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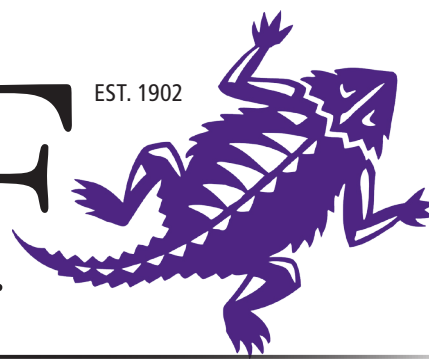
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Fallout from Wright award won't linger, experts say

By LONDON DINNIN
Staff Reporter

Despite negative reactions from many students, alumni and faculty over the Brite Divinity School's decision to honor the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, the public effects of its decision might fade fast, a public relations expert said.

Brite plans to honor Wright, Barack Obama's pastor whose controversial remarks set off what

Wright described as a "media frenzy," in absentia during an event in Dallas tomorrow.

Doug Newsom, director of graduate studies in advertising/public relations, said if it were not an election year and Sen. Barack Obama were not a presidential candidate, no one would have had any complaints.

She said she would be surprised if there were many long-term negative effects to Brite's

reputation for honoring Wright.

The event hosted by Brite, an independent institution but an official graduate school of the university, was scheduled to be held on TCU's campus. Newsom said the TCU Board of Trustees' decision to move the event off campus and Wright's eventual cancellation of his Dallas trip Wednesday for security reasons is of little importance and won't impact the public's

opinion of Brite.

The ceremonies Wright was scheduled to participate in will go ahead as planned, beginning with events at Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas. Another event scheduled for the Kelly Alumni Center will take place at Paul Quinn College in Dallas and the award ceremony honoring Wright will be at Friendship-West on Saturday.

Britt Todd, president of the

public relations firm Todd Co. and a TCU alumnus, said he doesn't believe prospective students or employers will look down on Brite for honoring Wright because of the school's established image.

"I think that the long-standing reputation of the Brite Divinity School is so well entrenched and well branded that this is just a fleeting moment that will be forgotten quickly," Todd said.

On campus, student and alumni reactions have been mixed, with some expressing disgust for the decision to continue to honor Wright, and others coming to defense of the Chicago pastor.

Sophomore religion major Joel Wassner said although he does not agree with what Wright said, he does think his comments were taken out of context and that other people are uncomfortable with what he has to say.

COME AND GET IT

A group of students from Starpoint School give out hot dogs during a fundraiser called "Grillin' for Garrett" on Thursday. The event was held to raise money for two-month-old Garrett Gullion, who was born with Down syndrome.

MARCUS MURPHREE / Multimedia Editor

School helps raise funds for infant's surgery

By ANNA HODGES
Staff Reporter

Garrett Gullion has a hole in his heart, which is also missing a valve. His oxygen level is dangerously low and he has Down syndrome. Garrett is two months old.

Education majors, members of the Greek community, students at the Starpoint School

and others attended the "Grillin' for Garrett" event at the Starpoint School on Thursday.

Starpoint School teacher Sherry Oliver said she has known the child's family for four years. With help from students in her third period technology class, Oliver organized the cookout to raise money to fund

the heart surgeries that Garrett desperately needs, but that insurance refuses to pay for.

According to Oliver, more than \$4,000 was raised and more donations are expected.

Members of Pi Beta Phi sorority and Sigma Chi fraternity raised \$1,562 for Garrett and

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Neeley students join national case competition

By CHRISTINA DURANO
Staff Reporter

Full-time MBA students from 17 universities across the country will join TCU MBAs in competing in the first Neeley Sales and Marketing Strategy Competition sponsored by Sony Electronics today and Saturday.

Fifty-five MBA students from TCU and 17 other universities across the country will work in teams of five to create recommendations to present to a panel of Sony executives, Ed Riefenstahl, Neeley's director of Experiential Learning said.

Each team of five will be composed of students from different universities, including Harvard, Emory, Pepperdine, Rice and Baylor, and will spend the morning working on the case, Riefenstahl said.

Executives will be given students' resumes, and students will have opportunities to follow up with the executives after the competition, Riefenstahl said.

Each team will have five questions to answer about The Reader Digital Book by Sony, a digital device that allows people to download books and read them while on the go. Riefenstahl said this case is timely because Amazon.com launched a similar product in December.

This is the first national case competition at TCU and the first case competition Sony has sponsored. TCU based its competition on the University of Roch-

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Ranch program adds two new scholarships

By CHARLES RICE
Staff Reporter

The Ranch Management program announced two new endowed scholarships at the Annual Scholarship Dinner and will be giving five more scholarships in the 2008-2009 school year, said the Clark Society liaison and event planner for University Advancement.

The program now has 34 scholarships from living donors valued at \$203,510. The program also has two scholarships from donors who are no longer living, valued at \$11,000.

At the dinner, Ranch Management announced the recipient of the Intervet Ranch Management Scholarship, worth \$1,171, and the six recipients of the Myrle and Marcella Greathouse Scholarship Fund scholarship, worth \$15,108, said Lynn Taylor, the Clark Society liaison and event planner for University Advancement.

