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Students learn about sexual health

By BRE'ANNA EMMITT
Staff Reporter

Wild parties, heavy drinking and irresponsible sex have long plagued college students' reputations, but some campus groups are working to change that.

Organizations including Hyperfrogs, the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, Programming Council and the Women's Resource Center are presenting National Sexual Responsibility Week with events around campus.

Yvonne Giovanis, assistant director of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said the programs will educate students about safe sex and sexual health.

Students will be able to pick up information about safe sex and STDs this

week at a booth located in the Student Center outside of the Main, Giovanis said. Also, members of the AIDS Outreach Center of Fort Worth will be on site to provide students with additional information and support, she said.

Students will have the opportunity to win a gift certificate to a local restaurant and two movie tickets by participating in the "condom count" contest, Giovanis said.

"Basically, there will be a jar of condoms on the table and students guess how many condoms are in the jar," Giovanis said.

Along with the information and contest, Giovanis said students will have the chance to submit questions they have for

the opposite sex and a panel of students will answer them Thursday night in the Main. She said the panel will consist of students involved in Programming Council, Orientation, Frog Camp and Hyperfrogs.

Giovanis said the four organizations all have a common goal.

"The goal is really just to raise awareness among students and to get them to talk about sexual health and what it means," Giovanis said.

Marcy Paul, director of the Women's Resource Center, said sexual responsibility involves more than safe sex.

"Have a good open communication with the person you are sexually active with and take every precaution

necessary to have a responsible and mature relationship," Paul said.

Laura Crawley, assistant dean of Campus Life for health promotions, said sexual health means more than most people think.

"Sexual health is far more than absence of an STI/STD, or avoidance of unplanned pregnancy; it's also about wellness and about relationships," Crawley said. "Sexually healthy students make up their own minds, utilizing good information and their own values about what is right for them, and when it's right to be sexual. This isn't a decision a friend or partner makes for us, we make it for ourselves."

Frogs aiding elementary children with reading skills

By JACQUILEE KILLEEN
Staff Reporter

Some college students may take for granted both the ability to read and the availability of reading material.

For a group of children who gathered at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Saturday morning, the chance to read provided a window of opportunity to learn.

TCU Reading Frogs, a community service program that teaches elementary children to read, sponsored Saturday's "Fall in Love with Reading" event for elementary students from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, said Ernie Horn, executive director of Score a Goal in the Classroom.

The only reading material some of these children have in their homes is a phone book, Horn said, and this proves how important it is to teach these children how to read.

There are 39 school districts in Dallas and Fort Worth that participate in this event, which caters to elementary students ages four to 11, Horn said.

Jacob Silva, a Western Hills elementary student, said he is a "Goose-bumps" fan and that he came to the event to become a better reader.

Studies show that events like "Fall in Love with Reading" encourage children and parents to read together and create a passion for reading, Horn said.

Jacob's mother Susan Silva said, "I brought my children to this event because I want them to enjoy reading instead of staying at home and playing video games all day."

The Reading Frogs program started five years ago when Score a Goal in the Classroom, a program which aims to spread literacy to elementary students, collaborated with TCU to create an event that encourages children to "Fall in Love with Reading," Horn said.

Morgan Matlock, Miss Texas 2005, was the special guest at the Reading Frogs event.

"The children coming out here on a Saturday morning shows their level of gravitation toward literacy," Matlock said.

The Reading Frogs program consists of TCU athletes and students who want to volunteer for this non-profit literacy organization.

Stacey Bieber, a junior entrepreneurial management major and member of the women's golf team, said "Reading Frogs means a lot to the children because we serve as role models to them since we are athletes and it is nice for them to meet older people."



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photographer

At the Texas Youth Entrepreneur of the year awards dinner Monday in the Kelly Alumni Center, Maryrose Short samples granola made by last year's winner.

Students gain credit for starting business

By ERIN GLATZEL
Staff Reporter

High school entrepreneurs from all over Texas met at the Kelly Alumni Center Monday night for the chance to receive a scholarship for their entrepreneurial ideas.

