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\$20,388 Spirit and Traditions Concert' Budget \$19,75<u>0</u> ROLF NELSON / Illustration Source: Student Government Association

Fate of PC finances remains unsure

By KAILEY DELINGER

Staff Reporter

may leave Programming Councouraged yet.

In years past, PC, one of the has collected a fixed rate of 50 percent of the student government fee that appears on stusaid Kristen Chapman, Programming Council chair.

SGA treasurer.

In November, a debate over A change in Student Govern- how to ration SGA's budget ment Association's constitution culminated when the student body voted to leave the fate of cil scrambling for funds, but the PC's financial stability in the group's directors are not dis- hands of the SGA members who approve the annual budget.

"We are having to spread the four branches that form SGA, money that the students pay the student fee — among lots of things now," SGA adviser Natalie Boone said. "It kind of puts us dent tuition bills each semester, in a hard situation because Programming Council, of course, is like, 'we need the 50 percent' With the passage of new SGA but, at the same time, it isn't each future activity. Until Arnold legislation, however, that sum fair for the House (of Student makes a final decision on next the bill a major threat.

\$10 per committee."

Now PC is left questioning its future.

"We feel that the 50 percent is a good thing to have established," Chapman said, "but the change in the budget does not necessarily mean that we will get less than 50. It is really up in the air. We could get more, we could get less."

In the coming months, Arnold said he will begin the budget ming Council, I think, if we don't proposal process by analyzing SGA expenditures from past years and the potential cost of ultimate say in determining next may change, said Nate Arnold, Representatives) to only have year's budget, PC will not know

where it stands financially.

"The good thing about passing this bill is that if it turns out that PC needs more than 50 percent, I will be able to do that," Arnold said. "But if it turns out that they are overspending, then I can cut it."

Boone declined to comment on the validity of the new legislation.

"It really will affect Programget what we need," she said.

But Arnold, who will be the year's budget, does not consider

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Conference offers help to students graduating

By ASHLEIGH WHALEY \widetilde{Staff} Reporter

University Career Services will give seniors a look into professional life this weekend at the annual Senior Conference.

The conference, which features keynote speakers, employers and alumni, offers a head start in life and rewards seniors for coming this far by preparing them for challenges in the future, said Kimshi Hickman, associate director of employer services.

Patrick Combs, an alumni motivational speaker and author of "Major in Success," will show seniors how to aim for success during an often difficult transition from student to professional life, Hickman said.

"Mr. Comb's big thing is major and success and how to turn what you've experienced into success in the real world," said Abby Hicks, assistant director of marketing and events.

Senior Conference is modeled after a professional conference. Students stay overnight and attend breakout sessions and workshops, some of which focus on networking or interviewing skills, Hicks said.

Students should leave feeling confident about life after graduation, Hickman said.

"The conference will help students realize that time is of the essence," Hickman said. "Students who haven't already gotten their acts together, worked on their resume or started the job search should leave motivated to do so."

Seniors who have jobs lined up already will benefit from practicing learned skills in a professional setting, Hickman said.

The students also learn about networking — an important part of job searching, Hicks said.

"Employers call our office all the time asking, 'Do you have alumni resumes with this type of experience?'," Hicks said.

Conference topics will go beyond the basics of job searching. Hicks said seniors will develop professional life skills as well.

"We're having a session on balancing professional and family life and financial management in your personal life," Hicks said. See **SENIOR**, page 2 **OUT COLD**







(TOP) Kurtis Freeman, left, junior finance major, Codie Kretzer, junior geology major, and Peter Guempel, junior communication studies major, help Ryan Hamon, junior communication studies major, sled down a snowy sidewalk between the Tom Brown-Pete Wright apartments. (LEFT) Chase Rice, left, and Tera Perez, from the Physical Plant, shovel snow from the walkway in front of Clark Hall. (RIGHT) Guempel sleds down a hill outside of the University Recreation Center.

Classes canceled; students enjoy snowy weather

By AUNDREA EICHMAN Staff Reporter

8 a.m. Wednesday to good news: the second day of

classes were canceled.

er shocked many students of many students outside when they looked out their taking pictures or playing windows Wednesday morn- in the snow. Jerpi and his ing to see a blanket of snow friends said they did not on the ground. Some went expect the weather but Craig Jerpi woke up at right back to sleep or out to were enjoying "frolicking play, but others headed off in the snow."