This semester, 22 of the 28 Ranch Management students are receiving financial aid, program director Kerry Cornelius said. He said scholarship recipients are chosen based first on need and then on academic performance.

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Annual jazz festival to feature '50s vocal ensemble

By EMILY ALLEN
Staff Reporter

This weekend, the past will meet the present in a concert by popular '50s vocal group The Four Freshmen during the 31st annual TCU Jazz Festival.

To open this year's festival, the TCU Jazz Ensemble will play with The Four Freshmen in a concert featuring the quartet's greatest hits Friday evening.

While the quartet has been in

existence for 60 years, current members have each been part

of the group for less than 20 years. The current lead singer is the

third lead singer in the quartet's history, according to the group's Web site. Although

of major jazz artists who have performed at the festival. Curt

remains the same.

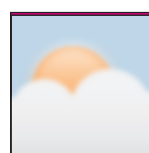
"I think some people hear our music and completely fall in love with it," said Curtis Calderon, trumpeter for The Four Freshmen.

The Four Freshmen is the latest addition to the list of major jazz artists who have performed at the festival. Curt

Wilson, director of jazz studies and professor of music, said he created the festival in 1978 to enhance the presence of jazz music on campus. The festival has featured several well-known jazz musicians, including Hank Levy, Don Menza and Urbie Green, in performances with the TCU Jazz Ensembles.

"We've had a major world-class artist perform with us every year,

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ester's case competition. "Our MBAs went up there for two years and loved it," said Riefenstahl. Ryan Elcock, a Neeley MBA student and competition participant, said he is participating in the competition because he wants to contribute to Sony. "I want to see if something I

suggest will help," Elcock said. "I want to see if I have what it takes." Sony will award the first-place team \$6,000 to split and give each team member a Sony Portable Book Reader. The second-place team will receive \$4,000 and the third-place team will receive \$2,000. Sony will also give out special awards for the competition, which will be held in Smith Hall.

Dennis McTighe, senior vice president of Sony consumer sales, said Sony's sponsoring the competition will give the company an opportunity to see top students from across the country. "It will give us the opportunity to find prospective employees," McTighe said. Each school will send no more than five students to the competition. Because Neeley is hosting

the competition, however, TCU will have one student on each of the 11 teams. TCU MBAs applied and were selected based on their resumes and concentrations, Elcock said. Riefenstahl said participating in the competition will test students' quantitative and qualitative skills. "(They) will come up with real solutions or recommendations

for specific issues that Sony is dealing with in a compressed amount of time," Riefenstahl said. Elcock said participating in the competition will give him the opportunity to "think on the fly." "You really have to be willing to get outside your comfort zone and think outside the box," Elcock said. McTighe said he hopes Sony

will be able to use some of the students' advice from the case competition. "We are giving them a real-life case that is going on right now and we want their advice on," McTighe said. Riefenstahl said the competition will give the business school the opportunity to establish long-term relationships with Sony and that Neeley hopes to continue this competition in the future.

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plan to continue their fundraising efforts for the next three weeks. Oliver fought back tears when she announced the generous gift from TCU students. "This entire college is backing you guys up," she said. "This is an ongoing campaign." Charlie Conway, Sigma Chi vice president, said the money was raised in an unconventional way. "Our chapter and the Pi Phis were at a risk management meeting Wednesday night, and we passed the money bucket around the whole time to raise money for Garrett," he said. "Evan (Berlin), our president, said we could Tase him if we raised \$350." Berlin showed his burn marks at the cookout. "It was awful," Berlin said. "Absolutely the worst pain I've ever felt." Berlin was not the only one to face the Taser.

"After that, the trend just caught on and other people agreed to do it to raise more money," Conway said. Neely Davis, an early childhood education major and member of Pi Beta Phi, said her sorority plans to continue to raise money for Garrett's family. "We're raising as much as we can," she said. "We want to challenge others to do the same." David Towe, a junior finance major, was at the cookout representing Sigma Phi Epsilon. "I just get a lot of fulfillment out of coming and hanging out with these kids," he said. "That's why I wanted to support this cause." Members of Pi Kappa Phi, a fraternity with a history of supporting KinderFrogs, a school affiliated with the Starpoint School, were also in attendance. Adam Wilson, a sophomore accounting major and member, said last year his fraternity recorded 341 volunteer hours at the school.

"We will always come out to support these kids at KinderFrogs and Starpoint," he said. Emily Schmeltekopf, a junior early childhood education major, said about 20 education majors stayed after their student teaching at the Starpoint School to attend the event. Despite worries that Garrett would not be able to attend the cookout for medical reasons, the guest of honor was there, as well. He was rushed to the hospital Wednesday because of a fever and dangerously low oxygen levels. Starpoint staff donated food and drinks for the cookout. Sodexo donated 300 hot dogs. Starpoint students, who were busy cooking hot dogs and serving their guests, said they were excited by the student support at the cookout. "We're so glad that all of you guys came out to help," said Melissa Legvold, a fifth grader.