The TCU Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Awards is a two-day event that recognizes students for their accomplishments in starting their own business.

The School of Business hosted the event, where \$10,000 in scholarships was awarded. The grand prize winner received a \$5,000 scholarship, and the five other winners each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean of the business school, said this awards night is a chance to honor the nominees for these scholarships.

Kelly Cavender, a senior at Highland Park High School in Dallas, is one of the 25 finalists chosen for his lawn

WINNERS

The winners of the \$1,000 scholarships were: Charlie Neff of CN Graphics, Andrew Spiziri of iLaunch Creations, Lucas Butler of Lucas Boer Goats, Austin Hoffman of Coletto Collectibles, and Craig Gagne of Global Exotic Reptiles.

business.

"I began KCAV's Lawn Service when I was in the 8th grade, and had two lawns. Now I have 12." Cavender said.

The students' businesses range from graphic consulting firms to lawn services to auto detailing.

Jeff Livney, a senior at The Woodlands High School in Houston, won the \$5,000 grand prize for his graphic consulting firm, Piko Zoom.

"I have learned a lot and formed many connections here that I hope to continue friendships with in the future," Livney said.

A new way to score



LANA HUNT / Chief Photographer

The new Lupton Stadium scoreboard will debut at 7 p.m. tonight when the Frogs open the home season against Texas State.

Marry Week promoting discussion of rights in marriage, attorney says

By JESSICA ST. JOHN
Staff Reporter

Freedom to Marry Week, a week designated to promote same-sex marriage and open dialogue about gay rights issues began Sunday. Sunday was Freedom to Marry Day, which became recognized in 1999 and was then extended to a full week.

Freedom to Marry Day was founded by Lambda Legal, a gay rights advocacy firm. Accord-

ing to Lambda Legal's Web site, www.lambdalegal.org, "Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work."

Ken Upton, senior staff attorney for Lambda Legal's south central office, said the purpose of Freedom to Marry Week is

to create a specific time to encourage discussion about equal rights in marriage.

Though TCU's Gay-Straight Alliance is not hosting campus events for Freedom to Marry Week, Upton said it's a good time for people to discuss the issue who normally would not.

"This week is an opportunity to encourage calm dialogue in school, in church and at home without all of the rhetoric

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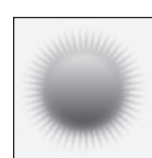
Same-sex marriages outlawed in most states

Same-sex marriage laws, by state:

- Permits civil unions
- Permits same-sex marriage
- Does not permit civil unions or same-sex marriage



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WEATHER

TODAY: Sunny, 70/51

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny, 76/58

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny, 81/40

FUN FACT

In Arkansas, a retired nurse saved her brother's chicken, Boo Boo, by administering mouth-to-beak resuscitation last week after the fowl was found floating face-down in the family's pond.

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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 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.

CORRECTION

In Friday's story about the suspension of new journalism minor admission, we incorrectly reported a 100 percent increase in the number of journalism majors and minors over the past year and a half. The correct increase is 30 percent, which amounts to approximately 100 students.

MARRY

From page 1

ric," Upton said. Upton said most heterosexuals take for granted the rights they receive in marriage. "It's unfair that homosexual couples with children cannot get the same rights as heterosexual couples with children," Upton said. Rob Grebel, a junior political science major and member of TCU's Gay-Straight Alliance, said Freedom to Marry Week is a good thing because it brings attention to the struggle for equal rights among homosexuals. "It's a good reminder that

same-sex couples don't get the same benefits from marriage as straight couples do," Grebel said. Grebel said religion should not be a dictating policy in the United States. Ann Smith, a representative for University Ministries, said Freedom to Marry Week deals with human rights issues. Smith said one of the pitfalls of supporting the issue in general is people's homophobia. Smith said people should see "the relationship, not the sex act." "No one should be denied marriage because of their sexual orientation," Smith said.

