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Dance department welcomes alternative styles of dance

BY REBEKAH HOOD
Staff Reporter

Construction on campus is not stopping the dance department from hosting a national dance conference this week.

More than 600 students and faculty from 29 schools in the South Central region of the United States are meeting at TCU for the

American College Dance Festival Association Conference. The theme is "Under Construction: Dancers at Work."

The faculty and students have incorporated the construction theme into their wristbands, name tags and even into the merchandise and clothing TCU dance students will sell to the visitors,

said Ellen Shelton, chair of the ballet and modern dance department.

"If you can't hide it, you might as well use it," Shelton said.

The theme ties into the creative process of dancers, said Susan Douglas Roberts, associate professor of modern dance.

"When you create a dance,

it's like it's under construction," Roberts said. "It's a good metaphor for what we do."

Since the university had not hosted the conference since 1996, the dance department made a proposal seven years ago to host the conference in the near future, Shelton said. Its turn came, and the dance depart-

ment hoped that the renovations and all the things they had been dreaming about would be completed, Shelton said.

"But, we're not there yet, so we decided just to bite the bullet and go ahead and do it," Shelton said.

The conference will begin Feb. 21 for four days of master classes, panel discussions, work-

shops and dance concerts.

"It's a good experience taking classes from other people and getting to take other styles of dance that we normally don't get to, like jazz or hip hop," said Allie Stevens, a senior modern dance major.

During the conference, five concerts will be evaluated. See **DANCEFEST**, page 2

Potential sororities to present for spot

By DIA WALL
Staff Reporter

The three organizations vying for a spot in the Greek community will each host an informative presentation for the 10 Panhellenic sororities this week.

Alpha Phi, Delta Zeta and Gamma Phi Beta will visit today, Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, to host their programs and tour the campus.

All presentations are closed and will be conducted in a location that could not be disclosed due to privacy concerns, said Hannah Munsch, Panhellenic president.

James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life, said the Panhellenic council needs to find a good institutional fit and an organization that will foster giving back and becoming leaders in both the TCU and Fort Worth communities.

Alpha Phi, a fraternal organization founded in 1872, has the Gamma Eta chapter at the University of North Texas.

A positive history and success at other universities, especially in Texas, are factors that were listed on the feedback form used by the Panhellenic extension committee to select the final candidates.

Delta Zeta, founded in 1902, has tenets of both academic achievement and leadership. The Iota Psi chapter at the University of Texas at Arlington attends leadership retreats for its university, a leadership conference for its chapter and encourages members to be leaders involved in two on-campus organizations, Ashley Wilson, UTA Delta Zeta president said.

The Delta Zeta women are also heavily represented in a freshman mentoring program

coined "UTA Hosts," Wilson said.

"The national chapter is very actively engaged in their academic standing, and we regularly provide information to them," said Seth Ressler, assistant director for Greek life and university events at UTA.

Chapter scholarship standards were one of the criteria reviewed by the Panhellenic extension committee in selecting the three finalists as well as providing leadership development, which was listed on the feedback form under internal chapter operations.

"We look for accountable, responsible girls who also have a religious background because we are a Christian-based organization," Wilson said.

Although no specific faith is required to be a member of Delta Zeta, the fact that TCU is also a Christian-based institution could fulfill part of the common heritage element outlined by the Panhellenic extension committee.

In the Feb. 24 Panhellenic meeting, Panhellenic extension committee president Clare Edwards said the committee will look for universities most like TCU.

The only small-to-medium sized private university in the area that has any of the three sororities giving presentations to the Panhellenic council is Southern Methodist University.

At a 2006 international convention, the Alpha Xi chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at SMU won numerous awards.

Patricia Crowley, executive director of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, said the E. Adeline Curtis Award recognizes See **GREEK**, page 2

WEIRD SCIENCE



JASON FOCHTMAN / Staff Photographer
(ABOVE) TCU's Thomas Sheffield (far right) oversees the final test conducted by students from several high schools in the area. (LEFT) TCU facilitator Scott Stacy explains the coefficient of friction to Nolan Catholic High School student Greg Kolesar. (RIGHT) Members of Team G congratulate each other after student facilitator Sarah Hernandez announced them as the winner of the egg drop test.



Local high schools join together for scientific Saturday

By MICHAEL BEST
Staff Reporter

No torches were lit during Saturday's Physics Olympics, but eggs were smashed to bits.

The TCU Society of Physics Students hosted its third Physics Olympics in the Sid Richardson Building on Saturday.

Students from five area high schools formed nine four-person teams to compete in five events. Mark Dunleavy, the Webmaster for SPS, said the winner was the team with the highest score when the grades from the five events were totaled.

SPS organized all of the day's events without the instruction of a professor, Dunleavy said, and was different from years past when professors were directly involved in the process.

Each event was weighted the same, and a 30-minute

time limit was allotted for each lab, said Sarah Duesman, a sophomore SPS member.

Olympic events included a bull's eye test in which students calculated the trajectory of a steel ball shot from a spring-loaded launcher. Students attempted to aim the launcher to hit the center of a target for a perfect score.

Students fashioned egg-protection devices using plastic plates, straws, toothpicks, plastic grocery bags See **PHYSICS**, page 2

Unidentified male found in women's locker room

By SKIFF STAFF

A female student reported an unknown male in the women's swim team locker room Sunday evening.

The student was attempting to change when she saw a man poke his head out from one of the women's bathroom stalls.

The student told TCU Police the man apologized as she fled the locker room.

She described the suspect as a 20-year-old, short, Hispanic male with a mustache, wearing black shorts and a white T-shirt.

TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham declined to comment on whether the suspect was a TCU student.

This is an ongoing investigation, Ham said.

Ham said there are many video surveillance cameras in the University Recreation Center, and TCU Police are working to get more information.

Although police are unsure of how the suspect entered the locker room, one possibility is the suspect broke into the officials' locker room, located in the basement of the Rec Center, climbed up through the ceiling tiles and fell into the women's swim team locker room next door, said Steve Kintigh, director of campus recreation.

Ham said this possibility has not been proved nor disproved.

Until the investigation is complete, the Rec Center staff cannot make any judgments about the current security system, said Jay Iorizzo, assistant director of facility operations.

Campus group joins local churches for discussion group

By ELIZABETH DAVIDSON
Staff Reporter

After low-campus turnouts at last year's Great Decisions Discussions, the program has been moved to local churches.

The Center for Civic Literacy is teaming with community congregations to sponsor opportunities to discuss political issues through the Great Decisions Discussions program. Students and community members are invited to the programs where experts, usually TCU professors, will lead the discussions.

This is the second year TCU has been involved in the program, said Eric Cox, assistant professor and associate director for the Center of Civic Literacy.

"What we decided this year was to approach local congregations who have active outreach programs in an attempt to make use of their ready-made audience, as well as any audience we have of people here at TCU," Cox said. "They will be able to advertise to their congregations, and we'll advertise

to TCU people and hopefully come up with something big."

