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Sister school newspaper returns amid mixed concerns

By KAILEY DELINGER
Staff Reporter

Even though Universidad de las Americas officials have returned the university newspaper to its students 16 days after shutting it down, not everyone is commending the administration.

On Jan. 16, UDLA, TCU's sister school in Puebla, Mexico, stopped publication of its newspaper, La Catarina, in what the

administration told students was an effort to restructure the publication to better reflect the community service project it was intended to be.

Many students, faculty and alumni criticized the university's decision, saying La Catarina was never intended to be a community service project and the newspaper was being punished for its recent criticism of UDLA

Chancellor Pedro Palou.

Officials met Thursday with five members of La Catarina's editorial board and announced the return of the publication to the students.

La Catarina Web Editor Said David said the university was pressured by media coverage to reverse its decision.

"Palou admitted that the way this so-called 'restructuring' of

La Catarina was made wasn't right," David said, "and that all of this trouble could have been prevented if the authorities and the staff of La Catarina had kept an honest and open dialogue."

While the UDLA administration did not respond to numerous e-mails, La Catarina staff members such as David and Astrid Viveros expressed sat-

isfaction with the university's decision to reopen the newspaper.

Viveros said officials promised the publication will be entirely student-run and the administration's only involvement will be to help facilitate information-gathering and staff-recruiting.

Others, however, are less enthusiastic about the decision.

One professor, whose name was withheld for fear of retribution from the university, said he views the situation with cautious optimism.

He said his main concern is related to a press release addressed to the Skiff that was posted on UDLA's Web site last week.

The press release questioned See **UDLA**, page 4

THE SONOMA WAY

Alumna, author demonstrates how to combine health with flavorful food

By AUNDREA EICHMAN
Staff Reporter

A TCU alumna, who lectured last night about flavor as a health issue, will be offering cooking demonstrations on "World Flavors" today.

Connie Guttersten, author of "The Sonoma Diet" and the "Sonoma Diet Cookbook," talked Monday about how she combines her two passions — cooking and science — to promote a flavorful lifestyle.

Guttersten, Green Honors Chair for the Department of Nutritional Sciences, spoke on "flavor as a crossroads between health and enjoyment inspired by the Sonoma Diet" on Monday night in a filled Sid Richardson lecture hall.

Guttersten said the Sonoma Diet is a way of eating flavorful foods designed from a clinical aspect to make people look and feel their best. She said her main goal with the Sonoma Diet is to "make it so irresistible that it seems like an indulgence."

Guttersten said her biggest obstacle is the word "diet." She said the Sonoma Diet is not just another diet.

"Most diets have people counting down the days whereas the Sonoma Diet is a way of life," Guttersten said.

She said her inspiration came from working alongside her dad, a physician. She said she became frustrated when diets did not work.

"Healthy" is more than just losing weight, Guttersten said.

With the Sonoma Diet, Gut-



MICHAEL STEWART Jr. / Staff Photographer

Connie Guttersten spoke on her inspirations for creating the Sonoma Diet at her presentation titled "Flavor is a Health Issue" Monday evening in Sid Richardson.

tersen said, it is all about balancing the best types of fats. It is neither a high- nor low-fat diet.

Guttersten said she has been teaching chefs at the Culinary Institute of America for about 13 years, and the institute has allowed her to perceive food from a different perspective. She said this way of eating, from the wine country, is all about flavors, mannerisms and relaxation.

Christie Munsell, a sophomore nutrition major, said Guttersten was easy to talk to and personable.

Munsell said she looked for-

ward to Guttersten's lecture. She said she hoped to get the basics of what it means to be a dietitian in the real world and how to market general nutrition and make it interesting.

Anne VanBeber, the nutrition department chair, said Guttersten's extensive interest in science and obesity led her to speak about flavor as a health issue.

Guttersten said she feels indebted to TCU because she is a graduate, former professor, and was invited to be the Green Honors Chair for the department.

She said she hoped to share what students can do with their



JASON FOCHTMAN / Staff Photographer

Connie Guttersten demonstrates how to make her Fruit Salsa recipe to TCU Monday afternoon. Guttersten will have another cooking demonstration today at 12:30 p.m. in Bass Building 224.

majors in a nontraditional way, like she has done. She said her advice to students is to not be afraid to think big and to keep an open mind.

Before her lecture she was giving personal advice to a student about classes to take and on becoming a chef.

Chelsea Cartwright, a senior nutrition major, said she learned from Guttersten's success students can go a lot of directions with nutrition degrees.

Cartwright and Ingrid Beard-sley were some of the students who had lunch with Guttersten on Monday. They said she was down-to-earth and inspiring.

Beardsley, a junior nutrition major, said she learned it is better to promote a healthier lifestyle by enjoying eating the food instead of focusing on a diet.

Guttersten said her favorite recipe is the South American flank steak and grain medleys.

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SuperFrog to appear on Animal Planet

By LEIGH ANN WEAVER
Staff Reporter

Appearing on the same stage as ESPN's Lee Corso and Animal Planet's Jeff Corwin, SuperFrog will get his 15 minutes of fame this April, along with some of the nation's other animal mascots.

In honor of March Madness, SuperFrog will be appearing in an episode of "Mascot Madness" on Animal Planet.

Communications specialist and cheer coach Lisa Albert got to show her school spirit when she was flown to Los Angeles to represent TCU as SuperFrog on the Jan. 10 taping of the show.

The purpose of the show is to focus on mascots that are animals, Albert said.

Lee Corso of ESPN hosted the show. He presented the top 10 mascot animal cate-

gories, and in those categories he talked about the mascots, their names and how they came to be.

Jeff Corwin of Animal Planet was also there and discussed the animals themselves, Albert said.

"There were five mascots there," Albert said. "The mascots acted as the stage crew and intermingled with the humans during their jobs on the show."

Albert said SuperFrog was in charge of makeup.

"At first I wasn't too thrilled because SuperFrog isn't much of a makeup art-

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FOR YOUR INFO

"Mascot Madness" will air April 1 on Animal Planet.



LISA ALBERT

SuperFrog is shown with Animal Planet's Jeff Corwin (left) and ESPN's Lee Corso on the show "Mascot Madness." The show, featuring SuperFrog, will air on Animal Planet on April 1.

