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Panhellenic narrows down sorority candidates

By DIA WALL Staff Reporter

The 10 Panhellenic sororities voted unanimously to invite three sororities to present their organizations in an effort to become the newest sorority on campus.

The Panhellenic extension committee suggested Alpha Phi, Delta Zeta and Gamma Phi Beta as the most qualified

sororities to join the university this fall.

"The committee spent three weeks reviewing in-depth applications," said James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life.

Eight organizations applied to create chapters at TCU, and the sororities recommended by the committee were considered strongest in three major

areas, said Clare Edwards, former Panhellenic president and extension committee representative.

Edwards said internal chapter organization, chapter support and links to TCU were criteria that were vital in making their choices.

Alpha Phi, Delta Zeta and Gamma Phi Beta will visit campus from Feb. 12 to Feb.

26 to give formal presentations for their respective organizations.

The Panhellenic sororities represented on campus will be invited to attend the presentations in their entirety. The 10 existing sororities will receive one vote each for the final vote on Feb. 28, Edwards said.

"The most important thing is that they mesh well with the

10 organizations already established on campus and that they still manage to give women a different option," said Hannah Munsch, Panhellenic president and member of the extension committee.

Parker also announced that the search for a new assistant dean of fraternity and sorority life is under way.

He said in the next two

weeks there will be a presentation and a reception announcing the new assistant dean.

FOR YOUR INFO

Sororities Panhellenic is considering bringing to campus:

- Alpha Phi
Delta Zeta
Gamma Phi Beta

Bus backs into student's car

By ASHER FOGLE Staff Reporter

A TCU shuttle bus backed into a TCU student's Toyota Corolla at about 2 p.m. Wednesday on the corner of West Cantey and Cockrell.

Sara Baker, a sophomore communication studies and accounting major, was taking sophomore Ali Buron, mechanical engineering major, home when the bus she was following stopped, backed up and hit her vehicle.

"We were stopped because the bus stopped," Baker said. "I put my horn on and the bus smashed into me."

Bus driver Doris Chappell reversed the bus when a passenger yelled for her to stop, Fort Worth Police Officer L. M. Sanborn said.

"When somebody is yelling at you like that, it's normal to react suddenly," Sanborn said. Chappell declined to talk about the incident.

"There was a certain point when I knew I was going to get hit," Baker said. "I'm a little shaken up, but I'm just glad nobody was hurt."

The front end of Baker's car was damaged, but she was able to drive it from the scene.

TCU hired Five Star Coaches to provide the campus shuttle service, TRAC, TCU Police Sgt. Michael Hanvey said. Hanvey said Five Star Coaches' insurance is responsible for the damages to Baker's vehicle.

"My advice is not to get too close to the back of a bus because drivers cannot see behind them," Sanborn said.



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

Sara Baker, (front) sophomore communication studies and accounting double major, and Ali Buron, sophomore mechanical engineering major, look at the damage to Baker's car. A TCU shuttle bus backed into the vehicle Wednesday afternoon on the corner of West Cantey and Cockrell.

POLITICALLY CHARGED



(ABOVE) Nina Totenberg discussed the Supreme Court in Ed Landreth Auditorium on Wednesday. (RIGHT) Nina Totenberg (left) speaks with Bonnie Melhart and other members of the community.

NPR's legal correspondent discusses Supreme Court's importance to next generation

By KATIE GIANGRECO Staff Reporter

Nina Totenberg, National Public Radio's legal affairs correspondent, talked about everything from jury selection in the Lewis "Scooter" Libby case to current school-integration cases to an audience of NPR listeners, students and faculty Wednesday night.

Totenberg said she gave her speech a general name, "The Supreme Court and You," so she could talk about anything she wanted.

Following her presentation was a question-and-answer session.

Sophomore Aimee Braun said she came to hear Totenberg give her perspective on political issues.

"Since she's in the media," Braun said, "I want to know what she thinks. Political issues are difficult to understand, and I hope she can make it more clear."

Totenberg said in an interview that it's important to follow Supreme Court cases because



ANNIE COOPER / Staff Photographer

what's being decided will affect the future.

"Yes, the Supreme Court doesn't have anything to do with your date on Saturday night," Totenberg said, "but it may have a good deal to do with the air you and your children will breathe and whether you and other members of your family will go to war. It's terribly important."

Totenberg said when it comes to staying informed, reading a newspaper is more beneficial than watching the evening news.

