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Leadership skills universal, general says

By KATHLEEN THURBER
Staff Reporter

The challenges for today's leaders will change, but the essence of leadership is the same as it was 7,000 years ago, a general told the Air Force ROTC Thursday.

William Cohen, a retired major general for the Air Force, said that although his eight universal laws of leadership are important, they

do not make a leader.

"Techniques of leadership, yes, they are important," Cohen said. "But who you are inside, that's the main thing."

He said successful leaders must have "The Stuff of Heroes," which, not coincidentally, is the title of one of his 52 books and consists of eight laws of leadership.

Cohen, who graduated from

West Point, received his master's degree from the University of Chicago and his doctorate from Claremont Graduate University. He is currently president of the Institute of Leader Arts at Touro University International. Cohen flew 174 combat missions in Vietnam and in the Israeli air force in the Yom Kippur War. He has received the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion

of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

The room full of cadets shifted in unison to greet the military leader with a resounding, "Good afternoon, sir!" and sat attentively through his lesson, asking questions when the lecture ended.

Caitlin Seykora, a junior biology major, said, "It's very rare to find a See **COHEN**, page 2



LIZ CRAWFORD / Photographer

Dr. William Cohen, a retired Air Force general, lectures TCU Air Force ROTC cadets about leadership in battle Thursday afternoon in the Sid Richardson Building.



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Staff Photographer

Moderator Hunter Shelburne reads a submitted question to panelists Jessica Tremillo, Lance Kearns, Mandy Velasquez and Ross Morgan during a forum Thursday at The Main.

Aide: Funds may not cover Texas relief

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's latest request for hurricane relief funds does not ask for money for Texas specifically, an aide to Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said Thursday.

President Bush sent Congress a request Thursday for \$65 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and at least \$18 billion for hurricane recovery along the Gulf Coast.

But Hutchison spokesman Chris Paulitz said the state didn't send its itemized list of hurricane recovery needs and costs until Thursday morning. The state needs about \$2 billion.

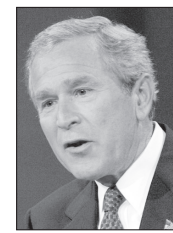
Bush's request includes \$4.2 billion of the hurricane recovery money for Louisiana. But Paulitz said nothing is earmarked for Texas, which sheltered half a million evacuees, opened schools to children from hurricane-hit states and remains home to many who fled. Texas coastal cities also suffered heavy damage when Hurricane Rita hit the state's southeast coast.

Bush's request calls for the remainder of the hurricane funds to go to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to distribute. Texas lawmakers can try to get some of that money for the state when Congress considers Bush's request. The request must be approved by Congress.

Paulitz said Hutchison told Railroad Commissioner Mike Williams on Feb. 1 that the funding request would be coming soon from Bush, and that the White House needed exact figures on Texas' hurricane relief needs.

Soon after the meeting, Hutchison learned Bush's funding request would be issued this week and alerted Williams, Paulitz said. He said Hutchison's staff kept in daily contact with Williams' senior staff about the impending request.

But Paulitz said Williams told Hutchison on Thursday that he did not know Bush's request was coming this week.



BUSH



HUTCHISON

Panelists differ on opposite sex

Students answer relationship questions

By SONA THAPA
Staff Reporter

A panel of four students answered questions related to dating, sex, relationships and more in The Main on Thursday during the "She Says, He Says" event.

The panel, comprised of two male and two female students, interacted candidly with the audience for an hour.

Lissett Contreras, a freshman business major, said she liked how one of the male panelists

said men act strong and emotionless because that's a part of the American culture, and that's how men are raised.

"I had been studying about some of these issues in women's studies class, and it is interesting to see these people talk about it," Contreras said.

She also said, however, that she didn't agree with a female panelist who said girls are emotional because they are insecure.

The male panelists' views

contradicted the views of their female counterparts and vice versa.

Jessica Tremillo, a sophomore education major, and Mandy Velasquez, a senior speech pathology major, were the female panelists.

Both said they didn't believe in the idea of love at first sight. Tremillo said she considered love at first sight to be mere lust.

The male panelists, Ross Morgan, a freshman finance major, and Lance Kearns, a See **PANEL**, page 2



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Staff Photographer

Panelist Mandy Velasquez reacts to an answer by panelist Ross Morgan during a forum Thursday at The Main.

