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## Chairwoman: SGA image tied to retention in House

### Higher visibility programs on docket

By KATHLEEN THURBER  
Staff Reporter

With a retention rate of 53.57 percent from last semester's House of Representatives to this semester, Student Government Association mem-

bers said they hope to improve the body's reputation and in turn, retention by changing the focus from internal issues to student concerns.

"Students don't want to see SGA doing things for SGA — they want to see them doing things for students," said Tori Hutchens, chairwoman of elec-

tions and regulations.

Although she said there is only so much SGA can do to get people to participate; it's all cyclical.

Hutchens said three of 26 open seats will remain vacant after Tuesday's election because no candidates ran to fill the positions and five of the 23 candi-

dates elected ran unopposed.

Hutchens said she hopes that if meetings can run more efficiently this semester and if SGA can pass bills that impact students, representatives will be more apt to stay involved.

Ryan Johnson, communications chairman, said some students join SGA in an attempt to

build their resumés and then leave when "they realize it's not a walk in the park."

Last semester, students were not impressed with how meetings were run, Johnson said, but the speaker of the House should smooth those problems out and bring focus to the meetings.

John Campbell, a senior

### ONLINE

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political science major, said he resigned from his position as See **RETENTION**, page 2

## WELL TRAVELED



Michelle Peluso, president and CEO of Travelocity, talks about her former company, Site59, Tuesday morning as part of the Charles Tandy Executive Speaker Series Kelly Alumni Center.

LANA HUNT / Chief Photographer

## Travelocity's CEO talks business philosophies

### Speaker emphasizes community involvement

By JEFF ESKEW  
Staff Reporter

A gathering of professionals exchanged business philosophies, jokes and laughter Tuesday morning at the latest installment of the Charles Tandy Executive Speaker Series breakfast.

Michelle Peluso, Travelocity president and CEO, talked about how her former company, Site59, went from being on the upswing in the business world, to almost crashing after the attacks of 9/11, to being bought by Travelocity. She then worked her way up to become the company's top executive.

Peluso arrived at the 59th minute

and told the audience of mostly local businessmen and women, to feel free to boo when she mentions the name of one of her competitors, Expedia, and the audience did as she said.

She said although you can purchase cheap tickets from both Expedia and Travelocity, her company goes the extra mile to ensure customer satisfaction.

Peluso said Travelocity's employees talk to the locals to get their input about what places to see and things to do while travelers are visiting. She added that if a customer is not happy with any part of his or her experience, they are more than welcome to call the company, and Travelocity will figure out a solution.

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## Trustees clear tuition increase

### Ranking with other schools factor into decision process, assistant vice-chancellor says

BY RYAN WILCOX  
Staff Reporter

A new tuition increase for students was approved Friday at the winter meeting of the Board of Trustees for the 2006-2007 academic year.

The current tuition is \$21,280, but students taking 12-18 hours will pay a combined tuition and fee of \$22,980, Tracy Syler-Jones, assistant vice chancellor for marketing and communications, said in an e-mail.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said increasing tuition ensures a good education without giving up the service the student body wants.

"I never like to increase tuition; I agonize over that," Boschini said. "But I don't find within the student body a call for cutting services."

Syler-Jones said the decision to increase tuition was based on how TCU ranks among other universities.

"Every year the Trustees are informed about institutions comparing to TCU," Syler-Jones said. "The Trustees look at the goals of the university that tie back to Vision in Action."

The Vision in Action program, announced in 2003, is a plan for TCU to become a more prominent private university, according to the program's Web site, [www.via.tcu.edu](http://www.via.tcu.edu). Plans to renovate the Student Center and build four residential halls and a university union began in November of 2005, Syler-Jones said.

The tuition increase also includes an 8 percent increase in financial aid that will amount to \$4 million for students, said Syler-Jones.

Syler-Jones said the money from the increase will also help hire more faculty.

"It is a continuing context in which to learn," Syler-Jones said. "We are looking to hopefully hire 17 new full-time faculty."

Syler-Jones said Boschini has taken the students into account.

"When the chancellor arrived on campus, one of his goals was to listen to the campus," Syler-Jones said.

Mike Scott, director of Scholarships and Financial Aid, could not be reached for comment.

## TCU to match national average by raising costs

By TALIA SAMPSON  
Staff Reporter

Projected increases to the TCU budget will take into account rising costs in tuition, housing, health insurance, utilities and athletics, the vice chancellor for finance and administration said Tuesday.