Students post personal info to kick off V-Week events

By MICHELLE EUPERIO
Staff Reporter

Some students revealed to anyone walking through the Student Center their deepest fears, desires and dreams, knowing that no one will ever find out which secrets are theirs.

Students sent in their secrets on postcards to the women's studies department to participate in "V-Week" activities.

The postcards will be displayed in a Student Center hallway during ticket sales for "The Vagina Monologues" and during the show, said Stella South, a senior political science major and project director for "The

Vagina Monologues."

PostSecret, a Web site collecting anonymous secrets, serves as the inspiration for this spin-off project.

It is an ongoing community art project where people mail in their secrets anonymously on one side of a homemade postcard, according to the PostSecret Web site.

"This project hits home," said Becca Nordeen, a senior theatre major and creative director for "The Vagina Monologues."

"The secrets displayed here aren't strangers from across the country or world," Nordeen said. "Rather, they are the secrets of our friends,

roommates, classmates and our community."

V-Week aims to raise awareness about sexual abuse through different events during the week and ends with two showings of "The Vagina Monologues."

Nordeen said she wants postcards concerning issues of gender and violence to show students that violence and sexual abuse are not distant wars.

Some of the secrets received have been about suicide, depression and mental health, Nordeen said.

"Students here tend to feel

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Cheaper books expected if tax-exemption bill passes

By ELIZABETH DAVIDSON
Staff Reporter

Next fall, the price of textbooks could leave students with extra money in their pockets.

A bill was submitted to the Texas Senate that proposes a 10-day period beginning the second Friday of each semester for students to buy textbooks without the sales tax. Senate Bill No. 49 was submitted by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Texas, and was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on Jan. 23.

Zaffirini, vice chair of the finance committee and chair of the higher education committee, submitted the bill in response to an action started by the student government at

the University of Texas at Austin for tax-free textbooks.

The students at UT also contacted other universities in Texas, including TCU, asking for their support in the campaign for tax-free textbooks.

"Naturally, we jumped right on it," said Mickey Ley, a sophomore political science major and AddRan House representative. "There was no question that it would benefit every student at TCU."

Ley and SGA vice president Thomas Pressly wrote the resolution last semester, and SGA voted unanimously in favor of it.

"Mickey and I wrote the resolution to support the movement

that the SGA at the University of Texas began," Pressly said. "We wrote it to support the efforts going on statewide."

College students spend an average of \$900 a year on textbooks, and since 1994, textbook prices have increased 64 percent, according to a report distributed by UT students promoting the bill. Not having to pay the tax on books will save each student between \$50 and \$100 a year, according to the UT report.

"We must work to ease the financial burden of higher education, so more students can work toward timely grad-

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ist, but it gave him the most exposure," Albert said.

The five other mascots included the Wisconsin Badger, the Cincinnati Bearcat, the Maryland Terrapin, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket and the UC Irvine Anteater.

"The other schools there weren't small schools, they were 'big name' schools you hear about all the time," Albert said. "So I believe we were in good company."

Jason Byrne, athletics marketing director, said SuperFrog's appearance on the show will highlight TCU's success. "SuperFrog's appearance will also allow the kids who watch Animal Planet to learn about him and the school," Byrne said.

SuperFrog also appeared in several nationwide Nokia commercials in 2004, along

with Snoopy Dogg and Johnnie Cochran, which aired during the Sugar Bowl and other bowl championship games.

To qualify for a spot on the episode, the mascot must have been affiliated with College Sports TV, a CBS company that covers college sports, and be an actual animal.

"As a mascot, I think SuperFrog is very unique, and I think his appearance with the other mascots will give the university an opportunity to market our abilities in different ways," Byrne said.

"It's an incredible opportunity to get national exposure," Albert said. "It was short notice but we were



SuperFrog and other college mascots film an episode of Animal Planet's "Mascot Madness." The episode featuring SuperFrog will air April 1.

willing to make arrangements to get SuperFrog out for another chance to get us on a national platform."

Ashleigh Greathouse, a senior and captain of the TCU all-girls cheerleading squad said she works with SuperFrog often at games and is

proud to see him get national recognition.

"It's a really good representation of our school, and it's good to get our name out nationally," Greathouse said.

The show will air April 1 on Animal Planet.

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uation with fewer obstacles," Zaffirini said in a November news release.

The amount each student pays every semester for textbooks may vary, but the prices are definitely increasing overall, Pressly said.

Natalie Ayala, a senior movement science major, said she spends between \$300 and \$500 a semester on books.

"This bill would make each

semester a little bit cheaper for students," Ayala said.

Fifteen other states already have a tax exemption on textbooks for college students, according to the UT report.

The bill is currently being considered by the Finance Committee. Either no action will be taken, or it will move forward to the House and Senate, where it has to get a majority vote to pass. The governor then has to decide whether to sign the bill or not for it to become a law. If SB 49 is passed this session, it will go into effect July 1.

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She said she loves the spices and herbs in her recipes.

She also said it was important to have a glass of wine with every meal because it helps to eat slowly and to taste the food. She said wine has been one of the main selling points of the

Sonoma Diet.

Guttersen said the key element in promoting the Sonoma Diet is language and flavor. She said the Sonoma Diet is overloaded with scientific information, but the most important aspect to convey is a flavorful lifestyle.

She will give cooking lessons at 12:30 p.m. today in Room 107 of the Annie Richardson Bass Building.

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an extraordinary need to be perfect," Nordeen said. "This can add huge amounts of stress to our lives where we are struggling to find ourselves already."

Nordeen said because there were a number of cards dealing with these issues, there will be information about mental health and personal counselors available while the postcards are displayed.

Nordeen said she hopes this project will help students realize everyone has secrets and

no one is alone.

"Every secret that we have and think that is completely individual can be a secret that someone else might share," Nordeen said.

About 200 students have joined the Facebook group to show support for their own version of PostSecret, with

about 54 submitted secrets.

After the cards are displayed, they will be given to the women's studies department, South said. They will be placed in an album and will be shown during next year's V-Week with the new secrets students will submit. Postcards can no longer be sent

in for this year's V-Week.

"This project is amazing," said Marisa Doerfler, a senior theatre major. "It is a way for people to express themselves but also for the readers to be able to relate to some of their secrets. It can be a release of emotions on both parties."

