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Pastor's recent comments draw mixed reactions

By VALERIE J. HANNON
Staff Reporter

The decision to continue with a banquet honoring the Rev. Jeremiah Wright was met with varying opinions from students, faculty and alumni of TCU and Brite Divinity School.

Chancellor Victor Boschini

could not be reached for comment, but said in an e-mail statement that Brite and TCU were separate entities and the decision to award Wright was Brite's, not TCU's.

"As a university, TCU supports the right of free speech even when the opinions expressed are controversial,"

Boschini said. "That is what a university is about. But giving an award is another matter, and in this specific case in light of Rev. Wright's recently discovered remarks, TCU would not give such an award."

C. David Grant, chairman of the religion department,

declined to comment about whether the religion department would support such an event at TCU.

Tim Hessel-Robinson, assistant professor of spiritual disciplines and resources at Brite, said he took a class taught by Wright at the Seminary Consortium for

Urban Pastoral Education in Chicago. He said accusations about Wright's words have most likely been taken out of context.

"He's been portrayed as a divisive figure, and I do not agree with that," Hessel-Robinson said. "In my experience, he was gracious, generous

and accepting of all students, regardless of race."

Anthony Butorac, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, said he created a group on Facebook opposing the ceremony.

"It appalls me that Brite, a religious school, would See **WRIGHT**, page 2

FOR A RAINY DAY...



Fran Leedy, a sophomore supply and value chain management and accounting major, waits to cross University Drive on Tuesday. The rain caused cancellations of two campus events — the NCAA president's visit and a dialogue on abortion — because of flight complications. According to a bulletin released by Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, airlines canceled more than 550 flights at DFW and diverted more than 100 incoming flights Tuesday.

SAEROM YOO / News Editor

Wind energy focus of new science grant

By DAVID HALL
Staff Reporter

TCU will announce today that it, FPL Energy and the University of Oxford will enter into a research partnership on how to integrate wind energy into the Texas ecological community, an environmental science professor said.

Mike Slattery, a professor of environmental science, said the research grant that TCU received for the partnership is the largest research grant in school history.

Slattery, who will also serve the partnership as a lead scientist, said, "It could put TCU on the map for leading research in renewable clean energy."

A news release previewed the announcement, calling it "a groundbreaking partnership," but did not give details on what it would entail.

Slattery said the grant is in the neighborhood of several million dollars, but he wanted to wait until the press conference for the exact amount to be released.

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FOR YOUR INFO Partnership announcement

When: 2 p.m. today
Where: Kelly Alumni Center

Speaker: Interfaith tolerance important

By SHANNON BLEASE
Staff Reporter

Effective communication in a multicultural and multireligious world is the key to tolerance and appreciation of different religions, a theology professor told Brite Divinity School students Tuesday.

Peter C. Phan, Ignacio Ellacuria Chair of Catholic social thought at Georgetown University, discussed in a church at Weatherly Hall whether leaders of different religions engaging in dialogue will undermine or replace the mission of evangelism.

Phan said at the Asian (Korean) Studies workshop that he believes interreligious dialogue will minimize the need for evangelism because more people will understand and accept different religions.

Phan spoke about the importance of the roots of Christianity,

because, he said, it is not just an American religion.

"There is no way for us to know how many Christians there are, because many countries, like Asia, have underground religious services," Phan said.

Although there are many people from many different backgrounds, everyone shares four things, Phan said: life experiences, common actions, theological exchange among believers and shared religious experience.

Tim Lee, an assistant professor of the Asian (Korean) Church Studies program at Brite, said interreligious dialogue is a crucial topic, especially now as globalization creates encounters among many devoted to specific religions.

"We all must learn to live together in this increasingly shrinking world, which entails that we understand others' religions and be able

to converse about our religions in respectful ways," Lee said.

Carl Stoneham, a graduate student at Brite and one of 50 people at the event, said he came to the workshop because he is getting his master's degree in interfaith dialogue.

"I learned more about interfaith dialogue and how to integrate aspects of it into my own life and studies," Stoneham said.

Nash Wiggins, a graduate student at Brite, said he learned not only the Asian perspective of Christianity but also how to better understand the roots of Christianity through interreligious dialogue.

Phan said everyone deals with relations between different religions, and it would be helpful for students and faculty to understand the challenges and benefits of interreligious dialogue.

Department reworks curriculum in effort to gain accreditation

By PATTY ESPINOSA
Staff Reporter

The theatre department is undergoing a curriculum makeover in an attempt to be accredited by an organization of schools that establish national standards for undergraduate and graduate theatre degree plans, the chairman of the department said.

Harry Parker, the chairman of the theatre department, said the National Association of Schools of Theatre accreditation is like a stamp of approval.

After working closely with the provost and the dean of the fine arts department, Parker reinvented the curriculum for students who will major in theatre beginning in the fall, and began the search for four faculty members to be added to the department.

The department is adding 17 courses and eliminating 10, renumbering almost all of the current required courses,

Parker said.

NAST representatives were unavailable for comment.

Parker said the organization has a required number of hours and classes that are set as criteria for accreditation.

According to the NAST Web site, several consultation visits and reviews are required before accreditation.

The department created a model Bachelor of Fine Arts degree plan that requires at least four new faculty members, Parker said. He said the department will search for the new members without space and time limitations.

The first two positions that will be filled are designers: a scenic designer and a scenographer, Parker said. The scenic designer will replace Nancy McCauley, who is the current designer and is retiring at the end of this semester. The scenographer, or swing designer, See **THEATRE**, page 2



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PECULIAR FACT

SYDNEY, Australia — A breakup with his wife has spurred a man to put his life, including his house, car, job and friends, up for sale online.
— Associated Press

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WRIGHT

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condone a man who has said such hateful words toward other people," Butorac said. "Because in my mind, in his sermons, there's a lot of racist and very focused hateful words pointed at people outside the African-American race."

