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Student Government Representatives are in talks with university officials to look at proposed changes to campus bus routes. Tomorrow



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University guidelines aside, Greek organizations on campus are doing their part to help out in the community. Tomorrow



ACADEMICS

DIVIDING LINES



Assistant professor of biology Amanda Hale tells biology majors and other students about the pre-requisites for medical school in the Sid Richardson Building on Tuesday evening. Although the College of Science and Engineering awarded more degrees to women than men last academic year, figures show men and women are split in certain fields.

Women, men split in sciences

By Alexandria Bruton
Staff Reporter

BACHELOR'S DEGREES AWARDED IN 2008-2009

Engineering	Psychology	Nursing
6 women	43 women	200 women
17 men	20 men	22 men

When sophomore Elisa Elizondo was an astronomy major, she looked around the class and noticed she was the only woman in the room. The same thing happened when she changed her major to geology. Elizondo rarely saw other women in her classes until she chose environmental science as her major.

Although the College of Science and Engineering awarded more degrees to women than to men last academic year, figures show that women and men are divided in certain fields.

According to the 2009 TCU Fact Book, the College of Science and Engineering awarded 126 bachelor's degrees to men and 143 to women in the 2008-2009 academic year. Fields like biology, nutritional sciences and psychology recorded more female enrollment than male enrollment. For example, 43 wom-

en graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology, more than twice the number of men. Environmental science produced five male graduates and four female graduates the same year. Nutritional sciences tallied 25 female graduates from the undergraduate program and no men. Physics degrees were awarded to two women and one man.

On the other hand, six bachelor's degrees were awarded to women in engineering, compared to 17 to men, and no degrees were awarded

to women in computer science or geology.

Bonnie Melhart, associate provost and dean of university programs and associate professor of computer science, said that nationwide, the number of women choosing science majors who eventually go into a career in science is a cause of concern for many organizations.

The National Science Foundation reported that in fields

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SGA

Boost in student body fee proposed

By Andrea Drusch
Staff Reporter

Student body officers presented a proposal to raise the undergraduate student body fee by more than 87 percent next year at the House of Student Representatives meeting Tuesday night.

The change, from \$24 to \$45 per semester, would raise about \$600,000 over the next four years, said Student Body President Marlon Figueroa.

The fee is included in all undergraduate students' tuition and funds student government projects. Figueroa said the increase is necessary to sustain SGA's current initiatives in the coming years without outside funding from the university. While student government currently receives funding from the chancellor and other outside sources, Figueroa said he could not be sure the outside money would always be available.

SGA's reserve account paid for the 2008 Pat Green concert, which celebrated the opening of the Brown-Lupton University Union, he said. While the concert did not deplete the fund, members of SGA did not to continue pulling from the account, he said.

The biggest change in the budget would be increased funding for Programming Council to pay for campus concerts, he said. In addition, all major campus events, such as Howdy Week and Homecoming, would receive a standard funding of \$30,000 each, increased from various amounts of about \$20,000, he said.

Alex Collins, Programming Council

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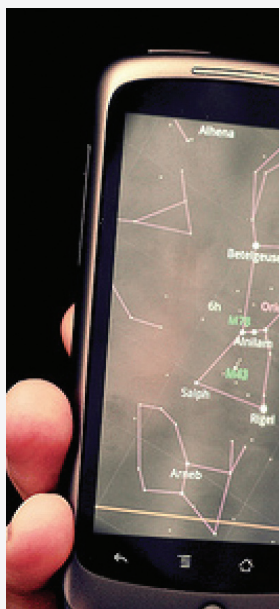
CORRECTIONS

In an article in Tuesday's issue, reference librarian Ammie Harrison was identified as the liaison for history and English. She is the library liaison for art history and English, among other subjects.

In an article in Tuesday's issue, Student Government Association Representative Carlton Alexander was misidentified as Student Affairs chair. In fact, he is Academic Affairs chair.

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Google's new Nexus One smartphone censors text messages. Has Google gone too far?

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PECULIAR FACT

PITTSBURGH — A Pittsburgh-area woman is suing Bank of America, claiming it wrongfully repossessed her home and saying that a bank contractor trashed the house and took her parrot.

—The Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER



72 45
HIGH LOW

Chance of Thunderstorms

Tomorrow: Mostly Sunny
68 / 43

Friday: Partly Sunny
61 / 40



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CHILE AND HAITI RELIEF

Donations slow after first disaster

By Ashley Iovine
Staff Reporter

Facebook invitations to help Haiti probably flooded people's inboxes days after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck the developing country in January, but calls to aid victims of the 8.8-magnitude earthquake that shook Chile on Feb. 27 have been slower to come by.

Associate Chaplain of the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life Jake Hofmeister said the office is gathering Church World Service kits to help Chile, just like it did for Hai-

ti. Church World Service is a relief ministry that prepares kits that are shipped around the world to people in need. The kits are packages of supplies that are assembled by volunteers for the service.

