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Sophomore class representative Mike Vosters speaks during a debate over the election runoff policy during an SGA meeting Tuesday.

SGA House upholds runoff veto

By Eric Anderson
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association House of Student Representatives overwhelmingly voted Tuesday night to uphold a presidential veto against the bill that would end the runoff system of SGA elections. The final vote count was 28 in favor of the veto and 7 opposed, with three representatives abstaining from voting.

The bill, when introduced before the House on Feb. 3, faced little objection or debate.

President Kelsie Johnson vetoed the bill after careful consideration, she said.

Despite the bill's intended effect of ending runoffs, one part of the text read, "To win a position, a candidate must receive the majority of total votes cast."

The vagueness of the bill's language was a reason for the veto, Johnson said.

"There is not one clear way to determine what the author of the legislation meant," she said.

The bill's author, Andrew Pulliam, College of Science and Engineering representative, said he intended to change the election process to determine the winner by simple plurality, or in other words, by the greatest number of votes. Representatives voted in favor of

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Group hosts dress drive for deaf

By Callie Mason
Staff Reporter

Chandler Mallams, a junior deaf education major, said she had no idea what to do with all of the prom dresses she and her four sisters had accumulated over years, so she decided to give them away.

The university's chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association is hosting a prom dress drive, said Mallams, who is also vice president of deaf habilitation for the organization. The dresses will be donated to the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, she said. Students can wear the formal dresses at their prom, and the dresses that are not used for the prom can be used by the theater department, she said.

Mallams said she heard about the Texas School for the Deaf, which serves as both a learning environment and a home hearing impaired students, through her major.

The institution is a residential school for students ranging from infancy to 21, according to the Texas School for the Deaf's Web site.

Lynn Flahive, advisor for NSSLHA, said the students involved in the organization are doing all of the work for the drive. They decide what activities to do each semester, and then the directors and officers divide up the work, she said.

Angela Spradlin, president of the university chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association, said Mallams presented the idea to the group last semester. The group decided to wait until right before winter break to start advertising for the drive so that students could rifle through their closets during the break, she said.

"We are not picky about the dresses at all," Spradlin said. "We just ask that they are well taken care of."

The group decided to donate the dresses

Prom dress drive

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Mother of octuplets does not inspire joy.
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PECULIAR FACT

BUFFALO, N.Y. — More than 100 chickens, rabbits, rodents, iguanas and tarantulas have been removed from a two-bedroom Buffalo apartment by authorities who needed three vans to cart off the menagerie.
— Associated Press

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Speaker: Tibetan breathing beneficial to cancer patients

By Katie Ruppel
Staff Reporter

Hinduism, Catholicism, Judaism, Islam, Jainism, Buddhism: you name it, Alejandro Chaoul has studied it.

Chaoul is an assistant professor at the John P. McGovern Center for Health, Humanity and the Human Spirit at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He is also an adjunct assistant professor at the Department of Palliative Care and Rehabilitation Services at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. This is where he began his present work combining Tibetan meditation practices with cancer treatment, which he will be lecturing about Wednesday at the Brown-Lupton University Union.

In reference to how he started this work, Chaoul said, "I was searching..." and paused for a moment to recall how his journey began.

Chaoul was born into a Catholic community in Argentina but was raised in a Jewish family and sent to a Presbyterian school.

He said he did not find what he was looking for spiritually in any of those religions, and went to the United States to study philosophy, where he met Indian transfer students who sparked his interest in Eastern religions.

Chaoul traveled to India and Nepal, where he studied with a number of

prominent Tibetan masters, including the Dalai Lama. Chaoul said what interested him the most about his Buddhist teachers was their sincere way of life.

"They would talk about compassion and love and humility, and you can see that in their actions, not just in the Dalai Lama but even in everyday people," Chaoul said.

He said that after studying the Tibetan traditions for more than 10 years, he returned to the United States to pursue his doctorate in Indo-Tibetan Buddhism. He worked as a volunteer at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. He was interested in the center's meditation program for cancer patients, and started to incorporate Tibetan practices such as breathing techniques and yoga into the program. He eventually earned a contract with the center and did a five-year study on women with breast cancer who used Tibetan yoga and meditation program.