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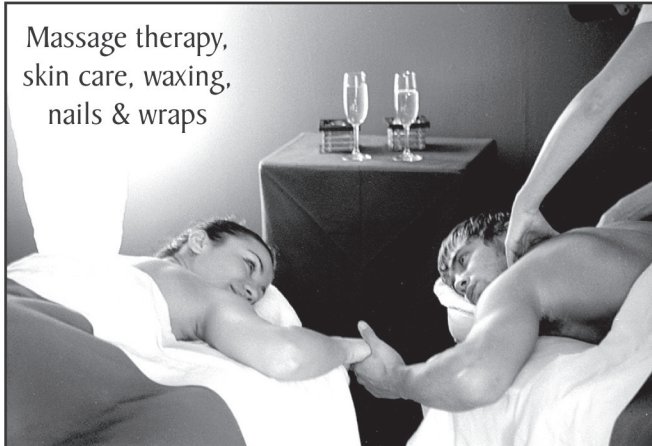
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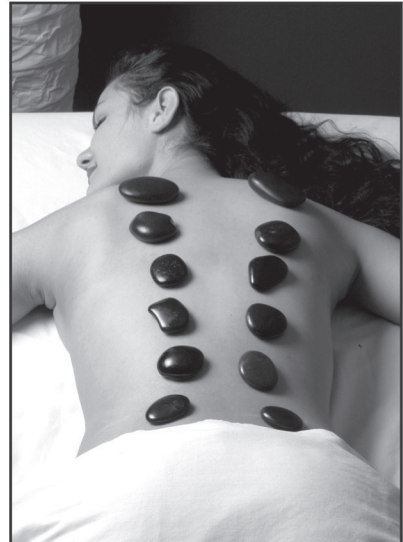


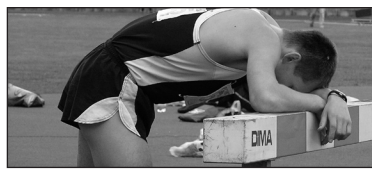
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THE SKIFF VIEW

Time right for studying abroad

Calling all prospective world travelers! Studying abroad just got 25 percent cheaper.

TCU and the Center for International Studies have come together to reduce prices on Study Abroad summer programs.

The various programs include studies in dance, environmental issues and journalism in places as diverse as the British Isles, Costa Rica, Japan and Spain.

Studying abroad is an enriching experience, but the high cost of doing so has likely kept many students at home during the summer instead.

Now that TCU is footing a quarter of the bill, that situation should become less common.

Jane Kucko, director of the Center for International Studies: TCU Abroad, said the price reduction was a surprise to her.

"I'm excited not just about Study Abroad," Kucko said, "but that TCU is so supportive of it."

To get the word out, Kucko said the center has placed table tents across campus, sent out my.tcu.edu announcements and set up tables

and posters in the Student Center to help educate students about the programs.

One of the goals in Chancellor Boschini's Vision in Action Plan is to "provide scholarships to permit TCU students with financial need to participate in international programs."

This promotion certainly helps those students.

Kucko said she hopes the promotion lasts for a couple of years.

"Our goal is to create a means for which more students across the board can afford to go," Kucko said.

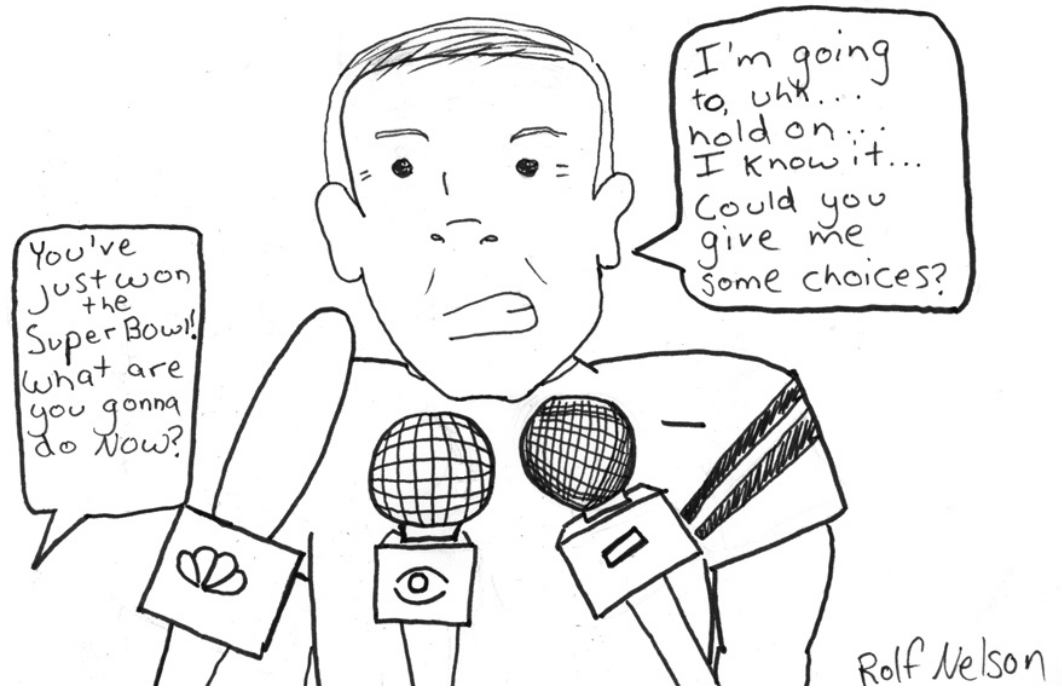
There's plenty of opportunity to learn on campus, but there's also plenty Fort Worth can't provide, like a diverse culture, different languages, varied topography, so on.

The new price reduction still doesn't make studying abroad cheap, but at least it's cheaper.

By picking up part of the cost, TCU is encouraging students to go. Take the opportunity to see something different.

Managing editor John-Laurent Tronche for the editorial board.

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Despite what people say, beauty does matter

"The cult of beauty is a cultural insanity," according to The Hindu Magazine. Truer words about beauty have never been spoken.

In today's age, everyone must be and is beautiful. Some people go to surgeons for cosmetic operations, others seek tanning salons to darken their skin and most everyone has changed their hair color or tweezed their eyebrows from time to time. Why do we do all this?

