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A proposed senate bill aims to freeze tuition rates at Texas public universities. Tomorrow in News

Veto preserves SGA runoff elections

By Eric Anderson
Staff Reporter

The student body president vetoed a controversial bill Tuesday that would remove the runoff system from Student Government Association elections. The bill, which passed in the House of Student Representatives with minimal objection, lacked the specificity needed to prevent future Judicial Board hearings during election season, she said.

Kelsie Johnson, SGA president, said the runoff system adds to the legitimacy of the election process because it requires the win-

ner to attain a majority of votes.

Science and Engineering representative Andrew Pulliam authored the bill, and introduced it on the floor of the House. The runoff process occurs when a candidate for office does not receive an absolute majority, Pulliam said. Some members voiced their concerns over what they felt was a lack of debate.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't a little disappointed," Pulliam said, adding that he wouldn't give up on the bill.

A two-thirds house majority is required to overturn a veto.

Joey Parr, chairman of the Elections and

Regulations Committee, said the bill should have had more debate on the floor of the House. The committee passed the bill passed unanimously with one abstention.

"I think it will lead to further strife in the future," Parr said. "I'm actually surprised the debate wasn't as heated as it should have been."

Johnson and Speaker of the House Haley Murphy echoed the surprise.

"I am disappointed in the lack of debate tonight regarding this issue because it is a very important issue and should have been debated in House more than it was," John-

son said.

Representatives tried to catch up on the legislation that accumulated from last meeting that was canceled when the university shut down because of icy weather.

The House approved four other pieces of legislation during the meeting, including a resolution to change the rules for the Mr. and Ms. TCU Homecoming competition that would limit the pool of candidates to seniors only. The resolution passed unanimously.

The authors of the resolution said it would not hurt transfer students' chances to receive the award.

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The question for the "Slumdog Millionaire" contest was "What was Indian film superstar Amitabh Bachchan's film debut and what actor was originally supposed to play his role?"

The film was "Saat Hindustani" and the actor was Tinnu Anand.

The winners were Kristen Secora, Jamella Gow, Katherine Batlan, Cheryl Abellanoza and Samantha Hayes.



The men's basketball team prepares to take on a first-place Utah squad.


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PECULIAR FACT

TIKRIT, Iraq — An Iraqi town has unveiled a giant monument of a shoe in honor of the journalist who threw his footwear at former U.S. President George W. Bush.

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SPRING START



Assistant coach Randy Mazey instructs the baseball team during its first practice Tuesday. The team is scheduled to play against alumni Saturday at 1 p.m.

BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Speaker to blend religion, conservation

By Elise Smith
Staff reporter

Mary Evelyn Tucker is one of the most outstanding theologians and environmentalists in the United States and her reputation is what drew Brite Divinity School to get her here, a university professor said.

Toni Craven, professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite, said Tucker will speak at the lecture titled, "Reconnecting Humans to Earth Community: Imaging a New Way into the Future," a part of the school's Roman Catholic Lectureship series.

Mary Kaska, a Ph.D. student at Brite, said this will be the first lecture with an environmental theme for the Roman Catholic Lectureship series. Kaska said the lecture will focus on the relationship between the environment and faith communities, and how faith communities can spur people to care for the environment, she said.

Matthew Ngo, a freshman biology major, said, "Being a Catholic, I'm really curious to see what she is going to say about my religion and how it ties in with the environment and what I can do to help."

Tucker said she is a historian of religion,

specializing in Asian religions. She lived in Japan for several years and has traveled extensively throughout Asia, she said.

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said. Kaska said students should take advantage of Tucker coming here because it's a rare opportunity to speak with a leader in both of the fields of environmental science and religion. Kaska said the lecture will appeal to all students because no matter what major a student is, every major field of study has an ecological impact on the Earth, Kaska said.

Tucker said she hopes students will begin to understand the environmental process in terms of its size, scale and urgency. She hopes that students will also get a feeling that religions will have a role to play in solving this crisis from her lec-

Roman Catholic Lectureship

Who: Mary Evelyn Tucker, historian of religion

When: 7 p.m. tonight

Where: Ed Landreth Hall

Cost: Free for all TCU students and \$15 for general admission

ture, she said.

"Christians can be of assistance in speaking out for the beauty and sacredness of creation," Tucker said. "We can also bring forward the principles of ecological justice, namely to make people aware that the poor and oppressed are often victims of environmental degradation and pollution."

Kaska said before Tucker's lecture there will be a reception honoring Tucker and the winning entries for Brite Divinity School's art and photography competition.

The winning photos or artwork were judged based on how well they showed humans becoming a healing, helpful presence on the planet, which is a central theme in Tucker's work. The winning entries achieved the goal of getting people to think about humans seeing the Earth in a less distorted, more dignified way, she said.

STUDY ABROAD

Program changes application process

By Chilton Tippin
Staff Reporter

The Center for International Studies has announced a new approach for evaluating merit-based scholarship applications for study abroad to be implemented next fall, a university official said.

Jane Kucko, director of the Center for International Studies, said the new application will include sections in which students explain how they plan to immerse themselves in the culture while abroad and how they plan to share their experience upon returning to campus.

"It is a more exciting way of internationalizing the campus," Kucko said.

Tracy Williams, associate director of the Center, said the program previously focused on students' GPAs.

The new evaluation includes students' goals, and the applications allow them to make a case for why they should be considered, she said.

Williams said the primary difference is that

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

New housing themes to be announced

By Patrick Burns
Staff Reporter

Residential Services will announce the groups accepted in the create-your-own Living Learning Community program by Monday, allowing students to create themed living areas on campus.

Living Learning Communities, wings in which upperclassmen who share common interests or values can live together, were implemented at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. Currently, Carter and Samuelson halls are the only residential halls with LLCs.

