, had surgery to help her lose weight and help relieve her back pain. She has had complications and suffers from malnutrition and anemia.

Some patients suffer from surgery effects

By Ken Carlson

McClatchy Newspapers

MODESTO, Calif. — Sandi Krueger of Turlock, Calif., dropped 120 pounds with weight-loss surgery, but she is hardly a success story.

The 2002 surgery led to chronic malnutrition and anemia. As the pounds melted away, so did her life.

With a sunken face and protruding collar bones, she is too weak to work and spends most afternoons on the couch wrapped in a blanket.

She has thoughts of giving up, but wants to be there for 12-year-old daughter Megan and 19-year-old son Dustin.

"It's not acceptable leaving me like this," said the 103-pound Krueger, who at 38 looks closer to 50. "I've gone to doctor after doctor and basically they don't help me."

According to studies on bariatric surgery, patients with long-term complications are in the minority and disastrous outcomes such as Krueger's are rare. But with 200,000 weight-loss surgeries being performed each year, she and other patients believe the long-term complications deserve more attention.

Krueger's options appear to be running out. Her anemic blood hasn't been responding to iron shots and she was told last month that she can't have the gastric bypass reversed.

"This isn't a life," said Robert De Kasha, her brother. "If she doesn't find an answer, she is just going to fade away."

Spurred by a national epidemic of obesity, bariatric surgery has become a standard of care for people with weight-related health issues. It has improved the lives of people who suffered from diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea and other issues, experts say. No one is sure why some bariatric patients fare better than others.

The stomach-shrinking surgery has risks, such as leaks that can cause life-threatening infections, hernias and bowel obstructions. After the surgery, patients are expected to follow nutritional and lifestyle guidelines to achieve weight loss and avoid trouble with their altered digestive tracts.

Most patients will have "dumping syndrome" at some point, when food passes too quickly from the tiny stomach pouch into the small intestine. Because the stomach hasn't broken down the food, the person gets a rush of blood sugar, rapid heartbeat, sweating and nausea.

Other patients may have iron and vitamin B-12 deficiencies years after surgery. All bariatric patients need to take vitamin supplements for life.

A nationwide study released in 2006 concluded that bariatric surgery complications are common. By examining insurance claims for 2,522 surgeries, researchers with the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality found that 40 percent of patients had complications in the six months after surgery, about double the rate in previous studies.

The agency contends that surgical advances recently have lowered the complication rate to 30 percent, still high for an elective procedure, said William Encinosa, lead author of the study.

"Anytime you can cut into the intestine, you have a risk of complications," he said. "Clearly there are benefits for people who are morbidly obese, but these patients need to know what they are getting into."

Less is known about complica-

tions years after the surgery, although a 10-year Swedish study found many patients kept the weight off and had increased longevity.

Krueger, who once worked two jobs as a nursing assistant, sought treatment for an injured back in 2002. A specialist suggested that the 5-foot, 250-pound woman lose weight through bariatric surgery to deal with the back problem, she said.

She had what's called a Roux-en-Y gastric bypass at Doctors Hospital of Manteca, Calif. To perform the common procedure, surgeons create a small pouch from the stomach and make a connection between the bottom of the pouch and a section of small intestine.

Most of the stomach and part of the intestine are bypassed, so the person feels full after a few bites of food and the intestine absorbs fewer nutrients.

Krueger, weighing 219 by the time of surgery, lost weight quickly as dumping syndrome made her sick for months. When she went to the doctor with complaints, he urged her to stick with the dietary instructions and take supplements, she said.

"It's not acceptable leaving me like this. I've gone to doctor after doctor and basically they don't help me."

Sandi Krueger
weight-loss surgery patient

Bariatric surgeries were discontinued at Doctors Hospital of Manteca, so Krueger sought help from specialists at University of California at San Francisco Medical Center. In 2004, surgeons there corrected a problem from the initial surgery and, as her strength returned, she got up on water skis for the first time.

She gained 22 pounds, then her troubles returned and she bottomed out at 98 pounds.

With her body starved of nutrients, her blood sugar dropped so low she was admitted to Emanuel Medical Center for a week of monitoring, she said.

