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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Members see Greek divisions in House

By Eric Anderson Staff Reporter

Student Government Association representatives said there is a need to prevent voting blocs from forming in the House of Student Representatives given the strong presence of competing organizations in the House.

Joey Parr, chair of the Elections and Regulations Committee and member of Pi Kappa Phi, said the competition between

sometimes bleed over into the House and influence voting on legislation. He said competition between the Pi Kaps and Sig Eps stems from the similarities between the two fraternities.

"We tend to recruit the same type of men, who want to be involved in leadership positions," Parr said of the fraternities.

Haley Murphy, speaker of the Student House of Representatives, said that though Sig Ep and Pi Kap are the most represented fraternities in the House, their numbers are Sigma Phi Epsilon and Pi Kappa Phi can not great enough to create an effective bloc.

The Pi Kaps have 11 members represented in the House, while Sig Ep has eight. The two fraternities combined represent more than 32 percent of the House.

Marlon Figueroa, student body treasurer and Sig Ep member, said apathy and an overwhelming lack of student body participation in the House can cause representatives to vote based on Greek affiliation because the constituents' views are unknown.

Mike Vosters, sophomore class representative and a Pi Kap member, said voting along fraternity lines is much more visible because representatives are aware of the Greek affiliations of members.

"People tend to call those out much more and recognize them," Vosters said.

Figueroa said the fraternities rarely take opposing stances on legislation brought before the House.

"If a member of our fraternity or a Pi Kap takes a strong stance on one issue, the most common thing that happens is that

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IN THE BAG



SGA tries to limit gossip site's advertisers

By Curtis Burrhus-Clay Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association plans on contacting the advertisers featured on CollegeACB.com in an attempt to get them to cut ties with the anonymous college gossip site, the SGA president said.

Advertisements on CollegeACB are run through AdBrite, the same advertising network that pulled its ads from JuicyCampus last year after declaring that the gossip site violated its acceptable-use policy.

Kelsie Johnson, student body president, said the SGA will send letters to the companies urging them to end relations with CollegeACB, similar to what they did last spring for the now closed JuicyCampus.com.

"We're going to monitor the site closely," ohnson said. "We will be sending out letter

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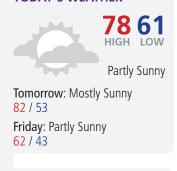
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PECULIAR FACT

Taiwan — A jobless Taiwan man released from prison two years ago asked police to send him back so he could eat, police and local media said on Tuesday, a grim sign of hard economic times on the island.

- Reuters

TODAY'S WEATHER





Freshman left fielder Jason Coats celebrates with the team after scoring a home run during the third inning against Dallas Baptist on Tuesday night.

Baseball season at TCU got underway Tuesday night as the Horned Frogs beat Dallas Baptist University 6-0 at Lupton Stadium. Four home runs and strong pitching performances powered the team to its third victory on the young season. The team continued its good play from the weekend when it won two out of three games on the road against a highly ranked Cal State Fullerton team. Baseball action continues tonight as Texas State University comes to town to face the No. 16 Horned Frogs. Page 6

to the advertisers in the next two weeks."

Johnson said she believes that as the site grows in popularity it will become a bigger problem on campuses nationwide.

Peter Frank, owner of the CollegeACB and a freshman at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, said he is in the process of securing advertisers after recently cutting a two-month deal with JuicyCampus to get its former users redirected to the CollegeACB. In light of the agreement, CollegeACB's Web traffic and server costs have increased, Frank said.

"We'd like to minimize the amount of advertisements, but we eventually have to pay for our costs with advertising," Frank said.

Frank said he's not surprised to hear that SGA members are taking action but that he does not think their efforts will be effective in swaving advertisers.

Frank said he isn't worried because the CollegACB is mostly sponsored by small companies who aren't too concerned with how the public views them.

"We're not attracting top-tier advertisers anyway," Frank said. "Certainly not people who care about their image too much. So they're not going to scare away any of our sponsors."

Johnson said sites like CollegeACB are "childish and hateful" and are only good for stirring up trouble.

Green Chair discusses China as model for economic growth

By Elise Smith Staff Reporter

While China's economy was once booming, it has now hit a great wall.

