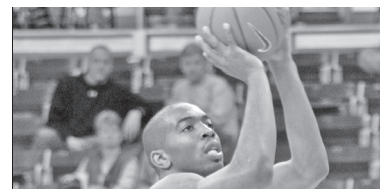


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## National controversy surrounds campus sorority finalist

By DIA WALL  
Staff Reporter

The Panhellenic president said Monday the university was unaware of the controversy surrounding one of the three sorority finalists who could join the TCU Greek community and said

the effect it will have on the voting process remains uncertain.

The Delta chapter of Delta Zeta at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., has gained national attention due to recent questions raised about its restructur-

ing by its national sorority. DZ nationals asked 23 of the Delta chapter's 35 members to accept alumna status and vacate the sorority house.

The New York Times reported Feb. 25 that among the 23 women evicted were

every overweight, black, Korean and Vietnamese member of the sorority.

"I think that if they are coming to campus, everything will be considered," said Hannah Munsch, Panhellenic president. "I'm not sure how it will be consid-

ered and I don't know if it will necessarily make or break the decision."

Delta Zeta is one of eight sororities that applied for a spot in the TCU Greek community, and one of three selected as finalists chosen to compete. Along with DZ,

Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta have visited the campus and given informative presentations about their organizations.

Kate Holloway, a senior English writing major who

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## Official: Gas lease not yet finalized with area company

By JAMES BROWN  
Staff Reporter

TCU has yet to sign a lease with a local oil and gas company that is telling residents in a nearby neighborhood that it's a done deal, a top administrator says.

Brian Gutierrez, vice chancellor for finance and administration, confirmed Monday in an e-mail that no agreement has been reached with Four Sevens Resources Co., who distributed fliers in the Colonial Park neighborhood announcing that Four Sevens "has been awarded the TCU gas lease!"

Gutierrez said Thursday that TCU is still assessing the feasibility of drilling on campus and discussions with Four Sevens are ongoing.

"I think they're running ahead of where we are in the process," Gutierrez said.

Four Sevens partner Brad Cunningham, who declined to comment, referred all questions to Gutierrez.

At a Feb. 6 meeting with the Bluebonnet Place Neighborhood Association, Four Sevens agent Rogers Gideon said an agreement with TCU was reached but no contract had been signed.

Cunningham said Colt Exploration Co., a leasing broker hired to obtain signatures on behalf of Four Sevens, distributed the fliers, which offer residents of Colonial Park a \$500 signing bonus and 25 percent royalty interest.

Colt's owner, Jim Holcomb, did not return phone calls.

John Tucker, a 1968 TCU alumnus and resident of Colonial Park, is concerned the flier has led many of his neighbors to sign with Four Sevens simply because they think TCU has already done so.

"I don't think that's the right way to do business," Tucker said. "Right now, I wouldn't sign with Four Sevens at all because they're lying to me."

Cunningham did not have a reaction to Tucker's sentiment, and again referred the question to Gutierrez.

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## CAR ACCIDENTS



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

Patrick Edmonson (left) and William Rippetoe of Nationwide Auto Services remove paint off of a car Monday afternoon. The company expects to repair about 200 vehicles, which were sprayed while the athletics facility was being painted.

### Cars get sprayed with paint near construction site; Linbeck hires company to detail, repair nearly 200 student, faculty vehicles

By SONYA CISNEROS  
Staff Reporter

The vehicles of some students, faculty and staff received paint jobs last week — by accident.

Work has begun to remove overspray paint from vehicles parked near or around the construction site of the athletics' indoor practice facility.

The overspray accident was a result of the paint that should have dried in the air after being sprayed but didn't, said Jeff Braden, team manager for Linbeck Construction.

Butler Painting was contracted by Linbeck to paint the facility and is therefore liable for the cost of repairs, Braden said.

Linbeck Construction has hired Nationwide Auto Services to remove the paint from vehicles.

The Nationwide Auto Services mobile-detailing center will be on campus in parking Lot 2 southwest of Amon Carter Stadium to repair damage this week.

The TCU community was notified of the incident in an e-mail sent Friday afternoon by Tracy Syler-Jones, assistant vice chancellor for marketing and communication.

As of Monday afternoon, 24 vehicles have been repaired and 32 people have stopped by the detailing center, said David Anderson, office manager for Nationwide Auto Services.

The company is expecting to repair about 200 vehicles, said Mike Malliton, director of operations for Nationwide Auto Services.

The paint removal can cost anywhere between \$200 to \$350

per vehicle, Anderson said.

Before any paint can be removed, the vehicle must first be inspected by a representative of Nationwide Auto Services or Linbeck to determine if it has been accidentally painted with overspray.

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## Police officer: Vehicle nearly hit student

By LESLIE DYER  
Staff Reporter

A TCU Police officer driving to work in his own personal vehicle pulled over a man after he saw him jump the curb and nearly hit a student crossing University Drive on Monday afternoon.

Dale Connor was driving when he noticed a silver Pontiac Grand Prix swerving in front of him.

"He almost hit some cars and then jumped the curb and almost hit a student, so I pulled him over," Connor said.

Connor said he was able to pull the driver over by yelling verbal commands at him.

"My window was down, and his driver's side window was down. Because I was in my uniform, he complied without resistance," Connor said.

The student, who was almost hit while crossing University Drive, left the scene unidentified.

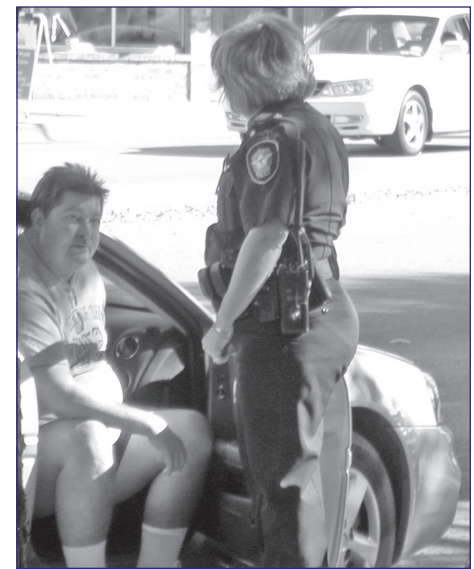
Three Fort Worth police cars, one MedStar ambulance, one TCU Police vehicle, one Fort Worth Fire Department truck and Dale Connor's vehicle lined the side of University Drive in front of the Bailey Building.

The four men from the Fort Worth Fire Department examined the driver for medical problems.

The MedStar paramedics and an EMT also examined the driver for blood-alcohol levels, Connor said.

"The driver was legal, but he had issues," Connor said. "We decided that it was

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ANDREW CHAVEZ / News Editor

A man police say almost hit a TCU student with his vehicle is questioned by a sergeant from Fort Worth Police on Monday afternoon near the intersection of University and Bellaire drives.

## Author to speak about business application of Sun Tzu

By JENIGHI POWELL  
Staff Reporter

Chin-Ning Chu's name means "journey to peace" — a name that reflects "The Art of War" philosophy that Chu will address as the keynote speaker for tonight's Frost Foundation Lecture-ship.



Chin-Ning Chu

As an author and motiva-

tional speaker, Chu is a leading expert in the business application of Chinese General Sun Tzu's "The Art of War." She will speak at 5 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

A revolutionary philosophy outlining military strategy using minimal physical combat, Tzu's "The Art of War" has become an influential book in the global community, psychology professor David Cross said.

The event is organized through the Center for International Studies.

Jane Kucko, director of the Center for International Education, said Chu was chosen because of her expertise on global issues.

Chu will discuss the philosophy of "The Art of War" and how it relates to leadership, Kucko said.

Chu's books, "The Art of War for Women," "Thick Face, Black Heart," "Do Less,

Achieve More" and "The Asian Mind Game," have attracted the attention of business CEOs, presidents and prime ministers across the world, according to her Web site.

Cross said "The Art of War" is so applicable to other areas because of its general and theoretical writing. Written around 400 B.C., the book promotes simple nonviolent adages categorized under 13 chapters.