Olympics face stronger network competition

By DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

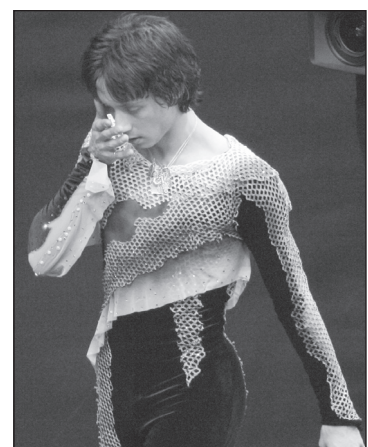
NEW YORK — NBC has more than Bode Miller and Michelle Kwan to be concerned about during the Olympics. There's also Simon Cowell, Evangeline Lilly and those interns on "Grey's Anatomy."

Many factors have conspired to make the Turin Olympics — through five days of competition — less of a television event than past games. Probably the most significant is that other networks are putting up

a fight with potent weapons.

NBC was knocked on its heels by the first night the Olympics went up against Fox's "American Idol" Tuesday. Based on preliminary Nielsen Media Research estimates, "Idol" doubled the Olympics audience when they went head-to-head again Wednesday.

The 17.9 million people who watched Wednesday made it the least-watched night of Winter Olympics competition since at least 1988, according



MARK BAKER / Associated Press
Johnny Weir, of the United States, walks away after the men's free skate. Weir was shut out of a medal.

to Nielsen.

Besides "Idol," viewers See **OLYMPICS**, page 2

Speaker: Teacher turnover high

By LESLIE HONEY
Staff Reporter

The teacher shortage in the nation's public schooling system is a "case of wrong diagnosis and wrong prescription," said the economics department's Green Chair lecturer Thursday evening.

Richard M. Ingersoll, a professor of education at the University of Pennsylvania, said the problem with teacher turnover is not retirement or increased student enrollment, but retention rates.

His data shows that most teacher hiring is done to

replace those who left the field within the year of being hired.

Ingersoll said he conducted his research on teacher shortage using the largest sources of information on teachers in the world: the Schools and Staffing Survey and its supplement the Teacher Follow-up Survey. The sample was taken from 55,000 teachers from 12,000 schools all over the country.

On average across the nation, secondary- and elementary-level schools lose an average of 15 percent of

teachers, according to his data; however, about half the turnover comes from teachers who move jobs and are not leaving the field completely.

"It's unusual for a researcher like myself to pay attention to the movers," he said. "They may not create shortages as a whole for the profession, but they create shortages for each individual school district."

Ingersoll described the turnover like a revolving door. His research shows that in one year, about half a million teachers enter the field but a

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A 22-year-old San Jose, Calif., man ate 173 chicken wings in 30 minutes, setting a record at the annual Wing Bowl. He bested 27 eaters won a 2006 Suzuki Grand Vitara. — AP

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speaker you're riveted by the whole time you listen."

Cohen, who used PowerPoint to teach the basics of leadership, said with a laugh that technology helps remind him of his age, though moments later he had figured out the system and shifted the tone to the topic at hand.

"A battle is the only case I know of in leadership where most leaders and followers would rather be somewhere else," Cohen said.

Leadership in combat can be applied to other situations, and Cohen compiled his list of important leadership qualities only after studying 200 combat leaders who also got out of the military and led elsewhere, he said.

He presents his ideas about

integrity last because it is the basis of all leadership, the most important thing, Cohen said. Leaders have to keep their word, guard their principles and tell it like it is, he said. He cited as a prime example someone who gave up everything for his principles — a general who stepped down from his position because he did not agree with his superiors.

Leaders also have to be knowledgeable, declare expect-

tations, show uncommon commitment, expect positive results, take care of people, put duty before self and get out in front, Cohen said.

He said leadership is not just about ranks and that to be a leader, "all you have to do is stick your hand up."

Declaring expectations means having vision, he said, pointing to a picture of a processionary caterpillar. These caterpillars, he said, attach to

one another and follow the one in front, "the guy with the vision." He said when separated, the next one in line will take charge, but when alone, they crawl around in circles because there is no one in front with an objective.

Corrine Young, a senior advertising/public relations major, said she was grateful to listen to someone of Cohen's caliber and that it is always valuable to hear from some-

one who "has been there and done that."

Closing out his PowerPoint presentation and emerging from behind the lectern, Cohen said students need to find something they like to do. He said he loved the air force, but that as a leader, students must find what motivates them.

"You've got the ball," he said, "But I know you'll meet those challenges."

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junior history major, refuted the women's ideas.

Morgan said the physical appearance of the opposite sex is what first grabs the attention, while everything else happens later. He said he considered that to be love at first sight.

When asked about one pet peeve the panelists had about the opposite sex, Kearns said sometimes women want to talk when men prefer to be left alone.

