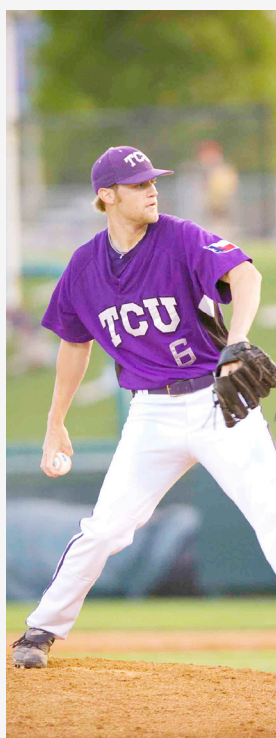


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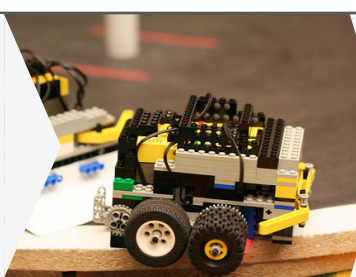


Former Frog baseball player Andrew Cashner prepares for his season with the Chicago Cubs.

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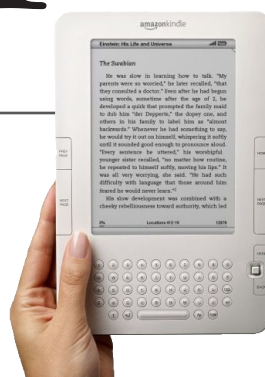
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Starpoint students win big in a robotics competition. Tomorrow



NEWS

Electronic book readers are gaining popularity. Tomorrow



CONSTRUCTION

PIPING HOT



Sean Rath, chemical engineer for Baird, Hampton & Brown (left), talks with senior mechanical engineering Daniel Perkins (right) on Wednesday about the geothermal operations that Linbeck is conducting for the new admissions building.

Building to use geothermal energy

By Wyatt Kanyer
Staff Reporter

A group of engineering students learned last week that the university is making specific efforts to build the new admission building to environmentally conscious standards, a university professor said.

Engineering professor Robert Bittle said his thermal system design class was invited to tour the construction site for the building, which is on track to be the third Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design gold certified structure on campus. The building will also be the first on campus to utilize geothermal energy for power, specifically for the pumps used to heat the building, he said.

"(The class is) looking at different aspects of the design process for putting these systems in place," Bittle said.

Bittle said he was impressed by the fact that the ground source heat pumps systems would be indoors, which will prevent damage from the elements. Heating

units for the average house or building are often outside, he said.

Baird, Hampton & Brown Inc., the engineering and surveying group working on the project, released a diagram outlining the way ground source heat pumps gather energy. According to the document, ground source heat pumps tap into the energy the earth gathers in order to power the system.

Patricia Braz, a senior mechanical engineering major and student in Bittle's class, said she was interested in the project, but was not sure if it was financially feasible.

"It's definitely beneficial to invest in something like this, but as far as the practicality of it being used more frequently, I don't really see it because it's very expensive," Braz said. "I think before this really becomes something that everybody wants to use, they're going to have to figure out a way to make it more economical."

Braz said the project looks like it will have a positive impact on

the environment, though.

"They're not ignoring the environment that it could conflict with," Braz said. "They're doing a good job paying attention to how to use the environment to their advantage, but not take away from it."

The tour provided an applicable example of alternative energy use, she said.

"It's nice to come out here and see a real world application of conserving energy," Braz said. "In the classroom, you learn all of these equations and you do all of these computations...what does that mean to me in the real world?"

Tom Hale, the project manager for the admission building construction, said there was a chance the building could receive LEED platinum certification, the highest certification possible. He said the building would be the first LEED platinum certified building in Fort Worth if it achieved the score.

"At this stage in the game,

SEE GEOTHERMAL · PAGE 2

TECHNOLOGY

School launches iTunes channel

By Rachel Wilson
Staff Reporter

The university has joined the likes of Carnegie Mellon and the University of Oxford by launching a channel on iTunes U, a program that will keep students, prospective students, faculty, staff and alumni up to date and in touch through a digital media platform, said a new media specialist.

"Everyone's using it. It's a great way for the university to be out there, to promote itself," said new media specialist Amy Peterson. "Since iTunes U is such a big deal right now in universities, it just made sense for us to have a site also."

According to the Apple Web site, universities use the site to share educational media with their students. Museums and public broadcasting stations are making their content available to the world through iTunes U, too.

