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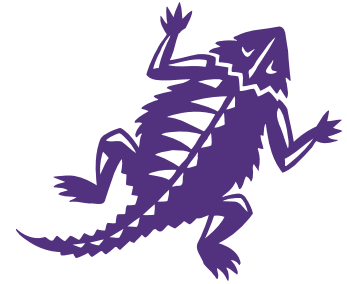
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Panhellenic rep: Delta Zeta risky choice for campus

By DIA WALL
Staff Reporter

The Panhellenic recruitment director said Delta Zeta could be a dicey choice to join campus this fall.

"It will be a concern because if you bring on a sorority with nationwide conflict," said Rachel Knapp, Panhellenic director of recruitment, "that's taking a big liability."

DZ was accused of asking women to accept alumna status at DePauw University by two national representatives because they did not promote a desirable chapter image. Every overweight, black, Korean and Vietnamese member was included in the request and was asked to vacate the sorority house, according to a Feb. 25 New York Times article.

DZ national headquarters forwarded all questions to Cynthia Menges, who did not respond to multiple e-mails and phone calls for the second consecutive day.

At today's meeting, each of the sororities on campus will rank Alpha Phi, Delta Zeta and Gamma Phi Beta in preferential order.

The finalist with the highest

votes will be recommended to the university. Then, the university will make the decision to extend or withhold an invitation.

Hannah Munsch, Panhellenic president, said DZ will still be in the vote, but the recent events at DePauw will be considered.

Susan Adams, associate vice chancellor for student affairs

and dean of campus life, said she thinks it will be difficult not to discuss the national attention.

Despite recent events, Kate Holloway, a former DZ member at DePauw, said she thinks the organization is not bad and could potentially serve TCU well, but it made poor judgment decisions specifically related to the Delta

chapter at DePauw.

Knapp, a junior advertising and public relations major, said quite a few of the sororities at TCU were impressed with DZ's presentation last week and were shocked at the negativity now surrounding them.

"They had an amazing presentation," Knapp said. "It was very dynamic."
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Sexual Assault reported in GrandMarc complex

By ASHER FOGLE
Staff Reporter

A TCU student reported a sexual assault in the GrandMarc to police Monday night, according to Fort Worth police.

Fort Worth Police Sgt. Jim Thomson said a woman reported that she woke up Sunday morning and saw a man she did not recognize in her residence at the GrandMarc at Westberry Place.

Thomson said police were contacted when the woman went to the hospital Monday after the reported incident. At the hospital, Thomson said, a sexual assault evidence kit was administered to the woman.

The woman told police the incident occurred between 2 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday, according to a report from Fort Worth police.

Police are unable to confirm

a sexual assault occurred until they receive medical reports from the hospital, Thomson said.

Police detectives had not been able to talk to the woman as of Tuesday afternoon, Thomson said, because of effects of medication given to the woman at the hospital.

"If they do a sexual assault kit," Thomson said, "you can't usually talk to them for 24 hours."

Thomson said the woman had not yet provided police with a description of the man.

TCU Police sent a crime alert to students Tuesday to inform them of the reported incident.

TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham referred questions to the Fort Worth Police Department, which is handling the investigation.

Singing student finalist in 'Good Day' competition

By ASHLEIGH WHALEY
Staff Reporter

A TCU student became one of 16 finalists last week in the Fox 4 Good Day Karaoke Contest and could soon be singing the "Good Day" theme song every morning to thousands of viewers across the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Junior radio-TV-film major Lauren King said she auditioned to be the next star of the morning show "Good Day" last Friday when she sang the Emmy-award-winning theme song, "Have you had a Good Day," to a panel of six judges.

Finalists' audition tapes were posted Monday on myfoxdfw.com, and whoever receives the most votes by March 2 will get the job, King said.

Singing on "Good Day" will give rising artists valuable exposure and experience, said Jessica Dowdy, associate producer of creative services at Fox 4.

"The 'Good Day' theme song is a good tune a lot of people know," King said. "They're looking for someone to sing it, do the commercial and promotion of it and just be the artist of the year singing it on the show with the band."

King is hoping students will show their support by voting for her on the Web site, and said the winner will be announced on the show Friday.

She left her soccer scholarships at the University of Central Arkansas last year because she missed the singing and acting opportunities she had growing up in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, she said.

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To vote and watch auditions:

- Log onto myfoxdfw.com
- Click "Good Day"
- Click "VOTE: Good Day Karaoke Contestants"

King recently became a "master artist" at the Septien Center for Artist Training, which directed Jessica Simpson and Ryan Cabrera early in their careers, King said. She will soon be featured on a reality television show, tentatively titled "Pop Academy," with other "master artists" from Septien, she said.

"This is a passion I have that took me a while to figure out," King said. "I'm so much happier now because I know what I love and I know what I want to do."

King said she's been in the entertainment industry since she was 3-years-old and was a cast member on "Barney and Friends" from ages 5 to 10.

"I was Kathy, the little girl who was always holding her bear," King said. "It was definitely a good experience, but I grew up real fast."

Despite her acting role on "Barney," King said she used to be too shy to sing in front of others until she realized how much it was holding her back.

"I found out how pointless it is to hold something I love and am good at inside like a secret," King said.

She looks forward to trying out for "American Idol" this

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CRIME SCENE

Sophomore Tricia Williamson, Arlie, faces the older version of herself, played by senior Amanda Bass, Arlene. The show "Getting Out" premieres Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hays Theatre at the TCU Walsh Center.

Theatre students release emotions in prison inmate role

By MICHELLE EUPERIO
Staff Reporter

Students in the new theatre show "Getting Out" are getting out of their comfort zones with a different, dramatic, edgy and emotional play this week.

"Getting Out" looks into the past and present of a young woman, Arlene, attempting to find her way in life after being released from prison.

Amanda Bass and Tricia Williamson both play the role of Arlene — one before prison and the other after getting out of prison.

"The two personalities examine the struggle of the individual to ultimately remake herself in the shadow of her past actions, as well as in the eyes of those who judge and dismiss her," said Preston Swincher, a sophomore musical theatre major and the theatre publicity chairman.

Cheryl Bellows, a senior musical theatre major, plays the role of Arlene's mom.

"In essence, the show is about starting over," Bellows said. "People look

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for that second chance in life and wish they could start over."

Bass, a junior theatre major, portrays Arlene after her

release from prison and said this was her hardest role to play yet.

"My character is just so different," Bass said. "She killed a man, found God and is trying not to go back into prostitution. I, on the other

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Author teaches leadership with war strategy

Best-selling author Chin-Ning Chu speaks in the Student Center on Tuesday.

By JILLIAN HUTCHISON
Staff Reporter

A best-selling author stressed the importance of courage and confidence in being a successful leader in a lecture Tuesday evening.

Chin-Ning Chu, an international author and expert on the business application of military general Sun Tzu's "Art of War," talked to about 150 students, faculty and community members in the Student Center Ballroom as part of the Frost Foundation Lectureship for Global Issues.

She told the audience that they would each get

something different from her presentation because of their varying ages.

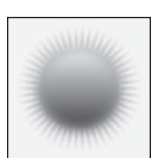
"If you listen to it with your heart in this particular hour," Chu said, "it's going to change your life."

Her presentation, titled "Be a Rapidly Adaptive Creative Ethical Leader," highlighted the practical application of "Art of War" to leadership today.

Chu, a direct descendant of the Royal Ming Dynasty, said "Art of War" is an ancient Chinese book on military strategy.

"When I was 10 years old, my father read Chi-

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MURRAY, Ky. — A teacher trying to buy pot was arrested after she sent text messages to a state trooper instead of a dealer, police said. — Associated Press

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year, which she had to miss in the past for three-a-day soccer practices.

"They always look for someone with a story behind them," King said. "Hopefully, they'll see the one behind me."

King also shares the distinction of being one of the only students at Septien.

"A lot of 'master artists' don't go to school, and I don't think that is very smart of them because there's a lot of people out there trying to make it in the industry," King said. "I'm going to have that degree to fall back on and even use."

