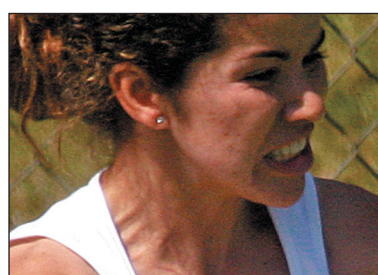




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Above: Ruben Gonzales, a sophomore at Fort Worth Can! Academy, leads a group of high school students in chanting "México! México!" while walking down Pennsylvania Avenue en route to downtown Fort Worth. Middle: Students display a sign reading "Who's the illegal alien pilgrim?" to passing cars in downtown Fort Worth. Bottom: Students walk down Pennsylvania Avenue on their way to downtown Fort Worth on Tuesday. Students across the Fort Worth ISD walked out of class Tuesday to protest recently proposed federal illegal immigration legislation.

Dining funds may be given to food banks

By KATHLEEN THURBER
Staff Reporter

A resolution, where students could donate extra money on their meal plan to buy food for a local food bank at the end of each semester, was passed Tuesday at the House of Students Representatives meeting.

Justin Brown, Student Advocacy Committee chairman, said the program would allow students to purchase food items in bulk from Sodexo and donate them to the Tarrant Area Food Bank or an equivalent agency.

Allissa Garner, Dining Services Committee chairwoman, said students would pick an item based on the amount they wanted to donate. Items would be delivered to the food bank, and money would be subtracted from students' accounts on a nightly basis.

Brown said for every dollar Tarrant County Area Food Bank receives, it can provide four and a half meals.

"A lot of students have \$100 left over (on their meal plan)," he said. "They could feed a single mom and her family for months."

The resolution states that giving students the option to purchase food donations fulfills the TCU mission statement which, "clearly supports and encourages ethical behavior and civic-minded individuals."

Garner said money from meal plans has to be used for food and then donated because Sodexo has to make enough money to support its operating budget.

Brown said this program would have the same objective as Hunger Week, which is currently the only time students are permitted to donate money from their meal plans to charity. Hunger Week, which promotes awareness of world hunger problems, raised \$23,000 last year.

Brown will now present the proposal to the university but said TCU creates its budget without overflow and therefore would not be affected if extra money from meal plans was donated. He said it is possible to have the program in place by the end of this semester.

Other resolutions concerning dining services created a consistent theme for the meeting.

Garner said the Dining Services Committee worked with Sodexo to change the price of vegetarian combination meals so they are equal to prices for combination meals with meat.

Sodexo also retrained employees last weekend so all employees are aware of food prices and charge students correctly, Garner said.

MARCHING FOR RIGHTS

Local students skip class to demonstrate

By KIM TESAREK
Staff Writer

Hundreds of high school students gathered in downtown Fort Worth Tuesday afternoon to protest laws that could limit the number of illegal immigrants in the United States.

Carrying intertwined Mexican and American flags and signs with messages such as, "U.S. builds walls, U.S. will fall," and "¡Viva la Raza!", students from all over Fort Worth, mostly Hispanic, walked the streets from the federal building to the courthouse.

The protest, like many others across the nation in the last few weeks, was in response to proposals to crack down on illegal immigrants.

Susan Hanvey, a security officer for the Oil & Gas/Commerce Building on 7th and Throck-

morton streets, was outside the building watching the protests.

"I've seen at least seven busloads of students let off around here," she said. "I've also seen every cop I've ever seen on a bike out in the crowd today."

County sheriffs, Fort Worth police officers, security officers and traffic control officers lined the streets, many of which were partially blocked off, to help keep the protests peaceful.

While no large-scale violence occurred, protest screams from students gathered on the lawn in front of the Tarrant County administration building could be heard from blocks away.

Last school year, 54 percent of students in the Fort Worth Independent School District were Hispanic.

Laura Rios, a sophomore at Arlington Heights High School,

said she and some of her fellow students left school after third period. She said she had to get picked up and brought downtown because the school had closed the gates to keep students inside.

"The gates didn't stop students," she said. "They just walked out."

Barbara Griffith, the communications director for the FWISD, said she was disappointed students were leaving the schools during the day. She said there were at least 100 students from Polytechnic High School at the downtown protest at noon, and more from other schools that followed.

"We recognize that everyone has a right to make their views known," Griffith said, "but not at the expense of missing valuable classroom time."

She said students will all be expected to make up any

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Dining Services, SGA consider meal options

By MICHAEL DODD
Staff Reporter

TCU Dining Services and the Student Government Association's Dining Services Committee have met to begin discussing plans for new dining options in the new student center, including a proposal for a new all-you-can-eat dining plan.

Although both groups are still in the planning stages, Rick Flores, Sodexo general manager, said a change in the current dining plan has been proposed.