COLUMN

From page 6

er second-round pick success story. I understand that most of you haven't been able to see Dead-Eye Redd play much, but the guy is the purest shooter in the NBA. His release is high, smooth and brutally quick; he may have taken 237 three-pointers already, but he's hitting at a rate of 41 percent. That's absurd. So what's the solution? From the West, cut Houston Rockets center Yao Ming (and move San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan to a center spot) and Seattle Sonics guard Ray

Allen; Yao has missed too many games and Allen hasn't had the impact on his team that Paul and Anthony have. In the East, leave out Detroit Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace. He may be my favorite player, but his biggest achievement this season has been cutting his hair short enough to where his white spot doesn't look so weird. Now that I've set the story straight and you have a whole year to let the logic digest, I sincerely hope that you NBA fans everywhere make more ... informed ... selections in 2007.

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THE REAL DOPE . . .

Canadian skier Sara Renner said of suspended Olympic skiers: "Unfortunately, there are people who are passed as dopers who aren't doping. They have to have a better test (for high hemoglobin levels)." - Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Valentine's Day losing meaning

There are several legends swirling around about the history of St. Valentine and where exactly Valentine's Day originated. The Roman Catholic Church recognizes three saints named either Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself to a young girl with whom he fell in love during his imprisonment. It is alleged that he signed the letter, 'From your Valentine,' which is still used today.

What is most notable and disheartening about the holiday is that it has turned into an overly commercialized day where greeting cards are printed in excess, roses and candy are oozing from nearly every area of the grocery store, jewelry stores advertise huge sales and the small, yet significant, meaningful acts are left overlooked.

An estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second-largest card-sending holiday, next to Christmas, according to the Greeting Card Association, and nearly 85 percent of valentines are purchased by women.

The days of writing a heartfelt message or tak-

ing the time to think of something truly special to make the one you love feel valued and priceless has been replaced by the need for over-the-top, exaggerated and almost always costly measures intended, mostly, just to impress.

Although some spend Valentine's Day with a group of friends, laughing and enjoying the single life, others are reminded, yet again, that they are single, waiting for their special someone.

In such a superficiality-driven society, do we honestly need one more reason to question ourselves?

And for those who do have that special someone to spend the holiday with, there is such an emphasis on making the day memorable and one of a kind, that it is, often times, doomed to fail and disappoint.

Valentine's Day should be about recognizing the simple acts of love and putting value back into the relationship, not the material items associated with the day. If you're single, this day should be about celebrating yourself and who you are as an individual.

Editor in Chief Courtney Reese for the editorial board.

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YOUR VIEW

Reasoning for tuition hike still has gaps

I appreciate the letter Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills sent to students explaining the university's reasoning for yet another tuition increase. He clearly lays out the logic for why the university has chosen to do this and should be applauded for such transparency. However, I'd like to offer a rebuttal to his points, to explain students' frustration when it appears.

"Even with this eight percent increase, TCU's tuition will remain at approximately the national average for private universities," Mills wrote.

This point is difficult to contest. As a graduating senior, I feel my education has been above average, and the statistics indicate that TCU costs less than other private institutions. Still, the educational value of TCU in comparison to other schools was and is one of its most attractive qualities. Raising tuition creates a perception that this value is declining.

"While tuition is increasing, I am convinced that it will be more than offset by rising quality," Mills wrote.

There is no doubt TCU will be able to improve the quality of the school with more funds. However, students like myself often feel we're being forced to pay for items that will never directly benefit us. Yes, these improvements will enhance TCU's prestige and recognition, which will make my forthcoming degree look that much better. Still, I will likely never park in the new lots; certainly never frequent or live in the commons; walk past a new education building; or drive down a Berry Street without construction. If these improvements are for future students, perhaps tuition increases should be saved for them. After all, it seems their education will be of a better "quality" than mine, so why shouldn't they pay for it?

"TCU is increasing financial aid in proportion to tuition," Mills wrote.