However, King is still hoping for the big break so many other celebrities have received in the past, she said. She is scheduled to sing the national anthem March 4 at the TCU baseball game against Vermont.

"Lauren is an incredibly talented singer with an energetic presence on stage," said Mathew Butler, director of artist development at Septien. "People can't take their eyes off her when she's on stage."

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hand, go to TCU and worry about things like if I'll pass my psychology test or not."

The cast has been rehearsing since the semester started, director TJ Walsh said.

"We worked hard, but we would have a lot of fun," Bass said. "It's nice to be around people that love what they are doing and be in a group where people are exactly where they want to be."

The crew for the show welded iron bars together to create a prison setting, said Julie Via, a junior theatre major and costume designer for the show.

There are 12 characters in this show, which was written by Marsha Norman.

Norman is a Pulitzer Prize winner and head of play writing at The Juilliard School in New York City, Walsh said.

No one under the age of 14 should attend the show because of its adult content, Via said.

"It's a good, very solid show," Bellows said. "People will like it because it's down to earth, gritty and moving."

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nese strategy classics to me as a bedtime story instead of Cinderella," she said.

Though it is an ancient book, Chu said the strategies outlined in "Art of War" are still applicable to people's everyday lives.

"It's about how to win without fighting by maximizing who you are," Chu said.

Chu talked about leadership and winning and highlighted important elements of each.

"A good leader needs to be courageous," she said.

Until a leader becomes courageous, Chu said, good ideas will never become more than good ideas.

Jueyin Wang, a junior business major, said she was inspired by Chu.

"She explained very deep, profound philosophy in an understandable way," Wang said.

Xueji Wang, a freshman pre-business major, said she was challenged when Chu encouraged the audience members to help the on-campus international community to continue to grow.

"You will get challenged by life," Chu said.

Despite those challenges, Chu said to the audience, it is possible to be happy with life in the end, knowing that you did your best.

Senator's daughter: Rev. Sharpton overreacts to reports about lineage

By AARON GOULD SHEININ
McClatchy Newspapers

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The biracial daughter of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond says the Rev. Al Sharpton "overreacted" to news reports stating that he is a descendant of a Thurmond family slave.

"He's been on TV constantly saying the many negative things that he did, and to me that was an overreaction," Essie Mae Washington-Williams said of the New York City civil rights activist. She spoke during a Tuesday meeting with reporters at the Columbia Marriott.

Washington-Williams, 81, lives in Los Angeles but was in South Carolina for a book signing. She said if it had been anyone else's family, the news wouldn't have been as big a deal.

"But because Strom Thurmond had been a public figure, a person who spoke out, I think that's why he felt so strongly about him," she said.

In a telephone interview with The State, Sharpton said he was "not offended

at all" by Washington-Williams' comments.

"She has the right to disagree," Sharpton said.

Efforts to reach other members of the Thurmond family Tuesday were unsuccessful. Washington-Williams said she has not spoken with her Thurmond relatives since news about Sharpton broke Sunday.

Washington-Williams announced in December 2003 she was the daughter of the legendary senator and a black maid in the Thurmond home. Thurmond died in June 2003.

Thurmond served eight terms in the U.S. Senate, retiring in 2002. For much of his Senate career, Thurmond was best known as a segregationist but in later years modified his positions on race.

The New York Daily News reported Sunday that genealogists hired by the newspaper discovered Sharpton's great-grandfather, Coleman Sharpton, was owned as a slave by Julia Thurmond. Julia Thurmond's grandfather was Strom Thurmond's

great-great-grandfather, the newspaper reported.

Sharpton said at the time that the revelation was "probably the most shocking thing in my life," according to The Associated Press.

The New York-based civil rights activist and 2004 presidential candidate has since said he wants a DNA test to determine if he and Thurmond are related. Two white ancestors of Coleman Sharpton's owners told the Daily News they would provide samples for a DNA test.

Washington-Williams said Tuesday that if the DNA tests proved Sharpton was related to the Thurmond family, she does not know what the reaction from the Thurmonds would be.

"I have no control over that," she said. "Welcome to the fold."

Sharpton said Tuesday his situation is much different from Washington-Williams', and to compare the two is "almost insulting" to him.

"One grew out of a relationship that was personal and private and one that is ownership."

DELTA ZETA

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Three of the six remaining members of Delta Zeta at DePauw did not reply to multiple e-mails seeking comment.

Adams said TCU is looking for an organization that highlights student success as an overall goal.

Concerning the university reaction to how the negative spotlight on DZ will affect TCU if selected, Adams said that will not be an issue unless it happens.

"It will be considered by every chapter that will vote," said Munsch, a junior finance major. "I think there's a good chance it will influence the vote."

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Bomber within mile of Cheney

By RICHARD SISK
New York Daily News

He was separated from the vice president by three security gates and almost a mile in distance — but a suicide bomber Tuesday brought home the brutal realities of life in Afghanistan to Dick Cheney.

The bomber blew himself up and killed at least 20 others, including two U.S. soldiers, at the main gate to America's headquarters in Afghanistan.

A resurgent Taliban claimed it was an attempt to assassinate Cheney, a claim scoffed at by U.S. military officials.

But the killer's brazen act was close enough for the vice president to hear, and effective enough to see Cheney moved swiftly to a sandbagged bunker.

"I heard a loud boom," Cheney said. "The Secret Service came in and told me there had been an attack on the main gate."

"They moved me for a relatively brief period of time to one of the bomb shelters nearby," Cheney said. "As the situation settled down and they got a better sense in terms of what was going on, then I went back to my room until

it was time to leave."

The attack was startling because the details of Cheney's trip to Pakistan and Afghanistan had been cloaked in secrecy, with only a handful of top-level people in those countries aware of his destinations and schedule.

U.S. military officials, however, dismissed the Taliban's claim that Cheney was targeted. They said the only reason Cheney was still at the base at the time of the attack was because bad weather had prevented him from leaving the night before.

The bomber also failed to get past even the first of three security gates at the base. Bagram Air Base, built by the Soviets during their occupation of Afghanistan, is about 30 miles north of Kabul.

The apparently futile bombing did raise questions, however, about the growing reach of the Taliban and its ability to quickly respond after local news reports noted that Cheney was at Bagram.

In brief remarks after the 10 a.m. attack, Cheney said the blast erupted after he had breakfast with U.S. troops and they saw smoke rising over the main gate.

Most of the dead at the main entrance were Afghan truck drivers who deliver supplies to the base.

Cheney, 66, then went ahead with his schedule and made the brief flight to Kabul, where the tarmac was guarded by U.S. and Afghan troops with weapons drawn.

After meeting with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Cheney said the attack signaled that the Taliban "clearly try to find ways to question the authority of the central government."

"Striking at Bagram with a suicide bomber, I suppose, is one way to do that," he said. "But it shouldn't affect our behavior at all."

American and NATO officials have been asking for additional troops for Afghanistan because a renewed Taliban is expected to launch a powerful offensive when the snow melts this spring.

Cheney also said the attack should send the message to Congress to back off on attempts to put limits on U.S. troops in Iraq, saying such a move would embolden terrorists in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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"I paint objects as I think them, not as I see them."
— Pablo Picasso

THE SKIFF VIEW

DZ acceptance would degrade Greek life

Delta Zeta has turned on its own members in an effort to revamp the sorority house.

Delta Zeta Nationals cleaned out its chapter at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., evicting 23 of its 35 members, most of whom were overweight, black, Korean and Vietnamese, according to a Feb. 25 New York Times article. And, as one of three sororities competing for a spot on TCU's campus, Delta Zeta has hopefully lost the race.

Delta Zeta has exhibited a disgusting display of prejudice and racism at its worst. The purpose of a sorority is not to ostracize its fellow sisters but to accept like-minded women regardless of their body fat percentages or the color of their skin. The chapter has thrown away the diversity that made it a sorority, which disgraces its name and all who are associated with it.