About 50 students and members of the community gathered in Palko Hall to listen to the lecture, "China Succeeding: Who Does the Chinese Development Model Challenge?"

Barry Naughton, a graduate school professor of Chinese and international affairs at the University of California at San Diego, said China's successful economy has led developing countries to look more to the country as a model, even though the country's growth has decreased over the last several months.

⁶China's growth in the last few years has taken China's ordinary success to something qualitatively different," the Green Chair in economics said.

He said China's economy has grown faster for a longer period of time than any other country's.

Emy Kapiamba, a sophomore international economics major, said she found China's history of economic growth interesting.

"For years, the idea has been that growth must be accompanied with democracy, but China has proven otherwise," Kapiamba said.

Naughton said elements associated with China's rapid growth include increased foreign trade and increased investment in infrastructure and factories.

China's growth also increased because the country had moved away from its planned, government-run economic system and the Chinese people had become more urbanized in the last decade,

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Speaker: Misconceptions impede **U.S.-Middle East relationship**

Elle Cahalan Staff Reporter

Despite the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, a scholar on the Middle East told a crowd of about 75 people Tuesday that he remains optimistic about U.S. engagement with the Muslim world.

Juan Cole, a history professor at the University of Michigan, said in his presentation at the Kelly Alumni Center that one of the biggest problems concerning the United States' relationship with the Muslim world is the misunderstanding. He said that while many Americans believe that the Middle East is full of terrorists, the number of countries whose governments support the in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, citizens of United States is overwhelming.

"I can't find this enemy we are all talking about," Cole said. "I find allies."

Cole has written extensively on the topic of U.S. relations with the Muslim world, including several books and a regular column on Salon.com. He has appeared on Nightline, Anderson Cooper 360, the Today Show and will be a guest on the Colbert Report on March 18.

Cole attended the American University of Cairo.

Cole said he does not deny that many individual citizens in the Muslim world do not approve of the U.S. He said that the reason for this is the ongoing military presence in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the continued statelessness of Palestine.

These difficulties can be overcome, Cole said. According to opinion poles these countries desire a better relation-

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NEWS

Internet giant's restructuring could indicate a comeback

By Pete Carey

San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Yahoo's new chief executive, Carol Bartz, is set to announce a major reorganization of the company, sources say, raising expectations that the stumbling Internet giant may get back on track after a punishing year.

Yahoo had no comment, but sources familiar with the company said organizational changes are in the works but not ready to be announced.

With top Yahoo executives scheduled to address analysts at conferences in New York, Chicago and San Francisco this week and next, Yahoo watchers are expecting announcements fairly soon, perhaps as early as this week.

What Bartz has planned has been the subject of intense speculation for the past few days on various blogs and Web sites. Her last job was at AutoDesk, where she favored a traditional, top-down management structure far different from the one that has been in place at Yahoo for years.

But management experts say that a more traditional structure may be just what is needed — at least for now.

Stanford University management expert Robert Sutton blogged Monday that lack of a clear strategy and "dysfunctional internal competition" are among the organizational problems that "help explain how they got into their current mess."

Given the range of problems faced by the company, "strong centralized management is probably the best answer right now," wrote Sutton, who is professor of management science and engineering in the Stanford Engineering School and the author of several books on management.

But Yahoo probably also needs

a more cooperative culture, Sutton said in an interview. "Google on paper doesn't look that different, but Google has a culture where cooperation is basically required."

Jeffrey Lindsay, an analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein, said Bartz should "put in a very old-school reorganization, strip out a bit of costs, and probably take out some of the least productive senior officers."

'Yahoo is on a two-year journey. Reorganization is the first step."

Trip Chowdhry

Global Equities Research analyst

News of the reorganization comes after a tough stretch for the company in which it spurned a \$45 billion offer from Microsoft; saw its stock tank; replaced its chief executive, co-founder Jerry Yang, following a shareholder revolt; and has cut hundreds of jobs.

Beyond the reorganization, Bartz faces big questions about the future of the sprawling company and its dozens of products, initiatives and features. Should she keep the Web search unit or cut a deal to sell it to Microsoft? Should she continue with initiatives like an 800-newspaper consortium that puts Yahoo technologies on newspaper Web sites and helps newspapers sell advertising? How best can the company compete against Google, which dominates search but is weak in display advertising, where Yahoo is No. 1? And is there a better way to wring revenue from the company's social networking products?