Jerpi, a freshman graph-The frigid Texas weath- ic design major, was one

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Play to raise money for national 'V-Day'

By MICHELLE EUPERIO $Staff\ Reporter$

Soon, 18 women will have the coveted parts in a play about their coveted parts.

The women's studies tions for "The Vagina Monoraise money for awareness of violence against women.

"V-Day" is a global against women. The "V" stands for victory, valentine and vagina.

"The Vagina Monologues" that aims to raise awareness before she came to TCU. about sexual abuse.

no longer be a subject that's 'taboo,' and we can remove all the negative political connotations that have been associated with violence against project director for "The Vagina Monologues" and a senior political science major.

Money raised from the play's performances will go toward Assault Prevention Theatre and the national "V-Day" campaign.

"The Vagina Monologues" was first performed at TCU in 2005 and the performances raised more than \$5,000. The play was not performed

in 2006 at TCU but Becca Nordeen, artistic director for the play, said she hopes the performance will become an annual event.

Assault Prevention Thedepartment is holding audi- atre is a group of TCU students who raise awareness logues" on Monday. There on sexual abuse. They perwill be two performances on form at orientation and teach Feb. 9 — "V-Day" — that will students how to prevent and protect themselves in a situation of sexual abuse.

Karen Steele, director of movement to end violence women's studies, said this would be the second time for TCU to present "The Vagina Monologues."

Nordeen, a senior theater performances serve as the major, was a participant in the center of an entire week of show two years ago but said events known as "V-Week" she fell in love with it long

"I came from an extreme-"I believe that if we dis- ly conservative family, and I cuss it openly enough, it will saw the title and I just had to see what it was about," Nordeen said. "I ended up buying the book and loving everything I read."

Nordeen said all TCU womwomen," said Stella South, en, including staff and faculty, can audition for the play.

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FOR YOUR INFO

"THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES"

• Feb. 9

• 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Student Center Ballroom

 Tickets will be sold in the Student Center during "V-

Week," Feb. 5-9 Price: \$5 for one, \$8 for two

Student reports break-in attempts

By ASHER FOGLE ${\it Staff \, Reporter}$

A TCU student whose

report of an attempted breakin spurred a campus crime alert Tuesday told police a separate incident.

The woman called Fort Worth police on two consecutive nights about suspicious activity at her residence in the 3500 block of Winston Road.

Fort Worth police inves-Wednesday a prowler shone tigated a report of an a light into her back door in attempted break-in at the See **CRIME**, page 2

Student-produced soap opera to run on campus television channel

By JOHN BOLLER Staff Reporter

The soap opera "Southern Comforts," created by TCU students, will be shown in its entirety by Tager TV, the campus cable system.

Students can catch the show on channel 47 of on-campus televisions. Though an ending date has not been determined

for the broadcast, all episodes of of the radio-TV-film department, the first season are airing backto-back continuously, said Deana Muirheid, manager of media production support services.

be able to showcase student- channel 46," Vasilo said. produced programming, such as "Southern Comforts," on the campus channels.

Andrea Vasilo, a 2006 graduate

said the show has been aired on campus television before.

"The show has been shown on the National Lampoon net-Muirheid said it is great to work on the TCU campus —

> RTVF students began filming "Southern Comforts" in February 2006.

Since then, the show has radio-TV-film Web site.

received several awards, including an honorable mention for professor of RTVF, said wintelevision at the National Accolade Competition in 2006.

The competition recognizes professionals who demon- nificant to our department and with creativity in the fields ing standards are high, and winof film, video, television and ning means the craft exhibited

Richard Allen, associate ning this award was a big honor for the students involved.

"These awards are very sigstrate outstanding work, along students," Allen said. "The judgcommercials, according to the by your entry is outstanding and See **SOAPS**, page 2



WEATHER TODAY: Showers, 43/33 FRIDAY: Light Rain, 37/30 PECULIAR FACT

Nelsonville, Ohio: Two boys walked out of an unlocked juvenile detention home and took an early morning joy ride on a train, until authori-SATURDAY: Light Wintry Mix, 35/30 | ties tracked them down. — Associated Press

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"I would love to see a 20-year-old woman do a monologue followed by a professor." Nordeen said. "I would even love the Deco Deli ladies to be a part of it. All women should spread the message of being a proud woman. cathartic," Nordeen said. "The need to be a part of this too."

be an unconditional pride."