Even if aid grows in proportion, the student will still pay more out of his or her own pocket. Say total cost is \$10 and aid is \$8. If cost is doubled to \$20, and aid is raised in proportion to \$16, then the student is still paying \$2 more. I'm sure the Board of Trustees knows this, but for some students, this can be the breaking point or will at least put them in greater debt, so the administrators must understand when students aren't completely appeased with "in proportion" aid increases.

"Additionally, we also will provide an exceptional residential experience," Mills wrote.

I cannot speak to this as well, as I have lived off-campus for the last two and half years. What I do know is that my housing expenses currently run about \$200 less per month than my on-campus peers; therefore, a 5 percent increase for on-campus housing certainly doesn't make me want to move back, even with all the perceived advantages. "Perhaps some of the new scholarships could go to helping students pay for housing costs."

Aside from these issues, the fact that the news of increasing costs comes on the heels of a Skiff article announcing the endowment is again approaching the \$1 billion mark is disconcerting. Clearly TCU is doing well. Is one year without an increase too much to ask? I trust that the TCU administration is not out to get me or my money, and that these points have been considered and raising costs was still justified. As the Board undoubtedly is privy to more information than I am, I will defer to its better judgment and support the increase. However, when/if students begin voicing their disappointment with these increases, this is why.

— Adam Ramsey, senior political science major from Crockett.

Day serves no point

Well, it's February again and that can only mean that Valentine's Day is once again upon us.

I don't know about you guys but it's a holiday I could do without. What are we supposed to be celebrating? If you're single, it's just a day to

remind you of that fact, and if you're lucky enough to be in a relationship, then it's one more time, other than her birthday and your anniversary, to spend all your money to please her. Dinner and a movie doesn't work for this day; it's all about going in style, and for what?

We're not celebrating pilgrims in the New World or Jesus' birth. No, we're celebrating the fact that Hallmark can make gushy love cards and that girls can be swayed by the cheesiest marketing around.

Now don't get me wrong, I love holidays. I love sitting around eating as much as possible, exchanging gifts and hanging out with people I at least tolerate, if not love. I enjoy doing it if I know that the day has a good purpose, but where do historical or religious events dictate Valentine's Day? I know there is St. Valentine's Day, but, let's face it, how often do people really consider saints and religion when you have hearts with words on them? It's like some

big shot thought to himself, "How can we up chocolate and card sales and make it seem like a legitimate holiday? Oh, I know, let's attach a mascot that has nothing to do with any real aspect of the American culture." And there we have Cupid.

Cupid hails from ancient Roman mythology, so what is he doing here? You can't slap a beak on a dog and call it a bird.

And back to that big shot: How much work actually went into thinking up this thing? Christmas involves trees, wreaths, mistletoe and, oh yeah, a big fat jolly guy that delivers presents to nearly every kid in the world in a single night. Valentine's Day involves absolutely nothing. If anything, it should just be love awareness day, such as Arbor Day and Earth Day. A day to make us more conscious of our natural surroundings.

But instead we're saddled with a day that, if you're in love, says, "Congratulations, now go out and spend all your money on her with the main objective of getting laid." And, if you're not, you get an entire day to sit back and realize that life must truly suck for you, because everyone who's worth anything in life is chomping down on chocolate hearts and passing around love notes. You know what? If I want chocolate that bad, I'll take Halloween any time.

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COMMENTARY



Michael Dodd

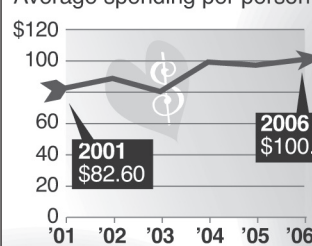
VALENTINE PRO & CON

Buy my valentine

U.S. consumers will spend almost \$14 billion on Valentine's Day gifts this year, mostly on their spouses or sweeties.