"Yahoo is on a two-year journey," observed Trip Chowdhry, analyst with Global Equities Research. "Reorganization is the first step."

Analysts say the company needs to figure out how to make money on some of its popular offerings, like social networking, video and photo-sharing Web offerings, and Yahoo mail.

"They have lot of truly good stuff they have not capitalized on," said Mukul Krishna, an analyst with Frost & Sullivan. "Flickr (its photo-sharing site) is a gold mine they are sitting on," he said.

Krishna said Yahoo could benefit from a downsizing of its "matrix" style of managing the sprawling holdings of the 14,000-employee company. In a matrix management structure, a company is organized horizontally as well as vertically, so people belong to two groups. The system is intended to foster creativity, speed projects along and encourage interdepartmental collaboration. But it's a hard thing to manage, according to experts, and if not constantly finetuned can lead to corporate politicking and infighting.

"It has to be done with a degree of discipline," said Ron Gunn, a management expert at Strategic Futures in Alexandria, Va., and author of "Matrix Management: Method, not Magic."

Sutton, the Stanford management expert, wrote that he has heard complaints from Yahoo executives for years "about how difficult it was to create cooperation across different Yahoo 'properties' such as mail, search, jobs, auto and so on. As a result, there was often poor integration between the properties and lack of information that could have helped evervone."

Yahoo's structure and culture took power from the central management and gave it to those who oversaw various properties, but also encouraged competition among various managers and "pitted properties against each other," Sutton wrote.

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continued from page 1 the members of that fraternity will back that member, some-

times blindly," Figueroa said. Representatives who vote or take action outside of representing their constituents are unethical because they are elected or appointed to represent their college or class, he said.

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ship with America, he said.

In regards to the war in Afghanistan, Cole said he believes the reason the Taliban have returned is because of the long-term U.S. military force's presence in the area. Trying to control Afghanistan is "like trying to control the Rocky Mountains," Cole said.

A country with more than 25 million people, Afghanistan has

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Naughton said.

He said China's human capital had improved because of the increased Chinese intake of students into colleges, with more of an emphasis on education. He said the number of students had quadrupled in the past five years.

Naughton said even though the initial development was impressive, China has been hit by the current world economic crisis over the last six months in a number of ways.

He said from mid-2008 and onward, China hit a brick wall and that the slowdown was more dramatic than anticipated. He said he expects the situation to be temporary but is unsure how long it could last.

"Every time, (representatives) should always consider their constituents when voting," he said.

Despite the divisions, about 70 percent of legislation passes unanimously or with little dissent, Murphy said.

Vosters said a more rigourous training process for new representatives would be a way to combat the flaw in the voting system.

Kelsie Johnson, student body

a GDP of about \$9 billion, and 33 percent of that is generated by the heroin industry, Cole said. The Taliban captures 40 percent of that money, he said.

Cole said he doesn't know if 17,000 more U.S. troops in Afghanistan will calm things down.

Most Americans see news as another form of entertainment, and when the Taliban attack a village in Afghanistan, the American public doesn't seem to take interest, Cole said.

The Chinese government response has been vigorous and a stimulus package as large as the one created in the U.S. has been created, Naughton said.

Naughton said China's domestic demand for investment, industrial goods and housing is down. He said trade has also slowed dramatically for the Chinese.

The U.S. market and the Chinese market are interdependent because China depends on the U.S. for their market and investments and the U.S. depends on China for their goods and investment, Naughton said.

Another major problem with the Chinese economy is the lack of consumption spending by its citizens, Naughton said. He said China's percentage of household consumption is only 30 percent compared with the U.S. at 70 percent.

president, said that if the student body becomes more involved in SGA, then representatives will know what their constituents want and vote that way.

Figueroa said that a proposed weekly polling system of representatives' constituents would give House members a better understanding of how to vote and offer greater transparency to the legislative process.

"There is no U.S. press in Afghanistan, no Kabul Bureau of CBS," Cole said.