"The Vagina Monologues" will individual and group pieces based on women's stories and experienc- in the show. es of mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement.

They shouldn't be shameful. It should show contains mature themes but it is not for the shock factor."

Both men and women can help consist of comedic and dramatic usher, sell tickets and help with the "V-Week" activities. Men cannot be

"Having more men involved conveys a stronger message," Nordeen "It spreads a message that's said. "Men are apart of our lives and

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threaten PC," Arnold said. "I know student body. that I supported it because it gave

at all."

In any case, Chapman and PC Vice Chair Aaron Wolfe maintained that no matter the outcome, they will continue "It definitely was not meant to to put on a variety of events for the

"We just want to be able to always me more power as treasurer — it provide quality events that students didn't bind me to having to do that enjoy and not make people pay," Wolfe 50 percent. I don't think it is a threat said. "That's our big concern."

SENIOR

Seniors can nominate faculty members to attend the professional etiquette dinner Saturday night. The most nominated faculty honorees will dine with students as they learn lessons on self-presentation and table manners.

Speakers will also address whether graduate school is a good idea for certain majors.

"Part of what the conference will do," Hickman said, "is help students understand that, depending on your major, you may or may not need to go to graduate school."

SOAPS

above other productions."

RTVF majors produced the show as part of class curriculum and were responsible for all aspects, Allen said.

Doing this helped prepare them for after graduation, he

"We do this because it is a great way for students to prepare for this type of work for when they graduate and pursue their careers," Allen said. "It is great to see the improvements made in the show, from the acting, to the writing and directing as more episodes are made by the students."

SNOW

Bret Butler, a freshman interior design major, said he did not know classes were canceled until he was halfway to his Topics in Math class.

"I didn't even know it was snowing until I got downstairs," Butler said.

He said he had a feeling classes were canceled but decided the weather. to get up and go anyway. He said he was really excited classes were canceled and he could go back to sleep.

A few snow angels and snowmen also popped up around weather is going to get worse

"After I'm done with Bartholomew Augustus the Snowman," said Ricky Anderson II, a freshman radio-TV-film major, "I'm going to go inside and get some hot chocolate."

Anderson said he had been outside playing for an hour, and that Wednesday was his first real snow day, since he comes from Houston.

In The Main, Carolyn Isbell, a freshman athletic training major, said, "I'm going to go to the weather service. make snow angels on the football field, again."

She said she was very excited because, being from Arizona, she has never experienced snow.

While students were either sleeping or playing, Physical Plant employees were out making sure the TCU grounds were safe. All of the groundskeepers were required to come to work Wednesday.

Groundskeeper Thomas Seidl said he had been outside since 7 a.m. putting sand on steps and sidewalks to melt the ice. He said there was no known damage from

'We didn't know we were going to get this much," Seidl said. "It caught everyone by sur-

Seidl said he thinks the in the next few days because the snow will be melting yet temperatures will remain below freezing.

Snow accumulated to 1 to 2 inches Wednesday, and the sun won't shine through the cloudy skies until Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service.

Temperatures will remain in the 30s until Sunday with chances of light freezing rain each morning and night and light rain each afternoon, according

Will Stallworth, associate vice chancellor for facilities, did not return multiple phone calls requesting information about the weather's effect on the campus. Employees answering the phone at the physical plant said they were instructed to not answer questions for the Skiff.

residence of an unidentified female TCU student at about 2 a.m. Tuesday. Officers found screens removed from windows of the home. The incident dence, Gonzalez said. prompted TCU Police to on Tuesday.

ing, the student called Fort Worth police again erty, said officer Charles her yard, Perez said.

Gonzalez. Gonzalez said the woman told police an unidentified person rang her doorbell and shone a flashlight in the back door.

Officers investigated the property on both incidents and found no other evi-

Fort Worth police Sgt. send out the e-mail alert J.J. Perez said, "This could be a lot of other things Early Wednesday morn- than somebody trying to do harm."