TCU will bring a new sorority to campus and has selected Delta Zeta, Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta as the three finalists now being considered. However, when Delta Zeta

appeared before the Panhellenic Council on Wednesday, it neglected to mention the controversy. Whether the sorority intended to keep the council in the dark to improve its chances or merely forgot about the issue of national concern, such an action is inexcusable. A lie by omission is still a lie.

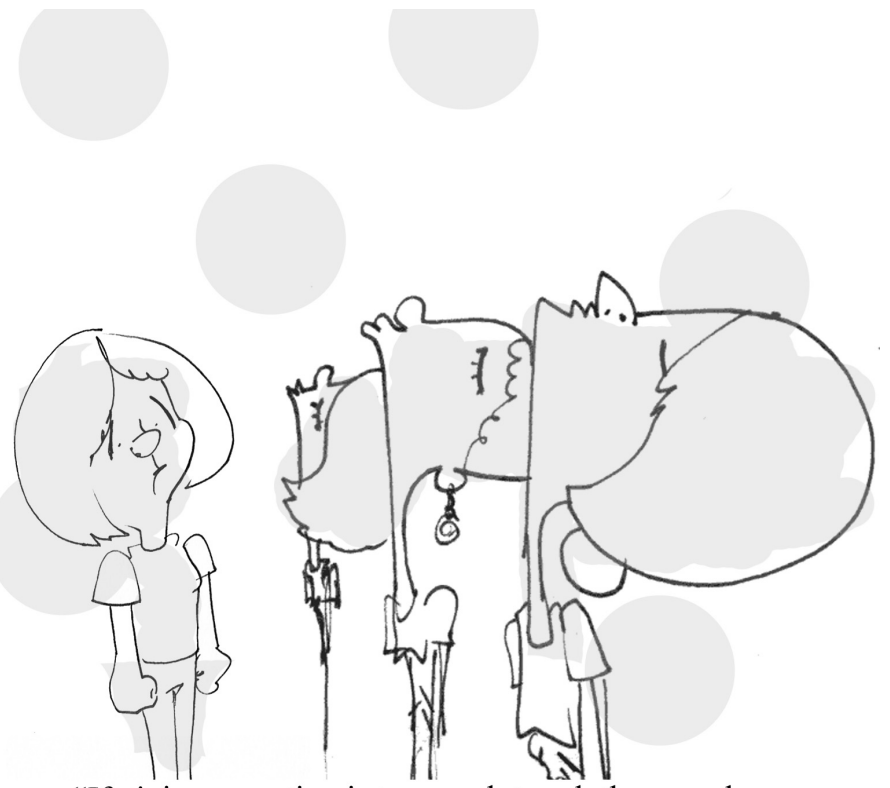
Panhellenic President Hannah Munsch said the Delta Zeta controversy will be considered in the selection process but may not have any bearing on the final decision.

But the sorority's actions should sway the vote. By bringing Delta Zeta to campus, TCU would be supporting, in essence, the dishonesty and discrimination displayed by the sorority. Delta Zeta's association with the university would be degrading. While it's not the university's job to discriminate against Delta Zeta, condoning its behavior would give Greek life at TCU a bad name.

Let Alpha Phi or Gamma Phi Beta have the spot.

Opinion editor Lindsey Bever for the editorial board.

BY BRENDAN KIEFER



"If giving up eating is too much to ask then maybe you should leave."

Be wary of civil rights violations, government-watched Internet use

There you are, walking out of the Student Center on a seemingly normal Wednesday afternoon. The sun is shining, the

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David Hall

clouds are fluffy and the skies are devoid of Russian fighter jets for yet another day. Everything seems to be OK, right?

Wrong. Someone's watching you. Little do you know that everyone, everywhere in the world can scope out every student who walks into or out of the Student Center. They can even take your picture. All it takes is a visit to the Residential Services Web site.

Scared? It's only natural.

The thought of a sweaty 43-year-old man in a Battletstar Galactica T-shirt taking pictures of the student body without its consent is enough to send a collective shiver down TCU's spine.

The advent of higher technology is increasingly putting most of the developed world into a low-privacy vacuum that's surprisingly easy for anyone, especially the government, to infiltrate. And, trust me, Uncle Sam is much more threatening than any middle-age computer geek. Big Brother is watching you.

Look, I'm not going to try defending social networking Web sites such as Facebook and MySpace. Those who put personal information on display do so of their own accord. If it's something embarrassing for other people to view and/or enjoy, then assume that all other people, such as the FBI, will. It's not an invasion of privacy when a friend from history class gets arrested for posting pictures of his "marijuana and jailbait party" on Facebook.

However, there are more disturbing activities to discuss, such as presumably private search engine records being released to the government.

Just last year, the Department of Justice subpoenaed four Internet companies to surrender their records as part of an eight-year battle to protect children from Internet pornography. America Online, Microsoft and Yahoo all complied to a certain degree, giving a week's worth of search topics but not giving any personally identifiable information about those who made the searches. Yes, the companies keep a log of every search you make.

Sure, these Internet giants didn't give out any personally identifiable information this time, but a dangerous line has been crossed. What's to stop them from giving out the

identities of every user in favor of whatever anti-terrorist guilt trip that the Bush administration can send them on? The Department of Justice already has its foot in the door, so barging in just got a whole lot easier.

The classic big government defense would sound something like, "If you're not breaking the law, you have nothing to worry about" or "It helps us to defeat al-Qaida." Sure, but how far are we willing to bend on our civil liberties in order to protect this country? If present trends continue, the government will start wire-tapping private phone calls. Oh wait, they already did that. Starting to get nervous?

It's time to draw a line in the sand. Government encroachment on private activity via the Internet is a dangerous road that seems like a turn toward an authoritarian state. Whether using the Internet illegally, citizens should be wary of impending violations of their civil liberties. Some might argue that it's un-American to question the government's authority, but, if we never had, we'd still be speaking the king's English and sipping tea and eating crumpets.

There's a limit to authority, people. There's a limit.

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Buffet-style TV most effective for cutting violence out of viewing

Violence has become a part of many television shows. It is used in combating terrorists in the popular show "24," crime-

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Hayley Freeman

busting in "CSI" or in nightly news reports. Violence has a way of creeping into the media and making an impact. Viewers should have the option to avoid blood, guts and gore as they surf through a sea of channels.

The Federal Communications Commission has tried to fight the growing violence on television by promoting the v-chip, a device that picks up a coded rating from TV shows and blocks whatever rating it is told to. About 15 percent of all parents use this device as a means of blocking unsuitable content for their children, according to a recent survey conducted by the Kaiser Foundation. The Kaiser Family Foundation has found that the v-chip's effectiveness is limited because most parents are clueless about the rating system. About 28 percent of parents with children ages 2 to 6 years old know that the rating Y7 means that the content is suitable for children more than 7 years old. Another rating,

FV for "fantasy violence," is only recognized by 12 percent of parents. In its constant battle against television violence, the FCC has devised two more options in a recent report: limiting material deemed violent to a certain time of night or a way of choosing cable and satellite channels.

The best way to go about this would be to choose satellite and cable channels. The suggested "a la carte" method of programming would help people choose what they want to be exposed to. If viewers do not want to watch shows about plastic surgery because the shows are too gory, viewers can decide for themselves. The FCC would not be taking away any of our rights in doing that; instead they would allow us to have freedom of choice. "TV Guide" conducted a poll in which 57 percent of those polled noticed "an increase in offensive material on television lately."

The other method the FCC came up with, banning violence to nighttime, would not be as effective as the "a la carte" method. About 54 percent of children have a television set in their own bedrooms, making it easy to view violent shows after bedtime hours according to a study by the University of Kansas. Children can get pretty sneaky about watch-

ing programs their parents do not approve of because about 44 percent of children in that same study watch different programs when parents are watching with them than they watch when they are completely unchaperoned. That method merely makes parents sleep better at night but does not provide a permanent solution.

