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Step show start of coprogramming

By LARRY WOODS II
Staff Reporter

With the speakers blasting Lil' Jon's "Snap ya fingers," that's exactly what the performers did Saturday evening at the first annual Funkytown Stomp-down step show competition.

The show raised more than \$1,700 in ticket sales, which will be donated to charities decided on by the Eta Psi chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and the sorority members of Zeta Tau Alpha, the event's hosts, in the coming weeks.

Jerret Holmes, a senior Alpha Phi Alpha member, said he was pleased

with the success of the event and the positive response of the people in attendance.

"The acts did a really good job of representing their organizations," Holmes said. "They kept the audience involved and kept it classy."

Acts entertained the audience between step performances with a freestyle rap battle, and Greek organizations strutted through the aisles and hopped on stage.

Steven Walton, a junior criminal justice major, said the event was a good start to having more events that involve coprogramming on campus.

Coprogramming is the collaboration between organizations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and Pan-Hellenic Council to bring a diverse group of events to campus.

"For it being the first time, it had its rough spots, but it was cool," Walton said. "Having the Zetas involved was a wonderful thing."

The highlight of the show was by the first-prize-winning University of Houston Zeta Zeta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma. The Sigmas did a routine that involved spoofing the female organizations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Walton said.

Demedtre Battle, a member of the Zeta Zeta chapter, said, "It was a nice event that ran real smooth. There were a lot of people here, which made it fun to perform."

Other noteworthy performances included the University of Texas at Dallas' chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, who let us know "Diamonds are Forever" and the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School step team who received a standing ovation.

"We're going to use this to try to expand to other organizations, such as Tri-Delta and Delta Gamma," Holmes said.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Unoccupied House seats calls for 2nd voting round

Students can select 23 new reps today at my.tcu.edu

By ANDREA BEARCE
Staff Reporter

Students can vote to fill 23 of 26 vacant seats in the House of Student Representatives between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. today at my.tcu.edu, the Student Government Association elections and regulations chairwoman said.

Tori Hutchens, chairwoman, said seats are available because they were not filled initially or the previously elected representatives could no longer hold their positions for varying reasons.

"Between this semester and last, class schedules and time commitments have changed, so many seats are open for new representatives," she said.

Hutchens said two seats from the School of Education and one from the College of Health and Human Sciences will remain open because no students applied to fill those positions by the noon deadline Monday.

"If there are enough people on campus who want the opportunity to make a real difference for TCU and have the time to give to Student Government, the spots should fill," she said.

Hutchens said an e-mail was sent to all students to advertise the application process and additional messages were sent out with each class e-mail.

Glenton Richards, community liaison for SGA, said the added advertisement should boost voter turnout, which has been subpar in past elections.

"For most elections, the voter turnout isn't very high," he said. "I'm not sure what the expected turnout is for this election, however."

But Hutchens said despite the fact candidates for some seats face competition, they did not campaign for positions because of the typically low voter interest. She said candidates filled out questionnaires about their positions that voters can access at my.tcu.edu.

Richards said he has been actively encouraging students to apply for positions and inviting them to SGA meetings.

"We're just looking for people that care about their school and want to make a difference," he said. "Being involved with the House of Representatives also looks great to employers after you graduate."

Ryan Johnson, a sophomore radio-TV-film major and SGA communications chair, is running to represent the College of Communication and said his past position as SGA parliamentarian influenced his decision to run in this election.

"I was parliamentarian and that basically entailed sitting next to the vice president and making sure that he and the House as a whole followed proper rules and procedures," he said. "I had to be unbiased and indifferent to House stuff, which was really hard when I had an idea or view on a certain subject. I had to swallow my opinion and keep quiet."

Johnson said if elected, he would like to rebuild the reputation of SGA by directly interacting with the student body.

"You don't have to be a representative to attend House meetings," he said. "You may not have a vote but you still have a voice. I suppose it's just a matter of letting that voice be heard."

—Courtney Reese contributed to this report

One for the thumb



KEITH SRAKOCIC / Associated Press

Pittsburgh Steelers' fans wave and yell support for team members as they drive by after arriving at Pittsburgh International Airport in Coraopolis, Pa., on Monday after defeating the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL. Willie Parker is credited with a 75-yard touchdown run, the longest in Super Bowl history. The Steelers also tied the five-win Super Bowl record with the Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers.

Jazzman's Café may transition to new location, manager says

By MICHAEL DODD
Staff Reporter

Low sales, profits and student traffic have led to an uncertain future for Jazzman's Café.

TCU Dining Services and the dining committee, a group of students and faculty members interested in the dining options on campus, have been meeting in recent weeks to discuss the possible options to increase business at Jazzman's Café, located in the basement of the Tucker Technology Center, or move it to a new location, said Rick Flores, general manager of Dining Services.



LANA HUNT / Chief Photographer
At 2 p.m., Jazzman's Café is empty. The lack of customers has caused Jazzman's to lose money and face relocation.

"The challenge that we gave to the dining committee was to try and find what true businesses on the outside actually look for, which is a traffic pattern of students and where that might be on the current campus," Flores said. "There are some dynamics involved as to costs, locations and what

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Students dig Mayan dirt

By GRETCHEN HOLLIS
Staff Reporter

Students will have the chance to experience the lush rainforests and shady trees of Belize while excavating thousands of ancient Mayan artifacts in a two-week research program this summer, said the program's director.