Tests have shown that her pouch no longer holds food but dumps it directly into the small intestine. Even if she eats five times a day, she doesn't get the protein and other nutrients she needs.

She's tried protein bars and countless other foods and even finds that fish is hard on her digestive tract. Daughter Megan brings her toast and crackers because she knows those are easy on her stomach.

Krueger said it's heartbreaking for her daughter to see her tired and faint all the time. She has lost hair, her teeth are decaying, and she's often out of breath.

To treat her anemia, she's had a blood transfusion and three rounds of iron infusions. A reaction to the last infusion caused her blood pressure to plummet and nurses to come to her aid.

Last year, she was considered for having the gastric bypass reversed at UCSE, but doctors told her in December that it was too dangerous. They were concerned that her remaining stomach would have inadequate blood flow and would rot, she said.

"That day was hard for me," she said. "I don't know what is ahead. I feel my life has been taken from me."

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FEATURES

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Review

Sleek new Audi A4 couldn't be better for price

By Greg Laver
Staff Writer

The 2009 Audi A4 may have the same name as its predecessor, but it is truly a different animal.

If you are lazy and do not want to bother reading the rest of this review, just read this: Go buy this car.

The new aggressive exterior and sleek lines of the A4's body are impressive.

The only complaint I've heard about the new Audi's looks are in regards to the small LED running lights that come with the xenon

light package, a cue from the brand's supercar, the R8.

But, enough about the outside — let's talk about where Audi has really excelled as of late, and that is on the inside. Even at the lowest trim level the interior wipes the floor with almost all of its competition.

Everything is ergonomically placed and driver-oriented. Audi also gives plenty of options to customize the interior.

So both the interior and exterior of the new longer and wider A4 are brilliant, but how does it drive? Yet again, the new Audi is fantastic.

There is no ignoring the fact that the Audi is not a rear-wheel drive car, so it will never be the best driver's car. But the A4 does not feel like your standard front-wheel-drive sedan.

The Quattro all-wheel-drive system sends most of the power to the rear wheels, so much so that it does feel reminiscent of rear wheel drive, but still provides the confidence to tackle any corner aggressively without fear.

Even though the all wheel drive system is very good, I would not recommend it except in a climate with frequent snowy or icy conditions.

The front wheel drive model offers better fuel economy and, based on my experience with Audi's and Volkswagen's latest models, the car will still handle brilliantly, just a little less tail-happy than a BMW.

The new A4 features sophisticated styling and great engineering and with its longer and wider wheel base the car drives better than ever.

The A4 has finally surpassed its competition, the BMW 328i, which is just not quite

enough car to take full advantage of its rear wheel drive.