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We do all this to look, feel and believe we look beautiful. From a young age, people have been taught, knowingly or not, what is considered the standard of beauty from parents, society and television.

In this day and age, women have more freedoms and opportunities to better themselves and their lives than past generations. Young girls are taught that women are feminine, yet strong, creatures, who are undoubtedly intelligent and have the same

rights, liberties and prospects as men. There is, however, one aspect of life that has the potential to govern and rule over all humanity (women especially) and is flexible enough to be constantly on the verge of change.

Society, it seems, has always had a deceptive and fickle opinion on the subject of beauty. Women are forever trying to mold themselves to beauty's dictatorship, and those who conform comfortably or are naturally gifted with the assets of the times are the lucky ones. For the rest, it is a nonstop battle coupled with genetics, money, commitment and time.

This is not to say that lack of these attributes is detrimental or unacceptable, but as much as the truth hurts, a lack of beauty or appearance must be compen-



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sated with personality, talent or intelligence. In today's world, sex sells while beauty dominates, and it is hard to argue otherwise.

Looks don't matter, some object. It's personality that's most important. Well, certainly, personality is important; it remains long after appearances have crumbled and faded. But what is the first thing people notice about others?

Just as we appreciate fine packaging on material goods and attractive commercial advertisements for products and services, our eyes naturally appeal to beauty and splendor. With this desire, strict standards have followed.

In classical Greek and Roman eras, curvaceousness for women was considered unattractive. Chinese women bound their daughters' feet, bending toes and

breaking bones, all to drive men into ecstasy. Just recently, former super-model Tyra Banks was questioned about her 30-pound weight gain.

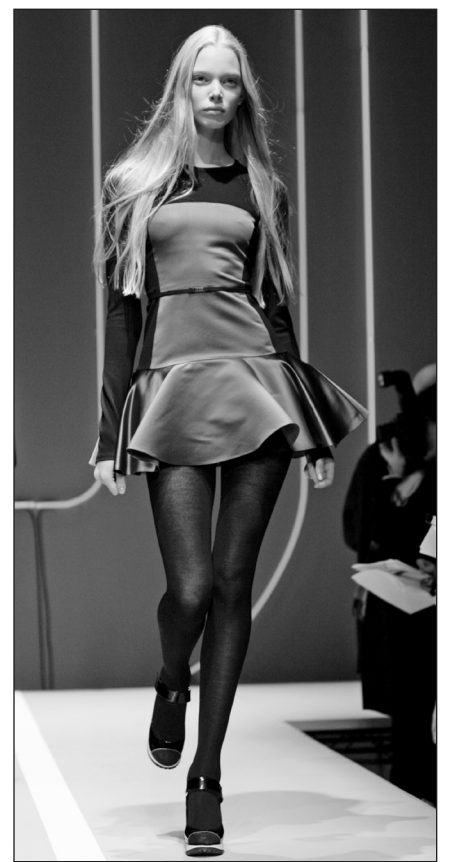
As much as people try to deny it, appearances and beauty are quite important, even in the modern age.

But people, as well as the times, can change. We are beginning to stubbornly accept and gladly celebrate beauty in its many forms, whether it conforms to society's expectations or blows expectations out of the water.

We all must realize and come to terms that perhaps outward beauty might forever be something for people to strive for. Not everyone cares about being beautiful, but not everyone can simply throw away the thought. Perhaps the wisest decision is to just conceive one's own expectations and opinions and realize one's own limitations.

Life has never been fair, and neither has beauty. All we can do is simply roll with the punches.

Ylona Cupryjak is a sophomore theatre major from Keller.



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A model wears an ultra-violet scuba mini dress from DKNY at the Fall 2007 Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week at Bryant Park in New York.

More extensive vocabulary needed to educate public

I often open the newspaper and wonder why I never see words more than eight or nine letters.

COMMENTARY



Sentences longer than 15 words? Out of the question. It seems like I'm back in middle school — reading at a sixth-grade level.

So, why do the media write at a lower level? Do they really think we have the mind capacity of an adolescent? Oops, I can't use that word; it's 10 letters.

Mindy Mizell, a freelance journalist in Washington, D.C., believes that since most people talk and listen at a sixth-grade level, writing at a higher level would come across as fake and removed. But John Miller, a journalism professor at TCU, says the media don't write at a sixth grade level — they write to their audiences.

Perhaps another reason the media write at a lower level is so people can

understand it more easily — but essentially, the reason is so that readers and viewers don't have to think or work in order to get their news. I personally don't mind a little work here and there; it keeps a person's mind from atrophying. (Get out that dusty old dictionary and look up that word instead of my spoon-feeding you the meaning.) But is the newspaper meant to be mental bubble gum, or the 10 o'clock news a lullaby? I can see that being the purpose of a television sitcom. You're supposed to sit and relax when watching those shows, not decipher convoluted sentences.

If the media wrote at a higher level, I believe readers and viewers would become more acquainted with the multifarious words. However, John Tisdale, a journalism professor at TCU, says the media would likely lose readership and viewership if they wrote at higher levels.

I remember that when I was in elementary school, my mom made me read

"classic" books so I would become a prodigious writer. Whenever I didn't know what something meant, she made me look it up in the dictionary. I learned more by reading at a higher level.

Maybe if the media adopted my mother's worldview and forced their readers and viewers to associate with obfuscating words, then reading the paper or watching the news would become a complete learning experience. The general public would be both updating themselves on current events and familiarizing themselves with a few more words in the American lexicon.

I think the media should raise the bar in their writing. We're not dumb, and I don't think the media should treat us like we are. I think that with a little practice and a slight boost from the media, we could become quite dexterous at understanding word usage.

Christina Durano is a freshman broadcast journalism major from Albuquerque, N.M.

Frivolous lawsuit has no bearing

On Jan. 12, Jennifer Strange died. A few hours before her death, she had participated in a morning radio contest for the "Morning Rave," a show on the Sacramento station KDND 107.9 "The End."

In the contest, called "Hold Your Wee for a Wii," 20 contestants drank as much water as possible without urinating. The person who drank the most water and held it in the longest was the winner and the recipient of a brand new Nintendo Wii video game system. Strange came in second place, drinking over two gallons of water.