Vice Chancellor Brian Gutierrez said at a Staff Assembly meeting that while TCU currently remains under the national trend line for increasing tuition costs at four-year private universities, an anticipated rise in tuition would cause the university to meet the national average by 2007.

Gutierrez said that TCU tuition is expected to rise by 8 percent,

housing by 5 percent and financial aid by 8 percent.

Staff Assembly chairwoman Hao Tran said she feels the increases reflect a national trend in higher education.

"This mirrors what Bush is doing," Tran said. "He's decreasing financial aid, but he's increasing programs that will offset the economic impact."

Health insurance costs are also expected to rise by 12 percent, but the university will lessen the impact on university employees with a 33 percent increase for the compensation pool and benefits, Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez said this will include



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photographer  
Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, addresses the Staff Assembly about TCU's fiscal planning and expansion.

a \$500 flat-rate raise for full-time employees to be added to regular wages and distributed evenly

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## PC to host game for singles

### Event to mimic MTV show

By BRE'ANNA EMMITT  
Staff Reporter

The TCU Programming Council is hosting its own version of "Singled Out" tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Center lounge.

Kristen Chapman, director of special events for the council, said she hopes the knock-off of the popular '90s game show will help students kick off festivities before Valentine's Day.

Chapman said there will be two males and two females to be the designated contestants and that the game will be run very similar to the famous MTV show. She said the contestants will choose the qualities they desire most in the opposite sex and that audience members will either step aside or stay, depending on whether they

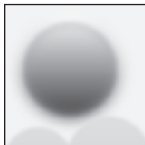
believe they possess the chosen characteristics.

Winning couples will be given restaurant gift certificates, but Chapman said the game is purely for fun and winners can choose whether they want to go on the date.

Chapman said that in order to make the event fun and energetic, PC has recruited Senseless Act of Comedy performers Michael Flusche and Carla Stoltenberg to host the event.

Chapman said she is excited for the event and thinks it will be a success. "All the events we've planned this year have all gone over really well and I'm really excited to see how great this one turns out," Chapman said.

Chapman said all students are invited to participate in the audience and that PC will provide free food, flowers and balloons to those who come.



### WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly sunny, 60/35

THURSDAY: Sunny, 64/43

FRIDAY: Partly Cloudy, 59/33

### FUN FACT

Russian Police are placing life-size, plastic mock-ups of police officers along highways to encourage drivers to slow down. Some drivers stop at the sight of the figures. — Associated Press

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speaker because he is focusing on a business venture and taking 12 hours of coursework. He said he does not have the time to commit to the position, however, he said he will remain involved in SGA through student committees, which do not require as much time. Hutchens said there are positions open for a variety of reasons, including students studying abroad, members getting elected to higher positions and leaving their representative spots open, and students leaving because of scheduling issues.

Student governments at the University of Texas at Austin and Baylor University do not have elections to fill empty seats, instead committees select a replacement from a pool of applicants. UT-Austin, like TCU, elects representatives by college, though its student government has 39 representatives for an undergraduate student body of 39,000, while TCU's SGA has 56 representatives for an undergraduate student body of 7,171. Hutchens said before the new constitution, which calls for students to represent their colleges rather than their residence halls, SGA had more than 100 representatives.

She said that having 56 representatives is working out and SGA does not want to focus on decreasing numbers because its goal this semester is to get outside of the organization and do things for the campus. SGA will continue to try and implement changes for students, Hutchens said, though students often do not credit SGA for small changes, such as the new benches near Pond St. Grill. Johnson said he hopes that by focusing on the student body, SGA can change the negative perception many students have, one that often makes them hesitant to get involved.

CEO

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"We will never take for granted the hard-earned dollars our customers spend with us," Peluso said. Travelocity will turn 10 years old in March and earned \$7.4 billion in 2005. Peluso said it wouldn't have happened without teamwork. "Foremost, I learned in 12 years that my most important responsibility and most important job is to put other people first," Peluso said. "It is really as simple as believing in your team and success will come once that happens." Peluso described how it takes courage and passion for the job to own up to mistake, and she said she recognizes those who come forward in the weekly e-mail sent out to the entire company.