Hofmeister said the office is open to facilitating student ideas about supporting Chile, but no one has suggested anything to him personally.

Americans raised \$250,000 three days after the Chilean earthquake, compared to \$97 million raised for Haiti after its earthquake, according to an article in The Wall Street Journal citing The Chronicle

of Philanthropy, a publication that covers nonprofits.

Keith Whitworth, a sociology professor, said he thinks media coverage made the earthquake in Chile seem much less severe than the one that struck Haiti. Whitworth said he thinks people had a predetermined view that there was less need for aid in Chile.

"From an international perspective, I think there's, again, less response because of the difference in the resources that are available," Whitworth said.

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QUICK NEWS

Police investigating Feb. indecent exposure

Police said Tuesday that they are still searching for a suspect involved in an indecent exposure incident in the Sid Richardson Building last month.

According to a TCU Police offense report, at 1:15 p.m. Feb. 21, the complainants told police that they were sitting in the patio area of the Sid Richardson Building when they looked up and saw a man wearing a pulled-up black shirt and black and white thong underwear

masturbating near a third floor window in Sid Richardson. The man is in his early 20s, according to the police report.

The complainants were two women, ages 18 and 19, according to a public information report from the Fort Worth Police Department.

Fort Worth Police Sgt. Chad Mahaffey said TCU Police turned the case over to the Fort Worth Sexual Assault Unit. He said the investigation is ongoing.

TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham said police collected evidence from the

scene and sent it to the Fort Worth Crime Lab for DNA analysis.

A crime alert was not sent out because the department did not consider the suspect to be a threat to other people, Ham said.

Mahaffey said no other indecent exposure incidents were reported in the TCU area during February.

Indecent exposure is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by up to 180 days in jail and up to a \$2,000 fine.

— Staff reporter Marshall Doig

CAREER SERVICES

Official: 'Friending' boss not prudent

By Thomas Koenig
Staff Reporter

Students should never add employers as friends on Facebook, a university official said.

John Thompson, executive director for Career Services, said "friending" employers can do more harm than good. He said he has seen no benefits to adding employers.

"You don't want to have the kind of familiarity that the Facebook stuff implies," Thompson said.

Most employers look at students' profiles to help in the hiring process whether they admit it or not, Thompson said. The main deterrent for employers are inappropriate pictures, especially pictures involving alcohol.

According to a 2009 online reputation research study by Cross-Tab Marketing Services, 70 percent of job recruiters admitted to rejecting candidates based on online information. However, only 7 percent of consumers think online information affected their job search.

Hannah Achim, a senior political science and French major, said that she has maximized security on her Facebook profile just in case poten-

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like engineering, only 20 percent of students are women. Multiple causes, including time constraints, family responsibilities and cultural pressures, were listed for the disparity between the number of men and women.

Kelly Jackson, a sophomore physics and astronomy major, said her passion for science overwhelms any pressure she feels as a woman in her field of study. Jackson is currently the only female sophomore student studying physics and astronomy.

"It's difficult, but it's really not that bad," Jackson said. "People think too much of it."

Jackson said people are usually surprised when she tells them she's a physics major and she thinks that's partly because she is a woman.

"I'm the only female in my major so people kind of look at me like, whoa, when I tell them," Jackson said.

At first it was slightly uncomfortable, but after a while,

Jackson said, she got used to it. She said she doesn't even notice it anymore.

Whereas few women may be found in engineering, geology or computer science classes, enrollment in health sciences continues to be predominantly female. The Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences awarded 200 bachelor's degrees to female students and 22 to male students during the 2008-2009 academic year, according to the 2009 TCU Fact Book.

Pamela Frable, associate dean and director of nursing, wrote in an e-mail that because nursing is perceived as feminine work associated with compassion and nurturing, women are directed toward that career choice, but sometimes they don't realize that science and math are required.

"Although nursing demands excellent scientific knowledge and skills, the general public does not recognize that nursing requires knowledge of biology, chemistry, physics, and math as well as the social sciences and humanities," Frable

wrote. "Consequently, women who seek a career in science may not recognize nursing as an option for a science vocation."

Micheline Bejjani, a physics graduate student and researcher at the university, said the university has incentives to get more women into the sciences. Grants and research opportunities are made available for female students and other underrepresented demographics, she said.

One such initiative, the Research Experience for Undergraduates, is a summer program Jackson was selected to join. According to the university's physics and astronomy Web site, the REU program specifically focuses on women and minorities interested in science.

Melhart said these programs encourage participation from women, but nothing has solved the gender discrepancy yet. She said one way those in science could learn from the law field is by making the time requirements more self-scheduled. She said the ability to create one's own schedule is important to

women because they often have family obligations.

"Law used to be a profession for gentleman, now there's more women in law schools than men," Melhart said. "We should model what they did to get results."