"It was an eye-opener to see that century-old practice that I was learning actually had a purpose in the medical field and in the western world," Chaoul said.

Andrew Fort, a professor of religion and coordinator of the lecture, said he admires Chaoul's determination to research such an abstract notion as the mind-body connection.

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Close Israeli election forces coalition talks

By Dion Nissenbaum
McClatchy Newspapers

JERUSALEM — Israeli voters delivered a murky result in Tuesday's national election that left the two top vote-getters declaring victory and claiming the right to become the next prime minister.

With early results showing centrist Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni and her Kadima Party slightly ahead of former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his conservative Likud Party, both leaders confidently predicted that they'd lead the next coalition government.

Though Livni held a one-seat plurality over Netanyahu with about 40 percent of the vote counted, the Likud leader appeared to have an edge in forming a new government because Israel's right-leaning parties were projected to secure a majority of seats in the 120-member Knesset.

"The national camp, led by Likud, has won a clear advantage," Netanyahu told his supporters. "The question is not what the polls said. The question is what reality says."

Speaking to her jubilant supporters, who wore "Believnii!" buttons, Livni projected the same confidence as she urged other parties to join her in a unity government.

"Today, I hear the words 'national camp' once again, and I want to say in a clear voice: The land of Israel does not

belong to the right, just as peace does not belong to the left."

The results propelled both political leaders into coalition talks with Israel's smaller parties that will play a pivotal role setting the ideological direction of the next Israeli government.

Ultimately, it will be up to Israeli President Shimon Peres to decide whether Livni or Netanyahu gets that right.

Israeli analysts projected that Netanyahu would have the best chance of leading the next government.

Livni failed to form a coalition government just four months ago when her inability to win support from the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party led to Tuesday's election. Shas was projected to win around 10 seats.

And her ability to create a stable, like-minded coalition was complicated by the rise in power of Israel's right-wing parties.

In addition to Likud's estimated 28 seats, the hard-right Israel Is Our Home party of Avigdor Lieberman was expected to win about 15 seats, fewer than expected but still enough to make it Israel's third-most important political party.

How the battle turns out could depend on whether Livni or Netanyahu wins support from Lieberman, who surpassed the Labor Party of Defense Minister Ehud

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"All sorts of people talk like 'with a will, a way' or 'mind over matter,' but to have someone who is a serious medical man investigating a serious disease, to see how healing can be helped is an important thing," Fort said.

Carrie Currier, director of the Asian Studies program, said Chaul's research is one example of how

Asian Studies can be an interdisciplinary subject, not just with religion but also with humanities, social sciences and the medical field. Fort said he also hopes people from many different disciplines find this lecture interesting.

"I really hope people see something that originally is supposed to be exotic or 'over there' as something that is really applicable, relevant and valuable here," Fort said.

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to the Texas School for the Deaf because the students who live there are from completely different socioeconomic backgrounds, Spradlin said.

"We want to make the formals for the students as memorable and as special as we can," Spradlin said.

The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association has hosted toy drives and book drives, but this will be the group's first prom dress drive. It's an opportunity to do something different and focus a donation

on one specific school, Mallams said.

Flahive said the drive is not only an opportunity to give back, but it is also a chance for students to clean out their closets.

The group had received seven dresses by Monday, but Mallams said she has contacted Fraternity and Sorority Life to get help spreading the word about NSSLHA's effort.

Members of NSSLHA will drive to Austin next weekend to donate the dresses to the Texas School for the Deaf, Spradlin said. Students can drop off their prom dresses at the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic. The deadline is Feb. 20.

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the veto after substantial debate on the House floor. Jessica Altenberg, sophomore representative for the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, voted in favor of the bill at its introduction, but like most in the House, she changed her mind after further debate and consideration.

"I changed my mind because I realized the president, Kelsie Johnson, brought up a good point in that a candidate could win the election with only 26 percent while 74 percent voted against that candidate," Altenberg said.