Peluso said she also stays in the corporate loop is by having brown bag lunches with employees who she does not see on a daily basis. Although there weren't many students who attended the speech, the few who did said they learned from it. Marcia Hensley, an MBA graduate student, said: "I have heard Michelle Peluso on (National Public Radio) and really appreciated her business philosophy, leadership and as a woman." Emily Tate, an MBA marketing graduate student, said she loved hearing about Peluso's business strategy. "I am interested in Travelocity as a company and figured it would be interesting to hear the CEO talk about the company and the future on how things are going," Tate said. Peluso didn't leave without giving students some guidance, which was to get everything they can from not only the university, but also the community around it. "My advice is to simply don't live on the sidelines," Peluso said.

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over one year. Tara Perez, a horticulture assistant who has been active in the TCU Living Wage Campaign for staff members, said she saw the proposed flat-rate raise as a positive step. "We still have a long way to go, but the main thing is the way they've done the raises is a positive step," Perez said. Tran, who is the worker's compensation coordinator for TCU, said she was also pleased with the way the university structured raises. There is an anticipated \$1.4 million in utilities, which Gutierrez said reflects increasing fuel costs, as well as a \$600,000 increase for the athletic department. These figures are all based on budget assumptions, until the Board of Trustees considers the issue of a capital campaign to allocate resources to development, Gutierrez said. He said official numbers should be released by April.

CORRECTION

In Tuesday's brief about the parking lot, the number of spots was incorrect. There are 401 spots, not 694.


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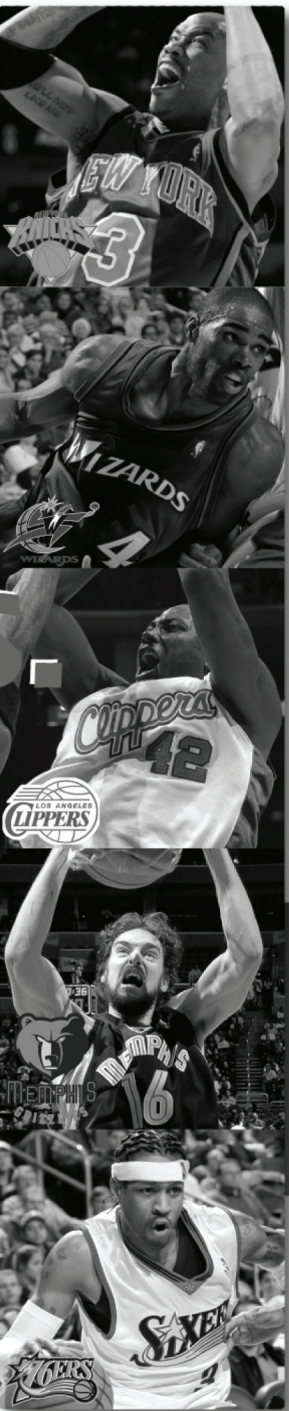
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PROTEST REACHES NEW LOW...  
As part of the Muhammad caricature protest, a government newspaper in Tehran, Iran has called for caricatures of the Holocaust, which is a "myth" according to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

—Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Wiretapping needs court approval

It's amazing how little can be resolved after a full day of Congressional hearings on a topic as complex, and uncomfortable, as President Bush's approval of the National Security Agency's international "surveillance program."

The policy, which has recently fallen under legislative criticism, allows the NSA to wire-tap phone calls between suspected foreign al-Qaida supporters and American affiliates. Although the program is intended to further safeguard American citizens from terrorist attacks like the ones they endured Sept. 11, 2001, logic may reveal that it is fundamentally flawed.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who appeared before Congress on Monday in an attempt to defend the president's actions, danced around the issues that needed direct addressing. What may be most concerning is that the evidence the NSA is using to finger the foreign individuals being put on wiretaps has yet to be presented.

If the administration's evidence is so sound, why is it necessary for the NSA to circumvent existing policy and refuse to

get a legal warrant?

