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Group pushes coffee campaign further

Coordinator: Jazzman's should offer fair trade product exclusively
By LYDIA AKINDE
Staff Reporter

Following advancements in bringing Fair Trade Certified coffee to TCU, Frogs for Fair Trade are trying to take their campaign to the next level.

The student group succeeded in getting Starbucks locations on

campus and Jazzman's Café in the Tucker Technology Center to offer the coffee but now wants Jazzman's to sell Fair Trade Certified coffee exclusively, said Seth Harris, co-coordinator of Frogs for Fair Trade.

The fair trade movement is an effort to ensure fair compensation for coffee, cocoa and tea farmers worldwide so they can meet their basic needs, said Rory Phillips, founder of the Frogs for Fair Trade.

But John T. Harvey, professor and chairman of the economics department, said that because fair trade coffee is more expensive, it will not sell unless students care about the plight affecting coffee farmers.

He said that for the campaign to succeed, Frogs for Fair Trade will have to focus mainly on educating TCU students — the consumers who will make the decision to buy the coffee, and they will dictate the success of fair trade coffee

at Jazzman's.

"Unless the students care, what you are asking (Jazzman's) to do is to go broke," Harvey said.

Legia Abato, the marketing manager for TCU Dining Services, said fair trade coffee is selling, but not as fast as regular coffee.

Fair Trade Certified coffee costs 15 cents more per cup than regular coffee, and 4 percent of all coffee sales on campus are Fair Trade Certified, said Sedric Rogers, a supervisor.

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Faculty Senate aims to lower insurance costs for employees

Members suggest benefits, hiring nurse practitioner
By TALIA SAMPSON
Staff Reporter

After reviewing the results of a recent survey, the Staff Assembly brainstormed ideas Tuesday to lower the cost of health insurance for employees and the university.

The survey, which was conducted by several Staff Assembly representatives and other employees, focused on 116 staff members working in housekeeping and grounds maintenance.

Tara Perez, a horticulture assistant who presented the survey results to the Staff Assembly, said the survey targeted these staff members because there are concerns that some of them are unable to afford health insurance.

Those surveyed were asked if they have TCU health insurance, and if not, why?

Forty-eight percent of the staff members surveyed said they do not have university health insurance, and nearly 60 percent of those staff members indicated they could not afford the insurance.

After the survey presentation, staff members were broken into focus groups to come up with ideas on how to reduce the cost of insurance. The ideas will be evaluated by the Staff Assembly policy committee.

"My hope is that later on we can send this list to the University Advisory Committee," Perez told Staff Assembly members.

At one table, Valeria McDougale, a service facilities supervisor, said she would like to see a health center available for employees. Currently the Health Center is available only to students.

Staff members seated at another table suggested hiring a nurse practitioner to deal with minor problems, which could cut down on the cost of people going to the emergency room.

Mary Nell Kirk, an executive assistant to the chancellor, said she felt a health center for employees would be cost prohibitive but liked the idea of a nurse practitioner.

One suggestion was to award health insurance discounts to employees who rarely draw on their health benefits and are actively working to improve their health. Using the current pedometer challenge as an example, employees who walk more than 200,000 steps in one month could be eligible for insurance discounts.

GIVE IT UP



Phlebotomist Amber Suiter finishes taking blood from junior advertising/public relations major Stephanie Jones during a blood drive in the Student Center Ballroom Tuesday.

APO sponsors bone marrow screening, blood drive

Service project to aid area hospital shortages
By RYAN WILCOX
Staff Reporter

Service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a blood drive

along with Carter BloodCare this week, giving students a chance to give blood and be screened for bone marrow donorship.

APO member Mary Bauman, a junior English major, said APO is sponsoring the drive as one of the

fraternity's service projects.

"We get people to donate blood," Bauman said, "because we figure college students are healthy and we have a large base of people to choose from."

The drive began Tuesday, and stu-

dents will be able to donate blood from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Thursday in the Student Center.

Robert Lloyd, team leader for Carter BloodCare, said there are shortages in 22 hospitals in 22

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SGA swears in chief justice, passes bills

Members discuss University Union
By KATHLEEN THURBER
Staff Reporter

A new chief justice was sworn in Tuesday at the House of Student Representatives meeting, filling a position that has been open since the end of last semester.

Trevor Heaney, president of the Student Government Association, said after a month of reviewing applicants, Christina Ruffini, a senior news-editorial journalism and international communication major, was best to fill the position.

Tori Hutchens, elections and regulations chairwoman, said the committee "grilled her thoroughly and passed her through."

After a unanimous vote in the House, Neal Jackson, a junior neuroscience major who stepped down from the position last semester, swore

Ruffini in as his replacement.

Ruffini was not immediately available for comment after the meeting.

Jonathan Leer, a junior class representative, said Ruffini is a person who will serve the position well, and that she has been involved in SGA before.

