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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

New representatives express goals

Andrea BEARCE
Staff Reporter

The 2006 student-body officers were inaugurated Tuesday night in the Kelly Alumni Center at the 92nd annual SGA Officer Inauguration.

About 100 people were in attendance to see student body officers, and members of the House of Representatives, Programming Council and Judicial

Board sworn in by Chief Justice Neal M. Jackson.

Former President Dave Watson said the inauguration symbolizes a leadership journey for the upcoming year.

"The rewards for your work will outweigh any challenges you will face over the next year," he said. "Always focus on constant and never ending improvement."

Newly inaugurated President Trevor Heaney said his personal goals for the upcoming year include an on-campus, 24-hour study area, print stations in all residence halls, increasing the retention rate of the university and setting up and implementing a student-run honor system.

"All of these concerns have been voiced over the past few

years and we are all dedicated to making these changes happen," he said.

Vice President Jace Thompson said planning will begin this semester to improve student activities before major athletic events.

"We are already planning a cosponsored event with frater-



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Newly inaugurated SGA president Trevor Heaney addresses an assembly of faculty, staff and students during the SGA Inauguration Tuesday in the Kelly Alumni Center.

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Alumna pours taste into area stores



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer
Natalie de La Giraudière showcases her collection of wines at The Wine Frog warehouse in East Fort Worth. La Giraudière, a TCU alumna, and her husband Jacques import fine wines to the DFW area.

Local couple imports, distributes fine wines

By ANDREA BEARCE
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A TCU alumna and her husband left positions in the corporate world to open The Wine Frog, an importer and distributor of small-label wines.

Natalie and Jacques de La Giraudière said they opened The Wine Frog over two years ago because they wanted freedom and independence in a business.

"We were ready to risk everything to have something of our own," Natalie de La Giraudière said.

She said the name Wine Frog is derived from the derogative term "French frog" and is also a "wink to the local mascot."

"We hesitated because it was a little light-hearted, but we wanted something that was going to be fun, not snobby," she said.

The couple met in France 12 years ago and aims to make good wine accessible and affordable, she said.

"We sell wines between \$12 and \$35 and visit most of the wineries that we buy from," she said.

Raised in France's Champaign region, Jacques de La Giraudière said he is interested in wine culture and education.

"Wine is no rocket science," he said. "We want to give a little insight to how wine is made and the region it comes from. We want to make it simple."

The Wine Frog distributes to places like King's Liquor, Majestic Liquor Stores, and Central Market. Johnathan Clark, a wine buyer for Central Market, has worked with the owners of The Wine

Frog since it opened and said he can always expect quality from the de La Giraudière.

"If you wanted to typify a Fort Worth wine company, it would be The Wine Frog," he said.

But the de La Giraudière's said they try to go beyond distribution.

"We do wine dinners at restaurants and country clubs and hope to do seminars on Spanish wine or the Rhone Valley," Natalie de La Giraudière said.

Jacques de La Giraudière said requests have been made for custom wine trips.

"This is something we are going to look into," he said. "It's what we're all about — not being too much of a corporation but being very accessible and into wine education."

Labels with The Wine Frog logo are placed on bottles to differentiate the wine from products sold by larger corporations, Natalie de La Giraudière said.

"The label represents a wine we've selected and are proud of and is of particularly compelling value for the customer," she said. "It is revolutionary because usually a wine will be sold by a large distributor and customers will only buy it because it's a nationally recognized brand."

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CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Residence halls to implement wireless plans, student says

Campus-wide connections part of four-year projection

By LESLIE HONEY
Staff Reporter

Students are interested in making TCU's entire campus wireless and installing new classroom technology, said a student representing undergraduates on the Computer and Telecommunications Committee.

Matt Madderra, a junior computer information technology major, serves as the chairman for the student subcommittee creating a new technology plan for the 2006 fiscal year.

Madderra sent an e-mail to all students last week requesting their input about campus technology.

"Although we haven't received feedback from the survey, many students have voiced their concerns to me on campus," he said. "There is currently a four-year plan to make the entire university have wireless capabilities."

Madderra said implementing the wireless plan began last year when all academic buildings on campus became equipped with wireless connections. Last summer, the plan revolved around making sure other buildings on campus were wireless, including the Student Center and the University Recreation Center.

"The plan will continue this summer when all residence halls will have wireless connections," Madderra said. "By the fourth year, all outside areas around TCU will have wireless capabilities."

Students have also voiced their opinions about electronic dry-erase boards in classrooms, he said.

"Instead of markers, professors would use computer stations and could save anything they write on whiteboards to the computer to pass out to students," Madderra said.

Arthur Busbey, associate professor of geology, is chairman of the Computer and Telecommunications Committee.

He also expressed the importance of a wireless campus.

"There was a time when the most important thing the committee did was to make sure each faculty member had computers," he said. "Now we are working on a wireless campus and networking throughout dorms."

Busbey explained that the primary function of the committee is to assess the technological needs TCU has and make sure they enter university planning.

"We take the previous plan from two or three years ago and update it with these surveys and get new ideas from all over campus," Busbey said.

The Computer and Telecommunications Committee is broken into three subcom-

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Bush receives blame for dismissing Katrina warning

By LARA JAKES JORDAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators lambasted the Bush administration Tuesday for failing to heed devastating predictions from a hurricane preparedness test that began a year before Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast.

The top Democrat on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee also accused the White House of trying to block or delay the panel's inquiry into the government's sluggish response to Katrina.

The preparedness exercise that began in July 2004, dubbed Hurricane Pam, warned that a Category 3 storm would overwhelm the New Orleans area with flood waters, killing up to 60,000 people and destroying buildings and roads. State and federal officials were conclud-

ing Pam's findings when Katrina, an actual Category 4 storm, roared ashore Aug. 29.

"As a dry run for the real thing, Pam should have been a wake-up call that could not be ignored," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, chair of the Senate committee's examination of Pam's findings at a Tuesday hearing. "Instead, it is apparent that a more appropriate name for Pam should have been 'Cassandra' — the mythical prophet who warned of disasters but whom no one believed."

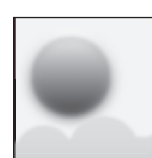
Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., said Pam gave the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Homeland Security Department "explicit notice" that a catastrophic storm in New Orleans would require urgent aid from Washington to state and local response officials.

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LAUREN VICTORIA BURKE / Associated Press

Jesse St. Amant of the Homeland Security Office of Emergency Preparedness in Plaquemines, La., testifies before the Senate Homeland Security Committee.



WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly sunny, 65/42
THURSDAY: Partly cloudy, 63/46
FRIDAY: Showers, 61/52

FUN FACT

A research team at Syracuse University found that in some bat species, males with large testicles had smaller brains. The females stayed with the males with large brains. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

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