The program was started by the Foreign Policy Association, a "nonprofit organization that seeks to educate the public about foreign policy," according to its Web site. Each year, it releases a briefing book with eight topics that it encourages people to sponsor discussions on, Cox said.

St. Stephen Presbyterian Church and Temple Beth-El are each hosting two of

the discussion programs and the Center for Civic Literacy is working on adding four more programs at two other local churches, Cox said.

The first Great Decisions Discussion will take place at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. The congregation chose to discuss the topic of war crimes.

"We are hosting this event so that this intellectual series might be available to our neighbors, TCU, our congregation and anyone who is interested in understanding

this issue," said Beth Fultz, director of Christian education at St. Stephen.

At each event, the speakers will discuss the topic for about 30 minutes to 45 minutes, then a question-and-answer or general discussion time will follow, Cox said.

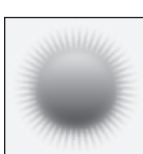
Alison Lewis, a sophomore political science major, said she thinks teaming with community members in this program will be beneficial for students.

"Different perspectives allow students to ask more

questions and think for themselves rather than instantly believe what is fed to them in college," Lewis said.

Cox believes it is important to get people from different backgrounds together and talking about difficult topics.

"It's good for the TCU students, it's good for the community, and hopefully, if students are positive contributors to these conversations at all, it also helps TCU's image in the community," Cox said.



WEATHER

TODAY: Partly cloudy, 73/48
WEDNESDAY: Partly cloudy, 63/52
THURSDAY: Partly cloudy, 74/58

PECULIAR FACT

MAPLEWOOD, Minn. — Airline pilot Raymond Snouffer, Jr. won a \$25,000 lottery jackpot—two days in a row. Lottery officials said the odds against such a sequence were "virtually incalculable." — MSNBC

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PHYSICS

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and paper, and tested them by dropping their creations two stories.

The event was timed, and part of the competition involved how quickly an intact egg could be retrieved from the device, said senior Sarah Hernandez, SPS president.

Two labs were written tests on general physics knowledge: one multiple choice test and the other short answer, Dunleavy said.

He said after the competitions had ended, students toured three science labs and viewed demonstrations about refraction and light properties.

The Student Government Association provided most of the funding for the

event, Hernandez said.

Fort Worth Country Day School and James W. Martin High School tied for first place. An egg-drop tiebreaker placed Fort Worth Country Day School in first when James W. Martin High School's egg cracked on the pavement.

Hernandez said the winners of the competition received a plaque and SPS T-shirts.

DANCEFEST

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ated by three adjudicators, professional dancers invited to come and evaluate the dances, Shelton said.

The adjudicators evaluate each dance blindly, and will not know what school it is from or who the choreographer or performers are. After each concert, they will have a feedback session in which they talk about each dance and give the dancers some pointers, Shelton said.

"The whole mission of the conference is to support creative activity both as choreographers and performers," Shelton said. "The intention is to support everyone, not just to rank."

The adjudicators will choose about nine or 10 dances from the works they have seen to be per-

formed in the Gala Concert, open to the public, on Saturday night, Shelton said.

"The conference will bring recognition to our department and to our university," Roberts said. "It allows us to make a connection with the community at large."

Though the campus construction is making preparations a bit more difficult than normal, it's worth it, said Krista Jennings, a junior ballet and modern dance and English major.

"It's a little unfortunate, but you've got to go with the flow," Jennings said. "We've made a way for it to work for us."

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION:
DANCERS AT WORK**

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DEPARTMENT OF Ballet and Modern Dance

GREEK

From page 1

strong sisterhood and that an honorable mention should be viewed with great pride.

A developed philanthropy and community service program were considered in choosing potential candidates, as outlined in the feedback form for the extension committee.

Crowley said the national sorority has an expectation that each of its chapters participate in their philanthropy as part of membership, and that they should also be active in their community locally and within their universities.

Shannon Sumerlin, coordinator of student activities and Greek affairs at SMU was unable to comment on the Alpha Xi chapter

or anything pertaining to the possible sorority acceptance to TCU.

Parker said each of the 10 current sororities will get one vote, in which they will rank the organizations in preferential order.

The vote will take place Feb. 28 at the Panhellenic meeting, and the final decision will be announced March 8.

Director recovers from brain inflammationBy MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE
Staff Reporter

The director of the Schieffer School of Journalism, Tommy Thomason, is recovering after being hospitalized Friday morning with what at



TOMMY THOMASON

first appeared to be a stroke, said William Slater, the dean of the College of Communication. Thomason's wife, Debby, said as of Friday afternoon, Thomason was being treated for viral encephalitis. In a telephone interview Monday,

Tommy Thomason said he feels fine and is ready to return to work.

Thomason said he was scheduled to be released Monday night with little more than a prescription for steroids. He said he will recover at home and fully expects to be back to work by the end of the week.

Viral encephalitis is characterized by an inflammation in the brain caused by a virus which affects 100,000 to 200,000 people each year, according to the University of Maryland Medical Center Web site.

"My doctors told me that

my condition could have been caused by a bad cold which made its way into my brain," Tommy Thomason said.

Debby Thomason noticed there was a problem with her husband when she tried to wake him Friday morning and he was unresponsive.

"You only see this kind of stuff on a show like 'House M.D.,'" Thomason joked, referring to how perplexed the doctors were with his condition. "When I was first brought in, the doctors asked me who the president was. I had some vague recollection of who it was, but I couldn't remember his name." Thomason said the original

stroke diagnosis was refuted as discrepancies between his symptoms and CAT scan results led doctors to think there was another cause for his illness.

Thomason teaches a features and magazine writing class, but in his absence, the class is being taught by Robert Bohler, director of student publications.

Slater said at this time, no replacement will be appointed for Thomason while he is away.

Thomason has been teaching at TCU since 1984 and was appointed interim chair of the journalism department in 1998 before being officially appointed in 1999 as the director.

FOR YOUR INFO

ACDFA Conference at TCU —
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When: Wednesday to Saturday

Five adjudicated concerts will be open to TCU faculty and students.

Admission is Free:

- Wednesday — 7 p.m.
- Thursday — 1 p.m.
- Thursday — 8 p.m.
- Friday — 1 p.m.
- Friday — 8 p.m.

The Gala Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday.

- General Admission: \$10
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits."
— Thomas Edison

THE SKIFF VIEW

Activist groups deserve credit

"The Vagina Monologues" ended last week with a plea to stop violence against women worldwide. The closing line asked how it is possible to make the plights of others who are miles away seem real. They hit the nail on the head. Human beings have a duty to take care of each other. But the reality is it's too easy to get caught up in everyday life here at TCU to the point that the problems of the world seem distant and surreal.

The small, sparse student activism groups on campus have been working hard — mostly unnoticed — to change that. It's time they received some credit from the student body and help with their cause. It's in TCU's mission statement, after all, "to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens."