On the university's iTunes site, www.itunesu.tcu.edu, viewers can download free videos from four categories: campus life, academics, featured events and spotlight. The content of the videos ranges from a campus tour to a writing workshop to coverage of the past two Schieffer Symposiums.

Viewers can also subscribe to whichever sections interest them, such as guest speakers or athletics, and new content will automatically be downloaded into the viewer's iTunes library, Peterson said.

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CAMPUS GROUPS

Initiative intended to draw students

By Catherine Paris
Staff Reporter

In a new initiative to boost dwindling attendance numbers, the Black Student Association will add speakers and events to its meetings, a BSA official said.

Jessica Guillory, BSA program coordinator, said BSA hosted "The Evolution of Relationships" last Wednesday, a discussion panel that covered topics from wedding bands to one-night stands to bring attention to its meetings.

BSA President Tamara Sherrod said she realized the organization needed a change in how the general body meetings were run when she noticed membership would start strong and decline throughout the academic year.

"General body meetings originally were just business, and it was standing at the front of the room for 30 minutes talking, and we wanted to change that because people's eyes would glaze over," Sherrod said.

On paper, BSA, which is open to all interested students, had 170 members, but only 30 to 35 are active members who attended the previous general body meetings, Sherrod said.

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The right to freedom is not dependent or contingent upon the military.

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PECULIAR FACT

ALCOA, Tenn. — The son of a well-known Alcoa pastor has taken out an order of protection against his father, claiming he was threatened with a gun during an argument at a church over his lack of church attendance.

— The Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER

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Thursday: Showers Likely
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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Symposium brings former senator to campus

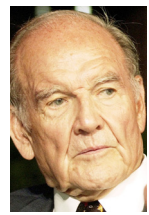
By Wyatt Kanyer
Staff Reporter

A long-time fixture in American politics will speak to political science students and faculty about his 50 years of experience in federal government when he visits campus Tuesday, a university official said.

Former Sen. George McGovern will be featured at the 2010 Jim Wright Symposium, which will take place in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom today at noon. All seats available for the event are full.

"(McGovern) is a walking piece of American history," said Jim Riddlesperger, a political science professor.

Riddlesperger said McGovern and former Speaker of the House Jim Wright, a part-time faculty member at the university and namesake of the symposium, have known each other for nearly half a century.



McGovern

McGovern served two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1957 to 1961 and served in the U.S. Senate from 1963 to 1981.

According to the McGovern Center Web site, McGovern ran as the Democratic candidate for president in 1972 and was appointed to the United Nations General Assembly in 1976.

In 1978, he moved on to become a delegate for the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament, according to the site.

During his time in the Senate, he served on committees involving agriculture, nutrition, forestry and foreign relations and the Joint Economic Committee, according to the site. He worked to improve nutrition programs while on those committees. McGovern continued his efforts against hunger as president of the Middle East Policy Council from 1991 to 1998, and was the U.N. global ambassador on hunger in 2001.

McGovern flew 35 combat missions as a B-24 bomber pilot in Europe during World War II, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, according to the McGovern Center for Leadership and Public Service at

Abraham Lincoln (American Presidents Series)
by George McGovern

List price: \$22 (Barnes & Noble)

Publication date: December 2008

Pages: 208

About 150 copies of the book will be available at the event. The campus bookstore also has the book in stock.

Dakota Wesleyan University, McGovern's alma mater. He was also a professor of history and political science at the university.

Riddlesperger said McGovern will speak about his 2008 Abraham Lincoln biography titled "Abraham Lincoln." There will be a book signing following the speech and copies of the book will be available on site, Riddlesperger said.

NEWS

LEGENDS SPEAKER SERIES

Alums return to raise funds

Emily Siegel
Staff Reporter

Two former university athletes will return to campus today to raise money for KinderFrogs School.

Chad Hennings and P.D. Shabay will answer questions about performing under pressure, building positive momentum in the workforce and motivating teams both on and off the field, Shabay said.

Traci Larrison, senior account executive for ISP Sports, said both speakers were chosen because of their ability to talk about these topics to all audiences attending the event.

She said tickets are \$20, and the event is open to the public. "We're trying to educate people on what KinderFrogs does," Larrison said.

The KinderFrogs School is an early childhood education laboratory school that provides training for education majors at the university. The program mainly serves young children with disabilities, but also includes children who do not have disabilities, according to the school's Web site.