Larry Markley, an SGA adviser, spoke to the House about specific plans for the new University Union and residence halls.

The new University Union, budgeted to cost \$40.7 million, will be 27,000 square feet larger than the current Student Center, he said.

Construction on the residence halls will begin this summer and will be completed in about a year, he said. The University Union will be started in December or January and will be completed in one to two years, he added.

Markley said the construc-

tion will provide a hassle for students and faculty on campus.

"It's going to put stress on everyone having the middle of campus torn up," Markley said, "but it is something that can be worked through."

The University Union, which will be situated near the current faculty/staff parking lot, will include dining services, an auditorium, a heritage center for prospective students, offices for student organizations and a clock tower, which he assured students will not surpass the height of the steeple on Robert Carr Chapel.

He said the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences will move into the current Student Center, and the second floor may be converted to classrooms and offices, but any changes in the Student Center or Reed Hall will not begin until the University Union is complete.

The House also passed

bills to purchase a video camera to support efforts to facilitate and publish teacher evaluations and to support the expansion of languages offered at TCU.

Justin Brown, a representative for the College of Fine Arts, said the video camera would be used to record House meetings and to document SGA and Programming Council events.

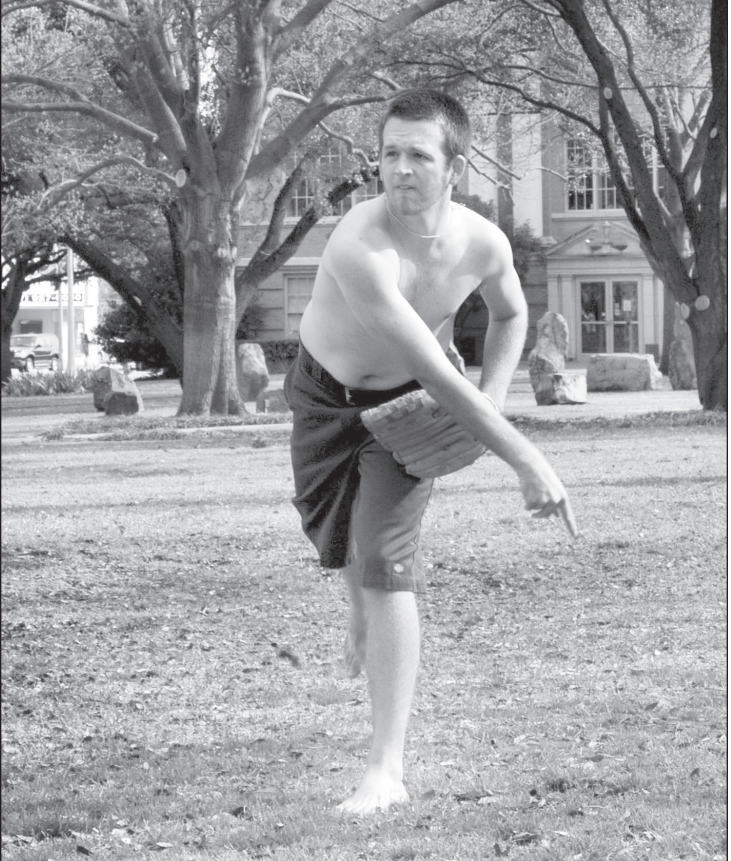
He said the camera, which will cost about \$1,000 with equipment, is necessary because it will provide accurate records of meetings for students and representatives to review.

Jason Ratigan, Academic Affairs chairman, said the committee will work on finding a way to implement a student evaluation of professors that could be published for other students.

Ratigan said the survey is needed because the only

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Pitching heat



Freshman radio-TV-film major Andrew Sullivan, taking advantage of warmer temperatures, plays catch outside Clark Hall on Monday.



WEATHER
TODAY: Storms, 76/57
THURSDAY: Storms, 70/49
FRIDAY: Partly Cloudy, 82/55

FUN FACT
Police dropped a charge against an Ohio student they blamed for causing a bomb scare on campus with a sticker that said "this bike is a pipe bomb," school officials said. —AP

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FAIR TRADE

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sor for TCU Dining Services. Jazzman's makes approximately \$16 from fair trade coffee each day, while it earns \$180 per day from regular coffee, Rogers said. Frogs for Fair Trade are urging Jazzman's to be active in the fair trade movement because it is a fast-growing business spreading to more than 90 locations every year, Phillips said. He said selling fair trade coffee at Jazzman's helps accelerate sales nationwide because

Jazzman's, which has more than 120 locations, markets to students, who are typically active in social movements. Tina Gordon, retail manager for Jazzman's Café, said that to bring Fair Trade Certified coffee to TCU this fall, Jazzman's had to switch its coffee supplier from Seattle's Best to Rainforest Alliance, which provides regular coffee as well. Phillips said paying extra for fair trade products is worth it for students because it gives them a way to affect social change. Lauren Novak, a sophomore music major, said she has no problem paying more for fair

trade coffee because it supports a good cause. Phillips said selling fair trade coffee entirely at Jazzman's will not constrain students because they will still have a choice to purchase regular coffee blends at Starbucks locations on campus. Abato said Jazzman's Cafecannot sell fair trade coffee exclusively because the business needs to sustain its own brand name coffee. "To change all the coffee to fair trade, we will have to get rid of (Jazzman's) brand itself," she said. "Just as any brand, we cannot change things with it."