"A lot of the decisions regarding what we put in the student center concern whether we

move to the new dining plan," Flores said. "Instead of the current system where students pay as they go, there might be more of an all-you-can-eat plan going into place."

Dining Services plans to distribute a food preference survey in the next academic year so it has a clear direction in terms of the dining options most students want. But before any definite changes can be made, Dining Services will have to figure out the best way to use the space provided by the new student center as Dining Services begins looking at new

EXTRA INFO

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brands and cost estimates, Flores said.

Legia Abato, Sodexo district marketing manager, said Dining Services has not resolved the costs because it is trying to decide on what to do with the space and what students want.

Although the all-you-can-eat dining plan is being formulated, Abato said, there will still be retail options, such as Starbucks, where students pay a certain amount for the product.

Many students are looking forward to the new student center

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Use care on résumés, expert says

By JEFF ESKEW
Staff Reporter

Fort Worth-based RadioShack Corp. will close 12 stores in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, with special sales beginning in May.

It is unknown how the closings will affect Fort Worth's economy, but John Thompson, marketing intern coordinator for business undergraduates, said the closings will have no effect on potential internships.

Thompson said there are more than 40 area companies seeking TCU students to serve as interns, and that he sometimes has problems filling the requests he gets for interns.

According to RadioShack's

media relations, the closings are unrelated to the scrutiny Dave Edmondson, former RadioShack CEO received for falsifying his résumé.

Edmondson's résumé came under attack after a biography posted on RadioShack's Web site showed that he claimed he earned degrees in theology and psychology from Pacific Coast Baptist College in San Dimas, Calif.

Enrollment records at Pacific Coast, which moved to Oklahoma City in 1998 and was renamed Heartland Baptist Bible College, show that Edmondson completed only two semesters of coursework, and that the college never offered degrees in psychology.

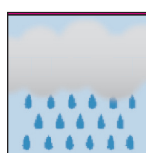
Jacquelyn Curry, TCU human resources employment coordinator, said RadioShack isn't the only institution to fail to check the facts on a résumé. TCU had a similar situation occur.

Curry said there was one instance where a man claimed he had received a bachelor's degree on his TCU employment application. After he was hired, administrators learned he had falsified his education and was fired as a result.

After the RadioShack incident, more companies are alert of résumé fraud, so students need to put careful thought into writing their résumés, Curry said.

Curry said there are two

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missed work.

Rios said although she got a ride, there were students who walked from Arlington Heights High School, located at Hulen Street and Interstate 30, to downtown.

She said she and her peers were protesting for the rights of family members and friends who are in the country illegally.

"Just look around here," she said, pointing to the intersection at Main and Weatherford streets. "Look at who the construction workers are."

Alvaro Luna, a freshman at Tarrant County College, said

he heard about the protests from his cousin, a student at Arlington Heights High School, and from the news.

"The U.S. government wants to try and keep us out (of the country)," Luna said. "But good thing we are here."

Luna said he didn't understand why laws should require illegal immigrants to work so extensively to get a visa and become a U.S. citizen.

"It's just not very fair," he said.

His sign, which read, "This Latino country just ain't the same without us," was rolled up under his arm.

"They won't even let us hold up the signs," Luna said. "One cop told us, 'Just go home. We

don't want you here.' But it's important for people to see us and hear what we have to say."

Jeannet Sigala, a graduate of Trimble Tech High School in 2005, said the walk-out is a way to voice their opinions.

"We are just here to make a better life for ourselves," Sigala said. "I think everybody deserves a second chance."

Three Fort Worth police officers at separate downtown locations during the protest refused to comment.

According to The Associated Press, there are 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States.

— Ryan Wilcox contributed to the report.

DINING

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ter's dining options with the hope of a better selection.

"I want to see more variety and healthier food," said Madison Cutherell, a freshman early childhood education major. "There should be new brands and better quality food, since it's usually only hamburgers."

Freshman accounting major Michael Harlow said he also wants to see a bigger selection in the new student center, as well as better-set times of operation for certain venues.

"One thing I really don't like is that the Chinese place in the Far East section of The Main is only open a few days a week," Harlow said.

The decisions may be in the future, but for right now, Flores said, both Dining Services and the Dining Services Committee are looking at all possibilities and are trying to find the options that best suit the students.

RADIO SHACK

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types of people who are not entirely truthful on their résumés.

"Sometimes people want a job, but they don't meet the stated requirements in the job description," Curry said.

These students think they should be able to substitute the experience they do have with that which is required, or don't consider experience to be important, Curry said.

"Therefore, using careful wording, an applicant's résumé can appear to meet the qualifications and thus, will secure an interview for them," Curry said.

Curry said the other group of people are those who flat out lie on their résumés.