"I like talking and I like listening, but there are times when I just want to watch TV," Kearns said.

Velasquez, on the other hand, said her biggest irritation is men who don't pay enough attention to their hygiene.

When asked about her idea of a good date, Velasquez said it was "not sappy or romantic."

"I like anything that is like casual, dinner, movie or something generic but not some-

thing like rose petals and candlelit dinner," she said.

Tremillo said her idea of a good date is going out with someone who does not pressure her or make her feel as if she must act a certain way.

The male panelists also reached a common ground, as they said they preferred women who are healthy.

"I'm not about the whole runway model look," Kearns said.

But Morgan smiled to the crowd and made the audience laugh as he said, "However, if I see a runway model that's healthy, I'm down for it."

Morgan and Kearns said a few of the questions were overgeneralized.

"People think all girls want to be bleach-blond party Barbie, and all guys want to be G. I. Joe," Morgan said. "Then the question about why guys are always hard and emotionless was stereotypical."

Kearns said, "Some questions seemed bitter, but overall it was good."

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little more than that leave the field.

This revolving door phenomenon negatively affects important aspects of schools, such as coherency, continuity and community, he said.

To his surprise, Ingersoll said he found in his research that 46 percent of teachers leave the profession within five years.

Although he said the turnover rate in Texas is about average, it still costs a couple hundred million dollars to keep up with it.

"If we don't ever get the

diagnosis right, how will we ever get the prescription right?" Ingersoll asked.

When Ingersoll polled teachers about the various reasons that influenced their turnover, he said he was surprised to see only 14 percent of respondents cited retirement.

"The retirement results are shocking because past data has told us retirement is increasing, but it's been totally exaggerated," he said. "As far as I can see, retirement is only a small piece of the problem."

His research showed that 36 percent of teachers studied left the profession to pursue other jobs. Fifty percent were dissatisfied with their jobs.

Ingersoll said he is hopeful

the country can do something about teacher turnover.

According to his research, teachers answered that too little preparation time, a heavy teaching load, poor salary and large classes were among their main reasons for leaving the field.

Sixty-four percent of teachers polled answered that a better salary would encourage them to remain in the teaching profession.

Terry Buckner, who works in the Human Resources department of the Fort Worth Independent School District, was applauded by the audience when she said the turnover is a result of people thinking the teaching field will be easy.

"The problem is that people think anyone can teach, but it's very difficult," she said. "It's really as difficult as sending a rocket to the moon."

Kristin Klopfenstein, associate professor of economics, invited Ingersoll to speak at TCU as a Green Chair.

"I study the economics of education, and I cite Dr. Ingersoll in a lot of my own research," she said.

Emily Henry, a senior mathematics major, attended the speech for an economics course.

"I thought his research was very interesting and informative; however, it seems like there is not really a solution in sight," she said.

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who aren't slalom-inclined have also had new episodes of "Lost," "Desperate Housewives," "Survivor" and "Danc-

ing With the Stars" to choose from.

"In the past, the Winter Olympics have not had a lot of competition," said Stacey Lynn Koerner, analyst for the Initiative media agency, "because typically the other networks would lie down and say, 'why put our best stuff up against a powerhouse?'"

Through the first six days of Olympics broadcasts, the average Olympics viewership of 21 million people is down 36 percent from the 2002 Salt Lake City Games, 43 percent

among the 18-to-49-year-old viewers advertisers prefer.

The Salt Lake City Games were unusually good for NBC. Domestic Olympics typically fare better in the ratings than foreign ones, there was a surge of patriotism following the 2001 terrorist attacks and NBC was the top-rated network, meaning the competition was less fearsome.

Factor in general viewer erosion because there are simply more channels to choose from, and NBC says the Turin

numbers — distressing as they may seem — are within the range they promised to advertisers.

Influential analysts like Koerner and Sharienne Brill of Carat USA say the Olympics ratings are about what they had expected, perhaps slightly less.

"They're a little bit lower than what we had projected, which I would attribute to the fact that there hasn't been a compelling U.S. story line yet," said a competitor, CBS chief researcher David Poltrack.

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CADETS ENTRUSTED TO THE HANDS OF OTHERS

In 2004, nearly 150 women at the Air Force Academy in Colorado came forward with accusations that they had been sexually assaulted by fellow cadets between 1993 and 2003. Most said their complaints were ignored.

— Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Less experience better than lies

It's just over three months away from graduation time, and thousands of college seniors nationwide are growing a little nervous. The days of campus life are numbered and beyond them lies the dark, frightening frontier of the American workforce.

The process of applying for jobs is undoubtedly an intimidating one, and there is a substantial amount of pressure on these job-seekers to not only find the right job in the right profession, but also to look good while doing it.

