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## Search for new nursing dean underway

*Current head to teach again, assistant says*

By TALIA SAMPSON  
Staff Reporter

The dean of the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences will return to teaching and researching, her first loves, in the fall, an assistant to the dean said Tuesday.

Rhonda Keen-Payne originally agreed to serve as dean for five years but is now in her sixth year, said the assistant, Sharon Hudson.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said Keen-Payne stayed for the sixth year at his request.

"I asked her to stay for an extra year when I became provost so I wouldn't have to begin the search for a new dean right away, and she graciously agreed," Donovan said.

Keen-Payne is currently on sick leave and could not be reached for comment.

Donovan said a 13-member committee of faculty, staff and one stu-

dent was created last November to search for Keen-Payne's replacement and that he hopes to have a candidate selected by the end of the spring semester.

Jennifer Watson, who heads the search committee, said efforts have been made to advertise in a variety of publications to attract diverse applicants who could represent the various disciplines in the college, such as nursing, social work and kinesiology.

"This is a unique search in that we are casting such a wide net,"

said Watson, a speech-language pathology associate professor.

She said the committee will meet Friday to begin reviewing applicants.

Donovan said that although the candidates will only have one area of specialization, they must show administrative ability and a sympathetic understanding of the college as a whole.

"In my opinion, a candidate must show a breadth of leadership," Donovan said.

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## State recognizing accounting students for exam success

*MBA graduates' test results form basis for Texas ranking*

By JEFF ESKEW  
Staff Reporter

The School of Business has another ranking to add to its already growing list of accomplishments.

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy has deemed TCU master of accounting students the best in Texas.

Barry Bryan, director of the master of accounting program, said the ranking comes from the scores of students who took the certified public accountant exam.

According to [www.vault.com](http://www.vault.com), a career information Web site, CPA accreditation is important to public accounting firms because without the certification, firms may assume a candidate has a lack of commitment to the job and could possibly leave the profession altogether.

Bryan said TCU had the greatest percentage of students to pass all four sections of the exam on first attempt.

"This ranking is based on schools that had more than only a few candidates taking the exam," Bryan said. "For example, a school may have had only one candidate take the exam who passed all four parts. This would not be an adequate comparison for schools with many candidates taking the exam."

The four sections of the exam are auditing and attestation, business environment and concepts, financial accounting and reporting, and regulation.

Bryan said TCU's rank doesn't add pressure to the faculty because no matter how much time he and his colleagues spend preparing students, it is ultimately up to them to perform well on the test.

Betsy Cunningham, a master of accounting student, said TCU's being ranked No. 1 will not add to the pressure when she takes the exam after graduation.

"I only want to do my best and hopefully pass the first time," Cunningham said. "I think the fact that TCU is ranked first in the state gives me confidence that I am well prepared by my professors and the accounting program, and that with proper review and preparation, I will do well."

Although her review courses do not start for a couple more weeks, Cunningham said, Bryan has encouraged students to start studying now.

Mike Fabiano, a master of accounting student, said he plans to take the exam before he begins work in September but has not started the bulk of studying yet.

"I have been tutoring financial accounting, on all levels, for a year now, so I feel pretty comfortable with that section of the exam," Fabiano said.

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## PRESSING CONCERNS



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

Associate professor of religion Yushau Sodiq speaks at the Monthly Luncheon Forum for the Chancellor's Council on Diversity on Wednesday in the Student Center. Sodiq covered Muslims and their response to the cartoons of the Islamic prophet Muhammad printed in Danish and other European papers.

## Professor: Cartoons reflect misunderstanding

*Education essential to accepting others' beliefs, expert says*

By JAROD DAILY  
Staff Reporter

The problem with recent cartoons of the Islamic prophet

Muhammad lies not in their publication but rather in the spirit of intolerance and misunderstanding behind them, a religious expert said in a speech Wednesday.

The cartoons that were originally published in Danish newspapers and, more recently, reprinted in

other papers around Europe and other parts of the world featured Muhammad promoting violence. Yushau Sodiq, associate professor of religion, said the spirit of these cartoons is the heart of the problem.

"The problem actually is incite-

ment of the prophet of Islam," he said.

Sodiq said the fact that the cartoons show Muhammad promoting violence reflects Westerners' misunderstandings about the religion.

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## When it rains, it drizzles



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Staff Photographer

Senior English major David McAllister shields himself from the mist and fog with his hood Wednesday afternoon walking from University Drive to Reed Hall.

## Grant aims to further undergraduate research

*TCU to host other university science students for summer*

By LESLIE HONEY  
Staff Reporter

A recent grant will allow TCU to host undergraduate physics and astronomy students from universities across the country to conduct research that could be published in professional journals, said Magnus Rittby, associate dean of the College of Science and Engineering.

According to the College of Science and Engineering Web site, the department of physics and astronomy was awarded \$112,288 from the National Science Foundation for the Research Experience for Undergraduates program. The grant allows TCU to host four to six students from different universities.

Rittby said the department researched with four students last summer, some of

whom had their research published in journals and reported at conferences, and is planning to accept six students this summer.