For the past 14 summers, the nonprofit Maya Research Program has given students, regardless of their majors, the chance to participate in a two-week field research session in the Blue Creek Village in Belize, a country in Central America.

"Blue Creek is one of the best research sites in the Maya area," said Tom Guderjan, Blue Creek and Maya Research

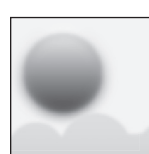
TO ENROLL

- The enrollment deadline for the Maya Research Program is March 15.
- Interested students should contact Tom Guderjan at guderjan@tcu.edu

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Courtesy of Brittany Croxdale
Senior radio-TV-film major Brittany Croxdale excavates



WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly sunny, 63/38
WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny, 60/35
THURSDAY: Sunny, 64/43

FUN FACT

A boat captain who sent a message out to sea in a bottle says he received a reply from Britain — accusing him of littering.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CAMPUS LINES

- May 2006 Degree Candidates should file their Intent to Graduate forms promptly in the office of their academic dean. Each academic dean's office has a deadline for filing. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the Registrar by Feb. 10.
- Information concerning important dates and times changes for graduation can be found on the Web page. Go to Academic Programs on Home Page then to Registrar's Office then to Graduation Information.

TCU opens new parking lot

A new parking lot with 694 spaces opened Monday on the 3000-block of Sandage Street, Detective Vicki Lawson of the TCU Police Department said.

Lawson said with the Berry Street construction, the parking lot should help students get to school faster. Students parking in the lot should be able to avoid traffic and delays associated with the construction, Lawson said.

The lot is reserved for commuters, faculty and staff, Lawson said. Since lights have not been installed in the parking lot yet, the lot will only be open from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

A shuttle will run every 10 minutes from the new parking lot to the parking lot on Lubbock Street near the Bass Building, Dan Rogers Hall and Tandy Hall. From that lot, riders will be able to access other shuttle and TRAC routes to various areas on campus, Lawson said.

—Liz Crawford

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Program director.

Guderjan said participants have excavated everything from pyramids to the third-largest jade cash, equivalent to gold in the Mayan culture, in the world.

The Maya Research Program teaches and trains student volunteers how to exhume ancient artifacts and document what they find, he said.

Guderjan said the program has changed several people's lives and some will continue to study anthropology after they graduate.

Meghan Dennis, a senior anthropology major who worked at Blue Creek, said: "It's not like anything you can imagine."

Dennis said she learned how to dig, map sites, prepare reports and do extensive research in Belize, which is necessary for her current

job in cultural resource management.

John Comer, a senior anthropology major who has traveled to Blue Creek for the past two summers, said the Blue Creek program is especially helpful for those who plan to enter anthropology professions after they graduate.

Guderjan said the trip can be counted as course credit for anthropology majors.

"I learned more about the actual process of archaeology in one month (from this program) than in all the archaeology classes I have taken to date," Comer said.

Besides adding the archaeology experience to your résumé, you can enjoy the attractive scenery in Belize, Dennis said.

Comer said it's amazing to spend a month digging in dirt that seems unimportant but then discovering buried artifacts like

tools and pottery that haven't been seen by human eyes for over 1,100 years.

Dennis said that when participants discovered the jade cache it was like finding gold because it was the highest form of commodity to the ancient Mayans.

Adventure and riches may sound like it's for everyone, but Comer and other participants said they had to be willing to adapt to the wilderness.

"It is what I would call 'roughing it,'" said Brittany Croxdale, a senior radio-TV-film major who went to Blue Creek last summer.

"It made my life in the states seem like a piece of cake," Croxdale said.

Croxdale said she learned about the Mayan way of life in this program, but had to adjust to long, hot days and do without some 'essentials,' like phone, Internet and hot water.

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the possibilities are."

There are no plans to eliminate the unit, which won the 2004 Tyson Hot Concepts Award, Flores said. The Tyson Hot Concepts Award is presented to new restaurant companies with emerging growth concepts, according to the Nation's Restaurant News Web site.

"We're talking about moving it," Flores said. "If we get to a situation where we have no place to put it, then we'll end up having to mothball it."

The lack of traffic has kept Jazzman's sales down even though the products offered there have done well in other campus units, said Tina Gordon, the food service manager for Sodexo, the company that provides catering for TCU.

"Where we're located at we just can't pull the sales down to cover the costs," Gordon said. "The Jazzman's product is so labor-intensive, that if you don't have the sales, it doesn't cover the labor. We do sell it in The Main and it's doing well there. There's just not very much traffic going on in that building and that's keeping our sales down."

Jazzman's Café supervisor Sonia Hernandez said that monthly specials and discounts have not worked in increasing sales, but that they do have students who have become regulars.

"Everyone that goes in there is really happy with the product," Hernandez said. "There's just not enough students that go there."

There have been numerous ideas for where to move Jazzman's Café on the current campus, but the dining committee is still just thinking

aloud, Flores said.

"We've written down recommendations for Moudy," Flores said. "We also wrote down possibilities at Pond St. (Grill) in Worth Hills and looked at the GrandMarc on Berry."

Building extensions have been considered to accommodate the unit, Flores said.