DRIVE

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counties in Texas. "Right now we need blood," Lloyd said. Lloyd said there are not as many blood donations during this period of the year. Mollie Bruss, a senior marketing major who participated in the drive, said donating blood comes from a desire to help others. "I've had friends in the past that have needed blood, and if I ever needed it, I would want them to donate too," Bruss said.

Renetta Wright, recruitment specialist for Cook Children's Medical Center, which did the bone-marrow screening, said there is not a shortage of marrow, but donors are always needed to diversify the registry and give each needy patient a better chance of finding a match. Wright said donating bone marrow is different from donating blood because it requires a screening to test for a match. "We partner together because its a donation process," Wright said. "But you only donate the marrow when

you actually match someone." Wright said donors are screened using a sample of the applicant's marrow, which is taken by a small needle prick. Wright said students' marrow samples could go to help save the life of a leukemia or cancer victim. "For patients that have leukemia and different types of cancer, having someone's marrow donated becomes their last treatment option, so that's why we encourage as many people as possible to become registered marrow donors," Wright said.

SGA

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way for students to read about a prospective professor is through www.ratemyprofessors.com, which he said does not provide an accurate picture of instructors. Ratigan also presented the bill to support the expansion of foreign languages at TCU because he said the university

emphasizes the importance of an international education for students in its mission statement. Although a resolution to support this venture does not mean that SGA will take responsibility for accomplishing it, the House does agree to support the university in implementing additional languages such as Latin, Russian, Chinese, Hindi, Farsi and Arabic by passing the bill.

House passes Patriot Act

By LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press

The House renewed the USA Patriot Act Tuesday night, extending a centerpiece of the war on terrorism at President Bush's urging after months of political combat over the balance between privacy rights and the pursuit of potential terrorists.

Bush, forced by filibuster to accept new curbs on law enforcement investigations, is expected to sign the legislation before 16 provisions of the 2001 law expire on Friday. The vote was 280-138, just two more than needed under special rules that required a two-thirds majority. It marked a political victory for Bush

and will allow congressional Republicans facing midterm elections this year to continue touting a tough-on-terror stance. Bush's approval ratings have suffered in recent months after revelations that he had authorized secret, warrantless wiretapping of Americans. That issue helped fuel a two-month Senate filibuster that forced the White House to accept some new restrictions on information gathered in terrorism probes. Republicans on Tuesday declared the legislative war won, saying the renewal of the act's 16 provisions along with new curbs on government

investigatory power will help law enforcement prevent terrorists from striking. "Intense congressional and public scrutiny has not produced a single substantiated claim that the Patriot Act has been misused to violate Americans' civil liberties," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. "Opponents of the legislation have relied upon exaggeration and hyperbole to distort a demonstrated record of accomplishment and success." "The president looks forward to signing the bill into law," said White House spokeswoman Dana Perino.