All proceeds from the event will benefit KinderFrogs, Larrison said. She said Bank of America and Charter Business are sponsoring the event. The Neeley School of Business is

also a supporting partner.

Marilyn Tolbert, director and Jean W. Roach Chair of Laboratory Schools, said the school will most likely use the money raised to enhance student experience.

"We'll use that (money) to go toward equipment and, depending on the numbers, scholarships," Tolbert said.

This will not be the first time KinderFrogs has received funding from a notable university alum, Tolbert said. In May 2009 J.J. Henry, a PGA tour professional and former Horned Frog, and his Henry House Foundation donated money for therapeutic equipment to be used at the school, she said.

Shabay said that individuals learn how to function and succeed in the business world through school and other organizations.

"It's what you do with your life and what your skill set is that makes a difference, and you can take those same things into a business environment," Shabay said.

Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations, said he was honored to have Hennings and Shabay speak. Shabay is a prominent member of the community and the university, and, he said, all Dallas Cowboys fans know of

Hennings, who played for the Cowboys from 1992 to 2000 and won three Super Bowl Championships.

"One thing about these type of events is it brings a lot of the community onto our campus," Cohen said.

According to the media relations Web site, Hennings played football at the Air Force Academy and was an inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006. Hennings is now an author and motivational speaker.

Mike Pavell, Fort Worth market president for Bank of America, will be the moderator for the event. He said he is honored to help KinderFrogs and the university.

"This is an opportunity to support not only TCU athletics but the Neeley School of Business and expand that relationship," he said.

News editor Melanie Cruthirds contributed to this report.

Legends Speaker Series

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today
Where: Meyer-Martin Athletic Complex



CATHERINE PARIS / Staff Photographer

Several students attended a relationship panel during a Black Student Association meeting Wednesday night at the Brown-Lupton University Union. The organization expects to increase attendance by adding speakers and other events to its meetings.

BSA

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Sharnese Thompson, BSA treasurer, said she estimates that about 15 members pay dues.

Sherrod said BSA planned to continue to have open discussion meetings similar to the relationship panel.

Though meetings are usually every other Wednesday, BSA and the TCU chapter of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are hosting "Chocolate Poetry" on Feb. 11. The event is an open mic night, where the audience can volunteer to recite a poem or spoken word, Sherrod said.

She said the next event will be "Where Do you Weigh In," a forum co-programmed with the African Heritage Association about what it means to be African or an African-American.

In addition to "Where Do You Weigh In," BSA planned a how-to on financial aid forum toward the end of February, Sherrod said.

Members came up with "The Evolution of Relationships" panel discussion during an executive board meeting after members brought up the idea of a forum that encouraged members to participate and debate issues prevalent to them, Sherrod said.

Olivia Stribling, advertising coordinator, said the

"We wanted to see how as a community we responded to relationships, how we felt about them and to provide textbook and professional information to complement that, so we thought this was a very relevant topic."

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advertising coordinator

group was interested in the group's response to the topic.

"We wanted to see how as a community we responded to relationships, how we felt about them and to provide textbook and professional information to complement that, so we thought this was a very relevant topic," Stribling said.

To provide a professional

viewpoint, Stribling invited her former professors, Paul Schrodt, director of graduate studies in the Department of Communication Studies, Diane Stamper, lecturer in the Department of Communications Studies and Darron Turner, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs, to be guest speakers and give their opinion on relation-

ships. "I think before you have a healthy relationship, you first have to be a healthy individual," Schrodt said.

The relationship forum filled nearly every seat in the chambers room located on the third floor in the Brown-Lupton University Union. Sherrod said it was too early to tell if the event would lead to more members.

Stribling held the forum and posed hypothetical situations ranging from what to do about rumors that your partner is cheating to when to tell your partner you have a sexually transmitted disease.

"I say if you cheated, and you don't feel that guilty about it, and you know you'll never do it again, then don't tell," said Jordan Pitts, a junior psychology major, prompting laughter from the audience. "If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it."

Stamper said dating used to be more "formal" and "traditional" but thinks the current attitude toward dating is "a double-edged sword." Students and panel members also discussed domestic violence.

Chasity Shorts, a sophomore sociology major, said she thought everyone had something to gain from the meeting.

"I think it was a big eye-opener for a lot of things," she said.



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iTUNES

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Peterson, who runs the site along with a few other officials, said that through iTunes U, it will be possible to post entire speeches or conferences for viewers to download and watch at their leisure.