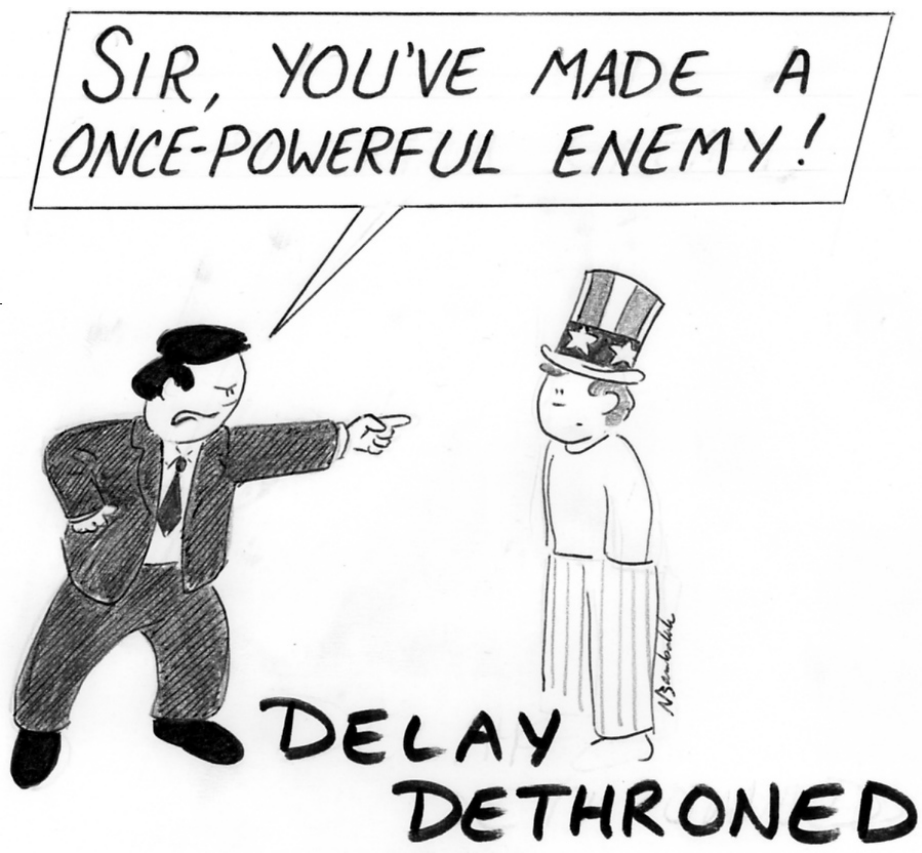
The 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act is the clearest legal body of reference for the NSA's actions. However, Gonzales is standing by the ideal that special resolutions passed Sept. 14, 2001, ones that grant the president authority to "use all necessary and appropriate force" to battle al-Qaida, legalize this breach of law.

It seems unlikely that the senators who granted their consent to such a phrase had the current scenario in mind.

If the intelligence the NSA is working off of is accurate enough to invade the privacy of Americans, shouldn't it be convincing enough to sway a judge? Either special intelligence information is flimsy, or the Bush administration has found it necessary to flaunt the system of checks and balances. Although the desire to protect citizens is both understandable and commendable, the self-appropriated authority to bypass Constitutional law to achieve that end is unacceptable.

Sports editor Travis Stewart for the editorial board.

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Unchanging Union speech commendable

There's no need to panic. It's only a politician who has kept the same position on multiple issues for over a year. Don't worry; we can get through this together.

After the State of the Union Address, many expressed frustration from President Bush expressing many of the same sentiments as he had last year. I am glad, as many of the items have not been resolved, and I applaud Bush for not giving up.

Take Bush's call for more alternative fuels.

Who says progress has not been made? How many more alternatively fueled vehicles are available today than five years ago? Steps are even being taken to decrease gas consumption in the short term, as well. General Motors is converting its plant in Arlington and dedicating it solely to the manufacturing of hybrid vehicles. There is even talk among some of the major American automobile manufacturers about collaborating on the manufacturing computer chips to defray the costs of providing hybrid cars and trucks to consumers. And all without direct government involvement. Wow.

Social Security: This is a subject that infuriates me because of the hard-headed political extremists on both sides. I won't even pretend that I have an inkling of a clue of how to solve it, but that's why I elect others in whom I have faith that they can solve this problem. It is horrendous that the Democrats stood and applauded (again, in case you missed that) when Bush announced how his own attempt in helping to solve this was ineffective.

The issue of Social Security, I believe, was one of the most important issues included in the State of the Union because that's what it concerns: the state of the Union, albeit a little further in the future. Bush could not allow this enormous issue to float to the back just because the reform has failed for a year. Would you propose that Texas legislature should give up figuring out how to fund public schools since it has failed for more than a year? I didn't think so.