As RadioShack Chief Executive Dave Edmondson has recently shown, that pressure can sometimes force people to do silly things — such as lie or blatantly falsify significant pieces of a résumé and hope, against basic logic, that it will go without being caught.

Edmondson has recently come under fire for erroneously — or accidentally, as he claims — listing a degree in both theology and psychology from Pacific Coast Baptist

Bible College (now Heartland Baptist Bible College). The school says that it not only lacks records of Edmondson's graduation, but also it has never even offered degrees in psychology.

Though he has not yet been fired, and it is still unclear if he will be, Edmondson has forever lost the reputation he spent so many years attempting to build. Students may forget his name with the passage of time, but potential employers will not. His name is now branded in the collective consciousness of reference-checkers everywhere, who are surely doubling the efforts in an attempt to keep their companies from becoming the next commercially-traded sucker.

So as the days tick by toward May, remember that no matter how bleak or empty your résumé may appear to be, the truth will ultimately serve you better than the extended one with more fallacy than fact.

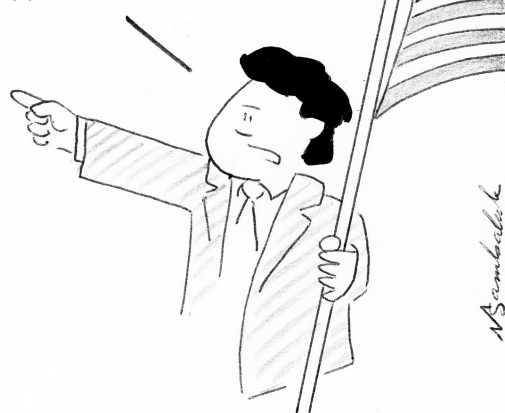
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President's Day reminder to respect, honor leaders

With everyone coming down off a Valentine's Day high, why don't we stop talking about sappy love songs and romantic din-

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Dan Plate

ners and start talking about a holiday that actually matters: President's Day. Some of you are probably thinking, "Who cares? Our president is a moron." Others might be thinking, "Good idea, we need to recognize our wonderful president."

I will not side with either of these opinions, because

I'm not here to back or bash Bush. I have my own opinion about the man, but we're talking about President's Day, not W Day. This is a day that was started in honor of George Washington's birthday and now honors all presidents, past and present.

We, as Americans, tend to bash our elected officials much too often, especially our presidents. Monday, and every President's Day, should be a day to honor men who have done more for our country than any of us will probably ever do. These men have one of the hardest jobs on the planet, and they go to work every day

under a microscope with hundreds of millions of eyes watching their every move.

A perfect example of this is the recent "Cheney shooting," as the media has started calling it. Vice President Cheney accidentally shot a man on a hunting trip, and the man's condition is stable, but as I write this, the story appears on the front page of the Web sites of CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, and MSN. If I shot a buddy in a hunting accident, it probably wouldn't even make it to the Web.

This is the type of publicity and attention the vice president gets. We all know that the president gets all

this, and much more. Being Superman would be a walk in the park compared to the type of pressure presidents have.

Not every American president has done as many great things as Washington, that's obvious. But, every American president does deserve the respect of the American people, if for nothing else than putting up with the pressures and demands placed upon them daily. I bet if any of us found ourselves face to face with Abraham Lincoln, we'd give him the esteem he deserves, so why not give our current presidents that same respect?

I do not agree with

everything Bush has done since he's been in office, but I most certainly respect the man. President's Day should be not about how much you like the current president should be about how much respect is owed to him, as well as to past presidents.

If you disagree with me, let me ask you this: If you had to get up every day and make decisions that affected hundreds of millions of people, wouldn't you expect some respect from those people? After all, they are the very same people who elected you.

I would venture to guess that it is impossible to agree with every sin-

gle decision a president makes. But at the same time, it should be impossible to not respect him, because frankly, his job demands it. It's not only one of the hardest jobs in the world, but also one of the most important.

President's Day comes once a year, but Americans' respect for past and current presidents should be present each and every day. I could care less if you like Bush, or liked Clinton, or what your feelings are about any other president, but it is simply unfeasible to not respect the presidency in general.

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Music turning into advertising

When the Rolling Stones accepted a \$500,000 offer from Jovan Perfume in 1981, they became the first major rock group to tour

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John-Laurent Tronche

under the flag of a major corporation.

Five years later Kurtis Blow became the first hip-hop artist to appear in a commercial when he rapped for Sprite.