As part of the REU program, C.A. Quarles, professor of physics, researched with a student from Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif., for 10 weeks last summer.

"We studied properties of polymers and were able to come up with some new research results," Quarles said.

The student was able to present the research at the Texas section meeting of the American Physical Society last October, he said.

"When a student can come for 10 weeks and develop new research and then report it at a conference, it is a major accomplishment," Quarles said.

Students will research in areas such as surface science, atomic and molecular physics, optical and laser physics, and

observational astronomy and laboratory astrophysics, according to the College of Science and Engineering Web site.

"We try to match up students that are interested in particular research with a faculty member to mentor the student through the research," Rittby said.

TCU students can apply this semester for REU programs at other schools across the country.

"It's an exchange program of sorts for undergraduate research," Rittby said.

The REU grant provides each student with a summer stipend, housing and travel accommodations to and from TCU. Through the program, the National Science Foundation tries to engage undergraduates in scientific research, Rittby said.

"It's an investment in the future of the student body of American universities to enhance research capabilities of undergraduate students," he said.



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## Event to pay tribute to Apollo Theater

### Contest to wrap up Black History Month

By SONA THAPA  
Staff Reporter

TCU's Black History Month celebration comes to an end tonight with an attempt to recreate the Apollo Theater with Night at the Apollo, a showcase of multiple talents.

Ashley Madkins, committee chair for Night at the Apollo, said this event will be "a fun-filled grand finale."

"This event is a tribute to black artists who have been to the actual Apollo Theater in Harlem, N.Y.," the senior fashion merchandising major said. "Everybody gets to come and perform their talent for a chance to win a big prize."

This year, seven perform-

ers, with acts including dances, songs and a poem recitation, will be competing for cash prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50.

Following the traditions of the Apollo Theater, the audience will act as judges, Madkins said.

"We bring out our top acts and whoever gets the most applause at the end of the show will be declared the winner," she said.

Sandhya Klein, program coordinator for Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services, said students from different backgrounds will participate in the event.

"It is a celebration of art and talent that promotes inclusiveness on campus," she said. "It is a way for students to communicate where they are coming from."

Nichole Zahand, a freshman nursing major, is one of the contestants. She will be performing in a song called "Beautiful" by Bethany Dillon.

She said the song speaks about the world's beauty standards and that she intends to spread this message to TCU women.

"I have been blessed with a talent, and I love to use it for the glory of the Lord," she said.

This event is organized by the Black History Month committee, sponsored by the Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services. It is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission to this event requires two canned goods, which will be donated to the Tarrant County Food Bank.

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The committee will narrow the search to about three potential candidates who will visit the campus to meet with the chancellor, administrators, faculty and students in an open forum by the end of the semester, Donovan said.

"The candidates will enjoy interacting with students because one way they can gauge the quality of the uni-

versity is by judging the quality of the students," Donovan said.

For students, communication is going to be a key factor in selecting a new dean, said David Aguillard, the student representative for the search committee.

"Dr. Keen-Payne has been awesome with the open-door policy," said Aguillard, a graduate student in the School of Nurse Anesthesia. "We want to see how this person is going to interact with students and see how they respond to stu-

dents and their concerns." Aguillard said two open meetings to hear concerns from people outside the committee occurred at the end of last semester, but student turnout was low.

He said he will work to increase student representation and turnout at open meetings by finding students in the Bass Building lounges and speaking with them.

A similar search is also underway to replace June Koelker, the interim dean of the library, Donovan said.

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Shanda Misak, a master of accounting student, said that although her classes have begun to help her get ready for the test, she has also started receiving additional tutoring.

"I am currently taking the Becker Review

course on Saturdays," Misak said. "It is great at pulling all of the information together and giving us an efficient way to study."

Although Bryan said he is pleased with the ranking, the master of accounting program was never intended to serve as a review for the test.

"We focus on developing students for a career in public practice or industry," Bryan said.

## SODIQ

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"Some evangelical Christians are saying, 'Your prophet is a prophet of toleration; our prophet is a prophet of love; your prophet teaches you to kill, and our prophet teaches you to live a good life,'" he said.

Although freedom of the press is a good thing and necessary to having a well-informed society, Sodiq said, newspapers should exercise more restraint and think about the consequences before printing some offensive material.

"We have the freedom to publish whatever we want to publish, but that doesn't give us a license to cause harm to others," he said. "If we do,

then the result would be very, very terrible."

Sodiq said it is both interesting and admirable that the American press has, for the most part, kept out of the debacle with the Muhammad cartoons. "These papers are thinking about the consequences of publishing those cartoons in the United States," he said.

If publishers do continue to print cartoons and articles like these, they will be promoting further intolerance and fear of Muslims, Sodiq said.

"It will become the common debate in the community, and everybody will be looking for Muslims to do something very terrible," he said.

Sodiq said such attitudes fueled American sentiments toward Muslims after Sept.

11, when many followers of the religion were discriminated against despite having done nothing wrong. He said recent events in Denmark have been similar to those American actions.