Parents should wake up because according to Leonard Eron, senior research scientist at the University of Michigan, 10 percent of all youth violence is influenced by the violence seen on television. The American Psychiatric Association says that by age 18, children and teens in the United States will have been exposed to 200,000 acts of violence and 16,000 murders enacted on the television.

Methods like ratings and the v-chip were designed for viewing safety. Since the number of v-chip users and the amount of consumers that know what the ratings actually mean are low, picking and choosing programming would be ideal. The "a la carte" method gives viewers the power of choice. It makes television a buffet where one can choose only what they want and do not have to partake in what they do not.

Hayley Freeman is a freshman English major from Fort Worth. Her column appears Wednesdays.

Sirius, XM satellite providers to merge, create healthy competition

Sirius and XM, the country's only providers of satellite radio, want to merge. Their reasons are obvious. Over the last eight years, the two have lost a combined \$7 billion, and they don't see a way to profitability.

They have a combined 14 million subscribers, but they're still losing lots of money. One reason: They handed out giddy sums to lure programming such as Howard Stern, the National Football League, Oprah Winfrey and Major League Baseball. Heck, whatever Sirius paid for Bubba the Love Sponge, it was too much.

So, should regulators tell Sirius and XM: Tough luck, you made a bad bet, no merger allowed? A merger,

after all, would create a satellite radio monopoly.

Well, not so fast. A merger might make sense, even for consumers.

XM and Sirius are the only companies that reach you by satellite, but there are plenty of other competitors for what goes in your ears. This market is changing with amazing speed.

Consumers can pay \$12.95 a month for Sirius or XM. Or they can listen to thousands of free radio stations around the world via the Internet. They can listen to radio downloads on their MP3 players. About 10 percent of the 12,500 broadcast radio stations have upgraded to high-definition signals, a number sure

to grow. HD allows broadcast stations to expand their offerings via digital multicasting and, eventually, they will provide datacasting of weather, stocks, sports, traffic, etc. HD radio will usher in static-free sound, which will bring FM quality sound to the AM radio band and CD-quality sound to FM.

A merged Sirius/XM would compete against all of the above. Lest a combined Sirius/XM is tempted to send its subscription price soaring, it will find that consumers do have options, and more options every day.

The merger has to pass muster with the Justice Department and the Federal Communications Commission. FCC Chairman Kevin

Martin has said the deal faces "high" hurdles to win approval. Indeed, the FCC granted Sirius and XM operating licenses a decade ago on the condition that the licenses would not eventually be owned by the same company.

But regulators have to be forward-looking in their analysis. They can't evaluate this in terms of a 10-year-old agreement. In the communications sphere, that was centuries ago.

They need to consider where competition is today and where competition will be tomorrow. And then they have to be humble, because their powers of forecasting haven't been great.

A decade ago, the FCC

thought it saw the future and decreed there would be two licenses for satellite radio. The companies awarded those licenses would compete with each other.

The market had different ideas.

Radio via the Internet was barely a blip on the horizon back in the '90s. Last year, 52 million Americans listened to Web radio, a 35 percent jump over the previous year.

In the '90s, no one had heard of an iPod. Yet, more than 70 percent of 2007 cars made in the United States offer easy integration with an iPod. Satellite radio is just another option in a universe that is changing with astonishing speed.

So let's hear more from Sirius and XM about this proposed deal. The government doesn't want to kill satellite radio — but that's a possibility if both these money-losing players go under.

Better to permit the merger and invite other companies to seek a license to launch satellite radio. Perhaps no one would jump at the opportunity, which involves a massive upfront investment. But a combined Sirius/XM certainly would have competition from emerging businesses — and from businesses no one has yet dreamed up.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Feb. 23. It was distributed by MCT.

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Project to provide professional attire for underprivileged women

By LISA FALCONE
Staff Reporter

Without a job, how can one afford a suit? Without a suit, how can one interview for a job?

The TCU chapter of the National Association of Women MBAs is helping to solve this problem by hosting a suit drive to benefit Dress for Success Dallas.

NAWMBA is a nonprofit organization for graduate stu-

dents in business that focuses on mentoring and community service projects, said Julie Baker, faculty adviser of the TCU chapter of NAWMBA. This year's project is Dress for Success.

From Feb. 26 to March 2, students can donate new and gently used business suits in the atrium of Smith Hall to help underprivileged women acquire interview-appropriate clothing to assist them in

joining the work force.

Dress for Success is an international, nonprofit organization that provides professional attire, employment retention programs and career guidance for low-income women seeking

employment, according to its Web site.

"It's a good thing to be able to give back," said Beth Masser, a first-year Neeley MBA student and member of the NAWMBA community service committee. "We're all aspiring to be professional women; we should help those less fortunate and give them the means to do the same."

Dress for Success clients come from nonprofit and

government agencies, such as homeless shelters, immigration services, domestic violence shelters and many more organizations. Clients are given one dress suit for an interview, and, if they get a job, they can come back for a second suit or other office attire.

Vineeta Menezes, a second-year Neeley MBA student and director of the NAWMBA community service commit-

tee, said she encourages students to be a part of a good cause.

"Something as small as having the right suit can be a determining factor in the interview process," Menezes said.

This is the first year for Dress for Success to be a NAWMBA community service project.

"It's a wonderful program," Baker said. "I would really like to see it go on each year."

Professor: campus law school unlikely

By VALERIE COOPER
Staff Reporter

A resolution supporting the creation of a law school at TCU passed in the Student Government Association House of Student Representative's meeting Tuesday, though the university's pre-law adviser said its creation is unlikely to happen anytime soon.

The Resolution to Support the Creation of a Law School at Texas Christian University, which passed 27-5, was co-authored by the SGA executive cabinet and sophomore representative Haley Murphy.

Donald Jackson, the pre-law adviser and political science professor, said there is no objective need for a law school at TCU now, despite student interest.

The resolution was amended at the suggestion of Brian Andrew, recruitment and retention officer, to support "research into the feasibility, practicality and possible benefits of the creation of a law school at TCU."

"I'm not sure if this resolution will go very far without research behind it," said Andrew, a senior finance major.

Murphy said the resolution is visionary legislation intended to set goals for the next 10 years. Now that the resolution has passed, Murphy and the executive cabinet will start researching the possibility of a law school and talking with administrators.

"TCU has so many projects going on right now, but when these end, we want to have a direction for the school to go," said Murphy, a political science major.

Jackson said the chances of creating a law school for TCU anytime soon are highly unlikely.

"The big policy question is, does Texas need another law school?" Jackson said. "The answer is probably not."

The Board of Trustees considered acquiring the Texas Wesleyan University law school in 2002, but declined following advice from

an outside consultant. The consultant suggested that TCU start from scratch in order to create a competitive law school, which is estimated to cost more than \$100 million.

"Unless we put huge resources into it, it wouldn't be a very good law school," Jackson said. "The ability of this new law school to compete with others in the area would be marginal."

The University of Texas in Austin, Southern Methodist University, Baylor University and the University of Houston all have law school programs ranked in the top 100, according to the U.S. News's list of America's Top Law Schools.

Texas Tech University, Texas Southern University and St. Mary's University also have law schools.

Though Jackson said there would probably be plenty of students interested in attending law school at TCU, the competitive nature of the field would be problematic for graduates trying to get jobs, coming from a new, unranked law school.

India's capital city makes major strides with subway

By LAURIE GOERING
Chicago Tribune

The streets of India's sprawling capital are not for the faint of heart.

Platoons of motorcycles, ramshackle buses, fume-spewing trucks and struggling bicycle-rickshaw riders jostle for space with wandering sacred cows, motorized-rickshaw taxis, legions of cars, magazine-waving vendors, horse-drawn carts and the occasional plodding elephant. Motor-scooter drivers, fed up with traffic jams, roar down the sidewalks, threatening to flatten pedestrians. Everybody, all the time, honks.

Below ground, the

Delhi Metro subway system is a different world.

Broad stairways and well-maintained elevators descend to spacious air-conditioned stations. High-tech tokens and smart cards open state-of-the-art passenger gates that lead to sleek, quiet, stainless steel trains with comfortable seating, air conditioning and spotless floors. Electronic displays show the waiting time to the next arrival — just minutes away — and the trains usually run on schedule.