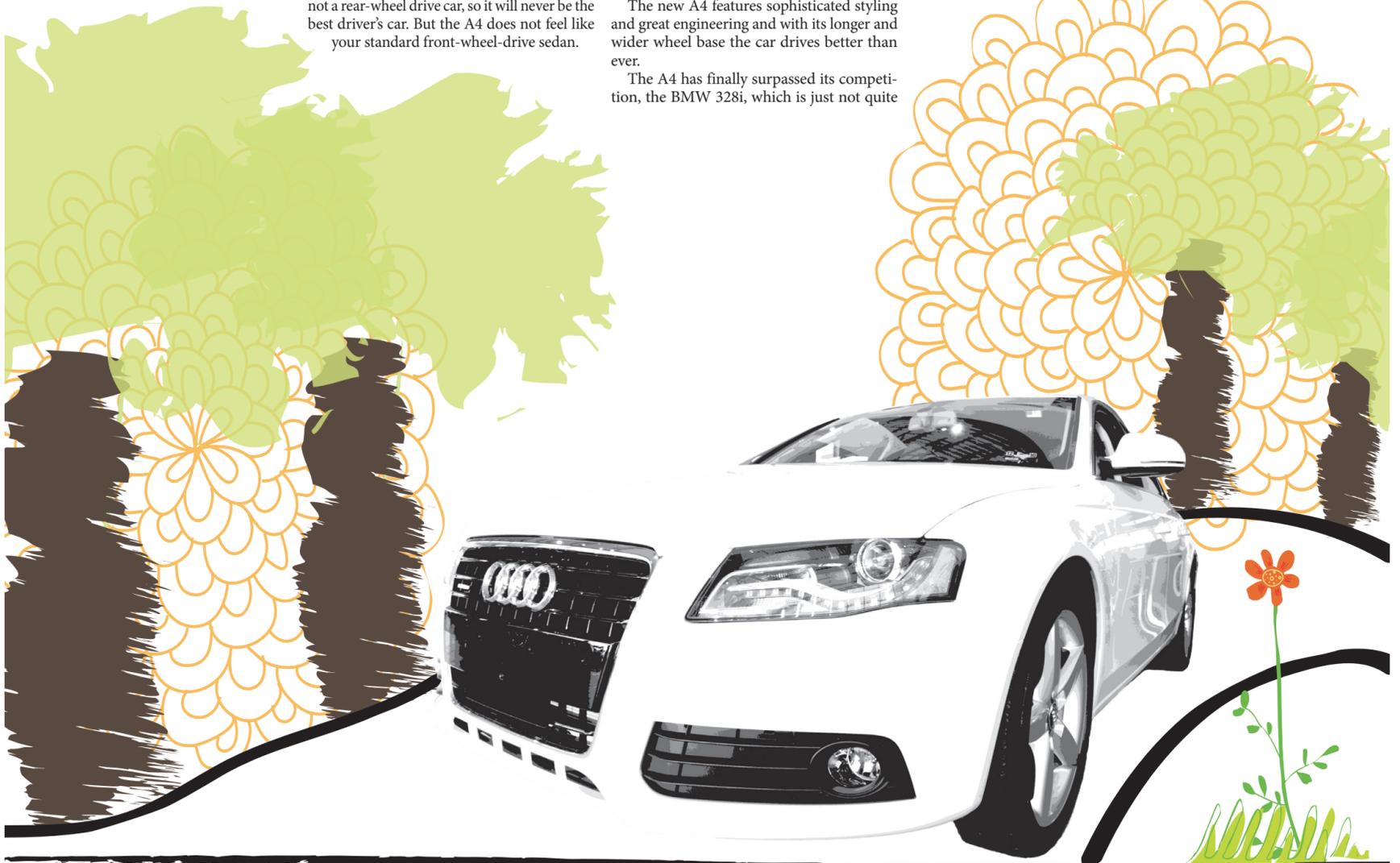
However, I do not consider the A4 as a competitor to the more powerful, twin-turbocharged BMW 335i.

The 335i's more powerful engine puts the car in a different class, both in performance and price point.

That is what the soon-to-be-released Audi S4 will shoot for, and BMW could have something to worry about.

I don't think any other car at this price point could be better.

Base Price: \$31,000
Fun: 4/5
Interior: 5/5
Exterior: 5/5
Fuel Economy: 5/5



Preview

Will 'The Uninvited' reverse trend of bad horror remakes?

By Chance Welch
Features Editor

"The Uninvited" is the latest in a long line of Asian horror remakes, which has become a genre all its own. The cinemas have been flooded with Korean remakes (K-horror) and Japanese remakes (J-horror) and I'm starting to wonder if viewers have exhausted these remakes at the expense of original horror films like "The Strangers" and "Teeth."

The story revolves around Anna (played by Emily Browning) who has returned home from a psychiatric facility to find her widower father has been engaged to her mother's former nurse (Elizabeth Banks), who may have had a role in the wife's death. Along with her older sister Alex (Arielle Kebbel), Anna investigates her future stepmother's past all while having visions of her vengeful mother.

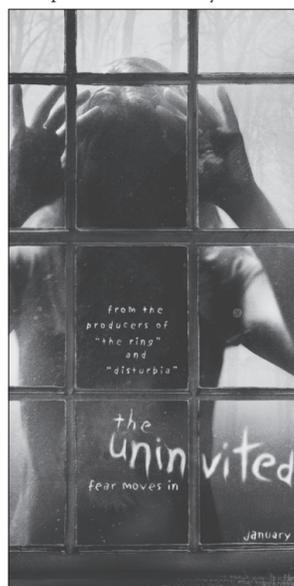
Knowing the shaky track record of these remakes, the film could be a success like "The Grudge" and "The Ring" or it could be a flop like "Pulse" or "One Missed Call." One plus is that it's based on a horror film well-received by both critics and audiences in South Korea called "A Tale of Two Sisters." On the other hand, the film has not been screened for critics, which is a bad omen that the film may get lost in translation.