It's well-known that grades and partying tend to take priority over most other issues during these four years — and why shouldn't they? After all, it is college. But some students, in the midst of their beer

and textbooks, are attempting to bring social injustices to light by leading organizations such as Frogs for Fair Trade, Hunger Week and The One Campaign.

These groups aren't asking for much. No one is demanding you put your education on hold to join the Peace Corps and move to Bali for three years. Campaigns such as The One Campaign say just awareness of issues can help create change. One by one we can fight AIDS and poverty, The One Campaign, a Facebook group, says of its cause. And Frogs for Fair Trade has provided an easy, thoughtless way to make a difference. Instead of purchasing coffee that takes advantage of South American farmers, purchase the already-offered fair trade-certified coffee that promises to treat these farmers as human beings and pay them living wages.

The point of these student-led activist groups is not to demand all of our time and money but, instead, to ask for small changes that when added up make a world of difference.

Features editor Amber Parcher for the editorial board.

OOOFSPOOF BY ROLF NELSON

Britney Shears



Humans should make efforts to control global warming

Last week, 18 months after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and its surrounding areas were hit by a tornado. In an Associated Press article, Mervin Polard, whose mother's home was damaged in both disasters, asks

COMMENTARY



Anahita Kalianivala

"How do you start over again when you are already trying to do that?"

How are some people so unfortunate that their homes are hit by deadly and devastating natural disasters twice in a two-year span, let alone once in a lifetime? Is it really all up to chance, fate and perhaps karma?

With a scientific approach, many climate and weather experts want to attribute the recent increase in the quantity and intensity of natural disasters to the effects of global warming.

Fortunately, the government is starting to pay closer attention to the implications of the greenhouse

effect and how our pollution affects the environment. The U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released an assessment this month that, for the first time, attributes the earth's rising temperatures to human activity.

I don't understand how people ever doubted humans were creating such profound changes in the environment. With all the industrial factories and the number of cars emitting fumes everyday, it's no wonder that, right here in the Metroplex, there is visible smog when you drive on highway overpasses.

Maybe we just feel like storms are getting the better of us because there is so much more at stake; we are a more vulnerable society with the rising population and constant development. Maybe global warming is a government conspiracy, blinding citizens to the truth that their own inhabitation of the earth is destroying it. Okay, this is a bit of an exaggeration; so, it's not a government conspiracy.

But, our growing population is undoubtedly contributing to these effects. For a simple analogy for all the waste and pollution people contribute: When you dust, it never goes away; it just gets moved from place to place. I wonder how we are able to make such strides



On the frozen Beaufort Sea outside the Inupiat village of Kaktovik, Alaska, a polar bear takes a break from gnawing on whale meat. The 3,800 polar bears along the Alaskan coast face an uncertain future as global warming melts more summer sea ice each year.

STEVE RINGMAN / MCT

and advancements in technology that we can make a robot cry for a Super Bowl commercial, but we can't come up with a better way to control our pollution. And even if these developments arise in future years, that only takes care of the current inhabitants of

Earth. According to a Feb. 16 Star-Telegram article, the world is gaining 75 million people each year. So what about the new arrivals we're expecting next year? It is time the world's population open its eyes and take notice that we ought to make efforts to control the grow-

ing population. Better family-planning would have beneficial effects in America alone, serving to reduce teen-pregnancy and abortion rates. It's worrisome to think the government could dictate the number of children we have, but I bring this up to state that this kind of despotism is not at all what I'm advocating. Childbirth should not be a government policy. But, according to the Star-Telegram article, "The United States and other nations should put much more emphasis on reining in global population growth."

Expanding the wealth of our society is not a negative thing as long as we are prepared to take care of the damages to the environment it may create, as well as educating others to do the same. We shouldn't be afraid to have a little self-control for the benefit of our international neighbors, and more importantly, for the well-being of our posterity.

Anahita Kalianivala is a freshman English and psychology major from Fort Worth. Her column appears Tuesdays.

Venezuela should embrace free speech

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez traded free speech for controlled speech at America's expense when he chose not to renew the license of RCTV, one of Venezuela's oldest and most popular news organizations, for criticizing his rise to power.

Since Chavez began ruling by decree Feb. 1, 2007, he has cut off many ties with the U.S. while making deals with oil-rich nations in an effort to weaken America and enforce what he calls "socialism of the 21st century."

"No media outlet will be tolerated here that is at the service of coup-ism, against the people, against the nation, against national independence, against the dignity of the republic," Chavez said to the media in a televised speech. "Go and turn off the equipment."

As the self-proclaimed leader of the Bolivarian Revolution, Chavez has vowed to liberate his country from the threats of imperialism. His economic agenda, combined with his anti-American attitude, has given him worldwide attention and support from nations such as Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Russia, China, Iran, Iraq and Sudan.

It's important to realize Chavez craves this power and will abuse

it to get more. "The dignity of the nation" is becoming the dignity of one man, which is completely dependent on the absence of free speech and perhaps the free speech in our own country.

Instead of using free speech in Venezuela to assess approval of his leadership and anti-Americanism, Chavez uses free speech in America as a promotion. For example, he claimed that particular threats made by the Rev. Pat Robertson were a direct military threat from the American government, which he told ABC's Ted Koppel in 2005.

Now that Chavez controls the media, he is able to blur the line between free speech and government speech in his nation, making it appear blurry in America as well.

This is downright dirty business that brings no advantage. It fuels hatred for America, which is one of the only things Chavez has in common with his allies. Additional similarities include vast amounts of oil, total government control, excessive militarization and social dependency on the head of state.

If Chavez controls the Venezuelan media, he controls the thoughts of everyone watching by only providing bits and pieces of the many things people say in the free world and pretending

like their words come directly from President Bush.

When RCTV criticized his rise to power, Chavez responded harshly by taking their right to criticize away and blamed the incident on American influence. He holds Venezuelans' freedoms hostage and gains a tighter grip on society with American criticisms.

"The left is back and it's the only path we have to get out of the spot to which the right has sunken us," Chavez said. "Socialism builds; capitalism destroys."

If Chavez, along with a handful of individuals around the world, have the power to control the media, they too have the power to control citizens and together as allies, who knows what else?

They can force millions into adopting the goals of the handful and together deceive all their people into fighting against America.

This is too much power and should not be taken lightly. Looking beyond our borders and around the globe, there are different extremes in the way freedom is taken away and the ways in which eyes and ears become shut. We should recognize the threats of socialism taking form around us at every level and protect free speech at all costs.

Ashleigh Whaley is a junior news-editorial journalism major from Austin.

New TV converter boxes not fair to poorer classes

In two years, by statute, broadcast television as we've always known it will go away. On Feb. 19, 2009, all analog broadcast signals will be replaced by digital signals. The picture will be sharper and clearer — no more of the old-fashioned snow or ghosts on the screen.

Of course, even if the switchover occurred tomorrow, most of us wouldn't notice it. Only about 15 percent of American households still hook up an antenna to watch TV. Everyone else has cable or satellite service, which will still work just fine after the digital switchover.