"Those Muslims who live in Denmark, (the government has) begun taking them away and putting them in jail, suspecting them of being members of al-Qaida or Islamic fundamentalist groups in Egypt, which was not there before," he said.

Sodiq said some of the Danish government has held the idea that imprisoning the Muslims in that country will keep news of these events from getting to Muslim countries, but this is simply not the case.

"After Sept. 11, Al-Jazeera television in the Arab world

has become a primary source of news," he said.

Sodiq also said that in order to remain peaceful, Muslims and non-Muslims need to be more tolerant of one another.

"The idea of freedom of religion is to allow us to worship God in any way you want to worship him" and to respect how and whom others want to worship, he said. "What makes one (religion) superior and (another) inferior?"

He said education is another vital component of maintaining peaceful relationships between different members of the community.

"The most important thing is to educate people of what Islam is and to teach all people that violence doesn't bring any peace," he said. "Using violence against violence does not

bring anything to the community."

Associate professor of education Nancy Meadows echoed Sodiq's statements, saying many of her students do not realize that Islam is a peaceful religion.

"I've had numerous comments from students who believe what they see on CNN or Fox News, and don't have any knowledge of Islam beyond what they see in the news," she said.

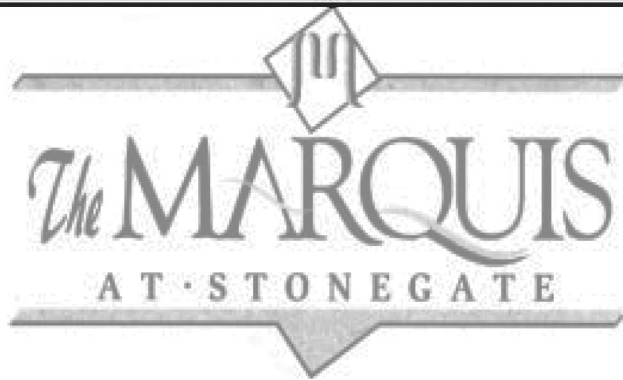
Rita Cotterly, an adjunct faculty member in the kinesiology department, said she appreciated the speech because it made her more aware and understanding of facts surrounding the cartoons and subsequent protests. She also said she appreciated Sodiq's message of nonviolence.

"I agree with the speaker that peace is the answer, but that we have to be fair and willing to sit down at the table and stay at the table until we can reach a peaceful compromise so people can live together," she said.

The speech, which was sponsored by Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services as part of its Monthly Luncheon Forum series, was attended by a full dining room of students, faculty and staff members, as well as other community members.

Junior communication studies major Emily Dunn said she thought the speech was insightful.

"I think it's beneficial to the TCU community even though it doesn't affect us directly," she said.



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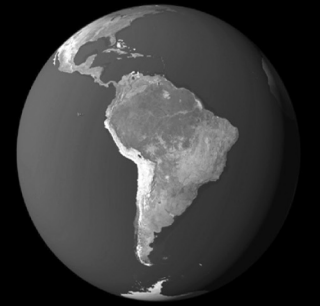


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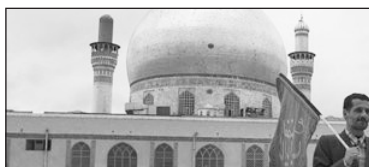
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## IRAQI ALREADY HEADED TO CIVIL WAR?

Many Shiites say the U.S. is partially to blame for the destruction of one of Iraq's holiest mosques. Its destruction by insurgents has triggered 90 reprisal attacks and the president warned that it may lead toward civil war.

—Associated Press

### THE SKIFF VIEW

## Religion not excuse for violence

Rationality and religion: Contrary to the acts of many, the two aren't mutually exclusive.

But somehow, there is something about the ideas of faith, hope and love that make people violent, destructive and pigheaded.

Warped, overzealous theologians, fanatics and political leaders have distorted peaceful messages to support backward ideals for centuries. Faith groups have manifested disagreements over what's right in all the wrong ways.

Israelis and Palestinians, Protestants and Catholics in Ireland, Buddhists and Hindus in Sri Lanka — clashes like these plague humanity, and some have grown to define religion as nothing more than a source of conflict.

Many of the widespread recent reports of faith-related fallout are related to the violent reaction in the Muslim world to cartoons that first appeared in Danish newspapers depicting the Prophet Mohammed in a disrespectful fashion.

In Nigeria, the fury over the cartoons has left 49 dead since Saturday. In the mostly Muslim city of Bauchi, Muslims targeted Christians on Tuesday, leaving 18 dead. Mobs in the

largely Christian city of Onitsha responded by burning two mosques and beating at least six Muslims to death.

In the end, nothing was accomplished. The cartoons still ran and Mohammad was still disrespected. Only now, people are dead, tensions have heightened and world religions have endured yet another black eye. And if there is a god, of any faith, that god probably wasn't made too happy.