"It's really about strategy,"

Cross said, "in particular, strategy in competitive situations."

A direct descendant of the Royal Ming Dynasty, Chu grew up learning about "The Art of War" from her father, according to her Web site.

Junior Cleda Wang said she had a similar experience growing up.

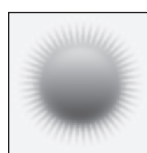
"I grew up learning about 'The Art of War,'" said Wang, a biology and communication studies major. "It's a really

inspirational book."

Cross, who uses "The Art of War" in his course on the Dao strategy, praises "The Art of War" adages such as "finish what you start" and "never fight except in a crisis."

"Once you seriously study 'The Art of War,' I believe it makes you a better and more efficient person," Cross said.

After Chu speaks, there will be a book-signing.

**WEATHER**

TODAY: Sunny, 73/56  
WEDNESDAY: Cloudy, 72/56  
THURSDAY: Sunny, 66/40

**PECULIAR FACT**

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Fake bull testicles and other anatomically explicit vehicle decorations would be banned from Maryland roads under a bill pending in the state legislature. — AP

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**GAS**

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Tucker said he would "like to hear something from TCU," but he doesn't think it's the university's responsibility to inform the public of its dealings. Though it may not be

TCU's responsibility, Gutierrez ensured dialogue with students and the surrounding community once "we gather more information about the feasibility of drilling on campus."

Gutierrez stressed safety and security for students among other logistical issues that need to be resolved before a final decision is made.

**DELTA ZETA**

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withdrew from the DePauw chapter during reorganization, said she thinks DZ could serve TCU well.

"I think they fully believed they were doing the best thing for the sorority itself and for the Delta chapter," Holloway said. "But I don't think it worked out at all because they only got three pledges this year."

A positive history and success at other universities were both elements reviewed by the Panhellenic extension committee in selecting the finalists for fall recruitment.

Delta Zeta presented Wednesday but did not inform the council about the budding controversy.

The sororities that comprise the Panhellenic council at TCU are voting on which sorority will be invited to campus Wednesday, and DZ may be selected to join formal recruitment in August.

A formal statement to DePauw issued Dec. 20 by DePauw President Robert Bottoms addressed the strong effect this has had on former and current DZ members, as well as the DePauw community.

"As we move forward, the staff is examining what happened at Delta Zeta, how the membership review has affected the sorority's members and the campus at large, and advising me about potential responses," Bottoms wrote.

Bottoms also issued a formal letter of reprimand to Delta Zeta's national headquarters Feb. 19 outlining four major points of contention with the sorority.

The DePauw, the student newspaper at DePauw University, reported that the women received letters Dec. 2 informing them they were invited to stay in the sorority or instructing them to vacate the house by Jan. 29.

Delta Zeta responded to the article on its national Web site by stating: "Delta Zeta finds it offensive that recent reports have suggested that decisions made at DePauw University were related in any way to our members' races and nationalities."

Former members, though, feel that DZ has been less than honest about their motives for selecting the members who they chose to leave.

The DePauw reported that the women were being interviewed to judge their

commitment to the sorority and recruitment for future years, but many members do not feel that was the case.

The article in the New York Times reported that some former members believed that women who did not fit a certain mold were asked to leave, but not all the former members feel that way.

Joanna Kieschnick, a DePauw sophomore English literature major who was asked to stay in the sorority but resigned, said there were many attractive girls who were asked to leave.

"There's a lot of conjecture that I don't know if I necessarily agree with," Kieschnick said. "I think image perhaps was part of it but not the deciding factor. I'm fairly articulate, so my interview went really well, and I was a little more into partying than a lot of the other girls."

The New York Times reported DePauw attracted national attention in 1982 when a black student was unable to join the chapter.

According to The Times, a letter was written to The DePauw that accused Delta Zeta's national leadership of also unsuccessfully trying to block a mixed-race

**ONLINE INFO**

- DePauw University [depauw.edu](http://depauw.edu)
- DePauw University's campus newspaper, The DePauw [thedepauw.com](http://thedepauw.com)
- Delta Zeta [deltazeta.org](http://deltazeta.org)



woman from joining in 1967.

Cynthia Winslow Menges, spokesperson for Delta Zeta, did not respond to multiple phone calls and e-mails seeking comment.

James Parker, assistant dean of campus life, was not available for comment due to the presentation and tour of Gamma Phi Beta.

"I would like for them to still be considered," Munsch said. "I would like whatever chapter TCU feels will be the most successful here will be welcomed with open arms."

Powers said, "He over-corrected and almost hit another car, so I got in front of him to avoid being hit."

Powers turned off of University Drive onto Park Hill Drive to avoid him completely.

When Powers went running about 45 minutes later, he said he saw the man pulled over.

Police said an incident report from Fort Worth is forthcoming but was not available by press time.

**ATTENTION!**

Four Sevens Resources Company, Ltd. (Four Sevens) has been awarded the TCU Gas Lease!

If you have not already received a Lease from Four Sevens, you will be receiving one within the next few days. If you have already received an offer and a Lease, Please note that we are increasing your offer to \$5,000 per net mineral acre With a \$500.00 per lot minimum A 25% Royalty Interest And a primary term of 3 years.

If you are ready to sign a lease, please do so.

If you have questions, please call one of the numbers below.

Thank you for leasing with Four Sevens!

Marc Pace 817.501.9812

Susan Pace 817.239.3308

Colt Exploration Company, Inc. 817.870.0026

Four Sevens distributed this flier in the Colonial Park neighborhood.

**OVERSPRAY**

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Nationwide Auto Services uses its own formula to remove overspray paint without damaging the manufacturer's paint finish, Anderson said.

Anderson said a clay bar is also used almost like a "big pencil eraser" to erase any trace of the overspray paint.

The cleaning process takes up to two hours, Anderson said.

Braden said Nationwide Auto Services or Linbeck Construction would provide transportation after the vehicle is dropped off for washing.

Most of the painting of the facility was already complete when the incident occurred, therefore Butler Painting will finish the facility by hand, Braden said.

Construction of the facility is continuing as scheduled, Braden said.

**CORRECTION**

• An article in Wednesday's Skiff stated that the Campaign for TCU fundraising reported gains of \$90 million since the beginning of January. The campaign actually reported about \$90 million in gains since June 2005.

**DRIVER**

From page 1

more of a medical issue than a sobriety issue."

Because of these medical reasons, the driver was picked up from the site by a friend, Connor said.

Connor gave no comment on the driver's medical issues.

One MedStar EMT, two paramedics, four firemen, three Fort

Worth police officers, one police sergeant and four TCU Police officers, including officer Connor and police Cpl. Brad Murphy, were on the scene.

Brad Powers, a sophomore finance major, said he was also almost hit by the same driver while he was driving home from his job downtown.

"I was driving across the bridge over the Trinity River on University Drive when he started slowly coming into my lane,"

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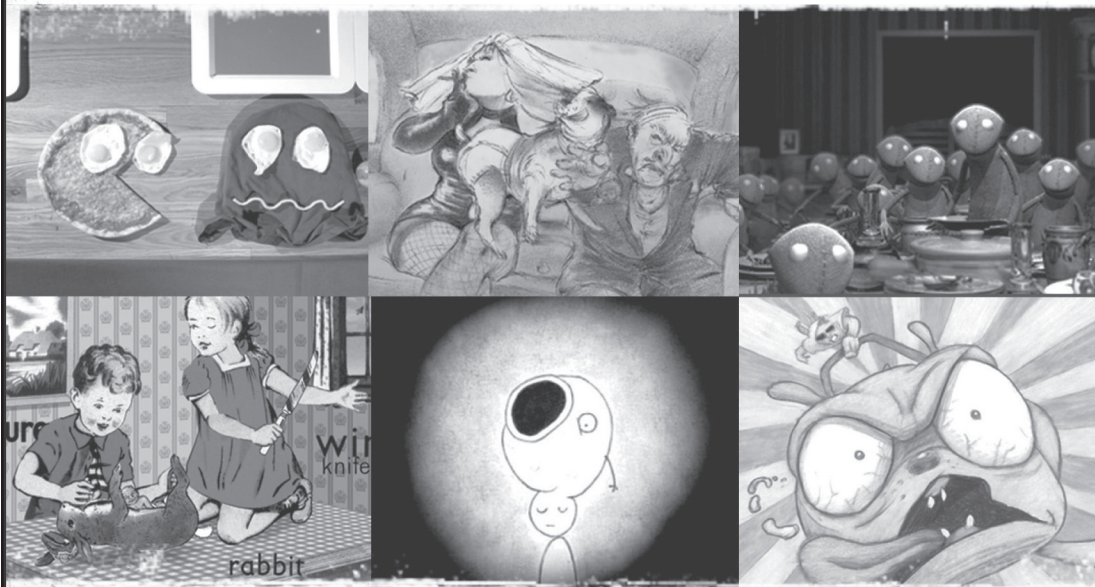
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"Do the thing you fear most, and the death of fear is certain."  
— Mark Twain

THE SKIFF VIEW

# Controversy may split church

A long-awaited schism in the Anglican Communion is on the horizon. In September, the Episcopal denomination of the Anglican church may find itself separated from the Anglican Communion at large.