Overall, seven groups and more than 100 students applied. The created LLCs will open at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year.

Themes include creativity and the arts, patriotism, and teamwork and community service.

Rachel Siron, hall director for Carter and Samuelson halls, said the accepted groups will live either in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright apartments or in the Carter and Samuelson halls, where the current LLCs are. Students will not have to pay more in order to join an LLC, she said. Each building in the apartments will contain one floor for a created LLC, leaving room for students not in one to sign up under the normal housing signup process, Siron said.

She decided to expand the current LLCs at a national conference last Octo-

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NEWS



ZERO GRAVITY CORPORATION

Peter Diamandis, CEO of Zero Gravity Corporation, and a Russian trainer fly in zero gravity during a flight near Moscow.

Google-founded university seeks tech-savvy students

By Mike Swift

San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Peter Diamandis, the founder of the X Prize, does not think small.

California's Silicon Valley is a place where "disruptive" technology has often spawned tremendous personal wealth. But Diamandis thinks the Valley could also be a seedbed for the world's brightest young minds to come together to attack humankind's worst problems — things like climate change, poverty and disease.

That is the dream behind Singularity University, an effort by Diamandis, futurist Ray Kurzweil, NASA's Ames Research Center and Google to harness the collective smarts of the world's brightest young scientists and entrepreneurs in fields like artificial intelligence, nanotechnology and genetics to help the planet. The venture, to be permanently based at NASA's Moffett Field, Calif., is being announced Tuesday.

Just as NASA's moon shot in the 1960s combined quantum advances in computing, rocketry and material sciences into one dramatic technological achievement, Singularity University would try to build bridges between separate towers of knowledge — and perhaps spawn a few new Silicon Valley companies in the process.

"We are bringing the top future leaders from around the world, early in their careers, to Silicon Valley, and that's a big deal," said Diamandis, whose X Prize competition led to SpaceShipOne, the first successful privately developed spacecraft, in 2004.

The summer program at Moffett Field will seek out young graduate and post-graduate students with the strongest leadership and en-

trepreneurial skills.

In 2007, Diamandis teamed with the Mountain View Internet search giant to offer the Google Lunar X Prize, a \$30 million competition for the first team to send a robotic lander to the Moon. Google is the founding corporate sponsor for Singularity University, contributing \$250,000. The founders expect tuition to be about \$25,000, but aid would be available.

The name for their new brainchild is drawn from Kurzweil's 2005 book, "The Singularity Is Near," which argues that human knowl-

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Peter Diamandis

Founder of the X Prize

edge in computers, genetics and other information-driven fields is growing at an exponential rate, and that human life will be utterly transformed as the curve of increasing knowledge steepens. Kurzweil argues that technology will obliterate the current limits of human existence — perhaps even the limits on human lifespan.

The goal of the nine-week summer institute at Ames, to start in late June with an initial class of 30 students growing to 120 in future years, is to recruit people hungry to learn about other disciplines.

Unlike many universities, the program would not conduct traditional research, but would aim to brainstorm "Team Projects" that

would take on humanity's "great challenges," according to the university's Web site.

There would be an international, as well as interdisciplinary focus, and one goal would be to develop a network of future leaders in government and science.

"One of the objectives of the university is to really dive in depth into these exponentially growing technologies, to create connections between them, and to apply these ideas to the great challenges" facing humanity, said Kurzweil, the new university's chancellor.

Diamandis, who came up with the idea for the university after reading Kurzweil's book, teamed with the futurist and took the idea to Pete Worden, director of Ames, who said the venture builds on the tradition of innovation for the NASA base.

Singularity University, which will also offer short courses to business leaders year-round on the frontiers of technological change, will draw faculty from Google and other companies, as well as universities.

Students would come from disciplines as divergent as robotics and genetics, for example, and would be expected to work together. "We don't see this as competition with Stanford or Berkeley or MIT," Diamandis said.

But just as those universities have spawned countless startups in Silicon Valley and elsewhere, Diamandis predicts Singularity University will do the same, and the program would aim to connect students to the Valley's venture capitalists to pitch their most promising ideas.

"We expect many of the students that are coming to Singularity University to have an entrepreneurial bent," Diamandis said, "and we expect companies to spin out of the university."

New GI education benefits to extend to private colleges

By David Coffey
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' top education official said Tuesday that veterans who hope to attend college next fall should be able to use new increased GI benefits to attend even high-cost private colleges.

Officials of independent colleges and universities — under heavy budget pressure from endowment losses and the recession — sounded worried, however. Many said that the VA was moving too slowly for veterans to know how much financial help they would get before they decided which colleges to attend.

Increased benefits under the new so-called Yellow Ribbon program call for the VA and private colleges and universities to offer grants that cover the difference between the tuition and fees at a state's most expensive public university and the same costs at a private institution. The VA and the private school split the added costs 50-50.

Participation by private institutions is voluntary, and they alone determine the number of Yellow Ribbon scholars they will accept. To date, however, the VA hasn't told the institutions what the highest tuition in each state is, among other details.

Keith Wilson, the VA's director of education service, assured officials Tuesday at a Washington conference of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities that the VA is "moving as aggressively as possible" to fill in the financial blanks.

Nonetheless, Yellow Ribbon's list of participating universities and the aid they'll offer won't be made public until April 1, after most private college and university admissions decisions are made. Aid to qualified vets won't be available until Aug. 1, after many fall semester bills are due.

Late notices are likely to reduce participation, Wilson acknowledged, in part because colleges and universities won't know how much to budget for Yellow Ribbon scholars. Schools also are supposed to make grants to veterans on a first-come, first-served basis, which further handicaps those who need to know aid details before deciding which colleges or universities to attend.

James Wright, the president of Dartmouth College, in Hanover, N.H., urged members of the association to support the program, even if the number of veterans who receive aid is minimal this year.