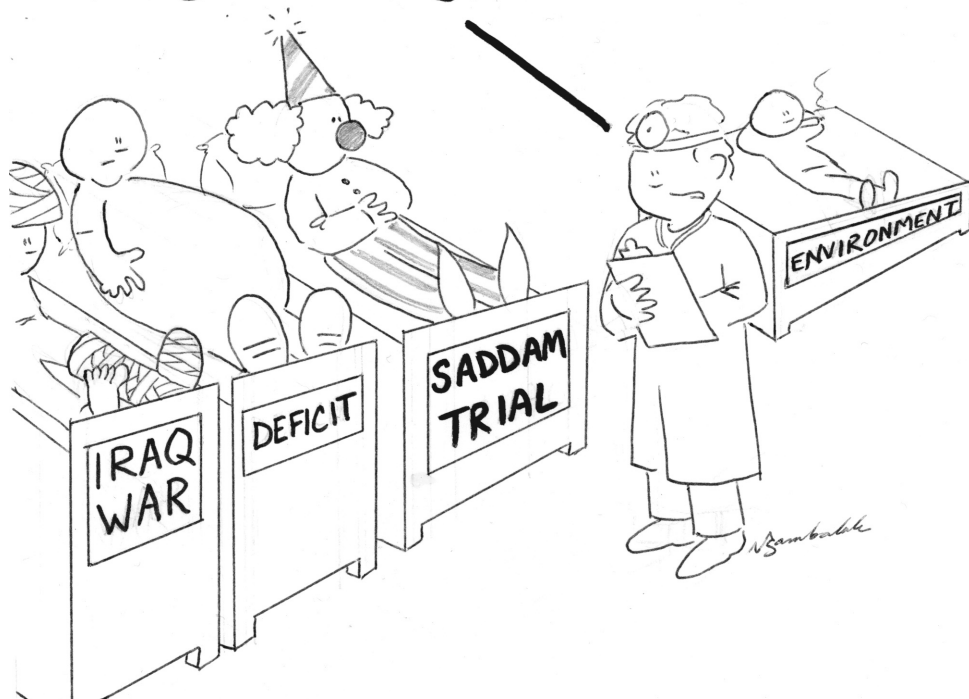
The problems with misguided faith aren't limited to overseas. How many doctors have been killed or abortion clinics bombed in defense of life? It's easy for most to see the hypocrisy, but for some, the idea of promoting and defending the creator of life is more important than valuing the life that has been created.

It's easy for one to believe his or her own religion is the one true religion. In fact, to be truly faithful, one probably should. But that does not mean ignoring the basic, peaceful, loving tenets of a faith in order to defend it.

News editor Mike Dwyer for the editorial board

### NEWSREAL • NICHOLAS SAMBALUK

## THE CONDITION OF THE SADDAM TRIAL HAS BEEN UPGRADED TO "CIRCUS."



## Meditation offers simple, effective method to unwind

When many people hear the word "meditation," they envision a robe-clad monk seated in the lotus position in the corner of some southeast Asian temple. He's probably chanting a phrase in a foreign language and is surrounded by rising wisps of incense, on his way to becoming "one with the universe."

Scenarios like that one certainly happen every day, but the practice of meditation isn't limited to serene monks in faraway lands.

Today's college students face dozens of daily stressors that can easily exact a toll on anyone's concentration and contentment. The fast-paced world of electronic media to which we've become so accustomed can get overwhelming — especially with midterms approaching, homework to complete, social events to attend and employment obligations to consider. All too often, silence and peace are tossed to the wayside to make room for distraction and cacophony, and we're left wondering why we feel so stressed out.

Having moments of peace and silence in one's life might go against societal philosophies that celebrate action and haste, but they're crucial to maintaining composure and warding away worrisome negative thoughts. Anxiety and hostility are detrimental to one's health — as can be seen in blood pressure measurements — and meditation seeks to reduce both of these negative emotional states.

It is crucial to note that meditation should not be seen as a substitute for any medical treatment, but it can be a helpful supplement to medical treatment when appropriate.

Of the many ways to reclaim moments of peace during taxing days, meditation is one of the simplest and healthiest. There are as many ways to meditate as there are people who practice it, and those of nearly any age and physical ability are able to take part.

Although predominantly practiced by Buddhists, meditation does not imply any specific religion. It can actually complement the worship and prayer of any religion and is practiced by those who are not religious at all. The important thing to remember is that meditation is primarily a spiritual practice, so it transcends being used strictly for religious purposes.

In general, meditation is performed by finding a quiet place, such as the corner of your bedroom or living room, sitting in a comfortable position and closing your eyes. Meditation can be carried out through a variety of specific techniques; different styles work better for different people. It's best to experiment until you find one you like or to combine a few methods.

Many people suffer from excessively busy minds, which constantly bring up questions, memories and what-if scenarios that make it difficult to concentrate and sleep. Through practice, mindfulness meditation is likely to help these people. After finding a comfortable location and position in which to meditate, attention is to be directed to the movement of breath in and out of the body. According to the Worldwide Online Meditation Center, "when thoughts, emotions, physical sensations or external sounds occur, simply accept them, allowing them to come and go without judging or getting involved with them. When you notice that your attention has ... Become engaged in thoughts or emotions, simply bring it back to your breathing and continue."