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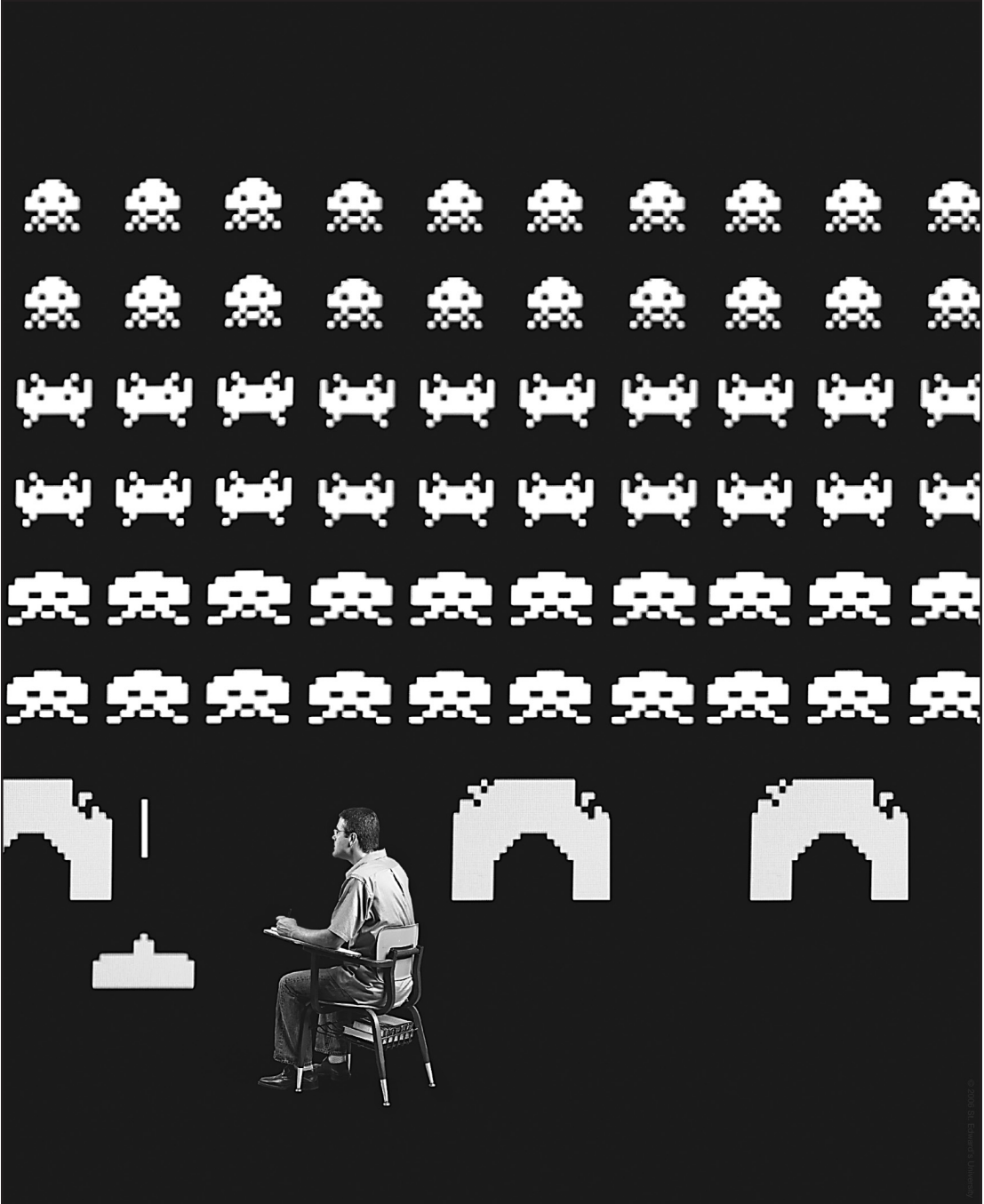
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- Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Simple solution to big problem

Around the world child obesity is expected to rise, according to an Associated Press article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Monday. This means that almost half of the children in the United States will be overweight by 2010. While this seems of no consequence to college-aged adults, the article also stated that most children carry obesity problems into adulthood. Obesity in adulthood leads to several chronic diseases, including diabetes, stroke and cardiovascular disease. Varying factors contribute to obesity like genetics, diet and exercise. While you can't change your genes, you can change your lifestyle to better your quality of life as you get older. The hardest part in fighting obesity is watching what you put in your body. Although college is a time to be young and party, be aware of how many alcoholic beverages you consume. It sometimes feels necessary to kick back a few, but an excessive amount will harm you later. The same

consequences apply with food: all of the late-night trips to Whataburger and Alvarado's, if they aren't already, might show up on your waistline later. The second part of your lifestyle you can manipulate is your amount of physical activity. The greatest hindrance to exercising is lack of time. Wake up an hour earlier or spend less time with your two best friends, the computer and television. Break up your homework. You will need a study break at some point, and exercise is the perfect method to release your energy. Exercising doesn't mean you have to go to the gym and lift weights or run on the treadmill. Walk Fido — he needs it as much as you. Don't drive; walk to school. If you do drive, park on the opposite side of campus. Be cognizant of your present actions and think about the future. Watching your diet is hard but feasible. Participating in physical activity, however, is easier. Every activity counts.

Associate editor Adrienne Lang for the editorial board

NEWSREAL • NICHOLAS SAMBALUK



Students should experience other cultures

I called a friend from my car to ask if he had already arrived at the birthday party of a Colombian TCU swimmer. COMMENTARY “Yeah, but we are all in the back,” he answered. “The Hispanics have taken over the front room.” My roommate and I walked in to see exactly that — a living room full of Latin students dancing to Spanish music and the non-Latino students huddled in the other room.