Don Cram, president of the Fort Worth chapter of TCU Alumni, said he was disappointed in Brite's decision.

"I think his anti-American comments are pretty well documented and those things need to be considered when choosing someone to honor," Cram said.

Wright recently retired after more than three decades as pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago,

whose members include presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-III.

Obama has long cited Wright as an important influence, but controversy about their relationship has simmered for months and finally boiled over last week when television stations began airing video of the pastor's condemnation of American racism and U.S. foreign policy.

Obama issued a statement Friday repudiating the "inflammatory and appalling" remarks by the pastor that had escalated the controversy. On Monday, Obama repeated that he thinks Wright's statements are "wrong, and I strongly condemn them."

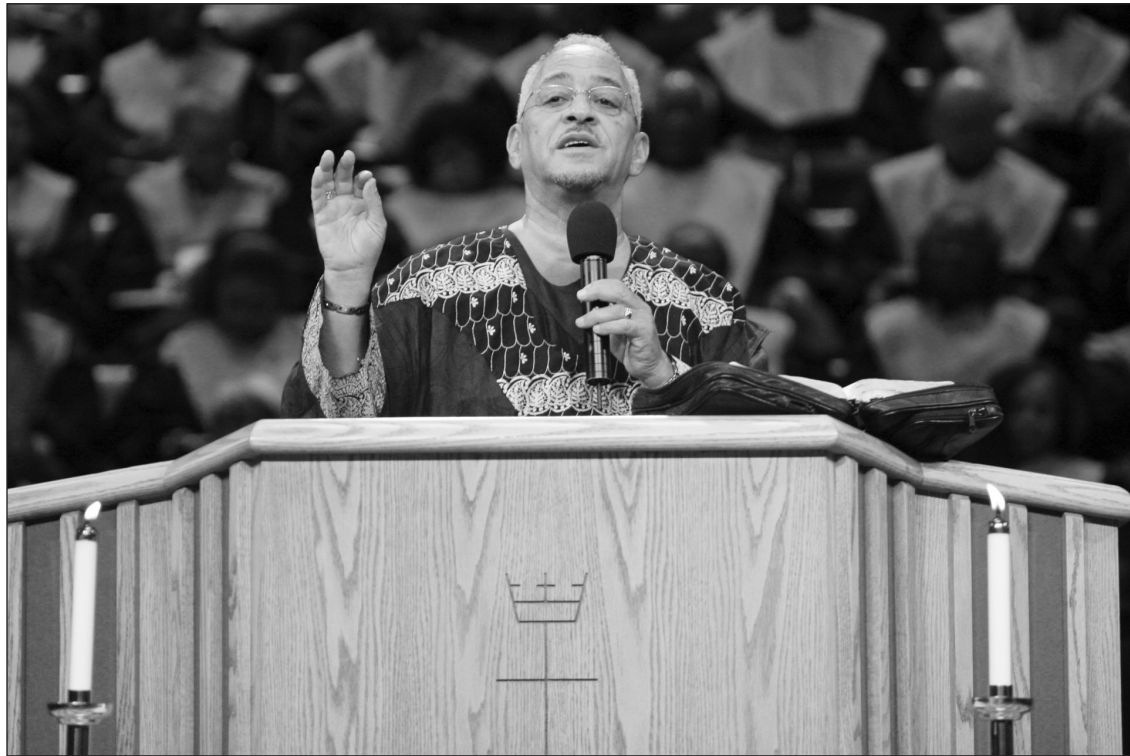
He added that "the caricature that has been painted of him is not accurate."

In video clips of his sermons, Wright insisted that the U.S. brought the Sept. 11 terror attacks upon itself because of a corrupt foreign policy.

In a 2006 speech he said, "Racism is how this country was founded and how this country was run ... We believe in white supremacy and black inferiority and believe it more than we believe in God."

Wright has also called America the "No. 1 killer in the world" and in a 2003 sermon said, "The government gives them the drugs, builds bigger prisons, passes a three-strike law and then wants us to sing 'God Bless America.'"

Staff reporter Rob Crabtree contributed to this report, which contains material from McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.



E. JASON WAMBSGANS / Chicago Tribune via MCT
The Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr. gives a sermon at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago in October 2006.

ENERGY

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The release said the partnership "could result in major environmental changes for generations to come."

FPL and Oxford could not be reached for comment about the news release.

Florida-based FPL Energy's Web site describes the company as "a leading clean energy provider with natural gas, wind, solar, hydroelectric and nuclear power plants in operation in 25 states."

The University of Oxford lists itself as the first uni-

versity in the English-speaking world and says it is committed to remaining on the forefront of learning, teaching and research.

Neither FPL nor Oxford had any information about the partnership on their Web sites.

THEATRE

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er, specializes in all areas of design and will rotate design jobs throughout the year, Parker said.

"I will probably sign up for a few classes because they will give me an opportunity to learn something new and interesting," said Aaron Lentz, a current theatre major seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. "And I know I will work closely with the new scenographer as well."

Because he worries the department's current faculty will burn out with the new course load, it is important to get the search going as soon as possible, Parker said. Administrators agreed to bring in the new faculty over a period of five or six years, Parker said.

"There are other faculty

positions that need to be filled in the fine arts department," Parker said. "It would be unfair for the theatre department to take the positions all at once, so we'll wait our turn and eventually get the faculty that we need."

The addition of the new courses will affect only incoming freshmen in the fall, Parker said. The required number of hours will be increased from 60 to a minimum of 83 for a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, he said.

Although the program changes are focused on the fine arts program right now, Parker said, the Bachelor of Arts students will also be required to take some of the additional courses. The required number of hours for Bachelor of Arts students will be increased from a minimum of 30 to 46.