The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth is touted as one of the more conservative Episcopal dioceses in Texas and has gained attention in the past for not having female clergy behind the pulpit.

In this case, the issue of homosexual bishops and gay marriages is leading to the possible split. Ever since Gene Robinson, from New Hampshire, was elected as the first openly gay bishop in the United States in 2003, controversy has been growing about keeping the traditional ties to the Episcopal church alive.

In a religion that preaches tolerance, Christians at large should examine the goings-on and realize that there may be more at stake than simply ostracizing gay people within the church.

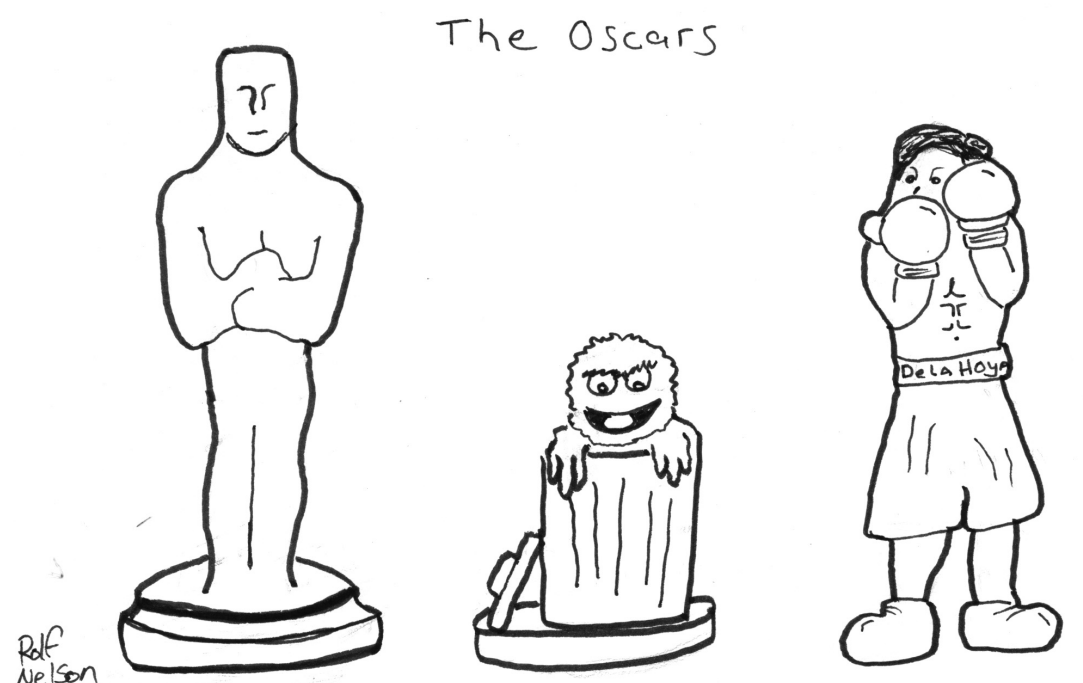
If such a crisis would have evolved from Robinson's election in a denomination predicated on tradition and classic service style, the dioceses of New Hampshire should be held at fault. Homosexuality has been a hot-button political issue for some time. A board of high-standing clergy should have been given the chance not to elect Robinson.

It is not in our realm of expertise to say who is right or wrong in this situation, but avoiding the controversial bullet may have been the best alternative to putting Robinson in high-clergy standing.

The use of the word "schism" may seem harsh while describing the breakdown of a long-lasting denomination that has produced 13 American presidents, but, come September, Episcopalians nationwide could find themselves searching for a new congregation or siding with a new church affiliate that will indicate traditional or modern-day Episcopalians.

*Sports editor Marcus Murphree for the editorial board*

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# Dorm socialization necessary aspect of college experience

Last semester, readers were bombarded with my complaints about being a commuter, only to find that the hidden message of the two-part expose was to appreciate the small and simple joys in life.

This semester, we've moved out of the house and things have gotten a little crazier.

The two hours a day spent driving are better spent socializing with real people, rather than mumbling to the truck driver in the next lane. And eight-hour days with nowhere to rest were quickly getting old, so I moved on campus.

Just as parents always worry, the temptations to pre-party, party and then party some more are present every weekend, which of course starts on Thursday nights. And somebody is always awake for a late-night chat or ready for a field trip to IHOP. When the study room is filled with friends, it is often anything but productive.

How does someone who was used to the seclusion and peace of a suburban home, with television and getting called to dinner her only distractions, merge into the bustling life of a college dorm?

It's all about self-control. Every parent's worst fears about the temptations his or her children will face do exist and are often more prevalent away from home, but not every child gives in. It's unfair for parents to say their children aren't ready for the responsibility of living on their own. Except in extreme cases, neither the parents nor the children will ever truly find out if they don't try.

With the 24-hour visitation rule for the new dorms — and



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor  
Junior communication studies major Peter Guempel leaves the B.M. and Frances Britain residence hall in the Tom Brown/ Pete Wright Apartments.

the one already established in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright apartments — some parents have voiced concerns about whether students can handle the responsibility of all-night visitors. Sometimes the best way to learn is to make your own mistakes — you'll never believe that your friends shouldn't have stayed over that late until you can barely wake up the next morning.

I was fortunate enough to have parents who understand that, though it may seem like a small part of my education, my social life is important — and it was lacking when I went home every night. The only skill I learned while studying in my bedroom was that I could find a way to finish my homework with "Everybody Loves Raymond" in the background.

On campus, I'm getting real-world practice with time-management skills: balancing goof-off time with work-out time with studying for classes and a part-time job. And I have definitely learned to appreciate household and daily chores now that I have to do my own laundry and wash whatever dishes I use in my room. Both these small tasks too often get put off.

Many students at TCU live close enough to commute — some do the driving and some move to campus. A lot of it has to do with financial need, which was the case for me, and sometimes it has to do with protective parents or unsure students. For those on the borderline of which to choose, or for those dreading another year on campus with the new rule for freshmen and sophomores, you should realize living on campus is a chance like no other.

You have time after you graduate to move back in with your parents for a few months. You have graduate school and the jumpstart of your professional career to get an apartment or fix up a house.

It's easier to retract your decision to move out during college because you can always move back home. But, if you pass up on-campus housing, you'll never get another opportunity to live with the perfect balance of independence and shelter because dorm living doesn't come around twice.

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

# Communicating with body important for interviewing

The body is a very useful and flexible thing; it is an instrument that can always surprise us with its capability and potential.

Most people, however, don't know the exact way of using their bodies as tools or advantages when getting a job, landing an interview or making a good impression to others.

According to Business Week Online, words are only 7 percent of communication. The rest is composed of 55 percent visual communication, such as body language or eye contact, and 38 percent vocal communication, such as pitch, speed, volume and tone of a person's voice.

Business Week Online also states, "The world's best business communicators have strong body language: a commanding presence that reflects confidence, competence and charisma."