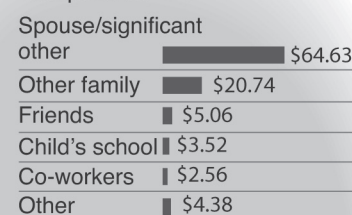
Spending going up

Average spending per person



Top recipients

How much average consumer will spend on



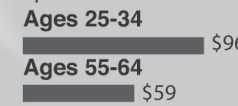
Men spend more

What average consumer plans to spend on his/her significant other



By age group

Highest, lowest spenders



Great expectations

What men and women plan to give their significant others and what they want to get

Gender	Plan to give	Percentage	Plan to give	Percentage
Men...	Night out	71%	Night out	61%
	Flowers	66%	Book, CD*	53%
	Jewelry	52%	Candy	42%
Women...	Night out	62%	Night out	62%
	Book, CD*	45%	Flowers	55%
	Jewelry	26%	Candy	44%

Source: National Retail Federation survey of 6,618 U.S. adults, Jan. 4-11, 2006, margin of error: +/-1 percentage points; Discover Card survey of 1,016 U.S. adults, Jan. 26-29, 2006, margin of error: +/-3 percentage points. Graphic: T.G. Tso, Judy Treible © 2006 KRT

Feb. 14 about love; shouldn't be commercialized

Valentine's Day is a great day as long as its focus stays on Cupid's cloud and not on Hallmark's haven.

Unfortunately, this is not usually the case. The commercialism behind Valentine's Day has us convinced that it is nothing more than a way for Hallmark to make money from card sales and boxes of mediocre candies.

But why can't it just be a day set aside for those in relationships to celebrate their love?

With the hustle and bustle of a typical day, it is hard to

find time with the ones we love. Many of us look forward to the end of the week, to spend more than just a rushed "I love you" followed by a door slam. An annual day of celebrating our love with another person is better spent focusing on our true feelings, rather than thoughts of disgust for card companies.

Many of you probably think it is crazy to even like Valentine's Day. I myself was rather cynical about the holiday until last year — my first Valentine's Day after getting engaged. It was then that I could finally see past the many all-too-tangible candy hearts and stuffed teddy bears and see the true meaning behind the holiday.

My husband and I were married Dec. 18, 2005, and we can't wait to celebrate our first Valentine's Day as a married couple.

One way to prevent the commercialism of Valentine's Day from ruining its true meaning is to give gifts that are more original than the all-too-trite box of mediocre candy. Last year, my husband took me out to a fancy restaurant and bought me a little fire-belied toad the next day, which I named Cupid. Being a girl who loves animals, I found it to be the sweetest gesture.

I want everyone out there who is single to know that it took me many years to finally see the true meaning behind Valentine's Day. My husband and I have both spent many

Valentine's Days wishing by the minute that Feb. 15 would roll around.

Now that we both have found each other and are happily married, we find it much easier to see that there is no better feeling than to have found true love.

It may seem now to those of you who are single that you are spending your Valentine's Day looking through the window of a candy store, only you are stuck outside in the cold. But one day your day will come that you will feel like you have not only been let inside the store, but also you have found yourself lost inside your own paradise.

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Snowboarding duo storms Torino

By EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

BARDONECCHIA, Italy (AP) — When it comes to snowboarding, the Olympics are America's halfpipe and the rest of the world is just shredding in it.

That point was driven home again Monday, when Americans Hannah Teter won gold and Gretchen Bleiler won silver, adding more hardware to the two medals the U.S. men won the day before.

"USA. Representing," Bleiler said. "We're doing a good job. That's about all I can say."

Were it not for Norway's Kjersti Buaas throwing the run of her life, the Americans would have earned the sweep they almost had when Shaun White, Danny Kass and Mason Aguirre finished 1-2-4.

But Buaas' run was worth the bronze and when Kelly Clark, the 2002 Olympic champion, slipped after her final jump — a tough, 900-degree spin — in an attempt to make the medal stand, she wound up 0.9 points short of third.

"All of Europe is depending on me," Buaas said before taking off for her final run. "I got speed and tried to go big

because they have so many tricks and I don't."

Indeed, at times, it really does seem unfair — Americans dominating a sport born and raised in their country and constantly refined there, too.