This is ridiculous, I thought. At the sound of “Rakata,” I pulled my roommate in with me to shake our booties with people “oh so different” from us. It frustrated me that at this moment, it seemed the TCU students had no concept of what the “citizens in a global community” part of the university’s mission statement meant. “There are students at TCU who just don’t want to be involved in another culture,” junior Guillermo Ramirez, who hosted the party, said afterward. Ramirez lived in Colombia until he came to the United States to swim at Indian River Community College in

Florida in 2003 and at TCU in 2005. He said his experiences traveling and living away from his home country have opened him up to understanding new people and cultures. Many TCU students, Ramirez said, haven’t had this opportunity to live or travel extensively outside the country. John Singleton, director of International Student Services, agreed. “TCU students, like typical U.S. citizens, don’t have a great deal of experience and access outside of their small view of the world,” he said. Junior Michael Bou-Nacklie has. The International Student Association president is part Swiss and part Lebanese and grew up in Saudi Arabia before coming to TCU. “I don’t exactly belong to a culture myself,” Bou-Nacklie said, “so mixing with people of different cultures has never been difficult.” But, he said he understands the tentativeness of students who have lived in the United States, or even more specifically, Texas, their whole lives. “Everyone is hesitant to mix into a group of people they aren’t a part of,” he said. So, we listen to different

kinds of music. We eat different foods. Hell, we most likely even speak a different native language. But are we really so different? Maya Angelou doesn’t seem to think so. “Human beings are more alike than unlike,” she wrote in one of her books, “and what is true anywhere is true everywhere.” Perhaps if we were willing to forgo our initial uncertainties and speak to someone for more than five minutes, we could begin to notice these similarities. We may see that although our perceptions of humor may be different, we all love a good laugh every once in a while. After making a bond with someone of another culture, we may notice that shwarma is delicious to anyone who has living taste buds and the reggaeton beat is pretty good for getting down. OK, that’s all warm and wonderful, students may say, but why should we make the effort to establish that connection and find similarities with those from other cultures? What if everything’s fine just the way it is? “It’s safe if you plan to work within a 20-mile radius of I-35,” Singleton said of students hesitant to reach

out to understand other cultures. “But if you want to look bigger than that, you have to look global.” In a message to Congress in October 1977, President Carter stressed the importance of making the effort to reach beyond one’s own culture. “Only by knowing and understanding each other’s experiences can we find common ground on which we can examine and resolve our differences,” he said. “As the world becomes more and more interdependent, such mutual understanding becomes increasingly vital.” The world is becoming more interdependent. According to federal statistics on the Fort Worth area, 43.1 percent of the population in 2000 was not white. That means people are constantly coming in contact with, and depending on, others of different colors, religions and backgrounds. In zip code 76129, we are relying on players from Italy and Romania to keep our men’s tennis team undefeated. We are depending on our colleagues and professors to teach our students at our sister schools in London, Seville, Spain, and Florence, Italy. And perhaps another reason to engage ourselves in

other cultures is to broaden our thinking and expand our view of the world and ourselves. A new point of view may compel us to stop criticizing other ways of life and take a critical look at our own. Instead of being utterly appalled by the violent religious movements by Muslim radicals, we may begin to see there are many religious crimes fueled by hatred right here in our own country — the Alabama church burnings, for example. “If students aren’t going global, they aren’t going anywhere.” That’s what Singleton said he has heard constantly repeated during these times of globalization. “We are fast approaching the absolute disintegration of physical and cultural borders,” he said. Bou-Nacklie said there is a population of American students at TCU who recognize these times. “We always have American students wanting to be involved in ISA and meet other students each year,” he said. For an even bigger jump into another culture, Singleton’s top piece of advice for students wanting to “go global” is to study abroad. Tracy Williams, associate director of TCU Abroad,

says studying abroad is a way for students to learn things that will help them in their futures, even if they decide to stay close to home. “In our lives, we have to deal with all kinds of different people,” she said. “Going abroad gives us the chance to meet different people and teaches us to be sensitive and open to new ideas — lessons that will help throughout our lives.” Singleton also advises students to volunteer for a nonprofit organization that does work in a multicultural setting or at one of the numerous offices that does multicultural work on the TCU campus. So get involved on a global scale. Make a friend of someone you normally wouldn’t. Dance to some Spanish music. Take a few steps outside your comfort zone and pull up a chair. Pretty soon you’ll feel the hard plastic beneath you turn into a plush La-Z-Boy. Once you feel pretty good in your new spot, you’ll realize your comfort zone has grown bigger. And that is a good thing, because this world’s a pretty big place.