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and that's something I've been consistent about," Wilson said. Saturday's events include an all-day competition featuring 28 high school and middle school jazz ensembles to conclude with an awards concert. Wilson said there is a waiting list of bands interested in performing, but he is limited to the 28 spots. "Our reputation has grown over the years so that only the good bands come to our festival," Wilson said. "Weak bands don't come because they're going to get eaten alive." Headlining Saturday eve-

ning's show is trombonist and Dallas native Senior Master Sgt. Joe Jackson, who will also work with younger musicians during a Saturday training session. Jackson is the lead trombonist in the U.S. Air Force "Airmen of Note" band, which he directs in addition to performing with big bands on the East Coast. "Any time I can get out and work with younger players, it's a great experience for me," Jackson said. "This is also a chance for me to come home and entertain the folks in my life." To add a TCU twist, Jackson will play one song with assistant professor of saxo-

phone Joe Eckert, who is a retired conductor for the Airmen of Note. "We played together for 13 years while we were in the band at the same time, so our relationship is pretty long in that sense," Eckert said. "It will be nice to see him and play with him again." Wilson, who has taught jazz at TCU for more than 30 years, said that while jazz is not extremely popular, he would like to see those in attendance gain an appreciation for the art form. "It's a connoisseur's art — it's not art for the masses," Wilson said. "You've just got to think too hard to appreciate it."

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Cornelius said many of the students need scholarships because their large land assets don't allow them to qualify for certain financial aid, and selling their land is not an option because it is their livelihood. "Many of them are land rich but cash poor," Cornelius said. John Merrill, emeritus direc-

tor of the Ranch Management program, said many of the people who are in the Ranch Management program have already graduated from college and have exhausted their funds. "(Financial support) is extremely important because many of the students who need this program can't afford it," Merrill said. Merrill said ranching is usually not done for the money.

"Rancher's wages are often low because people do ranch work for love of it, not for the money," Merrill said. Taylor also said the scholarships are needed. "It's more important for (the Ranch Management) program to have more endowed scholarships than a traditional undergraduate student because there is less available to them," Taylor said.

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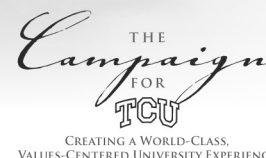
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THE SKIFF VIEW

Lady Frogs' postseason praiseworthy

The 2008 postseason continues for Jeff Mittie and the Lady Frogs following a win in the third round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Before that victory in round three, there was some disappointment on the home court. The purple seats in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum were virtually barren during the Lady Frogs 85-56 trouncing of Boise State at home, but since that win the women have progressed through the bracket and won on the road before more than 2,300 fans at Texas Tech. That night in Lubbock, college basketball fans were able to see TCU's Adrienne Ross score 23 points on her brother's old court.

Admittedly, the WNIT is not the NCAA Tournament. It is not commonly called the Big Dance, but when four Mountain West Conference teams found a postseason berth, TCU was the only team that

rose to the occasion and lived beyond the first round of play.

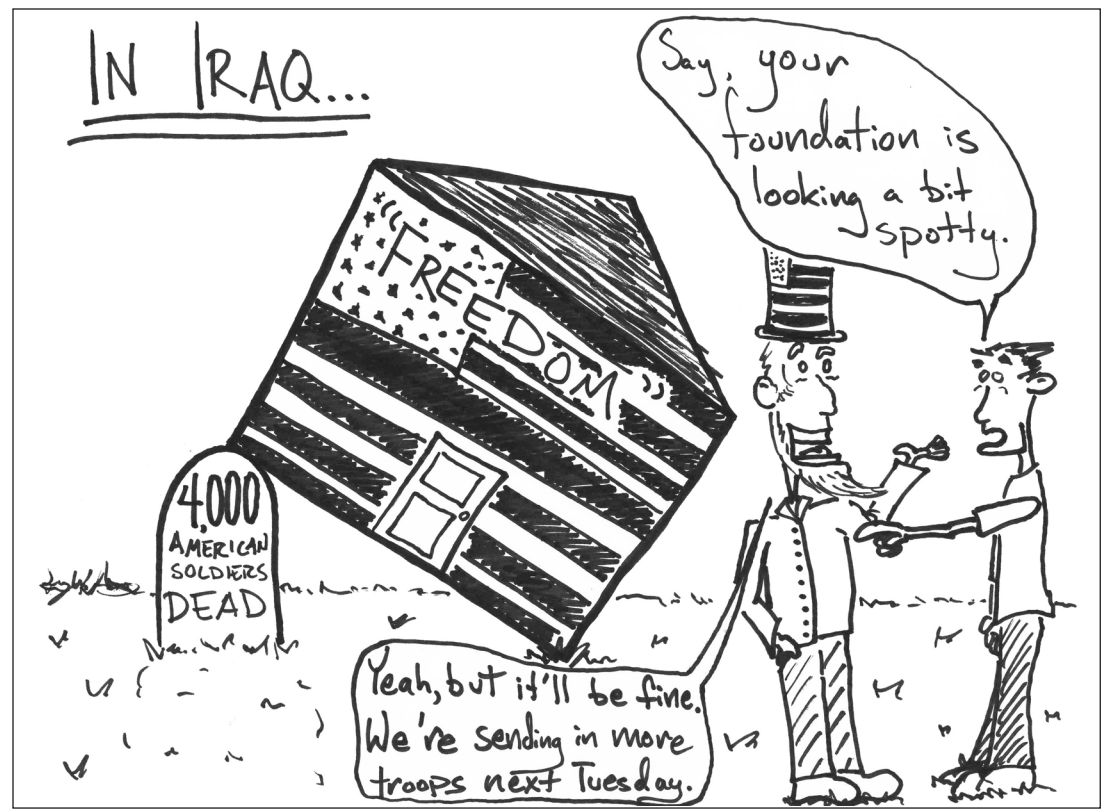
Last year the Horned Frogs were beaten by Ole Miss in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament, but in 2008 Ross and the rest of the crew have been keeping the season alive with hopes of earning the title of "champions."