The move from fringe lifestyle sport to mainstream really took off in 2002, when the American men swept the halfpipe medals at the Salt Lake City Games, the first time the United States had done that in any winter sport in 46 years. That brought about a whole new wave of shredders — snowboarding's classic catch-all metaphor for powering through powder and tearing up halfpipes.

"I remember going to get my hair done" a few weeks after the U.S. sweep, Bleiler said. "The 60-year-old women in the salon were in there talking about snowboarding. It's not a cutthroat sport at all. We're all cheering each other on. Together, we're progressing the sport."

When Clark, Bleiler and Teter finished 1-2-3 in qualifying, it became clear the sweep would be America's to lose. Bleiler's landings were smoother and Teter's tricks were more tweaked up than anyone's.

Though the athletes have taken differ-



DOMENICO STINELLIS / Associated Press
United States halfpipe snowboarder Hannah Teter, left, celebrates as she arrives to receive her gold medal with silver medalist Gretchen Bleiler.

ent paths to this point, they were similar in that they both chose to skip the X Games last month to better prepare for the Olympics. No snowboarder would have thought to do that 10 years ago.

"The Olympics is the biggest event, period," Bleiler said. "The X Games are the biggest event in snowboarding."

BASEBALL



Frogs upset two ranked teams

The Horned Frogs finished the Houston College Classic with a 2-1 record with victories over No. 12 Tulane and Houston; the lone loss of the weekend came courtesy of Rice, which beat TCU 12-6. Sophomore outfielder Matt McGuirk earned all-tournament honors for his strong weekend performance, including a 10th-inning home run that clinched Friday's victory over the Green Wave. Sophomore catcher Andrew Walker and junior outfielder Keith Conlon were also named to the team.

— Travis Stewart

SCORES FROM THE HOUSTON COLLEGE CLASSIC:

	Runs	Hits	Errors
Feb. 10			
TCU:	5	14	3
Tulane:	3	8	1
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TCU:	6	8	1
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— George Bernard Shaw

TODAY IN HISTORY

1884: President Theodore Roosevelt's wife and mother die.
1886: First trainload of oranges leaves Los Angeles.

The K Chronicles

BY KEITH KNIGHT

HEY FOLKS... HOW'S THIS FOR A WAY TO START OFF THE NEW YEAR?

There's no easy way to say this, Mrs. Knight. But the CT scan found something growing between your heart & lung... We're not sure what it is exactly... Any questions?

um... Can we take it home in a jar so I can keep it in my studio?

MAN, OH MAN, OH MAN... SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ALL GROWN UP

When you're young, the "C-word" means female genitalia... Not so when you reach adulthood.

completely embarrassed by the fact that I'm... **AND REMEMBER BACK IN THE DAY WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD KNOCKED SOMEBODY UP, YOU SEE PREGNANCY STUFF EVERYWHERE?**

HEY! THE DOCTORS SAID YOU HAD A CANCER! CAN I (YOU SURE) DID YOU WANT TO GET IT OUT (CAN I SIR) ABOUT HERE? SAME WITH THE C-WORD.

AND FOLKS... IF THERE'S ONE THING I'VE LEARNED FROM THIS ORDEAL SO FAR...

You've been checking out the web again, haven't you??? IT'S THAT NOTHING POSITIVE IS GONNA COME OUT OF GOINGLING "CAST," "TUMOR," OR "LESION." TRUST ME... KERN... I'm gonna be okay, right? Baby... You're perfectly fine... WELCOME TO THE TERRORZONE. SHIT. There's nothing wrong with you... STOP

The K Chronicles

BY KEITH KNIGHT

THIS IS MY WIFE OF 3 1/2 YEARS... POST-SURGERY... WHERE THEY SAWED OPEN HER BREAST-BONE TO REMOVE A MASS THAT WAS BETWEEN HER HEART & LUNG...