Melhart said the problem is generational and that a welcoming feeling can help until a permanent solution is found. She said part of making women feel welcome includes valuing differences and their contributions.

"There's an obligation to make them feel like the collective vision is strengthened by them being there," Melhart said. "You continue to value the difference not just the day you read their resume but every day."

Melhart said female students with a passion for sciences should not let the difficulties they might face affect what they decide to study.

"Some of us really love this stuff," Melhart said. "It's an uphill battle, but if it's not a welcoming place, it's going to continue being that way."

in Pennsylvania, was suspended after she made off-color jokes about wanting to hire a hitman to kill students, according to The Associated Press. Gadsden claimed she thought only friends could see the post because she had not added any students, but the post was available to be read by any member of the public.

Thompson said there is no specific policy about university employers adding employees.

"You just don't want to do anything that's going to compromise your own reputation," Thompson said.

"I don't want to be accessible to anybody and everybody...."

Hannah Achim
senior political science major

ers may not find tasteful.

Employees and students are not the only ones in higher education who have had trouble with materials posted on Facebook pages.

Last month Gloria Gadsden, a sociology professor at East Stroudsburg University

during hiring because of accuracy issues.

"You don't know fact from fiction when you go on Facebook," Sullivan said. "It's a totally unreliable source."

Molly Cravens, a junior strategic communications major, said she always weighs the risks before adding employers.

"We're in college so there are things that are more acceptable to do that wouldn't be acceptable in a professional workspace," Cravens said.

Even though Facebook provides good security, she said, she recently deleted a lot of pictures that future employ-

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According to the CIA World Factbook, 80 percent of Haiti's population lives below the poverty line, and the death toll from its earthquake reached 230,000. On the contrary, Chile is one of the most prosperous countries in Latin America, and the death toll there is approximately 700.

Because Haiti and Chile are in different development stages, the Chilean government may have felt pressured to resist aid because it is a developed country, Whitworth said.

According to initial news reports, Chilean President Michelle Bachelet said Chile did not need aid from foreign countries. She later retracted her statement, after the death toll reached more than 700 people, and made a plea for international support.

Eric Cox, an assistant political science professor, said sometimes governments refuse aid because they don't want to create a perception that the government was not prepared for situations of this magnitude.

"A country like Chile, that is pretty economically advanced and a fairly well-developed country...didn't want to be perceived as not being able to handle it on their own," Cox said.

But people can only give so much before their resources are taxed, Cox said. It is impossible to respond to every catastrophe around the world, he said.

Hannah Mering, a sophomore psychology major, said she thinks some students are not donating to Chile be-

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Eric Cox
assistant political science professor

cause they think they have already met their philanthropy quota by donating to Haiti. Mering said more people should feel compelled to donate to Chile but, because Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, students might have thought Haiti was in more need of aid.

Kate O'Carroll, a sophomore business major, said she even though Chile is a more developed nation, she thinks people should still donate. Even the wealthiest of countries need help every now and then, she said.

According to The Associated Press, the Chilean government has deployed planes, ships, helicopters, trucks, heavy equipment and thousands of troops to deliver tons of local and foreign aid to affected areas. The efforts have drawn praise from disaster veterans who describe Chile's response as remarkable, largely avoiding bureaucratic infighting, according to The Associated Press.

Staff reporter Lawrence Embry contributed to this report.

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tial employers are looking. She said that she has heard of students changing their names on Facebook, but has never had to do anything that drastic.

"I don't want to be accessible to anybody and everybody who's out there just looking for people," Achim said. "I'm not going to shy away from what my name is by hiding it."

Scott Sullivan, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said that the department does not use Facebook as a source

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The Skiff View

Exercise caution when 'friending' on Facebook

Though some workplaces are open forums for social interaction and can even be fun, it's imperative to always make the distinction between work and play. When faced with the decision to 'friend,' or not to 'friend,' one's boss or co-workers on Facebook, there are several things to consider.

Facebook security settings can be hard to control. Whether people believe their Facebook pages to be secure or not, there are always ways for people to find personal information, should they really want to.

Even people who believe their Facebook pages are "clean" should always keep in mind the ways in which others can misconstrue certain things. In the online world, it's not always easy to decipher the meaning of a statement or picture. And because workplaces are typically somewhere people spend a lot of time, no one would want hostility or awkwardness over a misconstrued comment or picture to interfere with anyone's ability to work.

Whether or not people decide to friend their boss or co-workers on Facebook, they should always be prepared for the consequences. It's easy to forget in a sea of hundreds of friends who exactly you're friends with. Because Facebook is a social tool, things such as status updates are often used to keep your friends informed of the good and bad things taking place in your life. Should someone have a bad day at work, an absent-minded rant about the shortcomings of one's company or supervisor probably wouldn't sit well with that supervisor, or anyone else invested in the company's image.