Twenty years later, the line between sponsorship and advertising has grown even blurrier. According to the British Broadcasting Corp., McDonald's has teamed with marketing firm Maven Strategies to encourage rappers to write "Big Mac" into their songs. The rapper can expect to earn up to \$5 for each time said song is played on the radio.

Eminem rapping about the great taste of a cheeseburger seems ridiculous, but it's now entirely possible.

At what point will musicians decide enough is enough? At what point does a musician decide the meaning of his or her song is more important than a check for \$2 million and a marketing deal?

Music is a huge part of any culture and people often hold strong emotional investments in particular songs. Songs remind us of ideals or beliefs. They can be a rally call for change.

The Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again," a song about revolution and disillusionment in the 1960s, sells Nissan cars.

I can't listen to Led Zepelin's "Rock and Roll" without thinking of a Cadillac sports utility vehicle.

Using a song to promote a product dilutes the original message and cheapens the song itself.

Furthermore, the decision to lend their names to products cheapens the musicians. The fan can no longer regard the rock star as a beacon of hope, strictly adhering to what he believes in. Now he's a sellout.

While rock 'n' roll has always established itself as the voice of the counterculture, rap thrives on being a reflection of popular culture.

Snoop Dogg has appeared in Chrysler commercials. R. Kelly rapped about the expensive wheels on his Bentley. Jay-Z let listeners know how great Hennessy tastes.

Endorsements like these reduce rap to the equivalent of a one-page magazine ad: easy to produce, given a passing glance and quickly thrown away.

According to Agenda Inc., a San Francisco-based consulting group that monitors the presence of brand names in the lyrics of songs on the Billboard Top 20 singles, 50 Cent mentioned 19 brands by name in 2005. Mercedes found its namesake mentioned 100 times that year, the most by any brand.

In recent years, rappers have increasingly dropped their own product lines into songs, such as Pharrell and his Ice Cream shoes.

Listen to any rap radio station today and you're likely to hear just how fashionable it is to put jewelry on your teeth.

Popular rap music has become an endless stream of advertisements toward an impressionable youth yearning to have the latest and greatest.

With the help of MTV and huge radio-conglomerates, rap has become a celebration of a life of consumption.

Some might argue there's no harm in persuading a listener to buy a product.

So what then if the AK-47 assault rifle was mentioned 33 times in 2005, according to Agenda Inc.?

The times have changed immensely between "My Adidas" and "Pass the Courvoisier."

It would seem some rap artists no longer see their listeners as fans, but rather as a marketing demographic.

I don't consider popular rap to be music anymore; it's materialism set to a beat. It's a cheap vehicle for product placement: Buy these shoes, wear this shirt, drink this vodka and drive this car.

Next time you listen to the radio, ask yourself: Does Nelly really love his Nike shoes, or is he just paid to say so?

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Republicans need to elect more bipartisan candidates

It might be time for the Republican Party to moderate itself a bit. Don't get me wrong — as a card-carrying member of the much-reviled

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Ray Lemoine

religious right, I have loved the last six years. But with two new conservatives on the Supreme Court, we have our prize. It is time to look to the future.

Both major parties have shifted away from the center. It is time for Republicans to take control of the ground that has been left in the middle. Not just for the sake of our party, but for the good of our country.

The American people are weary of being divided 50/50. The acid nature of today's politics wears on me, and I'm a rabid partisan. So I propose that in the 2008 presidential election, we make John McCain the 44th president of the United States of America.

It makes sense because McCain isn't beholden to the right wing of the Republican Party. He's socially liberal but fiscally conservative. More importantly, he has waged a one-man war against government corruption.

Long before Jack Abramoff became a household name, McCain was working to reduce the influence of money in elections. In 2002, the McCain-Feingold Act was passed to help restrict the

unfettered flow of big money into election campaigns. It was the result of work begun in 1997 and seen through to fruition by McCain.

McCain is a reformer who has worked tirelessly to eliminate waste and pork in the congressional budget. Even today you can go to his Web site and see where all your hard-earned tax dollars are pissed away.

McCain also understands the importance of securing Iraq and continuing to wage the war on terrorism. He has differed with the current administration from time to time and has rightly criticized some policies. But he has never done so in a way that undermined the authority of the president as commander in chief.

Don't get me wrong. I often find him annoying. And I'm not the only conservative who does. Rush Limbaugh seems to really dislike him. And McCain didn't make any friends with the religious right when he opposed the Republican intervention in the Terri Schiavo case. But who was holding truer to conservative principles? The government has no business interceding in family matters of this nature.

All these things only broaden his appeal to the general public, and the conservative base can sit back and smile knowing that by

giving a little, we stand to gain a lot. The GOP could win another knockdown, drag-out election, with a hard-core conservative against a liberal Democrat.