Anyone who wants to keep watching TV the old-fashioned way will need to buy a new set or plug in a converter box. And here's where Congress comes in. In 2005 lawmakers agreed to pay at least \$990 million to subsidize the cost of converter boxes. They would even spend \$1.5 billion. That would be the same as every household kicking in \$13 in taxes to help a handful buy converter boxes.

This is absurd. In fact, this is nothing more than a corporate welfare program. It's the broadcasters and equipment-makers who'll really benefit from the handout.

Still, the Commerce Department has dutifully drafted a plan to help cable-free viewers upgrade. Each eligible

household will be able to collect as many as two \$40 coupons toward the purchase of converter boxes, which are expected to cost \$50 to \$75. The converter coupons alone could cost taxpayers as much as \$1.36 billion.

Last fall Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., now the chairman of the House Commerce Committee, sent the Bush administration a letter co-signed by 19 other lawmakers. It complained that the proposed converter-box policy "disadvantages the poor, the elderly, minority groups and those with multiple television sets in their home." Dingell and the others insist the present plan would "unfairly disenfranchise consumers with perfectly good televisions," who ought to have access to a "government-backed plan to hold them harmless."

That's right. There's a new "victim" group in town: the unfortunates who struggle with the burden of "multiple television sets." There's no "right" to watch television, and it's not up to the government to make sure people can.

The bottom line is that it makes no sense to use taxpayer money to help TV viewers upgrade their receivers. It's time to pull the plug on this foolish subsidy.

Ed Feulner is a writer for The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. This column was distributed by MCT.

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Israeli, Palestinian leaders, Rice set meeting to negotiate peace

By JOEL GREENBERG
Chicago Tribune

A meeting Monday between U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Israeli and Palestinian leaders produced little signs of progress toward renewed peace negotiations, beyond

a pledge to meet again.

After a two-hour session with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Rice emerged alone to read a statement and then left the room without taking questions from reporters.

The talks, the first joint meeting between Israeli and Palestinian leaders and a top U.S. official in more than three years, were originally billed as an attempt to explore prospects for an eventual peace deal.

But they were complicated by the recent power-sharing agreement between Abbas's Fatah faction and Hamas whose language does not explicitly meet international demands to recognize Israel, renounce violence and accept previous accords with the Israelis.

The agreement says a new Palestinian coalition government will "respect" previous agreements signed by the Palestine Liberation Organization, accords

that include recognition of Israel and a renunciation of violence.

Rice said Abbas and Olmert had discussed "issues arising from the formation of a Palestinian national unity government," and the conditions that have been set by the Quartet of Middle East mediators — the United States, the European Union, the United Nations and Russia.

"All three of us affirmed our commitment to a two-state solution, agreed that a Palestinian state cannot be born of violence and terror, and reiterated our acceptance of previous agreements and obligations, including the roadmap," Rice said, referring to the dormant U.S.-backed peace plan that outlines steps to resume talks leading to a Palestinian state.

Rice said Abbas and Olmert agreed to meet again soon, and repeated their desire for American participation. "In that vein, I expect to return to the region soon," she said.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said no date had been set for another three-way meeting.

Speaking later to legislators from his Kadima party, Olmert said he had insisted in Monday's talks that the new Palestinian government meet the conditions set by the Quartet, halt rocket fire from the Gaza Strip and free an Israeli soldier held there since he was seized in a cross-border raid by militants in June.

"I added that we will not recognize any government that will not honor these commitments, and we will not cooperate with it or with any of its ministers," Olmert said.

However "we will maintain the channel of communication with Abu Mazen," Olmert said, referring to Abbas by his nickname. "It was agreed that contacts between us would continue, which will mainly focus on the need to improve the quality of life of the Palestinians."

Olmert was referring to goodwill gestures, such as the removal of some roadblocks in the West Bank, announced after a previous meeting with Abbas.

Rice said Sunday that the United States was reserving judgment on the new Pales-

tinian government until it is formed, but she indicated that the guidelines set in the power-sharing accord, reached this month in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, did not meet international demands.

"I haven't seen anything to date that suggests that this is a government that's going to meet the Quartet's principles, but you know ... we will see once the government is formed," Rice told reporters.

Abbas told U.S. officials the agreement was the best he could get to halt months of fighting between Fatah and Hamas that left scores dead and brought Palestinians to the brink of civil war.

"The agreement that was signed in Mecca was directed toward the priority that we have to stop the internal fighting, to maintain our social fabric, to end the lawlessness and the chaos," said Saeb Erekat, a senior aide to Abbas. "It's a priority for us."

Representatives of the Quartet are to meet Wednesday in Berlin to discuss their stance toward the emerging Palestinian coalition.



U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, center, shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, right, and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, before a meeting at a hotel in Jerusalem on Monday.

XM Satellite, Sirius create joint company

By ROBERT SCHROEDER
MarketWatch

WASHINGTON — Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. and XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. announced Monday that they have agreed to create a \$13 billion combined company, which will be headed by the current chief executive of Sirius.

The merger bid is certain to face scrutiny from federal regulators. Last month, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin Martin said his agency's rules wouldn't permit such a deal.

If approved by shareholders and regulators, investors in XM would get 4.6 shares of Sirius common stock for each XM share they own. The \$13 billion deal includes debt of about \$1.6 billion.

Sirius, headquartered in New York City, features Howard Stern, Martha Stewart and other personalities.

Sirius Chief Executive Mel Karmazin will run the combined company, which will have 14 million customers. The new name has yet to be determined.

XM Chairman Gary Parsons will be the new chairman; XM's current chief executive, Hugh Panero, will stay until the merger is complete. XM is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

In a statement, Karmazin called the merger "the next logical step" in audio entertainment's evolution.

"Together, our best-in-class management team and programming content will create unprecedented choice for consumers, while creating long-term value for shareholders of both companies," he commented.

Shares of XM closed at \$13.98 on Friday, while shares of Sirius finished Friday trading at \$3.70.

Three missing Oregon climbers rescued after night stranded in canyon due to snow storm

By HAL BERTON
The Seattle Times

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore. — Three missing climbers stranded overnight in a storm-whipped canyon were reached Monday morning by a rescue party that had set out before daybreak from this Mount Hood ski resort.

The rescuers had known the general location of the climbers but efforts to zero in on them were hampered by poor visibility due to heavy snows.

The climbers include a woman who suffered head injuries Sunday as the trio fell into the canyon during a snowstorm.

"She is conscious and alert but has short-term memory loss," Rocky Henderson of the Portland Mountain Rescue said Monday morning.

The missing climbers had spent the night in an area of the White River Canyon that was icy and hard packed with snow. The climbers were unable to dig a snow cave, so they spread out pads and covered themselves with two sleeping bags near a large rock to help block wind. They huddled beneath a tarp, along with their dog, a shepherd-labrador mix.