"Limit the numbers if you're apprehensive, instead of limiting your

support," Wright said.

The Yellow Ribbon program is one aspect of the broader Post-9/11 GI Bill, which takes effect Aug. 1. Unlike the old GI Bill, whose educational benefit expired 10 years after service, the new bill is good for 15 years after the soldier's last active service date. Benefits can be passed to other members of the veteran's family after six to 10 years of service plus an additional four-year service commitment made after Aug. 1, 2009.

The new GI Bill includes a \$1,000 annual grant for books and a monthly stipend for room and board equal to the military's housing allowance. Some school officials wondered Tuesday where the new aid will come from, and whether it would take money away from need-based scholarships.

"We find ourselves in somewhat of a collision course as we're determining whether we can participate with those two conflicting policies," said Scott Fleming, an official at Georgetown University in Washington.

Veterans with three or more years of service after Sept. 10, 2001, are eligible for the grants. The idea was to enable veterans, with help from private schools and the VA, to attend any private colleges or universities to which they could gain admission.

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ber, where she learned that other campuses allowed their students to create their own communities, Siron said.

"We want students to go through this experience, learn about their themed area, build a community with people around them and essentially, learn something in the meantime," Siron said.

Communities must put on events relating to their theme during the school year, and each member is expected to help with the planning and execution of the programs, Siron said. Members are encouraged to go to at least two to three events during

the year, Siron said.

David Cooper, associate director of residence life, said the LLC's will

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residential assistant at Wright Hall

receive the same amount of money all halls get at the beginning of each semester to put on activities. The

LLC's can receive extra money for any activity that goes over budget but must get approval from Residential Services before doing so, he said.

"We will explore all options to make it happen," Cooper said. "If it's in reason, we definitely want to make it happen, especially if it is student generated."

Lauren Skidmore, a residential assistant at Wright Hall, said she thinks the LLC's have benefits for both hall directors and residential assistants.

"It's cool because you know exactly what to program for and you already know what your residents like," Skidmore said. "So, you know their interests and you can better relate to them."

STUDY ABROAD

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students will now have a chance to express their objectives for studying abroad.

Cara Smith, a sophomore political science major who plans to study in Spain, said she thinks the new approach to scholarships is a good idea.

"Some people want a bigger experience, and students who want to supplement their classroom experience with something more should be taken into consideration," Smith said.

Susan Layne, coordinator for TCU in London, said the center wanted to make a more formalized process for allowing applicants to express themselves.

"They have to think through more

carefully about what they want to do with the money, and they have to make a sort of return commitment," Layne said.

Williams said the new scholarships allow students to express their motivations for studying abroad.

"GPA just doesn't tell the whole story," Williams said. "This way provides a more holistic approach when considering the applications."

Mandi Beck, a sophomore anthropology major who plans to study in South America, said students' ambitions or plans for why they want to study abroad are relevant, but students' GPAs should still be an important aspect for consideration.

"I think it should be a combination," Beck said. "GPA is still important, and some students just want to go to Europe and party. But some students go with goals and plans for

their undergraduate diplomas, and the way they apply it to their lives is important."

Smith said although the changes a good idea, she doubts it will make a big change to who gets the scholarship money.

"For the most part, I think the students with the highest GPA are more motivated," she said.

Williams said for many of the students a little scholarship money makes a big difference on whether they can study abroad.

Kucko said with the new scholarships, a faculty advisory board will now review the applications to determine the top candidates.

In addition, scholarship recipients will be required to file an essay upon their return summarizing how they fulfilled their objectives while abroad, Kucko said.

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The Skiff View

Study Abroad benefits from new requirements

Numbers can only say so much about a person. With an essay now required for study abroad applications, this new approach gives The Center for International Studies a better look at the level of interest from students rather than just their qualifications. In the past, the only requirement was a grade point average and while it gives some insight into how focused students are on their grades, it doesn't offer their personal perspective on the experiences that lie ahead.

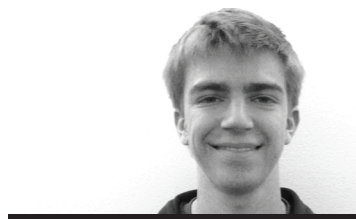
This new requirement won't limit the pool of applicants because if students are motivated enough to get a passport and put down the money needed for the trip, they can have the determination to pick up a pen and write down what they hope to gain from the experience. That way the field of candidates can be limited to those who can back up their GPA and raw data with real interest in joining the program. The highest GPA won't just be a rubber stamp for entry into the program anymore, which should motivate students more.

Of course GPA will still have its rightful place, weighing heavily in the decision to accept a student, but an essay will supplement it in the long run and put a face on each applicant. The study abroad program has been important in immersing students in other cultures. Now the application process can better reflect the diversity of the program's destinations and uniqueness of the experiences it offers.

Features editor Chance Welch for the editorial board.

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

Legislators needed proof before ousting governor



TYLER ZODROW

Is former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich the next Nelson Mandela? He'd like you to think so.

Comparing himself not only to Mandela, but also Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi, Blagojevich professed his innocence across the airwaves and at his impeachment trial last week to no avail.

The now-former governor has consistently denied any wrongdoing since U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald filed corruption charges against him in December.

Instead of attending the first two days of his impeachment trial, Blagojevich spent his time on a New York City media blitz appearing on everything from "The View" to "Larry King Live." Blagojevich called the trial "a sham" because it wouldn't provide him a fair chance to defend himself.

As crazy as it may seem, the law is on his side.

Blagojevich's situation is an unusual one. The Illinois Senate is not bound by the same rules of evidence and testimony that constrain a criminal court, so they were allowed to legally remove him from office without ever proving any criminal wrongdoing on the former governor's part.