In terms of going forward, Cole said people must dispel the myths in Washington. It is based on incorrect information that real policy is often made, he said. Also, U.S. military presence in these countries has backfired and will continue to do so, he said.

'We probably wouldn't be talking about al-Qaeda if we hadn't invaded Iraq," he said.

"For years, the idea has been that growth must be accompanied with democracy, but China has proven otherwise."

Emy Kapiamba

sophomore international economics major

In the early part of the decade, there was a globally synchronized economic boom and now there is a globally synchronized economic downturn, Naughton said.

He said in order for China to gain the dynamic growth they had back, they must increase their consumption and move to a more balanced economic model.



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The Skiff View

Failure to alert campus of crackers unsettling

The university response, or lack thereof, to the discovery of recalled products being left on the shelves of Bistro Burnett is baffling and disturbing.

According to Shawn Kornegay, associate director of communications, Sodexo Inc., the university food provider, found after a full inventory that at least one package of the potentially tainted crackers were purchased. Kornegay wrote in an e-mail that she did not know the exact number of packages sold. Sodexo did not elaborate further on its inventory.

Even after finding that at least one — not only one — consumer on campus purchased the potentially harmful crackers, the university still failed to respond adequately by alerting the campus of this mishap.

Kornegay rationalized this lack of action by saying it was Sodexo's decision on how to respond. She said Sodexo communicated individually with the person identified as purchasing a package of crackers and determined no need for response beyond that. The individual did not become ill. But it doesn't justify the university's decision considering the extent of damage these crackers could've caused.

The campus police alert students of crime in the area. The university alerts students when there are warnings of bad weather. If for some reason, the university finds out that its vendors have been selling potentially dangerous products, not only does it need to be transparent and open about the issue, it needs to alert the campus. Pushing the responsibility off to Sodexo does not cut it.

Although both Sodexo and Dining Services were at fault, the university should have a bigger interest in its students' safety.

The students deserve to trust that they're safe on campus because their administrators prioritize students' protection.

Managing editor Saerom Yoo for the editorial board. The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

University not reflective of 'Christian' in name



It was bound to come out sooner or later, but the issue of the word Chris-

The last time I checked they crucified him for it. Jesus never made room for sin or made excuses for it, and nearly everyone who followed him understood that and offered up their very life to be able to call themselves Christian.

The word Christian was coined a slanderous term; the early Roman historian Tacitus said the word Christian was what the vulgar called the followers of Christ. As where we find it mentioned in the Bible as a label birthed in Antioch, the word itself was associated with great persecution. I wonder if Ignatius, a bishop of Antioch, who was devoured by lions in the coliseum for identifying himself as a Christian, would take it so lightly that the word Christian is in our name. For that matter how would Christ himself react? The hard truth is that the word Christian is not an adjective, it is not American tradition, it has been and still is for many people in this world, a death sentence. According to Voice of the Martyrs, 175,000 Christians from across the globe were martyred in 2008, and in the meantime we sit back and consider it inconsequential that we do.



Nate Beeler is the editorial cartoonist for The Washington Examiner.

Netanyahu must be more effective in second stint as prime minister

A decade after Israelis drummed him from office, Benjamin Netanyahu looks likely to return as the country's prime minister.

Netanyahu, known by his nickname, Bibi, has a few weeks to cobble together a coalition government. Here's the mystery: Which Bibi will take office?

Will it be the Bibi who wrote recently that he wants to focus on helping the Palestinians rebuild the West Bank? And that he wants to create an economic infrastructure as part of a political deal? That was a positively touchy-feely Bibi.

"Many now believe that peace is beyond our grasp," he wrote. "I disagree. I believe that peace is possible, but achieving it requires a new approach. ... We must fundamentally improve the lives of our Palestinian neighbors so that they have a stake in peace."

That piece was so measured and sympathetic that a spokesman for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee said it "could have been written by (former British Prime Minister) Tony Blair." here to do whatever he requires."

A lot of ink has been spilled describing the New Bibi, how much he has "grown." So, what to expect? The first signal will be whether he forms a hardright coalition government, the easiest route for a Likud politician. The more promising route would be to redouble efforts to bring his moderate rival, Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, into a centrist government. That would tell Israel and the world that he learned something from his crushing election defeat in 1999. That would say he wants to appeal to a wider swath of the populace and realizes that such a government would be more effective in pursuing peace with the Palestinians and pressing international curbs on Iran.