Marlon Figueroa, SGA treasurer, spoke in favor of the veto and said he was disappointed over the lack of debate last week.

Figueroa won last semester's election because of a runoff decision. He has no vote in the House.

"I think people realized the importance of this bill's impact on the student body code," Figueroa said.

Johnson said that because the bill was vetoed, it cannot be reintroduced to the House, but the authors can make changes and introduce a bill with a similar topic.

SPAIN

Catholics upset by seculars

By Christine Spolar
Chicago Tribune

BARCELONA, Spain — For a country steeped in Catholic tradition, these are alarming times.

Public schools are being told by judicial order to pull crucifixes from their walls. City buses with billboards espousing atheism are rumbling through the streets here, prompting yowls of blasphemy from Catholic leaders.

"Probably God Doesn't Exist," bleated an ad plastered last month across Bus 14, a normally sunny mode of transport past this city's harbor. "So Stop Worrying and Enjoy Your Life."

The so-called godless buses — which copy a campaign begun in Britain — have started in Madrid and Malaga, Spain, and are planned for elsewhere in Europe. For Spain, the stunt is a particularly provocative sign of the times.

This democracy is engaged in a bracing debate over God and state and deciding whether Catholic or secular visions should mold social policies and young minds.

A new citizenship course, introduced in secondary school last September, left politicians and church leaders tangling over what values should be formally taught. Laws passed in 2005 that essentially recognize gay marriage and ease divorce still rattle Catholic elders.

Now, with crucifixes being removed from some schools in Spain, an age-old symbol of education has toppled. Parents in the northern city of Valladolid went to court to dispute crucifixes in primary classrooms, a touch common in much of Spain. A judge found the crosses violated the constitution — that no single religion should dominate in Spain — and ordered them removed.

Spanish history and identity are at the core of this face-off. Spain's long-time fascist leader Francisco Franco was so closely allied with the church that 34 years after his death, hackles are still raised when parsing the domains of church and state. Indeed, some parents riled by the crucifix in Valladolid saw the symbol in purely historical terms.

"The children didn't have any opinion on the crucifixes, but we did," said Fernando Pastor, a parent of a 10-year-old girl and who joined the court suit. "A crucifix in a Spanish public school is a direct legacy of a military dictatorship. Nobody in Germany would say a photo of Hitler is only a photo."

Former Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, a staunch Catholic, had a chummy relationship with powerful church authorities. The socialist government of Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who gained from Aznar's defeat in 2004, has been far less friendly.

The ruling elite sees its political agenda as setting standards of inclusion and reflecting social change: Nearly half of young Spaniards surveyed consider themselves agnostics, atheists or indifferent to religion, they point out. "The society is more secular than ever before," explained Joan Herrera, a parliamentarian who hailed the judge's ban on crosses.

Herrera said Spain's constitution underscores a non-religious state while respecting the Catholic nature of Spanish society. He contends that means that religion is to stay outside the public sphere. "It's very important not to confuse the drive to clarify secularism as something that is anti-clericalism," Herrera said. "We are not trying to be (as wholly secular as) France."

A visit to Sagrada Familia concertata school in Barcelona indicates the differences with state-only schools.

Christmas is widely celebrated. There is a working chapel inside the age-old walls. Paintings of baby Jesus abound, and a man-size crucifix fills one wall. Fernando Rodriguez, who oversees academic standards there, sees this kind of school as a healthy compromise for a state that has a deep Catholic tradition. Not all his students are Catholic — some are Muslim, even Jehovah's Witness. But the parents are seeking good discipline and a good education in a neighborhood school, he said.

The debate that is coursing through Spain's education system now, Rodriguez said, is a crafty challenge by the socialist government to winnow religious talk and reflection in class. Still, the old Catholic guard knows that it enjoys some advantages even in trying economic times.

"Zapatero is favoring progressive issues because he thinks that will give him the popular vote. He just brings this up so people aren't focused on the economy," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez pointed out that Latin Americans moving to Spain for better jobs have swollen the nation's employment ranks in the past decade. Those immigrants are devout and want their children to have religious education, Rodriguez said. Politicians should acknowledge the newcomers' preferences, he said, as well recent surveys that show eight out of 10 people in Spain identify themselves as Catholics.