This marks feature film debut for brother directors Charles and Thomas Guard, who have previously

directed several short films.

Lead actress Emily Browning rose to fame after starring in "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" alongside funnyman Jim Carrey, and Elizabeth Banks has been a reliable star with recent comedy hits like "Role Models" and "Zack and Miri Make a Porno." Let's see how they try their hand at horror and suspense.

"The Uninvited" is rated PG-13 and opens in theaters today.



Review

Soderbergh's 'Che' authentic masterpiece

By Geovanny Bonilla
Staff Writer

"HASTA LA VICTORIA SIEMPRE! (Always until Victory!)"

These are the infamous words of the iconic and divisive Ernesto "Che" Guevara, whose bearded facade is found on T-shirts, posters and various other memorabilia. To some people, he is a divine idol embodying the true revolutionary spirit, a man who became a martyr for the liberation of the repressed. To others, he is a reckless mass murderer with extremist beliefs whose arrogance led to ultimate disregard for human life.

Director Steven Soderbergh undertook the daunting task of capturing the moments most integral to Ernesto "Che" Guevara's transformation from an Argentine medical student to revolutionary icon in his epic, simply-titled "Che."

Divided into two films, the first, titled "The Argentine," follows Che in his rise to fame in the Cuban Revolution, while the second, titled "Guerilla," depicts the eventual fall of the revolutionary in his failed coup in Bolivia.

In a film of this size and scope, it was inevitable that a renowned Latino with Benicio del Toro's acting prowess be cast as the larger than life figure. The Puerto Rican actor/producer, known for his roles in "Traffic" and "Sin City," provides a well-crafted interpretation of the revolutionary whose burning desire to act against tyranny and injustice imposed upon the poor masses of the world led him to join the ranks of Fidel Castro's impassioned rebels. His acting style embodies the invincible revolutionary who stood up to the world and gave a rousing speech to the United Nations in 1964 (depicted in "The Argentine") while also revealing the imperfect nature of the man behind the icon, in which weaknesses like his asthma and his zeal become painfully apparent.

With a supporting cast of prominent Latino actors, including Mexican actor Demian Bichir as Castro, the films provide perspective on the other individuals involved in the movement.

Throughout both films, Spanish dialogue coupled with the unmistakable accents of Cubans, Argentines and Bolivians reveals careful attention to detail by Soderbergh, who attempts to truly authenticate the experience. As a cinematographer, Soderbergh (under the pseudonym Peter Andrews) films in gritty black and white, creating the feeling of a documentary.

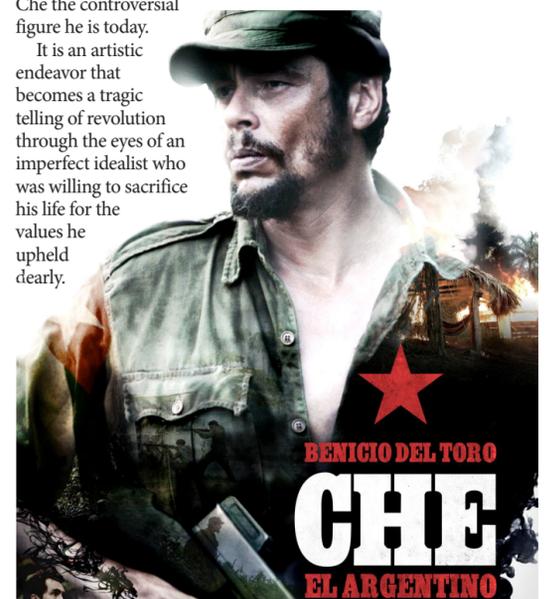
The film leaves the viewer with a strong desire to delve deeper

into Che's mindset and what really drove him. Although this may be a flaw, it is important to understand that the film is not the typical biographical movie. It is not a conventional Hollywood blockbuster that the masses will be flocking to watch the weekend of its release, despite Soderbergh's successful efforts to strip the politics from the film. He does not present Che as a hero or a murderer, but simply as an impassioned man with the perseverance to act upon his beliefs.