Shirley Rasberry, director of the Graduate Career Service Center, said she hopes students are more aware of the importance to be honest

on a résumé, and to not be tempted to lie.

"Honesty and integrity is something that we teach across the board anyway," Rasberry said. "None of the students in the five years I have been here have asked me to help them stretch a certain point on a résumé."

In order to enhance a résumé, Rasberry advises students to avoid writing in paragraph form but to identify academic and professional accomplishments.

Stay away from clichés and really focus on selling yourself to the potential employer, she said.

"Don't say you are self-motivated because, who is going to say they aren't self-motivated?" Rasberry said. "Don't expect an employer to read between the lines, and go 'Oh yeah, that's what we are looking for.'"

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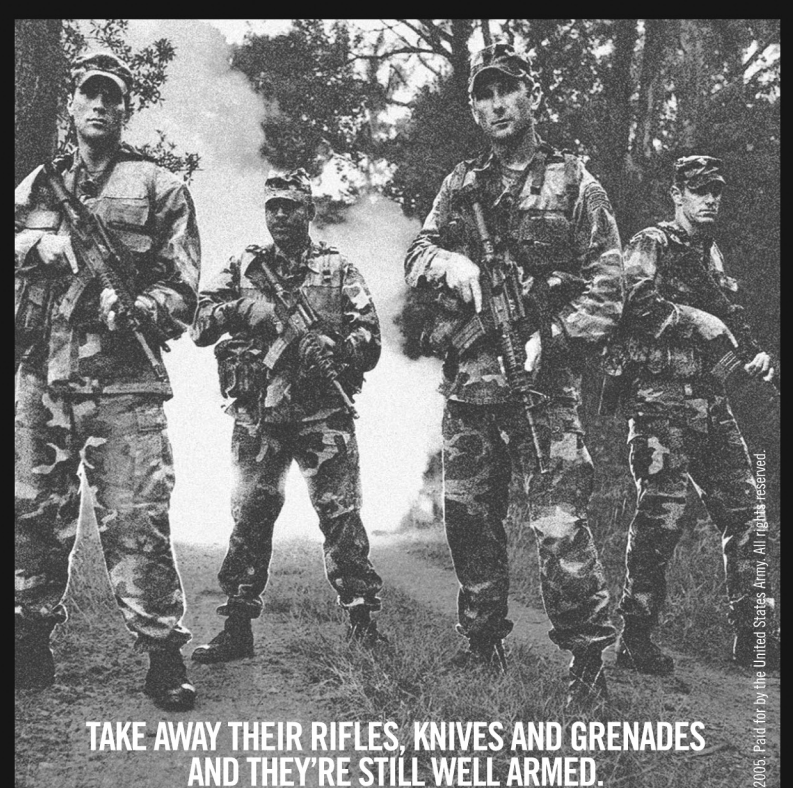
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Student protesters in France were joined by nationwide airline, train and bus strikes. They are protesting a law that will allow employers to hire and fire young adults at will.

—Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

HIV pill aimed at less fortunate

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may just have a daily pill that could prevent HIV, according to the Associated Press.

The chemicals in the pill have been tested in monkeys, and after some larger studies, the pills will most likely be “given to people at highest risk of HIV,” such as American gay men and African women, the AP reports.

About 40 million people are predicted to currently have HIV/AIDS, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. HIV is the most prevalent among Africans, residents of developing countries, and in North America, gay men. But those demographics aren't the only ones who contract the disease. Women, specifically blacks, are increasingly becoming more affected by the disease, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In the AP article, a federal scientist says that though the CDC thinks more people than just gay men and commonly addressed high-risk groups could get use

out of the drug, but it's not intended for “housewives in Peoria.”

While HIV is a risk than any sexually active person must consider, the government is choosing to serve the people who have historically suffered most from the disease — an example of positive action by the medical world that doesn't seem to get much press.