"Smaller newspapers like USA Today have a lot of short stories," she said, "and if you read the paper every day, you would know

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System upgrade in progress for my.tcu.edu portal

By SONYA CISNEROS Staff Reporter

Though students may not notice a major difference when logging on to the my.tcu.edu portal Monday morning, there will be many unseen advantages to the newly upgraded system, an administrator said.

New hardware and a more secure system will ensure that data is more protected than it was before, said Dave Edmondson, associate provost for technology resources.

While the system is upgraded, students will be unable to access their my.tcu.edu accounts until 8 a.m. Monday morning, according to an e-mail Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, sent out to all students and faculty last week.

The e-mail featured the link to a demonstration, where users could test the new system.

Once finished, the site will provide better service to students, with enhanced navigation and integration of applications, said Ruben Chanlatte, associate provost academic affairs technologies.

It's a step toward having all menu options in a central location, Chanlatte said.

TCU chose PeopleSoft, which has now merged with software company Oracle, because it has the resources to routinely develop new software, providing the university with state-of-the-art technology, Edmondson said.

"We believe that PeopleSoft is the leading solution for higher education that's available to us," Edmondson said.

TCU now has the most current version of

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FOR YOUR INFO

A demonstration of the new software will be conducted in Mary Coats Burnett Library, Room 219, 9-9:30 a.m. Feb. 1.

Smoke causes false alarm at tennis center

By ASHER FOGLE Staff Reporter

Where there's smoke, there are fire trucks, police cars, maintenance workers, tennis facility staff and alarm contractors.

Members of the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center staff saw smoke coming out of an air vent shortly after 10 a.m. Wednesday, said Craig Smith, tennis center director.

The alarm system signaled TCU Police, who dispatched vehicles to the scene and contacted the Fort Worth Fire Department, said DeAnn Jones of the TCU

Police Department.

Firefighters found no fire and left further investigation to the Physical Plant staff, Fire Department Lt. Mark Cone said.

Contractors have been installing a new fire alarm system for the past two weeks, Smith said.

During installation of the new system, contractors turned off power to the main heating unit but not to the duct heaters, said Erron Savage, mechanical and electrical maintenance supervisor. Savage said one of the duct

heaters burned the dust on top of the heater, causing the smoke.

"One of the coaches came to me and said he smelled smoke," contractor Jared Cearley said. "I popped the top off the heater and told him to call maintenance."

Smith said Jeff Wrage, associate director of the tennis center, called the Physical Plant to report smoke in the building.

Savage said the smoke did not cause any damage to the structure of the building.

Staff members at the ten-

nis center removed all the clothing and merchandise from the pro shop to prevent smoke damage while the building aired out, Smith said.

Savage and other mechanical and electrical maintenance staff checked above the ceiling to ensure the heater did not ignite any duct work.

"We just have to verify and check everything before we start the system up again," Savage said. "They're just going to have to smell smoke for a bit."



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

The TCU Physical Plant inspects the air ducts, suspected to be the cause of smoke in the tennis pro shop.

WEATHER

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PECULIAR FACT

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the software, excluding a new upgrade introduced a month ago, Edmondson said.

An upgrade from version 8.0 to 8.9 will give students advanced technology and protection against newly-developed viruses, Edmondson said.

PeopleSoft version 8.9 "helps companies achieve disciplined growth and drive toward world-class performance,"

according to Oracle's corporate Web site.

This upgrade is at no additional cost to students, since it was already included in the university budget, Edmondson said.

"Thanks to the dedication of the staff that has worked on this project, we haven't needed to spend additional money," Chanlatte said.

Matt Ross, a senior political science major, said he hopes, as the university tries to make things more efficient, the system won't

become more complicated.

Chantlatte said the TCU staff has tested the program for the past year to ensure everything will work properly for students.

"We have made this transition as invisible as possible," Edmondson said.

If students should need the services provided by the portal, there will be contact information at my.tcu.edu, Chanlatte said.

"I have confidence that it will be a success," Edmondson said.

### TOTENBERG

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much more than just watching the news. You find out a lot of things you wouldn't know otherwise."

Totenberg added that Internet sites aren't beneficial either.

"When you go online, you look at what interests you," she said. "You need to pay attention to other points of view and challenge your thinking. It's foolish to only watch or read something that affirms your beliefs."

While she understands people are busy, Totenberg said if

someone wants to be a semi-informed citizen, he or she has to look at a newspaper at least a few times each week.

"If you don't stay informed," Totenberg said, "you won't know what you're doing when you vote. Then you get what you deserve. What's going on right now is very significant."

## New team gets new logo

By SUSAN GILMARTIN  
Staff Reporter

Bill Nye "The Science Guy" and the Lovehandlers share a common fondness — ultimate frisbee.