With a combined running time of a little over four hours including an intermission in between the films, those with only an extreme interest in the subject are likely to see the film, perhaps pointing to the reason it is out on limited release.

To those filmgoers who have the desire and the patience to see both films together, they will prove to be nothing less than a pair of masterpieces providing insight into the crucial moments that made Che the controversial figure he is today.

It is an artistic endeavor that becomes a tragic telling of revolution through the eyes of an imperfect idealist who was willing to sacrifice his life for the values he upheld dearly.



SPORTS

SUPER BOWL XLIII

Annual hype slow to build this year

By Jennifer Waters
MarketWatch

TAMPA, Fla. — The Super Bowl buzz has been slow to build this year, but with the game in Tampa not until Sunday there is still time for this Gulf Coast town to start hopping.

With a noticeably smaller number of parties and corporate events planned and none, besides the Taste of the NFL, that has been billed as the must-go event of the long weekend, it seems almost tranquil here compared to the raucousness that invaded the streets, tents and bar scenes around Phoenix last year.

But host committee members insist it's still early. The real throngs of people won't start arriving until Thursday, Friday and even Saturday. "We're extremely excited about this. We still expect a big influx of people for the game," said Reid Sigmon, executive director of Tampa's Super Bowl host committee.

Given the dour state of financial affairs that football fans in all walks of life find themselves in this year, it would make sense that game-goers would shorten their trip — and costs for hotels, food and, of course, imbibing — for the big game.

But people like taxi driver Marco Hamm feel the difference in mood, atmosphere and numbers of people this year compared to the last time Tampa hosted the Super Bowl in 2001.

"In 2001, it was a big, big thing in Tampa," he said. "Then we had a lot of people coming about two weeks before the game and making a holiday out of it."

"Not any more," he said. "How many jobs have been lost since then? It's not like it was then."

There were more former football players hugging and high-fiving at Mike Ditka's Gridiron Greats Dinner of Champions than probably anywhere else in the world Wednesday night.

The event, a fundraiser for NFL



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Pittsburgh Steelers safety Ryan Clark talks to reporters Wednesday during a press conference for Super Bowl XLIII at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla.

veterans struggling to pay medical bills and necessary operations as well as those who have fallen on hard financial times, became a reunion of sorts for some 100 former players and coaches ranging in age from in the 30s to their 70s.

Roger Staubach, Tony Dorsett, Jim McMahon, Eric Dickerson and Garo Yepremian were among those hobnobbing with each other at the Hard Rock Cafe and Casino Seminole.

The Golic brothers, Bob and Mike, also were there, with Bob looking like a "rock star," according to Michael Irvin, who emceed the event. Both guys admitted that they were recognized more from their TV and radio gigs and the ubiquitous diet commercials they've done over the years than for football.

Bob Golic's acting career started as Cal U resident adviser Mike Rogers on "Saved by the Bell: The College Years." He's now a radio-talk show host in his hometown of Cleveland. Mike Golic is co-host of ESPN's "Mike and Mike in the Morning" radio show.

"We put in all this hard work, sweated, bled, got stuff broken

and all of a sudden nobody remembers we played football," Mike Golic said.

New York Yankees superstar Derek Jeter entertained golf buddies for the second straight night Wednesday in a roped-off area that had patrons of The Kennedy night club lining the perimeter five-people deep to see who was inside. You couldn't help but feel like a visitor at the zoo, oohing and aahing about the tigers and lions and bears in the cages in front of you.

Michael Jordan was a bigger fan magnet than any other baseball, football or basketball player there. He was tough to see, though, wearing a black shirt and ivy cap and hanging out against a dark wall that he almost disappeared into.

Some kid named Michael inside the Jeter cage bragged about his relationship with "M.J.," but wouldn't give an ounce of detail. "I've known M.J. since I was about 10," he said. "It's a long, complicated story."