We could, but we shouldn't. People need to believe in their government. Most people embrace the Republican tenants of fiscal conservatism, and rightly so. McCain will provide more than just lip service to these ideals. At the same time, social conservatives will win because the religious right is the true power in the GOP.

I know what you're thinking. I would like to see Hillary and Condi square off in the next election as much as you. But for too many people, she represents President George W. Bush and all his associated baggage. Condi would win, but it would be a divisive win.

It's not that I love social conservatism less, but that I love our country more. The nation needs a president in '08 who will edify. We need a president who will work to end corruption and the influence of money in politics. We need a president who will stop out-of-control government spending. We need a president who tells it like it is. We need a president like John McCain.

Ray Lemoine is a columnist for the Daily Nebraskan at the University of Nebraska. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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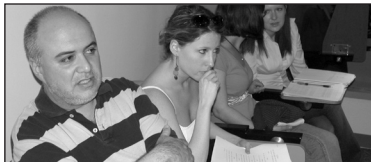
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SOME SOAPY WISDOM

Professor Richard Allen brings Hollywood to campus

BY OLGA BOGRAD, COPY DESK CHIEF

As a crew of students rushed around the set during the first day of filming their own soap opera, a former Hollywood script writer and now a professor, Richard Allen, sat in the back row of the production room and observed in silence.

He says he doesn't like to interrupt, even if he sees a glaring error. He thinks making mistakes is what it's all about.

"He is allowing us to learn," said Anna Leigh Simmons, a senior radio-TV-film major and the executive producer of the soap opera. "He lets an hour go by and then can say, 'Oh, tweak it this way.'"

That way, she said, what has already been filmed is never ruined. He only enhances it.

The love of teaching

Allen has been a part of the RTVF department for 13 years. And while he spent the earlier years of his career writing for shows such as "Days of Our Lives" and "As the World Turns" and has won two Emmy Awards, he said teaching is definitely a more rewarding experience. And out of all his awards, the one he is most proud of is TCU's best mentor award that he received in 2001.

Allen said he first considered teaching as a career only to have a backup, just in case writing did not work out. But at some point in graduate school, he realized that what he thought would be the fallback was actually his first choice.

In fact, he began writing for soap operas to get experience and build his resume for a teaching job. The Emmys were just a bonus.

But after years of writing for some of the biggest soap operas on television, he said, it was time for a change.

One of the reasons, Allen said, he did not enjoy working in Hollywood was because of the pressure that was put on him to get scripts written quickly.

"It's very assembly-line," Allen said. "You think you get to be creative — but there is no room for it."

No Allen took the first and only job offer he got and moved to Fort Worth.

The pressure runs high

Even though he no longer had to produce one script a week, he found other ways to keep himself busy at TCU. Besides teaching classes and being the chairman of the department, Allen has been helping students create their own productions for years. "Southern Comforts," the soap opera the students are filming this semester, is only the most recent in a series of projects Allen's students have created in the last few years. And he said he hopes to keep up the tradition.

Although Allen left the big-name actors and shows in Hollywood, he still admitted to being nervous before the first day of filming of "Southern Comforts."

"My students say I'm more

nervous than they are," he said. "Part of it is nervous energy. If I didn't have it, I would think there's something wrong with me."

Simmons said she only takes it as a compliment.

"He anticipates. Not all teachers anticipate a great paper ... but (Allen) anticipates something really good and so he is nervous to see if it is going to be good."

Pushing students to succeed

"Southern Comforts" is a project that has been in the making since last year, and one of Allen's classes was in charge of creating the plotlines and writing the scripts. And while this is precisely what Allen did in Hollywood, here he once again showed that he wants students to be in charge.

"It's their show," he said. Simmons said this is just another way Allen encourages students to develop.

"He really just listens," she said. "He listens to what you have to say and then he will take what you think and then make it better. He doesn't just give you his own ideas — he works with what you think, your ideas."

Renee Godelia, a TCU alumna who now works for "Days of Our Lives," said Allen treats his students as professionals and wants them to grow not only as students, but as people.

"I kind of thought of us as co-workers," Godelia said.

Godelia said that it is important for Allen to see his students succeed in life as well as



TY HALASZ / Photo Editor

RTVF students shoot a scene of their original soap opera Wednesday afternoon in Moudy Building South's RTVF Studio B.

school, so he does everything he can to help them get internships or jobs after graduation. She said she got her current job with Allen's help.

Godelia said that when she was part of a soap opera production in 2000, Allen was just like he is today.