"We have a certain strength on our side," Rodriguez said, pointing out that 40 percent of the schools in the region are concertata schools — Catholic-based schools that rely on both taxpayer money and private tuition to survive. "The government could never handle all the cost of all the schools that are need. Here, if you didn't have the concertata schools, you'd have a problem."

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Barak, which was projected to win 13 seats.

"Lieberman can be satisfied with one thing," Amnon Danker, former editor of Israel's newspaper Maariv, told Channel 1. "He is the linchpin. He is the kingmaker. He will determine who will be the prime minister."

It takes the support of 61 members of parliament to form a government.

Livni was expected first to try to persuade Netanyahu and Barak to join her in a broad unity government, isolating Lieberman, whose campaign centered on a controversial

proposal to strip Israelis of their citizenship if they refuse to take a new loyalty oath.

Lieberman's rise has alarmed members of Israel's Arab minority. He's long cast doubts on the loyalty of Arab-Israeli leaders and has called for executing those who've met with Israel's enemies.

His message resonated in this campaign with a weary Israeli public that's looking for a fresh face, and his party increased its share of seats from 11 in the old parliament.

Israel's left-leaning parties suffered the most in Tuesday's election.

As the head of Labor, Barak might have expected a political boost after leading the mili-

tary during its recent punishing 22-day offensive in the Gaza Strip, which killed more than 1,300 Palestinians.

Many Israelis came away disenchanted, however. Some thought that Israel should have toppled the militant Islamist group Hamas, which controls Gaza. Others wondered whether the toll in innocent Palestinian lives had been too great.

"The Labor movement is alive and breathing," Barak said. "It is capable of leading — and also of taking blows and recovering."

Minutes before the polls closed Tuesday night, Gaza militants sent a pointed message by firing a crude rocket that landed harmlessly in southern Israel.



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Norma Wiley volunteers to monitor domestic violence cases in the DeKalb County Courthouse in Sycamore, Illinois.

Domestic violence trials improve under observation

By Barbara Brotman
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — They do their work in silence. They sit, watch, listen and write. When they speak up, their voices carry.

They are court-watchers, volunteers who observe domestic violence proceedings in hopes that their presence and their conclusions improve the way courts handle these sensitive cases.

Used in DeKalb County, Ill., and the Skokie, Ill., branch of Cook County Circuit Court, the watchers have unpaid jobs that look simple: Observe the actions and demeanor of court personnel and take careful notes.

But their influence is profound.

Volunteers with the DeKalb County Domestic Violence CourtWatch say they have seen a transformation in courtroom atmosphere since they began observing in 2003.

No longer do judges ask victims what they did to make their partners so angry. Judges are more patient and compassionate. On the rare occasions when they are not, DeKalb County Presiding Judge Kurt Klein responds swiftly, sometimes sending a judge to a training seminar on domestic violence.

"People act differently when they know they're being watched," said Barbara Samulowitz, the DeKalb group's president. "It's just human nature."

The court-watchers are evi-

dence that although domestic violence may seem intractable, progress is possible and average citizens can make a difference.

Watchers don't always just observe. The DeKalb group offers suggestions for improvements and, in particularly complicated cases, interviews victims and meets with court personnel to discuss the cases.

The group was able to change the way orders of protection were written in the county. Judges had been writing in a clause requiring a 72-hour no-contact period in only 25 per-

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Barbara Samulowitz
DeKalb Courtwatch President

cent of the orders, CourtWatch found. After the group recommended that the no-contact clause be standard, it was put into all of them.

"They have convinced me, and I think they have convinced the other judges ... that, if anything else, we need a cooling-off period," said Klein, who meets regularly with Court-Watch.

The Chicago-area programs are among as many as three dozen court watches that operate nationwide, said Dawn Dougherty, national project director for the Hennepin Coun-

ty, Minn., WATCH, which three years ago created a National Association of Court Monitoring Programs to help other groups start court watches.