"We had a real wild idea about the space out in the mall area on the exterior of (the Sid Richardson Building)," Flores said. "We thought about having an extension coming off the building and have an indoor-outdoor type of terrace café where students that are walking by can spend some time on the benches right around there or come in for a quick coffee."

Students interested in the placement of Jazzman's Café may attend dining committee meetings at 4:30 p.m. every Monday.

Wiretapping raising concerns in Senate

By KATHERINE SHRADER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators raised doubts about the legal rationale for the Bush administration's eavesdropping program Monday, forcing Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to provide a lengthy defense of the operations he called a vital "early warning system" for terrorists.

A handful of Republicans joined Democrats in raising questions about whether President Bush went too far in ordering the National Security Agency's monitoring operations. The senators were particularly troubled by the administration's argument that a September 2001 congressional resolution approving use of military force covered the surveillance of some domestic communications.

"The president does not have a blank check," said Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who wants the administration to ask the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to review the program.

"You think you're right, but there are a lot of people who think you're wrong," Specter told Gonzales. "What do you have to lose if you're right?"

Gonzales didn't respond to Specter's proposal directly.

"We are continually looking at ways that we can work with the FISA court in being more efficient and more effective," said the former Texas judge.

Under Bush's orders, the ultra-secret National Security Agency has been eavesdropping — without warrants — on international communications of people in the United States whose calls and e-mails may be linked to Muslim extremists.

During the daylong committee hearing, Gonzales and the senators reached as far back as eavesdropping ordered by President Washington and delved into court decisions surrounding presidential powers and the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Gonzales repeatedly defended the current program as lawful, reasonable and essential to national security. He said the president's authority was strongest in a time of war, and he called the monitoring operations an "early warning system designed for the 21st century." He said no changes in law were needed to accommodate the monitoring.

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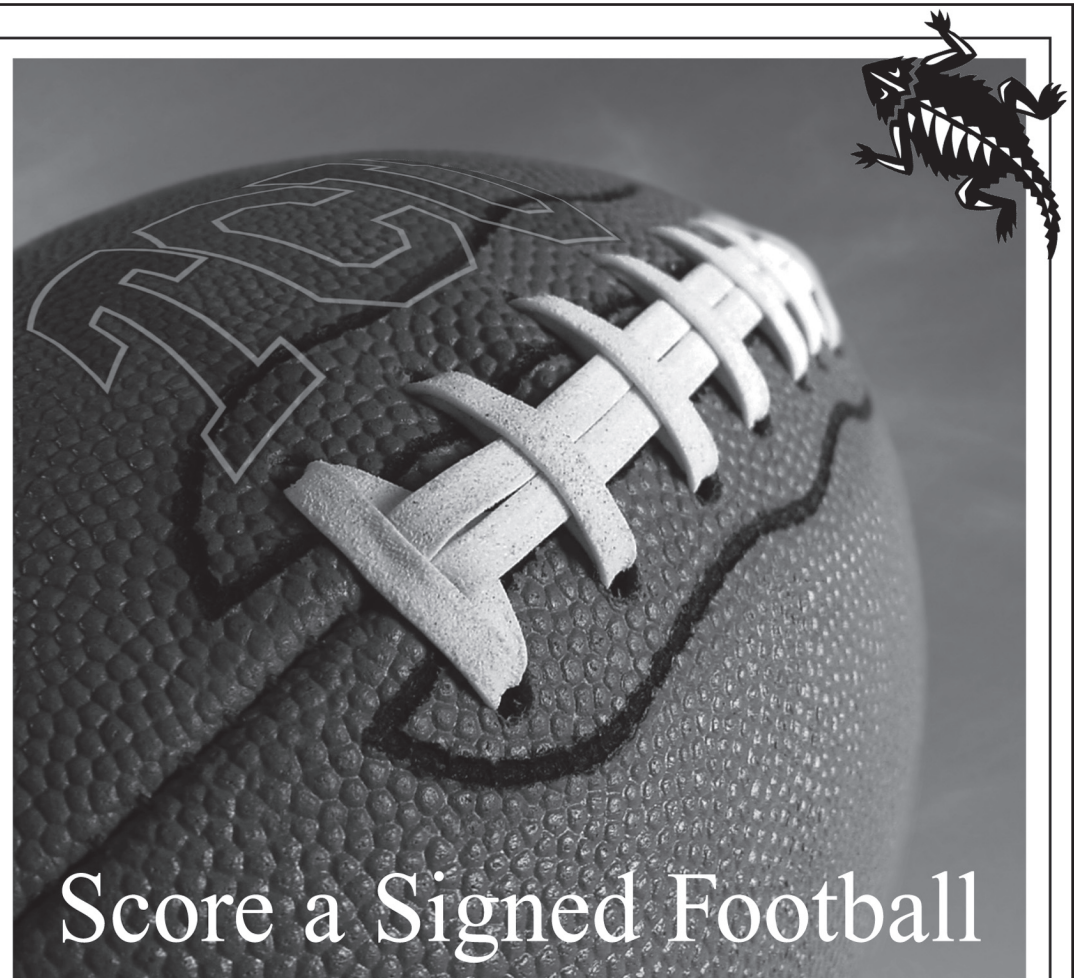
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DRAWING PROTESTS

At least six people have died during protests of caricatures of Muhammad. Deaths and injuries were caused by stampedes and police action. — Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

SGA needs to show worth

The Skiff has been criticized time and time again by the Student Government Association for a slanted, often biased portrayal of what SGA does. That is just the point. What do they do?