Nothing but admiration and accolades should be given to this team that is working to earn TCU another title and one more bright moment in the history of Horned Frogs athletics. In the past week, fans have been able to see Lorie Butler-Rayford reach the 1,000-point milestone in her career and head coach Jeff Mittie notch career win No. 500.

There are three games separating the Lady Frogs from a WNIT title. The time is now to cheer them on as March comes to a close.

Multimedia editor Marcus Murphree for the editorial board.

BY JEREMY ARNOLD AND WHITNEY WALLER



Jeremy Arnold is a junior religion major from Sugar Land and Whitney Waller is a junior religion and English major from Garland.

N.M. Gov. Richardson's endorsement sign of hope in negative campaign

When New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson endorsed Sen. Barack Obama, he may have finally restored sanity to the Democratic

presidential race. After almost a month of negative campaigning most often initiated by the Hillary Clinton camp, Richardson's endorsement was a direct reaction to the kind of politics that threatens to hurt his party's chances in the November election.

Clearly, for Richardson to endorse Obama indicates that something is very wrong on the campaign trail. His career was practically made by President Bill Clinton, who appointed him U.N. ambassador and eventually made him part of his Cabinet as secretary of energy. When Richardson dropped his own presidential bid in January, he was even mentioned as a possible vice-presidential candidate on Sen. Hillary Clinton's ticket.

But after weeks of deliberating, as well as heavy lobbying from the Clintons, Richardson chose Obama, saying he would be "a great and historic president who can bring us the change America desperately needs." Richardson's endorsement came toward the end of a week during

which Obama had been fending off a firestorm involving his former pastor Jeremiah Wright, whose controversial views were circulated heavily around the media. In response to criticism of his connection to Wright, Obama made an extremely well-crafted speech on March 18 that opened up new ground in America's race debate.

Richardson said the speech cemented his decision to support Obama, commenting that as a Hispanic, he was touched by it. His endorsement may have the effect of increasing Obama's appeal among Latinos, who so far have been strongly on Clinton's side.

Since then, negative politics has re-emerged as a campaign strategy favored by the Clintons. Bill Clinton made comments that many interpreted as questioning Obama's patriotism, spurring one of Obama's supporters, retired Gen. Merrill "Tony" McPeak, to accuse the former president of using "McCarthyism." On a Sunday talk show, Clinton adviser James Carville compared Richardson to the ultimate traitor, Judas.

In an attempt to deflect attention from dubious comments she made about facing danger during a trip to Bosnia, Hillary Clinton

renewed attacks on Obama over his involvement with Wright during a visit to a Pittsburgh newspaper's editorial board.

Such tactics by the Clinton team show how important Richardson's decision to support Obama was, not only for the coming primaries in Pennsylvania and North Carolina but also in its ability to influence the all-important superdelegate vote. Since it is almost impossible for Clinton to overtake Obama's lead in the delegate count and popular vote, the superdelegates are her last chance.

While claiming to still be loyal to the Clintons, Richardson said what many observers, but few superdelegates, have dared to say. Some of the people around the Clintons, he said, practice gutter politics, and feel they are entitled to the presidency.

When Richardson calls for Democrats to "stop the bloodletting," he is speaking like someone who understands the critical juncture of history we are all facing, not like someone who will do anything to be vice president. He should be commended for that.

This article was prepared for The Progressive Media Project by Ed Morales, author of "Living in Spanglish," and was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune.

Students ultimately responsible for making healthy food choices

Eden's and Deco Deli were truly a garden of fresh-ness and were delicious and healthy on-campus dining options. The colorful salad bar, sizzling wok and made-to-order sandwich bar allowed students to create their own nutritious meal without compromising flavor.

When I lived on campus, I was an Eden's regular, and Wednesday night wok was a great midweek perk.

The closing of these two eateries was not the choice of TCU Dining Services. Stan Rush, the retail manager, informed me that the school decided they needed the space in Reed Hall for offices. He explained that in order to try and accommodate the 500 or so displaced students that used to dine in Reed Hall, they will be offering a hot dog cart outside of the library. Items are to include all beef dogs, veggie dogs and broth-based soups.

More options, such as a veggie chili may come in the future, depending on the success of the cart. If you would prefer more toppings, like vegetables or a whole wheat bun, be sure and voice your opinion. These options may be added if there is a great enough demand.

Executive chef Joel Branch and Rick Flores, general manager of Din-

ing Services, said the Shift Zone in The Main is now offering a deli bar at lunch and an Eden's-style dinner. Unfortunately, there is not enough space to incorporate the whole Eden's/Deco program. Rick continued by adding that the new Union will include Stacks, a deli line, and Shuffles and Oasis, a station for made-to-order and specialty salads. Despite the loss of two nutritious options, the Dining Services team is working hard to provide quality substitutes within limited space.