Using their cell phone, the climbers made contact with searchers at the lodge throughout the night and morning.

In a conversation at about 7:40 a.m. PST, the group appeared to be cold but lucid and eager to be rescued, according to Clackamas County search officials.

Mountain locator units that the trio had carried with them had helped to narrow the search area to a portion of the canyon at the 7,100-to-7,500 elevation level. But it had not yielded a precise location. Unconfirmed reports were that the climbers were found somewhere around 11 or 11:15 a.m.

Monday morning, the snow was not as intense as Sunday evening. Volunteers had hoped to find the climbers with plenty of daylight left so there would be time for evacuation.

Timberline Lodge has served as the hub of the search-and-rescue effort. It's typically a take-off point for climbers attempting to summit Mount Hood from the south.

The rescue effort included 16 searchers, who Monday morning headed east from Timberline Lodge at about the 6,000-foot

elevation level and planned to drop into the canyon.

A second group of six searchers departed Sunday evening from farther east near Highway 35 to try to work their way to the climbers. That group made it above the 6,000-foot elevation level then pitched a tent due to hazardous conditions. They had planned to resume the search Monday morning, Henderson said.

The missing climbers were part of an eight-person group that ascended part way up the mountain Saturday in a planned two-day outing. Due to bad weather, they opted not to reach the summit Saturday and headed down the mountain Sunday.

The outing went awry as the weather socked in and visibility faded. The three-person climbing group fell off a steep ridge and tumbled down into a canyon.

After the fall, the climbers were unable to get back up the steep canyon wall, so they continued walking down through the canyon for about 40 minutes.

The other group of five dug a snow cave and was rescued by searchers late Sunday afternoon.

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South Carolina school offers new security studies degree

By JONATHAN CRIBBS
McClatchy Newspapers

On the second floor of a training building in Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort on a January night, security didn't come from the barrel of a gun or the buzz of a taser.

It started with rote memorization of obscure foreign capitals: Riga, Latvia, Skopje, Macedonia, Vaduz and Lichtenstein.

In Room 215, University of South Carolina Beaufort instructor Colin Pearce stood in front of his class and called out countries.

"Finland? Olympic Games? Nineteen-fifteteeeee-two?" he asked.

"Helsinki?" one student blurted out.

"The Netherlands," Pearce said, moving on. "Sin City? Where you want to go if you want to commit sins?"

"Amsterdam?" said Richard Smith, a student from Bluffton, S.C.

It was the beginning of Introduction to Security Studies, the first class in the university's new security program, a degree designed to capitalize on the surging demand for homeland security professionals in the country following Sept. 11 and Hurricane Katrina. The program is the first of its kind in South Carolina and one of few nationwide.

University officials have said they hope demand for the pro-

gram will flourish among the 6,000-plus military personnel at the air station and Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, many of whom may be looking for work in the private sector when they leave the service.

But at its core, security studies is really history and geography, Pearce said.

"The issue is, do contemporary American students have the basic geographic knowledge of the world around them that can give them the understanding of international security, foreign conflict, all those things?" he said.

Over two hours, Pearce's lecture skimmed hundreds of years of world history, the philosophy of democracy and relationships

between world leaders. At one point, Pearce touched on Iran's nuclear ambitions.

The U.S. government and its allies believe Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is covertly developing nuclear weapons in violation of an international treaty. Iranian officials claim they are simply looking to create nuclear power for electricity.

"Regime change," Pearce said. "Then you don't have to invade, and you don't have to worry about some crazy guy that has a bomb. Regime change is everyone's dream in this. But now it looks like Iran is going to have a bomb before a regime change."

Navy Chief Petty Officer Rick

Hampton, 35, said he didn't understand how the U.S. government could attack foreign nations without officially declaring war but considers attacks on U.S. soil clear-cut acts of war.

"It seems like when we do it to somebody else, it's not an act of war. But whenever some does it to us (it's a war cry)," he said. "You wonder why people don't like us; we go in there and bomb the crap out of their neighbors."

"It's the Middle East. They respect that," Marine Staff Sgt. Jeff Bassett said, inspiring chuckles from the rest of the class.

Bassett is a prime example of who the university is aiming to serve. In July, he'll retire

from a 19-year career in the U.S. Marines.

"There's a lot of opportunity for ex-military," he said. "(The class) looked interesting, the concepts, the different stories. It's deep."

The class is being offered at MCAS, and Donald Snow, a national security expert and professor emeritus of political science at the University of Alabama, teaches additional classes at the university's campus in southern Beaufort County.

"Knowledge of the big, wide world out there is important," Pearce said. "Not just for specialists in security studies but people that have to be involved in national debate and vote for their candidates."

Politicians to use 'conversation'

By RICK MONTGOMERY
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Politicians say it, at least: Americans crave a "conversation" — not a debate, dialogue or sterile discussion, certainly not a spate of speeches — to address issues that really matter.

"Let the Conversation Begin!" implored the campaign banners that flanked Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton on recent presidential campaign stops in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, another Democrat who is seeking the presidency, articulates a public yearning "to have that conversation" about topics ranging from immigration to Iraq to energy policy — the last of which would amount to a conversation about conservation.

Here's a conversation starter: "What gives?"

Consultants, linguists and political scientists will tell you that "conversation" carries profound connotations.

Some call it a rhetorical shot across the bow, signaling that our elected leaders haven't been listening to you, as we surely will. Some say the word found new life in cyberspace, where blogs and discussion boards invite "conversation" (and choose to call it that — as opposed to what others call unbridled rants).

Even President Bush, a self-described "decider," availed himself to a "Conversation on Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits," as the White House press office billed the event last year. When appearing in Florida, however, Bush never used the c-word in his speech.

More than a few experts — and, more importantly, at least

one comedian — argue it's a gender thing.

Earlier this month, Jon Stewart, the host of "The Daily Show," lampooned Clinton's call for "a national conversation." Leaning toward the camera, he offered: "I don't think that slogan is going to help you with men."

"You may as well get on the campaign bus — the 'I Think We Really Need to Talk!' Express — to unveil your new Iraq policy: 'America, let's pull over and just ask for directions,'" Stewart joked.

Research shows men and women interpret the value of conversation in different ways, said Pat Heim, the chief executive officer of the Heim Group, a workplace consulting firm that offers seminars in "gender speak."

"For a lot of men, to hear 'conversation' is uncomfortable because that's not how they tend to do relationships. They prefer activity," Heim said. "Men are more likely to get to the bottom line quickly. Many women, being process-focused, would prefer to take you through a process that often requires a conversation overtly."

Wayne Fields, who studies campaign rhetoric, says "conversation" sounds good to him — better than what Americans have come to expect from political and cultural discourse of the last decade or so.

The right stuff?