She was hooked up to morphine & a machine to monitor her breathing... I NEVER REALIZED HOW OFTEN SHE SMILED UNTIL SHE WAS TOO WEAK & DRUGGED OUT TO DO IT... DAMN NERVE-LIKE BREATHING NOISES!

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You done good, baby. You done good... LIKE A MORON, I DECIDED TO TAKE A LOOK AT HER STILL FRESH SURGICAL WOUND... BECAUSE OF HER GOOD HEALTH SHE BOUNCED BACK PRETTY QUICKLY. THEY SENT HER HOME AFTER ONLY A DAY & A HALF!

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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.

Friday's Solutions

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 - 20 Exhausted
 - 22 Great flair
 - 23 Spring and fall
 - 24 Revised, as a bill
 - 27 Peach State
 - 29 Mine output
 - 30 Tenants' payments
 - 34 Sharer's pronoun
 - 35 Piece of cake
 - 36 Nabisco treat
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Friday's Solution

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- 51 Small
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TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY:

1989: Boxer Mike Tyson divorces actress Robin Givens
1992: Kieren John Perkins swims world record 800 meter freestyle (7:46.60 min.)

Soccer team getting new stadium lights

BY RYAN WILCOX
Staff Reporter

In the past, nightfall meant an empty Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium, but the installation of new light fixtures will mean play can continue.

Athletics Director Danny Morrison said having light fixtures will make scheduling matches easier.

"It gives you an opportunity to play matches at night," Morrison said. "It gives flexibility to position matches at the best time for both players and fans."

Associate Athletics Director Ross Bailey said planning to install the light fixtures began three years ago, but the project had to go through a process of university approval. Installation is to be completed by mid-March.

The fixtures are entirely funded through donations to the department and the project will cost about \$200,000.

"It helps elevate our program and increases fan enjoyment," Bailey said.

Bailey said TCU hired Lone Star Electric Co. to assemble the fixtures, which will be provided by Musco Sports Lighting, a company that supplies both permanent and temporary lighting for athletic fields.

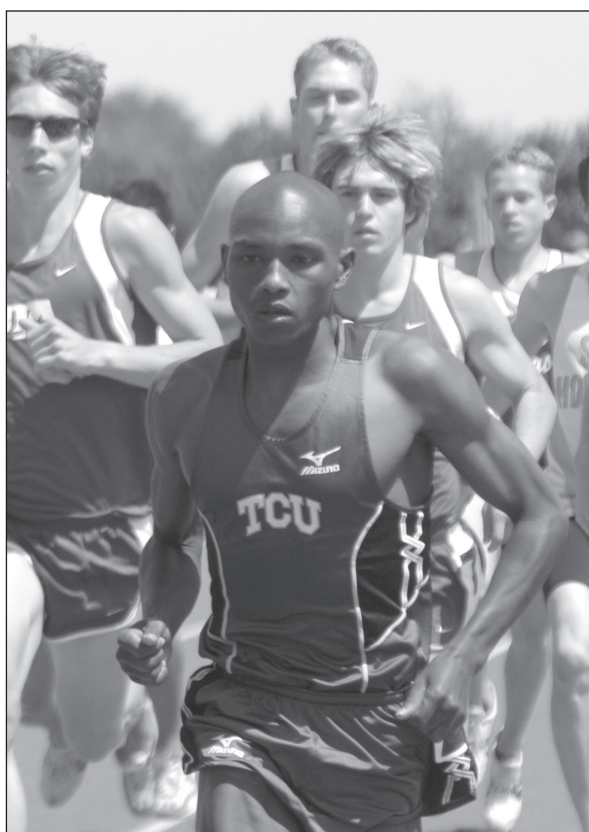
The fixtures will be put together in five pieces, with a concrete base and pole-top light assembly. The lights will operate based on foot-candle measurements, a measurement of the light intensity on a surface. Bailey said the U.S. Soccer Federation standard for a field the size of Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium is 50 foot-candles.

Though the stadium was built in 1999, women's head soccer coach Dan Abdalla said it is still a quality facility. "It's definitely comparable to the top facilities in the country," Abdalla said.