The student said it was when she thought a too dark to get a descripprowler was on her prop- tion of the man she saw in



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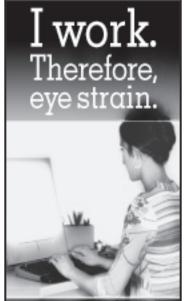


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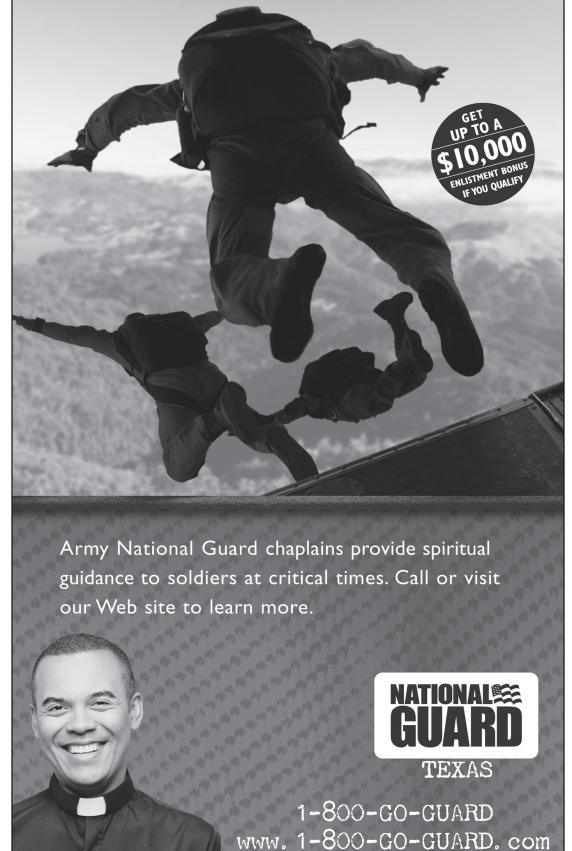
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THE SKIFF VIEW

Administration makes bad call

It seems the Bush administration is finally waking up to a situation that is already a nightmare for most Americans. But their most recent solution to the problem doesn't seem to be sitting well with American pub-

What was once just a step in the wrong direction for the United States has left us stranded in the wrong direction, and rather than turning around and going back, the recent troop surge is simply digging America in deeper.

Iraq has developed into a lose-lose situation for America, and instead of curtailing the inevitable loss of more American lives by following the recommendations of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, the Bush administration has decided that we're in it for the long haul.

The group's report seems to have gone unheeded by senior administrators, even though it offered what is the most plausible pathway to an Iraq that may, someday, no

longer be a burden for Americans.

This need to minimize the conflict's adverse effects on Americans must also be balanced with a responsibility to help Iraqis recoup from the damage done by America's invasion.

This year alone, 34,000 Iraqis were killed, according to the United Nations. The Iraqi infrastructure is devastated, and the country is in ruin and deteriorating rapidly.

The United States has overstayed its welcome in Iraq, and the country is broken as a result. It appears the Bush administration is now following the adage of "You break it, you buy it."

That's exactly what they're doing, too. We've broken it, and now we're trying to buy it — this time, with another 21,500 American troops.

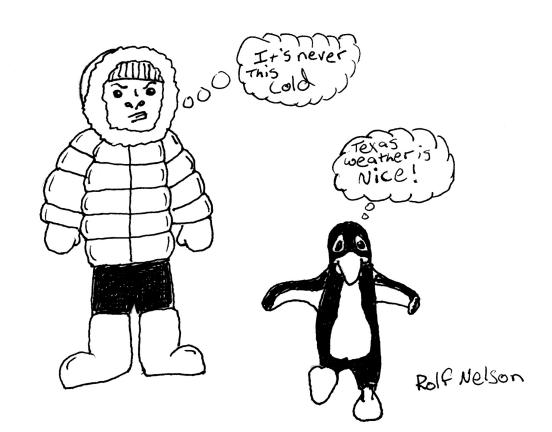
Eventually, our nation's leaders will just have to accept that Iraq may be broken beyond repair.

News editor Andrew Chavez for the editorial board.

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"Man is the only animal that laughs and has a state legislature."

Samuel Butler



Spears won't win respect with sleazy new behavior

Oops! She did it again. Before the Christmas break, the Web site livejournal.com printed an article titled "She's Bringin' Slutty Back" refer-

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en of Spears getting out of a car — photos of her private region.

The photographs reveal a drunk Spears with fellow bad girl Paris Hilton. They leave nothing to the imagination; you can even see the scar from her cesarean section from the birth of both of her children, Sean Preston and Jayden James.