Top qualifications that would make these four candidates good presidents, according to a recent poll

Hillary Clinton		John McCain	
Experienced, qualified	45%	Experienced, qualified	26%
Knowledgeable, intelligent	15%	Military background	17%
Barack Obama		Rudy Giuliani	
Young, new, fresh ideas	22%	Terrorism issue	21%
Knowledgeable, intelligent	15%	Did good job as mayor	18%

Source: USA Today/Gallup Poll of 1,006 adults, Feb. 9-11, 2007; error margin: +/- 3 percentage points; Graphic: Melina Yingling, Judy Treble

Citing the "aggressively masculine" and partisan putdowns spewed by Rush Limbaugh, Michael Moore or, for that matter, Ann Coulter, "we've created a political culture that flaunts disrespect," said Fields, a professor at Washington University in St. Louis.

"This reflects a cultural shift as much of a change in style: 'We're willing to listen.' Whether you can make that message convincing is another matter."

Many people — in and out of politics — are trying hard. Katie Couric held a six-city "listening tour" last July before taking her seat behind the anchor desk of the "CBS Evening News." Columnist Cal Thomas was among those who didn't get it, writing that network anchors should already know what's what: "Does a surgeon ask a patient for advice before operating?" Thomas asked.

In Washington, Clinton campaign spokesman Mo Elleithe insists that the word "conversation" was not tested on focus groups.

It's only natural, Elleithe said, that voters want their leaders to listen. "With the current president, the conversation has definitely been one-way."

Bush honors first George W., compares wartime presidents

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS
McClatchy Newspapers

MOUNT VERNON, Va. — Was it like this at Valley Forge?

People huddled together, marched in place and danced jigs for warmth on a frosty field outside George Washington's historic home Monday while President Bush paid homage to the nation's first president, whose 275th birthday is Thursday.

"I feel right at home here," Bush told some 2,000 shivering people who braved morning temperatures in the low 20s to listen to the nation's 43rd president praise the first one. "After all, this is the home of the first George W."

Bush turned to a man who was portraying Washington at the festivities and thanked him for welcoming him to the late president's spacious estate on the banks of the Potomac River, about 16 miles south of the White House.

"He doesn't look a day over 275 years old," Bush quipped.

After laying a wreath at Washington's tomb, Bush drew comparisons between America's first wartime president and the current one. He likened Washington's struggles in fighting for and forging democracy to his global war on terrorism.

"Today, we're fighting a new war to defend our liberty and our people and

our way of life," Bush said, without specifically mentioning Iraq. "And as we work to advance the cause of freedom around the world, we remember that the father of our country believed that the freedoms we secured in our revolution were not meant for Americans alone."

The president and first lady Laura Bush made a spectacular entrance to Washington's estate. Their green helicopter, Marine One, landed a few yards from Washington's house, spraying up a misty cloud of powdery snow. Onlookers — mostly students on class trips — rushed to get a closer view of the presidential helicopter.

Before Bush arrived, the crowd had spent most of its

time trying to stay warm, just as Washington's Continental Army did at Valley Forge during the bitter winter of 1777. Folks moved to the beat of piped-in fife and drum music Monday to keep their toes from freezing. A fife and drum corps was to have performed live, but decided against it for fear the frigid temperatures might ruin the historic instruments.

The bracing weather didn't bother 36-year-old Danielle Frank, of Woodbine, Va. She bundled up her family and drove to Mount Vernon. Asked whose idea it was to get up at dawn on a school holiday to go stand in an icy field for a brief presidential speech, 6-year-old Adam Frank pointed at his mother.



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President George W. Bush waves as Dean Malissa, far left, portraying George Washington, watches at a celebration marking the 275th anniversary of George Washington's birthday at Washington's estate in Mount Vernon, Va., on Monday.

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Dallas journalist leaves mark on Belo

By JOE SIMNACHER
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — For almost half a century, James M. "Jimmy" Moroney Jr.'s vision, generosity and genial nature shaped The Dallas Morning News, its hometown and its parent company, Belo Corp. He died Sunday at the age of 85.

He was the last surviving grandson of George Bannerman Dealey, who founded The News at the behest of Col. A.H. Belo in 1885.

He served a record 48 years on Belo's board of directors, where he was chairman emeritus at the time of his death. He held virtually every senior management job at the company over a period of 40 years.

Colleagues credited him with steady leadership and constant concern for the welfare of the company, its employees and its customers.

"He will be remembered always for his personal humility and unwavering belief in Belo's institutional purposes," said Robert W. Decherd, Belo's chairman, president and chief executive officer. "Jimmy Moroney exerted a steady and powerful influence on the company's transitions and expansions over half a century. ... In many instances, he was the pivotal influence."

Moroney's son, James M. Moroney III, publisher and CEO of The News, said his father was motivated partly by a keen sense of duty to the founders of the company, particularly his grandfather. Dealey "made a real impres-

"He was very proud of his legacy, but underneath that gregarious exterior, he saw a great responsibility."

William Burleigh
E.W. Scripps Co. Chairman

sion on him, as he did so many people," Moroney III said. "My dad always felt a duty, a responsibility, to serve the company in the legacy of G.B. Dealey. His sense of dedication and loyalty to the company is what really distinguishes his relationship to the company.

"He loved the newspaper business, and he loved the TV business — he really did," Moroney III said. "And he liked people."

Frank A. Bennack Jr., vice chairman and former chief executive officer of Hearst Corp., said Moroney was among the first to understand that media companies needed to launch new products and expand into new markets.

Moroney "was instrumental in Belo's expansion in both directions," he said.

William Burleigh, Scripps' chairman, recalled Moroney's focus on the need for newspapers and television stations to serve the public.

"He stood for journalistic excellence," Burleigh said. "He was very proud of his legacy, but underneath that gregarious exterior, he saw a great responsibility. He always struck me as loyal to his city, church, friends, family and work."

Dallas on July 10, 1921.

Moroney's father, James McQueen Moroney, married Maidie Dealey, a daughter of G.B. Dealey. James McQueen Moroney became a Belo executive in 1934 and was chairman of the board from 1964 until his death in September 1968.

Jimmy Moroney attended Highland Park High School in Dallas and St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wis. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1943.

He joined the Navy after graduating and became a lieutenant junior grade, serving in the Pacific and in the D-Day landing at Normandy. For the Allied invasion, he was aboard the USS Quincy (CA-71), a heavy cruiser that engaged shore batteries on the right flank of Utah Beach.

In 1954, Moroney married Helen Claire "Lynn" Wilhoit, a singer with the Phillips Orchestra, who moved to Dallas to sing with The Early Birds on WFAA-AM.

Moroney began working part time for Belo during the summers as a college student. He joined The News full time as a reporter after leaving the Navy in 1946.

In 1970, he was promoted to executive vice president

of Belo Corp. and president and CEO of Belo Broadcasting Corp. Four years later, he was named chairman of Belo Broadcasting.

In the 1970s, Moroney played a pivotal role in transforming The News from a privately held business to part of a publicly held media corporation, a transition the company made in 1981.

His support of the direction set by the company's independent board members, along with his collaboration with Decherd, contributed to Belo's rapid expansion.