Both Branch and Flores agree that health and having a vegetarian option are of high importance. As a health conscientious vegetarian, I never had a difficult time finding tasty foods on campus that fit into my lifestyle, and I looked forward to discovering what flavors and ethnic influ-

ences might await my next meal. Some concern has arisen with the fact that the new union will be run on

an all-you-care-to-eat-for-one-price system, with the possibility of students feeling inclined to eat more. Flores said he feels students will have more options on when they would like to eat a lighter or heavier meal, more variations on selection of foods, and plenty of healthy items.

I feel this is a great way for students to take responsibility for their health. With all of the nutrition-minded options, they can make good dining choices.

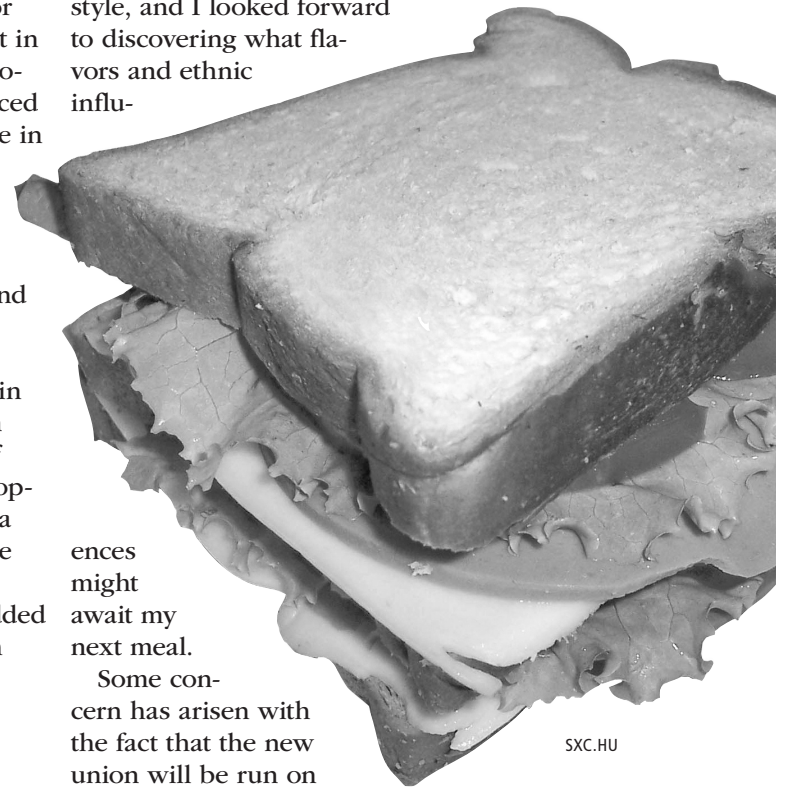
Dining Services provide us with great resources to achieve or maintain a healthy lifestyle; it is really just up to us students to put them to good use.

Kristina Keilson is a senior nutrition major from The Woodlands.

COMMENTARY



KRISTINA KEILSON



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Skiff confuses president's name in Thursday coverage of speech

Many thanks to the Daily Skiff for covering Professor Paul F. Boller Jr.'s wonderful presentation on presidential pastimes. His knowledge, insight and wit as a presidential scholar have no equal and made for an informative and entertaining occasion. Your report-

er's article from March 27 captured the highlights but misidentified Franklin D. Roosevelt as "the most active of presidents" who sparred with the boxing heavyweight champion of the world the night before his inauguration.

I have no doubt that

Franklin would have relished such an opportunity in spite of his confinement to a wheelchair by polio. Cousin Theodore had no such disability, and consequently he could proudly perform as a presidential pugilist.

Mark T. Gilderhus is the Lyndon Baines Johnson Chair of History.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Weekend matches team's first three in conference season

By SHALEY SANDERS
Staff Reporter

The women's tennis team is hoping history will repeat itself today with the beginning of conference play.

The Horned Frogs are beginning the same three-day series they swept last season, defeating conference rivals Colorado State, Air Force and Wyoming without losing a single match.

The No. 22 Horned Frogs finished 8-2 in the Mountain West last season.

"Each match is different," said redshirt junior Macall Harkins. "We swept all of them last season, but we have to forget about that and remember it's a new season and they have new girls that can surprise us in any way."

TCU, which has a 10-4

overall record, opens its weekend series against the Colorado State Rams, who have a dual match record of 6-3 this season.

The Horned Frogs will face the Air Force Falcons on Saturday, who have compiled a 4-13 record and were defeated by Stetson 5-2 on Monday.

The Wyoming Cowgirls earned their 10th win this season against Santa Clara by a score of 5-2 and will play the University of New Mexico on Saturday before facing TCU on Sunday.

The Horned Frogs defeated the Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday with an overall score of 6-1, their third win in a row.

Harkins said she believes the team has a chance of

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SHALEY SANDERS / Staff Reporter

Sophomore Nina Munch-Soegaard volleys against Fresno State. TCU opens conference play today against Colorado State University.