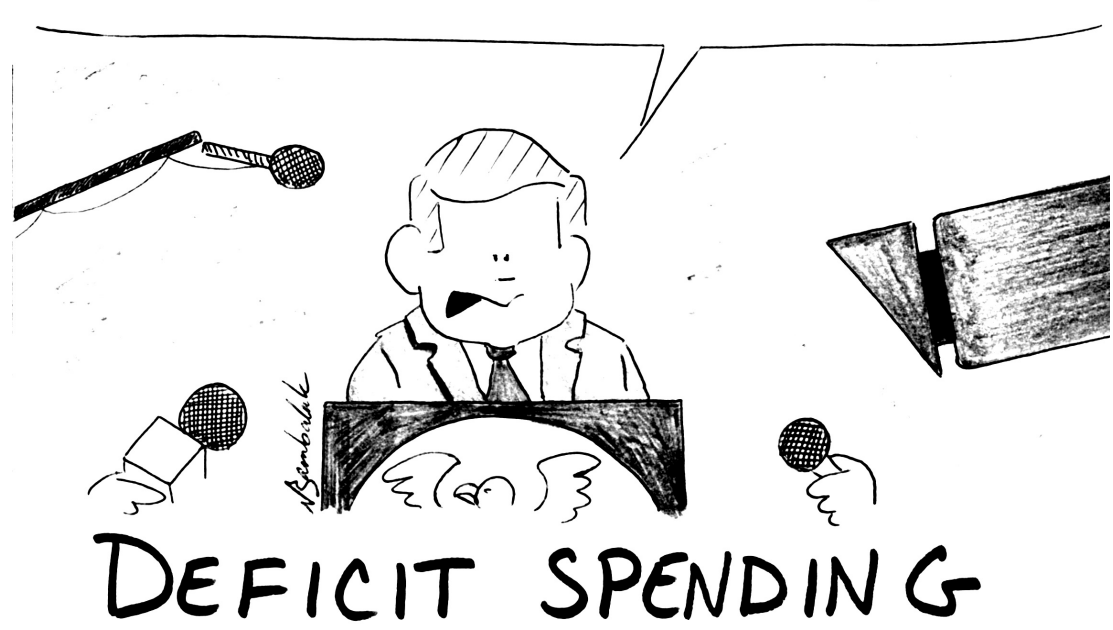
Recent headlines have read that health care is becoming less and less accessible to those in lower socioeconomic classes with fewer physicians providing charity care. The company developing the drug, Gilead Sciences, Inc., donated the pills for the studies and is charging 87 cents a pill in poorer countries, according to the AP. Sure, \$26 a month to a resident of a developing country may be a lot, but the company is not charging the \$650 a month that it would cost an average American.

Think what you will about the health care system, but know that it can benefit those less fortunate and does possess good qualities.

Associate editor Adrienne Lang for the editorial board.

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I'VE SPENT MY POLITICAL CAPITAL.
AND I STILL HAVE THAT POLITICAL CAPITAL



Netflix policy leaves frequent renters cheated

Like a loyal, loving relationship gone sadly awry, the magic has fled from my romance with Netflix.

Don't get me wrong — as a film enthusiast and rent-a-holic, I still have an appreciation for the ubiquitous online movie rental business. There will always be a fond place in my heart for the ever-so-convenient service that usurped Blockbuster in nearly all respects.

In the beginning, I, like many others, signed up for a two-week free trial with Netflix. I must confess that those two weeks were nothing short of magical movie-rental bliss.

I gleefully added dozens

of films to my Netflix queue, enthralled by the mind-boggling selection. Ravidly awaiting for the postal truck's arrival to my mailbox became a daily ritual — I'd dash out to my mailbox in hopes that a wonderful, familiar red envelope containing my next Netflix DVD would happily be waiting for me.

Yes, during that two-week tryst — err, trial period, rather, our relationship blossomed into a beautiful Internet movie-rental service and film-fanatic love affair. I'm not ashamed to admit it.

However, I noticed that the magic began to fade when the free trial ended. Although I had become a fully committed, dutifully paying subscriber, I was no longer receiving DVD's at the same speedy rate. In fact, my wait time between rentals increased as my sub-

scription wore on longer. I consulted Google, curious to find other Netflix faithfuls experiencing the same slow service woes.

Much to my dismay, I wasn't the only one being “throttled.” (Yes, that is an actual term coined for the deliberate slowing down of DVD delivery speed by Netflix shipping locations.) It would seem that by initially courting the trial subscribers with lightning-fast shipment, Netflix lures them in to purchasing a subscription. It's a bait-and-hook tactic that many fall prey to — and I am admittedly one who took it — hook, line, and sinker. Definitely fishy.

More specifically, I discovered that Netflix implicitly reserves faster service to the customers who rent fewer DVD's, i.e. those who do not fully take advantage of the

“unlimited rental” promise.

Netflix admits to giving priority to customers who rent less frequently, a fact stated in its Terms of Service, revised in March 2005: “We reserve the right to allocate and ship DVDs to you in any manner that we, in our sole and absolute discretion, determine ... In determining priority for shipping and inventory allocation, we give priority to those members who receive the fewest DVDs through our service. As a result, those subscribers who receive the most movies may experience next-day shipping and receive movies lower in their queue more often than our other subscribers.” Ouch.

So Netflix sticks seasoned subscribers who frequently send and receive DVDs on the backburner. Really taking advantage of the “unlimited monthly rentals” Netflix

so proudly boasts may subject subscribers to dramatically slower delivery rates.