Finally, one of largest sore spots for the nation is the war in Iraq. I am glad that our troops are being pulled out of that region, and I support the decision to pull them out slowly, for reasons of safety and stability. Again, I applaud Bush for not changing the reasons Americans should be concerned and supportive of operations in the Middle East. The reasons that he believes we, as a country, should support our troops should not change just because the country is offended, or disagrees.

Well done, Bush, for taking a stance and sticking with it.



Claire Boecking

Claire Boecking is a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Bedford.

STAFF COLUMNIST

Teams deserving of spirited fan support

TCU students have become the ultimate example of fair-weather fans.

It is hypocritical to expect our basketball team to do well if we, the student body, do not back them up. Our lack of support is a weakness in the team's game.

I am always disappointed when I hear a TCU student, who does not show up in the arena to cheer on the team, complain about our season. How can we expect a stellar season if we neglect to root for our team?

When the players do not have fans counting on them and yelling for them, they are disadvantaged by a loss of motivation.

"Our team is working hard and playing hard this season, and if fans would come out, they'd get to see that," former TCU basketball player Marcus Sloan said.

"Fan support would definitely help our team. Anytime you have people backing you up, you're going to play better. It's like having a family supporting you."

Last season's winning team enjoyed enthusiastic student support from the stands, Sloan said.

But this season, the gusto from the student section has evaporated completely. Not only are TCU students abandoning their team by leaving rows of seats empty, they actually have the audacity to grumble about the team's performance.

"More parents and fans for the other team come to the games



Jordan Cohen



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

than students, which is pathetic," sophomore political science major Wes Knaub said.

The presence of an animated crowd has an undeniable impact on any sports game. An arena packed with cheering, devoted fans not only gives the home team a rush, it psychs the other team out and impedes its ability to communicate effectively.

In the midst of the setbacks it's facing this season, the TCU men's basketball team should be able to depend on loyal supporters for encouragement.

After losing three valuable seniors from last season, the team is now relatively young and inexperienced. The switch from Conference USA to the Mountain West Conference has also presented a challenge, as the team

has had to alter its playing style to better fit its conference.

While other factors may also be obstacles to the team this season, the lack of student attendance and enthusiasm is certainly not boosting the team's morale.

"Crowds always make the environment that much better," Director of Sports Medicine Chris Hall said. "When the stands are filled with cheering students, it gets the players up and going. There's an electrifying feeling that gets them hyped up and ready to play."

TCU basketball is lacking a fan base it can depend on and without that, a key component of the sport is missing.

"For any sports team to be successful you need the players, the coaches, the officials and the

crowd," Hall said. "You've got to have the crowd there. It's the only way the players will know they are getting some support."

Because athletic events are free for students, they have all the more reason to attend games.

"College students should be enjoying everything a campus has to offer," Hall said. "I don't think the students take advantage of everything that's laid out before them. Student fees pay for an awful lot of opportunities."

The Horned Frogs displayed exceptional talent and teamwork when they defeated Colorado State 85-72 Saturday, Jan. 21.

"I think this year, we get a chance everyday to try to prove ourselves. The Colorado State game showed us glimpses of what we should have been this season, and what we still could be," Hall said. "There are still eight games left, and a lot can be done in eight games."

Four of the games remaining on the schedule will be played at home, leaving four more opportunities for the students to repair their disloyal reputation. No matter the team record, TCU students should demonstrate the enthusiasm and pride they have in their school.

As much as we count on the basketball team to win games, the team also counts on us to back it up with spirit. Our expectations for the team are disproportionate to the exceptionally limited amount of support we offer it. Thus far, the student body has failed to be a team player.

Jordan Cohen is a freshman English major from Lewisville, N.C.

Bush's energy policy insufficient to kick oil habit

"America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world."

With this much-ballyhooed pronouncement in his State of the Union address, President Bush pledged to "make our dependence on Middle Eastern oil a thing of the past" by replacing more than 75 percent of our imports from the region by 2025. Unfortunately, while Bush has highlighted numerous problems in America's energy policy, he has yet to show that he is serious about solving them.

Bush is certainly correct in diagnosing America's addiction: Despite producing nearly one-third of the world's crude oil, America imports far more than 50 percent of the oil it consumes. Every day, America consumes 20 billion barrels of oil to the European Union's 14 billion, while America's population is only two-

thirds that of the EU. Nonetheless, Bush overstated the importance of Middle Eastern oil and, consequently, the scale of his ambitions. While 65 percent of proven oil reserves lie in the Middle East, the United States imports barely one-fifth of its oil from the region — 75 percent of our Middle Eastern imports equals about 15 percent of our oil imports, overall.