In 1980, he was elected president and CEO of The News and chief operating officer of Belo.

He and Decherd fundamentally transformed The News then under intense competitive pressure from the Dallas Times Herald — by hiring Burl Osborne as the paper's new editor.

In January 1983, Moroney became CEO of Belo, while retaining the title of president. In April 1984, he also was elected chairman of the board.

While he was the company's CEO, Belo purchased Corinthian Broadcasting Group from The Dun & Bradstreet. The 1983 transaction for \$606 million was the largest in U.S. broadcast history at the time.

Moroney retired from Belo on Dec. 31, 1986 — at age 65 — but remained on the company's board of directors, where he was chairman of the executive committee. He retired as a Belo director in May 2000.

First N.J. gay couple joined in civil union

By ADAM LISBERG
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Two Teaneck men prepared Sunday night to become New Jersey's first gay couple to be legally joined in a civil union — at the first possible instant.

Steven Goldstein, 44, and partner Daniel Gross, 36, planned a late-night ceremony that would unite them at 12:01 a.m., when New Jersey's civil union law took effect.

Civil unions give gay and lesbian couples the rights and benefits of marriage under a different name, leading many gay activists to decry it as a separate-but-equal form of partnership.

Still, Goldstein said, becoming civilly united is so important that he and his partner didn't want to wait any longer than necessary.

"After 15 years together, we didn't want another minute without all the protections we can get," said Goldstein, chairman of Garden State Equality and a leader in New Jersey's gay marriage push.

"Civil unions are not marriage," he told the New York Daily News Sunday evening. "We

want to get married, and we're going to keep fighting for marriage equality."

Vermont and Connecticut are the other two states that allow gay couples to be joined in civil unions. Massachusetts is the only state that recognizes gay marriage.

Several town clerks planned to open their offices at midnight to distribute civil union applications. Couples must then wait 72 hours before they can be civilly united, just like heterosexual couples in New Jersey.

Goldstein and Gross took advantage of a quirk in the law: Because they were previously civilly united in Vermont, they could have a ceremony immediately in New Jersey.

Their ceremony was planned for the Teaneck office of state Sen. Loretta Weinberg, a Democrat who sponsored the civil union bill. She said Goldstein and Gross planned a traditional Jewish ceremony — up to a point.

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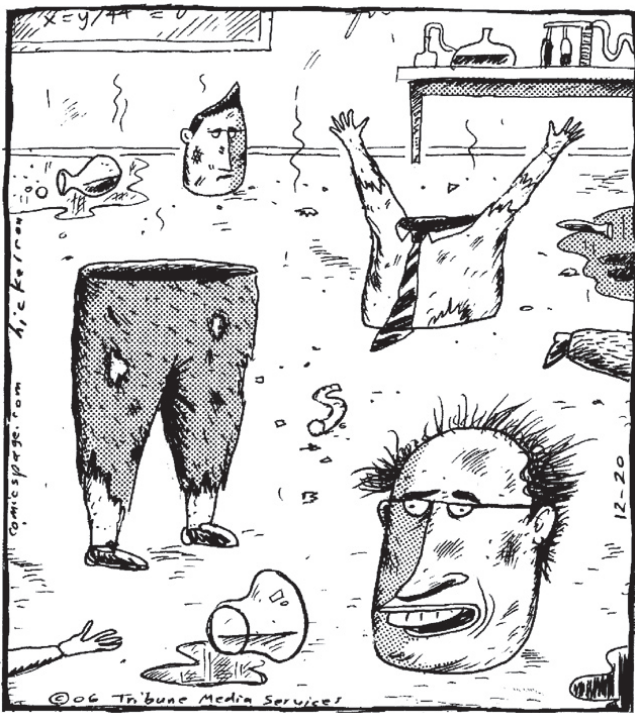
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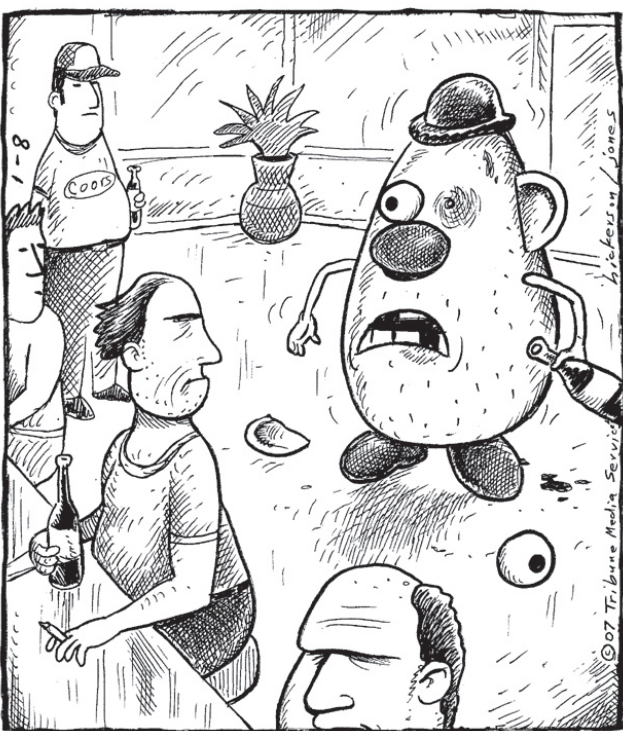
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by Buddy Hickerson



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

Friday's Solutions

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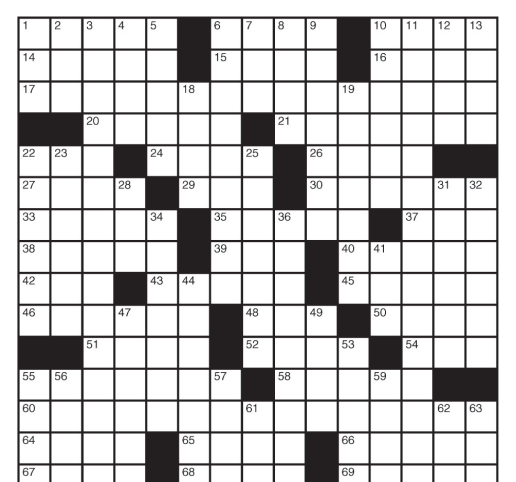
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- 20 Soccer passes
- 21 Gaffer Gulbis
- 22 Dipl. address
- 24 Opera song
- 26 Italian seaport
- 27 Podium
- 29 Off-road 4-wheeler
- 30 Gaucho milieu
- 33 Fem. labor grp.
- 35 Giggle sound
- 37 Hit by Flonny & the Daytonas
- 38 Web places
- 39 Rock composer Brian
- 40 Japanese wrap
- 42 Japanese wrap
- 43 ...scarum (reckless)
- 45 Come to a point
- 46 Volume identifier
- 48 Some Ga. Tech grads
- 50 Sported
- 51 British noble
- 52 Marquis de
- 54 Half of a fly?
- 55 More clouded with sediment
- 58 Dey TV series
- 60 The three things to hit
- 64 Diner offering
- 65 ...Carlo Biennotti
- 66 Felt unwell
- 67 Spoken fanfare
- 68 In ... (in actual being)
- 69 Tennis champ Monica



By Verna Suit
Silver Spring, MD

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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THOTH	AMMO	AHOY
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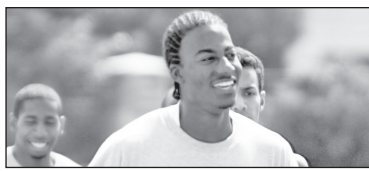
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TOMORROW

How sweep it is; team wins 3 straight



TCU pitcher Chris Johnson starts the second game against Oral Roberts on Sunday afternoon. The No. 16 Frogs swept their three-game weekend series versus the Golden Eagles and will play four games in South Carolina this upcoming weekend.