This remarkably different Delhi is the vision of an unlikely hero — Elattuvalapil Sreedharan, a modest, straight-talking 74-year-old government civil engineer who is almost single-handedly revolutionizing the way things are done in India.

His success with the Delhi subway system — on the heels of a disastrous similar project in Calcutta — has spurred India's once-wary government to push ahead with subways in nearly every major city. Most Indian construction workers now wear hardhats and safety equipment, after he insisted on it for his workers.

India's people, used to third-rate facilities, are beginning to demand better after seeing from his efforts that it is possible. And politicians who used to sabotage public works projects with demands that contracts go to political cronies "have started to acknowledge that good results are possible and to see that they get the credit" for projects that work, the gray-haired civil servant said.

Corruption and political interference "are still

big problems," he said. "But things are changing."

Sreedharan, a yoga devotee whose great passion is reading the Bhagavad Gita and other ancient Hindu scriptures in their original Sanskrit, could hardly be more different than most of India's high-flying construction moguls.

His salary is one-twentieth of what he could earn in the private market, analysts say. His corporate structure is minimalist, with engineers writing their own letters rather than relying on secretaries. But his aim is what most sets him apart — making life more dignified for millions of average Indians rather than making money from them.

"I am working not for myself alone but for society, the community," said the managing director of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation. "I don't take this job for the remuneration, but for the satisfaction of creating some really good facility for the public."

Delhi Metro's half-million-a-day passengers, who sometimes touch his feet in a gesture of respect when they spot him, are delighted.

"It's creating inner happiness for us to travel in this way. It's hard to describe," said Padam Singh, 26, who once plied Delhi's streets in jammed, sweltering buses.

Sreedharan "has done it honestly. He's brilliant," said Gagan Kakkar, 38, a bathroom-fixtures vendor whose commute has been cut from an hour to 15 minutes by the subway. In most of the rest of India, "building a bridge takes 25 years," he said.

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Revitalize your Wallet

Massages help health, without hurting wallet

By REBEKAH HOOD
Staff Reporter

Students do not have to look far or dig deep into their wallets to be pampered on a routine basis and create a healthy lifestyle at the same time.

Prices for massage therapy are now more affordable than ever across the nation, and businesses in the Fort Worth area are a part of that trend. "Nails, tanning, facials — so many of these services that were once considered luxury items are now becoming affordable, and massage is just one of those," said Frank Stockton, owner of the Fort Worth franchise Massage Envy.

The franchise has had great success in drawing in clients with their \$39, one-hour introductory sessions.

"Even the wealthy want to save money, and they come here," Stockton said.

The Fort Worth location of Massage Envy has seen its fair share of students from

TCU ranging from athletes, to groups of girl friends, to young men shopping for gifts.

Perhaps Massage Envy's signature purple, "coincidentally the same purple that TCU has," is what helps to draw students in, Stockton said.

The Fort Worth School of Massage also offers reasonable prices for a massage session. The School sees about three to five TCU students a month, said Joetta Payne the school director and owner.

According to their Web site, the School offers hour-long massages by their students for \$30 and other spa services ranging from \$45 to \$60.

"It's not just for the rich and spoiled," Payne said. "Which is what people think of a lot when they think of getting a massage."

Though the prices at both the school and Massage Envy are low, Payne said, the service and experience is not expected to downgrade at all.

"It really is upscale," Stockton said. "Our goal is to give somebody a \$150 to \$200 experience for \$40."

In addition to the affordability,



Mara Nicandro, right, owner of Therapeutic Massage of Texas, gives a complimentary massage to Mykal Dunne, at the 94.9 KLTU/Medical Center of Plano Fall Women's Expo and Holiday Bazaar in Plano in 2005. Massages are becoming more affordable.

ERIN TRIEB / Dallas Morning News

messages are becoming mainstream because people are realizing that it is a part of a healthy lifestyle, Stockton said.

Massage can boost your immune system for up to 48 hours afterwards, increase your circulation, get rid of toxins and metabolic waste, cure headaches and back aches and improve skin tone, Payne said.

"Massage is like working out," Payne said. "The more you do it, the better your body responds to it."

One of the most frequent ailments that clients come in with is stress, Payne said. She believes that today's students have more stress in gen-

eral because of the demand of homework, keeping a job and life's uncertainties.

Stress causes you to get sick, and massage therapy can take care of this problem, Payne said. For everyone, half way through a massage your blood pressure drops, she said.

The younger, the better, Stockton said in reference to what a good age is to begin getting massages.

Students and faculty can also take advantage of the health benefits from massages at the Campus Recreation Center, which offers massage therapy and spa services. For \$50 you can get a one-hour stress-reducing

full body massage, according to the Campus Recreation Web site.

Molly Boulay, a sophomore interior design major, frequents the Rec Center's massage department for health reasons.

"I started getting massages when I was 17 after I had a really bad car accident," Boulay said. "It really makes you feel better."

Massage therapy not only relaxes or heals patients but it can bring satisfaction to the providers as well.

"I know they feel good when they leave," Stockton said. "It makes me feel good to know that I helped someone receive something that they appreciate."

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Campus not ripe for racial interaction, diversity



DAVID GILLES / Staff Photographer

A group of TCU students walk across University Drive on their way to class Tuesday afternoon. The minority enrollment for the 2006 freshman class is lower than in previous years.

Admissions, students aim for improvement

By JENIGHI POWELL
Staff Reporter

Racial and class diversity have become a priority in admissions offices across the country, and TCU is no exception.

These concerns stem less from an affirmative action point of view and lean more toward embracing a multicultural society, as shown by efforts of TCU's Admissions Office.

Black-student enrollment has captured the attention of the TCU Admissions Office. Minority enrollment trends typically increase annually, but the 2006 freshman class saw a decrease from previous years' statistics in this segment of the student body. While enrollment of Hispanic and Asian students increased this past fall, black student enrollment slipped from 80 freshmen in the fall of 2005 to 79 in 2006, compared to an increase of 16 between the fall semesters of 2004 and 2005, according to Institutional Research.

Michael Marshall, admissions counselor, said 1,123 black students started to submit applications, but only 517 completed the process.

A Step in the Right Direction
The Admission Staff hosted a brainstorming luncheon for black faculty and staff in early September 2006. The purpose of the luncheon was to gain feedback on how to increase the number of black students who accepted their admittance into TCU.

Last spring, Intercultural and Inclusiveness Services and the

admissions office began implementing new steps to boost minority enrollment by enlisting current minority students to call prospective students and talk to them about the college experience from a minority perspective. Also, Marshall wrote personalized letters to black students who had begun the application process.

However, Darron Turner, vice chancellor for intercultural and outreach services, suggests the hardest obstacle to overcome in recruiting more black students is the fact there are only 347 undergraduate blacks currently on campus.

"We have fewer black students applying because we have fewer black students," Turner said.

In fact, in the Princeton Review's "The Best 361 Colleges" 2007 edition, TCU is ranked among the lowest colleges in the category of racial and economic class interaction. The 80-question student survey taken in 2004 asked students if they felt different types of students, such as black and white or rich and poor) interact frequently and easily. Out of 361 colleges, only 10 ranked lower than TCU.

But, for some students, problems go beyond the numbers. The combination of low numbers of minorities and little interaction prompted friends of junior Taylor Lyons to leave TCU. Her 2004 freshman class had 64 black students enrolled, according to Institutional Research.

Lacking Interaction

"Many people leave or get mad about not having enough black students on campus," said Lyons, a fashion merchandising and business major. "I went to

a predominately white high school, but some people from more urban places have trouble adjusting to maybe being the only black person in their class."

Lyons said she and other black students in her freshman class knew from campus visits and research beforehand that TCU would be a predominantly white school.

Juan Floyd-Thomas, an associate professor of history who teaches African American experience, said blacks on campus should not have to give up their right to complain or want to change their environment.