If you're in a workplace where it's commonplace to be friends with one's boss and/or co-workers, feel free to do so. Just remember to never allow work to become so comfortable that professionalism is forgotten.

Projects editor Courtney Jay for the editorial board.

The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

Google phone's censorship calls to mind Orwell's '1984'



DANNY PETERS

We techno-geeks shall now liken George Orwell with the famous biblical prophet Jeremiah. Why this strange alignment, Johnny? Orwell created a fantastic, apocalyptic vision of the future in his classic novel "1984," which points to a future of governmental control, strange physical relationships and, more importantly, censorship to the max.

The engineers and corporate folk at Google must have taken a liking to Orwell's famous novel with the release of the new Google Nexus One smart phone. The seemingly innocuous Nexus One has one harrowing feature: in its voice-to-text element, the phone filters out potentially offensive curse words, which we all tend to use sometimes, some more than others (you know who you are).

According to Google, this aspect of the phone is not to censor or dumb down the speaker's words. The censoring is just there to avoid potential errors when one is trans-

cribing his or her voice to words on the phone. Right.

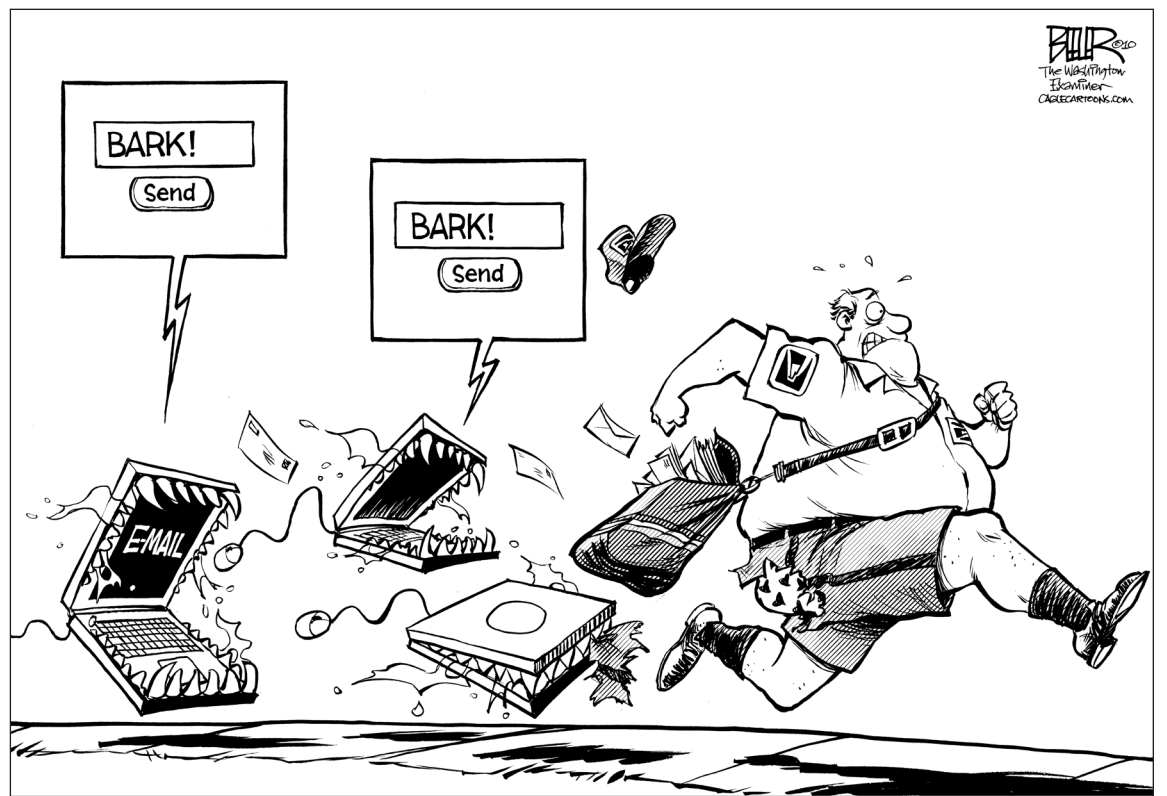
I can imagine it now, an angry boss yelling at his employee for failing to acquire the big Johnson account. Mr. Big Boss is angry and is letting his timid employee have it over the phone. This won't work though, if Google's Nexus One sets a trend for phones in the future. The scared employee will just see random symbols as the scary words are censored by a veil of textual symbols.

I hope that Google is being honest with the censorship feature on its new Nexus One phone.

Is this voice-to-text feature harmless? Perhaps, but I have frightening visions of Orwell's "1984" coming to fruition when I try to yell at my best friend over the phone.

I hope that Google is being honest with the censorship feature on its new Nexus One phone. I do not want to wake up tomorrow and see Big Brother standing over my bed with a big grin on his face.

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Nate Beeler is the editorial cartoonist for The Washington Examiner.