Abdalla said he hopes the new lights will bring more fans to matches. Through nine home matches in the fall of 2005, the women's soccer team averaged 674 people in a stadium capable of holding 1,500.

Morrison said soccer matches can now become family events.

"We are excited about having lights in the stadium," Morrison said, "and the ability to play at night where people can bring families to matches."



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer
The TCU track team came home from the Tyson Invitational in Arkansas with no gold medals but returned with 2 second-place and 3 third-place finishes.

TRACK

Results from the Tyson Invitational, Feb. 10-11

EVENT	NAME	TIME/DIST.	RANK
Men's 60-meter dash (college):	Justyn Warner	6.90 sec.	6th
Men's 200-meter dash:	Raymond Jones	22.28 sec.	35th
Men's 400-meter dash:	Lewis Banda	46.53 sec.	3rd
	Quincy Butler	48.23 sec.	26th
	Evan Wright	52.74 sec.	59th
Men's 800-meter run (college):	Houston Bolin	1:59.04 min.	24th
Men's 800 meter run (invitational):	Jackson Langat	1:47.86 min.	2nd
Men's one-mile run:	Cody Cook	4:23.35 min.	21st
Men's 3000-meter run:	Kip Kangogo	8:08.05 min.	9th
Men's 400-meter relay:	Otis McDaniel/Butler/Banda/Langat	3:08.14 min.	3rd
Men's long jump:	Tyler Melton	6.40 meters	34th

EVENT	NAME	TIME/DIST.	RANK
Women's 60-meter dash:	Virgil Hodge	7.44 sec.	8th
Women's 200 meter dash (college):	Jamee Jones	24.56 sec.	31st
Women's 200-meter dash (championship):	Virgil Hodge	23.57 sec.	8th
Women's 400-meter dash:	Deborah Jones	55.23 sec.	22nd
Women's one-mile run:	Calandra Stewart	4:51.59 min.	2nd
	Cassie Hostick	5:11.81 min.	33rd
Women's 3000-meter run:	Calandra Stewart	9:42.75 min.	3rd
	Halie Bullin	10:06.08	14th
	Katrina Zielinski	10:33.45 min.	28th
Women's 5000-meter run:	Halie Bullin	17:38.28 min.	7th
	McKale Davis	17:53.84 min.	8th
Women's shot put:	Candis Kelly	14.86 meters	9th
	Zelma Wade	12.86 meters	26th

COMMENTARY

All-Star roster omissions glaring

As an NBA fan, I used to have faith in my peers. I used to believe that most of you were able to form educated opinions without my help and guidance, without me looking over your shoulder to carefully check the names you select and the boxes you mark.

And then the 2006 All-Star Game rosters came out. While I applaud some of this year's selections — like Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki and Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh — I am downright angry at several of the omissions, especially in the West. Here's my snub list:

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1. **NO/OK Hornets guard Chris Paul**
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2. **Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony**
Even though he's playing exceptional ball in his third season, he's the best player on a division-leading

team; that should be an automatic selection. His scoring average is up and while he may not dazzle you in other areas — like rebounds and assists — he is proving to be a mismatch on the drive and a runaway train on the post. With the injuries to forward Kenyon Martin and center Marcus Camby, and the Nuggets' inability to find a starting shooting guard, Anthony should be rewarded for keeping a mediocre team afloat.

3. **Milwaukee Bucks guard Michael Redd**
Not only is this guy dropping a monster season on an unsuspecting Central division but, like All-Star reserve and Washington Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas, he is another

See COLUMN, page 2



LANA HUNT / Chief Photographer

In March, the three-year project to have light fixtures installed in Garvey-Rosenthal Stadium will be complete, giving soccer players the opportunity to play at night.

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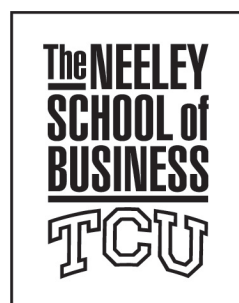
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