With five positions in the executive branch, 10 in the legislative branch, another five on Programming Council and four on the Judicial Board, one wonders, what do all these people do and what purpose is served?

The Skiff's purpose is to provide readers with the news — play devil's advocate if you will. It's not for personal grudges or a disliking for any body that the Skiff harps on weak areas. It's because the TCU campus has a right to know what a body working on behalf of the students is doing, or not doing for that matter.

According to the SGA Web site, the executive branch's main purpose is to run SGA and communicate with the student body during the semester. How often does that really happen? Are students regularly polled or questioned? If they are, we must have missed it.

The House of Student Representatives pro-

vides a unified voice for students and encourages a clear and continuous exchange of ideas, according to the Web site. Continuous exchange of ideas? Other than a sporadic column by a member of SGA to the students, where is that flow of ideas coming from?

Programming Council's mission is to plan entertaining and educational events for the TCU community, according to the Web site. Is spending mass amounts of money on fake snow entertaining or educational?

The judicial branch examines any violations with SGA documents. On the Web site, if you click on case history, it reads: "No Case Information is currently available. Please check back later for more updates."

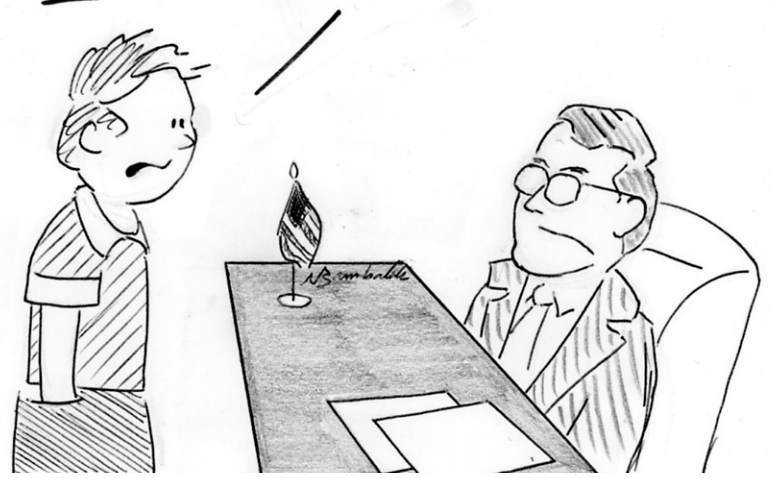
The point of SGA should not be about quantity, but rather quality of the positions.

Ironically, those interested in running in the representative elections had until Monday at noon to register. With this rule, students will be hard-pressed to truly evaluate the quality of candidates in such a short time.

— Editor in Chief Courtney Reese for the editorial board.

NEWSREAL • NICHOLAS SAMBALUK

I KNOW YOU HATE MR. TOLES' CARTOON, MR. RUMSFELD, BUT YOU NEED TO RESPECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT HE HAS, NOT THE FIRST AMENDMENT YOU WISH HE HAD....



Talk is cheap; get involved on campus

It's not uncommon to sit in the Main and hear students complain about Student Government Association. I suppose they have every right to when they spend enormous amounts of money

to attend a school like TCU. Part of a student's tuition goes toward events put on by Programming Council and improvements proposed by the House of Student Representatives. I've been a member of House for two years,

and I see everything that goes on, and it's a ton.

What irritates me is when people don't know or care to know what SGA does. Students seem to think that we are some mindless entity of over-engaged students who bicker back and forth until we get tired of hearing our own voices. This is simply not true. Nor are we looking for fame and recognition. Almost all of what SGA does goes unnoticed by the student body, mostly because we do not exist for recognition from students, but rather for the benefit of students.

It also irritates me when students complain and don't take action.

Once again, you pay enough to complain. Complaining causes changes and gets things noticed. But when complaining happens and that complaint stays at the table after it is uttered, this is irritating. People even go as far as saying that students on campus have a reputation for being uninvolved, selfish and detached from any leadership or external commitment outside of class.

This is untrue, and I speak outside of SGA as well. I see very dedicated students in all areas of the university: fraternities and sororities, RA's, IFC, religious organizations, sporting groups — just look around you. This university is floating with leaders, active and potential.

It is the potential leaders who don't get involved that scare me.

There is no better time to refine leadership skills and gain invaluable experience than in college. So my advice is to get involved in something, anything..

The House of Student Representatives has 26 vacant seats. Why didn't you apply for one of these open seats, voice the concerns of your fellow students and refine your leadership abilities? Elections for empty house seats are today. Instead of having the mentality of, "use the school, get a degree and jet," try to better the campus. TCU owes its current standing to its past leaders. So do something crazy, research what different organizations do, sign up for an organization, find something that you see needs fixing and fix it. Maybe we can start getting rid of those "potential leaders," and turn them into actual ones.

Ryan Johnson, Chair of Communications for SGA, is a sophomore Radio-TV-Film major from Colorado Springs, Co.

America's job not finished in Iraq

One of the biggest questions over the past few years has been whether the United States should have gotten involved, much less stayed involved, in Iraq. There

appears to be a different opinion with each person you ask.

American forces began hostilities against Iraq on March 19, 2003, after the U.S.-imposed deadline for Saddam Hussein and his sons to leave Iraq expired. Since that time, the world has witnessed the fall of Hussein's regime and his capture nine months later on Dec. 13, 2003.