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Clothing restrictive; society should accept nonsensual nudity

It is no accident that in the biblical creation story man was naked. After all, Adam and Eve represented nature. COMMENTARY It is also no accident that when they sinned they took up clothing to hide their shame — in some ways, wearing clothing was their punishment for sin. But Adam and Eve had it wrong. Before they felt that nudity was shameful, they thought nothing of it. It was natural. And God certainly had no problem with it. They were not obligated to clothe themselves. Clothing is very functional, especially in cold weather. My wool coat and boots may not be very useful in Texas, but they sure come

in handy in Kansas City. In the heat of a Texas summer, is clothing really necessary? Clothing performs a lot of necessary functions. It shelters people from the elements. It can protect the body from harm. It can be a form of self-expression or disguise. It can keep prying eyes at bay. But clothing is also very restricting. At times, it restricts freedom of movement, or is even painful — any girl who has worn an underwire bra for 18 straight hours knows this. It can even be dangerous — try running in high heels. It can give people the wrong impressions, and the wrong clothes can distort a body. Additionally, clothing is expensive. Everyone has to own the latest and greatest fashions and have clothing for every occasion. It has long since ceased to

be merely functional and is even worn in instances where it is clearly not necessary, like at the beach. Worse, clothing has become a form of societal pressure. Every woman wants to fit into that teeny swimsuit. Or lose a dress size. Some women will even go pretty far to fit the clothing norm. A new procedure, toe shortening, is available for women who want their feet to fit more easily into pointy shoes. They would literally disfigure themselves and put their bodies at risk for fashion. But The Naturist Society doesn’t think this is necessary. As TNS’ Web site reads: “We take the issue of body acceptance seriously. We view the nude human form for what it is: a gift of nature, dignified and worthy of respect, regardless of shape, size, age or hue.” TNS is an organization that provides information

and resources for “naturists,” another term for “nudists.” The term “naturist” emphasizes nudity as a natural state of being and seeks to avoid sexual connotations associated with the term “nudist.” I recently spoke to a naturist who participates in nude events like swimming, camping and nude bowling. He said that rather than cover a body and smooth out imperfections, clothing actually distorts the body and makes it appear uglier than it really is. The human body is natural and beautiful, he said. And when people become used to seeing each other naked, they lose their self-consciousness. Being a nudist is not about sex or sensuality; it is our culture that teaches us this concept is the purpose of nudity. Nude pictures in our society almost always

emphasize sensuality, rather than show people in natural or comfortable situations. When people become used to nudity, and when it becomes natural rather than nude, nudity is no longer a state of continual arousal. Instead, it is a comfortable state of being. I am not arguing that our society needs to become nudist, but that society and individuals need to become more comfortable with the concept of nonsensual nudity. Instead of portraying naked people as sexual commodities, accept them as beautiful and comfortable expressions of humanity. My challenge for you is to try being nude more often, if just once or twice a month. After a shower, don’t immediately cover yourself. Leave off your towel and lounge on your bed (if you share a room, you should probably ask

your roommate’s permission or wait until he or she is not around). Next time you go to Florida or Europe, seek out a clothing-optional beach. See how much more comfortable it is to swim without clothing. For women, in some areas, it is legal to be topless in any place men are allowed to be. Take advantage of this rule. But don’t pose for Girls Gone Wild. This isn’t the type of nudity I’m talking about. I’m not suggesting a complete lifestyle change, unless you want to make one. Just learn to be comfortable in your own skin and with the skin of others. After all, my friend tells me, you’ll save a lot of money on clothing and you won’t have to do nearly as much laundry.

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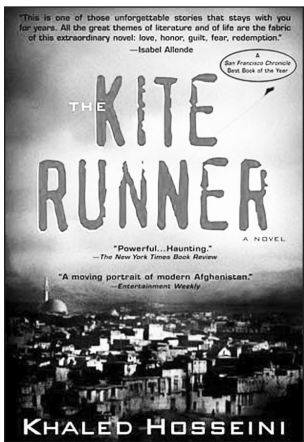


DANCE, DANCE

With bands like Franz Ferdinand and Electric 6, rock 'n' roll is getting up and dancing again. Find out why more rockers are making dance tracks in Thursday's Arts section.

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"The Kite Runner"
By Khaled Hosseini

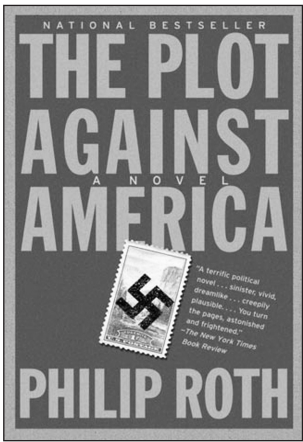
Everyone has done something he or she regrets — it's a part of life. Some of those things are minor, some are life-altering ... but how often does fate offer a chance to atone for the sins of one's past?

In his first novel, "The Kite Runner," Afghan author Khaled Hosseini shows us that even the most painful of memories and the most unspeakable acts are not beyond redemption.

Hosseini guides us through the touching and twisted childhood of a young Afghan boy, born into a wealthy family but inextricably intertwined in friendship with a lower-caste servant. Although their days are lived side-by-side, the two are hopelessly separated by centuries of prejudice and acts of unspeakable degradation.