Quiet racism today's societal issue

GREGORY RODRIGUEZ

News flash from UC San Diego: Party-animal frat boys sometimes engage in stupid, offensive and even racist stunts!

For weeks now, outrage over a fraternity party that encouraged guests to mimic and mock ghetto culture has embroiled the campus in La Jolla in old-school political theater. Then, in a separate incident, a noose was left in a university library (a student anonymously took responsibility and apologized). And finally, a pillowcase made to look like a KKK hood appeared atop a statue of Dr. Seuss.

In a diverse society, such incidents — which draw cleavages between groups — should be taken seriously. But such antics really don't signify our race problem today, and no one should think that indignation, marches, sit-ins and "days of action" against buffoonery constitute an effective struggle against racism. It might be satisfying to draw lines

against the clowns, but it diminishes the difficulty of the real challenge before us.

Racism exists; it's still a significant inhibitor of social and economic progress. And given the country's majority-minority future, we simply can't afford not to be preparing more minorities for positions of authority and leadership.

This isn't the unsubtle, in-your-face racism of your imagination. The real bad guys aren't the easy-to-caricature toothless hillbillies of television dramas or some overweight, tobacco-chewing Southern sheriff straight out of a half-century-old Life magazine. They don't leave nooses as calling cards.

Somewhere along the line, the fight against genuinely entrenched racism — which keeps millions from achieving their dreams — turned into a slapstick struggle against ill-behaved clowns like Michael Richards, John Mayer and foolish frat boys.

So much of our contemporary discussion of racism is really about propriety, insensitivity, symbolism

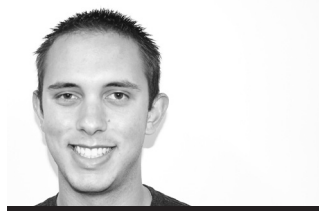
and insults. Lost in the media tumult over incidents like those at UCSD is a sensible definition of racism. To my mind, it is, in essence, the assumption or belief that an individual is intellectually or morally inferior by virtue of his genetic makeup.

Contemporary racism is less and less about outright discrimination and more and more in the implicit expectations that, say, lead educators to demand less from some groups of children or supervisors to funnel minorities into lesser roles.

Don't obsess over the party, the noose and the hood. Today, what we have to fight is less the old clanging symbols than the quiet racism that keeps people from seeking and reaching their highest potential. Rather than self-righteously standing up against clowns, we should all be asking ourselves whether we too assume that a person's race automatically makes him less valuable than we are.

Gregory Rodriguez is a reporter for the Los Angeles Times.

Mutual agreement difficult for senators



CHRIS BLAKE

Last week, a one-man filibuster stalled the U.S. Senate in passing a bill that extends unemployment benefits to Americans who have been out of work the longest. The display was a microcosm of how bad partisanship has become in Congress.

Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., launched a crusade to stop the bill from passing, keeping the Senate in session until midnight.

Bunning supported extending unemployment benefits and said

his reasoning for holding up the \$10 billion bipartisan bill was to make an example of irresponsible government spending. If that was the case, why pick a measly \$10 billion to do it?

In the past decade, Bunning had a number of chances to stop larger amounts of money from being spent. He could have voted against the trillions of dollars poured into the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. If he didn't want to anger his own party, he had his chance a year ago when the Obama administration pushed a \$720 billion stimulus package through Congress.

Instead, he chose a bill that would have helped thousands of people and qualified as pocket change for the U.S. government.

"If we can't find \$10 billion to pay for something we all support, we will never pay for anything on the floor

of the U.S. Senate," Bunning told a group of reporters after the filibuster.

The problem there is that 100 elected officials of different backgrounds and districts probably couldn't even agree to spend \$5 on a foot-long Subway sandwich, much less the \$10 billion needed for the bill at hand.

The point of the American government's system is for the majority vote to win. If an anonymous vote was needed, nothing would ever get done.

Although Bunning eventually conceded his quest, his stance signified how one hard-headed individual can derail a government that, believe it or not, is supposed to function as one.

Chris Blake is a junior broadcast journalism major from Irving.

QUICK NEWS

Feds to probe cause of runaway Prius in Calif.

EL CAJON, California (AP) — Federal officials are sending two investigators to California to determine what caused a Toyota Prius to race out of control on a San Diego-area freeway.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Transportation said Tuesday that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will try to determine what caused the incident.

Driver James Sikes sped along Interstate 8 for 20 minutes Monday before a Highway Patrol officer helped slow down the car. CHP Officer Brian Penning says the 2008 Prius was towed to a Toyota dealership in El Cajon — presumably for inspection. The incident took place the same day that Toyota held a demonstration to challenge claims that car electronics could cause the gas pedal to stick. Toyota has recalled millions of cars but claims the problems are simply mechanical.

Ohio St.: Employee kills co-worker, then self

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A new Ohio State University custodial employee who received a bad job evaluation shot two co-workers in a campus maintenance building, killing one of them, and then fatally shot himself, officials said Tuesday.