Though he loitered near the Chicago Bulls great for some time, he never actually spoke to him.

Others catching party-goers

eyes were Richard Dent, Darryl Strawberry, Jerome Bettis, Charles Oakley and Warren Sapp. Jeter is hosting his sixth annual celebrity golf classic for three days to benefit his Turn 2 foundation.

Horrendous economy or not, Reid Sigmon, the executive director of the host committee, said the number of sponsors, the fundraising efforts and the budget that the NFL requires of a host city have all been met.

"The fall of the economy definitely slowed down decision-making from some of our sponsors," he said. "It took longer to reach our goal, but we did it."

None of the sponsors backed out or fell short of their commitments, he said. And the committee reached its \$7.2 million fundraising goal, though the amount was altered downward "slightly" in recent weeks, he said, because the committee managed to cut the budget.

"This is a great year to host a Super Bowl game," he said, noting that in this economy Tampa's getting a boatload of free and positive exposure that he thinks will carry on long after the pigskins are put away.

SUPER BOWL

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touchdown in the fourth quarter of the AFC Championship Game all but sealed the win for the Steelers.

With a win on Sunday, Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin, at just 36 years of age, would become the youngest head coach to ever win a Super Bowl.

The Cardinals rise to prominence this season has come as a surprise to many people who follow pro football. The team had seen little success in recent years and its last playoff appearance came in 1998.

But things have quickly changed under second-year head coach Ken Whisenhunt, who happened to be the Steelers' offensive coordinator when they won the big one in Detroit in 2006.

Whisenhunt's squad won the NFC West this season after posting a 9-7 record. Struggles late in the season, including a 47-7 loss to the New England Patriots, led people to believe the team would quickly be dispatched in the playoffs. But that hasn't been the case.

The Cardinals have downed three talented teams in the playoffs in the Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers and Philadelphia Eagles. The offense has been explosive and the defense has played surprisingly well at times.

The combination of quarterback Kurt Warner and wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald has been absolutely unstoppable thus far in the playoffs. Fitzgerald has erupted for 419 yards and 5 touchdowns, including a three-touchdown effort against the Eagles in the NFC Championship Game. Warner, a two-time NFL MVP and the Super Bowl XXXIV MVP, would become

the first player in NFL history to win a Super Bowl as the starting quarterback of two different teams if the Cardinals can find a way to win on Sunday.

I could really see this game going either way, but in the end I believe experience will be the deciding factor. Aside from Warner and Whisenhunt, the Cardinals

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have very little of it. Fitzgerald will certainly do his damage, but will it be enough?

The Steelers, on the other hand, have a team full of players with Super Bowl experience. They are likely to be unaffected by the spectacle of the scene in Tampa Bay and they know what it takes to win on Super Sunday.

Current forecasts for Sunday in Tampa Bay call for partly cloudy skies and temperatures hovering around 70 degrees, so weather doesn't appear to be a factor at this time.

I don't see this game being one that is decided by a last-second touchdown or field goal. I expect the Steelers to gain an early advantage and then lean on their defense to withstand any attempt at a late comeback. The Cardinals' anticipated run should finally come to an end.

Whatever happens, the NFL season is sure to conclude in dramatic fashion on Sunday evening.

Prediction: Steelers 31, Cardinals 21

NASCAR

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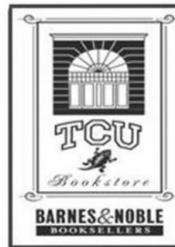
and fear in Earnhardt.

"Last year there were a lot of questions and uncertainties and insecurities about how we were going to do," Earnhardt said. "I was scared to fail trying to win."

"We've got to fix where it went

wrong," Earnhardt said. "I don't think it's one or two little tiny things, but I don't believe that it's the big fix (that's needed). I think it's a couple of tweaks here and some patience and a little more professionalism and we should be fine."