In 15 years, Dougherty said, the Hennepin County group has achieved small-scale successes, such as catching a clerical error that would have mistakenly released an accused batterer on bail, and broader ones: Its notes on cases where victims were choked — but charges were dismissed — led to Minnesota's enactment of a 2005 law making domestic-violence choking a felony.

In DeKalb, the court watch is tracking 25 particularly violent cases to see how long it takes them to make it through the system and what causes delays.

For judges, court watches can be a valuable source of feedback. "I find their critiques very helpful," Klein said. "We are supposed to treat everybody fairly, but over time you may become insensitive because you hear case after case after case."

The court-watchers also hold a symbolic value — they show victims that society cares about them. In DeKalb, victims feel so comforted by a watcher's presence they sometimes ask for them.

"Their presence made me a little more assured that there would be some validity behind what the judge was saying and that his ruling would be fair," said a woman who asked that her name be withheld to avoid antagonizing the judge hearing her case.

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The Skiff View

SGA veto sheds light on House indifference

Student Government Association President Kelsie Johnson's decision to veto a bill that would remove the runoff system from the organization's elections should be commended.

Last week, Johnson vetoed the legislation that would allow for a student to win the election with only a plurality of the vote, not a majority. In the past, a runoff election has occurred if no candidate had a majority. A plurality is when any candidate gets the most votes in an election, whereas a majority requires more than half of the votes.

Especially disappointing was the lack of debate by House of Representatives members before the bill was passed during their Feb. 3 meeting.

Elections and Regulations Committee Chair Joey Parr phrased it aptly when he said, "I think it will lead to further strife in the future; I'm actually surprised the debate wasn't as heated as it should have been."

A lengthy debate took place at Tuesday's meeting, however, when the House decided whether to override Johnson's veto. The veto was overwhelmingly upheld by a vote of 28 to 7 with three abstentions.

Speaker of the House Haley Murphy said she was encouraged by the evening's developments.

"I was extremely impressed by the amount of debate we had," Murphy said. "We had a number of people give more than one speech that gave insight into the matter."

The student body should also be reassured by this episode. The fact that the agents who represent every student on this campus took their responsibilities more seriously this time around cannot be ignored.

However, we are still left to wonder if important issues like this will fall through the cracks again.

The job of the House is to have lively debates over issues that affect the student body, not for the representatives to push legislation through without sufficient debate.

Associate editor David Hall for the editorial board.

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

Mom of 14 might cause lasting issues for babies



VLORAJ BOJKU

The 2.5 child average that American families normally have has been blown out of the water by single mother, Nadya Suleman.

Suleman is now a mom to a total of 14 children.

I am exhausted just thinking about 14 kids — let alone having to raise them.

Usually, Americans are overjoyed by multiple births.

We love the show "John and Kate Plus 8." Companies have sent the family free Pampers and baby food for life in hopes of gaining publicity for their brands. We smile at their images on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "The Today Show."

But in the case of Suleman, the American media have traded the usual bliss with outrage.

After Suleman gave birth Jan. 29, initial media reports espoused joy at the first surviving set of octuplets, but when further investigation revealed that she had already been a single mother to six children, lives with her parents and hadn't had a job in years — she was toast.

The media went crazy with specialists, had financial advisers diagnose how much the care of the children would cost and doubted the ethical character of the doctors involved with her procedure.

Recently, Suleman went on "The Today Show" and in an interview with Ann Coulter, a best-selling author and political commentator, Suleman said she loves children, and distrusts the media because she was harassed for being a single mother. Coulter also discovered that Suleman had suffered from depression several years prior and during that time, she had an epiphany

that she needed to have many children to fill her life.

In a few days, Suleman's children will all be home together and she will have to take care of them.

It is unclear how Suleman plans to support all these children because she is unemployed. When this question was raised during an interview with Ann Curry, a news anchor for NBC, Suleman said that she should have no problem supporting the children once she completes her college education.

Is she serious? I know a mother of two who can barely maintain their schedules while going to school full-time.