After the recent divorce from husband Federline, Spears is facing tough

reviews as a single mother. The new spotlight Spears has brought upon herself is one of many bad moves to add to her already-scandalous past.

The motherhood rap Spears created after the birth of her children was just beginning to repair her bad reputation. However, after almost dropping Sean, driving a car with him in the front seat and strapping him wrongly into a car seat, Spears has quite a few mistakes to make up for, especially when they are reviewed by the scandal-crazed media.

This new revelation of partying and panty-dropping will in no way help Spears gain the respect of old fans and the media.

Although Spears didn't intentionally have photos taken of her private area, the mother of two should be adult enough to carefully watch her clothing and underwear choices, especially when she will be entering and exiting a small vehicle for the evening.

The problem is, Spears never intentionally does any-

thing wrong. Problems keep landing on her lap unexpectedly. Being an extremely public figure, Spears should prepare herself for the hunger of the paparazzi and expect them to photograph her.

In a recent interview with Matt Lauer. Spears sobbed that she was just a "normal person." However, 20 hit songs and millions of dollars later, she's more than a normal person.

I almost feel sorry for Spears, but when you throw yourself into the spotlight and expect fame and fortune, having your photo taken everywhere you go becomes part of the job.

Spears should embrace the new journey she has taken by becoming a mother and keep her legs closed. After two children with a wannabe rapper, Spears has had her legs open

Pop star mothers should not be out all night partying with heiresses; they should be at home singing their babies to sleep. If Spears wants to be treated as a respectable mother, she needs to clean up her act and realize the party is over.

Leslie Honey is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Longview.



Appreciate little details

It has always amazed me that some of the world's greatest discoveries were accidentally made by people looking for something else. Alexander Fleming, for

instance,

discovered

the antibi-

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In the 1940s, four teenage boys stumbled upon some of the world's oldest cave paintings in Lascaux, France, when they followed their dog into a hole in the ground.

Even Christopher Columbus was just trying to find a faster way to India when he sailed into the Ameri-

But even more incredible to me than the significance of these discoveries is the fact that these people took the time to appreciate what they found.

I mean, imagine if those boys had not understood that the paintings in that cave were anything special, and simply found their dog and went home without ever telling anyone what they had seen. Or what if Fleming had

merely glanced at the mold and then thrown the spoiled culture away? Even Columbus could

have decided to merely stock up on supplies and keep sailing.

Marcel Proust once said, "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes."

In other words, discovery is not about the things you may see, but the way you look at them.

This past fall, I studied at the TCU London Centre and was fortunate enough to see several well-known places, but the most fulfilling experiences came when I abandoned my checklist and took the time to appreciate anything I came across.

For instance, one day, I decided to take a stroll along Fulham Road, a street near my residence hall.

When I set out, my only intention was to see how long it would take to walk to a cinema up the street, and so I let myself randomly stop to read placards, stare at buildings and watch other people enjoying the day.

On that day, I saw several wonderfully designed churches, a Volkswagen Beetle straight out of the 1960s parked between Aston Martins and, my favorite discovery, a placard on a brick wall marking the spot where Beatrix Potter's house once stood.

Everything I saw that day was mundane and easy to overlook, but I remember almost every detail of that day more clearly than when I saw some of London's most famous attractions.

Life can become pretty hectic for college students. As we try to balance academics, socialization and personal health, we become engrossed in checklist schedules.

But the greatest moments in life are unplanned and occur when we allow our eyes to wander to whatever entices them and allow ourselves to appreciate what we see.

This is not to say that we should completely abandon our class schedules to frolic merrily on Sadler Lawn just for the change of scenery, because it is not about new landscapes.

Rather, as we go through our days, we should take time to see everything we see everyday from a new perspec-

And who knows, maybe that fruit you left molding on the counter, that one hole you keep tripping over on your way to class, or even that "faster" route you planned to get to the Stockyards will yield greater discoveries and adventures than you ever imagined.

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Oprah's \$40 million African school for girls too extravagant

Oprah recently built a school called the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in a town called Henly-on-Klip, 40 miles outside

Johannesburg,

South Africa,

according to

Newsweek.

Included in

this school

will be a yoga

studio, beauty



salon, indoor/ outdoor theaters and large fireplaces in every building. There are also hand-picked china dishes, mattresses, uniforms and oversized closets, as well as plenty of tribal art and

walls. "These girls deserve to be surrounded by beauty, and beauty does inspire," Oprah said.

bright colors to decorate the

And the price tag on this beauty?