The basis for Blagojevich's impeach-

ment focused on a few snippets of recordings showing Blagojevich talking with a lobbyist about how to get campaign contributions in exchange for certain legislation.

Blagojevich claims the recordings were taken out of context but even if they were in context, it still isn't apparent which law was broken.

The major discrepancy lies in the fact that Blagojevich was removed from office, but the probability of Blagojevich being convicted of any criminal wrongdoing is still unclear at this point.

Sure, an impeachment trial sounds like the wheels of justice turning, but it was tainted because the jury was made up of politicians who want to be

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re-elected. Blagojevich was impeached because he is unpopular — not because he has been proven guilty of any crime.

The established precedent, which allows the Legislature to remove an elected official from office before he or she has had a chance to be proven innocent, is far more dangerous than any crime Blagojevich may have committed.

If he's so corrupt and dangerous, why not prove it before sending him home?

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SGA values student opinions

I am writing in response to John Andrew Willis' Jan. 29 column "SGA Should Get Feedback Before Using Student Money."

Having served as the Student Government Association Programming Council chair for the past two years, I understood the problems and challenges described regarding concerts and general programming on campus.

While Mr. Willis might have made a handful of valid points throughout his article, he failed to conduct adequate research.

He said, "The council may legitimately desire to serve the student body, but I've never seen the student body polled on who they would like to see perform on campus — not even before the \$100,000 Pat Green show last fall." Actually, a tremendous amount of research went into the preparation for the Pat Green concert. As one of two students serving on the Brown-Lupton University Union Grand Opening Celebration Committee, I can assure you

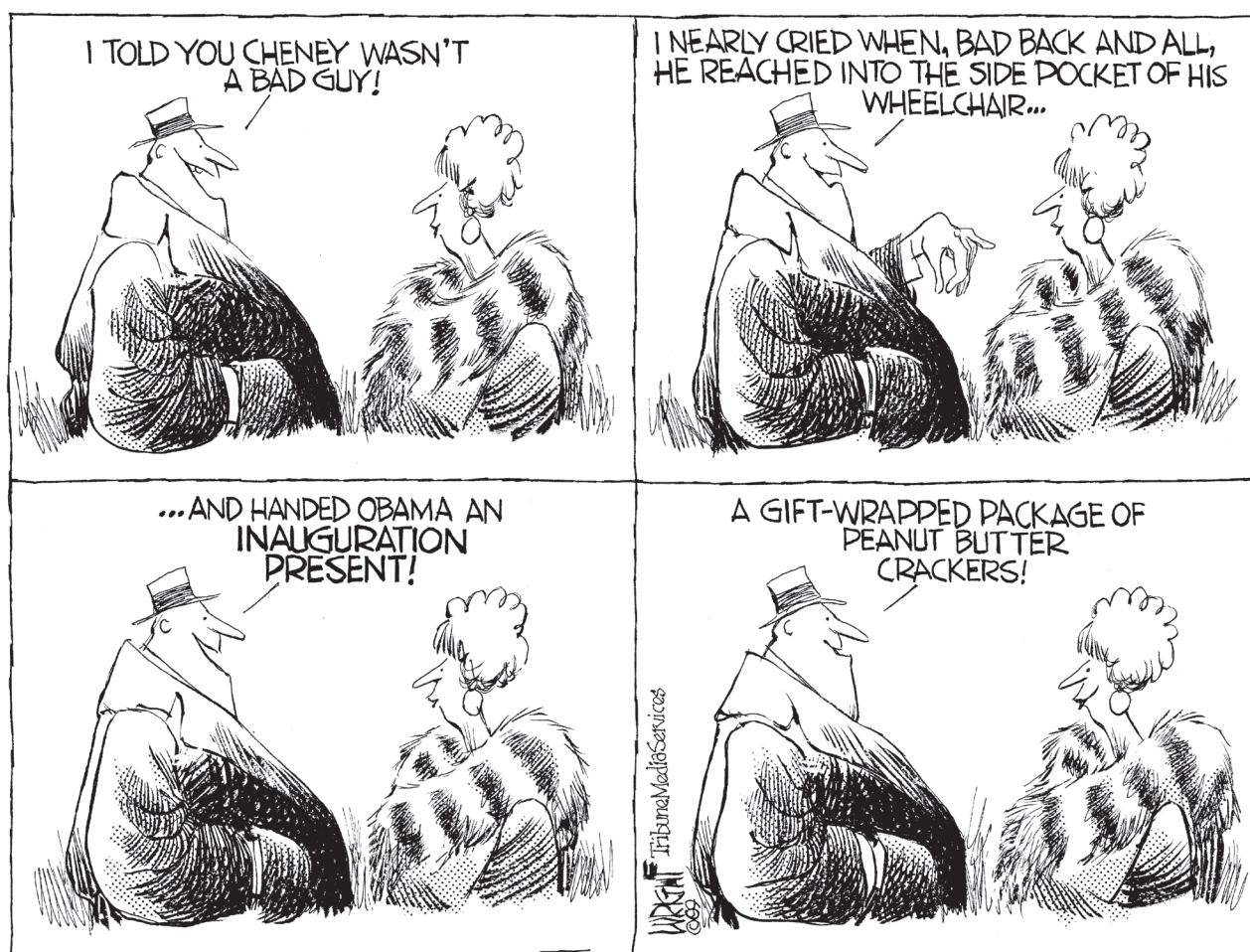
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that we polled the student body, discussed concert ideas with administrators, faculty and staff, and even went as far as to seek advice from schools such as Vanderbilt University and Louisiana State University.

Our student body poll received well over 400 unique responses from students and Pat Green was among the top artists preferred. The poll additionally provided information about days of the week and times that were favorable for student body events.

In an attempt to make a point and finish a story, Mr. Willis neglected to do the necessary research or even ask SGA if such a poll had taken place.