During the campaign, Netanyahu took a hard line on some matters. He ruled out a freeze of Jewish settlement growth in the West Bank. He vowed not to cede East Jerusalem to the Palestinians, a key part of any potential peace accord. He declared he would not return the Golan Heights to Syria, all but crushing any still-flickering hopes for a peace deal there.



YOSSI ZAMIR via MCT

tian in the name of our university has eaten at me for quite some time.

Riding in the elevator, I hear the Lord's name taken in vain. In the library, I can hear the f-word ring out while some other students are talking about popping Adderall to help them stay awake long enough to cram for exams. Looking at some of the attitudes on campus, one has to wonder what the significance is in attending a "Christian" university.

In some of the religion course work I have taken, we read from a Bible that explains away the supernatural in the footnotes, and in another class we were taught that the Bible does not really say that committing fornication or being homosexual is sinful.

So far, the people I have found that disagree with my concerns the most are representatives of what is supposed to be the most prestigious Christian elements on our campus. Go figure.

Some will feel that what I am saying is extreme, but wasn't Jesus also extreme in his convictions and his faith? What I am saying is this: For a word as loaded as the word Christian, which stirs up emotion in many people, it is high time that we stop trampling it under foot and either pay it homage, or remove the name all together.

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KATHRYN REALI / Miami Herald via MCT

Or will it be the Bibi who earned a reputation as an arrogant, hardheaded Dr. No-Two-State-Solution in his last stint as prime minister? That Bibi, said former U.S. Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, was loathed by some in the Clinton administration. After one meeting, President Bill Clinton observed: "He thinks he is the superpower and we are

In a political campaign, many promises are made. Now comes governing, when promises meet reality.

Here's the stark reality for Netanyahu: The Palestinian peace talks are flagging. The terrorists of Hamas are in firm control of Gaza. And Iran, which has threatened to wipe Israel off the map, is on the Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of Israel's Likud party, casts his vote in the country's election in March 2006 in Jerusalem.

brink of becoming a nuclear power. Israeli voters have given Netanyahu a second chance. Now, which Bibi will they get? We hope it's one who will surprise the world.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Monday. It was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.

High school dropout rate needs attention

Good news is rare these days. Home foreclosures, a credit crunch, and rising unemployment have sent ripples of fear through the American economy. Youth unemployment is approaching levels seen during the Great Depression. The nation could use a ray of hope, and progress is being made on one issue that deepens unemployment and poverty — the high school dropout epidemic.

The landscape in our nation's public schools is now familiar. Each year, more than 1.2 million students do not graduate with their incoming freshman class. In many communities, dropping out from high school is as likely as graduating, often triggering unemployment, poverty, incarceration and single parenthood.

Fortunately, the nation is responding in large cities as well as rural communities.

This week, we will release a report examining progress in raising graduation rates in all 50 states. Some states and communities are graduating more students in the thousands, even as graduation requirements mount. Eight states have seen graduation rates increase by five or more percentage points. The percent of minority students attending high schools in which nearly all students graduate has doubled, and 300,000 fewer students across America attend high schools in which as many students drop out as graduate.

A growing number of elected of-

ficials believe attacking the dropout crisis should be one of their priorities. Both the governor of Colorado and the mayor of Philadelphia have pledged to cut the dropout rate in half during their terms in office, and dozens of other officials are showing similar leadership.

Our nation has finally woken up to its dropout challenge, and with youth unemployment soaring to new heights and an economy in deep recession, it is not a moment too soon.

Now is the time for coordinated action at all levels. America's Promise Alliance is leading the charge with 105 "dropout summits" in all 50 states over the next few years. The alliance released a comprehensive guide on how communities can increase high school graduation rates by collecting accurate data, implementing school reform and community supports, and sustaining those efforts over time.

Governors will continue to play a critical role, as they build systems to track graduation rates, set ambitious graduation and college readiness goals, and raise compulsory school age laws with new supports for struggling students.