She said university officials hope the new site will encourage prospective students.

"It's a great way for prospective students to kind of fall in love with the university," Peterson said.

Amiso George, an associ-

ate professor of journalism, said the new site is a great idea.

"This is just another really exciting, useful tool for us to use," George said. "It's a win-win for all of us."

The university is not planning to post class lectures on the site like some other universities are doing. A few key lecturers, like Bob Schieffer, will be posted, Peterson said.

iTunes U is directly accessible by iPhone or iPod Touch via cellular and WiFi networks through the iTunes store, which makes it easy to check up on the university

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Amy Peterson
media specialist

while on the go.

Rebecca Maffit, a sophomore elementary education major, said she will definitely be checking out the new site.

"I think it's really cool, and it helps keep the student population updated in a new, hip way that's really relevant to our times," Maffit said.

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NEWS

VALENTINE'S DAY



Administrative assistant in the philosophy department Beth Philp assembles a homemade Valentine's Day card at a card-making workshop Monday. The workshop was taught by director of compensation at Human Resources Pat Jolley.

CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

TOYOTA

Small steel part to correct recall problem

By Ken Thomas & Tom Krisher

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toyota apologized to its customers Monday and said a piece of steel about the size of a postage stamp will fix the gas pedal problem that led to the recall of millions of cars. Repairs will take about a half-hour and will start in a matter of days, the company said.

Toyota insisted the solution, rolled out six days after it temporarily stopped selling some of its

most popular models, had been through rigorous testing and would solve the problem for the life of the car.

After a week in which Toyota drivers said they were worried about the safety of their cars and dealers were frustrated by a lack of information, Toyota said it would work to regain the trust of its customers.

"I know that we have let you down," Jim Lentz, president of Toyota Motor Sales USA, said in a video address.

The repair involves installing a steel shim a couple of millime-

ters thick in the pedal assembly, behind the top of the gas pedal, to eliminate excess friction between two pieces of the accelerator mechanism. In rare cases, Toyota says, that friction can cause the pedal to become stuck in the depressed position.

Toyota said car owners would be notified by mail and told to set up appointments with their dealers. It said cars already on the road would get priority over those on the lot.

The recall covered 4.2 million cars worldwide, 2.3 million of them in the United States,

including some of Toyota's best-selling models, such as the Camry and Corolla. It has recalled millions more because of floor mats that can catch the gas pedal.

Jeffrey Liker, a University of Michigan engineering professor who has studied Toyota for 25 years, said he believed the fix would work, citing the automaker's reputation for careful testing and engineering.

Toyota would not give an estimated cost for the repair work. It estimated repairing all the recalled cars would take months.

GLOBAL WARMING

Countries pledge to lower emissions

By Renee Schoof
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON — China, India, the U.S. and the rest of the world's biggest polluters turned in their official pledges to reduce emissions, a move that gives global climate protection a start, the United Nations announced on Monday.

The pledges are written declarations of what countries promised to do during the global climate negotiations in Copenhagen in December. Although they're nonbinding and fall short of what's needed to be effective, the pledges are evidence that some developed and developing countries intend to put their promises into actions.

The U.N. reported that 55 countries, which together account for 78 percent of global emissions from energy use, turned in their action plans. The deadline was Sunday, but the U.N. said it was still open to late submissions.

The U.N. report came on the same day that the Defense Department's Quadrennial Defense Review identified climate change as a major security threat.

Calling climate change "an accelerant of instability," the review marked the first time such a document linked environmental issues with national security.

The U.S. pledge was to reduce emissions by 17 percent from 2005 levels by 2020. The Obama administration is looking to Congress to pass a law that sets out a plan to achieve the goal.

If Congress fails to do that

by the end of the year, the administration will have to talk about alternative ways to honor its foreign policy commitment on climate change, said Alden Meyer, director of strategy and policy with the Union of Concerned Scientists, an environmental advocacy group.

Other options for the administration include emissions reductions requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency. The Department of Energy and other agencies also could cut emissions by requiring better energy efficiency for buildings, vehicles and appliances.

The president's budget proposal on Monday included increased spending to develop renewable energy, including \$108 million to expand research in renewable energy and \$300 million for the Advanced Research Project Agency, which funds the development of future energy technologies.