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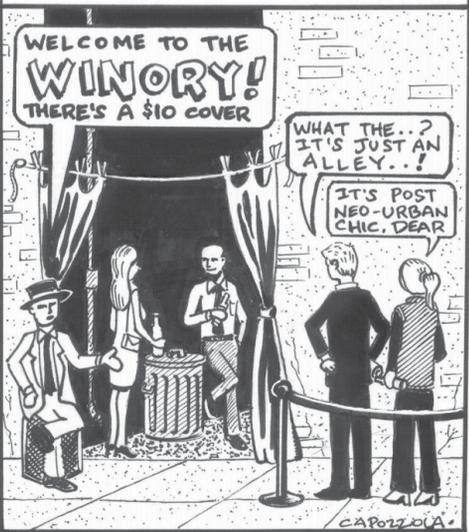
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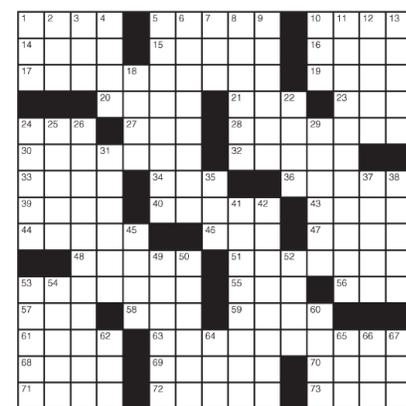
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By Jo Vita
Dade City, FL

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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SUPER BOWL XLIII • ANALYSIS

SHOW TIME



Experience to lead Steelers to victory

By Michael Carroll
Sports Editor

Sunday's Super Bowl in Tampa Bay, Fla., will feature the Arizona Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers, the final teams left standing at the end of a long, exhausting NFL season.

The Steelers, a team that won Super Bowl XL just three seasons ago, are aiming to cement their position as the franchise with the most championships in the history of the league. With a win, the team would collect its sixth Lombardi Trophy — a total that would give the team more than any other.

Pittsburgh, Dallas and San Francisco currently have five Lombardi Trophies apiece. Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is the unquestioned leader of the Steelers' offense. He led the team to a 12-4 record in the AFC North, good enough for the division title. In the postseason, Roethlisberger's steady play has helped his team top the San Diego Chargers in the divisional round and then the Baltimore Ravens in the AFC Championship Game.

Wide receiver Hines Ward, Super Bowl XL MVP, suffered a knee injury against the Ravens and has been limited in practice leading up to the big game, but he is ex-

Former Frog in Super Bowl

Jared Retkofsky, a former TCU defensive end from 2003-2006, is the long snapper on the Pittsburgh Steelers.

pected to play. Look for Steelers safety Troy Polamalu, perhaps the best defensive player in football, to make big plays all over the field when the Cardinals have the ball. Polamalu's defensive

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MEN'S TENNIS



SKIFF ARCHIVES

Junior Adrian Simon follows through after serving during a doubles match last season. Simon won the match.

Team aims to learn from tough tourney

By Jordan Smith
Staff Reporter

The men's tennis team will travel to Austin this weekend to compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Indoor Regional, their first tournament of the spring season. They will face the University of South Florida in the first round. The tournament this year will feature several high-profile teams. In addition to No. 28 South Florida, which is coming off a statement-making win over then-No. 11 Florida State University on Jan. 19, the tournament host, the University of Texas, is the No. 2 team in the nation.

TCU is currently ranked No. 35 in the country, falling two spots after losing to then-No. 24 Rice University 5-2 on Jan. 21.

Head coach Dave Borelli said he hopes playing tough teams in the first half of the season will help his young team mature.

"You've just got to learn to go out and play good people," Borelli said. "The drawback is, you take a lot of losses. But on the other hand, all it takes is to win a couple of the big matches against the good teams and

your expectations of what you think of yourself as a program improves. And I really sincerely believe that we're going to be a good program."

Borelli led the Horned Frogs to a breakout season last year, finishing No. 34 in the ITA National Rankings and returning the team to NCAA Regional for the 17th time in 18 years. The team also won the Mountain West Conference in 2008.

"You've just got to learn to go out and play good people."

Dave Borelli
head tennis coach

Despite starting the season by facing some of the nation's elite, the players don't seem worried.