It is exciting to have the first opportunity to experience the changes, said Scott Moffitt, an incoming freshman theatre major. At the same time it is nerve-racking because there are not any veteran students to turn to for advice, he said.

Students currently in the fine arts program will continue with the required curriculum that was previously established, but will also have the opportunity to sign up for the new courses, Parker said.

NAST gives an objective, expert opinion that will affirm what the department is doing right and improve its weaker areas, Parker said.

The department's focus is to continue to provide new opportunities for students, Parker said. The first step is meeting the standard requirements for accreditation, he said.

States weigh benefits, pitfalls of lowering legal drinking age

By KIRSTEN SCHARNBERG
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — More than two decades after the U.S. set the national drinking age at 21, a movement is gaining traction to revisit the issue and consider allowing Americans as young as 18 to legally consume alcohol.

Serious discussions already are under way in several states.

In Vermont, the state Legislature has formed a task force that will study whether the drinking age should be lowered.

In South Dakota, a petition is circulating that would ask the state to allow 19- and 20-year-olds to legally buy beer no stronger than 3.2 percent alcohol, while in Missouri, a group is attempting to collect the 100,000 signatures needed to get a measure on the November ballot to lower the state's drinking age to 18.

"What we're beginning to see are the early indications that the public is at least ready to consider re-examining this issue," said John McCardell, a former Vermont college president who runs Choose Responsibility, a non-profit group that advocates alcohol education for young adults and favors lowering the drinking age to 18.

Yet it is clear that these fledgling efforts to amend the drinking age will face significant opposition — from Congress, from a large segment of American parents and from influential national lobbying groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

In voicing its opposition to the current proposals, MADD has highlighted statistics showing that highway drunken-driving fatalities have declined precipitously since the drinking age was raised. It further argued that when 29 states lowered their drinking ages in the 1970s, virtually all of them saw drunken highway deaths spike.

"Essentially what the current law says is that until you are 21 you lack the judgment and the maturity to drink," McCardell said. "Yet at the same time, we are a nation that says you can vote, you can sit on a jury, you can sign a legally binding contract, you can get married, you can put your life on the line in combat — largely because many of these are beneficial to us. It's an unbelievably condescending explanation."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that raising the drinking age to 21 reduced traffic fatalities involving 18- to 20-year-olds by 13 percent and has saved nearly 20,000 lives since 1975.

Hinda Miller, the Vermont senator who spearheaded the task force that will study the possibility of lowering the state's drinking age, fully anticipates the furor of the idea is sure to raise. Citing a 2006 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services report, she said 28 percent of Americans age 12 to 20 had drunk in the month before the survey and 19 percent were defined as binge drinkers.

"Those kind of statistics tell you that something isn't working," she said.



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— John Wooden

THE SKIFF VIEW

Pastor poor pick for Brite honor

As an institution of higher education, it is commendable to welcome speakers from different backgrounds with different world views. It is a welcoming challenge to the students' intellects, and no matter how controversial guests may be, it is important for adults in the community to be able to hear all types of opinions.

But there is a difference between welcoming controversial views and embracing them.

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama's former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, will be honored by the Brite Divinity School at a black church studies banquet at the end of this month, and it raises questions of where the institution's values lie.

To name a few examples of some ludicrous remarks he has made during sermons, Wright has accused the country of being a white-supremacist and black-inferiority state, and blamed the government's foreign poli-

cies for the Sept. 11 attacks in New York. Brite maintains that it is honoring Wright not for his controversial remarks, but for his social contribution to the black church community. But it is difficult to imagine Wright would make a good role model to Brite, which is supposed to be training future preachers. And preachers, like people in any other career fields, should be looking up to established preachers who are honorable inside and out, and who are successful socially and behind the pulpit, not one or the other.

The institution should be honoring figures in society who are respectable in and outside of the spotlight, in public and private. The fact that Brite has to defend its decision to honor a man for downfalls the whole nation has picked up in the media, makes its criteria for the Black Church Leader Award shoddy at best.

News editor Saerom Yoo for the editorial board.

BY WAYNE STAYSKAL



Reed Hall construction doesn't warrant layoffs

Peter and a couple of the other loved Eden's and Deco Deli employees are back.

COMMENTARY



Ana Bak

TCU did a great job bringing back some employees and finding them jobs after an unexpected early close of the two restaurants. But unfortunately, five were laid off.

In the decision to close the restaurants for preparation to renovate Reed Hall and the new Brown-Lupton University Union, Dining Services left five people wondering what to do for the remainder of the semester.

Leiga Abato, marketing manager for Dining Services, said employees for Dining Services are hired on a seasonal basis, meaning it hires employees based on the campus' volume of students at a particular time of year.

She said employees know coming into the food industry that they will have jobs if there is a need for it. As they are employed on a college campus,

more workers are needed during the school year than the summer so Dining Services seasonally lays off people during the summer and re-hires them when the school year

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Ana Bak

starts again.

Dining services at other universities work in the same way, Abato said. Because we are in the middle of the semester, it seems that it will be difficult for the five who were laid off to find another job.

Even though there was a chance of not being hired for the summer season, the workers lost two months of pay they could have had and probably expected.

It wasn't their fault they lost their jobs, and the only consolation these workers have

is that there is a possibility of being hired in the new student union next fall.

In the meantime, maybe they will find a job, or if they have a second job, maybe they can pick up more hours there.

But it should not matter how the seasons work — laying off five people to start construction is not OK. Renovations could have waited — even though there is a planned timeline, it would have been considerate to hold off construction on Reed Hall until the semester was over.

With the face of the campus constantly changing, the faces that are familiar are always nice to see.

Students develop relationships with the workers on campus, and the closing ceremony of Eden's and Deco Deli proved how much the workers there are loved.

Words like "What bread?" and "croutons?" are a mere echo, and although some familiar faces are still at TCU, the ones who aren't will be missed.