The women's ultimate team got a new logo and took the name the Lovehandlers when it separated from the men's team for its 2007 season.

Jessica Gamwell, a junior biology and chemistry major, said the team joined with women from the University of Texas at Arlington last spring and fall but will compete this semester solely with TCU students.

"I think, for a girl's team, we'll have a lot better chance of being more competitive this year," said Gamwell, the women's team co-captain.

Gamwell said ultimate is like a mixture of football, basketball and soccer. The object is to get the disc to one of your teammates in the end zone to score a goal.

According to cstv.com, Bill Nye started playing while attending Cornell University.

Daniel Bess, a senior secondary education major and men's team captain, said he is happy for the Lovehandlers because it gives them a chance to become more competitive on their own.

The teams practice twice a week on the intramural fields. Gamwell said practices are scheduled with the University Recreation Center so conflicts with intramural events are not frequent.

Although the teams are now separate, Bess said, they may have one practice a week remain co-ed.

"The big thing is we like to hang out and do a lot of stuff together," Bess said.

Becky Meachum, club president and women's co-captain, said practices started this week because the team is preparing for the Mardi Gras tournament. She said they will travel to Baton Rouge, La., on Feb. 16 to 18 to compete against 32 college women's teams. Meachum, a senior secondary education major, said the \$30 team dues required of each player help pay for team insurance and the \$750 per semester stipend from the Student Government Association pay for tournament fees.

Bess said last semester was the 10th

team, she said. Four years later, 10 players now make up the female-exclusive roster.

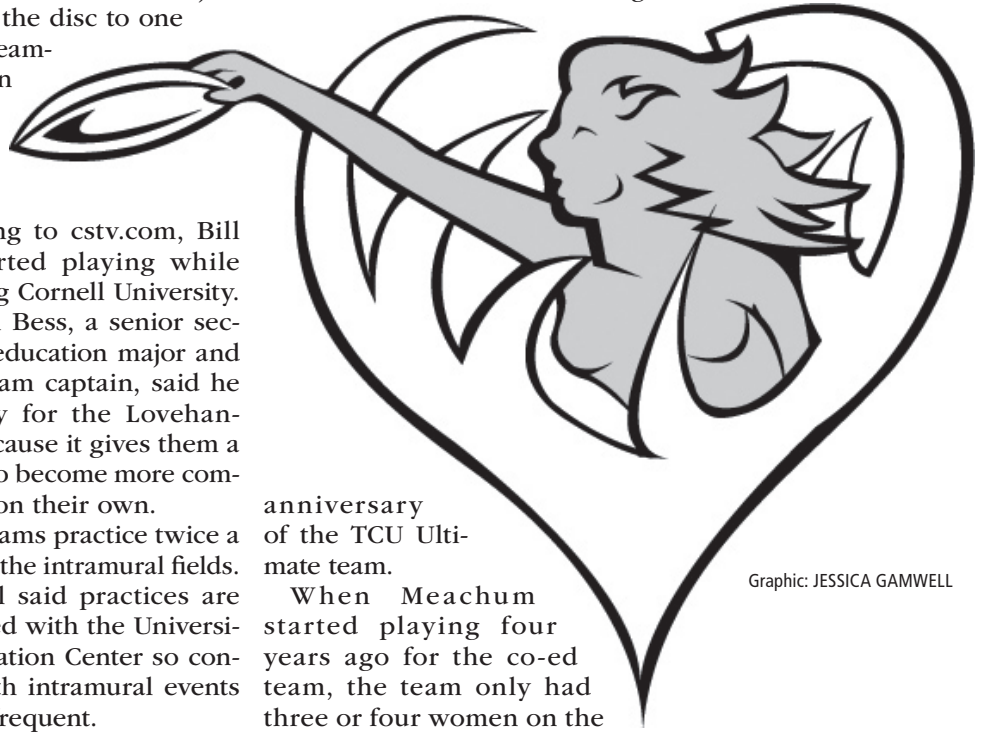
"We would love to have more people so everyone can have a sub whenever they need it," Meachum said.

She said their main challenge in separating from the men's team was recruiting enough players to fill an adequate roster.

"The transition from us not having very many women to having a team of our own was awesome," Meachum said.

Gamwell said she is looking forward to kicking off the Lovehandlers' inaugural season.

"It's good for them because they are going to get to go out on their own," Bess said. "They're actually really, really good."