Congress should pass the Graduation Promise Act to improve or replace the 15 percent of high schools that produce over half of all dropouts, as well as the Serve America, Success in the Middle and Keeping Pace acts. The federal government will save \$45 billion per high school class in extra tax revenues and lower costs when the dropout rate is cut in half among 20-year-olds, representing critical savings as government costs mount for stimulus.

The perspectives of dropouts too give us hope — most see the value of a high school diploma, are confident they could have graduated with the right supports, and long for a more engaging and challenging curriculum. Parents of students trapped in low-performing schools are the most likely to see the importance of a rigorous curriculum, and their own involvement, as critical to their child's academic success.

Our nation has finally woken up to its dropout challenge, and with youth unemployment soaring to new heights and an economy in deep recession, it is not a moment too soon.

Robert Balfanz, a research scientist at Johns Hopkins University, and John Bridgeland, CEO of Civic Enterprises, are co-authors of "Grad Nation: A Guidebook to Help Communities Tackle the Dropout Crisis." This essay is available to McClatchy-Tribune News Service subscribers.

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NEWS & SPORTS

By Robert Patrick

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — The criminal corruption cases against two St. Louis police officers have thrown more than 1,000 criminal convictions raise. into doubt, state and federal prosecutors say.

The cases against Bobby Lee Garrett, 48, and Vincent T. Carr, 46, have already caused the St. Louis circuit attorney's office to drop 47 pending cases, including 41 felonies, Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Joyce's office will review 986 convictions to see whether Garrett and Carr played a significant role, and the U.S. attorney's office has identified 45 to 50 more cases to look at.

"Needless to say, I'm outraged by the conduct of these officers," Joyce said.

Because federal prosecutors were involved in the investigation into Garrett and Carr, they "put the brakes" on three cases before charges were filed, U.S. Attorney Catherine Hanaway said.

Prisoners whose cases involved the officers should not necessarily think it means a release from jail.

That issue is complex, and prosecutors caution they have only just begun the review. The FBI arrested Garrett and

Carr in December on a 10-count indictment.

Carr pleaded guilty on Feb. 13 to obstruction of justice and two counts each of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and making false statements, saying he and Garrett had stolen thousands from a drug dealer, planted money, drugs and a gun, and covered it up.

Garrett has pleaded not guilty to all of the charges. His lawyer, Chet Pleban, has said that Garrett is innocent and will go to trial.

Prosecutors would not com-

ment on whether Carr is cooperating, and his plea agreement is sealed. But his testimony in just about any case is now worthless to prosecutors because of the questions that defense lawyers could

Joyce's office compiled its list of 986 Garrett and Carr cases mainly through a search of the computer system that lists every officer involved in a criminal case.

Joyce said she is also open to adding names from defense lawyers, defendants and their families.

Hanaway's office can search its database only by the case agent or officer's name. Its list is from prosecutors who recall Garrett and Carr being involved, and cases referred by Joyce's office, judges, lawyers, defendants and their family members.

"If anyone brings it to our attention, we're going to take a look at it," Hanaway said.

Joyce and Hanaway said the cases will get an initial look to see whether Carr or Garrett had a significant role. If they were just present during a search warrant and had no significant role, for example, the case may go no further.

In one case, Carr simply testified that a defendant had a prior conviction, Hanaway said. That case won't be overturned.

The cases then go to senior staff for a more thorough review.

In deciding whether to drop pending cases, Joyce said the deciding factor was whether prosecutors "could not proceed" without testimony of Garrett or Carr.

Hanaway cautioned that the process is in the early stages but vowed to review every case.

"Before we conclude that Carr or Garrett did not alter the outcome of the case, as long as I'm here, I will personally review all those."

violence in Kenya. Sipping a soda on a hotel patio, the lean, 31-year-old marathoner calmly explained how he used a

friend's sedan to ferry hundreds of poison-tipped arrows to Eldoret. torched by mobs furious at the re-In nearby villages, men from his Kalenjin tribe launched the traditional weapons at rival Kikuyus to avenge a disputed presidential election.

His cousin, 18-year-old Adams Kimutai, was equally frank. rrows, the aspiring runner said unflinchingly, as if listing his most alone, watching their times suffer. recent time in his specialty, the 5,000-meter race.