Kristen Chapman is a senior marketing major from Sugar Land.



Don Wright is a political cartoonist for The Palm Beach Post.

Energy companies must remember concerns of lower-income families



KATIE MARTINEZ

Before we break our arms patting ourselves on the backs because the plan to have a natural gas well on campus has apparently been avoided, maybe we should read between the lines.

It's true that if Chesapeake Energy's south side plan is approved by the city of Fort Worth, we will no longer have a gas well near the stadium, but the proposed well didn't disappear. In fact, it mysteriously multiplied.

Opposition from the influential TCU community put politicians under pressure and brought lots of unwanted attention to the reality of urban drilling in the city.

The pressure made it difficult for Chesapeake to proceed with its plans to put in a production well and run pipelines through residents' yards via imminent domain as the gas industry giant, through its subsidiaries, has already done to less-fortunate people all over the city.

Average people, myself included, have been robbed of peace of mind and unless you are wealthy, no one

seems to care.

When XTO Energy moved into my own neighborhood, which is in Fort Worth but outside of Tarrant County, the Railroad Commission of Texas refused to even consider a petition, signed by almost everyone on our street that explained our narrow, winding, country roads with steep embankments were not safe for 18-wheeler traffic. Two SUVs barely fit when traveling in opposite directions, so what is going to happen when a tanker truck meets a school bus? The commission recently approved a site just over 200 feet from my back door and less than 100 feet from my children's playground without flinching.

But the concerns of the TCU community were heard loud and clear, and faced with a battle Chesapeake couldn't win, the company moved the proposed sites to areas with a higher concentration of immigrants, who may be less likely to protest, and lower-income families. Both of these groups also either can't vote or in the case of lower-income families, hold less political clout.

Chesapeake said it will not withdraw its application for the well at TCU unless the city approves the new "Meerkat to Seminary" plan which includes four new sites including some in very close proximity to homes, the Trinity River Trails and school

campuses including the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Rosemont 6th Grade School on McCart Avenue.

University and city officials have praised the plan as being incredibly thoughtful and an ideal outcome, but it seems like all we did was take the well and pipeline plans from a wealthy area, multiply them and transplant them into areas that are less affluent.

Robyn Walton, head of the Colonial Hills Neighborhood Association gas drilling committee, said the City Council had already made it clear they were not going to grant any high-impact permits for well sites within 300 feet of homes, and that there was not really any place on campus that was suitable for drilling that was fit that criteria.

If this is true, which I certainly hope it is, why is Chesapeake now able to hold the TCU permit as leverage to get the other sites approved?

I wanted to ask Chesapeake, but they did not immediately return numerous calls for comment.

They can name the plan after incredibly adorable zoo animals, but the truth about what's happening here is ugly.

Opinion editor Katie Martinez is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Fort Worth.

Emotional wounds merit treatment, not awards

The Pentagon's decision not to award the Purple Heart to troops who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder was a tough call — but the right one. Now the federal government should follow up that good call with another one: making sure that troops who suffer with PTSD get the support and help they need.

This won't be easy because many with PTSD, an anxiety disorder caused by experiencing traumatic events, are reluctant to seek treatment. It is this stigma, in fact, that led the Pentagon to consider awarding the Purple Heart to PTSD sufferers in the first place. At a news conference last year, the director of a Texas PTSD treatment center asked Defense Secretary Robert Gates if he would support giving the award to victims of PTSD. Gates wasn't dismissive. Instead, he said it was "clearly something that needs to be looked at." Military experts studied the issue and concluded recently that PTSD sufferers didn't qualify for the medal.

The Purple Heart is awarded to troops killed or injured in action during warfare. Even though PTSD is often triggered by the stress of combat, it isn't a physical wound and therefore doesn't qualify for the medal. It is seen as a "secondary effect" of the mind-numbing situations that soldiers endure during fighting that kills and maims friends, buddies and civilians along with the enemy. The distinction isn't meant to minimize the damage of PTSD, but to clearly define what the

medal is for.

Doctors classify PTSD as a mental disorder, a designation that can be highly subjective. There is no blood test for PTSD, and "no neurological map clearly defines it," one doctor said. It is well-known that there are wide discrepancies among Purple Heart recipients. One soldier might get the medal for courageously risking his life to defend others, while another soldier gets it for being injured while sheltering in a foxhole.

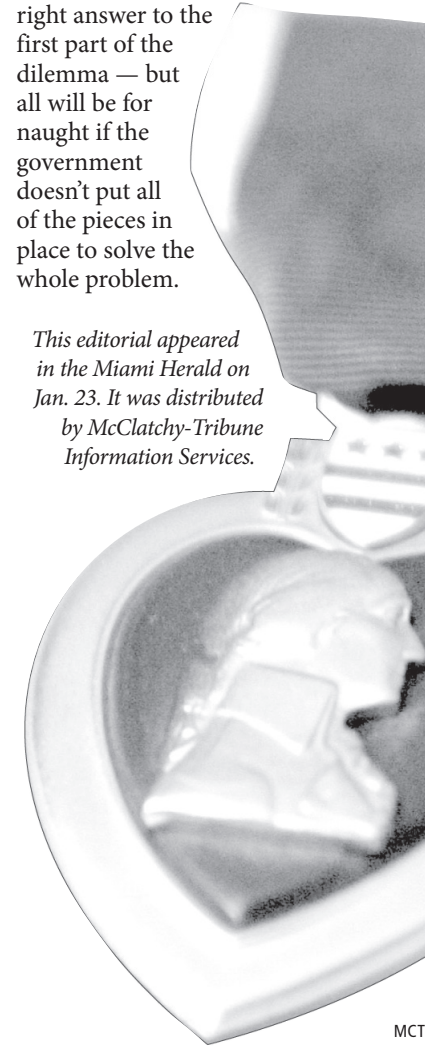
The Pentagon decided that the distinction between physical and emotional injuries should be maintained in part because of the great subjectivity of PTSD. More to the point, though, is that those who want the Purple Heart for PTSD sufferers say they do so as a way to erase the stigma associated with the disorder. If the medal is awarded to PTSD sufferers, these critics argue, more PTSD sufferers would seek treatment voluntarily.