Regardless of “maximizing profit” or saving money on postage or whatever business-as-usual explanation Netflix wishes to make for throttling their subscribers, I feel that as a consumer there's something inherently wrong with giving certain customers a higher priority over others based on rental frequency. Beyond that, it's irksome that a paying customer may receive DVDs at a slower rate than a nonpaying trial subscriber.

I also feel that Netflix should either change the way they advertise its “unlimited” rentals, or offer equally efficient service to all of its customers. What's so wrong with wanting to take advantage of the unlimited rentals Netflix promises?

After all, we're still paying for it. Shouldn't we still feel more appreciation?

Lesson learned: Netflix serves its purpose for the casual renter, but for film fanatics looking for a committed, constant, dependable rental relationship, it does not make a fiercely loyal companion.

It's bitter tale of loving and leaving. And though I admit that I still use the service infrequently, I am deeply disenchanted by the notion of being throttled by any means.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who would kindly urge Netflix to share the love among its subscribers and not leave its most frequently renting customers to forlornly wait for days on end by their empty mailboxes.

Rachel Gollay is a junior radio-TV/film major from Rockwall.

Organizations should take advantage of free money

Use your resources.

We've all heard the expression many times, so why is it that we always neglect to comply?

At TCU, the world is at our fingertips. With so many opportunities available, students are able to accomplish just about anything they set their minds to.

Yet sometimes we falter and don't adequately utilize the means we have here, a major one being the Activities Funding Board. The AFB was created in 2005 and is a fund of \$60,000 that is handed out to student groups on campus through the House of Student Representatives. Its main purpose is to allow school sponsored clubs and organizations to come before the Student Government Association and request money for the following semester.

Any of the 140 eligible student organizations or any sports club or team may apply for AFB. To be eligible, groups must be recognized by Student Development Services and be in good standing with the university. In 2005, more than 50 of these groups received part of the \$50,000 that was given.

This is an extremely useful

opportunity for any of TCU's various groups. In applying for the AFB, an organization may be able to receive funds that can enable it to sponsor an on-campus activity or send members of the group to a variety of conferences.

With this, groups are given a means to experience and learn in a variety of ways, depending on how the money is spent. Students are thus able to share their experiences with their fellow students, making TCU an even better environment.

With eight people on the board (two leaders and six members) who review applications and allocate funds, the AFB is a fair and even way for money to be given to various student groups.

In the past, giving funds to groups was not nearly as just. First of all, the money that SGA had to allocate was limited, so in almost all instances, groups were given less than they requested. Also, a problem arose because at the beginning of the semester, there seemed to be a large amount of funds to be dispersed to various groups. As the semester passed, money needed to be conserved and, subsequently, groups looking for funds in the middle of the semester would find themselves receiving less money than groups who had

asked earlier. Then, at the end of the semester, the last few groups to ask would get the most because the budget would need to be drained to zero before the semester came to a close.

Now, with the creation of the AFB, the system is completely fair, and groups are given the same opportunity to receive funds as they apply at the same time. Applying for funds through the board is also extremely simple. All one has to do is log onto sga.tcu.edu and click on the AFB link. Once the application is acquired, it must be completed and submitted, and a presentation must be given. After these three steps are completed, it will be reviewed by the board and funds may then be given to a group.

With the March 31 deadline rapidly approaching, it is pertinent that all groups quickly submit their applications to TCU Box 297326 to receive funding for the fall 2006 semester.

It is time that we all get out there, seize the day, and make use of that which is so easily accessible to us. With such a valuable resource out there waiting for us to take advantage of, it is foolish for anyone of us to let such an opportunity pass by.

Laura Prus is a freshman advertising/public relations major from Houston.

OTHER VIEW

College costs high; need to cut fat

Earlier this month, Virginia's General Assembly passed HB 1478, which would require public colleges and universities in the Commonwealth to develop guidelines to combat the rising cost of textbooks. This bill comes on the heels of the Textbook Market Fairness Act passed last year, which required schools to post their reading lists online to facilitate comparison shopping. Although well-intentioned, both laws are only token measures against a much larger problem. Short of price controls, only concerted effort by students and parents can stop the skyrocketing costs of education.

Rising textbook prices are only the tip of the iceberg. According to the College Board, private and public four-year institutions jacked up tuition by 5.9 percent and 7.1 percent at the start of this current school year. By contrast, the nation's inflation rate was, and historically has been, less than 4 percent. In an article for the National Public Radio Web site, Ohio University economist Richard Vedder points out that annual tuition hikes have far exceeded inflation for at least four decades.

The problem with the market for educational services is that sellers can charge whatever consumers are willing to pay, which in turn, depends on what consumers expect to gain. The College Board estimates that, compared with high school graduates, someone holding a college degree will earn more than \$1 million more (adjusted for inflation) than someone who does not over his or her lifetime. Thus, colleges could theoretically charge up to \$1 million for tuition, and a perfectly rational economic actor would still pay.