Several other techniques for meditating can be found at the Worldwide Online Meditation Center. Mindfulness meditation is only one of a variety of methods that can help you keep in touch with a more peaceful side of life.

Marie Zatezalo is a columnist for the Daily News at Ball State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

## Saddam trial not neutral, orderly

As headlines for Saddam Hussein's trial continue to grace the front pages of American newspapers, the image of an Iraqi circus keeps appearing in my mind. All that is missing is a juggler and an elephant.

The thought of one of Saddam Hussein's co-defendants being dragged out kicking and screaming didn't help. It made me wonder how much control the new judge had over his courtroom. Hussein's latest trick is his hunger strike in protest of the way he is being treated.

After taking approximately a month off, the trial is evidently as stressful as ever. "War crimes trials are always messy, but they must meet international standards," Miranda Sissons, a senior associate at the Inter-

national Center for Transitional Justice, told The New York Times on Jan. 29. This "messy" trial, one of several, is expected to last through May, The New York Times reported.

Although I understand the depth of information needed in this trial, the sensitive information being shared and Hussein's defensiveness, I can't help but wonder about the antics that occurred in the Iraqi courtroom that weekend (and where the ring master was). "To American eyes, the trial seems to lack decorum," said Mike Dodson, professor of political science. "It's sort of farcical. Who's in charge?"

With the yelling match, the defense attorneys being asked to leave and the child-like tricks they displayed, I can only imagine how out of control everything was. No wonder there have been changes in judges and

defense attorneys. According to a report on National Public Radio, it is because of these changes that chaos ensued.

"To me, the trial illustrates how illusory it is to be talking already as though Iraq is well down the road to a democracy inspired by U.S. intervention," Dodson said. "Iraq has an extremely weak judiciary and no tradition of the rule of law. How likely is it that such a tradition would suddenly be established in a trial of the man who ran the country for 25 years and still has supporters there?"

It looks as though drawing out the trials wouldn't help anyone but Hussein, which may be his intent. According to a report on NPR, the trial resumed days later without Hussein present and "proceeded in a fairly orderly fashion."

Order or not, it seems many people are questioning the fairness of the trial. Hussein claims the judge

is biased against him, and many Americans see the trial as in Hussein's favor, according to npr.org.

"The trial might have been more orderly and made much more sense had Saddam been brought before an international tribunal — as have other leaders with similar records of atrocities," Dodson said.

Human rights observers are also questioning the trial's credibility, according to The New York Times on Wednesday.

Considering current conditions, it would be more productive to hold the trial on more neutral ground. And although neutral ground might be hard to come by, the trial might be a little speedier with less tolerance for disorder.

"That the trial has degenerated into political theater is hardly surprising, if you ask me," Dodson said.

Summer Kenny is a senior ballet major from Olathe, Kan.

## Iranian leader's claims lacking in merit

A few months ago, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called for the nation of Israel to be dissolved. Then he followed up back in December, by calling the Holocaust a "myth."

According to a Dec. 14, article on British Broadcasting Corp.'s Web site, Ahmadinejad called all who supported the idea that the Holocaust happened, as well as those who supported Israel itself, "Zionist mouthpieces" and "subservient to the Zionists."

Even more recently, according to a Jan. 15 article on CNN's Web site, the nation of Iran has said it will hold a conference in the near future to examine whether the Holocaust happened, calling for scientific evidence of the atrocities. And just a couple weeks ago, Hamshahri, Iran's largest newspaper, announced a contest a couple weeks ago for political cartoons depicting the Holocaust in response to the Muhammad cartoons. Of course, the main point behind these actions and remarks is to support the Palestinians in parts of Israel, predominantly the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Shortly after World War II,

Israel was founded in an area of the Middle East that had been known as Palestine, on the edge of the Mediterranean Sea. Since the nation's founding in 1948 as an official Jewish state, the Palestinian and Jewish populations have been in conflict. Over the decades, nearby Muslim nations, including Iran, have stood behind the Palestinians in this conflict, not only ideologically, but also in terms of military support.

However, these actions regarding the Holocaust ignore decades of historical evidence.

First of all, the Holocaust was linked in a major way to the start of World War II. Although it might be a stretch to say the Holocaust was the reason the war happened, shutting down the Nazi death camps became a major part of the allied nations' postwar cleanup. Furthermore, Nazis were later prosecuted for their culpability in the genocides.

If the Holocaust never happened, would these have even been necessary steps to take? For that matter, if the Holocaust had never happened, the Nuremberg Trials for Nazi war crimes would not have been successful, nor would the subsequent changes to international law.

Another point is that if the Holocaust truly did not occur, then the amount of work that

must have gone into fabricating the evidence of the atrocities would make the Watergate cover-up look like nothing more than a child's attempt to blame the family pet for breaking the cookie jar. People can visit the former locations of the death camps for themselves to see evidence that the Holocaust happened. Fabricating evidence on that scale seems like an awful lot of effort simply to justify the establishment of a Jewish state.