"We don't really think of it as South Florida or UT; I mean, every match it doesn't matter who you play," said Krieglner Brink, the team's lone senior. "We're excited. We got one or two new guys, and we gotta show them how we do it as a Frog."

NASCAR

Earnhardt Jr. adjusting well to new team

By Jim Pedley
McClatchy Newspapers

CONCORD, N.C. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. did not climb into his Sprint Cup car alone last season. He was accompanied by fear. Not fear of crashing or getting busted up or being burned. Those things he could face. What scared Earnhardt was failure.

The entire racing world was watching the son of NASCAR's biggest hero as he bolted from the team his father founded and moved to Hendrick Motorsports in 2008 — and a large part was critiquing the move at every opportunity.

The pressure was on Earnhardt to win, and win a lot, and in truth there was probably no way he could win — not, at least, in the eyes of the critics. So there was fear.

But this year, it sounds as though Earnhardt's fears have waned.

"I got a year under my belt," he said last week. "I feel more pre-

pared, I've got a better sense of what to expect."

And that expectation is to win races and compete for a Sprint Cup championship in 2009.

That is what some expected for Earnhardt in 2008. Experts were all trying to outdo each other with their predictions for the number of victories Earnhardt would get with the best team in the sport behind him when the season started.

People were guessing three wins, four, five, more. Not only were they predicting, they were almost demanding.

Earnhardt and Hendrick together? Only winning all 36 races would have been enough for the toughest of the critics.

Team owner Rick Hendrick listened to all that, and he quickly understood what Earnhardt was carrying with him in 2008.

"Somebody one day will write a book on him," Hendrick said during last week's media tour, "and it should be titled 'His Own Man' because he's had tremendous pres-

sure on him to live up to standards that his dad's fans wanted and so forth. He's blessed and cursed at the same time with all that notoriety."

Earnhardt's debut with Hendrick started out well.

He won the nonpoints Budweiser Shootout during Speed Weeks at Daytona.

He continued to do well once he started driving for points last season. There were four top-six finishes in his first six races, and he had 12 top-10s in the first half of the season.

But there was only one victory, in mid-June at Michigan International Speedway.

That criticism fell hard on Earnhardt, but even harder on his crew chief and cousin, Tony Eury Jr. Bad calls, bad cars, bad leadership, said the critics.

"I'm going to be honest with you," Eury said. "I try not to read it or listen to it, and that way I don't know about it. We go there each week and try to do the best we can, but there's big expecta-

tions that people think we can do, and there are only so many people who can do it on any given weekend."

When Eury and Earnhardt arrived at Hendrick, they went to work in the race shop that had housed the teams of Kyle Busch and Casey Mears the year before.

That shop is separated from the building that houses the championship-winning teams of Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon. It is separated by more than just physical walls.

Eury said he kind of knew that it would take some time to get the teams in his shop up to the level of Johnson and Gordon.

"There was no certainty in that shop," Eury said. "With moving Casey around and with Kyle leaving (to Joe Gibbs Racing), nobody was really sure what was going to happen there."

What happened disappointed many and created a bit of doubt

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QUICK SPORTS

Four Flyin' Frogs look to impress in Houston

Four women from the track and field team will continue the Flyin' Frogs young season with a weekend trip to the Houston Indoor Invitational.

The group includes junior Jessica Young, senior Meaghan Peoples, senior Kishelle Paul and freshman Whitney Gipson.

The meet will be the Flyin' Frogs' third since the season started Jan. 16 in Lubbock.

Head coach Darryl Anderson said he has been pleased with the entire team's overall start to the year so far.

Anderson said he has been impressed with a few of the team's top members in senior sprinter Kishelle Paul and sophomore sprinter Sean Zurko.

Paul participates in the 60-

meter hurdle and Zurko runs the 800.

At the Razorback Invitational last weekend, Zurko placed first in the event with a time of 1:52.53.

Anderson said the team needs to get more races under its belt and more training time to finally come together for the rest of the season.

The team's preparation in practice is fully geared toward the Mountain West Conference and NCAA Championships, Anderson said.

After the Houston invitational, a two-week break will be followed by an invitational in College Station. The Mountain West Indoor Conference Championship will take place Feb. 26 to 28 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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