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MR. JONES

Tomorrow we review "Big Momma's House 2," the new We Are Scientists release, and we have a Q&A with Harrison Ford.



NATIONAL NEWS

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Samuel Alito became the 110th Supreme Court justice Tuesday with a Senate vote of 58-42. — AP/Ron Edmonds

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Postwar climate more dangerous, speaker says

Improvised explosives endanger journalists

By JOHN-LAURENT TRONCHE
Staff Reporter

The postwar violence facing journalists, such as ABC News' Bob Woodruff who suffered serious injuries in Iraq on Monday, is much

worse than the wartime situation in 2003, said a veteran photojournalist Tuesday.

Mike Heimbuch, a photojournalist for NBC 5, spent eight weeks in 2003 on patrol around Iraq embedded with Marine Corps Task Force Tarawa.

Heimbuch said Iraq is different for journalists today because of the increased use of improvised explo-

sive devices.

"The IED is the most dangerous thing for journalists now," Heimbuch said. "They're really not designed to kill. They're designed to maim."

While accompanying Task Force Tarawa, Heimbuch saw nearly a week of solid combat in Nasiriyah, which had been an Iraqi stronghold at the beginning of the war.

"Nasiriyah was a very unfriendly place for about seven days," Heimbuch said.

Despite the difficulties in Nasiriyah, Heimbuch said it was easier to identify good guys and bad guys because of the presence of an Iraqi military. The fall of Saddam Hussein's regime and the current insurgency has changed that.

In addition to Iraqi troops, Heim-

buch said an enemy of another kind existed.

"Sand was more of an enemy than anything else," Heimbuch said. "It penetrates everything. You woke up with a mouth full of sand."

Heimbuch said the highlight of his stay in Iraq was breaking the story of Jessica Lynch's capture and the sub-
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CHEW ON THIS



Lieu Nguyen of Dining Services rings up purchases by students in Frog Bytes, which, in conjunction with The Main, will begin offering organic food options.

TY HALASZ / Photo Editor

The Main, Frog Bytes offer healthier late-night options

Nutritionist available to Students for free

By KATHLEEN THURBER
Staff Reporter

The Main will begin offering healthier late-night options today, and Frog Bytes now carries organic

food in response to student demands, a Sodexho representative said.

The Grill in The Main is offering wraps so that students still have healthy options after 8 p.m., said Legia Abato, marketing director for Sodexho.

Alissa Garner, chairwoman of

the Dining Services Committee for the Student Government Association, said: "That's something that always comes up, the healthiness of cafeteria food. After a semester of pushing for it, we're finally starting to see some changes."

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EXTRA INFO

- Organic offerings include soup, oatmeal, cookies, rice bowls, instant noodles, burritos, pizza, macaroni and various desserts.
- Salads, sandwiches and wraps will be carried in Frog Bytes each night until close.
- The Main will now make wraps in addition to the usual late-night selections.

SGA elects new House Speaker

More positions still available

By KATHLEEN THURBER
Staff Reporter

A new Speaker of the House was named Tuesday for the Student Government Association at the first official House of Student Representatives meeting of the semester.

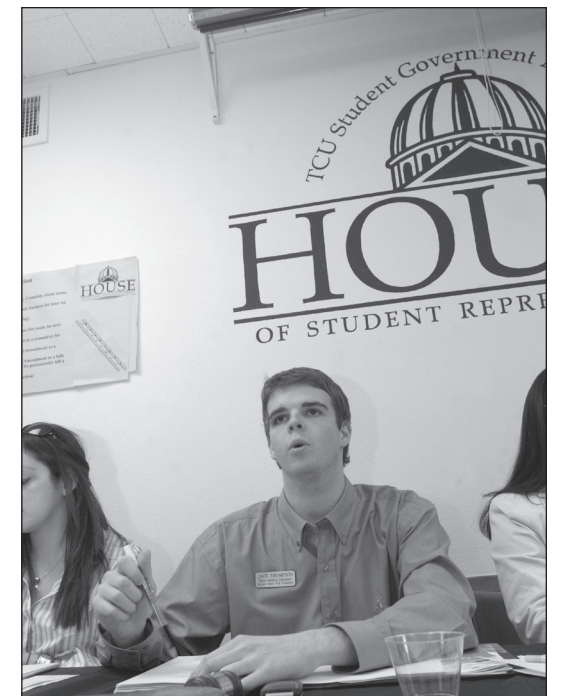
John Campbell, a junior political science major, resigned from the position two weeks ago for personal reasons before ever serving at a meeting, Vice President Jace Thompson said.

Thomas Pressly, a freshman political science major, was elected 18-4 to fill Campbell's position as Speaker of the House after submitting an application and answering questions in front of the House.