It amounts to about \$40 million. Fortunately, anyone accepted into Oprah's school is exempt from any tuition or education expenses. The South African government had planned to help in the beginning but pulled out, claiming the school was "too elitist and lavish for such a poor country," according to Newsweek.

Oprah, however, has taken no notice of her critics, and instead, has asked local South African tribes to recommend or nominate girls who show leadership qualities or potential. More than 3,500 girls applied; however, the school only had 152 places available to offer.

Oprah relays the message that children are the future, but does that future also include visions of desirable

wealth, western ideals of materialism and knowledge of status power? Does Oprah hope the girls accepted will grow to become international stars or famous leaders who will wipe out all poverty and strife in Africa?

"I wanted to take girls with that 'it' quality and give them an opportunity to make a difference in the world," Oprah said.

But what about those many girls who don't have the "it" quality Oprah is diligently searching for, and instead, are ordinary girls who only have a desire to learn, as well as better themselves and their lives? What about those girls who aren't as outspoken or persistent as Oprah would like, and don't know how to distinguish themselves from the thousands of others? Some girls will be privileged, while others will be left behind, forever knowing only poverty and despondency.

Also, there is the question of spending so much money on the school, yet there are so few spots available for placement. For \$40 million, do those African girls really need a yoga studio? Of course, these girls must look at everything Oprah offers in the school with wide-eyed appreciation and delight, which they too can be worthy enough to possess; in contrast, most children in America take for granted the little luxuries they have and are provided with. But Oprah is building her school with an Americanized "eye." These chosen girls are so young, yet they are already noticing the grandeur and possibility of accumulation that is materialism. Couldn't

at least some money be spent and vigor when it comes to on making more rooms available so there are more chances for an "it" quality girl to be accepted? Children are the future and deserve the best, but the best of education available to as many as possible should be the top priority.

Now, building a school is a fine achievement, especially in a poor country such as South Africa, where education is but a luxury. Building a \$40 million school in Africa, however, with such a low acceptance rate, questionable acceptance qualifications and facilities that seem too frivolous and extravagant for such young girls is a bit overgenerous. Of course, it is very commendable of Oprah to get actively and directly involved with poor African girls and be generously giving with her wealth. She has plenty of desire, passion

altruistic donations and working to provide better lives for underprivileged people. But when young girls are suddenly thrust into Oprah's ostentatious and wealthy charity, she has as much the same chance of producing spoiled, visionless consumers obsessed with material wealth and portentous status as grounded, sensible, and intelligent leaders and activists.

But, on the other hand, perhaps it is wise to observe that at least Oprah is taking charge of her vision and doing something productive with all her wealth and power. Her dignified disregard of other's disapproval shows that she won't let her critics, or anyone else, stop her from fulfilling hers and the African girl's dream.

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Professor sees purple, thinks green

Sociology teacher wants campus more residential

By AUNDREA EICHMAN Staff Reporter

A sociology professor said he is using purple bicycles to preserve the world for future generations.

The Purple Bike Program, which creator Keith Whitworth, sociology professor, said has become nationally renowned, currently has five bikes.

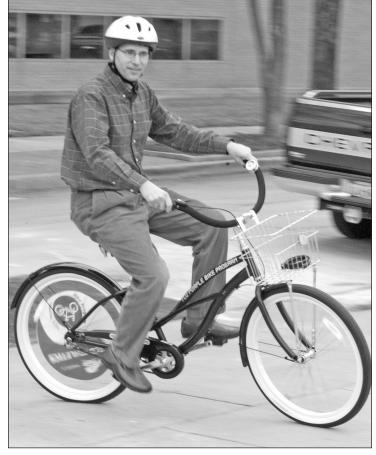
These five original bicycles were purchased with a \$4,080 Vision In Action grant.

He said the funds not only go toward the bikes, which are budgeted at \$500, including a helmet, lock, and other supplies, but also advertising and marketing for the program and GPS units. Whitworth said he would like each bike to have a GPS unit so they can be tracked and monitored to see where they travel most.

Whitworth said his biggest obstacle with his program is not having enough bikes.