By that afternoon, her mother found her dead on her bathroom floor. Strange was a mother of three and was trying to be a good mom and win her kids the video game system they wanted.

While the contest was live on the air before Strange's death, a caller, who identified herself as a nurse named Eva, informed the DJs that the contest was dangerous and people could die from such an act. They, of course, acknowledged that fact and rebutted by saying all the contestants had signed

waivers, which was true.

Throughout the contest, the DJs heckled and made fun of the contestants for their discomfort and desire to go to the bathroom. They poked fun as each dropped, one by one. They even addressed Strange specifically for having an enlarged belly, saying she looked three months pregnant.

Of course, all this would have been funny if someone hadn't died.

But someone did. Now the morning DJs, who were just doing their jobs, look like complete jerks. Every morning and afternoon radio show I've listened to in the past two weeks has played the sound clips from their show on the air.

Because someone died from a radio contest that any station would have had if they had thought of it, all ten employees of the "Morning Rave" have been fired, the station and the DJs are being sued for wrongful death and the lawyers for the Strange family are petitioning the FCC to revoke KDND's radio license.

This might sound a little cold-blooded, but this was not KDND's fault. It

was Strange's.

Yes, all the participants signed a waiver. Yes, that waiver included the possible health risks. The station and the DJs offered to give consolation prizes to the contestants who quit the contest early. Strange actually took two tickets to an upcoming Justin Timberlake concert, and she left the contest early. No one made her stay, no one made her drink the water. She did it all on her own because she wanted a Wii.

Yes, Jennifer Strange should have been aware of what she was getting herself into. Her lawyers are arguing that she didn't really think there was a possibility of death and she just signed the waiver without giving it a second thought.

Well, isn't that the point of a waiver? To protect the radio station? If KDND loses this suit, then what is the point of waivers? The fact is, there was such a contract, and she signed it.

The Strange family has no legal ground to sue KDND over this and absolutely no right to try to have the station's license revoked.

Donny Sonoski is a columnist for Daily Kent Stater. This article was distributed by U-Wire.

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Criminal record keeps student out of campus housing

By CAROL BILICZKY
Akron Beacon Journal

A 39-year-old Canton, Ohio, man convicted of domestic violence, is among eight students who may be denied housing at the University of Akron.

David L. Westrich said he was notified Friday that his housing may be revoked because of his criminal past.

He said his record has been clean since that incident, more than 11 years ago, and he is being unfairly targeted because he is older than the typical student.

"The housing has been real good for me," Westrich said. "It helps me to focus on my schoolwork, get my grades over a 2-point average, but now everything's coming to a

screaming halt."

UA started a policy this semester that requires all applicants for housing in its 14 residence halls to disclose any criminal history.

University officials said they may disqualify students for housing if they have been convicted of a felony, sexual offense, drug abuse or violence but will take individual circumstances into account.

This is still early in the new process, UA spokesman Ken Torisky said.

"None of the students were told today that they were out," Torisky said. "Residence Life and Housing will send out official notices next week."

The new policy reflects con-

cern that UA assigned four known ex-felons — two in their mid-40s — to room with teens as young as 18 in the last three years.

One ex-felon was an undercover drug informant who was given a fake schedule as a cover. Other students had been convicted of theft, aggravated robbery and drug abuse. Two dropped out midterm; one wanted his roommate to call him by the nickname he'd acquired in the "Big House." One allegedly committed more crimes while enrolled at UA.

Westfall said he is being unfairly swept up in the controversy.

Other than minor traffic offenses, the only blot on his record is the 1995 misdemeanor

for domestic violence, he said.

Even that was a tad silly, he said, explaining that he and his sister got into a shouting match over whether UA, where he was going to school, or Kent State, which she was attending, was the better school. There was no physical abuse, he said.

He pleaded no contest and was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all of which was suspended except for three days he served and one day he spent in court-required counseling.

A year later, Canton Municipal Court issued a bench warrant for his arrest because he had not paid his \$100 fine and court costs. The warrant was canceled when he made good.

Along the way, he got "burned

out" and dropped out of UA. He got a job in demolition.

He grew tired of that, too, and returned to UA in 2005 to finish work on an associate degree in applied business and transportation, which he said he received last year.

Then he began work on a bachelor's degree in corporate finance with the goal of becoming a stockbroker.

"That's where the money is," he said.

He has lived in a dorm since returning to UA. This semester he has the luxury of living alone, as the student who had been assigned to live with him chose to move to another room. The new policy allows a roommate to move if there's more

than a five-year gap between their ages.

Westrich said he pays for his education and dorm room with loans and by working part time in groundskeeping.

He said he likes living in the dorm because it is handy to the library and classes, which helps him to focus. So he will appeal his dismissal from the dorm.

Torisky, the UA spokesman, said he didn't know how long it would take Dean of Students Denine Rocco to consider appeals, but students could remain in the dorms during the process.

"They need to take into consideration this is the past," Westrich said. "I haven't caused any trouble."

UDLA

From page 1

the Skiff's accuracy in its coverage of La Catarina's closure and called La Catarina "one-sided and discriminatory" with a "desire to denigrate UDLA."

The professor acknowledged that Palou made an effort to re-establish La Catarina, but he cited the press release as a source of contradiction because the administration is re-employing the very people it criticized in the release.

"How is it possible that the same small group of students who supposedly caused so much damage to the university is going to be in charge of the newspaper again?" he said. "How can the same administration who sent police officers to the newsroom to shut it down say that it is committed to freedom of speech?"

Another employee, UDLA historian and professor emeritus Edward Simmen, said Palou re-established La Catarina as a means of saving the university's reputation. The chancellor didn't want Mexican newspapers to pick the story up, he

said, because the news could be a threat to the university's accreditation.

As a result, Simmen said, La Catarina is safe from another closure.

"I don't think they would dare touch it. Not now," Simmen said. "Once (news of the closure) crossed the border, and once it got into American papers, you know it's going to get into Mexican papers."

Others, however, were less skeptical.

"I am happy about it," UDLA professor Claudia Magallanes said. "We, the department of communication sciences and the whole team of La Catarina, are aware that we need to work on improving the newspaper ... We want to prove to everyone that we can acknowledge our errors and that we know we have room for improvement."