This is the crux of the matter. But the solution isn't to give these troops a medal. A better answer is to erase the stigma by treating the disorder. But some caregivers deny that PTSD is real and avoid treating it. Worse, the government fails to adequately fund PTSD treatment, even when soldiers are brave enough to seek help.

Awarding the Purple Heart to people with PTSD would be a false solution to a real and vexing problem. The Pentagon has done well to determine the

right answer to the first part of the dilemma — but all will be for naught if the government doesn't put all of the pieces in place to solve the whole problem.

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SPORTS

A magical night for Kobe Bryant

By Barbara Barker
Newsday

NEW YORK — I saw it. An eerie smile, an almost ghostly flicker of recognition, crossed Phil Jackson's face near the end of the second quarter of Kobe Bryant's incredible run Monday night at Madison Square Garden.

Bryant had just scored his 31st point, an effortless-looking dunk of a Lamar Odom feed, when it suddenly seemed to occur to Jackson and nearly everyone else that this could be a night for the history books.

Fourteen years ago, a sprier, less gray Jackson was the opposing coach when Michael Jordan set an opponent's record at the new Garden by scoring 55 points in only his fifth game back from retirement. In Monday night's 126-117 Lakers win, Jackson got to see Bryant do even better as he poured in 61 points to set the all-time scoring mark at the arena that opened Feb. 14, 1968.

"You knew in the first five minutes of this game that it was going to be all about Kobe," Jackson said. "He was on fire from the start. And he finished the same way."

Sixty-one points in 36 minutes, 48 seconds. Bryant hit 19 of 31 shots, including three three-pointers. He also made all 20 of his free throws, including the one with 2:33 left that gave him 61 points and broke former Knick Bernard King's 24-year-old record.

"He takes your breath away," said Odom, who grew up in Queens watching the Knicks. "It was great being on the court with him."

And it was great being in the stands watching him. Even the most hard-core Knicks fans, the ones who seemed annoyed earlier in the game when a contingent of fans in Bryant jerseys began chanting "MVP" got swept up in the moment.

Not only did fans give Bryant a standing ovation, but many of them refused to leave after it was over. The postgame arena was a sea of flashes and cell phones as fans took pictures of the score-

board to document that they had been part of history.

For his part, Bryant said after the game that he was unaware of the record, that though he remembered Jordan's game, he did not know that it had set a record at the Garden. Whether you choose to believe that is up to you, but you have to believe that with this performance, Bryant has started to make the constant comparisons with Jordan sound a little less hyperbolic.

This was a statement game, though not the sort most Knicks fans thought they were going to see when they took their seats. The Knicks entered the game playing their best basketball in seasons, and were hoping that a good showing against one of the league's elite would signal that they are legitimate playoff contenders. Instead, the only statement made last night was by Bryant. And it was this: If you don't vote for me for MVP, you are a fool.

What the performance also showed was just how exciting it is to watch an incredible talent work his magic at the Garden, even if that talent is playing for another team. The Knicks, sans a superstar, are continuing to get better and better. But they still can't drive the fans to the same crazy heights of ecstasy that a player such as Bryant or LeBron James.

"We're still not there yet," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said after the game.

Almost every player on the Lakers said there was something almost magical about the night. Many cited how Bryant, who had just heard the news that teammate Andrew Bynum would be out for more than a month, was strangely focused, almost serene as he entered the arena. Jackson, who won a title at the Garden as a player, came in talking about how nice it was to be in a place that had his picture on the wall.

Maybe someday there will be something commemorating this night at the Garden. The Knicks, after all, have a floor plaque on their walk of fame commemorating Jordan's 55-pointer.

SUPER BOWL XLIII



Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, coach Mike Tomlin and owner Dan Rooney celebrate after the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., on Sunday. The victory gave the Steelers their sixth Super Bowl, the most of any franchise in NFL history.

Coach's race not a Super Bowl issue

By David Whitley
The Orlando Sentinel

TAMPA, Fla. — After hundreds of questions the past week, the next-to-last one Mike Tomlin faced was about his appearance.

Was it about the clothes he wore to Monday morning's news conference?

No, though they were different. Instead of a coat and tie, Tomlin wore a tan blazer and blue dress shirt.

You know untucked shirts are socially acceptable when the winning Super Bowl coach shows up in one.

Recent winners like Tom Coughlin and Bill Belichick also didn't hold up well on almost zero sleep. When Tomlin took the podium, his 36-year-old eyes were bright and his voice resonated around the room.

But his youth didn't prompt the appearance question either. What could it have been?

Oh yeah, the guy's black. No news there. But Tomlin's color didn't come up until the 15th of 16 questions. Now that's news.

"People don't look at Mike Tomlin as an African-American

coach," said Roger Goodell, who was standing off to the side. "They look at him as a great coach."

"People don't look at Mike Tomlin as an African-American coach. They look at him as a great coach."

Roger Goodell
NFL Commissioner

And what a pleasant change that is. Two years ago when Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith faced off, every third question concerned breaking the coaching color barrier.

If those two were Neil Armstrong planting the flag on the Super Bowl moon, Tomlin was Buzz Aldrin.

There were far more stories about Larry Fitzgerald's hair than Tomlin's skin.

What next, a black president? Barack Obama was supposedly the nation's first post-racial candidate, though it's hard to be-

lieve his color had no impact on the vote. It's not hard to believe the NFL is fast arriving at a place America dreams to be.