But, with some people, the proper way to present themselves in the workforce

or life in general was never an issue that was brought up or addressed. Others, such as myself, presented themselves in a different way that wasn't detrimental but wasn't exactly helpful either.

Many girls, such as I, have been brought up to be calm, quiet, well-mannered and lady-like. Now, this is not at all a bad way to present oneself, especially for a woman.

Unfortunately, because of our backgrounds, our manners and how we present ourselves, these characteristics and habits need to be fine-tuned and adjusted if entering into, say, the business field or entertainment industry, where competition is fierce and life is fast-paced. Also, mannerisms and gestures that seem comfortable and familiar to one person may project the wrong message to someone else.

Sometimes I've made people feel unsure or intimidated because of my stance or the aura around me but didn't notice at all that I was making people feel that way. I certainly didn't realize that there is more to landing a job

or audition than just pure talent or skill. With any job, a person creates his own personal advertisement on the outside that is punctuated by appearance and communication with a foundation of capability and work skills.

Gestures and mannerisms can be learned. The problem is not many people have had the opportunity to learn or be taught. Most simply observe and incorporate the necessary elements in time. People can be taught business or theatre, for example, but those talents and smarts are useless if one doesn't know how to be a charming speaker, a shrewd networker or a friendly associate.

People, more and more, need to realize the overall picture of what it takes to land a job and make a name for oneself, instead of looking at it through a small and selective screen. It's the unassuming yet vital social and communication skills that can give you a boost and can really let your career and life take flight.

Ylona Cupryjak is a sophomore theatre major from Keller. Her column appears Tuesdays.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to Mr. Murphree's article on "Company's no-smoking rule goes too far," I believe it is in the interest of the company to create rules not allowing employees to smoke. Companies since the industrial age have been chastised for not giving employees enough rights. However, over time, with the effort of workers rights movements and union groups, workers have enjoyed the benefits from these efforts. I would subscribe to readers that perhaps employees may have too many rights, including the right to smoke.

Companies could benefit greatly from having employees who didn't smoke. Not only would the company cut health care costs but would increase productivity because smokers are more likely to have a greater amount of sick days than nonsmokers. In addition to this, companies would promote a safer environment. Employees would have a very remote chance of enduring secondhand smoke since no one would be smoking. We all know secondhand smoke is very dangerous, and, if companies

could implement a smoke-free environment, everyone would be better off. The corporation and employees would both enjoy the benefits of cutting expenses, being more productive and promoting a safer environment.

I applaud Scotts Miracle-Gro Co. for trying to set a precedent. Chiefly, I believe other companies could learn from this action. I submit to the author, why would a company take on the liability of a smoker when there are many other job candidates in the work-force pool

who can do the same job but at a cheaper cost? A cheaper cost can be derived from the fact that the company would have decreased health premiums, employees would be more efficient hence a fewer amount of sick days and promoting a healthier environment. The author mentions raising the price of premiums, which I feel would retard the whole capitalist system. The idea that companies should pay more for riskier employees is absurd.

Companies could add a new box

that would state "Are you a smoker?" In effect, this would be similar to asking someone if he or she has ever been convicted of a felony. Now you might be saying, "You fool, clearly, these are two different things." However, I would entertain the idea that companies want to limit future problems and liability. If I could avoid the possibility of a future smoker or future felon, wouldn't I want to avoid it? Companies could thank these employees for not smoking.

Peter Parlapiano is a sophomore finance major from Houston.

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# 'Antichrist' religion continues growth

By ALEXANDRA ALTER  
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — Surrounded by a mob of news cameras, a group of smiling, well-dressed church members crowded into a South Beach storefront parlor on a recent muggy evening and got matching tattoos of their prophet's symbol: 666.

Members of Growing in Grace, a controversial religious sect headquartered in Doral, Fla., said they were following the example of their leader, Jose Luis de Jesus Miranda, who has claimed to be Jesus and recently declared himself the Antichrist.

Critics have called de Jesus a cult leader who manipulates followers. Church members say he has brought them happiness and spiritual fulfillment.

"This is backing up what I truly believe," said Alvaro Albarracin, 38, who heads a film production

company and joined the church more than a decade ago. He showed a bandage that covered the freshly tattooed "666" on his forearm. "It's like a brand."

It's a sign most Christians would shun because, for centuries, the numbers have been associated with Satan. But, for the 30 or so church members who branded themselves with 666 and SSS — the initials of de Jesus' motto, "salvo siempre salvo" or "saved always saved," it's a mark of their absolute faith in de Jesus.

Church members say the symbol doesn't connect them to Satan but rather to de Jesus' claim that he has replaced Christ's teachings with a new gospel.

Scholars and critics of the movement say the tattoos offer evidence of the influence of de Jesus commands over his followers.

"What is he going to do next to



NURI VALLBONA / MCT  
Jose Luis De Jesus Miranda addresses a crowd at the Ministerio Internacional Creciendo en Gracia during services July 19 in Miami. Miranda, who claimed to be Jesus Christ, now he says he is the Antichrist.

call attention to himself?" asked Daniel Alvarez, an instructor in the department of religious studies at Florida International University who has studied the movement. "This means that his control over people is so great that no matter what he says to them, they'll follow him."

De Jesus was in Puerto Rico and unavailable to comment, a church spokeswoman said.

At the tattoo parlor, one woman wore a T-shirt with de Jesus' picture and the phrase "The Lord Arrived" in Spanish. Others wore shirts and baseball caps marked with 666. Spanish rap music blared from a stereo in the back. News cameras circled the tattoo chair as artist Jessica Segatto, wearing pink rubber gloves and a huge silver cross, inked 666 on church members' ankles, forearms, backs and one member's

neck. Some members said they decided to attend the tattooing session, which was prompted by a church announcement the previous week, to prove their commitment to de Jesus' vision. Others said they hoped the symbol would provoke questions about the movement.

"I figured if I have it on my leg, people are going to notice it, 666, and they're going to ask," spokeswoman Axel Poessy said.

De Jesus, who preaches that sin and the devil were destroyed when Jesus died on the cross and that God's chosen already have been saved, has built a massive movement around his claim to divinity. Followers call him "Daddy" and "God" and lavish him with \$5,000 Rolexes and sometimes 40 percent or more of their salaries.



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Ligia Botero, a member of Growing in Grace, shows off her "666" tattoo at a tattoo gallery in Miami Beach on Feb. 13. Members of the controversial church followed the lead of their spiritual leader getting branded with the symbol.

# Religious fraternity questioned for bias

By TIM TOWNSEND  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

COLUMBIA, Mo. — On a recent Sunday night, the brothers of Beta Upsilon Chi were sizing up a new pledge class. It was the end of rush week, when University of Missouri students, interested in Greek Life, shop for a fraternity or sorority.

Andrew Guthrie, president of Beta Upsilon Chi, or BYX (pronounced "bucks" by the brothers,) stood in the sanctuary of the university's AP Green Chapel. He faced his fraternity brothers and a handful of young men who, if chosen, would become the next BYX pledge class.

BYX has just one condition for membership.

"If they show us they have a relationship with Jesus Christ, that's really the only requirement we have," said BYX brother Miles Steele.

But it was that single requirement that prompted university officials to demand that BYX, which stands for Brothers Under Christ, adhere to the school's nondiscrimination policy in December. Two weeks later the university backed down, allowing that the fraternity brothers' constitutional rights of free association, as laid out in the First Amendment, trumped the university's nondiscrimination policy.

The case exemplifies the difficult road some religious fraternities and sororities travel on public university campuses where there are church and state issues involving funding and facilities-access. It pits two fundamental constitutional principles — the right to free exercise of religion and the prohibition on the state establishing religion — against one another.

BYX is the largest Christian fraternity in the U.S. with 18 chapters, 11 in Texas.

In the summer of 2005, Guthrie was a counselor at a Christian camp in Texas. Some of the other counselors were BYX brothers at Texas schools, and, when Guthrie returned to Columbia in the fall, he contacted the fraternity's national office to see

what it would take to start a BYX chapter at the university.