Nathaniel Brown, who had been hired in October, arrived for work at the nation's largest university in dark clothing with two handguns in a backpack, campus Police Chief Paul Denton said. Denton described the shooting as work-related and said Brown recently received a poor performance evaluation, though he declined to say whether that was the motive.

No students were hurt and classes went on as scheduled.

The shooting was first reported at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday. Brown, 51, was pronounced dead at Ohio State University Medical Center several hours later.

Roberts: Scene at State of Union 'very troubling'

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts said Tuesday the scene at President Barack Obama's first State of the Union address was "very troubling" and that the annual speech to Congress has "degenerated into a political pep rally."

Responding to a University of Alabama law student's question about the Senate's method of confirming justices, Roberts said senators improperly try to make political points by asking questions they know nominees can't answer because of judicial ethics rules.

"I think the process is broken down," he said.

Obama decided the court for its campaign finance decision during the January address, with six of the court's nine justices seated before him in their black robes. Roberts said he wonders whether justices should attend the address.

Turkey pledges safer homes after quake

OKCULAR, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's leaders pledged Tuesday to build quake-proof homes after a magnitude 6 temblor shattered mud-brick homes in the eastern part of the country, killing 51 people.

The quake near the remote village of Basyurt in Elazig province hit before dawn Monday, sparing some and crushing others in rubble. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan blamed many of the deaths on the shoddy mud-brick buildings typical of Elazig province, and pledged that quake-proof homes would be built in the area.

Health Minister Recep Akdag said the homes, typical of Turkey's impoverished villages, "topple down in the slightest of jolts, and those caught beneath die from lack of air."

"It has been this way for a hundred years, and we have to beat this," Akdag said.

Texas judge rescinds anti-death penalty ruling

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas judge who came under criticism for his ruling declaring the death penalty unconstitutional took back his controversial decision Tuesday.

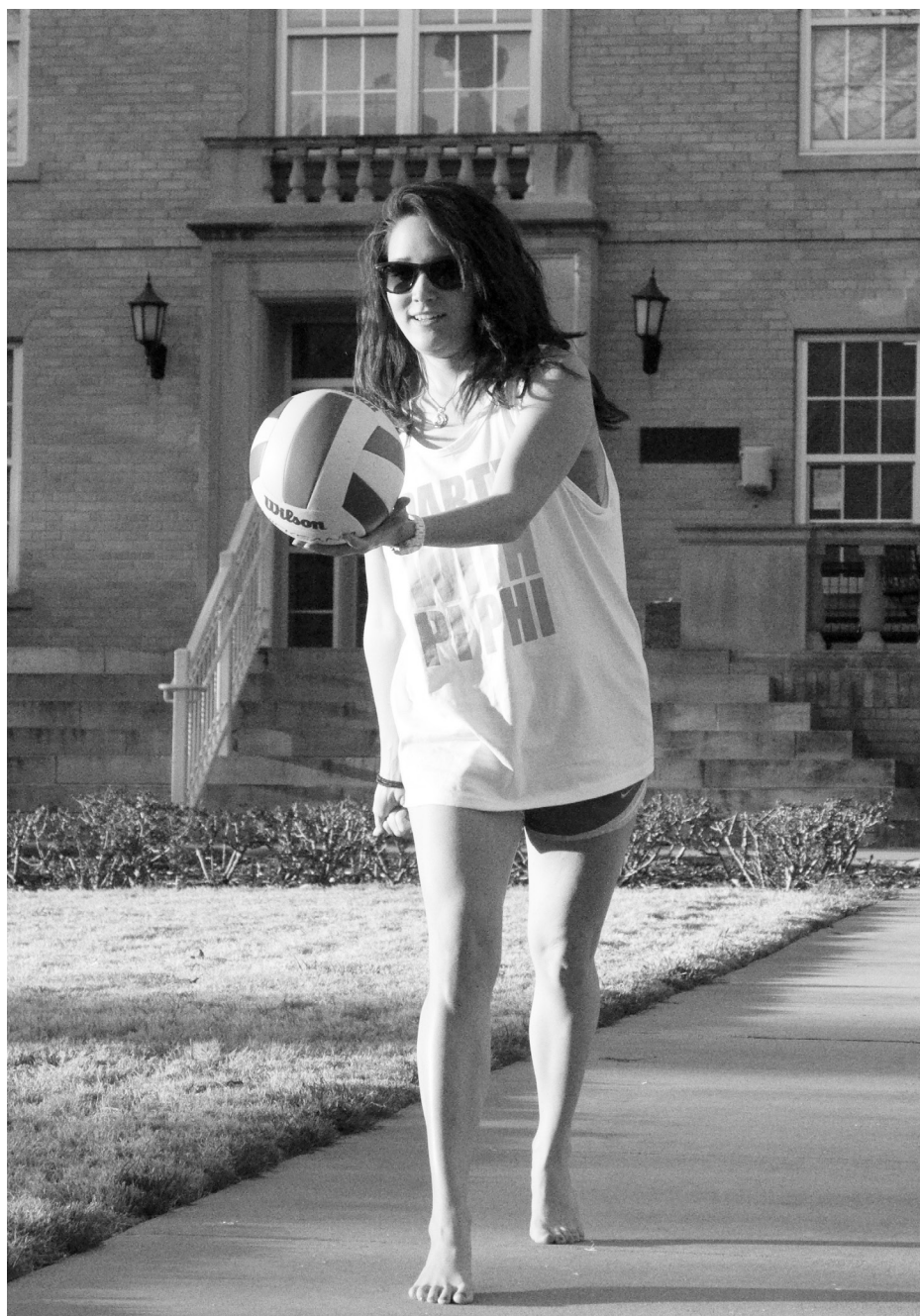
Judge Kevin Fine said he still wants more information on whether the state's death penalty statute is unconstitutional because it allows for the possible execution of an innocent person. The Democrat who is heavily tattooed and says he's a recovering alcoholic and former cocaine user, is a state district judge in the county that sends more inmates to death row than any other in the nation.