While Bush devoted a good deal of talk to alternative-energy sources, ranging from "clean, safe" nuclear power to ethanol based on switchgrass and wood chips, his actual proposal — to increase clean-energy research at the Department of Energy by 22 percent — doesn't really live up to the fanfare. Meanwhile, direct subsidies for coal, oil and nuclear infrastructure account for three-quarters of the nearly \$15 billion cost of his 2005 energy bill; the energy industry's \$360 million lobbying pitch to Congress over the last three years

seems to have paid off.

In January, ExxonMobil reported \$36 billion in profits for 2005, the highest yearly profit of any U.S. corporation in history. A windfall tax on obscene profits, such as those ExxonMobil made last year, could help finance research and development to eliminate America's energy problem. Not surprisingly, Bush has ruled out this possibility and threatened to veto an upcoming tax bill if it provides for such a windfall tax, while ExxonMobil has stated that it will not put any of its profits into renewable energy research.

America is years away from the ability to supply a substantial substitute for imported energy resources, and while even lackadaisical pursuit of this goal is positive, Bush fails to take into account that America's addiction can be treated by domestic changes as well. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that a gasoline tax of 46

cents per gallon (the current is 18 cents) would reduce gasoline consumption by 10 percent over the next 10 years. Bush also made no mention of setting higher fuel-efficiency standards for cars. Americans are faced with tough choices, but Bush's energy policy continues to display an embarrassing lack of bravery.

The day after Bush's address, his national economic adviser and energy secretary both stressed that even his pledge on replacing Middle Eastern imports had not been meant literally, effectively demonstrating how low a priority this administration continues to place on the matter. America is creating grave problems with its current energy policy, and this administration's record promises that those problems must wait for a new president to enact real change.

This staff editorial from The Daily Iowan at the University of Iowa was distributed by U-Wire.

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HOLLYWOOD HURRAH

From "Munich" to "Capote," get a sneak preview of the films to beat at 2006 Academy Awards on Thursday with Skiff Arts' Oscar edition.



A COWTOWN TWIST  
ON A CREOLE CLASSIC

*Cajun-styled cuisine stirs up Fort Worth*

The only thing lacking from Fort Worth's own Café New Orleans is a couple of waiters and a man playing a soulful jazz trombone. Other than that, it's not too bad.

Dwarfed in the mega-shadow of Central Market and often passed by in favor of Cold Stone Creamery, it is as though this intimate setting is yearning to be overlooked and forgotten, left only for friends and lovers looking to hide or possibly students searching for a quiet place to study.

Either way, this slice of Cajun pie captures well the intimate, grungy, sweet southern comfort atmosphere that is New Orleans. Ceramic masks hung on corrugated tin juxtaposed against burnished wood and classic black and white photography call forth the difference between the raw, unbridled passion of Mardi Gras and the "grand-old-south" establishment that is the Big Easy itself.

The food, meanwhile, maintains such down-home-cookin' traditions as red beans and rice, muffuletta sandwiches and jambalaya. However, the power of the bayou lies in the soul of its food, and sadly to say, this food lacked soul. House Specialties such as "Mardi Gras" and "Andouille" pastas, although maintaining signature meats such as crawfish and andouille sausage, find themselves in bland sauces and lack any semblance of "kick." Sandwiches meant to be hot are served cold and in poor time.

Perhaps I might be more positive to the menu, but my disillusionment was only furthered by a 30-minute wait for a table of eight in a restaurant only half-full.

Service continued to be poor, but perhaps this was due to a lack of waiters. In our stay, my party only witnessed two active waiters for a restaurant easily full of 25 to 35 diners.

But I may be acting unfair to a place booked as a "café," not having truly given due to its primary dishes of beignets and café au lait. For those two things, I applaud Café New Orleans and say "Merci." But what is made up for in pastry is lost in food that lacks the


excitement of Bourbon Street, and for this reason, I must give a disinterested "Meh," for an overall job done "so-so."