The region is predominantly grim new notoriety as the center Kalenjin, and scores of Kikuyu of a shocking explosion of ethnic athletes who fled Eldoret have refused to return to the red-dirt roadsides where they once trained alongside runners of other tribes. Many lost friends and relatives in the attacks; others had their homes election of President Mwai Kibaki, a Kikuyu, amid widespread vote rigging. Many Kikuyus now work out in

the hills outside the capital, Nairobi, or in the highlands of central he confronted the charred remains Kenya, their tribal heartland. Some of dozens of homes and heard "I killed six Kikuyu" with those have lost touch with their Eldoret- an uncomfortable change in his based coaches and are training "It's impossible for me to go back to Eldoret," said Jason Mbote, a Kikuvu marathoner who's moved to central Kenya. "I'm of a different tribe from those people. Being there, I feel uneasy." Drawn like many runners to Eldoret's high altitude and mild climate, Mbote, 30, trained here for seven years, racking up top-10 finishes in marathons from Amsterdam to Seoul. He married a Kalenjin woman, built a house and bought a pickup, and every morning hed pile more than a dozen runners into his truck and set off into the cool hillsides for training runs.

of the season and is coming off

Maxwell said he was glad to be

"Everything felt normal," Max-

Junior Ryan Millard picked up

the loss for the Patriots, pitch-

ing four innings with six hits and

four earned runs. Millard had one

well said. "I went out with a plan of

my own and did my routine."

a lost 2008 season due to an arm

back contributing to the team's

injury.

success.

Mbote and his family were out of town on Dec. 30, 2007, when election officials declared Kibaki the winner. Friends immediately began calling him. "They are heading to your house," Mbote remembered them saying. "They say they are going to burn the house."

He sent a friend to retrieve tracksuits and a couple of pairs of running shoes that he'd obtained overseas, luxuries in Kenya. In the end, mobs spared his house. When Mbote returned in June, however, friends' voice

SHASHANK BENGALI / MCT A runner trains in the hills outside the town of Eldoret, which has produced some of Kenya's finest distance runners. Eldoret was the center of Kenya's ethnic violence last year and many athletes have refused to return to their homes.

Runners remain divided after violence

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ELDORET, Kenya — Enough time has passed that Nehemiah Kosgei can be candid about what he did a year ago, when this hilltop town famous for producing world-

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Twelve months after the attacks killed more than 1,000 people nationwide and shattered Kenya's reputation as a bulwark of stability in East Africa, such grisly stories still seem to hang in the crisp air above Eldoret, in Kenya's rugged Rift Valley. No one who participated in the attacks has been sentenced for crimes, and few segments of Kenyan society remain as uncomfortably divided as the athletes in this area, who are part of a multi-ethnic fraternity and a long-standing source of national pride.

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thers stroked a single into left, bringing Vern in to score from second. Going 2-for-5, Carruthers extended his hit streak to four games.

Junior right hander Steven Maxwell got his first win of the year, pitching five scoreless innings with two hits, five strikeouts and no walks. He made his first start

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"I was standing with several people talking and then they would switch to their local (Kalenjin) language, so I couldn't understand," Mbote said. "It was the first time I experienced that."

He sold his home to a local man at a cut-rate price and moved with his wife and child to the town of Embu, which has a wetter climate and few long-distance runners. Mostly he runs alone. In November, poor conditioning forced him to drop out halfway through a marathon in Seoul, South Korea, a race he'd won two years earlier.

"I'm not training as well here," he said.

strikeout and two walks.

The last two innings were pitched by Horned Frog newcomers Walker Kelly and Erik Miller, both throwing hitless innings. Kelly needed just 10 pitches to down the Patriot hitters he faced.

The Horned Frog pitching staff combined to allow just three hits on the night, and the defense committed just one error. DBU allowed seven hits and had two errors.

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On this day in 1870, Hiram Rhoades Revels, a Republican from Natchez, Mis., is sworn into the U.S. Senate, becoming the first African American ever to sit in Congress.

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SPORTS

SWIMMING AND DIVING





See if the women's basketball team pulled out its sixth straight victory. Tomorrow

Teams eye top-three finish in MWC Championships

By Michael Carroll Sports editor

Tapering, or peaking, has been on the minds of the coaches and members of the men's and women's swimming and diving teams the past few weeks—and with good reason. The Mountain West Conference Swimming and Diving Championships begin today in Oklahoma City.