What's more, after the war, thousands of Holocaust survivors, many not of Jewish descent, emigrated from the death camps and spread out all over the world. Although many of these survivors have died of natural causes — after all, the World War II ended more than six decades ago — some are still left to recount stories of the atrocities. If the Holocaust never happened, how is it that so many individuals, many of whom have no need for a Jewish state, have more-or-less matching stories of the genocide and torture?

One of Ahmadinejad's assertions is that, if the Nazi Holocaust made the creation of a Jewish state necessary, that state should have been established in land taken from the European countries where the death camps were located, because some of those countries were at

least partially at fault for the occurrence of the genocide.

This is the only claim that has merit. However, while it would be easy to say the European countries responsible for the Holocaust should give up land for a Jewish state, that would have several problems, as well. First, why would Jews want to live in a part of the world where they were almost wiped out, and where that easily could have happened again?

Second, Jews had been migrating to the area of Palestine since before the turn of the 20th century and were already a sizable population in the area. That part of the Middle East had been home to the Jewish community in ancient times.

Finally, one of the biggest reasons Israel was established in its present location was because Britain had control of Palestine since after World War I. This, combined with the fact that the area was already home to many Jews, made it the most logistically feasible place to establish the Jewish state.

Ultimately, Ahmadinejad's statements are ignorant of historical facts. As they were likely made simply for the purpose of supporting the Palestinians in Israel, these statements should be taken with a grain of salt.

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**JAMES BLOND**

In wake of recent controversy over the selection of Daniel Craig to play James Bond, former Bond actor Pierce Brosnan has come to his defense, calling Craig a "fine actor."

**MOVIE**



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## Slasher flick yields plenty of surprises

*'Final Destination 3' is worth the trip*

When one thinks of the all-time great horror movies, the idea of sequels usually brings on a stronger queasiness than the film itself. But, as the trilogy of "Final Destination" comes to a conclusion, each installment has only improved upon the original.

I went to see "Final Destination 3" anticipating inventive death scenes and cringe-worthy gore. I wasn't disappointed; as car engines, nail guns and even tanning salons proved to be more tortuous than I ever imagined.

If you haven't gone to see any of these Oscar-unworthy movies that do in fact entertain audiences, here's the premise: A group of attractive teenagers, led by Wendy Christensen, played by Mary Elizabeth Winstead, and Kevin Fischer, played by Ryan Merriman, escape imminent death after getting off of a roller coaster set for disaster, only to find "death" has a plan and that they now must interpret death's signs in order to survive.

Both Winstead and Merriman also appeared together in abysmal sequel "The Ring Two".

While the characters in the first two installments did know the order of death to come, they were left to figure out the signs almost by sheer coincidence. "Final Destination 3" gives viewers a better understanding of how its characters are able to defend themselves against death's vengeance through the use of photographs that portray their impending doom.

No matter how much you enjoy or despise this film, you will look out for possible danger in your everyday life.

No, "Final Destination 3" is not going to get any sort of praiseworthy award. Nor will it break any box office records. But if you're looking for an enjoyable film that, unlike the current trend, goes for entertainment over controversy, then see "Final Destination 3" and escape boredom as you watch others try to escape death.

**MUSIC**

## 'Tom' offers subtle, quiet sounds

*Hem's latest album blends classic soul, bright indie-pop*

Quite simply, Hem's latest release, "No Word From Tom" is a wonderfully satisfying record.

"Tom" may be just a collection of rarities, covers and live tracks, but from beginning to end it plays as pleasing as a studio album.

Opening with lead vocalist Sally Ellyson's haunting a cappella take on "All the Pretty Horses," "Tom" leads directly into "Rainy Night in Georgia," a track made famous by Brooke Benton. Hem's take is much more subdued, as if it's trying hard not to drown out the sound of the rain on the window, but it works brilliantly.

Moving from old soul to bright indie-pop, Hem reworks Fountains of Wayne's "Radiation Vibe," eschewing the sunny pop of the original for a more rollicking country beat.

The highlight of "Tom," though, is the live take of "Idle (The Rabbit Song)" originally on Hem's 2001 debut release "Rabbit Songs." Midway through the track, the music softens before bursting out in one final coda.

Also pleasing is "Oh No," which features a sing-along chorus and catchy melody.

The only misstep of the album is the cover of R.E.M.'s "So. Central Rain." Michael Stipe and the gang used to bury the vocals in the mix — and they did it for a good



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reason. The repetitive refrain of "I'm sorry" in the chorus drags on to the listener. Of course, it speaks to the quality of the band when their original material is stronger than the classic tracks.

What makes "No Word From Tom" such an excellent record is the way everything comes together. As a whole, the album is soothing and well-orchestrated, but a deeper listen reveals that every part of the album, from the subtle musical shades to

Ellyson's captivating, enigmatic vocals, "Tom" is beautifully executed.

Hailing from New York, Hem often draws comparisons to fellow female-fronted alt-country tunesmiths Cowboy Junkies. Unlike the Junkies, however, Hem has no problem delving into classic Nashville country, which is especially evident on covers of "Tennessee Waltz" and "Crazy Arms."

Beyond the "country-politan" feel of some tracks, Hem

shows a range for rootsy material more reminiscent of Gillian Welch or her collaborator, David Rawlings.