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Earth-friendly changes may be harmful to health

Last year, Congress passed a bill aimed at reducing energy consumption. That's a laudable goal. Who doesn't want to

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Dani Doane

save energy?

One of the proposals signed into law, though, goes too far and, as I recently found out with my kids, can even endanger your health.

Lawmakers mandated the eventual replacement of conventional light bulbs — incandescent, to use the technical term — with

"CFL bulbs may save a lot of energy and help the environment. For some people, they may be the right choice. But we always need to beware the law of unintended consequences."

Dani Doane

compact fluorescent lights. They're supposed to be four times more efficient than incandescent bulbs, so it made sense to try them.

During a recent weekend, however, the law of unintended consequences hit home in a very personal way.

It was a typical Sunday. The kids were running around. Then, a crash —

there went my favorite lamp. Yes, I was upset about the lamp, but as I looked closer, fear gripped my heart. The lamp had one of those new CFL bulbs — and they contain mercury.

I immediately shooed my children away. I was too scared to be angry. I then did what anyone with a toxic substance leaking into the floor would do: I cleaned it up.

That was a mistake. You see, if you break one of the new CFL bulbs, your first

course of action should be to open all doors and windows to air out the room. Oh, and everyone should leave for at least 15 minutes. Didn't know that? Funny, neither did I.

You see, mercury actually changes to vapor at room temperature, and it can be inhaled, as I probably did leaning over the shards of the bulb to clean it up.

My next mistake was to vacuum up the remaining little pieces, since I couldn't corral all of them with a wet towel. Now I have to throw away my new \$400 vacuum. It turns out that mercury can get into your vacuum and, once heated in the motor, can infect the air around it.

The one bright spot is that this happened on a hardwood floor. If it had been a carpeted floor, a new study out of Maine recommends that you cut out the piece of carpeting infected by the mercury to make sure it doesn't get vacuumed up and start swirling around in the air.

Of course, I didn't learn all of this until I spent three hours searching the Internet and talking by phone to the local poison control office. All I could find on the actual box was that there was indeed mercury in the bulbs and a Web site to check.

So here I sit with the recriminations and the questions. Did my kids get exposed to mercury in the few moments it took to clear the room? And how much was I exposed to while cleaning it up? It was just a light bulb after all, right?

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the amount of mercury in CFLs is less than the tip of a ballpoint pen. This is good — except that since you can't actually see it, you can't really be sure you've cleaned it all up.

Should I pay to have a service come out and monitor whether I cleaned up properly? Should I have my family tested for mercury poisoning? It seems so silly, after all, for just a light bulb. But can you ever be sure enough?

It was my choice to buy the bulb and put it in the lamp. However, under the new law passed last year, incandescent bulbs will begin to be phased out in 2012, and people will no longer have a choice. I wonder how many of them will understand these complex clean up and disposal procedures to ensure the safety of their families?

CFL bulbs may save a lot of energy and help the environment. For

some people, they may be the right choice. But we always need to beware the law of unintended consequences. And for now, this mom will be using incandescent bulbs.

At least until my lamp breakers are old enough to play responsibly.

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Low funds teach true life values

College students don't have a lot of money, it's a well-known and an often

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Kate Kosinski

mocked fact. However, I wonder if perhaps our lack of funds is a better thing than we may believe.

We all have friends struggling in the quest to have a few dollars left for booze at the end of the week.

It's interesting to see what people choose to spend their money on when there isn't a lot of it. You learn a lot about someone when you put them on a very small income and see what they can't compromise and what they are willing to give up.

Would you be the person who can't pay for the new brakes his or her car desperately needs, but still has a ridiculously nice stereo sys-

tem in the unstoppable car? Or would you be the one who shares books with people in every class because you can't afford to buy them all, but who still manages to pay a lot of money each semester to be in a fraternity or sorority?

When you get right down to it, knowing what it is that you value most in life can be a great way to choose a direction for your future.

Which is why I think it's good that we are, generally, the proverbial "poor" college students. College is a cross-road and many of us are feeling a bit lost and could use all the direction we can get. Having to make critical decisions in prioritizing our spending can be a burden but it's liberating in that it shows us what we love most.

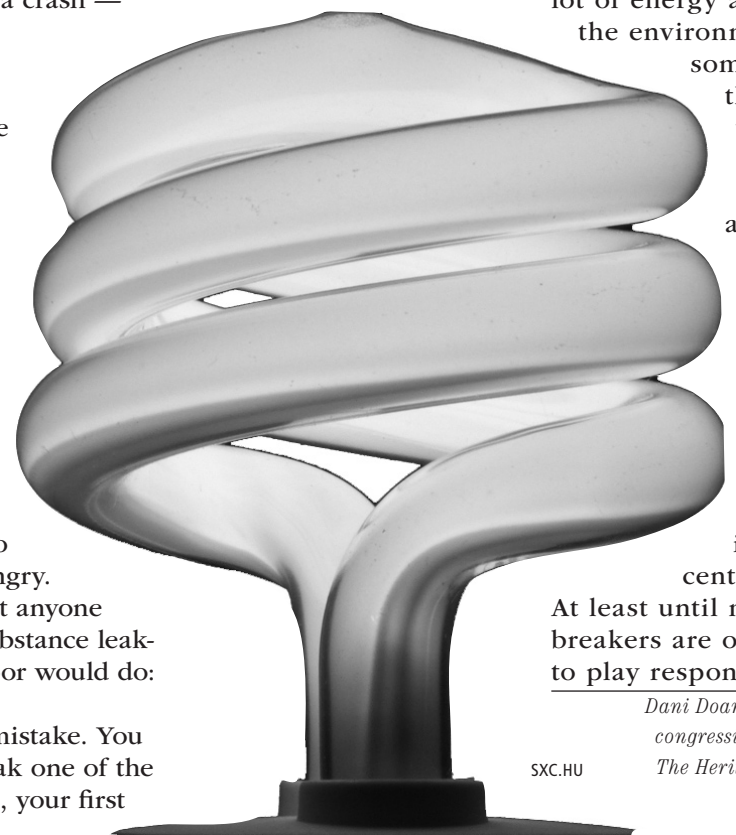
So next time you are eat-

ing instant noodles in the dark because your power bill and groceries are less important than that awesome new iPhone, count your blessings and be happy that your limited budget allows you to see and appreciate what is really important in your life.