To change that, he has submitted a \$60,000 grant for 100 bikes. He ultimately wants

becoming more of a residential campus," Whitworth said. "Students, faculty and staff



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor Keith Whitworth, sociology professor and creator of the Purple Bike Program, shows off one of five purple bicycles outside of the sociology building. One of his goals for the program, he said, is to improve the environment.

campus."

Bike Program, Whitworth said, "With 500 bikes, the cam- is to "utilize the resources of pus will move more toward today, so we don't have to compromise the resources of future generations."

to think 'green' as the pur- "They're the ones having to ple bikes cruise through the react to my generation's abuses of our earth and they're going The goal with the Purple to have to somehow reverse

More than 100 students and faculty members signed up last semester to rent a bike for a day or a week. With such a turnout, "Basically, my motivation Whitworth said, he will raffle will be constantly reminded is my kids," Whitworth said. off names the third week of

> January to determine who gets to ride a bike.

> He said he hopes to purchase more bikes with money received from donations and through ads on the spokes of the bicycle wheels, a "rolling advertisement" for the companies that participate.

Sarah Warner is one of the 60 student volunteers who participate in the program to protect the environment and promote a healthier lifestyle.

"We're not really a generation that rides bikes," said Warner, a junior sociology major. "This is a great way to change

The program started as a hands-on project for his Applied Sociology class two years ago, Whitworth said.

Potentially, Whitworth said, he would like freshmen to have the opportunity to purchase a bike for four years at \$400, with free monthly main-

Whitworth said he hopes his program also encourages students to bring bikes from home. Free monthly maintenance will extend to them as well, but they won't have the one-of-a-kind purple bike.

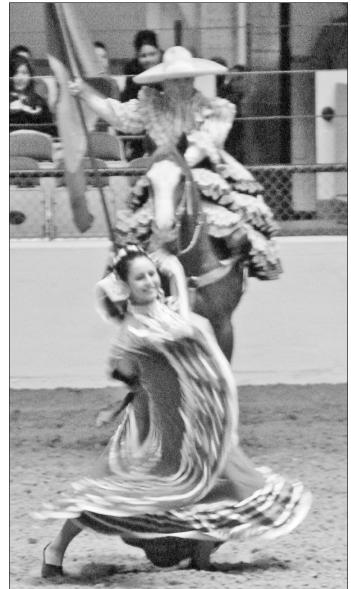
"We decided to spend a little extra money on them to make them appealing," Whitworth said.

Whitney Barnard, a junior radio-TV-film and communication studies major, hopes the Purple Bike Program will mean great publicity and a new tradition for TCU.

Whitworth said one of his concerns was that students wouldn't want to wear the helmets provided with the bikes. He said when students rent a bike, they are required to sign a waiver saying they are responsible for the bike and themselves.

Barnard said she would love to ride the bike, but when it came to wearing the helmet, she said, "I don't know if I'd go that far."

Online sign-up for the bikes will be posted soon, and the program will have a formal kickoff in March.



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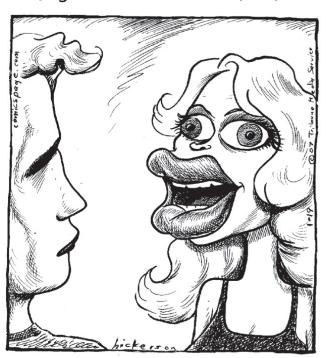
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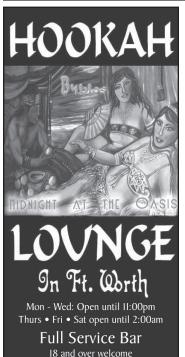
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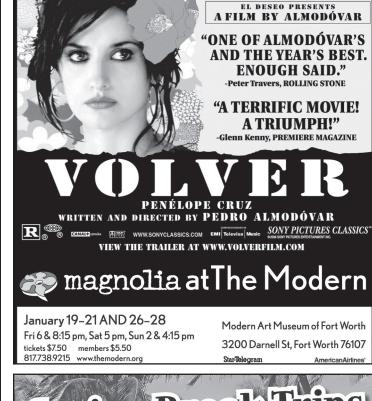
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Weather puts practices on hold

By MARCUS MURPHREE Sports Editor

Weather may not only be affecting the classrooms at TCU; the Flying Frogs are having trouble scheduling their practices, the track and field head coach

"It's 27 degrees, and we have to take our time with what the weather is doing," said head coach Darryl Anderson. "I told the kids to run on their own in the Rec Center."