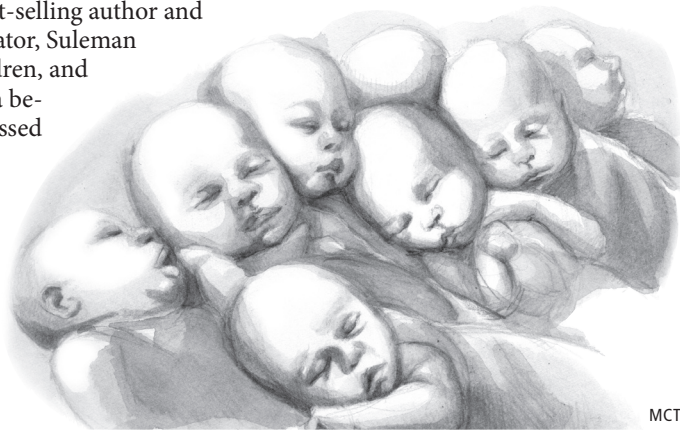
Big families are nice, but when you are a single mom with more than a dozen children, there is no way they can all receive the one-on-one time and emotional support they need from their mother.

It goes beyond just being starved for attention and can actually lead to more serious problems, according to an interview on "Today" with psychiatrist Dr. Gail Saltz.

"There's going to be an absence of some emotional needs. There will probably be developmental delays at best in these children — maybe learning disabilities," Saltz said. "There are going to be major issues that they're going to need various therapies for."

The only thing left for the media to do at this point is watch the new mother, who is planning a career in television as a childcare expert and is now trying to get \$2 million for her next interview, according to the London Times.

Vloraj Bojku is a junior business major from Colleyville.



Correction

A column on Tuesday's opinion page titled "Criticism of Phelps Disproportionate to Offense" by Tony Osorio was accompanied by a photograph of another columnist, Michael Lauck.



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

Pop culture a reflection of immoral society



ANDREW WEATHERFORD

The English author G.K. Chesterton once said, "art, like morality, consists of drawing the line somewhere." This quip echoed through the chasms of my mind when I heard about Britney Spears' controversial single "If U Seek Amy." For those who are not quite as hip as me, it phonetically spells out the F-word in sequence with 'me.'

So, where do we draw the line? I would hardly define this as art, but beyond that it clearly exemplifies Spears' moral compass.

But I don't want to crucify this poor girl when all that Britney Spears has done is reveal the truth behind the music industry, and the reflection it casts on society.

The problem is that most people do not care about a song like this, in fact, on the contrary, we hand out Grammy Awards to rap artists such as Eminem who rhyme about murdering their wives and raping their mothers. To many people's surprise, I could lead you to a dozen different successful bands that sing about necrophilia, rape, torture and the glorification of serial killers.

The reality of it all is that these things have become commonplace and are rightfully protected under the freedom of speech laws. That I

can accept. Freedom of speech and rights to artistic expression should be protected, but let the lyrics speak for themselves.

Where there was once a hint of morality left in pop culture, it has now gone down the drain. It's no wonder that this is the product we end up with.

In a nation where you can go to the corner store and buy a crack pipe without showing ID, hand out condoms in public schools but not the Bible, where pornography is everywhere and hourly motels stay open for decades while churches close weekly.