Assuming that the national inflation rate roughly approximates the annual increase in schools' basic operating costs, the sharper rise in tuition stems from either more frills

or more waste. Vedder points the finger at bloated student support services and lavish recreational facilities, among other things.

Generally, investments in athletic facilities and programs do not pay off. According to a 2003 NCAA study, spending on athletics is, at best, budget-neutral and does not raise revenue or gifts from alumni, contrary to what administrators would have us believe.

Of course, state funding is also a large factor for public schools. However, this isn't true of private institutions. Thus, it seems that academia's own uncontrolled spending is still a culprit.

Colleges and universities are quick to point out that most students do not pay the full retail price because of financial aid. While true, this is like throwing more life jackets at passengers on a sinking ship. At some point, academia's exponential spending will outstrip its ability to give more aid.

What can students do? For starters, college applicants must be smarter shoppers. They must place a greater priority on basic educational services and less emphasis on bells and whistles. They should also demand that publications such as U.S. News & World Report rankings give more weight to bang-for-the-buck value.

As for textbooks, despite the fact that most publishers are profit-making businesses, they do respond to consumer pressure. From personal experience, I have been able to get along fine with older editions and publicly available Internet materials, of which professors are often unaware.

In the end, higher education is and is not a market like any other. While schools are not out to make a buck, like any other seller, they will keep raising prices until consumers put their feet down. It's time we stamp out academia's uncontrolled costs.

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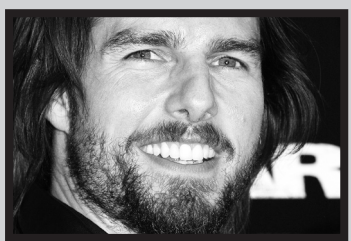
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FEVER TO TELL?

"Show Your Bones," the latest release by New York rockers Yeah Yeah Yeahs is one of the most-hyped releases of the year, but is it one of the best. We review 'Bones' in Thursday's Arts page.

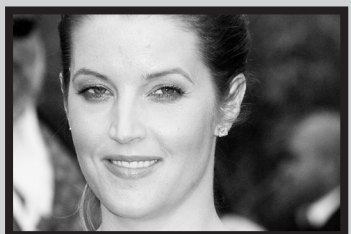
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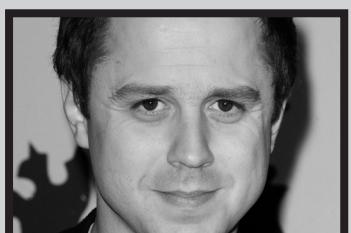
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SCIENTOLOGY: FAITH OR FAKE?

Experts dispel misconceptions about religion

By MIKE DWYER
News Editor

Fans of the Comedy Central series "South Park" had to know the show's creators, Matt Stone and Trey Parker, wouldn't let bygones be bygones when they sat down last week to watch the season 10 premiere.

Isaac Hayes, who had been with the animated show as the voice of the character Chef since it debuted in 1997, abruptly quit the show March 13, telling The Associated Press he could no longer be part of a series that disrespected others' religious beliefs and practices.

Hayes practices Scientology, the religion of Tom Cruise, John Travolta and many of Hollywood's elites, and one that, not coincidentally according to Parker, "South Park" lampooned in a scathing satire titled "Trapped in the Closet" in November.

"(We) never heard a peep out of Isaac in any way until we did Scientology," Parker told the AP. "He wants a different standard for religions other than his own, and to me, that is where intolerance and bigotry begin."

Indeed, "South Park" had made a name for itself by leaving nothing sacred — taking shots at Catholics, Jews and Mormons — but the spoof of Scientology, which has a long history of legal action over defamation, may have bordered on risky lines, attacking not only the religion, but its highest-profile followers, Cruise and Travolta.

But the show's fans know Stone and Parker aren't ones to shy away from controversy — the two declared "war" on Scientology in a statement released shortly after Comedy Central pulled a scheduled rerun of "Trapped in the Closet" from its programming lineup March 15. Stone and Parker had a lot to

live up to with their season 10 premiere March 21.

And the two didn't disappoint the 3.5 million viewers — the largest audience for a season debut of the show since 2002 — who tuned in to watch the opening stage of "South Park's" attack.

Chef returned to the town of South Park amid much excitement from its residents, but the townspeople noticed something was different about Chef, who had been traveling around the world for three months with the "Super Adventure Club" — a thinly veiled metaphor for the Church of Scientology.

Parker and Stone made it known what they believed to be the cause of Hayes' resignation and comments about "South Park" through 8-year-old character Kyle's pronouncement after an attempt at mind control by the leader of the "Super Adventure Club."

"The reason Chef has been saying those terrible things about us is because he's been brainwashed," Kyle said. "By that fruity little club."