The budget proposal also called for the elimination of \$2.7 billion in tax subsidies for oil, gas and coal. The Department of Energy also planned to end federal support for the "Ultra-Deepwater" exploration program for oil and natural gas. Energy Secretary Steven Chu said oil and gas companies could take over the exploration, at a taxpayer savings of \$50 million.

The Energy Department also wants an additional \$36 billion for loan guarantees for nuclear power projects. Chu called it part of a plan to help "restart the nuclear industry in the United States."

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT



OLIVIER DOULIERY / MCT

President Barack Obama delivers remarks on his fiscal 2011 budget proposals Monday at the White House in Washington, D.C. Looking on from left are: Council of Economic Advisors Christina Romer, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, Budget Director Peter R. Orszag and Director of National Economic Council Larry Summers.

Military faces new challenges

By Nancy A. Youssef
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON—The U.S. military must prepare for a combination of humanitarian missions, untraditional threats such as cyber-attacks, environmental disasters, terrorist groups seeking weapons of mass destruction and as many as two major conflicts, the Defense Department's latest quadrennial policy review has found.

It's the first time the Pentagon has redefined the military's purpose in more than a decade, and it will shape not only how troops train but also the equipment the military buys. Indeed, the department released both the Quadrennial Defense Review and its proposed \$708 billion 2011 budget Monday, saying that the QDR had shaped its budget request.

Calling climate change "an accelerant of instability," the review also marked the first time such a document linked environmental issues with national security.

"The wars we fight are seldom the ones we plan for," Secretary of Defense Robert

Gates told a news briefing.

While the military once trained its forces and bought weapons to fight two major wars — in the 1990s the military presumed the two nations would North Korea and Iraq — Gates said the U.S. already was engaged in major conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and in providing humanitarian relief in Haiti.

The review, however, is vague about how many conflicts the military should be prepared to handle at one time. It calls for forces to be prepared for a range of warfare "from homeland defense and defense support to civil authorities, to deterrence and preparedness missions — occurring in multiple and unpredictable combinations."

The budget reflects what the military thinks it will need to face such challenges, calling for more surveillance aircraft, language training and helicopters.

That contributed to an \$18 billion increase over the 2010 defense budget. In addition to a \$549 billion base budget, there's \$159 billion in contingency funding, largely to pay for the wars in Iraq and Af-

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Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense

ghanistan in fiscal year 2011, making the Pentagon's total budget request to Congress \$708 billion.

Although President Barack Obama promised during his presidential campaign that he wouldn't request supplemental funding to pay for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as the Bush administration did routinely, Monday's budget includes a supplemental request for \$33 billion to pay for the wars through fiscal year 2010.

The administration said it needed the funding to support the deployment of an additional 30,000 to 35,000 troops to Afghanistan by this fall.

The budget provides for a 1.4 percent pay raise for the military and an increase in the deductible that military families pay for their health care, the first since the plan, TRICARE, began in 1995, Gates said.

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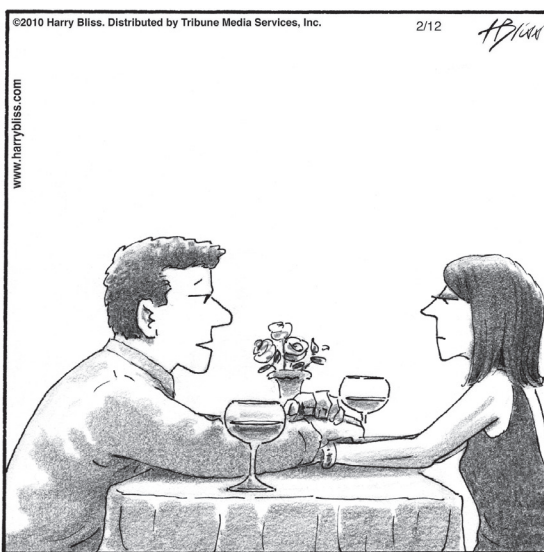
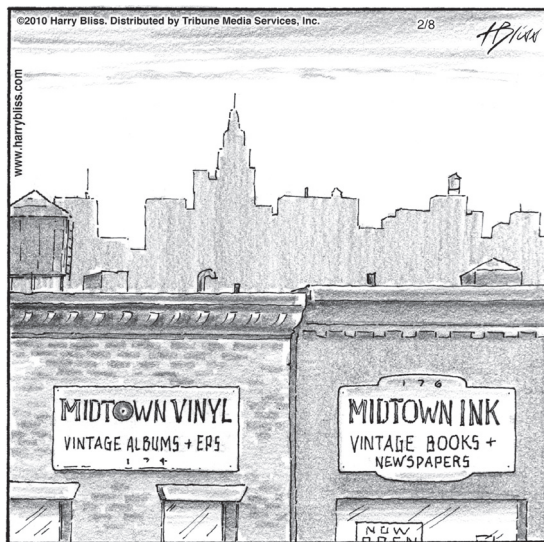
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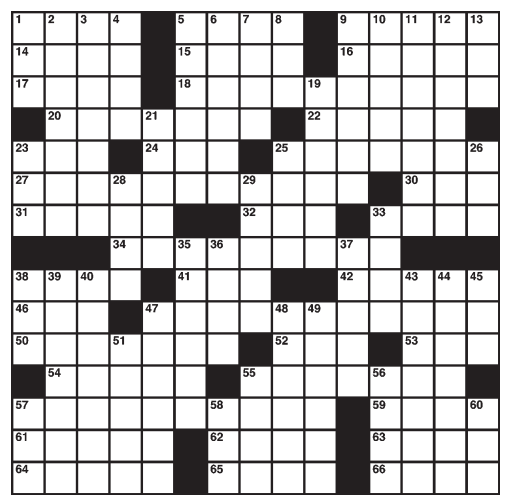
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The Skiff View