Two members of the team who were continuing their training this week were shot put and discus throwers, freshman Trey Jordan and sophomore Tommy Killem.

Both Killem and Jordan were working on their throwing techniques in the hallway of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Monday afternoon. Jordan won first place in the shot put at the Arkansas Invitational on Jan. 13 — his first collegiate competition.

"My distance was 54 feet, 11.5 inches, and I threw against 16 other people," Jordan said.

Jordan said preparation for the outdoor season tends to be Anderson's main focus at this point in the year.

"My goal is to peak at the outdoor conference meet, and coach Anderson works us to be an outdoor team," Jordan

Though only jumpers and throwers won events at the meet, Anderson was still pleased with the team's performance as a whole.

"We got out to as fast a start as we'd like to with getting back from Christmas Break," Anderson said.

Anderson is looking further down the road at the Mountain West Conference Indoor Champi-



Calandra Stewart, senior distance runner, finished in sixth place in the Women's 3,000 Meter at the Arkansas Invitational on Jan. 13.

onships set to take place Feb. 23 and 24 in Albuquerque, N.M.

"We'll see how we manage in the next five weeks," Ander-

The early parts of the seasonal training rely not only on getting back in shape but building team chemistry, Anderson

"We just got back on Monday before the meet, and we needed to get the competitive juices flowing," Anderson said. "I was glad to get on the bus and travel as a team together and warm up as a team."

Other Flying Frog notables from the Arkansas Invitational are men's triple-jump winner Jonathan Jackson, a junior, and women's shot put winner Candice Kelley, a sophomore. Senior distance runner McKale Davis took second place in the women's 3,000-meter race.

Director: Student attendance low

By MICHELLE NICOUD Staff Reporter

FROG BALL

Student attendance at college sporting events around the country is dropping, and TCU is no exception, an ath-

letic administrator said. Scott Kull, associate athletic director for external operations, said the size of the average basketball crowd at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum is 3,000 to 4,000 people, most of whom are young children and their parents.

Despite the Lady Frogs' 13-4 record and reaching No. 23 in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll and the men's team sitting at 10-5. Kull said students are not making the trip out to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on game days.

The majority of basketball tickets sold go to large groups of children from the surrounding area, Kull said.

We go after those groups that really show an interest in basketball," he said. "This year, we've really tried to go into smaller communities, like Aledo and Burleson and towns like that, to try to gain support for our basketball programs."

Christian Smith, a sophomore theatre major, said he

doesn't go to games because he thinks they are not publicized enough.

"(They are) not advertised very well." Smith said. "For the football games, there's advertisements all over TCU. There's messages over the phone, but for basketball games, there's nothing like

Freshman nursing major Diana Singer agreed more advertising would help fill the seats, especially because game days are not the same week after week. She also suggested featuring halftime concerts to draw in more stu-

"They just don't advertise very much," Singer said. "Is it on a set day? Football games are always on Saturday. If they had halftime shows or sell T-shirts for a certain game, or have a certain person performing, I'd be more likely to go."

On game days, Kull said members of the athletic department place signs along campus walkways and intersections.

Past promotions, such as T-Shirts, have not increased attendance, Kull said.

Jack Hesselbrock, associ-

ate athletic director for internal relations, said it can be difficult for students to get involved because TCU has only been in the Mountain West Conference for two seasons, and no rivalries have emerged yet.

"Some of the teams that we're playing, people haven't really grown accustomed to yet," Hesselbrock said. "When you say TCU-SMU, everybody kind of goes 'grrrr'; When you say TCU-Wyoming, they go 'OK."

The student section, the band, the cheerleaders and the Showgirls all work together to bring a competitive and supportive atmosphere to the floor, Hesselbrock said.

"There's just a difference with the cheerleaders, the Showgirls, the band and the student section full," he said. "That's what the arena is supposed to be like."

Members of the women's basketball team could not be reached for comment due to their travel schedule. Members of the men's basketball team declined to comment.

The Frogs' next home game is against the UNLV Rebels at 7 p.m. Saturday in the coliseum.

TOP 3 ATTENDED BASKETBALL GAMES OF 2006-07 SEASON

Opponent	Men's Basketball Attendance
Texas Tech	5,438
SMU	3,987
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