But what is Scientology exactly? Miguel Leatham, an assistant professor of anthropology with an expertise in religious movements, dismisses the idea that mind control plays any part in the religion.

"Brainwashing is bunk," Leatham said. "That's just total bunk. People make decisions to join religious groups, new religions included."

Cathy Norman, director of special affairs for the Church of Scientology of Texas in Austin, said Scientology is not a story or a dogma about God but a path to spiritual enlightenment.

"Scientology is a big subject," Nor-



ANN JOHANSSON / Associated Press
"South Park" creators Trey Parker, left, and Matt Stone pose at their offices in Los Angeles on Oct. 14. The battle between the pair and the celebrity-endorsed religion of Scientology, raged on this season in a tempest over a controversial episode mocking outspoken Scientologist Tom Cruise.

man said in a phone call from Austin. "It's essentially a study of the human spirit. We believe that you are an immortal spiritual being that exists separate and distinct from a body."

The International Church of Scientology was founded in Los Angeles by science fiction author L. Ron Hubbard in 1954, and the main tract followed by the religion is contained in Hubbard's 1950 book "Dianetics," Leatham said.

Norman said she doesn't know how many practicing Scientologists there are in America, but said she has recently seen figures that say there could be as many as 1 million. She said there are four Scientology churches in Texas, with the closest being in Dallas, but said that number pales in comparison to the 44 churches in California.

The religion's origin story can be found in "Dianetics," which Leatham said presents a theory about the nature of blockages that inhibit a person's mind, some of which are present in a person at birth.

"(Hubbard) came up with a series

of techniques for liberating people from those, the main one being auditing, where a person strives to become a 'clear,' to become cleared of these problems," he said. "It's pretty much like psychoanalysis; the idea of confronting your fears, confronting your problems, and then once they've been identified, they can be removed."

Norman said auditing allows people to achieve a higher state of being and frees them from emotional scars that can cause illness or immoral behavior.

"The basic theory of 'Dianetics' is that bad things happen to people," she said. "People have incidents in their pasts, in their physical or emotional past, and the memory of those things is still affecting them in the present ... If you allow a person to examine those memories through this technique, they get results."

Auditing is the only way for a person to become clear, and each auditing session costs money, something that has become a lightning rod of criticism for the church.

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SCIENTOLOGY

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Norman defended the per-session cost of auditing saying that unlike with other religions, the practice of Scientology is very much focused on the individual and auditing sessions are a lot like counseling sessions that outsiders pay for on a daily basis.

"In Scientology, rather than pass the plate or having people pledge a certain portion of their income, we request a formal donation from people who are receiving auditing from the church," Norman said.

Despite all the publicity attracted by its famous followers, the group has been known to be secretive about some of its beliefs, Leatham said, and have sued former followers who have leaked Scientology's secrets after signing contracts to keep that information secret.

The church has been so active in filing defamation lawsuits against its critics that many social scientists have become afraid to even study the group, Leatham said.

"I think one of the ironies, or what many outside observers see as sort of an irony about Scientology, is that by litigating against individuals — or groups, organizations, corporations — who have been perceived as being critical, they have stimulated further criticism," Leatham said.

But Bobby Amirshahi, director of corporate communications for Comedy Central, said in an e-mail that the network has never been contacted by

the Church of Scientology regarding either episode of the series relating to the religion and fears no legal action from the church.

"We routinely run story ideas and content past our internal standards and practice and legal departments for review and to minimize any risk to the company before any show airs," Amirshahi said.

Rob Sherwin, a Fort Worth attorney with Brackett and Ellis PC and adjunct professor of journalism, said it is unlikely that any suit the Church of Scientology brought against Comedy Central would be successful because, among other reasons, "South Park" is parody or satire, which is a defense that can be used in libel cases.

"Realize that you can always sue someone," Sherwin said. "You can file a suit against anyone for anything. Whether the Church of Scientology would have a reasonable likelihood for success, I think would be doubtful."

Leatham believes Scientology has just as much merit as any other religion.

"People who are members swear by it," he said. "There are people who have come out of this who think this is bunk and then they do everything they can to prove that it's just a commercial — a rip-off and that it's all based on pseudoscience. Those people who have remained have been benefitted by it and are extremely loyal."