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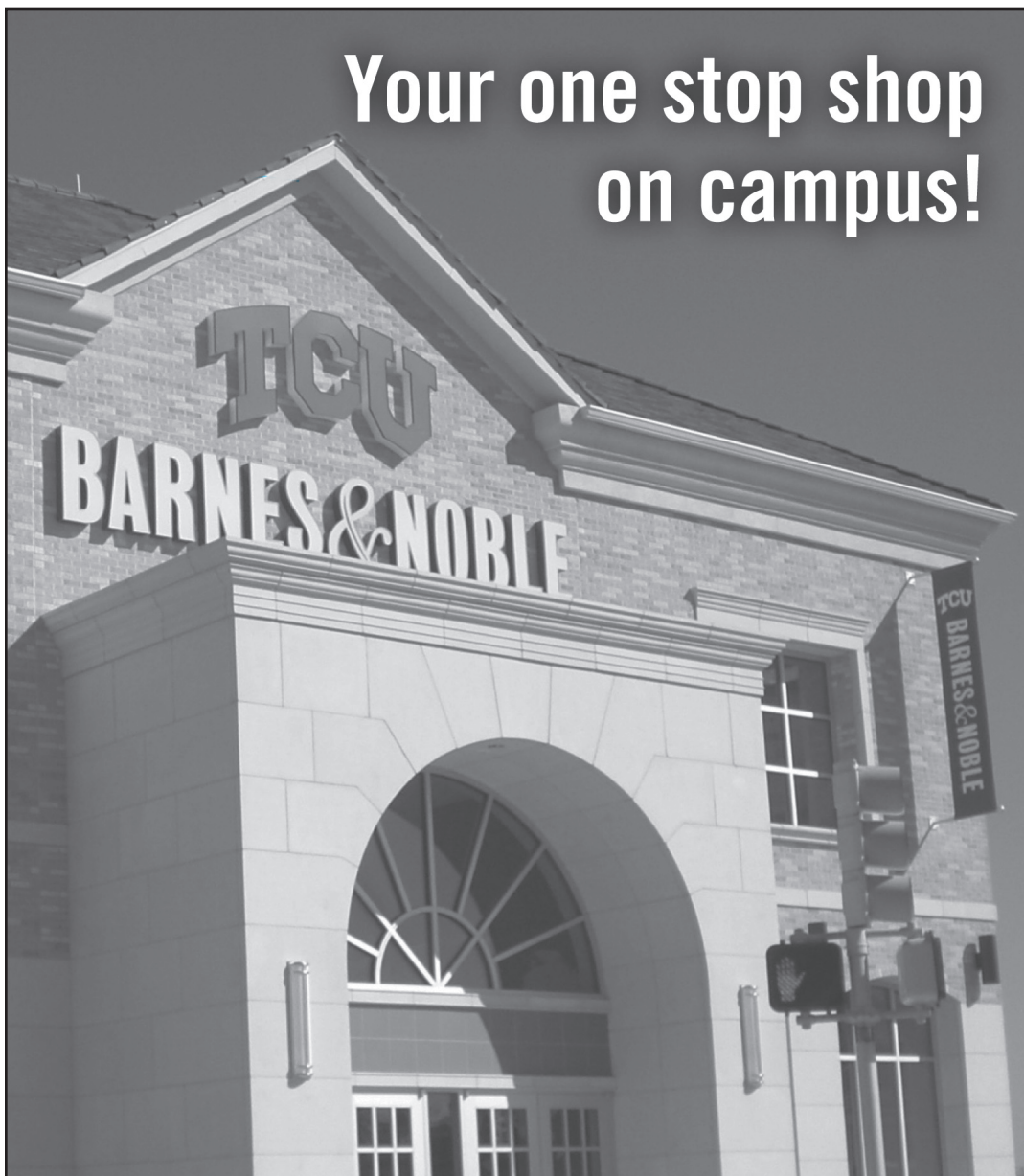


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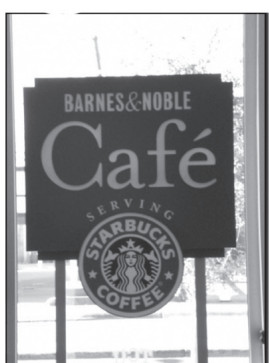
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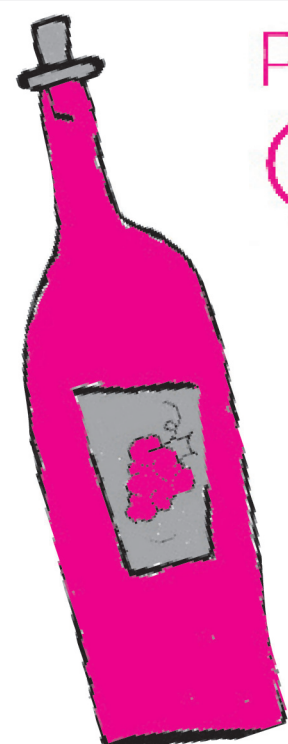
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Developers, home-buyers debate definition of 'green building'

By LYNDIA V. MAPES
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — It was the People's Choice and Best in Show in the 2007 Street of Dreams, the Best in American Living for 2007, according to the National Association of Home Builders, and the first home in Snohomish County to earn a five-star rating as a Built Green home.

But with 4,750 square feet, a four-car garage and a location in a rural area where subdivisions aren't supposed to sprawl, was it really green?