The strength of "Tom" is its subtle versatility. While the core of the music remains the same, there's a change in the attitude of each track that goes well beyond the alt-country label. It's the perfect soundtrack for a late-night drive; it's quiet enough to think over, but not subdued enough to put the listener to sleep.

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**Local rock band releases latest single, plays live show**

By BRIAN CHATMAN  
Managing Editor

Fort Worth indie-rock band Black Tie Dynasty comes to The Aardvark this Friday with Deathray Davies, The Burning Hotels and Blacklights, giving Black Tie fans a taste of the group's upcoming full-length studio album.

The show will double as a release party for "Tender," Black Tie's first single from the new CD "Movements" due out in April. "Tender" also includes a dance remix of "Debt" from the new album and an unreleased track.

The band's new material, heavily influenced by Joy Division, Echo, and the Bun-nymen, is faster and more dance-oriented than Black Tie's 2005 debut release "This Stays Between Us" on Idol Records.

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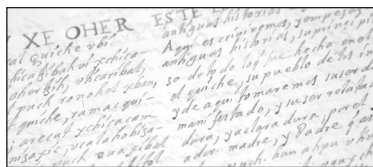
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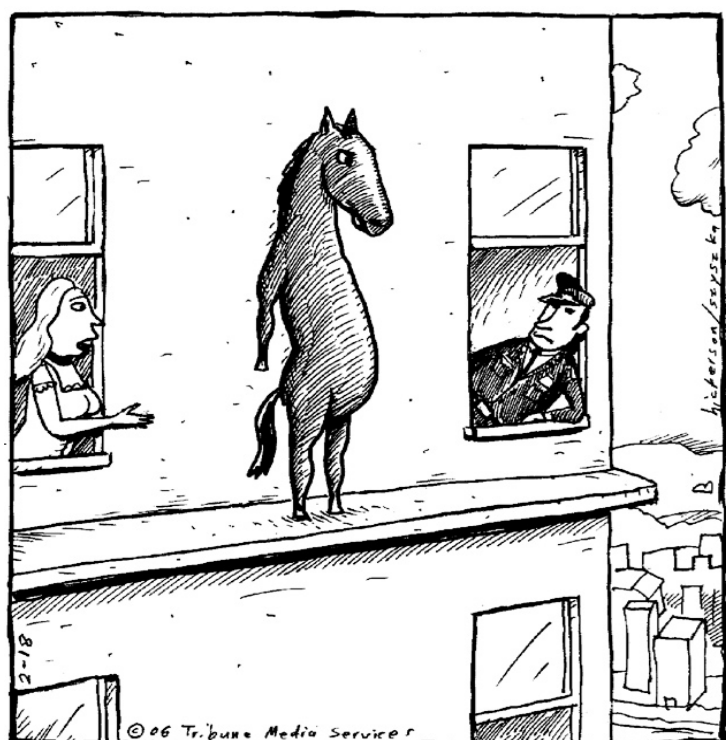
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by Buddy Hickerson



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- Close in on
- Part 3 of quote
- Set the pace
- Rounded ottoman
- Merits
- Deed
- Part 4 of quote
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- Part 5 of quote
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- Hot sulfur springs of Spain
- Window sill
- Part 6 of quote
- End of quote
- Foray
- The ones there
- Weighty sound
- To be, in Tours
- Fix firmly
- Go underground
- Flanders river
- Laborers' recipients
- Box for practice

**DOWN**

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- Stone: pref.
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- Poetic contraction
- First-year students at Annapolis
- Census unit in Mexico City
- Ken or Lena
- Chimed
- Baby foxes
- Explorer Johnson
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- Alterations
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- Invites
- Back talk?
- Toggle switch options
- Angry gaze
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- Low card
- Arrange anew
- Sword cases
- Sonnet finale
- Corrida cry
- Chart stand
- Mid Dutch cheese
- Terminator
- Panamas and fedoras
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- Oriental sash

By Alan P. Olschwang  
Huntington Beach, CA

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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Team lights up Rams' zone

*TCU opens up lead in first half*  
By NATALIE MERRILL  
Staff Reporter

The TCU women's basketball team dominated the court Wednesday night when it defeated Colorado State 83-57.

The Lady Frogs (15-9, 9-4 MWC) shot 62 percent in the first half, making 7 of 11 from 3-point range. Sophomore guard Adrienne Ross led the team in scoring for the first half with 19 points, 9 of which came from behind the arc. Ross said the team was doing a good job of finding the open shot and executing the ball.

"It always feels good to know we're doing something right," Ross said.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said that even though turnovers hurt the team at the beginning of the game, he felt the first half

was the most complete half TCU has had all season.

"We were pretty consistent," Mittie said. "Offensively we shared the ball ... and when we did that tonight, we were excellent."

The Lady Frogs outscored the Rams (8-16, 2-11 MWC) 46-22 in the first half; the Rams only shot 32 percent from the field. Mittie said holding the Rams to such low-scoring offense was a result of good defense.

"We wanted to get very physical in there," he said. "We played better team defense, and the press we did also helped."