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anniversary of the TCU Ultimate team. When Meachum started playing four years ago for the co-ed team, the team only had three or four women on the

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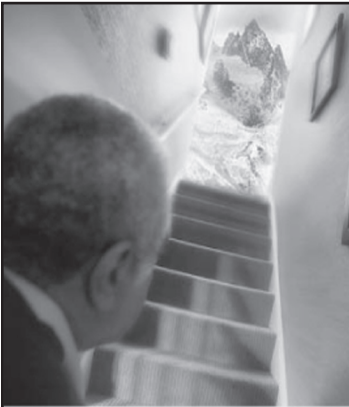
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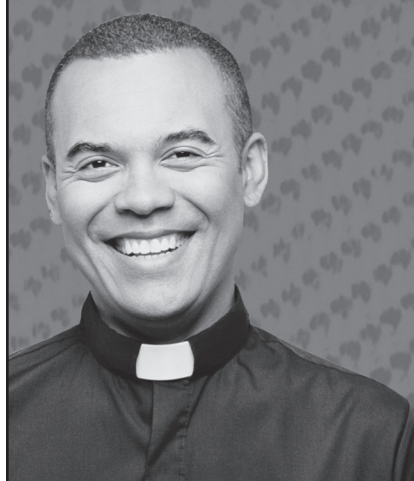


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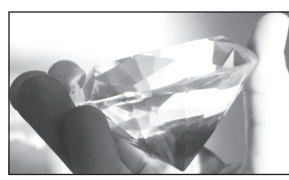
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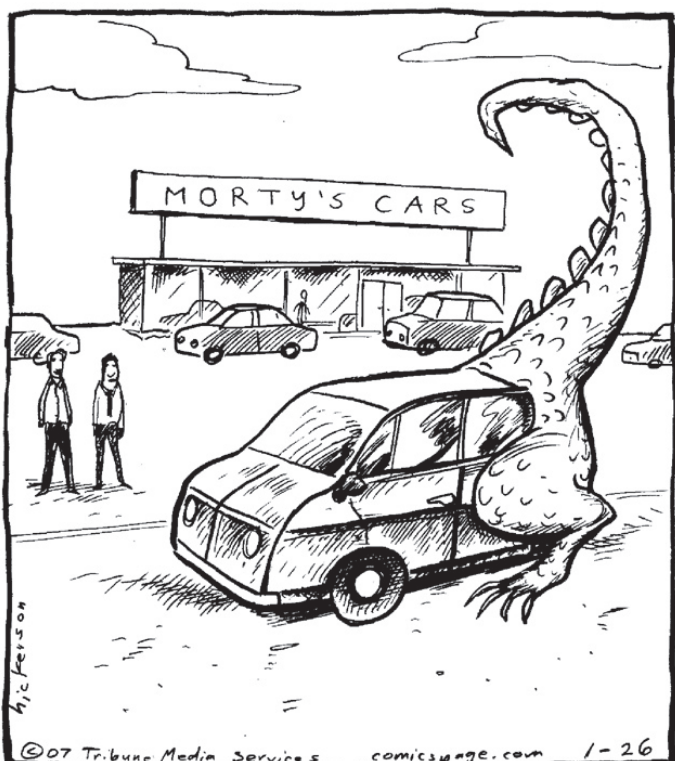
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**Directions**  
Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

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

**Wednesday's Solutions**

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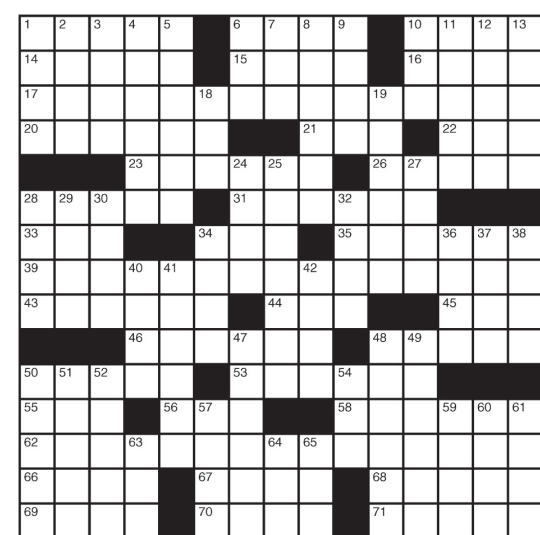
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23 Perfect place  
26 Fall bloom  
28 Activate a credit card  
31 Curtain call  
33 U.K. ref. book  
34 Place to retire to  
35 Easily excused  
39 Hippie flexing his muscles?  
43 One of a pair of genes  
44 Shell propeller  
45 Director Lee  
46 Toward the tail-end  
48 \_\_\_ Claus  
50 To pieces  
53 Good to have around  
55 Polite address  
56 Word we share?  
58 Cheerful  
62 Claustrophobic excitement?  
66 Author w/o a name?  
67 Dust Bowl migrant  
68 \_\_\_ nous (just between us)  
69 Swine meat  
70 Catamaran canvas  
71 Seine port