Lady Frogs to face Buffaloes in WNIT

The women's basketball team will play the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo. for the fourth round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

The game is scheduled to take place Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

TCU advanced to the fourth round Wednesday after defeating Texas Tech, 81-74.

Colorado is 17-14 this season and finished 5-11 in the Big 12. The Buffaloes are 16-4 all-time at home in postseason play (12-3 NCAA, 2-1 WNIT, 2-0 AIAW) and have won their last five home games.

EQUESTRIAN

Western team seeded No. 1 in Varsity National Championships

By MEGAN MOWERY
Staff Reporter

During its second year of competition, the women's Western team has been named the No. 1 seed for the 2008 Varsity Equestrian National Championships in Waco, April 17 to 19.

The team has the best record in the nation with a perfect 11-0 season.

The Hunt Seat team went 5-7, earning the first alternate position for the tournament.

At the championships, the Western team, which has a bye the first round, will play the winner of the New Mexico

State-Baylor game.

This season, TCU is 2-0 against Baylor, defeating the Bears 6-2 at home course in Mansfield and 4-2 in Waco as part of the Baylor Fall Tournament.

If New Mexico advances, it would mark the first time the two teams ever meet.

Head coach Gary Reynolds said the team has worked hard this year and he is proud of how it has performed.

"I have a lot of confidence in this group and that under pressure they can perform well," Reynolds said.

Senior Kindel Huffman went

10-0 in Horsemanship, becoming the first rider ever in Varsity Equestrian to go undefeated. As result of her record-setting season, Huffman earned the No. 1 seed in the individual championship.

This year marks the first time Varsity Equestrian has held an individual championship. The tournament will have four riders from each event compete to determine the best rider in each event.

Huffman said the team has come a long way this season and being the first seed going into nationals shows

the improvement.

In the first round, Huffman will compete against freshman Laura Upton, who went 6-2 in horsemanship, from the University of Georgia.

TCU and Georgia met earlier this season, and TCU won the Western event. However, Upton did not compete.

Junior Chloe Baker, who has a five-game winning streak, went 7-1 in horsemanship this season.

Baker said because the team is undefeated, she feels pressure from herself and other teams that want to break TCU's

winning streak.

"No one ever would have thought that we'd have a Western team that would go the whole year undefeated," Baker said.

Junior Carrie von Uhlit, who went 6-2 in horsemanship, was made the first alternate for the event at nationals.

Huffman said there are a lot of teams that are shocked at TCU's

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FOR YOUR INFO
TCU vs. UNLV

When: 8:30 p.m. today, 4 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday
Where: Las Vegas
Stakes: This is the Horned Frogs' second Mountain West Conference series of the season. They are currently 1-2 in conference.

get a start during the three-game set. Hales won his last start Tuesday night against the University of Nevada, Reno.

"They have a couple guys at the front end of their rotation that are pitching really well," Schlossnagle said. "They're going to be a real tough opponent."

FOR YOUR INFO
TCU vs. SMU

When: 11 a.m. Saturday
Where: Dallas
Stakes: TCU's Hunt Seat team competes against the rival Mustangs in its second-to-last event before the Varsity Equestrian National Championships.

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TENNIS

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making it to the NCAA Championships and said the familiar home crowd benefits her game.

Head Coach Jefferson Hammond said the home field advantage is important in tennis for the player's morale.

"You can see it in their eyes during warmup," Hammond said.

Harkins, who earned her third Conference women's tennis player of the week award Wednesday, won her singles match in the No. 2 position against Elena Antakova on Saturday 6-1,6-3.

Harkins' winning streak continued with her doubles partner, junior Anna Sydorska, in the No.1 position with an 8-4 win over Ana-Maria Constanti-

nescu and Chelsea Orr.

The doubles duo are ranked No. 12 and have an 11-2 overall record this season.

Sophomore Nina Munch-Soegaard defeated Orr 7-6(1), 6-2 in the no. 1 singles match.

"Our goal is to play good tennis," Hammond said. "The score is secondary."

FOR YOUR INFO

TCU Women's Tennis

Who: Colorado State University, Air Force, University of Wyoming
When: 6 p.m. today CSU, 10 a.m. Saturday Air Force, 10 a.m. Sunday Wyoming
Where: Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center
Stakes: The ladies wrap up their five game home stand, in which they are currently 2-0.

WESTERN

From page 1

perfect season.

"The most stressful thing is being the underdog," Huffman said.

Last year, TCU earned the No. 10 seed at nationals and fell to South Carolina 5-3 in the first round.

The equestrian team has two remaining games before nationals and neither game will affect the rankings.

The Hunt Seat team will play SMU at 11 a.m. Saturday in Dallas.

SMU doesn't have a Western team, so the Hunt Seat will be the only team competing.

The Western team will play Texas A&M on April 4 at Mansfield.

Presidential campaign merchandise racks up unprecedented sales totals

By CHRISTY HOPPE
The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN — It's as if all voters went on a primary vacation and most brought back T-shirts.

Since the presidential contests began in January, and then spread from Iowa and New Hampshire to 40 other states, they have not just generated record-breaking turnout. They also have produced historic hunger for swag.