Under the leadership of Paul Bremer, appointed by President Bush as the civil administrator in Iraq, steps were taken to make Iraq its own sovereign nation again.

Since then, Iraqi citizens have had greater ethnic, religious and political freedoms as expressed in the first democratic election since before the fall of Hussein. Why then, if all of this good stuff has been accomplished, are U.S. troops still on the ground almost two years later? The job is not done.

Not all of Iraq has electrical power, running water or the supplies it needs to keep operating. In addition,

Iraq's military, while it has made great strides, is not yet fully trained to provide adequate protection for itself and other Iraqis. If the United States were to immediately pull all of its forces out of the country, Iraq, at this point, would be vulnerable to attack from other Middle Eastern nations.

The continued occupation of a nation following a conflict is not uncommon.

At the end of World War II, the United States established an occupation force in Japan under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. This occupation, which accomplished many of the same things we have seen in present-day Iraq, lasted almost seven years. This is not to say the occupation of Iraq will or should last as long as the occupation of Japan, but as history shows us, these things take time. We do need to be prepared to support our troops for as long as they are there, no matter how long it takes.

Take our road to freedom for example. After the peace treaty ending the Revolutionary War was signed in 1783, it took us five years to establish and put into effect our own Constitution. The Iraqis deserve the same opportunity to get their new government in order.

Although many great things have come from the liberation of

Iraq, one thing discussed more than most is the loss of life by our U.S. servicemen and women. It is unfortunate that many of our fellow citizens have had to perish in this war, but I assure you that many of them were proud to die serving their country.

As of Jan. 30, 2,245 U.S. casualties have been reported by the Department of Defense. This is a staggering number, each month on average, half of the estimated 1,500 to 2,000 Iraqi deaths are insurgents, according to research by Michael O'Hanlon, a military analyst from the Brookings Institution, referenced in an Associated Press article published Oct. 25.

By my own estimates based on the data, there have been an estimated 25,000 to 33,000 insurgent deaths over a 33-month period. The exact totals are not known because the U.S. government no longer tracks opposing forces deaths.

The stark contrast in the number of casualties demonstrates the excellent nature of U.S. military training.

President Bush, in his State of the Union address, acknowledged that the work done in Iraq was difficult because of the brutal nature of the enemy. He also said the coalition had learned several lessons prompting changes, including a shift toward rebuilding Iraq.

"We have adjusted our military tactics and changed our approach to reconstruction," Bush said.

Bush said confidence was high for the completion of duties in Iraq and that when the time is right, the troops will be brought home.

"As we make progress on the ground, and Iraqi forces increasingly take the lead, we should be able to further decrease our troop levels," Bush said.

I have a vested interest in the situation because I may find myself there one day. As a member of the Air Force ROTC program, I will graduate next year and enter the U.S. Air Force. At this point, I do not know what I will be doing, but I do know that in today's military, everyone is deployable. The Middle East is a real possibility for me.

Regardless of how long the U.S. military is going to be involved in Iraq, it needs the support of those at home. Yes, not everyone agrees with why we are over there, but we are there now. We will remain there until the job is done. The best thing anyone can do is to have patience and put faith into our military and political leaders to stay on course and finish what we started.

Michael Bishop is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Providence, N.C.

Early marriage not ideal for everyone

Some girls grow up planning out their entire lives. They know exactly how they want their weddings to be. They know what their dresses will look like

and what cut their engagement rings will be. They know how many kids they're having and what their names will be.

I am not one of those girls.

I am almost 21 and I love this age. I enjoy the freedom. I have the ability to pick up and go somewhere for a weekend and not have to worry about anything. I don't have to be told what to do. I have no kids or pets to walk or feed. I don't know my plans for the future, and I'm pretty content with that.

I have a boyfriend and we're very happy, but I'm not thinking about marriage right now. Sure, I probably want to get married one day. And sure, like any girl, I daydream and imagine what it would be like to marry him, but it's not something I'm seriously considering or planning right now.

However, we both know of quite a few people who are getting engaged now or are planning to within the next year or so. We're that age. It's starting.

What I want to know is, how can a couple, at the mere age of 20 or 21, know who they want to spend the next 60 years of their life with? We still have so much growing up to do.

Jumping into a marriage before I'm even financially independent and before I've come into my own is scary. Sometimes I feel like I'm still just a kid. Looking at how much I've changed in the past few years, I would feel unwise trying to guarantee right now that this is what I want forever and that my decision won't change. I need a few more years.

Especially in the age of divorce, when I make a decision like that, I want to make sure it's the right one. My mom has been divorced three times and my dad twice. That's enough to scare the hell out of me.

While the statistics for our nation show a shift toward marrying later in life, there are still many who want to commit for life when they are hardly done being teenagers. Some wait until after graduation, but some choose to tie the knot before they even have their degrees.

Think of the college lifestyle. Staying up until crazy hours studying and partying, being

irresponsible, not having much money. How can that lifestyle support a healthy marriage?

Imagine being at a frat party then looking at your watch and saying, "Hey guys, gotta go. It's getting late and I need to get home to the wife." I can't imagine that. I didn't go to Baylor. I'm not here to get my M.R.S. I'm here to get my B.A.