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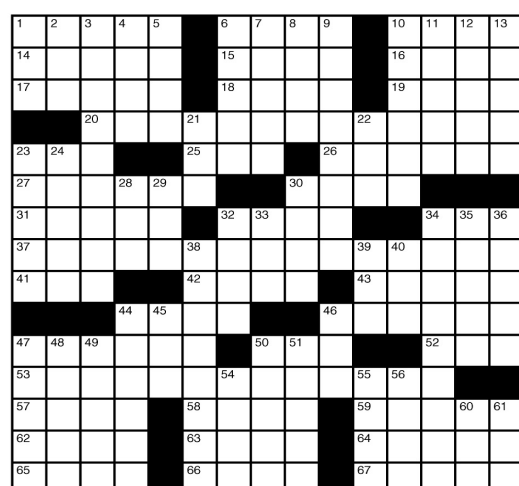
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- 27 Star in Aquila
- 30 Find a perch
- 31 Decants
- 32 Smelting residue
- 34 Mid-sixth century date
- 37 Not the real deal in the NBA
- 41 Snakelike swimmer
- 42 Nair competitor
- 43 Poet Doolittle
- 44 Operate with a beam
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- 67 Banned big bang



By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Frogs fall to Cal Bears

By SHAWN FERGUSON
 Staff Reporter

The No. 23 ranked women's tennis team lost a close match Tuesday afternoon to No. 10 California by a score of 4-3.

The Golden Bears (11-4) edged out the Frogs (11-6) early in the match by winning the doubles matches 9-7 and 9-7.

Cal's Suzi Babos and Suzie Fodor came back to beat senior Helena Besovic and junior Ana Cetnik after trailing halfway through the match and facing match point.

"We really let the doubles match slip," coach Dave Borelli said. "We had four match points in one of the games, we had our chances."

Things were not looking any better once singles play started as Fodor made quick work of sophomore Nicole

Leimbach, who lost straight sets 6-0 and 6-2.

The Frogs won their first match as Besovic defeated Babos 7-6(5) and 6-3.

TCU cut further into Cal's lead when junior Ana Cetnik beat freshman Claire Ilcinkas 7-6(3), 6-4.

However, all was lost when sophomore Kewa Nichols lost three sets to senior Jessica Shu 3-6, 7-5 and 1-6, sealing the win for Cal.

"They're a really good team that plays a good schedule," Borelli said. "One point goes our way and we win."

Borelli said the attitude of the team remains good.

"Our goal now is to run the table in conference and get in a regional," Borelli said. "We're a good team that no one will want to play in a regional."



Andrew Chavez / Assistant Photo Editor
 Sophomore Andrea Morgado competes in doubles play against Cal on Tuesday afternoon at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

TUESDAY'S WOMEN'S TENNIS MATCH RESULTS

No. 10 California def. No. 23 TCU, 4-3

- Singles Competition**
1. Suzie Fodor (CAL) def. Nicole Leimbach (TCU), (6-0, 6-2)
 2. Helena Besovic (TCU) def. Suzi Babos (CAL), (7-6[5], 6-3)
 3. Anna Sydorska (TCU) def. Christina Visico (CAL), (4-6, 6-3, 6-3)
 4. Ana Cetnik (TCU) def. Claire Ilcinkas (CAL), (7-6[3], 6-4)
 5. Jessica Shu (CAL) def. Kewa Nichols (TCU), (6-3, 5-7, 6-1)
 6. Bojana Bobusic (CAL) def. Gloriann Lopez (TCU), (6-3, 6-4)
- Doubles Competition**
1. Babos/Fodor (CAL) def. Besovic/Cetnik (TCU), (9-7)
 2. Bobusic/Kusano (CAL) def. Morgado/Sydorska (TCU), (9-7)
 3. Leimbach/Nichols (TCU) def. Ilcinkas/Visico (CAL), (8-4)

MEN'S TENNIS

Team hosts matches amid losing streak

By KAILEY DELINGER
 Staff Writer

The men's tennis team is looking for a change of pace today in its double header against Wichita State and Abilene Christian University.

Although the Frogs have lost six of their last seven matches to some of the higher-ranked teams on their schedule, today's matches at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center could turn the losing streak around.

TCU is playing in its first double header of the season, and head coach Joey Rivé said he expects a tough day.

"The guys are in OK shape to handle it," Rivé said, "but it will be a challenge. Hopefully we'll be stronger because of it."

Of TCU's two opponents, Rivé said he expects Wichita State to be the most formidable.

"Wichita State is a good, scrappy team," Rivé said, "... in college tennis, anybody

can beat you."

The challenge that the doubleheader presents may be a positive one for Rivé, who said it is a way to alleviate some of the stress left over from playing highly ranked teams such as No. 2 Pepperdine and No. 7 Baylor.

"When you play four or five of these (tough) matches in a row, the pressure builds up," Rivé said. "This match will be a different kind of pressure."

Another change in the Frogs' favor is the return of junior Radu Barbu.

Barbu missed three matches earlier this month because of an injury but has returned fully recuperated to TCU's lineup.

After Barbu's win over his California opponent Monday, Rivé said, he hopes the junior's play will continue to be to the Frogs' advantage.

Rivé said he is happy to have Barbu back and emphasized the player's role in helping the team win.

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