"The Kite Runner," the first Afghan novel written in English, explores not only enduring feelings of shame and guilt, but also the subsequent healing of the soul that can only be found in family — in all of its meanings.

— Travis Stewart



"The Plot Against America"
By Philip Roth

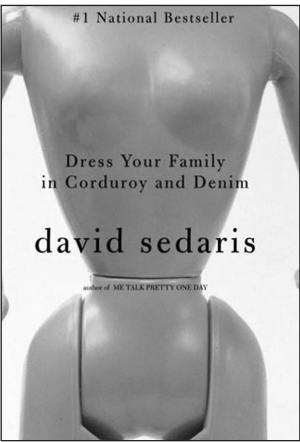
Philip Roth's historical mind-bender "The Plot Against America" builds the tension to the last possible moment before releasing it all in the last chapter.

"Plot" follows the Roths, a Jewish family living in New Jersey. When Charles Lindbergh defeats Franklin Roosevelt to become president, the United States begins to subversively persecute Jewish families within the country, and relocates them as part of a program to "Americanize."

It takes a little while to adjust to Charles Lindbergh as president, but the historical bends of the book are what make the read so enthralling. Living in a world where the United States is aligned with Axis Powers makes the reader realize how one man can change the course of history for better or worse.

"Plot" often falls into side trails and meanders where it could be more focused, but the tension and fear the book builds upon before finally breaking loose into a hazy hysteria is nothing short of brilliant.

— Darren White



"Dress Your Family in
Corduroy and Denim"
By David Sedaris

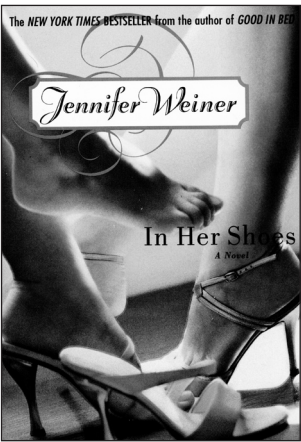
If you're looking for a light, well-written read, "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim," is a perfect pick. "Corduroy" has been in print for a while, but it still may be the funniest book in the last 10 years.

Author David Sedaris blends humor and poignancy through tales of his large, eccentric family. The book is classic Sedaris, with stories about his sister's parrot, the botched attempt to make his family's stories into a movie, and the hilarious tale of his foul-mouthed redneck brother's wedding.

On first read, the book seems to be fluff, but just when the laughs are close to becoming flippant, Sedaris pulls back with a beautiful observation about life, love and family.

Most of the essays in "Corduroy" were first read on NPR's "This American Life," and it shows. The stories beg to be read aloud to friends, and as funny as they are, you'll probably do just that.

— Darren White



"In Her Shoes"
By Jennifer Weiner

The only two things Maggie and Rose Feller have in common, besides sharing DNA as sisters, is their love of shoes, and it just so happens they wear the same size. Rose, a workaholic, is a 30-year-old closet romance-novel-lover who longs for the perfect man to come sweep her away, while Maggie is a 28-year-old, gorgeous, often unemployed, wild child.

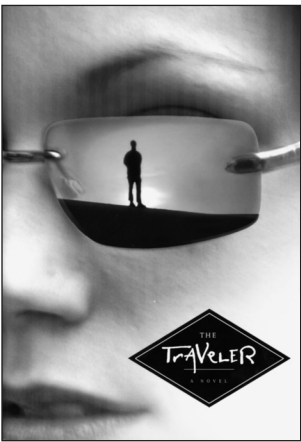
"In Her Shoes" is a tale of two sisters struggling with their own insecurities while desperately trying to find happiness in life.

When family secrets resurface, Rose and Maggie are faced with their worst enemies — each other.

"In Her Shoes" was made into a successful film. Although the movie is an accurate portrayal of the novel overall, in this case, nothing is better than the original.

This funny, pull-at-your-heart-strings novel is the perfect book to relax with over Spring Break, whether you are on the beach or staying home.

— Courtney Reese



"The Traveler"
By John Twelve Hawks

Take "The Matrix," throw in a splash of "Narnia" and a little "1984," and one has pseudonymous author John Twelve Hawks' debut "The Traveler."

Hawks hurls the reader into an alternate version of the present, where an organization called Tabula controls all aspects of society. Using what's called the "Vast Machine," the group monitors every person on the planet.

The Tabula's goal is to wipe out the Travelers, a group of people who send their souls into different dimensions. Travelers pose a direct threat to the Tabula's power and must be controlled or killed.

The plot follows Maya, a young member of a caste of "Harlequins," who have sworn to protect all Travelers, and Gabriel and Michael Corrigan, brothers who might have inherited their father's traveling ability. All three are of interest to the Tabula, but none knows exactly why.