The Black Student Symposium, held earlier this month, provided a forum for students to express opinions on racial interaction and other topics of concern.

At the Symposium, J'ai Holliday, a sophomore communication studies and radio-TV-film major, said, "Diversity, in the true sense, which is racial and cultural representation, is definitely not what is happening at TCU."

Jace Thompson, student government president, said student involvement is the best way to increase interaction.

"I have friends from all different kinds of backgrounds," said Thompson, a junior entrepreneurial management major. "The best way to have diversity is for everyone to get involved in at least one organization on campus."

Turner said there are classes and programs, such as the Black History Month events happening currently, in place to foster interracial interaction, but natural

communication will depend on students' comfort level around other those with other ethnic backgrounds.

"You can't just throw people in a room and expect them to interact," Turner said. "We have to find more opportunities to draw them to a place they feel comfortable and have interaction naturally take place."

Allison Robinson, a senior and the president of the TCU chapter of the NAACP, said a lack of diversity is an unfortunate reality of TCU but that she hopes cultural events can help to change the perception.

Michelle Fabrega, International Student Association president, said interaction among races doesn't happen in situations she has experienced. She said the communication gap is generated from a lack of knowledge of people of other ethnicities.

"It's more about ignorance," Fabrega, a junior advertising and public relations major from Panama said. "Sometimes people will ask me questions like 'Do you speak Panamanian?' or 'Where is Panama?' and I think to myself that they have so much to learn."

Fabrega said serving on the ISA executive board has helped to give her more of an international experience.

"I like working on the executive board a lot," Fabrega said. "You learn so much about how to respect people from other cultures."

Change in the Works

Linda Moore, a social work professor who teaches Issues in Diversity, said she tries to foster the idea of respecting other cultures in her class. The course,

which is open to all students, focuses on not just ethnic diversity issues but also deals with other issues such as sexuality, gender and physical handicaps.

"I try early on to establish a comfortable environment to encourage discussion among students," Moore said. "The class is really good for students who don't realize how hurtful some words can be."

Classes, such as Issues in Diversity, among others, that fulfill the global awareness or cultural awareness core curriculum credit aid the process of breaking down racial barriers, Moore said.

But can TCU break down racial barriers?

Admission staff remains optimistic as more than 3,600 prospective students have begun the application process for fall 2007, and more than 1,400 of those initiated applications are from black students, Brown said.

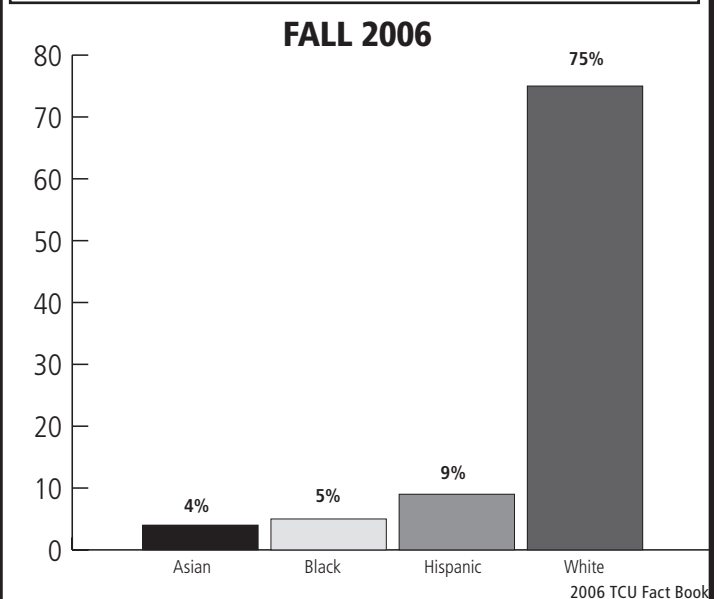
But he still wants to work with IIS on implementing some of the new ideas suggested at the black faculty and staff luncheon.

Most ideas centered on the idea of specifically targeting outreach programs to prospective black students such as including staff and faculty visits to area high schools. The group also posed the idea of hosting a black-student only "Monday at TCU" where the tours, major/minor sessions and financial aid advising sessions that normally take place would be specifically tailored toward black students and their parents.

Ray Brown, director of admissions, said the admissions office has adopted an approach to recruiting much like President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

"We will do anything, not knowing what will happen," Brown said. "If you have an idea for programming, we'll do it."

TCU DISTRIBUTION OF FRESHMEN BY ETHNICITY



TXU to reduce some rates by 10 percent after buyout

By DAN PILLER
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

TXU Corp. will reduce some electric rates by 10 percent as part of a \$45 billion buyout of the Dallas-based power company, officials announced Monday, but some key state legislators said rates should be reduced even further.

The proposed deal with private equity firms Texas Pacific Group and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. was formally announced Monday. Under the deal, shareholders would receive \$69.25 a share, and TXU would become a private entity.

TXU residential customers who have not already switched to one of the company's lower-priced plans will receive a 6 percent rate reduction within 30 days, and an additional 4 percent cut once the buyout is completed. The cuts would apply to about 90 percent of TXU customers who still pay the basic rate of 15 cents per kilowatt hour.

The reduction would kick that rate down to 13.5 cents per kilowatt hour, still above prices of most providers.

TXU's buyers are hoping that by lowering rates and scaling back plans for new coal-fired power plants, they will head off the type of opposition that has scuttled utility buyouts elsewhere.

The TXU plan received a mixed reaction Monday in Austin, with some critics still raising concerns over both issues.

"Offering consumers a rate that is still above the market price only serves to further their current stranglehold on the residential market," said Sen. Troy

Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, chairman of the Senate committee on business and commerce.

Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, said he still has "significant concerns." King said he thought that the reduction should have been at least 20 percent.

"We've heard more about electric rates than anything else," King said.

Fraser and King have co-authored a bill in the current session that would force the breakup of TXU, separating its retail electric-service operations from its generation and transmission services.

TXU officials said the company does not need regulatory approval for the buyout from the Texas Public Utility Commission. TXU's general counsel, David Poole, said the company's retail electric service — the entity that sends out the bills — is no longer regulated by the state, and only its 14,000-mile network of transmission wires is still under PUC supervision.

"We have talked with the PUC members and pointed out that we have a transmission rate case coming for 2008 and that if they have concerns or questions about the merger that would be the time to raise them," TXU Chairman John Wilder said.

The PUC commissioners were silent on the issue Monday. But PUC spokesman Terry Hadley noted that Texas law allows the commission to investigate any sale of a utility operating system for more than \$100,000 or, in the words of the state law, "disallow the effect of the transaction if the transaction will unreasonably affect rates or service."



Dallas-based TXU planned to build 11 new coal plants, like the one shown above in March 2006. TXU will be bought by equity firms, officials announced Monday.

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Wilder said that neither he nor any other member of current management has signed any employment agreement to stay with the company, nor are they active investors in the buyout. But he indicated that he could work with the new owners.

"I have had a number of very constructive discussions with them," Wilder said of KKR and Texas Pacific. Wilder said he is hopeful TXU's shareholders might be able to vote on the sale of the company by the time of its annual meeting in May.

In addition to Texas Pacific and KKR, the buyout group would include Goldman Sachs, GS Capital Partners, Lehman Bros., Citigroup and Morgan Stanley as equity partners. TXU stock (ticker: TXU) surged \$7.91, or 13.2 percent, Monday.

The deal, along with related promises for environmental sensitivity and rate reductions, set off several reactions. Republican lawmakers King and Fraser criticized the utility while environmentalists,

still basking in an agreement to cut back planned construction of new coal plants, lavished praise.

"We all recognize this morning that the world is changing a bit when the biggest buyout deal yet is made contingent on certain conditions going forward having to do with climate change," said Fred Krupp, president of the Environmental Defense Fund.

The company would restructure into three arms under the TXU Corp. umbrella, separating the generation, distribution and retail arms under new names.

The retail division, to be called TXU Energy, and its 200 employees would move from downtown Dallas to a new space in Irving's Las Colinas business park where it operates a call center.