Group's efforts to boost attendance admirable

The Black Student Association should be commended for taking action to increase attendance at its meetings.

Although BSA has more than 100 members, some events have a turnout in the single digits. This sort of issue may be attributed to a lack of motivation on the part of the members.

Membership in a student organization is more than just something students add to their resume. It is meant to enrich students' experience during their years on campus.

It is the responsibility of the students involved, not just the leaders, to attend events and meetings. Without attendance of the members, there is no purpose in the group.

Other organizations should follow BSA's example in boosting attendance numbers and lessening the effects of membership apathy, which is present in so many university student organizations.

The success of the relationship forum hosted by BSA helped advance the interests of the group and allowed the group to better suit members' needs.

It is important for members to serve the group, and for the group to serve its members. If that happens, student organizations would be much more successful.

Sports editor Mary Sue Greenleaf for the editorial board.

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

Partisan networks unworthy of American public's trust



BENNETT PARSONS

In a recent Public Policy Polling survey of 1,151 registered voters, 49 percent, the highest for any network, stated that they trust FOX News. That's 10 percent higher than CNN, the network that calls itself "the most trusted name in news."

Overall, these numbers are quite scary. If more Americans think that FOX News offers the most credible information, then we are truly on our way to hell in a hand basket.

The results from the poll are part of a troubling trend. Opinionated news anchors now dominate all of cable news. FOX, the leader in all of this, became the most watched cable news channel by building its afternoon and prime-time lineups around conservative pundits, like Bill O'Reilly, who deliver softball questions to like-minded politicians while mercilessly belittling and demeaning guests who disagree with their opinions. The network does have some hard news programs, but they have far less viewers than shows like "The Glenn Beck Program."

By orienting its programming around one-sided opinion spitters, FOX traded journalistic integrity for ratings, ad revenue and political influence. Rather than focusing on presenting hard news to view-