My boyfriend dated a girl before me, off and on for six years. They made plans for their whole lives — marriage, kids, the works. He got used to knowing exactly what his future would be.

Now that he's been with me for a semester and it's still too early to worry about those things, he already feels like he has to know what direction we are going in and if we have a chance in the future. I'm content to just be happy with him day to day and let our relationship take its course naturally. He got so used to planning his life out with her that he feels like that's what he is supposed to do. I told him that we shouldn't have to build a timetable for our happiness. And if one day we realize that our relationship isn't going anywhere, we can go our sepa-

rate ways. It's going to take a while for him to get comfortable with not having the security of a planned-out future.

I feel like knowing my future now will be ruining a big surprise that's supposed to come later.

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Emily Gerson is a columnist for The Austin Student. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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Psychology research aims to benefit Parkinson's disease victims

By LESLIE HONEY
Staff Reporter

The TCU psychology department is researching the prevention of diseases such as Parkinson's, said an expert of human behavior.

Tim Barth, chairman of the psychology department, said that by creating the same symptoms of Parkinson's disease in rats, the department can experiment with different treatments that could prevent the disease. "Many people that have Parkinson's have had a viral infection that creates brain inflammation," Barth explained. "Although the infection goes away, an ongoing process still occurs with the brain inflammation that may develop into Parkinson's disease."

Barth said he and other researchers will create brain inflammation in rats and watch to see if the animal develops

Parkinson's disease.

Neal Jackson, a junior neuroscience major, will be one of the few undergraduate students involved in the research.

"We will observe by studying the rat's behavior and looking at their brains through brain slices with microscopes," Jackson said.

George King, an associate professor of psychology, is a neurochemist working with Barth on the research.

"We are trying to find early detection of the disease," he said. "Most people catch Parkinson's when the symptoms start, but they have already lost 85 to 90 percent of dopamine neurons in the brain."

Barth said this kind of research is new for TCU.

"About six other institutions are looking into this, but they are mostly attached to medical

schools," he said. "We're unique because we are a small private school, and undergraduates get to partake in the research."

The research is mostly funded by TCU, but the department recently submitted a grant to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Barth said.

Barth was approved for publication in December for research he performed last spring.

"There is a surgical treatment for Parkinson's that involves damaging parts of the brain to relieve symptoms, called a pallidotomy," he said. "However, doctors don't know if there are negative effects to this surgery."

Last spring, Barth researched the effects of the procedure in rats and discovered many motor problems that can be seen in humans as well, he said.

"Certain behaviors occur

in excess, such as movement where patients become hyperactive," he said. "However, arm movements such as reaching are decreased considerably."

He said he hopes doctors understand the effects so families and victims can make fair decisions about the surgery.

The faculty started conceiving the idea of this type of research at TCU last fall and will start experiments on rats by the beginning of March, Barth said.

"We should know some real results from the research by the end of the summer," he said.

King said the department must still submit animal protocols to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, a federal committee that reviews animal research, before it can start.

Jackson said he is most excited about the practical

knowledge he could gain from research like this.

"This is a disease that changes

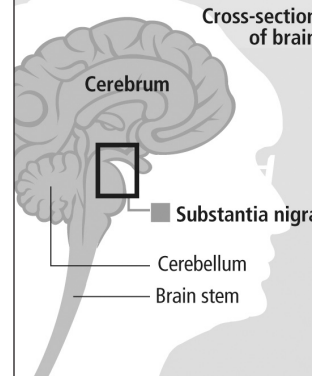
people's lives, and what I discover could affect thousands of lives and improve them," he said.

Understanding Parkinson's disease

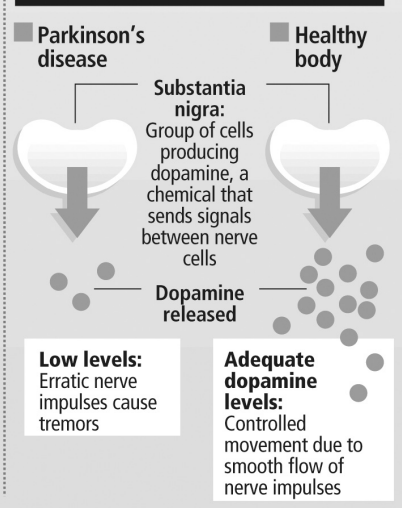
Parkinson's disease affects about half a million Americans.

ABOUT THE DISEASE

For yet unknown reasons, cells in a part of the brain called the substantia nigra deteriorate, causing a gradual loss of muscle control.



WHAT HAPPENS



KNIGHT RIDDER TRIBUNE

University endowment almost reaches previous \$1 billion pinnacle

By MICHAEL DODD
Staff Reporter

Following a severe drop earlier this decade, the TCU endowment has nearly recovered to its peak level of \$1 billion.

Although the endowment reached \$1 billion in 2000, economic troubles in the stock markets and 9/11 led to a dramatic decline throughout the early part of this decade, assistant treasurer Dick Hoban said.

Despite the continuation of the war, the stock markets and, in turn, the

endowment have experienced recovery, said Mauricio Rodriguez, chairman of the department of finance.

"Overall, the stock markets reacted negatively to the terrorist attacks," Rodriguez said. "But since then, they have performed better than the time of 9/11, where they had taken such a sharp decrease."

And with the recovery of the stock markets and their impact on the endowment's investment options, the endowment is now very close to its peak, Hoban said.