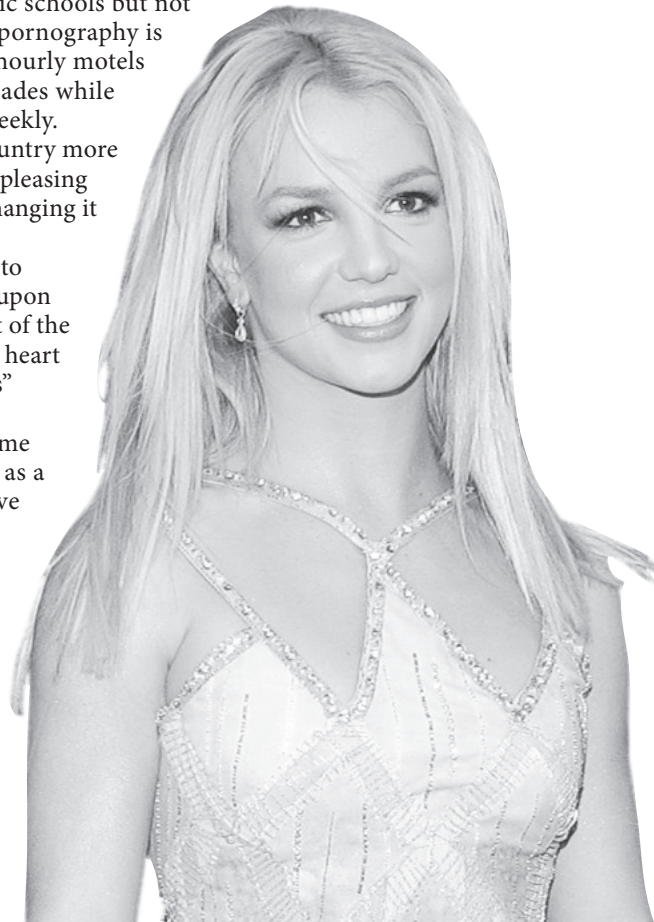
We live in a country more concerned about pleasing the world than changing it with the gospel.

A verse comes to mind as I reflect upon these issues: "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45).

We cannot blame Britney when we as a nation do not have eyes to see how corrupt and immoral some of the things we call entertainment truly are.

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True liberty about small government in all aspects



MICHAEL LAUCK

People often think that I am a conservative, but I'm not. I'm a libertarian.

Conservatives take pride in the idea that they want a more free government.

"Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives," Ronald Reagan once said.

But conservatives also frequently oppose abortion, gay marriage, marijuana legalization and other views that constantly contradict what freedom is. They don't want government to grow unless it grows how they want it to.

Many conservatives don't adhere to the idea of leaving the market alone anymore. Some approved of the new stimulus package or criticized big businesses for being greedy.

Liberals, on the other hand, like personal freedom but distrust market systems and like to impose strange environmental rules. They talk about

enacting failing poverty programs and spending tax payer money left and right. Well, mostly left.

More than often, liberals shut out dissenters. Liberals have frequently called me an idiot because I believe in free markets or because I don't think the world is going to blow up from global warming.

If this is the definition of both sides, neither appeal to me.

So this leaves me asking myself, what am I? Frequently the word libertarian comes up. However, when most people hear this, all they think of is people who want drugs to be legalized.

While libertarian is a good term to classify myself, a more accurate term is classical liberal. I say this because this is how one would classify our earliest founding fathers like John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

They saw the trouble created by market planners and they knew the best way to run a country was to let people run their own lives.

If a man wishes to marry another man, a woman wishes to sell her body for sex or someone wants to burn a flag, then he or she should be able to, as long as they don't hurt anyone else in the process. I may dis-

If a man wishes to marry another man, a woman wishes to sell her body for sex or someone wants to burn a flag, then he or she should be able to, as long as they don't hurt anyone else in the process.

agree with their choices but that does not give me the power to take their choices away.

Liberalism was the opposition to monarchy and aristocracy. The idea that we have inalienable rights. Today's liberals have taken the word and twisted it into something that describes high taxes, protective tariffs and values against free markets.


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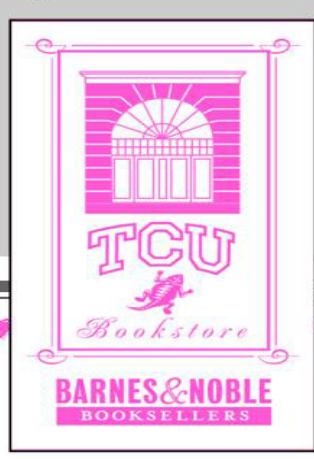
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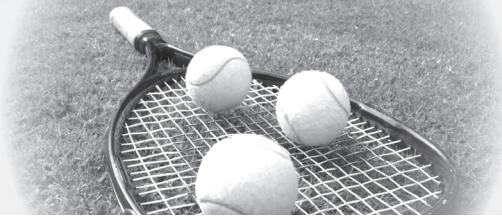
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL • TCU 75, UNLV 46

NO CONTEST Lady Frogs erupt for 29-point victory

By Chilton Tippin
Staff Reporter

The Lady Frogs continued their recent dominance against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas by collecting their seventh straight win against the Lady Rebels Tuesday night in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Lady Frogs controlled the majority of the game and won 75-46. Head coach Jeff Mittie said the team communicated and shared the ball well.