The intensity of the campaigns, the importance of each state's primary and the excitement of new voters means that more supporters are wearing their loyalties on their sleeves. And cups, caps and bumpers. Eight months before the general election, sales for candidate goods are in the multi-millions and poised to eclipse any previous race.

"It's like any cliché you want to use: phones ringing off the walls, flying off the shelves, hot cakes," said Tony Baltes, president of Tigereye Promotions in Ohio.

In a business sense, he's a political double dipper, making the most of the merchandise for Barack Obama and the overflow for Hillary Clinton's campaign when her main contractor is overwhelmed.

From mouse pads to key fobs, from coffee mugs to hoodies the vendors are in overdrive.

Last year Baltes had 20 workers; now he has 120. "We used to have one shift; now we have three," he said. Official T-shirts from the Democrats are selling for \$20.08 each, with some proceeds going to the candidates. The Obama camp is the only one that has reported its official sales numbers: \$380,000 in December, climbing to \$1.5 million in January.

The Clinton organization did not have sales figures or a number of customers, but spokeswoman Adrienne Elrod said her "gear is very popular and that popularity has continued to grow throughout the course of the campaign."

Baltes, who has been producing Democratic political paraphernalia for 30 years, said demand for merchandise usually starts warming up around July or August before an election. But this frenzy has been "steady as a drumbeat" for sometime, he said.

"Our best month with John Kerry would be our worst month with Obama so far," Baltes said.

But that's only official gear. Merchants, Web sites and individual entrepreneurs are selling their own candidate merchandise.

On the Republican side, PC Signs owner Scott Scharfenberger of Ohio said John McCain sales are "going very well," with more than 25,000 customers since the beginning of the year. But he readily acknowledges, "It's not moving the way Obama gear is."

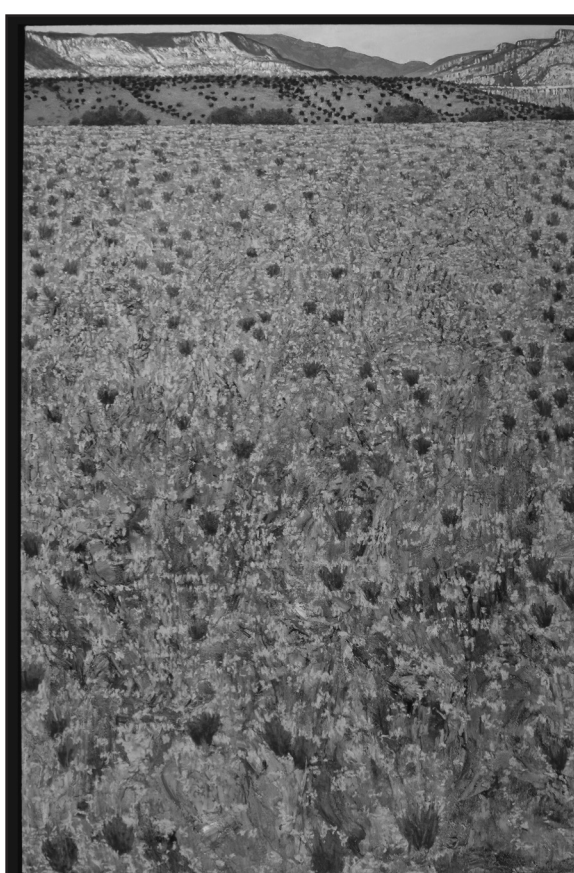
FOR YOUR INFO

Political merchandise quiz

Test your political merchandise knowledge: Supporters of which Democratic candidates, Hillary Rodham Clinton or Barack Obama, have purchased more of the following:

- A. Beer steins
- B. Men's T-shirts
- C. Men's boxers
- D. Women's thongs
- E. Dog gear
- F. Teddy bears

Answers: A. Clinton, B. Clinton, C. Clinton, D. Obama, E. Obama, F. Clinton
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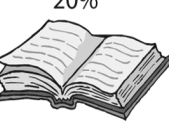




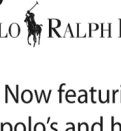


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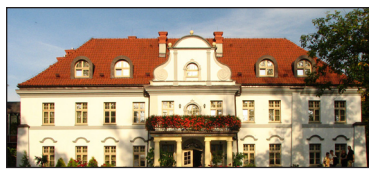
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In Vogue



Nicholas Lindsey warms up with his vocal coach, Kathleen Terbeek. Lindsey, who has played instruments with the Dallas and Fort Worth Symphony orchestras, also sings as a counter-tenor and has recently been invited to sing with the Fort Worth Opera.

Student's creativity goes beyond what's 'in' this season

By **SONYA CISNEROS**
 Staff Reporter

It started with a dress. In what had been one of the hottest summers Italians had experienced in a while, this cooler night was welcomed by Nicholas Lindsey. As he walked outside, in the heart of Perugia, Lindsey heard the familiar sound of Gnarl's Barkley's song "Crazy," one of his favorites. The music led him to an open-air fashion show and it was there that he saw it.