"Patience led to the recovery," Hoban said. "TCU's portfolio is broadly diversified across several markets, so, as the markets have recovered, so has the endowment."

Now that the endowment has almost fully recovered, there is more money for both investments and on-campus expenditures, Hoban said.

"The endowment acts as a reservoir for investments in order to provide income streams that can provide for any program, the largest being scholarships," Hoban said. "The spending

of the endowment is governed by a board of trustees, which basically sets a rate of spending based on the market value of the endowment."

By governing the endowment through investments and rates of spending, the Board of Trustees' goal is to preserve intergenerational equity, Hoban said.

"If we put funds into the endowment today, we want that income to continue into the future," Hoban said. "That way, 50 or 100 years from now, the university can receive the

same economic benefits from it as it does now."

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he sees the recovery as a means for better times for students, faculty and staff.

"The only purpose of that money is for something on campus," Boschini said. "My hope would be to have more scholarships. I announced in the fall at the State of the University Address that I would like to have more Chancellor's Scholars and more Community Scholars, which are two of our biggest scholarships."

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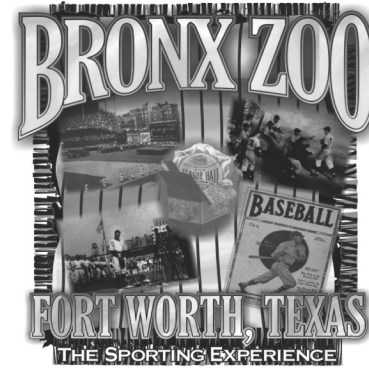
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The TCU baseball team left little doubt in its annual alumni game Feb. 4, topping the alumni squad by a score of 9-1. Sophomore Jake Arrieta struck out 11 in just five innings of work and allowed only two hits. The team also received a strong offensive contribution from sophomore Andrew Walker, who finished the day 3-for-3 with two doubles and an RBI. The Frogs' bats built off of Walker's success and had a total of 13 hits in the contest. TCU will look to use the preseason victory as a springboard to carry momentum into its season opener at the Houston College Classic, a Feb. 10 game against Tulane.

Track brings home gold

Coaches' recruitment efforts pay off; all athletes showing dedication, Anderson says

By TRAVIS STEWART
Sports Editor

The TCU track and field team continues to push the season's medal count even higher.

The Flyin' Frogs took home eight golds Feb. 4 after a dominant showing at the Wes Kitley Open at Texas Tech University and swept the medal stands in two different events.

Head coach Darryl Anderson said he was pleased with the squad's strong result.

"I thought it went fairly well," Anderson said. "When you come out of it with eight wins, it's always a plus."

TCU took every medal in both the women's 55-meter hurdles and 200-meter dash. Freshman Kishelle Paul finished in the top three in both the events and won a gold of her own in the hurdles.

Paul said despite the obvious individual efforts, the whole team was competitive.

"I think we did great as a whole," Paul said. "We had some good overall team performances."

The women's squad also finished first in the 55-meter dash, 400-meter dash and shot put competitions. Anderson said the coaching staff is still trying to develop the team's strengths.

"We're trying to develop an identity for the women," Anderson said.

While the women turned out a fairly balanced performance, the men's side excelled at the competitive extremes. Freshman Justyn Warner finished first in the 55-meter dash and sophomore Otis McDaniel took gold in the 200. At the other end of the spectrum, senior Kip Kangogo won a gold medal in the one-mile run, his second first-place finish in as many races.

Despite the men's decent showing, Anderson said, the team was "feeling under the weather." Warner said the illnesses resulted in the scratching of the men's 400-meter relay team, and the lost man power was a detriment to TCU.

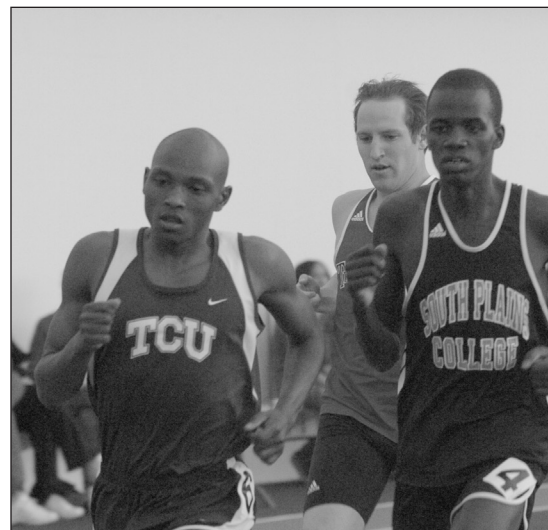
"It shuts down a lot," Warner said. "We have to get guys back out onto the track."

Earlier in the season, Anderson said the staff was focusing on recruiting diverse athletes who would help improve the overall ability of the team; after this weekend, he said the efforts are beginning to show.

"We're making strides in diversity," Anderson said. "Now it's a matter of continuing to add."

Warner said the team is reaping the benefits of not only the staff's dedication, but the athletes' as well.

"Everyday we're seeing everyone putting hard work into what they do," Warner said.



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Senior Kip Kangogo hustles en route to his first-place finish in the men's one mile run, his second gold in as many competitions.