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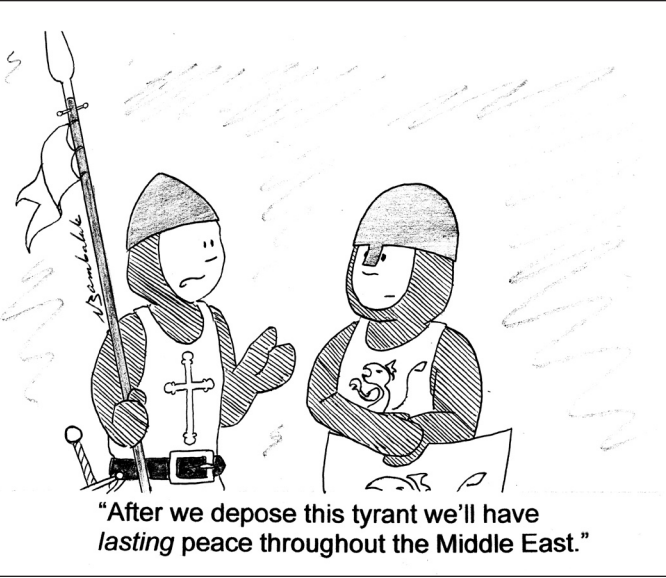
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Directions
Fill in the grid so that every 3x3 box, row and column contains the digits 1 through 9 without repeating numbers.

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

Tuesday's Solutions

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58 Anna of "Nana"
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By Phillip J. Anderson
Portland, OR

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team to attempt to strategize against OU after loss to Baylor

By NATALIE MERRILL
Staff Writer

When the Lady Frogs take to the courts against the Oklahoma Sooners today, head coach Dave Borelli said the most important thing for the team to do is to get back to the basics.

"We're trying to simplify things," Borelli said. "We are figuring out what we do best and trying to make the game simpler."

Though the Sooners (4-4) are coming to TCU on a three-game losing streak, Borelli said they will still be a good challenge for the Lady Frogs (5-3).

"Every match is tough," he said. "It will be a good chance for our kids to get back on track."

TCU is bouncing back after a 4-3 loss to Baylor on Feb. 22, but won its last match 5-2 Sunday against Fresno State.

Borelli said that freshman Anna Sydorska has shown improvement since the Baylor loss and that playing at home will be an advantage.

Sydorska, who is 4-3 in singles overall this season, said she is going to focus on improving the strategy of her game against the Sooners. She said she is going to work more on how to play the ball and where to play it at what times.

"I'm going to concentrate on playing deep to get more short balls and attack more and go to the net," Sydorska said.

She said this causes her opponent to hit more short balls and it is then easier for Sydorska to play her own game.

Sydorska said the realization that she needed to improve came in her match against a Baylor opponent who was playing lobs against her.

"My game is better than hers," she said, "but it's not easy to play against the lobs."

Sydorska's doubles partner, senior Helena Besovic, said the Lady Frogs should

not have a problem defeating the Sooners, though they are a solid team.

"We have a lot of good players," Besovic said. "The team has improved a lot. Our number five and six players are playing with more confidence, and that's made us better."

Besovic, who is also 4-3 in singles this season, said her confidence has increased, as well — a result of playing numerous matches. She said this confidence, when combined with that of her doubles partner, has come with the desire to win. Together, the two are 6-1 for the season.

"We're both very competitive and want to fight," she said.

One thing Besovic said she is going to try and improve before the match Wednesday is attacking the net more and directing her shots.

"When I attack the net, I'll be able to win easier," Besovic said. "I'm also going to take more angles on my shots, so it's harder to get them."

Borelli said that while the team is aiming to continue winning at home, the Lady Frogs should not lose their focus.

"We have our hands full with playing," Borelli said. "We want to make sure the kids don't look ahead too much, but focus on themselves."



Junior Keith Conlon scores for TCU in the bottom of the third inning during the Frogs' Tuesday night matchup against Oklahoma at Lupton Stadium. See www.tcdailyskiff.com for complete game results.

BASEBALL

Fans mourn Puckett's death

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Associated Press

In the middle of a steadily growing memorial to Kirby Puckett, outside the Metrodome and right alongside a street named for the beloved Hall of Famer, one cardboard sign stood out.

"There IS crying in baseball," the message was written, in red ink, bannered over a couple of old Puckett baseball cards taped to the corners.

All around the game, people who were close to the roly-poly outfielder who led the Minnesota Twins to two World Series titles — and even those who only watched him on TV — were saddened Tuesday by Puckett's death.

"This morning, when I got up and took a shower and watched the news, tears started coming out," said Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen.

Puckett died at 45 Monday afternoon, a day after having a stroke in his home.

"This is a great loss for baseball," said former Baltimore Orioles great Cal Ripken. "Puck was one of my favorite people to compete against on the field and to be around off the field."

A memorial service was in the works. Funeral arrangements had not been finalized Tuesday afternoon.

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