"I have the ability to listen, speak clearly and be open-minded in all matters regarding SGA," Pressly said.

While members of the House questioned

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TY HALASZ / Photo Editor

SGA Vice President Jace Thompson manages the first SGA meeting of the semester Tuesday evening in the Student Center.

Groups step up activities for Black History Month

Entertainment, dinner, discussions planned

By MICHAEL DODD
Staff Reporter

Black History Month begins today with a student-led discussion and a worship service setting the stage for a month of cultural events.

Assistant Director of Intercultural Education and Services Greg Trevino said the goal of Black History Month is, "to educate and promote awareness of different cultures that do not share the same mainstream attention."

"These are proud people with rich histories that deserve to be known," he said.

University Ministries intern for Worship, Spiritual and Pastoral Life

Ann Smith said Black History Month is not just for black people.

"It's not just to honor black history," Smith said. "It's an important message for everyone about a people that were oppressed and their history of recovery."

Program coordinator for Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services Sandhya Klein said that throughout the month, there will be numerous events both issue-based and for entertainment starting today with Real Talk.

"The Real Talk event, which is our kickoff, is just an open talk," Klein said. "They're going to be talking about issues that concern the African-American community, about things they think should change and [then] it comes back to racism,

EXTRA INFO

This week's Black History Month events

- Kickoff — Real Talk 12 p.m. today in Student Center Lounge
- Worship Service and Fellowship Dinner Honoring Black History 5:15 p.m. today in Robert Carr Chapel
- Alpha Phi Alpha Funkytown Stompdown 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Ed Landreth Auditorium
- For a full calendar of events, see www.tcu-dailyskiff.com

— from University Ministries

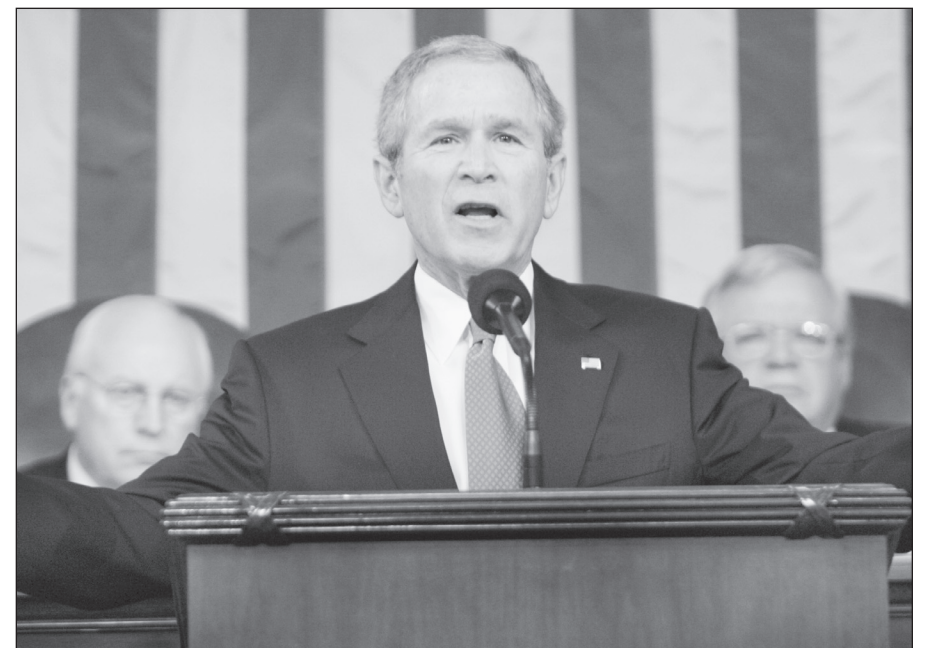
equal rights, and social justice."

Three step shows will be held in Ed Landreth Auditorium, hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha and TCU Soul Steppers.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Funkytown Stompdown will cost \$10 with a portion of the proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, according to a calendar of events from Trevino.

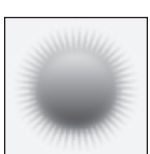
The Alpha Kappa Alpha First
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POLITICS



PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS / Associated Press

President Bush delivers the State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress while Vice President Dick Cheney, left, and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, right, watch at the U.S. Capitol Tuesday night in Washington. Bush's main points included freeing America from Middle East oil dependence and fighting back against critics of his current strategy in Iraq.



WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly sunny, 75/47
THURSDAY: Mostly sunny, 72/46
FRIDAY: Few showers, 73/48

FUN FACT

City officials in Indianapolis said the high price for selling scrap metal has led thieves to steal dozens of manhole covers and sewer grates, each of which can weigh up to 300 pounds.

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