After a visit to the campus by officers of the national office, the Mizzou chapter was approved by the national board in April as the newest BYX chapter. The fraternity then applied to the university's Organization Resource Group, which manages the school's 480 student groups, to request status as an official student organization.

That status allows student groups to apply for funding generated by student activity fees, which all students pay. In the 2006-2007 academic year that money totaled \$323,000.

The Organization Resource Group does not fund "social" fraternities and sororities. But, according to Janna Basler, director of Greek life at Mizzou, BYX is not a member of the Interfraternity Council, the governing body of all member fraternities, and therefore is eligible for university funding.

In December, the university discovered BYX had not included the nondiscrimination language in its bylaws, according to Christian Basi, a university spokesman. School officials sent Guthrie a letter asking the fraternity to add the nondiscrimination language.

In return, the university received a letter from the Christian Legal Society asking the school to re-examine its nondiscrimination policy and exempt BYX from the policy's ban on religious discrimination, Basi said.

An attorney for the Christian Legal Society did not return calls for comment.

University attorneys reviewed the school's policy and materials submitted by BYX's lawyers and decided it "would not require BYX to adopt the nondiscrimination policy with respect to religion as a condition for maintaining recognition as a student organization," Basi said. The reason? "Our own policy states that it should not be interpreted to violate the legal rights of religious organizations."

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# U.S. and Iraqi officials interview citizens of Baghdad about war

McClatchy Newspapers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. and Iraqi officials have released few specifics about how they're applying the new Baghdad security plan throughout the capital. But phone interviews provided some insight into how the security plan is working in 20 of the city's neighborhoods.

Al Kadimiya, a predominantly Shiite neighborhood in northwest Baghdad. "Usually we were attacked with 10 to 15 mortar shells weekly, but now and since the start of the security plan, only two mortar shells fell," said Ibrahim Khaleel, 37.

Shaab, a mainly Shiite district in northeast Baghdad. "Few Sunnis are left in the area," said Ahmed Ali, 29, a restaurant worker. "People are really cooperating with the troops. ... The Mahdi Army now is in a low-level appearance. You can hear them trying to be invisible — they are afraid of the security plan."

Shula, a Shiite district in northwest Baghdad. "Our neighborhood is very calm the last week since the start of the new security plan," said Esam Abo Ali, 36. "The Iraqi army, including Kurd-

ish soldiers, is in the neighborhood. They searched the neighborhood and people were very cooperative with them."

Yarmouk, a Sunni neighborhood in western Baghdad. "The main street is very dangerous, especially at midmorning and before sundown," said Mohammed Abdul-Ameer, 47, an unemployed construction contractor. "With both hunter and hunted fully armed, it is wise to keep away. These days the army is everywhere, on the main street, in the roads, as convoys and as stationary groups. Their presence is reassuring, but sometimes, as we say, the protector is the thief. We don't really know that these persons are to be trusted with our lives."

Hurriya, a once mixed neighborhood that is now largely Shiite in northwest Baghdad. "When the new security plan started, nothing really changed except for an additional police checkpoint," said Nazar, a 36-year-old resident who declined to be otherwise identified.

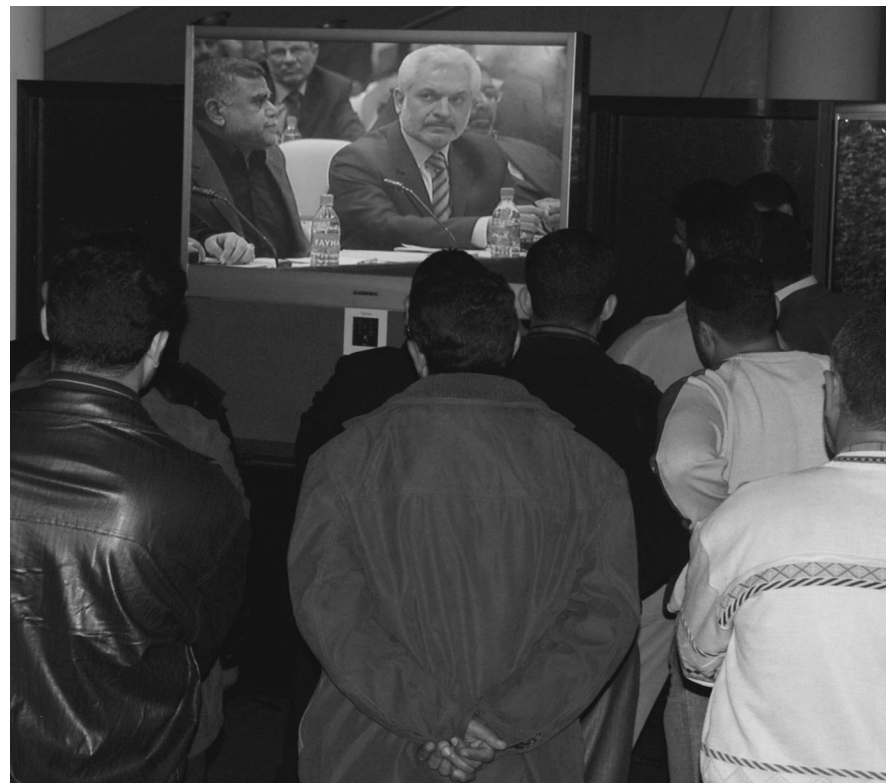
Abu Desheer, a southwest Baghdad neighborhood split into Shiite and Sunni sections. "The Mahdi Army controls the side

which contains only Shiite," said a 26-year-old Shiite woman who asked not to be otherwise identified. "The situation is calm in that part. In the Sunni part, the Shiite families are displaced from their homes. Iraqi army, Iraqi police and American forces are searching the area."

Aamil, a primarily Shiite district in southwest Baghdad. "Some of the areas under Shiite control by the Mahdi Army were searched by the Iraqi army," said a 21-year-old Shiite man who asked not to be otherwise identified. "They confiscated their guns. They searched all the houses. Families feel somehow safer now. Some Sunni displaced families from neighborhoods under Mahdi Army control were returned. Those families are protected now by Shiite families. Sunni families still feel worried and scared."

Baya, a mainly Shiite neighborhood in southwest Baghdad. "The Mahdi Army controls the area; no search has been done yet," said a Shiite woman. "We are still waiting for the security plan. The Mahdi Army still breaks up homes and shops, kills people in front of everybody's eyes. We are afraid to go even to the market to buy what we need."

Shabab, a mixed neighborhood in southwest Baghdad. "There's no security plan yet," said a resident who works as a taxi driver but refused to be otherwise identified. "Snipers are here and there. None of the displaced families has returned home."



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Iraqi journalists at the convention center in the Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq, watch a debate in parliament over the new security plan of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

# Cousins suspected of terrorism charged with murder conspiracy

By JEFF COEN  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Two Chicago-area cousins linked to a terrorism conspiracy last week traveled to Egypt in 2004 and planned to head to Pakistan for military training, federal prosecutors told a judge Monday.

Zubair A. Ahmed, 27, and Khaleel Ahmed, 26, were seeking "training in Jihad," prosecutors said during a detention hearing on whether Khaleel Ahmed should be kept in custody as he is transferred to Ohio to face the charges.

The trip was not a vacation as the Ahmeds have maintained, Assistant U.S. Attorney Vickie Peters said.

"It was intended as the first stop of a trip that would land him on the battlefield of Iraq fighting U.S. servicemen," Peters told U.S. Magistrate Judge Geraldine Soat Brown.

The cousins were indicted by an Ohio grand jury last week, charged with conspiracy to murder Americans outside the United States, including troops in Iraq. A detention hearing for Zubair Ahmed, of North Chicago, was delayed until Monday.

The judge ruled that there was no way the defense could rebut the argument that Khaleel Ahmed is a danger to the community given the charges, and ordered him held. He is expected to be taken to Ohio to join several co-defendants in the case.

Three Toledo men — Mohammad Zaki Amawi, Marwan Othman El-Hindi and Wasm Mazloum — were charged in the conspiracy last year and have pleaded not guilty.