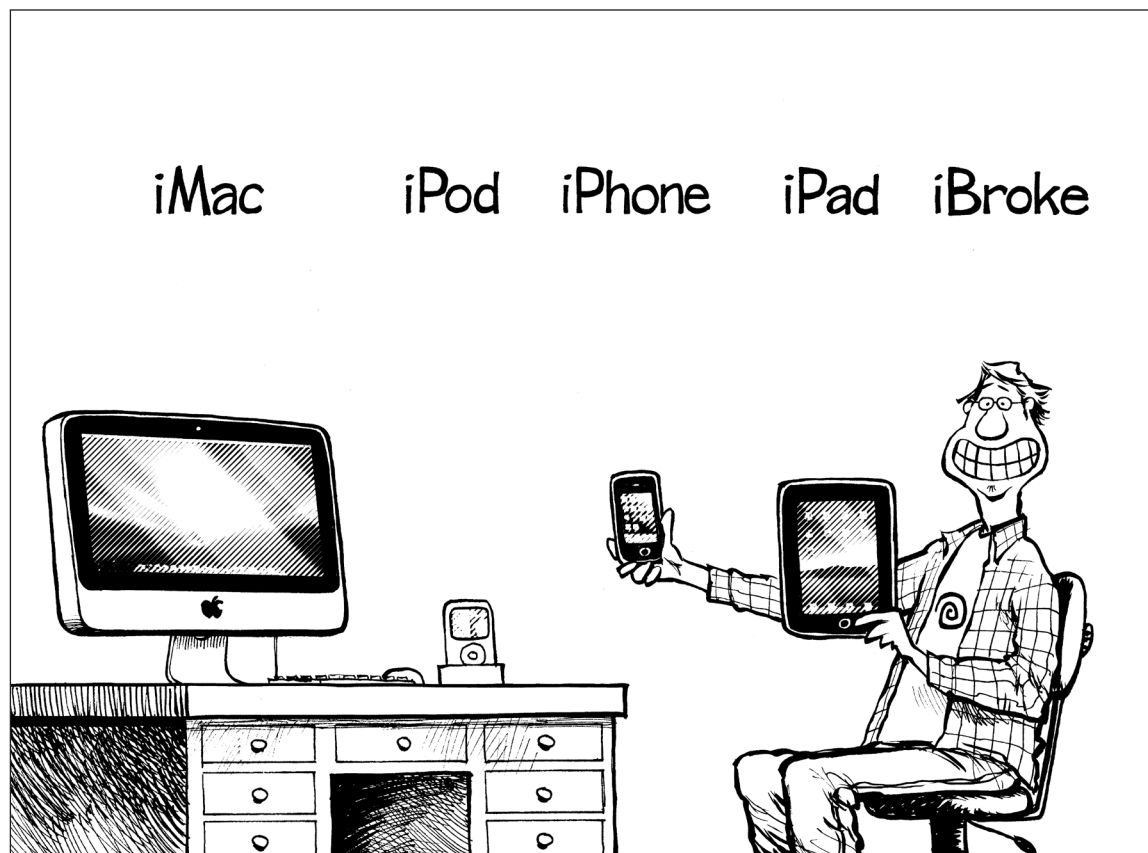
ers, they, like third place MSNBC, decided to distort the news daily with hyper-partisan invective.

As bloggers and other new media continue to transform journalism, CNN has made it its duty to continue presenting the news with little bias. The network quickly shifted from political coverage and deployed its resources to Haiti in the early hours of the earthquake so that it could present nonstop coverage of human life tragically affected by a natural disaster. CNN's spectacular coverage allowed viewers to witness courageous rescues as the world put its focus on the island nation.

Continuing with its emphasis on hard news, CNN provided a full spectrum of analysis by including many journalists, pundits and anchors in its coverage of the State of the Union address. The three components allowed for a vigorous debate and a better understanding of President Barack Obama's address, its political intent and its possible effects. MSNBC continued its biased approach by allowing its partisan anchors Chris Matthews, Rachel Maddow and Keith Olbermann to host the event.

Both MSNBC and FOX can stop this awful trend by returning the news to its rightful place as an institution that serves the people by providing unfiltered information so that voters and viewers can make their own decisions about politics. The sooner this happens, the less hostile politics will be, and the sooner we will actually see results in Washington.

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War not prerequisite for freedom

MATT PALMER

The first American war seems to have set the stage for the rest of them. I speak of the American Revolution. In this war, so the narrative goes, rebellious British citizens rose up in violence to protest the distant and oppressive governance of the motherland. And thus they created the United States of America.

A little later, the Constitution was written and ratified. And a little later still, the Bill of Rights was ratified. Therefore, without the war for independence there could be no Constitution. And without the Constitution, there could be no Bill of Rights. Thus it is said: no war, no freedom.

Somewhere in the popular narrative of American history it has been largely forgotten that those who established the American nation were, by and large, British citizens. They declared themselves independent. Their government refused to recognize their claim. And so they fought about it. They were not fighting a foreign nation, and this is a very important fact.

I suppose people still have the story of the Revolution in mind when they speak of today's military endeavors.

"Freedom is fighting," so it goes today. There are many who blindly apply the narrative of the Revolution to each and every war the American government wages. "They" it's almost always 'they,' "are fighting for our freedom!" More clearly stated: "The soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, Germany, Japan, Korea, Iran (oops, did I write that?), Colombia, Yemen (oops again) and the other 120-plus nations occupied by American troops are fighting for our freedom!"

And so it is repeated ad nauseum that without a standing and fighting army, there is no freedom for Americans.