"I think our team is really fun to watch play," Mittie said. "When we play that way and share the basketball, and when we find the open person, we are a good team."

Junior guard TK LaFleur led the team with 21 total points. Her effort helped the Lady Frogs to move to 15-8 overall and 7-3 in the Mountain West Conference.

The Lady Frogs took a quick lead in the first half with great scoring performances by LaFleur and sophomore guard Helena Sverrisdottir.

"We were just having fun and that kind of gives us a little spark to play even better," Sverrisdottir said.

The Lady Frogs spread the UNLV defense out with quick give-and-go passes, and took a 44-25 lead into halftime.

Mittie said he couldn't have asked for a much better first half.

In the second half the Lady Frogs began to cool a little, Mittie said.

"Our execution in the second half hurt us," he said.

The Lady Frogs made up for the faltering execution with a strong de-

fense, he said.

"I think our zone bothered them," Mittie said. "I think our zone was active and big, and I thought we were able to disrupt them."

UNLV outrebounded the Lady Frogs 34-33, signaling a need for improvement on the boards, Mittie said.

"We didn't win on the glass tonight," he said. "I think we should have outrebounded them."

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Jeff Mittie
head coach

Sophomore forward Emily Carter, who has averaged 15.8 points during conference play, contributed to the win with 15 points.

Sverrisdottir, who scored 16 points and had five rebounds, said the team's win could be attributed to quick defense and an aggressive offense.

"We were really active," she said. "We kind of knew we needed to drive it more. We needed to get drives and kicks because that was open the whole night."

The Lady Frogs will go for their third conference win in a row Saturday on the road against Brigham Young University.



ANNIE COOPER / Staff Reporter

Sophomore guard Helena Sverrisdottir attempts a free throw during a home game earlier this season. The Lady Frogs topped the University of Nevada, Las Vegas 75-46 Tuesday night.

CARROLL'S CORNER

Two-man playcalling isn't something to fear



MICHAEL CARROLL

While some might have found it odd, last week's announcement that the Frogs would be changing to a co-offensive coordinator system should come as a surprise to no one.

It really was the team's best option.

Former offensive coordinator Mike Schultz left to take the same position at the University of Illinois in early January. It took the Frogs a little more than a month to announce his replacements, former wide receivers coach Jarrett Anderson and former running backs coach Justin Fuente.

But I think it's safe to say the team knew exactly who would replace the void left by Schultz the moment he departed.

Anderson, who will assume the duty of running backs coach as well as his new coordinator position, has 11 years of experience with the Frogs. He became wide receivers coach in 2001 when Gary Patterson took the reigns of the football program.

Fuente, the other new offensive coordinator who will also coach quarterbacks, has been with the football program for two seasons. The former University of Oklahoma and Murray State University quarterback was previously a coach at Illinois State University from

2001-2006. He spent his final three years with the Redbirds as the team's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach before joining TCU.

Anderson and Fuente's current batch of running backs and wide receivers made them clear-cut favorites for positions as offensive coordinators. The team's success on offense last season was likely another

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reason the team decided to promote from within.

Last season, the Frogs set a school record for points scored in a season with 420. The team also scored more touchdowns, 54, than any other team in school history. Add in the fact that the Frogs also led the nation in time of possession and were No. 13 in the nation in team rushing and it's clear to see that this offense needed to be handled delicately. Bringing in a fresh face was never really an option. Why risk continuity and comfort when things are already in such great shape?

It was a classic case of not trying to fix something that wasn't broken. The Frogs should reap the benefits come September.

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