During a court hearing Tuesday, Fine rescinded his ruling, which he made last week in granting a pretrial motion in a capital murder case. But he asked Harris County prosecutors and defense attorneys to submit motions on the issue.

NEWS

Spring Fling: Campus welcomes warmth

After months of cold weather and even snow, students took advantage of the 75-degree weather Tuesday to venture outside and play or study on campus lawns. Some lay on the grass or tossed a ball while catching sun rays.



Freshman biology major Camille French prepares to serve a volleyball in front of Waits Hall dormitory. CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor



Sophomore anthropology major Travis Hildenbrand plays catch in front of Frog Fountain. CHANCE WELCH / Multimedia Editor

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chair, said the OneRepublic concert this past fall cost about \$140,000.

"Amazing concerts like that won't be able to continue if they are paid for solely by Programming Council," Collins said.

Figueroa said that with most freshmen and sophomores living on campus now, student government also needed to increase funding for student organizations.

Student Body Treasurer Chase Bruton said student organizations requested \$95,000 last semester from the Activities Funding Board, which had only \$35,000 to give. With the proposed budget, the board would have \$50,000 to give each semester.

Student organizations, including club sports, only receive funding from individual club member dues, club fund-raisers and the

Activities Funding Board, he said.

The legislative branch of SGA would also receive increased funding from the student body fee under the new budget. It would include a pooled fund of \$50,000 shared between the House's committees, as opposed to several separate accounts.

Student Body Vice President Jackie Wheeler said the combined fund would stimulate new initiatives from the representatives and encourage them to pursue ideas outside of their committee. Instead of certain committees having larger budgets than others, each would be submit proposals to receive funding from the shared budget.

Figueroa said that even after the increase, the university's student body fee would remain lower than those at other schools like Rice University, which has a student activities fee of \$48.50 per semester.

He said the officers would first present the proposal to the House to vote on after spring break. If passed, it would be voted on in a referendum by the student body the following week, requiring a majority vote before it could move on for approval by the university's board of trustees.

Figueroa said the amount of the increase was decided by taking the proposed SGA budget of \$625,000 next year, then dividing it by 7,000 students.

Wheeler said that's the number of students who paid the student body fee last year, citing information SGA obtained from the accounts payable department.

This would be the first increase in the fee since 2005, Figueroa said. The student body cabinet has been trying to initiate an increase in the fee for the past two years, but was discouraged by administrators until now, he said.



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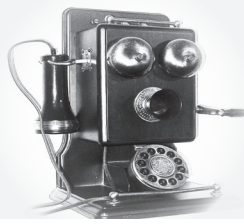
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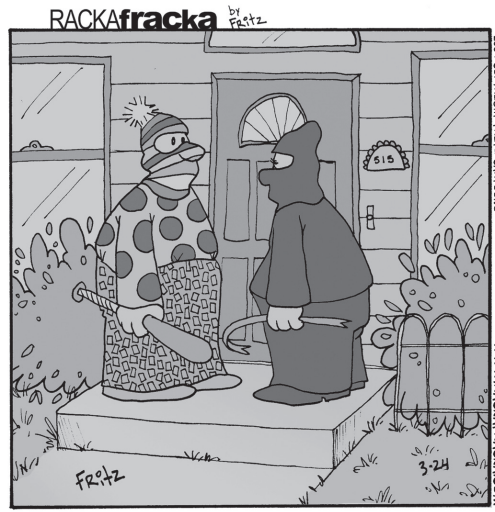
Tuesday's Solution