The Urban Lodge was one of four mega homes burned in an act of arson this month near Maltby, Wash.

Even before the cork flooring and reclaimed timbers stopped smoking, the fires had reignited an already smoldering debate in a rapidly growing region struggling to find and keep its Pugetopian identity.

The search is on for a sort of Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval for the green consumer in the real-estate market, and the debate about what's truly green brings an answer from every corner.

Green building is no different from a host of other industries suddenly greening conventional products to serve a public that still wants it all — but now wants to feel good about it, too.

Mainstream builders say a

greener suburban McMansion is important progress.

"I like to think of everything in terms of incremental change," said Grey Lundberg, president of Grey Lundberg and CMI Homes of Bellevue and builder of the Urban Lodge. "You can't just wipe the slate clean. These home are still going to get built, and we want them built right."

But their critics say that attitude is just consumers kidding themselves — with developers happy to help.

"People are capable of holding wildly contradictory beliefs," said Alan Durning of the Sightline Institute, a think tank in Seattle.

"There is this sort of pastoral ideal that you will live in a place set in parkland like French royalty, and you are a good responsible REI member, and green North-wester. So your Land Rover has mute Earth tones, and you probably buy organic pet food for your Labrador retriever."

The Urban Lodge was built as part of a 48-unit "rural cluster development" near Maltby. Priced at more than \$1 million, it was 40 percent more energy-efficient than the same model would have been if it was simply built to code, Lundberg said.

The house included many features that are more friendly to the environment — from drought-tolerant native plants in the land-

scaping to recycled-glass cabinet pulls and cork floors.

But some say bestowing top environmental honors on a home with a four-car garage that's far from public transit, jobs and shops sends the wrong message. After all, Washington's biggest source of greenhouse-gas pollution is transportation.

"This is not the kind of development we would encourage from a greenhouse-gas-friendly standpoint," said Dennis McLerran, executive director of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. "The kind of development we would encourage is connected with transit, and is more dense, within urban-growth areas, and doesn't generate long, single-occupancy car trips."

It's not a new fight. The argument over green-building standards, including which certification system is green enough, nearly killed the state's green-building codes before the Legislature adopted them in 2005.

The code sets mandatory standards for construction of state buildings built with public funds. Under the law, builders must select from a menu of options to accrue points toward a total required to meet the state's green-building code.

Builders may choose more environmentally friendly materials and methods in some instances, and go with conventional

options in others, as long as they earn the requisite number of total points to meet the standard.

Using certified wood is one of the options builders can select. But a fight over which certification standard could be used to accrue points nearly sank the bill.

Environmentalists had wanted only wood certified by the Forest Stewardship Council to be allowed to earn points toward "green" certification under the state program. The FSC system is preferred not just by large environmental groups but by some major retailers and even some timber companies.

But Weyerhaeuser, the largest private timber company in the state, and all state Department of Natural Resource timber lands already carry SFI certification, initially developed by the pulp and paper industry.

So when it came time to write the state's green building code, lawmakers heard early on that FSC certification wasn't acceptable to the powerful timber lobby.

"The timbercrats were adamant," said Washington state Rep. Hans Dunshee, D-Snohomish, primary sponsor of the bill.

In the end, lawmakers adopted a system awarding points for using SFI wood for school construction. And any state building can meet the green standard as

long as it's built from Washington timber cut with a valid forest-practices permit.

Homeowners buying certified-green homes may also be buying SFI-certified wood — or even a mixture of wood from various sources.

Lundberg said he used FSC wood on some of the Urban Lodge but not in the framing timbers because he couldn't get a large quantity soon enough to meet his building schedule.

That construction is not green enough for some. But Robert Knapp, an expert in sustainable

design at The Evergreen State College, said even small changes have value.

"People want to say 'Is it truly green? Yes or no,'" Knapp said. "That's a fairly sterile way to look at it." Also important, he said, is whether the building is better than its conventional counterpart.

He's no fan of four-car garages — even painted with nontoxic paint. But Knapp sees importance even in incremental change.

"No matter what level you are working at, there are ways to make it greener."



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Bob Kreibel, site superintendent for CMI Homes, looks for anything to salvage and reuse from the rubble of the Urban Lodge Home, which had been part of the Seattle Street of Dreams circuit last summer.

States get help expanding technology that allows far-away diagnoses

By CHRISTINE VESTAL
Stateline.org

Modern technology allows specialists at major medical centers to diagnose and monitor faraway patients by remotely reviewing their records, analyzing medical images and consulting with them and their local physicians using high-tech video teleconferencing. In the future, doctors even expect to perform long-distance surgery using robotics.

There's one big problem: Transmitting that kind of data requires sophisticated broadband services, and most rural areas have little to no access to high-speed networks.

Last month, the Federal Communications Commission gave 42 states \$471 million to jump-

start construction of new medical networks that experts say will go a long way to close the gap in health care between rural and urban residents.

The first-of-a-kind grants were awarded to states with a demonstrated need for telemedicine, and where health-care facilities agreed to train personnel and provide a 15-percent matching investment over a three-year period.

"The great thing about the FCC's new grant program is that it will help put in place the health information highway so providers can electronically transfer the specialist to the patient instead of physically sending the patient to the specialist," Jay Sanders, a Johns Hopkins University pro-

fessor and telemedicine expert, said.

Maine, with hundreds of small towns and few major roads, won the biggest grant of any state — \$24.7 million. According to FCC officials, Maine's grantee, the New England Telehealth Consortium, justified the grant by signing on 448 medical facilities throughout Maine, 97 in New Hampshire and 10 in Vermont to electronically deliver medical care to many of New England's smallest communities.

Gov. John Baldacci, hailing the grant as a boon for "the patient whether that patient is in Bangor, Rockport, Lubec or Millinocket," said the next step is to link the state's health information networks to world-class medical

facilities in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Why is Maine in the vanguard?