"He teaches us the skills but then sits back and lets us do it," she said.

Simmons said Allen is definitely considered a "down-to-earth" professor.

"He teaches right on your level," she said. "He talks to you as if you are a peer and that he just happens to have Emmys. You wouldn't have known the difference."

That something special

Eric Cire, another RTVF major, also said Allen maintains a personal relationship with students.

"Despite the fact that he's head of the department and a

two-time Emmy winner, he's still one of the most accessible and down-to-earth professors I've ever had," Cire said.

Cire said Allen gives insights that students would never notice themselves.

"He uses examples, like in the films he chooses, that tend to open your eyes to things that you wouldn't notice unless you had been working as closely in the business, for as long as he has," Cire said.

Standing apart

But besides being known for his writing and teaching skills, Allen was also honored in 2001 by Jewsweek.com, which named him the 46th most important Jew in America. And although he said he knew there were only four people below him, he said the award was quite a surprise.

"I'm not even the most influential Jew in my house," he joked.

Allen said one of the reasons he was selected to be on the most influential Jews of America list is because he is an observing Jew and did not attend the Emmy presentation to pick up his own award because it was on Shabbat.

He said religion plays a significant role in his family's life. It is especially important for his wife, he said, who wants to study to become a synagogue service leader. He thinks his three children will also make religion a part of their lives as they grow older, even though he joked that his young daughter is a little "rebellious."

As far as his plans for the future go, Allen does not plan on leaving TCU any time soon. He said his dream would be to retire in New York City, his hometown.

"I'd like to see a Broadway show every night," he said. "But professors really don't get paid enough to do that."

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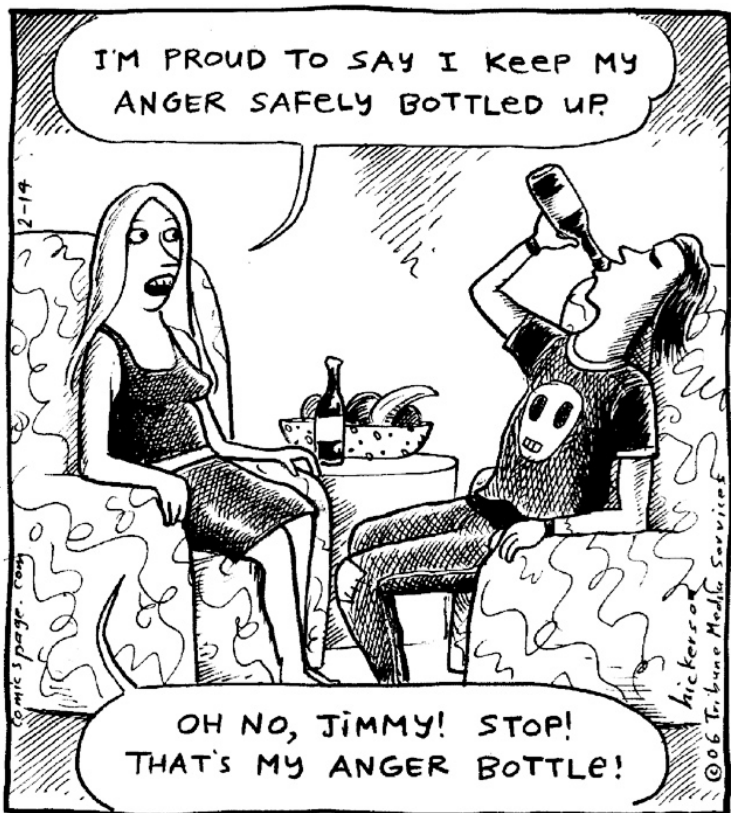


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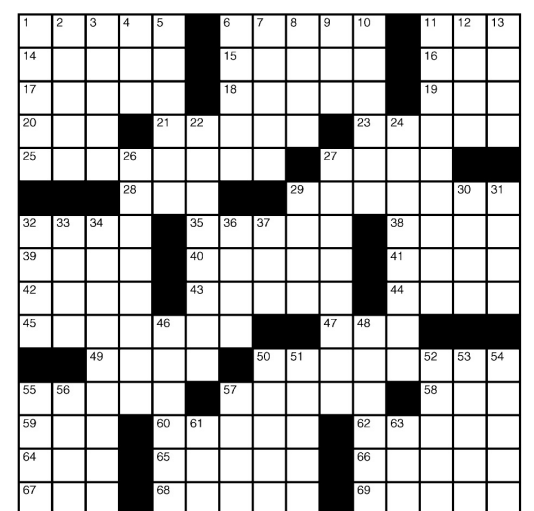
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Team to face ranked Razorbacks at tournament

By CLAIRE CURRY
 Staff Reporter

The Horned Frog baseball players are looking to put a home-opening loss to Texas State University behind them this weekend when they travel to Edinburgh for the Al Ogletree Classic.