It's a league where a person gets a plum job based on ability, not color.

"That's what our system is designed to be," Goodell said.

It took a lot of redesign over the years. There were all of two African-American head coaches in 2002. That prompted the Rooney Rule, which required teams to interview at least one minority candidate.

Unlike college football where some still operate like it's 1952, I don't think racism was a big hiring impediment in the NFL.

It was ignorance. The same people talked to the same people who recommended the same people.

It's no coincidence that it took a maverick like Al Davis to make Art Shell the league's first modern-day black coach in 1989. Or that a total NFL outsider like Malcolm Glazer finally gave Tony Dungy a shot in 1996.

The Rooney Rule at least forced some fresh faces into the stale process. There are now six black head coaches. I don't know

what number proves the NFL has reached race neutrality, but barriers have unquestionably fallen.

Youth and inexperience are no longer an issue (see: Tomlin and Raheem Morris). Failures are given second chances (see: Dennis Green and Herm Edwards).

In other words, black guys can be as unproven and unsuccessful as white guys and still get hired.

The ironic thing is Tomlin wasn't a product of the Rooney Rule. The Steelers had already interviewed Ron Rivera two years ago. Tomlin just came in and impressed them more.

Call it karma because owner Dan Rooney investigated the rule. Now he has the NFL's Obama, though we can only hope the president is half as good at his job.

Tomlin motivates like Vince Lombardi. He strategizes like Belichick. He quotes Robert Frost.

He is the first winning coach who is actually younger than the Super Bowl.

Oh yeah, did we mention he's black?

Not a lot of people did the past week. That alone says a lot.



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Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) dunks the ball Monday in New York.

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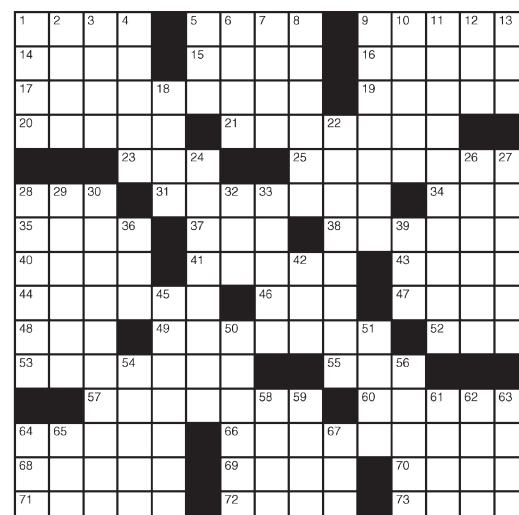
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SPORTS



Head football coach Gary Patterson talks about coaching changes and national signing day. Tomorrow

MEN'S BASKETBALL

BACK TO BUSINESS



Junior guard Jason Ebie dribbles the ball against UNLV's Wink Adams on Jan. 10. The Horned Frogs are looking to get back on track in conference play tonight against Utah.

PAIGE McARDLE / Design Editor

Offensive struggles hurting team

By Michael Carroll
Sports Editor

Two losses have pushed the Horned Frogs out of the conference lead and into a tie for second place. But the team hopes to get back on track tonight at home against the University of Utah, which is currently tied for first place in the Mountain West Conference.

Poor shooting performances have plagued the Horned Frogs (13-8, 4-3 MWC) in their last two games, each 17-point losses to the University of New Mexico and San Diego State University.

"This is a league where you're going to have to score to have a chance to win because the teams

are just that good," head coach Jim Christian said.

The good news for the team is the conference is still up for grabs. Six of the nine teams in the Mountain West are tied for either first or second place with conference records of 4-3 or 5-2.

Christian said the team has to remain confident because there are a number of good teams in the league. He said the team has hit a rough patch and now has to fight its way out.

Every player on the team needs to do his part to help the Horned Frogs get back to their winning ways, Christian said.

"Because we don't have a lot of numbers, we need everybody to

be there focused and playing well to have a chance to win and we've got to get back to that," Christian said.

The Horned Frogs own a 9-2 record at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum this season, but the team has gone 4-6 on the road.

Christian said road games will get even more tough for the team as they travel to Colorado State University and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Utah (14-7, 5-2 MWC) is coming into the game having won two tight games at home. It took overtime for the Utes to top Brigham Young University a week ago and they squeezed past New Mexico for a one-point victory Saturday.

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Christian said Utah is at the top of the league in several important statistical categories including field goal percentage and field goal percentage defense.

"They're playing unbelievably well right now," he said. "They're in first place in the league so it's a big game for us."

Following the game against Utah, the Horned Frogs will hit the road once again to face Colorado State on Saturday.

CARROLL'S CORNER

Frogs familiar with Super Bowl success



MICHAEL CARROLL

With the Pittsburgh Steelers' 27-23 win over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday night, former TCU defensive end Jared Retkofsky became the 13th Horned Frog in school history to become a Super Bowl champion.

Retkofsky adds his name to a growing list of former Frogs who have found success at the next level.

Throughout the 43-year history of the biggest game in football, past Horned Frogs have been part of 28 Super Bowl teams, winning 16 of them. That's a little over a 57 percent winning percentage for Frogs playing in Super Bowls. That's a pretty good clip if you ask me.

With the Super Sunday still fresh in our minds, I think it's a good time to look back on some past Frogs who have made it to the pinnacle of professional football.

The first Frog to play in a Super Bowl was a tight end by the name of Mickey McCarty, who was a member of the Kansas City Chiefs when they won Super Bowl IV in 1970.

Norm Evans, a two-time Pro Bowl offensive tackle who played 13 seasons with the Houston Oil-

ers, Miami Dolphins and the Seattle Seahawks, followed McCarty two seasons later. Evans played in Super Bowls VI, VII and VIII — winning the last two — on a talented Dolphins team.