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 14 Four-legged bugler
 15 Where the ecstatic walk
 16 Salt's "Hall"
 17 National sport of South Korea
 19 Having a beanpole physique
 20 "Baseball Tonight" station
 21 Year-end mall temp
 23 Jon Stewart's "moment of ..."
 24 Like drive-thru orders
 27 Bosom buddy
 29 Longtime skating partner of Randy Gardner
 33 The Trojans of the Pac-10
 34 Go hither and yon
 35 Au ... menu phrase
 38 Places to order tom yum goong
 44 "Xanadu" band, for short
 45 ... time: pronto
 46 Like some grins
 47 Host of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition"
 52 12 Tribes religion
 55 Caesar's unlucky number?
 56 Schooner filler
 57 One of the Yokums
 60 Pre-dye shade, perhaps
 63 Open, in a way
 65 Overtime causes
 68 Mother-of-pearl
 69 In first place
 70 Prior to, in verse
 71 Tiny amount
 72 Tack room gear
 73 Rimsky-Korsakov's "Le Coq ..."
DOWN
 1 "Our Gang" dog
 2 Word of pity
 3 Having one's doubts
 4 Heed the coxswain
 5 Ambient music composer Brian
 6 Brinker of kiddie lit
 7 Operatic slave girl
 8 Old Ford SUV
 9 Sub meat
 10 In vitro cells
 11 Tony of "Who's the Boss?"
 12 Part of FAQ
 13 "Gypsy" composer Jule
 18 Door feature
 22 Bricks unit
 25 "Mr. Mom" actress
 26 Instrument to which an orchestra tunes
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 42 Rice-A-...
 43 Roget entry: Abbr.
 48 "Hooray!"
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 52 Quick trip
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 58 Bench material
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By Gary Steinmehl 3/10/10

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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BASKETBALL

Frogs head to Vegas for championships

By Mary Sue Greenleaf
Sports Editor

After a season filled with ups and downs, the men's and women's basketball teams will head to Las Vegas for the start of postseason play at the Conoco Mountain West Conference Basketball Championships.

The women's team finished its season with an unblemished home-court record and a final overall record of 22-7, 12-4 in conference.

Despite winning the MWC title, the Lady Frogs fell short in their final regular season game with a loss to the Brigham Young University Cougars, 70-65.

They enter the tournament as the No. 1 seed and are scheduled to face a team not yet determined in their first game on Friday in the semifinal round.

The team has racked up accolades and publicity this season, moving in and out of the Associated Press Top-25. In conference, each of the Lady Frogs' five starters were granted All-MWC honors.

Junior forward/guard Helena Sverrisdottir and junior guard Emily Carter were named First-Team All-MWC. Sverrisdottir was also recognized as the conference's Player of the Year. Averaging 13.6 points, 6.6 rebounds and 5.3 assists, she is the third Horned Frog to receive the honor.

Senior guard TK LaFleur was named the Third-Team All-MWC. Senior guard Eboni Mangum and freshman forward Starr Crawford were named Honorable-Mention All-MWC.

Head coach Jeff Mittie received recognition as the MWC Coach of the Year. This is Mittie's fourth

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Coach of the Year honor in his career, and his first in the MWC.

The men's team also had some conference recognition with sophomore guard Ronnie Moss and senior forward Zvonko Buljan's receiving MWC honors. Moss was named Second-Team All-MWC while Buljan was named Honorable-Mention All-MWC.

The men's team faced a brutal loss to the BYU Cougars at the DMC on Saturday, 107-77. The team started off with a strong 15-2 advantage, but quickly lost the lead and the momentum.

Head coach Jim Christian said there were some bright spots during the game, but he attributed the loss to mistakes and turnovers.

"We were very careless with the basketball," he said. "When you are playing a No. 14 team in the country you can't turn the ball over like that."

The Frogs finished the regular season 13-18, 5-11 in conference, and enter the tournament as the No. 7 seed. They are scheduled to face the BYU Cougars in their first contest Thursday.



Junior guard Helena Sverrisdottir moves the ball down the court in the Horned Frogs' 64-40 win against BYU on Feb. 3. Sverrisdottir was named Player of the Year by the Mountain West Conference.

Christian said the team does not have time to reinvent itself, but needs to head into the post-season, and its upcoming game, with the right mentality in order to win.

Freshman forward Garlon Green said he was not concerned about the game.

"Right now I feel hungry," he said. "Hungry to play hard and send it right back at them."

Christian echoed this senti-

ment and said he is hopeful, not concerned, about facing the Cougars at their first tournament showdown.

"I think if you're a competitive person, which I hope our players are, then they would be a team you want to play because they really embarrassed us," he said. "Hopefully we'll be able to regroup and give them our best effort."

The Frogs had five players bringing in double-digits in their

most recent game against the Cougars, and they are hoping to continue this strong offensive performance in the postseason.

"Anything can happen in March. You just have to have the belief, you have to put the effort in and you have to have passion," Christian said. "For three days you could be the best team in the league if you choose to be that. Everything that has happened to this point goes out the window."

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