All of the moves — unprecedented for TXU — came at the behest of the prospective owners, who enlisted former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency director William Reilly as an adviser and ambassador to environmentalists.

Gov. Rick Perry, who last April stood beside Wilder in Dallas and vowed "we won't let bureaucrats jerk us around" on TXU's plan to build new power plants, endorsed the sale Monday.

"I think this is good news. Good economics. Good opportunity for jobs and wealth creation," Perry told reporters in Washington.

He said the new owners assured him that they will provide enough power for the state, even though they won't build as many coal-fired generators. "There's nothing to keep them from building new plants at old sites," he said. But some conservative free-marketers were jolted that TXU's prospective buyers had given ground to environmental opponents.

A group called Action Fund Management Llc. of Alexandria, Va., warned that if Texas doesn't build enough generating plants, it risks electricity shortages that could cause the same kind of price spikes that occurred in California several years ago.

"Power prices could spiral out of control in Texas because there aren't enough suppliers for the need and the state is so poorly connected to other states," the group said in a statement.

Spokeswoman Audrey Mullen said of the TXU sale, "The deal highlights a growing and worrisome alliance of greens with the financial services industry." Lon Burnam, a Democrat from Fort Worth, criticized Wilder for taking a huge pay package during a period of record high electricity rates.

"It is simply unconscionable to pay a CEO over \$50 million in a year when low-income people are struggling with all-time highs on their electric bills," Burnam said in a news release.

Burnam filed a bill that would require a utility with rates 125 percent of the national average to pay its CEO minimum wage.

"TXU is a poster boy for corporate excess," he said in the statement. "They need to be closed in."

THE PROPOSED TXU

If the planned \$45 billion sale of TXU is approved in its current form, it will be split into what the company calls "three separate businesses with their own management teams, headquarters and boards of directors."

- Luminant Energy, Dallas — Will own and operate TXU's 18,300-megawatt generating fleet, including the nuclear plant at Comanche Peak, and will oversee the proposed Oak Grove plant in Robertson County.
- Oncor Electric Delivery, Dallas — Will oversee TXU's 14,000-mile network of transmission lines. Much of this work is done from TXU's office in downtown Fort Worth.
- TXU Energy, Irving — The retail arm of TXU will offer and manage the company's rates, billing and collections. TXU Energy will move to Las Colinas from TXU's current headquarters in downtown Dallas.

Sinaloa cartel loses \$35,000 in North Texas trafficking bust

By JASON TRAHAN
The Dallas Morning News

The FBI and several other federal and local law enforcement agencies arrested 34 people Monday in North Texas on charges of trafficking drugs, including heroin that authorities believe originated with the Sinaloa cartel in Mexico.

The Sinaloa cartel is a chief rival of the Gulf cartel both are warring for control of north-south drug-smuggling routes.

The investigation, conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas, which includes Collin County, began more than a year ago after authorities say as many as seven North Texans died from heroin overdoses and more than two dozen others had near-fatal experiences with the drug.

Federal grand jurors in Sherman returned the drug conspiracy indictment on Feb. 15. Before dawn Monday, more than 100 federal, state and local agents and officers began arresting suspects in the trafficking ring. Two more indicted suspects remain at large.

"These arrested today are regional suppliers and distributors, and we hope some of them will give us information on others who are higher up in the organization," said John Ratcliffe, first assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District in Plano.

Arrests were made in Dallas, Plano, Frisco, Grapevine, Allen, Caddo Mills, The Colony and McKinney.

Authorities also seized heroin and cocaine, \$35,000 in cash, 20 vehicles and guns. They also seized a furniture store on Ferguson Road in Dallas and two ice cream shops on Harry Hines Boulevard and Webb Chapel Extension, as well as homes on Gross Road and St. Francis Avenue in Dallas, and property in Carrollton, Irving, Caddo Mills and Commerce.

Analyst: Stock market decline may indicate recession

By KEVIN G. HALL
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Tuesday's stock market plunge shows the start of a "correction," the age-old euphemism for a steep drop in stock prices, but it may also signal worse news than that.

A steady stream of recent data shows mixed signals about where the U.S. economy is headed. The old sage himself, Alan Greenspan, suggests recession could be looming.

Fasten your seat belts — some economic chop could be coming.

The Dow Jones industrial index fell more than 416 points, or 3.29 percent, in trading Tuesday. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite was off by 3.86 percent, and the S&P 500 was off by 3.47 percent. It was the largest one-day drop for markets since Sept. 17, 2001, the first day trading resumed after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Tuesday's drops mirrored a global stock markets decline as the investor mood turned bearish. Investors, who have been murmuring about a coming "correction" for weeks, are concerned that the U.S. and Chinese economies may be entering a period of cooling.

The drop underscores how connected the U.S. economy is now with the broader global economy. U.S. exchanges sank following a nearly 9 percent drop Tuesday on China's Shanghai Composite Index. It was the Shanghai's biggest one-day drop in a decade, and investors worried that interest rates may soon rise to douse China's sizzling economic growth.

Higher lending rates in China matter to average Americans. Most large American corporations either manufacture there or purchase from Chinese contract manufacturers. Higher lending rates in China would slow economic activity there and raise the cost of doing business, which would result in pricier import goods.

Adding to economic uncertainty, oil prices are climbing again, due in part to the Bush administration's escalating war of words with Iran. Weeks ago, some analysts projected a return to \$40 a barrel, but it now trades at about \$60. AAA reports that unleaded gasoline averaged \$2.37 a gallon nationwide on Tuesday, compared with \$2.14 a month ago.

Other economic data are sending, at best, mixed signals.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday a 7.8 percent decline for orders of durable goods in January. It was the biggest dip in demand for business equipment in three years. The Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI said the drop was felt across industries such as transportation, high tech and industrial metals.

"There is no escaping the observation ... that growth in the manufacturing sector ground to a halt in September 2006 and continues to struggle as consumers rethink big-ticket spending and businesses turn risk adverse in their capital spending," said Daniel J. Meckstroth, the trade association's chief economist.

But the Conference Board reported Tuesday that consumer confidence in January jumped unexpectedly to its highest level since August 2001. And in another surprising announcement, the National Association of Realtors reported that existing home sales in January rose by 3 percent, the largest monthly jump in two years.

That good housing news, however, was tempered by concern about delinquent mortgages. The Mortgage Bankers Association reports that 3.8 percent of all adjustable-rate, sub-prime mortgages are in foreclosure proceedings, up from about 3 percent in 2005.

"It's not a great number, but it's enough to make a dent on the sales numbers, so we'll see (home) sales continue to drop through the end of this year," said Patrick Newport, an economist with consultancy Global Insight in Lexington, Mass. "So far what we've seen is a lot of this has been contained to the mortgage market and particularly to the sub-prime market (of riskier borrowers). No one has a sense of whether this will spread to other markets, like the prime mortgage market. So far it hasn't."

John Silvia sees the U.S. economy as being "on the edge of a knife." He's the chief economist for Wachovia, a large national bank based in Charlotte, N.C. He sees below-trend economic

growth, corporate profits leveling off and short-term lending rates higher than longer-term rates. This phenomenon, called the inverted yield curve, historically has been a harbinger of recession.

"When you go into a fog, it's hard to make commitments as an investor," Silvia said. "It's not the time to make big bets."

That cautious view sounds remarkably like former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who told businessmen in Hong Kong on Monday that a U.S. recession was possible late this year or early next year.