The Lady Frogs only outscored the Rams 37-35 in the second half, but still managed to take the win by a large margin, thanks to their first-half play. Junior guard Natasha Lacy

said the team was able to do so well because they were able to find the open player for the shot against the Rams' defense.

"We had six people hit threes with the zone," Lacy said. "You know you're going to get those open shots."

Mittie also said the team's operation against the zone defense was a large part of its victory and this is one reason he knows the team has come a long way this season.

"We got behind the zone and did a good job of finding people that were open," Mittie said. "That's when, as a coach, you feel they've grown up some, when they can take what you've shown them and apply it to the game."

The Lady Frogs take to the court again when they play at Brigham Young on Feb. 25.



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer  
Red shirt freshman forward Marissa Rivera works against Colorado State center Marilyn Moulton Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs defeated the Rams 83-57.

### TRACK AND FIELD

## Frogs enter conference meet

*Individuals looking strong, coach says*

By TRAVIS STEWART  
Sports Editor

The TCU track and field team is about to get its first taste of the whole Mountain West Conference enchilada.

The Horned Frogs head to Albuquerque, N.M. today for the MWC Indoor Championships, a three-day event that will put TCU against its new conference rivals for the first time this season.

Head coach Darryl Anderson said although the team may not be designed for this style of meet, he expects a high level of competitiveness.

"At the end of the day our team was put together for the NCAA meet," Anderson said. "We're not necessarily a great conference team; does that mean we're going to go in here and lay down? No. We're going to compete."

Anderson said besides MWC powerhouse Brigham Young, the conference has its fair share of team talents. "(BYU) is just deep, they

have people all over the place," Anderson said. "We're going to be way under the roster maximum. Colorado State will have a good meet, Air Force, San Diego State's women. There's some teams in there."

Despite some school's proficiency in certain areas — such as TCU's sprints and BYU's long-distance running — Anderson said every team has athletes who will be factors in the competition.

"Everybody has something to lay their hat on," Anderson said. "We'll do well individually, we have a lot of people in the top three on the ranking list. We have a lot of people with chances to win conference titles."

Regardless of outcome, Anderson said New Mexico, the host team, has the necessary means to host a large event.

"I would imagine from everything I've heard that it's a first class facility," Anderson said. "It is its second year in existence. Hopefully it's in line with the facility we'll be at for NCAA competition."

### RIFLE TEAM

## Shooter to attend NCAA championship

*Senior athlete aims for smallbore title at Colorado Springs*  
By TRAVIS STEWART  
Sports Editor

In a season full of record breaking performances, the TCU rifle team has closed the season with one more: its first athlete to qualify for the NCAA individual championships.

Senior Celeste Green qualified for the 2006 National Collegiate Rifle Championships on March 10-11 in three-position smallbore shooting; her score of 586 in 60-shot smallbore at

the Feb. 11 NRA Sectionals & NCAA Qualifier broke a TCU record that she set less than a month before.

Green, who was a 2003 NRA all-American, said being selected was an honor after missing the chance her freshman year at TCU.

"Actually, it means a lot," Green said. "The first year I was here at TCU I was at the peak of my game ... I wasn't able to go my first year; that was pretty upsetting to me. After that my competitive drive took a nose dive."

Despite her success, Green

said the road to her present situation has been winding. After her sophomore year at TCU, Green transferred to West Point but was medically discharged just before the start of the academic semester with Neurocardiogenic Syncope, a condition she developed after a head injury. Green returned to Lufkin — her hometown — and attended a community college before returning to TCU at the beginning of the 2005-2006 season.

Green said the arrival of head coach Karen Monez,

who already had an NRA Championship victory under her belt, was an extra incentive to become a Horned Frog once again.

"When I found out that Karen Monez was coming here to TCU, I was excited," Green said. "I mean just being around somebody that's accomplished so much, she kind of has like an aura around her. Just the fact that she's a shooter means we can relate on so many levels that no one else can see."

Green said the wide-open nature of shooting competi-

### GREEN'S 2006 RIFLE SCORES

Competition	Event	Score	Rank
TCU vs WVU/Akron (Jan. 21)	Smallbore	569	Top 10
TCU vs WVU/Akron (Jan. 21)	Air rifle	575	Tied-5th
UTEP Triangular (Jan. 28-29)	Smallbore	572	2nd
UTEP Triangular (Jan. 28-29)	Air rifle	577 (Career best)	2nd
TCU vs Air Force (Feb. 3)	Smallbore	571	5th
TCU vs Air Force (Feb. 3)	Air rifle	581 (New career best)	2nd
TCU vs Air Force (Feb. 4)	Smallbore	581 (TCU record)	3rd
TCU vs Air Force (Feb. 4)	Air rifle	575	5th
NRA Sectionals & NCAA Qualifier (Feb. 11)	Smallbore	586 (New TCU record)	
NRA Sectionals & NCAA Qualifier (Feb. 12)	Air rifle	563	

tions gives her the chance for a victory.

"To tell you the truth, I could take it," Green said. "When

you go into these matches, you don't know who's going to win ... My guess is as good as your guess."

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