David expressed his enthusiasm for the reopening, as well.

"When this whole thing started, many of us were in despair," he said. "We cried, and we felt small against a huge act of censorship. But once the tears dried, we kept a clear mind in solving the problem, we stood next to each other and, in the end, it was teamwork that really brought us to this conclusion."

Women's tennis team rebounds after faltering in early matches

By ALEX ZOBEL
Staff Reporter

The women's tennis team got a taste of some of the country's best last week when it traveled to Madison, Wis., for the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

The team, ranked No. 15 in the country by the International Tennis Association, fell 5-2 to the No. 7 North Carolina Tar Heels in the first round of the tournament Thursday.

After the Thursday loss, the Frogs were matched up against the No. 13 Pepperdine Waves in the consolation bracket Friday. The Horned Frogs got off to an early 3-1 lead but couldn't hold on as the Waves came back to win 4-3.

Head coach Jeff Hammond said despite the losses, the team made progress throughout the tournament and he was pleased with how hard the team fought.

"We played three incredibly tough teams, and, from the first match to the third,

I saw progress," Hammond said. "We started to accomplish things we talked about in our team meetings, like identifying the flow of the match and knowing when to make the transition from offense to defense based on the flow."

TCU finished the tournament on a high note, defeating the No. 17 Vanderbilt Commodores 5-2 in the second consolation match Saturday.

The team will begin preparing for a three-team home match against the Texas State Bobcats and UTA Mavericks on Feb. 20.

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Kewa Nichols, junior, returns a serve in a match earlier this season. Nichols, with her partner Nina Munch-Soegaard, won a match against No. 17 Vanderbilt in the Women's Indoor Championships last weekend.

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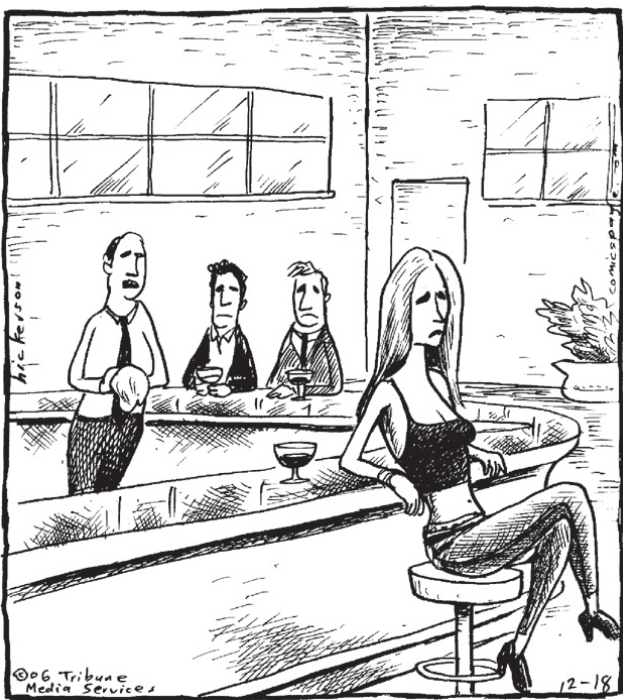
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by Buddy Hickerson



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See Wednesday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

Friday's Solutions

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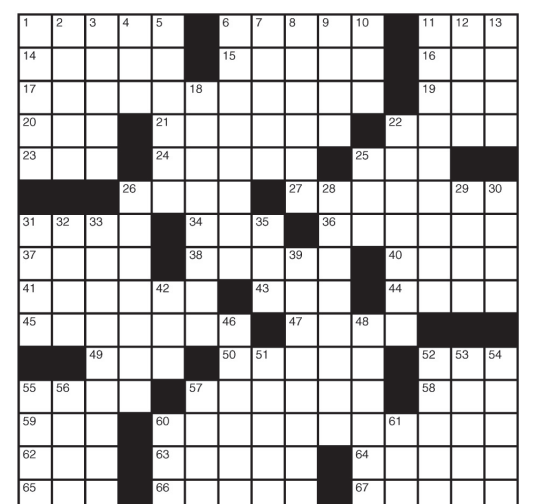
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By Robert H. Wolfe
North Woodmere, NY

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TOMORROW

Men lose winning record

By BILLY WESSELS
Photo Editor

Expectations were high for the Horned Frogs going into the second half of conference play.

Unfortunately, those high hopes deflated quickly as the Frogs (10-11, 2-7) lost to the Utah Utes (8-14, 3-6), 70-65 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Saturday.

The Frogs have now lost seven games in a row (all in conference play) making them the cellar dwellers for the second half of Mountain West competition.

"We wanted to come out and get a victory," junior guard Brent Hackett said. "We just didn't reach our level. Now we are starting off 0-1 in the second half."

Even though the Frogs haven't won a game since Jan. 6, head coach Neil Dougherty still likes the way his team is playing.

"It would be counterproductive for me to whip my players any harder," Dougherty said. "Our problem is we can't finish."

Dougherty compared the Frogs to students preparing for an exam when explaining their inability to close the door on opponents.

"We are like students who know all the questions to a test," Dougherty said. "We just don't answer the last 10 questions on purpose."

The biggest problem for the Horned Frogs came at the free-throw line. The Frogs continued their free-throw shooting woes by hitting just 13 of their 24 attempts, which was good for 54 percent.