Shockwaves from Shanghai

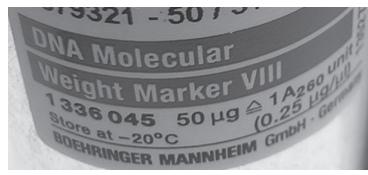
A nearly 9 percent drop on China's benchmark Shanghai exchange triggered a global sell-off. Recent closes, with percent loss Tuesday:



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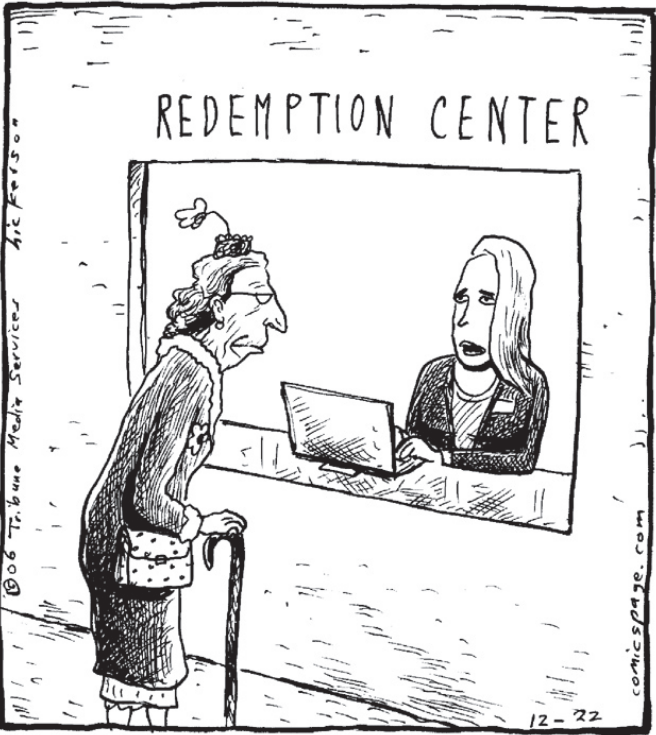
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Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

See Thursday's paper for answers to today's Sudoku puzzle.

Tuesday's Solutions

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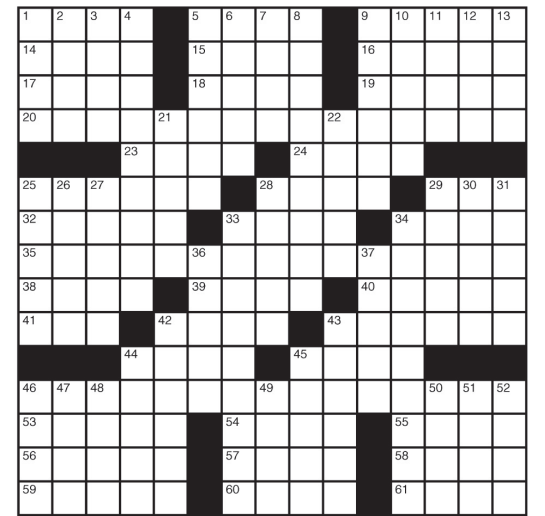
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By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR
2/28/07

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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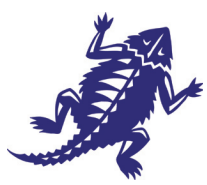
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Horned Frogs look to continue momentum, face Wyoming Cowboys in final home game

By **TIM BELLA**
Staff Reporter

As the college basketball regular season comes to an end, teams aim to make a run in their respective conference tournaments, and the Horned Frogs men's basketball is no exception.

Coming off what players, coaches and fans consider the biggest win of the season, the Frogs look to build off the recent, late-season success as they prepare to face the Wyoming Cowboys tonight at 7 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The win against Air Force, which ended an 11-game-losing streak, was reflective of the hard work and relentless attitude the team had despite losing 11 in a row, head coach Neil Dougherty said.

"They did a great job of playing hard throughout the losing streak," Dougherty said.

The Horned Frogs will now turn attention to a Wyoming team (15-13, 6-8 conference), who Dougherty considered to be the opposite of Air Force in that the Cowboys rely more on two players compared to Air Force's more balanced offensive attack. Those two players, guards Brandon Ewing and Brad Jones, average 20 points and 18 points per game, respectively, and, Dougherty said, the Frogs need to continue to do the little things during the course of the game in order to keep up with the high-scoring duo.

"When you play Wyoming, you have to have a strategy to contain Jones and Ewing," Neil Dougherty said. "We've got to be able to deal with an outstanding pair of individual players."

The Frogs also hope to send seniors Blake Adams, Neil P. Dougherty and Femi Ibikunle off on a high note tonight, which is "Senior Night" for the three players. Neil P. Dougherty, who hasn't lost a game on "Senior Night" during his TCU career, said he pressures himself not to disappoint his seniors. Reflecting on memories of "freshman stupidity," and seeing the experience they've accumulated up to their senior year is emotional, he said.

"I'll be fighting trying not to cry," Neil Dougherty said.

Dougherty won't be the only one looking for a final win for the seniors. Junior guard Brent Hackett said the team, particularly younger players, play their best to assure seniors one last



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer
Senior guard Neil P. Dougherty fights through two Air Force Falcon defenders on his way to the basket during the Frogs' 71-66 victory over the Falcons. Dougherty and two other seniors will play their last game for TCU Wednesday night.

home win before leaving.

"One thing the underclassmen have to worry about is playing hard for (the seniors)," Hackett said. "We want to end on a good note for them."

Considering the Frogs have enjoyed recent success on "Senior Night," Adams said the Frogs should feel good about their chances tonight.

"I can't believe it's already here," Adams said.

MOUNTAIN WEST STANDINGS

School	Conf.	Season
BYU Cougars	11-3	21-7
UNLV Rebels	10-4	23-6
Air Force Falcons	10-5	23-6
San Diego State Aztecs	9-5	20-8
Wyoming Cowboys	6-8	15-13
Colorado State Rams	6-9	16-11
Utah Utes	5-9	10-17
New Mexico Lobos	4-10	15-14
TCU Horned Frogs	3-11	11-15

Women ready to rebound against Aztecs

By **AMBER PARCHER**
Features Editor

The Lady Frogs, now fifth in the Mountain West Conference after two straight losses at home, are traveling to San Diego tonight for their last road game of the regular season against the Aztecs.

The Frogs (19-9, 9-5), who lost to conference opponents Wyoming and New Mexico at home, will play the Aztecs in a tight game where conference standings are up in the air.

San Diego State (12-13, 5-9) lost its last two games on the road, but is on a four-game winning streak at home in Cox Arena.

TCU last played the Aztecs at home in January and had a dominating 83-57 victory, and

have beaten them in the last four matchups.

However, the location is a factor in the game. The Frogs have a losing road record of 5-8, while the Aztecs are 11-3 at home.

Head coach Jeff Mittie said playing with confidence will be crucial to the Frogs' success.

"We've had a couple tough games here, but I think this team knows it's a good basketball team," Mittie said. "We've won some good games."

The Mountain West Conference standings have been shaken up almost every week. TCU was tied for first place with the BYU Cougars last Thursday but fell to fifth, while the previously fifth place New Mexico Lobos have now ascended to second in the standings.

Junior guard Moneka Knight said the conference championship could go to practically any team in the conference.

"All of us are pretty similar," Knight said. "From what I hear, whoever wins will be the only one that makes it to the NCAA tournament."

Knight said the notoriously physical and fast San Diego State team will force the Frogs to be on top of their defense.

"We've got to set screens and read our defense so we can get open," Knight said, also citing limiting turnovers as an important strategy.

Freshman guard Shayla Moore said slowing down the Aztecs' offense will be a big defensive strategy for the Frogs, something Moore said they tried to do the last time the two teams met and didn't succeed.

Mittie said the Frogs' ultimate goal — making it to the NCAA tournament — is still in sight despite the recent losses.

"If we play enough good basketball we can correct it," Mittie said. "We can be there at the end of the season."

After tonight, the Lady Frogs will have one regular-season game left before the conference tournament begins in Las Vegas on March 6.



ROBYN SHEPHEARD / Staff Photographer
Junior forward Lorie Butler-Rayford attempts a shot in the Frogs' 61-50 loss to the Wyoming Cowgirls on Feb. 22. The Lady Frogs will try to end their two-game losing streak against the San Diego State Lady Aztecs on Wednesday night.

GAME TIME

The Lady Frogs will play the San Diego Aztecs at 9 p.m. today at the Cox Arena in San Diego.

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