-Ryan Motter




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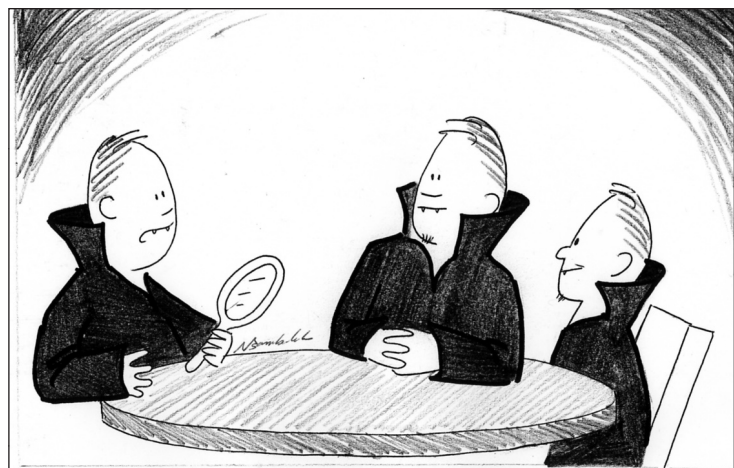
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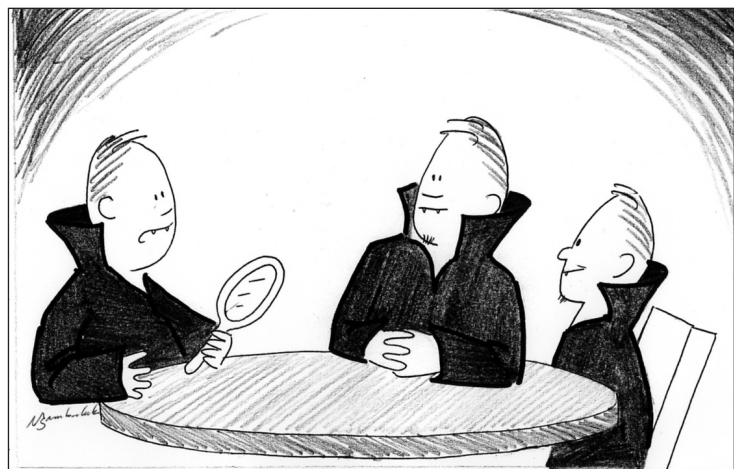
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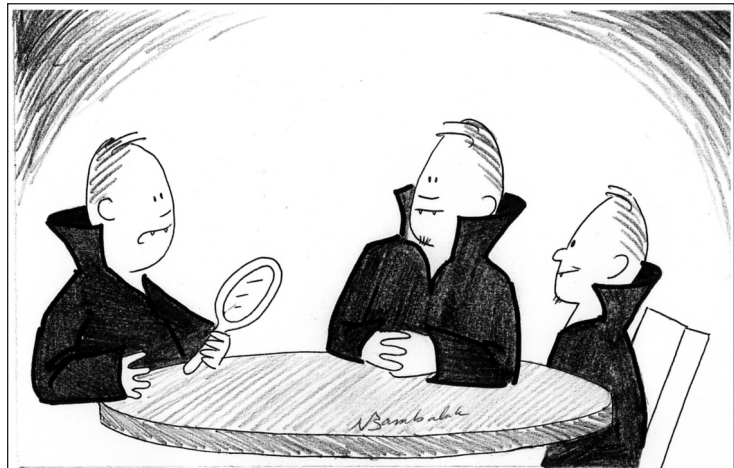
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#### Directions

Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

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

#### Tuesday's Solutions

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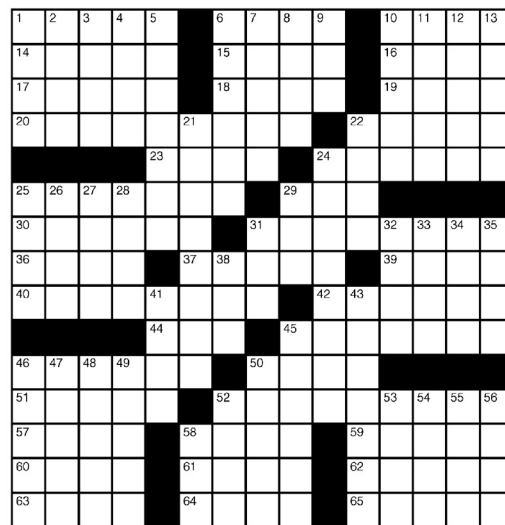
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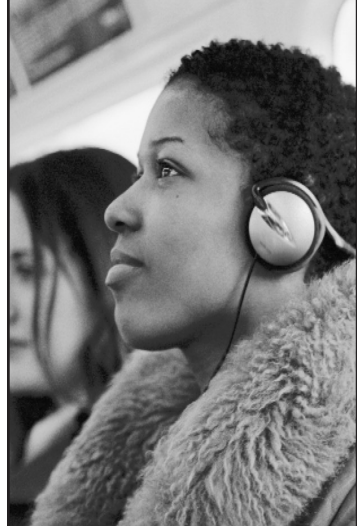
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See Thursday's paper for answers to today's crossword.