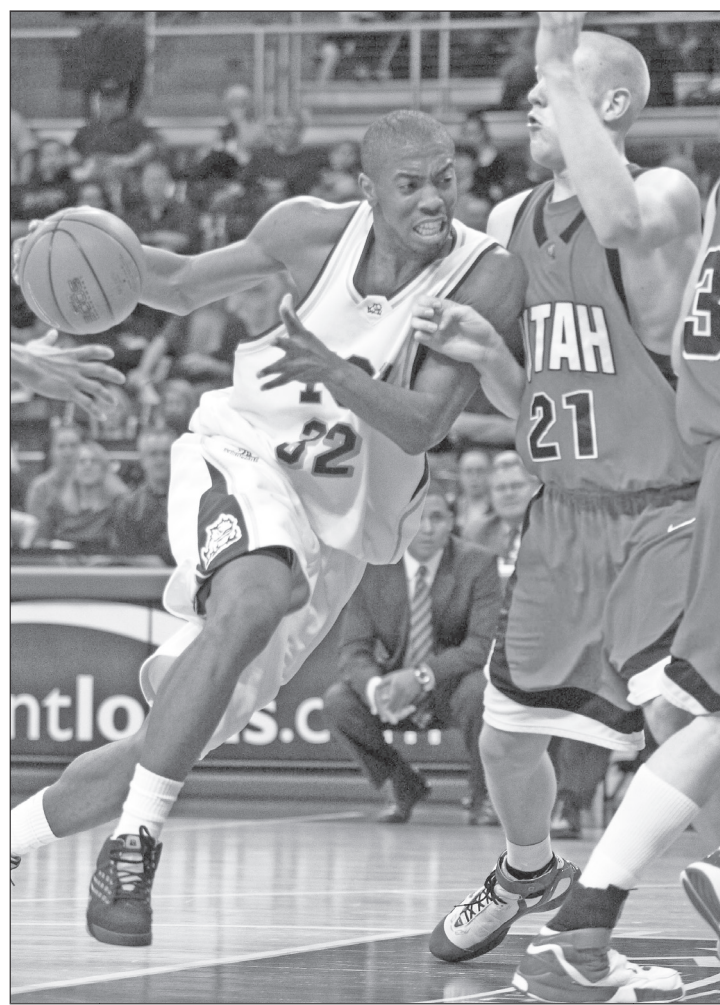
"I don't need to look any further for what we are going to work on at practice next week," Dougherty said.

One of the bright spots of the game was Hackett. He had a career night as he went for 22 points, while connecting on six of nine three-point attempts.

"Brent had a great game," Dougherty said. "He made shot after shot when we needed him to."

Even though he had a solid game, Hackett said he was disappointed with the loss.

"You kind of get down,"



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer
Kevin Langford, sophomore forward, makes a move for the basket against the Utah Utes in Saturday's game. Langford finished with 21 points in the Frogs' 70-65 loss.

Hackett said. "But you have got to keep fighting."

Hackett said he wants to improve and increase his level of defensive intensity as the team looks toward the rest of the season.

Dougherty stressed the fact that this team can still have success in the second half of conference play.

"We can string some good basketball together," Dougherty said. "We are going to continue to work harder and we are going to wind up winning some games."

Dougherty is not worried about the confidence level of his team.

"I know this team still has heart," Dougherty said. "One night of good play can be an injection of confidence."

Three of the next four games for the Frogs will be on the road and Dougherty knows how difficult they will be.

"Every game in conference is tough," Dougherty said. "The way this conference keeps growing, all the games in this conference will be tough."

MOUNTAIN WEST STANDINGS

SCHOOL	W-L	Pct.	GB
Air Force Falcons	7-2	.778	—
BYU Cougars	7-2	.778	—
UNLV Rebels	6-3	.667	1
San Diego State Aztecs	4-4	.500	2.5
Colorado State Rams	4-5	.444	3
Wyoming Cowboys	4-5	.444	3
New Mexico Lobos	3-6	.333	4
Utah Utes	3-6	.333	4
TCU Horned Frogs	2-7	.222	5

Young equestrian team gains match experience

By VALERIE COOPER
Staff Reporter

The first set of home equestrian meets of the semester was the building block for a young team, the head coach said.

The Horned Frogs lost to the Fresno State Bulldogs by a final score of 1,161-1,059.5, Sunday. Both TCU and Fresno State won eight match points, but the Bulldogs managed to pull out more raw points from their events during the contest.

"In western performance, we did well," head coach Gary Reynolds said. "But our English performance really brought us down."

Western horsemanship was the team's strongest event on Sunday as the Horned Frogs notched a 287-275 win over the Bull-

dogs. The team also had some strong numbers in the reigning event with English and western horsemanship specialist Carrie von Uhlit, a sophomore who earned MVP accolades for that portion of the meet.

"We have lots of new riders, and we're just excited to get them out and give them some experience," Reynolds said. "But we're all improving with every meet."

This score is already a large improvement over the 10-2 loss to SMU on Friday, which only included English style riding.

"It was our first home meet, and I think it stressed us all out," freshman English rider Toni Rogers said.

Junior English rider Chelsea Stevens said the team learned a lot just from see-

ing an established team in action, and said she is confident the team will be able to compete harder against future teams.

The team is now preparing for the Feb. 24 meet against the Texas A&M Aggies. The meet will be on the road in College Station.

Reynolds said the best thing for the team is just gaining more experience before facing recognized squads. Teams slated for the Horned Frogs to face include the 2006 NCAA champion Auburn Tigers, as well as the South Carolina Gamecocks.

"Last semester we struggled just to have a full roster, and now we're trying to get everyone experienced," Reynolds said.



VALERIE COOPER / Staff Reporter
Kat Rhode, senior, won her equitation on the flat event against the Fresno State Bulldogs. Despite tying the Bulldogs (8-8), the Horned Frogs lost the match by a total score of 1,161-1,059.5. The Frogs next host the South Carolina Gamecocks on March 31.

Third time's a charm for Michael Irvin

By TODD ARCHER
The Dallas Morning News

A few years ago, Michael Irvin returned to the tiny, three-bedroom house he shared with his parents and 16 brothers and sisters on North-

west 28th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

His sons, Michael and Elijah, did not believe their father grew up there. Outside on the street, Irvin could still see the green lines he painted for a

makeshift football field.

From that scratchy pavement to Texas Stadium, Irvin built himself into a Hall of Famer.

On Saturday, less than an hour from where he grew up and minutes from where he starred at the University of Miami, Irvin was selected for enshrinement into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, becoming the 10th member of the Cowboys organization to receive the honor.

"This is really full circle," Irvin said.

As Irvin spoke, his wife Sandi, mother Pearl, aunt Fannie and brothers Don and Derek sat off to the side, next to Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones and his wife, Gene, with some other friends and family. A few rows back sat Irvin's quarterback and friend, Troy Aikman, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame last year, and former offensive coordinator Norv Turner.

Former teammate Jason Garrett and assistant coach Hudson Houck also were in attendance.

Two times before, Irvin fell short of induction. His mother, Pearl, offered support and words of wisdom as he handled the disappointment of not being picked.