"It was love at first sight," Lindsey said. Not only was this dress white, it was "Antarctic white," he said. Describing the dress, his face lit up as if he were back in Italy two years ago admiring it all over again. No details escaped him — not even the delicate lace peeking out from the bottom of the taffeta gown. In the way that a painting can move an artist to tears, Lindsey said he felt that same emotional pull to the dress, tears and all.

Out of the closet

Lindsey, a self-proclaimed nerd in high school, had no initial interest in fashion. He wanted to be an obstetrician. His father, a retired military captain, picked out Lindsey's clothes. It was when Lindsey began dressing himself in high school that he recalled his father saying, "You look kind of gay in those clothes." Then, in a roundabout play on words, Lindsey's father pushed out a secret his son had been keeping from him — one he already knew about. "So, you like boys?" his father asked.

Lindsey replied, "No, Daddy, I like men." Just a year earlier, when Lindsey was eating Taco Bueno, his younger brother asked, "Can you just tell me?" Lindsey quickly responded, "Yes, I'm gay ... but don't tell Mom."

Later that evening, while watching HGTV, the home and garden channel, with his mother, she asked nonchalantly, "Isn't that guy hot?" Lindsey said he responded with an emphatic "Yes," without thinking. "Thank you for the coming," his mother said. This was in response to his "coming out."

He said he had worked out a way to tell his older brother, who was stationed in Korea with the Air Force at the time, but his parents beat him to it. Lindsey said he thought his coming out would be a "My So-Called Life" moment and it turned out to be a comedy. He rolled his eyes slightly and his contagious laugh reverberated from his always-smiling face.

Lindsey said he had been lucky to have the support of his family, even when he decided to pursue a career in music, rather than medicine. He enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University as a music major where he composed music and further developed his skills in the clarinet, piano, bassoon and harp. He left college in Nacogdoches

for "a little more spice," he said, which brought him to TCU.

Hitting the high notes

From his early childhood years in Germany to TCU, music had always been a chief interest and talent of his, he said. However, for someone who had played with the Dallas and Fort Worth Symphony orchestras, a letter of rejection from the TCU School of Music came unexpectedly, he said.

One professor said he couldn't do it and that he wouldn't be admitted to the music school playing the clarinet. For the first time, Lindsey said, he was told, "I think you'll fail." He joined the choir and band regardless, he said. Although he was rejected for clarinet, he was accepted for his voice, he said. As a counter-tenor who sings very high notes, Lindsey said, he works diligently to excel and has recently been invited to sing with the Fort Worth Opera.

"He doesn't let anything get in his way," said Janice Elliott, an adviser in the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

Warming up for a 30-minute voice lesson, Lindsey's typical, light-hearted attitude is abandoned as he focuses intently on hitting the perfect pitch. His voice and fingers climb higher in unison with each strike he makes on the ivory keys. During his lesson, he methodically moves his left hand with each change in pitch. He stands with open arms, injecting passion and effort into each vocal exercise. A broad grin crosses his face when he gets it just right. His voice coach nods her head in approval.

"TCU has been a really good fit for [Lindsey]," said Robin Wright, his Italian professor. Wright said in class, Lindsey is lively and enjoys helping others. She said he makes everyone laugh but remains professional. Italian is one of four of Lindsey's minors, including fashion merchandising, art administration and music. Wright said Lindsey is an extremely diverse individual and she finds great reward in teaching him. "He does everything and is very talented," she said. "He's a Renaissance man."

Unnerving Potential

Lindsey "exudes all kinds of possibility," Elliott said. Elliott said she serves as his "unofficial adviser" in the business school, where Lindsey is majoring in international marketing. He's also majoring in international communication with a global advertising/public relations emphasis. Elliott said she first became acquainted with Lindsey during his application process to the business school. She said they hit it off because of their common interest in sewing and fashion. Elliott said she spent 13 years in the textile and fashion industry and feels Lindsey's success in fashion will stem from his ability to open doors for himself. Lindsey is

very approachable, while many people in fashion aren't, Elliott said.

"He has an easy way of being around people," she said. "He's a shining star."

Lindsey maintains a list of involvements at TCU, spanning anywhere from being president of the Public Relations Student Society of America to his membership in Kappa Kappa Psi fraternity. One daunting project Lindsey is working on with another friend from TCU is the design and manufacturing of a wedding gown, he said. Sarah Noll, a senior international communications major with a global advertising/public relations emphasis, said she and Lindsey have been friends because of their common



Courtesy of NICHOLAS LINDSEY
 Senior Nicholas Lindsey visits Times Square in New York City for his interview with Vogue editor-at-large Andre Leon Talley.

ground. She and Lindsey both speak Italian and share an interest in the culture, and they've also worked together through PRSSA. She said Lindsey called her "out of the blue" one day and asked if she would help him design a wedding gown for his friend. Noll said they're in the project 50/50 with one another; he will make the pattern and she will sew the dress. When their two creative sides merge, Noll said "it's a little dangerous."

Lindsey is currently preparing for a job with Vogue in Italy. Lindsey recalled meeting Andre Leon Talley, the editor-at-large of Vogue, in New York, where Talley asked him what he wanted to do. Lindsey responded with "I want your job."

"Baby, you're going to reach for the stars," Talley said. "Work it out."

That is exactly what Lindsey says he plans to do.

"Baby, you're going to reach for the stars. Work it out."