And I can't forget to mention Hall of Fame defensive tackle Bob Lilly, who helped the Dallas Cowboys win their first Super Bowl in 1972. Lilly's Cowboys beat Evans' Dolphins 24-3 in Super Bowl VI.

Lilly is without question the one of the finest Horned Frogs, and professional players, to ever step foot on an NFL field.

But the Frog with the most Super Bowl success has to be former Cowboys defensive back Larry Brown, who won three rings with the team during the 1990s and was named the MVP of Super Bowl XXX.

These are but a few of the TCU alumni who have had a taste of Super Bowl glory. Many others have reached the top, and many others fell just short.

Retkofsky became the 13th Frog to earn a ring. Will the recent success of the football program help that number to go up in the near future?

Only time will tell.

But now that both football seasons are over, we have plenty of time to remember those who have already represented the Horned Frog tradition on one of the biggest stages in sports.

Sports editor Michael Carroll is a senior news-editorial journalism major from Coppell.

Phelps disgraced nation with marijuana incident

By David Ramsey
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Michael Phelps had just won yet another gold medal, and Jim Scherr was beaming.

This made sense. Tens of millions of Americans were smiling along with Scherr.

Scherr serves as CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee, and he enjoys nothing more than watching an American athlete crush the competition.

Phelps, Scherr told me in August, had captured the imaginations and hearts of nearly all Americans. During brutal economic times, Scherr said, Phelps provided drama and hope. He made Americans feel good.

But there's a flip side to this shared joy. Now, Phelps fills us with shame.

Sunday, Phelps admitted a tabloid photo showing him inhaling from a marijuana pipe was legit. He apologized, of course, swearing he would never again humiliate his fans and his country.

I'm surprised. And I'm not surprised.

We don't know our sports heroes. We think we do. We kid ourselves. We watch them compete a few hours and believe we've formed a relationship.

We witness their outlandish physical gifts, and make illogical conclusions. After admiring physical triumph, we fill in the blanks about an athlete's character. These blanks are unknow-

able, but it doesn't matter.

(I know a few of you will rebel against being included in the great "we" of this discussion. That's fine. You're welcome to excuse yourself.)

Phelps competed mornings in Beijing, and I developed a ritual. Grab breakfast, catch a bus and watch from press row as Phelps collected gold.

Far away, back home in America, millions ate dinner and then watched on TV as one of their own conquered the world. It was great sports theater and the best kind of repetition.

Phelps was magnificent in the pool and charming on dry land. After gold medals were draped around his neck, he always visited his adoring mom.

He was the poor kid from Baltimore who lifted himself with endless, torturous hard work. He was one of us, even if he seemed half-fish/half-man.

This homogenized image of Phelps is just a mirage. Behind the facade, a flawed young man was hiding. And this young man likes to party.

Soon after the 2004 Olympics, Phelps was busted for drunk driving. In this repeat knucklehead performance — the worst kind of repetition — he was dumb enough to unknowingly pose for a photo during a close encounter with a bong.

He betrayed himself, and he betrayed millions of girls and boys, women and men who considered him a friend, even if we really never knew him.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Frogs to battle undefeated Utah

By Michael Carroll
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team will wrap up the first half of Mountain West Conference play tonight on the road against the University of Utah.

"Some coaches like to rest (during the off week), I don't think we need the rest," he said after the SDSU game. "I think we need to work."

Jeff Mittie
Women's basketball coach

The Lady Frogs (13-7, 5-2 MWC) are tied for second in the conference with the University of New Mexico and San Diego State University. The team erased a 16-point deficit to beat SDSU at home last week.

The Utes are 14-6 overall but have gotten off to a sizzling 7-0 start in conference play and are winners of their last 10 games.

"They've always had good balance," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "They're an excellent basketball team."

Mittie said the Utah duo of senior guard Morgan Warburton and junior forward Kalee Whipple are two of the best players in the confer-



Junior guard TK LaFleur directs the Lady Frogs' offense during a Jan. 13 game against Brigham Young University.

ANNIE COOPER / Staff Reporter

ence and have been for a long time. The two Utes average 18.7 and 16.5 points per game, respectively.

Mittie said the week-long break between the SDSU game and the game in Utah will give his team extra time to prepare.

"Some coaches like to rest (during the off week), I don't think we need the rest," he said after the SDSU game. "I think we need to work."

The midway point of conference play has arrived, but Mittie said the

Lady Frogs still have time to improve.

"We've got a lot of things we've got to shore up," Mittie said. "We're almost through the first rotation of the conference."

The Lady Frogs are led by their three leading scorers: sophomore forward Emily Carter, sophomore guard Helena Sverrisdottir and junior guard TK LaFleur. The three players account for almost 58 percent of the team's total scoring output.

The Lady Frogs said they know they are going up against a good team in Utah.

"We know they have some key players coming back," Carter said. "We're going to come back and we're going to work hard this week for that and then be prepared to go up there and get a win."

After the game the Lady Frogs will return to Fort Worth for two straight home games starting with Colorado State University on Saturday.

QUICK SPORTS

Frogs shuffle offensive coaching staff

The football program announced major changes in the coaching staff yesterday, including promoting Jarrett Anderson and Justin Fuente to co-offensive coordinators.

Anderson was wide receivers coach the last eight seasons and will now coach the running backs along with being co-offensive coordinator.

Fuente is entering his third year with the Frogs and was the

running backs coach before being promoted. Fuente will also coach the quarterbacks, moving from running backs coach.

The Frogs will also have a new wide receivers coach in Rusty Burns, who has been an offensive coordinator at Southern Methodist University from 2004 to 2007.

Head coach Gary Patterson was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

— Staff writer Billy Wessels