"We're really working on things like perfect starts, perfect turns and relay exchanges," head coach Richard Sybesma said. "We're really ready to peak.

The goal for both the men's and the women's teams is to finish in the top three in the conference, Sybesma said.

"Both our teams are doing really well and if everybody does what they're capable of doing we'll have an opportunity to do that," Sybesma said.

Each team has performed well in the spring semester.

Nevada, Las Vegas in the first ever has before. meet of the new year on Jan. 6, each team went on to post undefeated records in the matches tional. that followed.

sity of Utah 121.5-121.5 on Jan. ally imagine what it's going to be 9, but then beat squads from San like not swimming at TCU." Diego State University, Centenary College of Louisiana, Uni- the Mountain West Conferversity of New Mexico and the

University of North Texas. Centenary and the University of the Incarnate Word.

This meet will likely be the last for the senior members of each team. This senior class is has probably been my strongest the first to spend all four years in the Mountain West Conference.

"It's very bittersweet," said senior swimmer Sarah Bardwell. "I kind of get choked up every time I think about it. I'm going said the four days of competito try to make the last one the tion in Oklahoma City are all fast one."

Bardwell said the women's as a whole.

After suffering setbacks on team has a chance to place highthe road at the University of er in the championships than it

> Senior Jason Hauck said his last meet with TCU will be emo-

Swimming's a big part of my The women tied the Univer- life," Hauck said. "I just can't re-

Senior diver R.J. Hesselberg, ence Men's Diver of the Year in 2008, said he hopes to eclipse The men have topped Utah, his performance from last year's Championships when he won gold on the three-meter springboard and silver on platform.

"This last week of practice week of practice all year," Hesselberg said.

Though individuals have a chance to perform well and qualify for future meets like the NCAA Chamionships, Sybesma about how the teams perform

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SAFE LANDING



Senior center fielder Corey Steglich dives back to first base during the second inning against Dallas Baptist on Tuesday night. The Horned Frogs won 6-0 in the home opener at Lupton Stadium.

Horned Frogs take home opener

By Travis L. Brown Staff Writer

The baseball team improved its record on the young season to 3-1 Tuesday night, winning its home opener against Dallas Baptist University 6-0.

force behind the majority of The junior Matt Curry.

Horned Frogs' scoring, as four of the team's six runs came off of home runs. Senior Matt Vern drew first blood in the bottom of the second inning, going deep to left to score the game's first two runs. Freshman Jason Coats hit an identical two-run shot in the The long ball was the driving bottom of the third, driving in

TCU vs. Texas State When: 6:30 p.m. tonight Where: Lupton Stadium

The Horned Frogs added to their lead in the bottom of the fourth when senior Ben Carru-

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Carter, Lady Frogs prepare for Lobos

By Michael Carroll Sports Editor

Things couldn't be going much better for sophomore forward Emily Carter and the rest of the Lady Frogs as they prepare to exchange blows with the University of New Mexico tonight in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The team, in sole possession of second place in the Mountain West Conference, has won five straight conference contests and is inching closer to the regular season's end.

Carter is fourth in the conference, scoring an average 15.4 points per game heading into tonight's

that it's kind of hard to key in on just one player."

The Lady Frogs fell to the Lobos 75-63 when the two teams met last month.

"We did some things really well in that game and then we did some things that weren't so great," Carter "We just know said. "I think we're going to be more focused this game."

Carter said the five-game wining streak is a result of the team refocusing for the second half of conference play.

"We just know that we needed to push this last part of the sea- the conference son to prepare us for the conference tournament," Carter said. "So

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that we needed to push this last part of the season to prepare us for tournament."

contest against the Lobos. She said she credits her teammates with her right now." success in conference play.

"My teammates are doing a really good job of getting it to me when I'm open," Carter said. "I think we have so many threats offensively the regular season on March 7.

that's kind of what's motivating us

Don't look now, but the Lady Frogs will host the University of Utah, currently the first place team Diego State University on Saturday in the MWC, in the final game of

Emily Carter sophomore forward

The Lady Frogs will head to San for their final road contest of the regular season.

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