Peters told the judge that Zubair Ahmed's father and El-Hindi were able to bring the cousins back from Egypt. El-Hindi believed they needed more training, and allegedly was able to link the men to someone who could provide it.

He did not know that person — identified as "The Trainer" in the indictment — actually was working for the FBI. Peters said the Ahmeds traveled to Ohio, and Khaleel Ahmed allegedly was recorded saying he wanted weapons and sniper training.

Khaleel Ahmed's defense attorney, Brian Sieve, argued his client is not a danger, is employed and has been living with his family. Ahmed has no criminal history and no use of drugs in his past, Sieve said.

The trip to Egypt allegedly took place more than two years ago, and the government did not see any urgency to arrest him, he said. Instead the government is relying on the "emotional appeal of the charges" to detain Ahmed now, Sieve said.

"Mr. Khaleel Ahmed is barely mentioned in the indictment and certainly is not a key player in the conspiracy," he told the judge.

# Scientists look for water to find life on Mars

By ROBERT S. BOYD  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Scientists who are hunting for life on Mars — past or present — are expanding their search to include possible sources of food and energy, as well as water, that could nourish microorganisms on the Red Planet.

For years, "Follow the Water" has been the mantra guiding the quest for evidence of extraterrestrial life. The theory was that liquid water was the most essential requirement for any living organism, so the hunt should start with that.

That concept now is considered too narrow. The search for water goes on, but it's not the only target.

"So far we've looked for water, but life also needs raw materials and sustained energy," said Tori Hoehler, an astrobiologist at NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif.

NASA's Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, along with U.S. and European orbiting spacecraft have detected evidence that Mars was warm and wet billions of years ago, with rivers, lakes and perhaps a large ocean. That water has evaporated or sunk underground, occasionally bursting to the surface to carve fresh gullies in canyon walls.

Now NASA is preparing to send two landers to Mars — the Phoenix mission later this year and the Mars Science Lander in 2009 — to

hunt for organic carbon, a basic building block of life, on or just below the surface.

But scientists say the search must extend below the planet's dry, frozen crust to look for buried supplies of water, food and energy where microbes might be living.

"If life is present on Mars now, it has to be subsurface," Hoehler said.

One potential Martian food is methane — natural gas — a simple compound of hydrogen and carbon. Traces of methane were detected last year in the planet's thin atmosphere, apparently leaking out of pockets of gas below the surface.

Living creatures are "a potential source of the methane detected in the atmosphere," said Stephen Clifford, a researcher at the NASA-funded Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston. He cautioned, however, that methane also can have a nonbiological origin.

In addition, scientists say there are ample sources of energy on Mars, even below the surface, where the sun never shines.

The source of underground energy is "no longer sunlight but the planet itself," Hoehler explained.

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## Schwarzenegger urges Washington to follow own 'post-partisanship'

By CLEA BENSON  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Sounding more like a motivational speaker than a politician, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Monday urged Democrats and Republicans in Washington to put aside their partisan differences and get to work for the good of the country.

The Republican governor told an audience at the

National Press Club that Congress and the White House should follow the example of California, where Democrats and Republicans have worked together recently on environmental legislation and infrastructure issues.

Schwarzenegger urged President Bush and Congress to move toward the political center. He also said they should just try to be friendly.

"How come Democrats and Republicans out here don't schmooze with each other?" he asked.

The Austria-born governor is constitutionally barred from running for president. But that hasn't stopped him from claiming a piece of the national spotlight during a presidential campaign season. He's planning to give speeches nationwide this year, preaching an

approach to politics that he calls "post-partisanship." And he's using a visit to Washington this week for the National Governors Association conference as a national platform.

"Post-partisanship is the new concept of Republicans and Democrats giving birth to new ideas together," he said. "All of this energy is being spent on bitterness; all of this energy is being spent on

maneuvering. Imagine if that same energy were put into working together to build a consensus."

The key to his success, he said, was his focus on building relationships.

"In the courtyard of the state Capitol, I have a politically incorrect smoking tent," he said. "People come in, Democrats and Republicans, and they take off their jackets

and they take off their ties, they smoke a stogie and they schmooze."

He had advice for everyone: Democrats should stop "running down" the president. Republicans, he said, should stop questioning the motives of Democrats who oppose the war in Iraq.

"To the president," he said, "I say get yourself a smoking tent."

## Former Mexican President Fox to discuss democracy at SMU

By LAURENCE ILIFF AND ALFREDO CORCHADO  
The Dallas Morning News

MEXICO CITY — No matter what former President Vicente Fox says at Southern Methodist University today, his speech is already controversial and represents a radical break with the past.

By tradition, former Mexican presidents are supposed to quietly fade away, preferably in self-exile far from home. But Fox refuses to do so, despite critics at home who say that Mexico's powerful six-year presidency is best followed by silence.

"Vicente Fox has to understand that his presidency is over," Green Party leader Jorge Emilio Gonzalez said recently.

But, since leaving office Dec. 1, Fox has been touring to speak out on topics such as democracy and poverty, like a Jimmy Carter or Bill Clinton.

In another groundbreaking step, Fox will meet with North Texas supporters over lunch and talk about his plans to build a presidential library — a first for Mexico.

Fox supporters include Dallas public relations consultant Rob Allyn, who called Fox is a "historic figure of world democracy" because of his role in ending 71 years of one-party rule in Mexico.

Former President Vicente Fox, of Mexico, will speak at 8 p.m. today at Southern Methodist University's McFarlin Auditorium as part of the Tate Lec-

ture Series. The event is sold out.

Allyn, who was a secret consultant to Fox during his 2000 campaign, is helping the former president make the transition to a high-profile private life that includes paid speeches and fund raising for his library and "study center."

"I've been helping him to prepare for his next life," Allyn said. In Dallas, that includes "a small lunch ... sponsored by his friends."

Allyn said Fox differed from many of his predecessors in that he did not leave office with vast wealth.

"It's notable that a (former) Mexican president needs to go to work for a living," Allyn said. "It's commendable."

Fox will not be soliciting donations from North Texans to help build his library, Allyn said, but the former president won't be turning down contributions either.

"We welcome support, whether financial or time and talent," Allyn said.

For his part, Fox said it was his right and duty to speak out on issues facing Mexico.

"Those who believe a former president should not speak out on the issues he believes in are still living in Mexico's authoritarian past," Fox said via e-mail last week while traveling to Nigeria. "I have been intensely promoting the changes and causes of our new democracy and the progress Mexico is making in freedom, prosperity, education, housing, health care and poverty

reduction, which we must nourish and strengthen every day."

A former rancher who once called for open borders between Mexico and the United States, Fox continues to generate the kind of controversy that marked his six-year presidency.

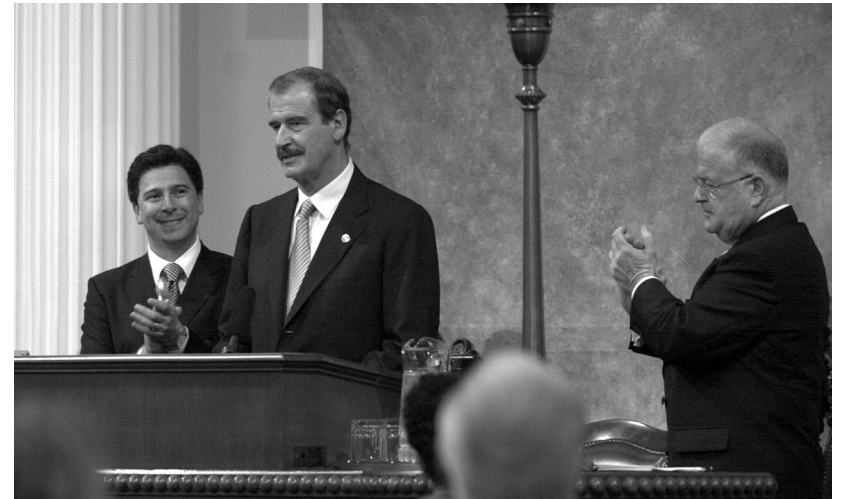
Jean Towell, president of Dallas-based Citizens for Immigration Reform, said she was "disappointed" to see SMU invite Fox. She said he was not a friend to the United States while in office.