"(Health-care) providers have rallied around telemedicine and are eager to adopt it," Peter Kraut, a health policy analyst in Baldacci's office, said. "In other states, there might not be the same kind of excitement."

According to Kraut, the state's groundbreaking health program — Dirigo Health — raised awareness of telemedicine as a means to reduce costs and improve medical service.

Under the 2003 health reform law, all providers in the state were challenged to find new ways to deliver the cheapest and best service available. The legislature

appointed a group of experts to analyze the health care industry's progress every two years.

Telemedicine can do more than help patients. It can be instrumental in preserving rural economies, Johns Hopkins' Sanders said. In many cases, rural hospitals and clinics are the largest employer in a small community. If the hospital goes under, the community can collapse, he said.

"Instead of losing patients to larger medical facilities, telemedicine allows rural hospitals to keep their patients by delivering the same kind of expertise and technology offered in major urban centers," Sanders said.

He also noted that telemedicine can dramatically cut the

cost of providing health care to prisoners.

"Rather than transporting a prisoner to a physician, which requires at least two accompanying correctional officers, states can use telemedicine to deliver services directly to the prisoner," he said.

Reed Franklin, policy director at the American Telemedicine Association, said the biggest growth potential in telemedicine is home diagnosis and monitoring of chronic diseases.

"We already know there will not be enough nursing home beds for aging baby boomers. We're going to have to find a good way to let seniors age in place," he said.

Besides a shortage of infrastructure, Franklin said the biggest barriers to telemedicine are state medical licensing laws and inconsistent Medicaid and private insurance reimbursement policies.

Currently, doctors who want to practice medicine in more than one state must apply for a separate medical license in each state. But a model state law drafted by the Federation of State Medical Boards creates reciprocal agreements among states, allowing doctors with a license in any participating state to practice in all other participating states.




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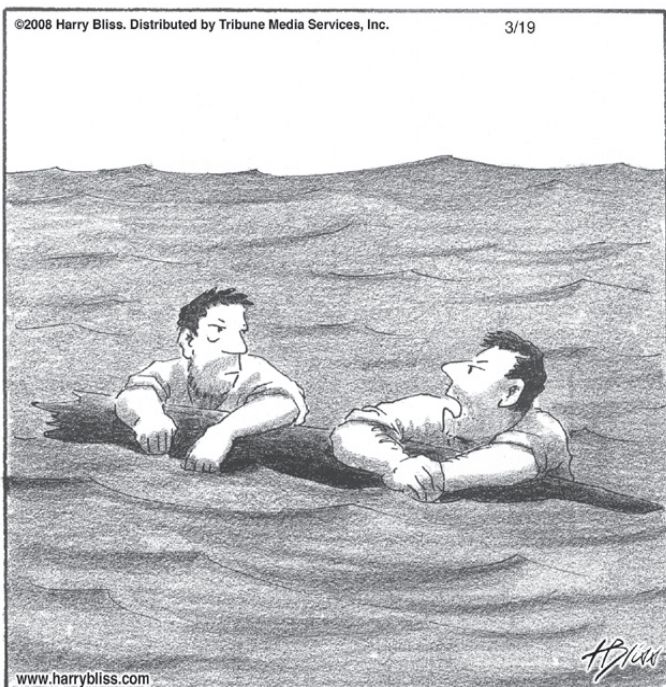
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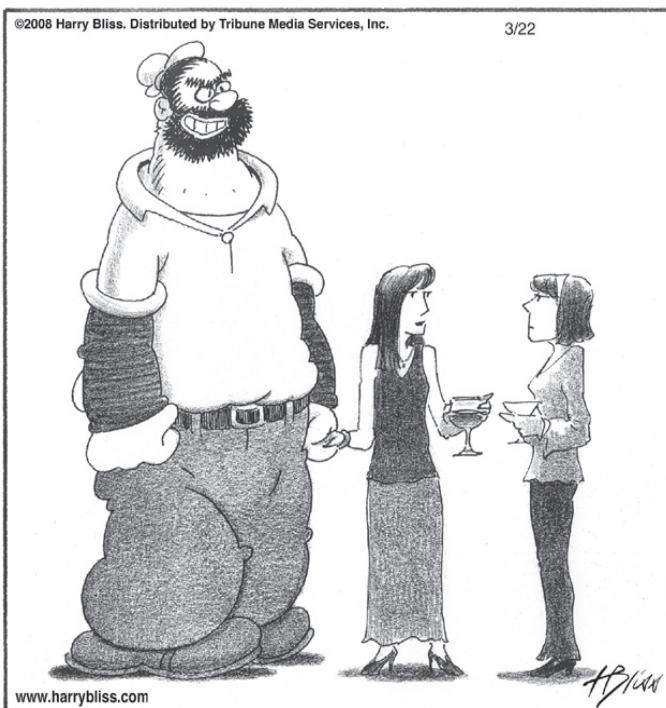
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 23 Camera letters
 24 Upper house
 25 Sir or lord, e.g.
 27 Indy circuit
 30 Purge
 31 Courtroom worker, briefly
 33 Straddling
 35 Disney frame
 37 Code of silence
 40 Roster with assignments
 41 Basketry willow
 43 Rivers of Spain
 44 Stroller
 46 Raggedy doll
 47 Beret filler
 48 Prophetic signs
 50 Spigot
 52 Red or Yellow
 53 An archangel
 55 Set
 58 "My Gal ..."
 59 Real estate pulp fiction?
 64 State firmly
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 68 Richard of "Chicago"
 69 Editor's mark
 70 Madonna role
 71 Designer Schiaparelli
 72 No sweat!
 73 Sublease a flat

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 22 Plant part
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By Philip J. Anderson
 Portland, OR

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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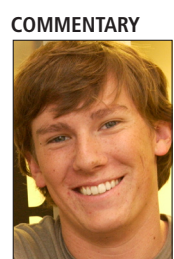


BRETT'S BREAKDOWN

Inability to win away from home warranted reason for coach's end

By BRETT LARSON
Sports Editor

Head men's basketball coach Neil Dougherty had six seasons with TCU before his release Sunday, six seasons of home blues and road malaise. The 18th head coach in Horned Frog basketball histo-



Brett Larson

ry, Dougherty's career had its ups but his inability to win on the road in the Mountain West Conference kept the program from ever becoming a serious contender.