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Sports Editor

Three different games. Three different scores. But all three games against the Oral Roberts Golden Eagles were Horned Frogs victories.

The baseball team (6-1) completed a three-game sweep of Oral Roberts (2-3) after some clutch hitting by junior shortstop Bryan Kervin and senior outfielder Austin Adams.

During the series, Kervin went seven for 12 with a home run and five runs scored, while Adams had six hits and five runs batted in.

"They are too good of players to hold sub-.250 batting averages," head coach Jim Schlossnagle said. "They show up when the game is on the line, and that is a sign of a veteran player."

In game two of the series Saturday afternoon, Adams and Kervin came through to help bring the Horned Frogs back from a three-run deficit. Kervin hit a two-out, go-ahead

home run in the bottom of the eighth inning, and Adams put the nail in the coffin with a majestic three-run homer three batters later.

The streak for the two continued after Saturday's slugfest as the tandem kept plugging away against Golden Eagle pitching when the two combined for five hits, three runs and two RBI.

Oral Roberts brought a touted lineup into the series that was silenced by TCU's pitching staff. The No. 3 and No. 4 hitters in their lineup, junior catcher Brian Van Kirk, and senior first baseman Chad Rothford each put up subpar numbers in the three-game set. The two combined to go 2 for 22 and could not solve the collective starting performances from pitchers Jake Arrieta, Chance Corgan and Chris Johnson.

"We just wanted to get ahead of

them on the first pitch then jam them with fastballs and change-ups away," junior catcher Andrew Walker said.

By keeping Van Kirk quiet at the plate, the Horned Frogs were able to keep the bases relatively empty in front of Rothford.

When the two did get their only hits of the series, it was back-to-back solo home runs off redshirt freshman Derek VerHagen.

"In those situations, you just keep throwing strikes, and he did a good job," Schlossnagle said.

The series marked the first sweep of the season and the first at home since the Horned Frogs took three straight from UT-Pan America last May.

"We've sometimes has trouble getting the sweeps, like last week (against UCF)," Walker said. "But this is against a top-30 team, and we played a lot of good baseball this weekend."

The team will prepare for their four game road trip in South Carolina this week where it will face three NCAA tournament teams from 2006.

"We are fortunate to have won three games against a great club," Schlossnagle said. "I'm really proud of our team and this should springboard us into next week."

LINE SCORES

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3
	R H E	R H E	R H E
ORU	1 6 0	8 9 2	4 4 3
TCU	2 9 2	10 15 0	8 12 2

Frogs' 19 home-game wins set new university record

By ALEX ZOBEL
Staff Reporter

After a decisive victory against the Utah Utes on Sunday afternoon, the Lady Frogs have now set a new school record as they have won 19 consecutive home games.

Led by junior guard Adrienne Ross' game-high 22 points and six steals and junior guard Helen Roden's tenacious defense, the Lady Frogs cruised to a 74-50 victory, redeeming their 72-61 loss on Jan. 18 in Utah. The Lady Frogs have scored more than 70 points in the last three home wins.

The Lady Frogs took command of the game from the outset and led 17-1 after only six minutes of play.

Beginning with a much needed 3-pointer by Utah's go-to player, guard Morgan Warburton, shots began to fall for the Utes, and the lead was cut to seven with 3:23 to play in the first half.

The Utes, however, wouldn't get any closer as the Lady Frogs reclaimed control of the game in the second half.

TCU (19-7, 9-3 conference), previously in a three-way tie for second place in the Mountain West Conference, is now the only team in second with New Mexico (19-7 overall, 9-4 conference) and Utah (16-10, 9-4) falling into third.

TCU dominated the game on the defensive end, holding the Utes 12 points under their season average and smothering the team's star player.

Warburton's ability to drive

the ball was stifled by Roden, the Utah guard, who has averaged 20.3 points her last six outings, was held to 13 points and one assist.

"We focused on (Warburton) a lot," senior forward Ashley Davis said.

A pregame goal for the Lady Frogs was to play with more intensity on the defensive side of the ball, TCU guard Danielle Nunn said.

"There have been a lot of defensive drills in the past four days of practice," Nunn said. "We've been doing one where we play defense while holding a tennis ball in each hand."

The relentless showing on the defensive side of the ball led to 26 Utah turnovers compared to TCU's 12, one of the largest turnover margins this season. The play led to 30 points off of turnovers for the Lady Frogs.

While the 24-point rout of the Utes seems like a sub-par performance for the Lady Frogs, considering all six of the home conference victories have been by an average of 31.2 points, head coach Jeff Mittie said he thought the team played well against one of the best teams in the conference.



Junior guard Adrienne Ross attempts a shot over a Utah defender Shauna Murphy in Sunday's 74-50 victory over the Utes. The Frogs will play against Wyoming on Thursday evening.

HOME GAME

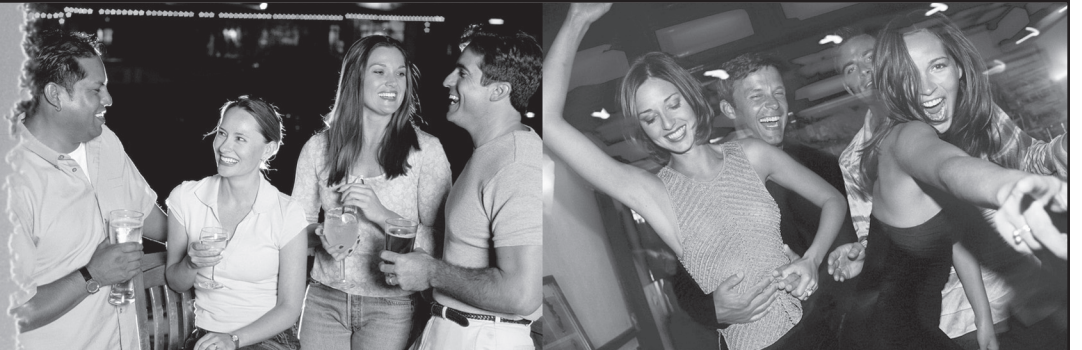
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