"I think that he expected our country to do things his own country won't do in terms of immigration," said Towell, whose group opposes illegal immigration.

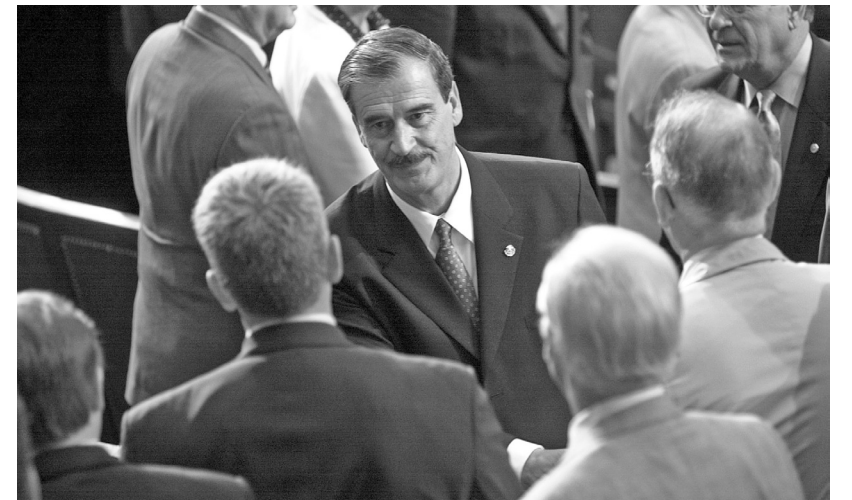
And in welcoming support for his library, Fox may draw the scorn of some North Texans who wonder why he is promoting his library in the United States.

"I think it is a desperate attempt at vindication," said Gustavo Bujanda, a Dallas communications consultant who traveled to Mexico and voted for Fox in the 2000 election. "It is a telling sign that Fox is looking for speaking opportunities in the United States while in Mexico not even allies want to be seen with him in public."

Fox left office with approval ratings at about 60 percent. So did his predecessor, Ernesto Zedillo, who returned to Yale University to head its center for the study of globalization, where he has stayed out of the international limelight.



BOB PEPPING/MCT  
Former Mexican President Vicente Fox, center, is applauded by assembly speaker Fabian Nunez, left, and senate leader protem Don Perata. Fox will be at Southern Methodist University today.



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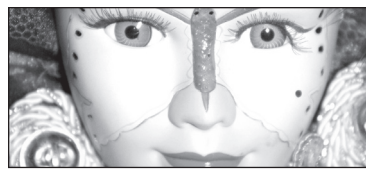
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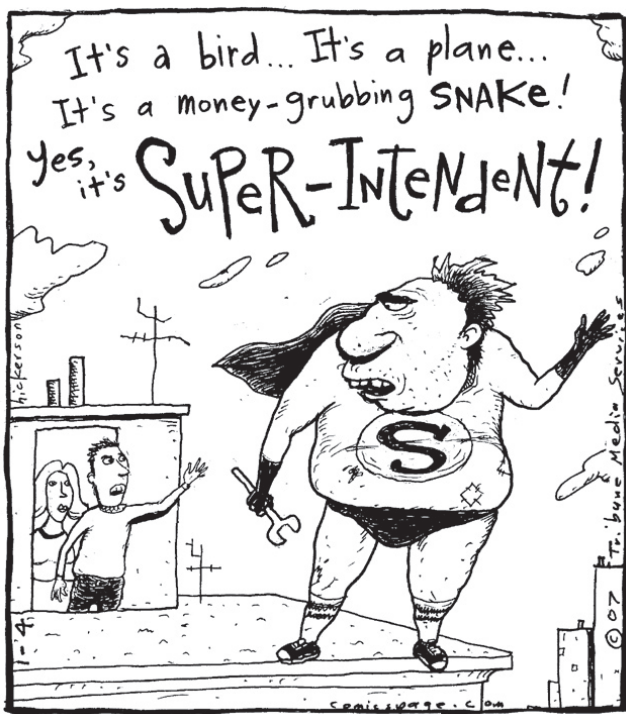
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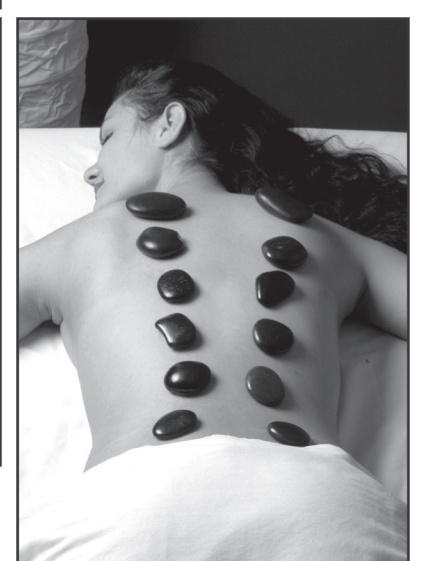
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# FROGS CLIP FALCONS



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer

Junior guard Brent Hackett soars above Air Force Academy defenders on his way to the basket. The Academy dropped from No. 14 last week to No. 25 in the AP rankings with two losses last week. Hackett had 11 points and two steals Saturday afternoon.

## Team ends daunting 11-game skid; Sends Falcons to No. 25 in AP poll

By MARCUS MURPHREE AND TIM BELLA  
*Sports Editor and Staff Reporter*

The last time the Horned Frogs beat a ranked opponent was Feb. 17, 2004, against the then-No. 10 Louisville Cardinals.

Since that landmark win, TCU has gone 40-59 and was winless against any top-25 opponent. Saturday became another moment in Horned Frogs basketball history when the Frogs left the court after notching a 71-66 victory over the then-No. 14 Air Force Falcons. After the loss, Air Force dropped to No. 25 in the AP poll.

"The win is right up there with Louisville," senior point guard Neil P. Dougherty said. "Both were on our home floor, and both were against nationally ranked teams that were playing their best ball."

The last time the two teams faced each other was Jan. 23, when the Falcons had a commanding 72-39 victory, and the Horned Frogs were in the early days of the recent 11-game losing streak. Last weekend, the demons of the streak were vanquished in high fashion before an audience of 4,608 fans, the second highest attendance in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum this season.

"The difference (between this game and last) was about 36 points," Dougherty said.

Saturday's win brought forth a few other seasonal changes for the Horned Frogs, including a new breath of life while shooting from the field. Throughout the season, TCU had been struggling

with shots from the hardwood with a conference-worst 41 percent field goal percentage, but last weekend, on the shoulders of Ryan Wall, the Frogs were able to convert a season best 55.6 percent. This was possible thanks to hot second-half shooting that saw the Frogs go 15 of 20 from the field, good for 75 percent shooting.

"We were trying to basically attack them if we had a back-cut but show patience if we didn't," Dougherty said, of the team's strategy on offense.

Protecting the perimeter was a problem for the Horned Frogs throughout the skid as opposing teams had been making more than 37 percent of the shots from 3-point land, placing TCU near the bottom of the ranks in 3-point defense in the conference. With the increased intensity on defense, the Frogs were able to shut down the touted 3-point shooters from Air Force as the Falcons were held to 29.4 percent from 3-point land, 11 percent below the season average.

"They make you do different things," Dougherty said after the game. "If you sit there and guard that motion (offense) for the entire shot clock, you're just asking for trouble."

Air Force had been conference frontrunners in fewest turnovers, averaging only 10.4 per game, until a quick moving defense of TCU stunned the Falcons into committing a season-high 17 turnovers.

TCU is in a position to finish tied for last in the Mountain West, but the win gave a new vote of confidence to a Horned Frogs

team that is limping through to the end of the season.

"One of these days, the cloud of injuries is going to leave this place," Dougherty said.

With the coveted NCAA Tournament just around the corner, the Falcons now reside in third place and are facing a situation that was unheard of throughout the season: a losing streak.