Here is the text of the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." These freedoms, so the text says, are enabled by restricting the power of one's own government to control its people. "Congress

A military fighting overseas does nothing to restrict the encroachments of government, and it does wonders to enable it. The thought that foreign wars make Americans free is worse than foolish. It is a pernicious lie.

shall not," says the law, not, "The military shall."

Freedoms exist in the absence of government. "Congress shall make no law." That is the essence of freedom, and that is what the Constitution says. A military fighting overseas does nothing to restrict the encroachments of government, and it does wonders to enable it. The thought that foreign wars make Americans free is worse than foolish. It is a pernicious lie.

Militarism has long been the sacred cow of conservatives (better yet, the golden calf) and the hope of liberals who call militarism by the friendly name of humanitarian intervention (empire with a smile). Lost within all of the hysteria over the white man's new burden of policing the world is the simple fact that war is much more likely to destroy freedom than save it.

To all those who would say that my freedom to write this column comes from our standing army, I'll make you a deal. Bring all of the troops home. And if my freedom of speech somehow disappears, I'll apologize in violation of our new laws.

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QUICK NEWS

Obama unveils 2011 budget with \$3.83T in spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama unveiled a multitrillion-dollar spending plan Monday, pledging an intensified effort to combat high unemployment and asking Congress to quickly approve new job-creation efforts that would boost the deficit to a record-breaking \$1.56 trillion.

Obama's new budget blueprint preaches the need to restrain run-away deficits, but not before attacking what the administration sees as the more immediate challenge of lifting the country out of a deep recession that has cost 7.2 million jobs over the past two years.

The result is a budget plan that would give the country trillion-dollar-plus deficits for three consecutive years. Obama's new budget projects a spending increase of 5.7 percent for the current budget year and forecasts that spending would rise another 3 percent in 2011 to \$3.83 trillion.

Haiti PM: U.S. Baptists knew removing kids was wrong

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's prime minister says it's clear to him that the 10 U.S. Baptists who tried to take 33 Haitian children out of the quake-ravaged country "knew what they were doing was wrong."

Prime Minister Max Bellerive also tells The Associated Press that his country is open to having the Americans tried in the United States.

Bellerive said some of the children have parents who are alive. The government is attempting to locate them.

He said a judicial system needs to determine whether the Americans were acting in good faith — as they claim — or are child traffickers.

The Americans are mostly from Idaho. They have been held since being arrested Friday trying to enter the Dominican Republic with the children.

Female suicide bomber in Iraq kills 54

BAGHDAD (AP) — A female suicide bomber detonated her explosives inside a way station for Shiite pilgrims Monday, killing 54 people and rattling security officials who are struggling against a possible rise in violence before key elections next month.

The attack was the third major strike by suspected Sunni insurgents in a week and left Baghdad's top security official acknowledging that extremists are adopting new methods to outfit bomb-detection squads such as stashing explosives deep inside the engines and frames of vehicles.

A similar warning about new tactics came last week from the chief U.S. military commander in Iraq, Gen. Raymond Odierno, after a two-day wave of suicide car bombers struck three hotels in Baghdad and the city's main crime lab, killing at least 63 people.

States seeking to ban mandatory health insurance

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Although President Barack Obama's push for a health care overhaul has stalled, conservative lawmakers in about half the states are forging ahead with constitutional amendments to ban government health insurance mandates.

The proposals would assert a state-based right for people to pay medical bills from their own pocketbooks and prohibit penalties against those who refuse to carry health insurance.

In many states, the proposals began as a backlash to Democratic health care plans pending in Congress. But instead of backing away after a Massachusetts election gave Senate Republicans the filibuster power to halt the health care legislation, many state lawmakers are ramping up their efforts with new enthusiasm.

Next in military technology: Unmanned Black Hawk?

HARTFORD, Connecticut (AP) — Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. announced a billion-dollar venture Monday that it hopes will respond to military demand for technology to fight two wars, including Black Hawk helicopters that can see and fly on their own.

The Stratford-based helicopter maker and military contractor said Sikorsky Innovations is intended to speed the transformation of the mechanical helicopter into a computerized aircraft.

The Black Hawk is a military workhorse, used in conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Grenada and Panama. It's also part of military packages sold to other nations and has been used in civilian missions such as rescuing snowbound mountain climbers.

The Black Hawk, used for air assault and medical evacuation, was featured in the book and movie "Black Hawk Down," chronicling a battle in Somalia.