TCU TRACK RESULTS: WOMEN'S

EVENT	NAME	RANK	RESULT
Shot put	Candis Kelley	1st	15.24 meters
Shot put	Zelma Wade	2nd	14.71 meters
Pole vault	Madeline Bowles	10th	3.05 meters
High jump	Johanna Pool	11th	1.53 meters
55 meter hurdles	Kishelle Paul	1st	8.11 sec.
55 meter hurdles	Julie Curtis	2nd	8.25 sec.
55 meter hurdles	Mary Minor	3rd	8.33 sec.
55 meter dash	Virgil Hodge	1st	6.88 sec.
55 meter dash	Jamee Jones	3rd	7.04 sec.
200 meter dash	Virgil Hodge	1st	23.84 sec.
200 meter dash	Deborah Jones	2nd	24.56 sec.
200 meter dash	Kishelle Paul	3rd	24.76 sec.
400 meter dash	Deborah Jones	1st	54.95 sec.
800 meter run	Gina Messamer	5th	2:29.11 min.
One mile run	Calandra Stewart	2nd	5:06.50 min.
One mile run	Halie Bullin	4th	5:10.91 min.
One mile run	McKale Davis	14th	5:21.90 min.
One mile run	Katrina Zielinski	15th	5:27.59 min.
One mile run	Alyson Trovato	16th	5:32.61 min.

TCU TRACK RESULTS: MEN'S

EVENT	NAME	RANK	RESULT
Long jump	Tyler Melton	T-10th	6.49 meters
Shot put	Thomas Killen	3rd	15.89 meters
High jump	David Jeffrey	T-2nd	1.93 meters
55 meter dash	Justyn Warner	1st	6.33 sec.
55 meter dash	Bradley Reed	2nd	6.36 sec.
55 meter dash	Otis McDaniel	5th	6.40 sec.
55 meter dash	Jay Cooper	16th	6.55 sec.
200 meter dash	Otis McDaniel	1st	21.59 sec.
200 meter dash	Justyn Warner	8th	22.22 sec.
200 meter dash	Raymond Jones	9th	22.25 sec.
400 meter dash	Lewis Banda	2nd	47.39 sec.
400 meter dash	Evan Wright	11th	49.64 sec.
400 meter dash	Thomas Hale	25th	53.81 sec.
600 yard run	Jackson Langat	3rd	1:09.37 min.
800 meter run	Houston Bolin	10th	2:00.02 min.
1000 meter run	Cody Cook	3rd	2:35.62 min.
One mile run:	Kip Kangogo	1st	4:15.60 min.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

RESULTS FROM THE 2006 USTA/ITA NATIONAL TEAM INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

FEB. 2: No. 16 TCU (2-0) def. No. 7 Vanderbilt (3-1) by a score of 4-3

SINGLES

- Amanda Fish (VU) def. No. 22 Helena Besovic (TCU), (4-6, 6-3, 6-4)
- No. 47 Taka Bertrand (VU) def. No. 30 Anna Sydorska (TCU), (6-4, 6-4)
- No. 43 Ana Cetnik (TCU) def. Amanda Taylor (VU), (6-4, 7-6[4])
- Courtney Uleary (VU) def. Karine Ionesco (TCU), (7-5, 6-3)
- Kewa Nichols (TCU) def. Caroline Ferrell (VU), (6-4, 6-2)
- Andrea Morgado (TCU) def. Maggie Yahner (VU), (2-6, 6-0, 7-6[3])

DOUBLES

- No. 40 Besovic/Sydorska (TCU) def. Taylor/Yahner (VU), (8-5)
- Cetnik/Ionesco (TCU) def. Bertrand/Fish (VU), (8-1)
- Liberty Sveke/Uleary (VU) def. Gloriana Lopez/Morgado (TCU), (8-2)

FEB. 4: No. 19 Harvard (3-0) def. No. 16 TCU (2-1) by a score of 4-3

SINGLES

- No. 22 Helena Besovic (TCU) def. Eva Wang (HU), (6-0, 4-6, 6-3)
- Elsa O'Riain (HU) def. No. 30 Anna Sydorska (TCU), (6-1, 0-6, 6-3)
- No. 43 Ana Cetnik (TCU) def. Beier Ko (HU), (7-5, 6-2)
- Melissa Anderson (HU) def. Karine Ionesco (TCU), (6-4, 6-0)
- No. 67 Preethi Mukundan (HU) def. Kewa Nichols (TCU), (6-2, 6-4)
- Stephanie Schnitter (HU) def. Andrea Morgado (TCU), (6-0, 6-3)

DOUBLES

- No. 6 Anderson/O'Riain (HU) def. No. 40 Besovic/Sydorska (TCU), (8-6)
- Cetnik/Ionesco (TCU) def. Schnitter/Wang (HU), (8-5)
- Gloriana Lopez/Morgado (TCU) def. Ko/Mukundan (HU), (8-2)

FEB. 5: No. 10 North Carolina (7-1) def. No. 16 TCU (2-2) by a score of 6-1

SINGLES

- No. 28 Jenna Long (UNC) def. No. 22 Helena Besovic (TCU), (6-4, 1-6, 6-3)
- No. 30 Anna Sydorska (TCU) def. No. 46 Caitlin Collins (UNC), (6-3, 6-1)
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- No. 11 Sara Anundsen/Jenna Long (UNC) def. No. 40 Besovic/Sydorska (TCU), (8-3)
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