Meanwhile, Dougherty said he expects practices leading up to Wednesday's game against the Wyoming Cowboys to be more intense as the end of the season draws near.

"We're going to do more things in practice since the season becomes shorter," Dougherty said.

Problems from the free-throw line still plagued the Frogs on Saturday as they shot 57 percent from the line, which is below the season average, but the ability to convert from inside the paint and disrupt the Falcons' pace proved vital to success. Another key to victory was the team converting 24 points off 17 Air Force turnovers.

"When you're playing Air Force, if you have an opportunity, you have to execute," sophomore forward Kevin Langford said.

The win has set the tone for the final home game of the season as the team prepares for the Mountain West Conference Tournament in Las Vegas.

"This win takes the monkey off our back a little bit and opens us up to believe we can get some wins here in a row," Neil P. Dougherty said.

# Swimmers break school records; produce one Olympic hopeful

By MARCUS MURPHREE  
*Sports Editor*

The swimmers wandered through the halls of the University Recreation Center Gymnasium on Monday afternoon as they turned in their equipment and bid farewell to the 2006-2007 swimming and diving season.

After a sixth place showing for the men's and women's teams in last week's Mountain West Conference Swimming and Diving Championships, head coach Richard Sybesma said he was pleased with the overall performance of the H2O Frogs.

"It was a good meet but not a great meet in terms of everyone peaking at the same time," Sybesma said. "Some swimmers need a little more rest, some need a little rest."

There was still hope for the H2O Frogs after the meet as the team managed to lock down four school records, and have two individual event winners while shorthanded.

"Even missing junior sprinter Scott McCracken, we still broke two relay records, and the boys did an outstanding job considering their anchor wasn't there," Sybesma said.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team was led by senior Guillermo Ramirez who was

a workhorse for the team during the meet who anchored the record setting relay squad.

"Guillermo's 44.5 second leg of the final 100-yards of the free was huge," Sybesma said.

Ramirez filled in for McCracken who was ill during the conference meet, but the loss of a lead sprinter impacted the overall performance.

"The guys did a great job and had we had a full team we could have finished in fifth place overall," Ramirez said. "But we still came together and did our job."

Ramirez has yet to call it quits after his final conference meet and is preparing

for the Pan-American games and the Olympic Trials for 2008.

"I am working on making the cut for the Olympics right now," Ramirez said.

The women's team was led by senior Erica Tate, who broke her former school record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.17.

Freshman butterfly swimmer Stephanie Futscher set a personal best in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:04.44, en route to a second place overall finish.

"I was really nervous going in there as the third seed, and I wanted to keep my place or move up," Futscher said. "I was excited to move up a place and I did what I needed to do."

Both squads were senior heavy going into the conference meet so the rebuilding process will be one of the steps in preparing for next season, Sybesma said.

"We have got to recruit well, and we have found six girls and two guys early," Sybesma said. "What we are looking for are quality swimmers."

The season for the swimmers has come to a close, but even as the swimmers hand back their gear, the divers have the NCAA Sectionals in Austin to prepare for and keep the season alive.



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Senior butterfly, IM and freestyle swimmer Keleigh Wentworth swims in an event this season. The H2O Frogs finished sixth in the Mountain West Conference.

### RECORD BREAKERS

**New School Records**

Swimmer	Event	Time
Erica Tate	50-yard Freestyle	23.37
Alejandro Gomez	1,000-yard Freestyle	9:19.19
Jonathon Berrettini Aran Bean Guillermo Ramirez Josh Bagby	200-yard Medley Relay	1:30.12
Jonathon Berrettini Yousif Del Valle Josh Bagby Guillermo Ramirez	400-yard Freestyle Relay	3:00.41

# Women's team to face No. 13 Bears after decisive win over Mississippi

By ALEX ZOBEL  
*Staff Reporter*

After a dominant performance against the Mississippi Rebels on Sunday, the No. 17 TCU women's tennis team will face the No. 13 Baylor Bears 6 p.m. today at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

TCU head coach Jefferson Hammond said the 6-1 win over Mississippi will give the Horned Frogs confidence as they go into the Baylor match.

The Bears, who are also coming off a convincing 4-1 victory over the Rebels on Saturday, will be pitted against the Horned Frogs' highest-ranked doubles team in school history.

Sophomore Anna Sydorska and senior Ana Cetnik, who rank No. 3 in the country according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, enter today's match having won their last four doubles contests.

Cetnik and Sydorska are coming off a solid 8-4 victory over Kseniia Tokarieva and Iona Somers of Mississippi. The Horned Frog duo will play Zuzana Cerna and Zuzana Chmelarova of Baylor, who defeated Tokarieva and Somers 8-6 Saturday.

In singles competition, Cetnik, the No. 23 ranked singles player in the country, will face Cerna.

Cerna and Cetnik will be looking to redeem their previous performances as both

players lost to Somers over the weekend.

No. 88-ranked Sydorska will be looking for her sixth-straight singles win today after beating Nika Koukhar-tchouk of Mississippi on Sunday.

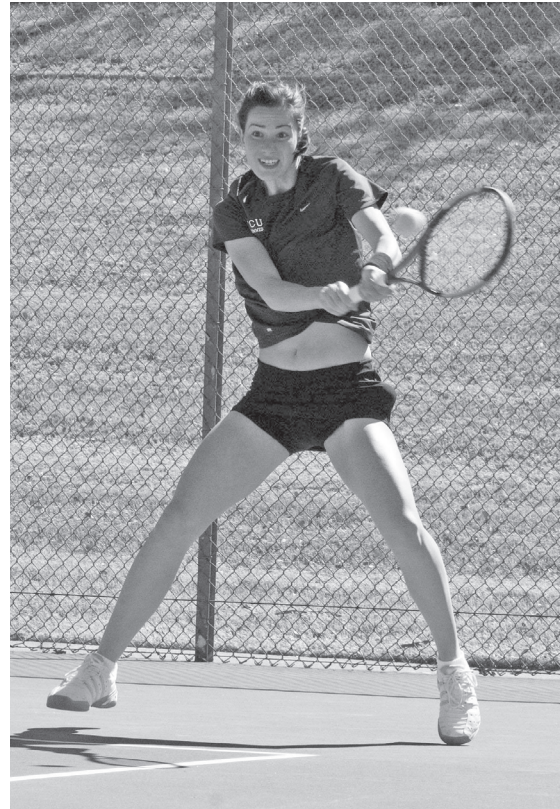
After Sunday's match, Sydorska said she was having problems staying focused on the court.

"I won, but I didn't play as well as I could have," Ole Miss. The No. 17 women's team defeated the No. 63 Rebels Sydorska 6-1 Sunday.

The Horned Frogs currently have a record of 4-3 on the season.

The Bears, 4-4 on the season, were ranked No. 6 in the preseason polls but after several players suffered injuries the team began to struggle, quickly dropping to No. 13 after a three-match skid.

The Bears have had a solid



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer

Senior Ana Cetnik returns a serve in her doubles match against Ole Miss. The No. 17 women's team defeated the No. 63 Rebels Sydorska 6-1 Sunday.

run as of Feb. 20 when they trounced Harvard 7-0, which put an end to their losing streak.

The Horned Frogs have a 17-8 all-time record against Baylor. The teams' last meeting resulted in a 4-3 Bears victory.

After today's match, the Frogs will play six straight road matches, beginning with one in Norman, Okla. on Mar. 3 against the Oklahoma Sooners.

**STATS**

**A Step In the Right Direction**

Statistic	Seasonal Average	Saturday's Numbers
FG pct.:	41%	55.6%
3-pt pct.:	33%	42.9%
Assists:	12.81	19
Assist to Turnover Ratio:	.73	1.35
Opponent 3-pt pct.:	36.5%	29.4%

**SCORES**

**Shutting Down the Big Guys**

- Seasonal Lead Scorer from Air Force:**
- Dan Nwaelele stet to 4 total points Saturday
- Turnovers:**
- TCU: 14, Air Force: 17
- Points in the paint:**
- TCU: 32, Air Force: 18