While he was arguably one of the kindest and most genuine people at TCU, he failed to take the team over the hump in a more competitive conference and suffered a timely consequence as a result.

Dougherty had early success

before TCU entered the MWC. In the team's last season in Conference USA in 2005, Dougherty led the Horned Frogs to the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament. That season also featured a team that hit the 20-win mark for only the 11th time in program history.

The Mountain West, unfortunately, put an end to the good times for Dougherty and his Horned Frogs.

In the first season as a member,

TCU went 2-14 in the Mountain West with a 6-25 record overall. The second season was not much better. TCU went 4-12 in conference and 13-17 overall.

Dougherty kept his two-extra-conference-wins-a-year pace this past season, finishing 6-10 with an overall record of 14-16.

So he was slowly improving, pulling out wins at home, but conference road games seemed impossible for Dougherty and

the team.

In his three seasons as a Mountain member, Dougherty won two conference road games. Through 48 conference games, TCU has two road wins. Three years, two wins and one awful-looking record.

In his campaign for home support, Dougherty explained to students how incredible the other conference arena's home crowds are. He talked about sold-out coliseums and seas of

color, students screaming in synchronization — the ideal home crowds he also hoped for.

Could the lack of home support have led to the team's inability to play in front of an audience? Even if so, it's no excuse for two wins.

Dougherty's infectious personality and comical honesty will be missed without a doubt, but as for Horned Frog basketball, the road hopefully winds in the right direction this time.

MEN'S TENNIS

INSIDE GAME

Team extends win streak, now goes on road

By REESE GORDON
Staff Reporter

Tuesday showers didn't stop the No. 28 TCU men's tennis team from getting its third win in a row, as it took its game indoors to beat Columbia University, 5-2.

The Horned Frogs won the doubles match against Columbia and handily dispatched the Lions in singles play. The team was led by the tandems of senior Cosmin Cotet, junior Kriegler Brink, and freshmen Emanu Brighiu and Zach Nichols, who all gained victories against their counterparts from Columbia.

Brink remained undefeated in singles play for the season, besting Columbia's Bogdan Borta, 6-4,6-1.

"I think this win was good for instilling confidence in some of our players down the line," Brink said. "Coach just wants us to continue to play well and compete against whomever we play."

Tuesday's victory concluded the home schedule for the Horned Frogs, who now have nine consecutive road matches, starting with No. 50 Fresno State on Friday.

Cotet said the match with Fresno will be a challenge because winning against other ranked opponents is always difficult.

However, the victory over Columbia was a testament to why the Horned Frogs are ranked in the top 30. Cotet and Brighiu played aggressive all afternoon and never gave Columbia a chance to gain momentum, as both won in straight sets.

Head coach Dave Borelli said he was happy with what he saw from his squad.



ANNIE COOPER/Staff Photographer

Freshman Zach Nichols serves against a player from Columbia. TCU went on to win its second match in a row, and now it takes the show on the road where it faces a nine-game trip.

Columbia plays its home matches indoors, and Borelli said it was impressive for his team to beat a quality team that thrives inside.

Brink said the conditions in which he plays do not determine success or failure.

"If the wind blows for me, it blows for the other guy," he

said. "I don't think it was a big deal to play inside today."

The team has now won two consecutive matches after dropping three straight to the University of Texas, Wisconsin and Illinois. In its last match prior to Tuesday, the Horned Frogs, now 12-4, beat No. 22 Wake Forest, 4-3.

FOR YOUR INFO
TCU vs. Fresno State

When: 3 p.m. Friday
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OLYMPICS

World class swimmer still drives to improve

By ARUN BALA
(University of Texas) Daily Texan

AUSTIN — It has been nearly seven years since Michael Phelps broke the first world record of his career at the age of 15 in the 200-meter butterfly at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center. Twenty-two world records and six Olympic gold medals later, the swimming superstar still feels there is much he has yet to accomplish in the sport.

"I still have a lot left to do, whether it's [improving] times, whether it's personal achievements, whatever it is," Phelps said. "I still have a lot of goals that I want to accomplish, and to be honest, my career is not going to be over until it's done ... unless I hit 30 first."

Phelps was back in Austin to take part in the All-American Long Course Championships, which were held from March 6 to 8 at the Texas Swimming Center. Although he won the only event that he was scheduled to compete in, the 200-meter individual medley, Phelps had mixed feelings about his performance.

"It was half of a good race," he said. "My first half was decent; my second half could

have been better."

Phelps owns the current world record in that event at 1 minute, 54.98 seconds, but contends that it was not a feasible goal for him to break that record at the Long Course Championships.

"I'd love to break a world record every swim, I really would," he said. "But I knew coming into today that I wouldn't break it. I wasn't ruling anything out, but it was going to be a long shot for me to break the record today."

Phelps also said that while he cannot wait for the Olympics to come, now is a crucial time for swimmers to make any personal corrections and improvements before it is too late.

"There's not much between now and trials, and now and the Olympics," he said. "And if there's any time to change, I think this is it."

But what can someone so accomplished and talented in their field improve?

"A lot of things actually," Phelps said. "Getting in a better routine, sleeping more, being in better endurance shape, stroke technique — the list goes on and on."



Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps won his one event at the All-American Long Course Championships in Austin, but he said he feels he still needs to improve.

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