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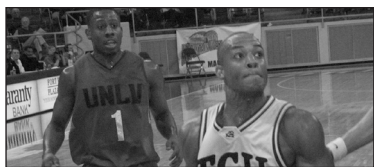
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Senior forward Vanessa Clementino rises up to block a shot against Utah on Jan. 28. The Lady Frogs play Wyoming tonight in an attempt to avenge a one-point loss Jan. 7.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Team to get 2nd shot at Cowgirls

*Lady Frogs to stick with same defensive strategy, coach says*

By TRAVIS STEWART  
Sports Editor

Life does not often grant second chances. The Lady Frogs, however, have exactly that.

TCU will look to avenge its Jan. 7 road loss to Wyoming tonight in a game that marks the halfway point of in-conference scheduling.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said that although the Frogs have learned things from their earlier defeat, every game is unique.

"Every game presents a different set of challenges," Mittie said.

Sophomore guard Adrianne Ross said the team knows exactly what went wrong the last time the Frogs faced the Cowgirls.

"We just have to do a lot of little things right," Ross said. "They fought hard, and I don't want to take that away from them ... We have to get a couple more offensive boards to make a difference."

Wyoming did not showcase just one player in the early January match up; TCU allowed

two double-digit scorers, and senior guard Erin Hicks finished the night with 8 points, 6 assists and 7 rebounds.

Despite her stat line, Mittie said TCU will continue to defend Hicks with what he considers a solid game plan.

"She's a very good player," Mittie said. "I think we did a good job of pressuring her (last time); you just hope that's a player that doesn't have 14 points and 8 assists."

Now that the Lady Frogs have reached the season's halfway mark, Mittie jokingly said he was surprised with the team's play.

"I always figured we'd be 8-0 in the league; never figure on losing a game," Mittie said with a smile.

Although playing in the Mountain West Conference involves a substantial amount of travel for a Texas-based team, Ross said, the squad does not even think about fatigue.

"I wouldn't know," Ross said. "Right now we're getting our second wind."

And another shot at the Cowgirls, of course.

"That's the advantage of playing in the MWC," Ross said. "Play everyone twice."

## MEN'S GOLF

# Four freshmen to hit green in Hawaii tourney

*Coach says he has faith in capability of young members*

By TRAVIS STEWART  
Sports Editor

In one of its most competitive tournaments of the year, the men's golf team will be starting one of its most unorthodox lineups.

Four freshmen will round

out a five-man roster today as the Horned Frogs tee off on their first day of play at the Waikoloa Intercollegiate in Hawaii.

Head coach Bill Montigel said despite the underclassman-heavy rotation, he has high hopes for the team's chances.

"They still have to get used to college golf," Montigel said. "I feel good about

these four guys."

Montigel said junior Drew Stoltz, the sole upperclassman of the group, is providing leadership for the young team.

"We haven't really talked about it," Montigel said. "He's played in several college tournaments ... I think the guys look up to him."

The Frogs will be facing stiff competition all weekend. The 20-team field includes five squads currently ranked in the top 25 — three of which are in the top ten — including No. 2 Oklahoma State and No. 3 Georgia Tech. TCU is the Mountain West Conference's lone representative.

Montigel said though the level of play will be high, it hasn't been a major point of emphasis for the coaching staff.

"I think it's a really strong field," Montigel said. "We play with Georgia Tech and Oklahoma State (today), so that will be good experience for the young guys. Honestly, I don't look as much at the field ... I worry more about my guys being ready."

Although the tournament is based in Hawaii — something that could be an obvious distraction for the standard college student — Montigel said environment is a problem that the team has dealt with before.

"I think there could be a distraction factor anywhere," Montigel said. "I really don't think it's a big deal. These kids travel everywhere to play golf. They came here to win a golf tournament."

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