The Frogs (2-2) will face off against nationally-ranked Arkansas (3-0), Stephen F. Austin (2-5) and Texas-Pan American (3-5).

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said the No. 17 Razorbacks are a tough challenge for the Frogs in the first game of the tournament.

"It's always a challenge to go on the road and be success-

ful, especially versus a team like Arkansas who is picked to win the SEC West," Schlossnagle said.

The Frogs already showed the ability to beat a ranked team away from Lupton Stadium when they defeated No. 12 Tulane in the Houston College Classic earlier this season.

Sophomore pitcher Jake Arrieta said it means a lot for TCU to beat a ranked team.

"It's always a great accomplishment to beat a ranked opponent, especially an opponent that is ahead of us," Arrieta said.

Arrieta said TCU has to cut down on the walks and errors

it is allowing in games, and pitchers also need to throw more strikes.

TCU will have to find an answer to the cold bats it encountered Tuesday, when it only recorded one run on three hits.

"They have one of the best pitchers in the country throwing Friday," Arrieta said.

The Razorbacks' likely starter will be standout lefty Nick Schmidt, just named SEC pitcher of the week Tuesday. Schmidt's only start of the season came Saturday, a six-inning performance in which he allowed no runs on zero hits.

Beating a team like Arkan-

sas could give TCU the opportunity to host a regional later this year, but Schlossnagle said he is not thinking about that just yet.

"Certainly, to host a regional, you need quality wins, of which we have two good ones right now," Schlossnagle said. "But regionals and hosting regionals is the farthest thing from my mind right now. We need to continue to improve as a team."

The Frogs will begin play at 2 p.m. today; the game against Texas-Pan American is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday; and TCU will meet Stephen F. Austin in the last game at 10 a.m. Sunday.



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer
 Junior pitcher Omar Arif throws a strike against Texas State. The Frogs hope to get back in the swing of things this weekend at the Al Ogletree Classic.

Lady Frogs aim for 2nd victory over SDSU

By NATALIE MERRILL
 Staff Reporter

The Lady Frogs said they refuse to take their Saturday home game against San Diego State lightly, even though the team has yet to capture a conference victory.

While the Aztecs (3-19) have not had much success this season, TCU head coach Jeff Mittie said they should still not be overlooked.

Mittie said that although

the Aztecs do not shoot well from the outside, they have some players who are capable of getting to the inside, which the Frogs will work to defend by closing the lanes.

"They've got an athletic team," he said. "We've got to keep them from driving to the basket."

TCU (13-9) leads the series against the Aztecs 3-2 and is 2-0 against them at home. The Frogs won the last match-

up 77-60 on Jan. 18 in San Diego.

The Lady Frogs shot 39.3 percent from the field that night, with sophomore forward Lorie Butler-Rayford leading the way in scoring with 11 points. She also managed 13 rebounds, earning a double-double for the game.

Junior forward Ashley Davis said although the Frogs have been playing well, they have

some improvements to make in practice.

Davis also said that a key Aztec player to watch is senior forward Michelle Strawberry, who averaged 13.9 points per game for the 2005-2006 season.

Mittie said one thing the Frogs need to do is to take better care of the basketball. In the last matchup, the Aztecs scored 24 points off TCU turnovers.

Men's tennis looking for third straight win

By DANIEL DURANY
 Staff Writer

The TCU men's tennis team will take on Texas Tech today, a team ranked in the Top 25, according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll.

The Horned Frogs will use their experienced lineup of seniors Jordan Freitas, Rafael Abreu and Jacopo Tezza against the Raiders' underclassmen players. Tech currently has five freshmen and no seniors on its roster.

The Raiders may be young, but they are enjoying early success in the season. The team is currently 3-0 and has only lost one match so far — a singles match against Abilene Christian on Feb. 4. The Frogs have enjoyed equal success, however, and have started the season 2-0,

with victories over both Texas A&M at Corpus Christi and the University of Texas at Arlington.

In terms of changing his singles or doubles lineup against Tech, head coach Joey Rive said the roster will remain about the same and that the team has had good practices for this week to defeat the Raiders.

Freitas said the team has been preparing for this week's matches by conditioning, and Abreu said the athletes have been running frequently.

Freitas said the Raiders have developed talent through the efforts of the coaching staff.

"There's been strong recruiting by their coach," Freitas said. "It's a deep team."

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