By Gordon Seaberg  
Los Angeles, CA

**Wednesday's Solutions**

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**GIRLS WITH GUNS**

The women's rifle team prepares for its first competition of the semester.  
**TOMORROW**

# Men serve up 3 wins

By **MARCUS MURPHREE**  
Sports Editor

Cold temperatures could not keep the No. 36 Horned Frogs' rackets from heating up against the UT-Pan American Broncos as TCU won their first match of the semester.

The Frogs swept the doubles competition with three consecutive match wins. The team was led by a win from the tandem of sophomore Krieger Brink and freshman Caleb Bulls who dispatched their opponents 8-3.

The singles matches showed the Horned Frogs' dominance as they did not surrender one set to the Broncos.

Junior Cosmin Cotet erased his opponent, Gary Bianco, in straight sets (6-0, 6-1) on the center court.

Cotet's performance earned praise from head coach Dave Borelli.

"He did really well," Borelli said. "We have been working on getting him to let go of a point that he's lost and just to enjoy himself."

Cotet and junior Stuart Row defeated Rosendo Cantu in similar fashion with a 6-1, 6-0 win.

The third match to reach completion for the Frogs was between Brink and Nirvick Mohinta of the Broncos. Brink had trouble finding his rhythm in the first set as he had to return from a two-game deficit. Brink's traditional serve and volley style was being met with little success during the first four games of the set. Borelli had Brink make some adjustments to his approach, and soon Brink found himself in a groove and finished the match 7-5, 6-0.

"The balls were 'heavier'



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor  
Stuart Row, junior, prepares to return a serve in a doubles match against the UT-Pan American Broncos. The Frogs defeated the Broncos 7-0 in Wednesday's matches.

"I am lucky to spend my first match win with these kids."

**Dave Borelli**

Head coach

because it was colder outside," Borelli said. "Once he started rushing the net better, he became focused and got back on track."

The highlight of the afternoon came on court two when graduate transfer Chris Biro played in a marathon match against David Lopez-Heredia. After going through a 40-minute game in the second set, Biro came out on top of the opposition.

"The other guy was serving and he was able to dic-

tate the play," Borelli said. "Once it was a neutral point, Chris (Biro) was able to control it."

Everyone won their matches giving TCU the team victory as a whole and Borelli his first official win as head coach of the men's team.

"I am lucky to spend my first match win with these kids," Borelli said.

Friday will mark the second match for the Frogs this semester where they face the No. 23 Clemson Tigers.

# Guard tops record



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer  
Junior guard Adrienne Ross drives toward the basket in the Lady Frogs game versus New Mexico on Wednesday evening. Ross scored her 1,000th career point in the first half. Ross scored 16 points en route to a 67-43 Lady Frogs victory.

By **MEREDITH ANDREWS AND MARCUS MURPHREE**  
Staff Reporter and Sports Editor

The Lady Frogs topped the New Mexico Lobos on Wednesday night 67-43 to bring their record to an overall 14-6 and 4-2 in the Mountain West Conference.

Junior shooting guard Adrienne Ross scored 16 points, giving 1,011 for her career. She became the ninth women's basketball player to surpass 1,000 points in TCU history.

The Frogs had command of the game the entire night on the shoulders of Ross and junior forward Lorie Butler-Rayford before an audience of 3,463.

The Lady Frogs had con-

rol of the game underneath the rim with 48 rebounds, 19 from Butler-Rayford. The Lady Frogs managed to outscore the Lobos 24-18 while in the paint.

Other notable performances by the Frogs came from junior guard Ashley Davis and junior point guard Helen Roden. Davis led the team in points with 19, and Roden had 10 points and four assists.

The Lady Frogs' next home game is 2 p.m. Sunday against the San Diego State Aztecs. The last time these two teams faced off was in February 2006, when TCU won 80-49.

For more complete coverage of last night's game, be sure to check [dailyskiff.com](http://dailyskiff.com).

**TOP SCORERS**

Ashley Davis	19
Adrienne Ross	16
Helen Roden	10
Lorie Butler-Rayford	8
Hanna Biernacka	7

**BOX SCORE**

	1st Half	2nd Half	Final
New Mexico Lobos	23	20	43
TCU Lady Frogs	29	38	67

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