"Mom, you're right, this is better," Irvin said inside the Miami Beach Convention Center. "This is better because this is home. I've got it all."

Irvin is joined in the Hall of Fame class by Detroit tight end Charlie Sanders, Cleveland guard Gene Hickerson, Houston/Tennessee offensive lineman Bruce Matthews, St. Louis Cardinals defensive back Roger Wehrli and Buffalo running back Thurman Thomas.

The ceremony is scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 4-5 in Canton, Ohio.

Irvin, 40, will join Cowboys Aikman, Rayfield Wright, Tony Dorsett, Tom Landry, Bob Lilly, Mel Renfro, Tex Schramm, Roger Staubach and Randy White in the Hall of Fame.

In 12 years with the Cowboys, Irvin caught 750 passes for 11,904 yards and scored 65 touchdowns in 159 career regular-season games. He owns or shares 14 team records. He was named All-Pro once (1991) and to the Pro Bowl five times (1991-95). In 1995, he set an NFL record with 11 100-yard receiving games.

In 16 postseason games, he had 87 receptions for 1,314 yards with eight touchdowns.

But Irvin was not just about

the numbers, especially to Jones. Tears welled in Jones' eyes as he talked about Irvin's phone call to his wife, Sandi, from an ambulance after jamming his neck in the artificial turf at Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium.

The injury left him motionless and led to the end of his career in 1999.

"Michael always brought a lot of life with him wherever he went," Jones said. "He was a real leader. He was a difference-maker on our championship teams."

With Irvin, Aikman and Emmitt Smith making up the famed Triplets, the Cowboys won three Super Bowls from 1992-95, but then off-field problems littered Irvin's life. He pleaded no contest in 1996 to felony cocaine possession. He was fined, put on probation for four years, performed 800 hours of community service and suspended five games by the NFL.

On Saturday, Irvin was apologetic to Cowboys fans. "I want Dallas to enjoy this as well," Irvin said. "I tell you what, since 1995 when my problems began soon after we won our third Super Bowl, we didn't have the chance to celebrate it all. We didn't have that off-season where we could go around and proudly call ourselves champs because of all my indiscretions."

"I want to give this to Dallas because I so badly wanted

to give them another Super Bowl, and it never materialized. Hopefully they can celebrate this with me. It won't be another Super Bowl, but it'll be all I have to give."

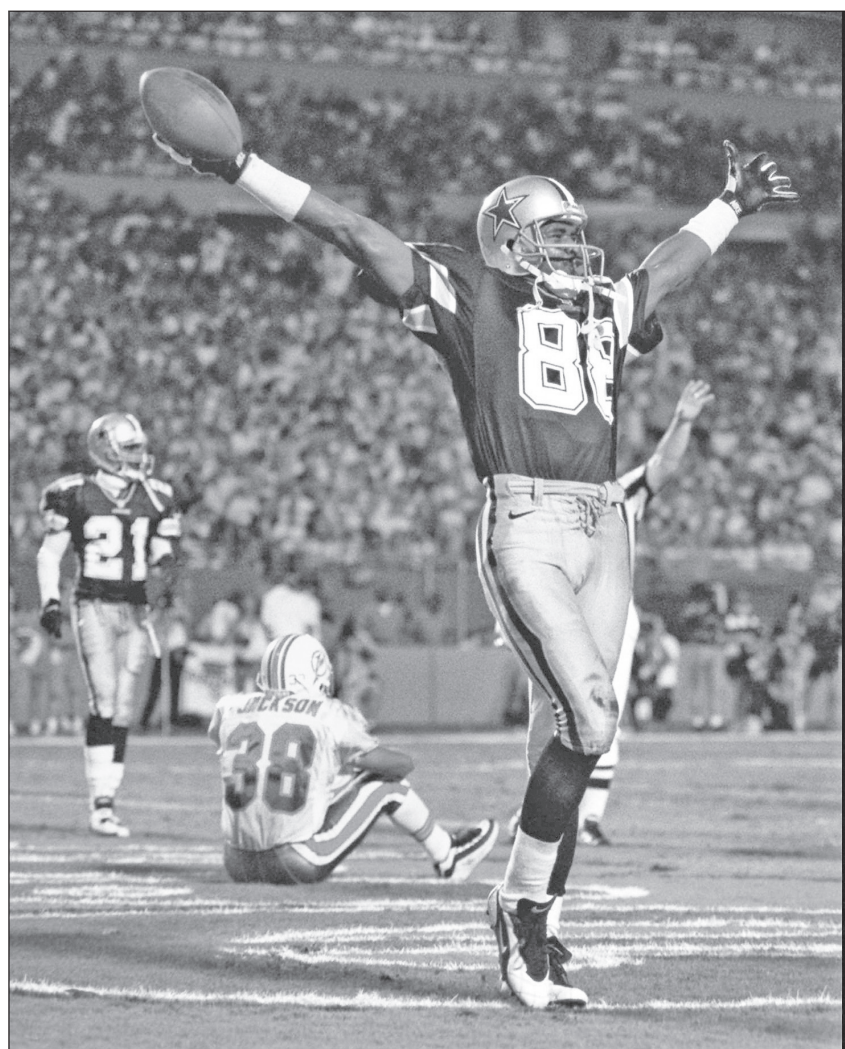
Yet through the issues, teammates backed Irvin and openly questioned whether Irvin's past played a part in him not getting selected earlier, even though the Hall of Fame by-laws state that voters are to consider on-field achievement only.

"I know what an incredible individual he is," Aikman said. "I know what kind of teammate he was and how hard he worked and practiced... Whenever you're around Michael, you feel like a million."

Now, Irvin is making sure the kids in his old neighborhood, and throughout Broward and Dade counties in South Florida, do not have to paint green lines on a road for a football field. Irvin's foundation, PlayMaker Charities and Academies, is refurbishing football fields throughout the region.

"We'd play basketball when we were younger, and I'd tell everybody that Michael Irvin was going to be a household name," his brother Don said. "They never believed me. But I knew how hard he worked and what he did. Michael Irvin's a household name."

One that will be forever remembered in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



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After two years of not making the Hall of Fame, Michael Irvin received his call to glory Saturday. Irvin had 65 touchdown receptions in his 12-year NFL career.