

SPLITTING STOCKS

Wall Street is seeing a large number of TCU students on the trading floor. See Tuesday's Skiff for why TCU has so many working in the stock market.



DYNAMIC DUO

One unlikely pair has endured distance to reunite under the most unusual of circumstances.

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TABC to re-examine policy of arresting in bars

By JOHN-LAURENT TRONCHE
Staff Reporter

Complaints following a series of "sales to intoxicated person stings" in Irving have prompted the suspension of a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission program allowing officers to make arrests within bars, said a public information officer with the TABC.

Carolyn Beck, a TABC pub-

lic information officer, said the TABC is taking "a step back" in order to assess the program, as well as in response to complaints received regarding the March arrests. Beck could not say how many complaints have been received in total.

On March 10, a series of "stings" involving 29 Irving establishments resulted in 26 arrests, which included 17 for public intoxication

and five for sales to an intoxicated person, Beck said.

"We have temporarily suspended our program while we're on an information-gathering mission," Beck said.

Joshua Loewen, 23, a bartender at The Moon on Berry Street, said he thinks the program is "intelligent and smart, but not well-executed."

"I think it's pretty unfair

because you can go out with a group of people and a designated driver and (the TABC) can still arrest you," Loewen said.

Loewen said he knows the rules about serving but added "nobody drinks one drink an hour."

"Nobody walks around with a meter over their head," Loewen said. "It's all a judgment call."

Loewen expressed concern about the possibility he could be arrested for serving an intoxicated patron or overserving a customer to the point of intoxication.

"You go to work and could end up in jail," Loewen said.

Dre Lasher, 23, currently works at The Cellar on Berry Street and said she has served drinks for five years.

"I cut off a lot of people," Lasher said. "(But the program) is a good thing because I can't keep an eye on everyone."

Despite the complaints and suspension, Lasher said, she thinks the program will return.

The stings may return within one month, although nothing is certain, Beck said.

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Recognizing achievements

Honors meeting commemorates excelling Frogs

By SONA THAPA
Staff Reporter

Accompanied by a performance of the TCU Jazz Combo, honors students marched in their black robes in the Ed Landreth Hall during the 44th annual Honors Convocation Thursday.

The convocation celebrated the accomplishments of students who excelled in their fields of interest. Chancellor Victor Boschini read the names of five juniors and 30 seniors who were recognized for becoming members of the TCU chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

According to the TCU Web site, Phi Beta Kappa is "the nation's oldest and most respected undergraduate honors organization."

The students who were recognized had met the requirements placed forward by Phi Beta Kappa to be accepted as a member, one of which involved having a GPA of 3.9 or higher for juniors and at least 3.7 for seniors.

In his short speech, Boschini expressed his appreciation for the students and said, "You are the reason we do all of this."

Linh Tran, a senior biochemistry major, was one of the seniors who gained recognition for her academic achievements.

She said she likes the convocation because it gives students an opportunity to be honored at least once before they graduate.

"We were reminded that all our hard work is not wasted and we still have goals to meet," Tran said.

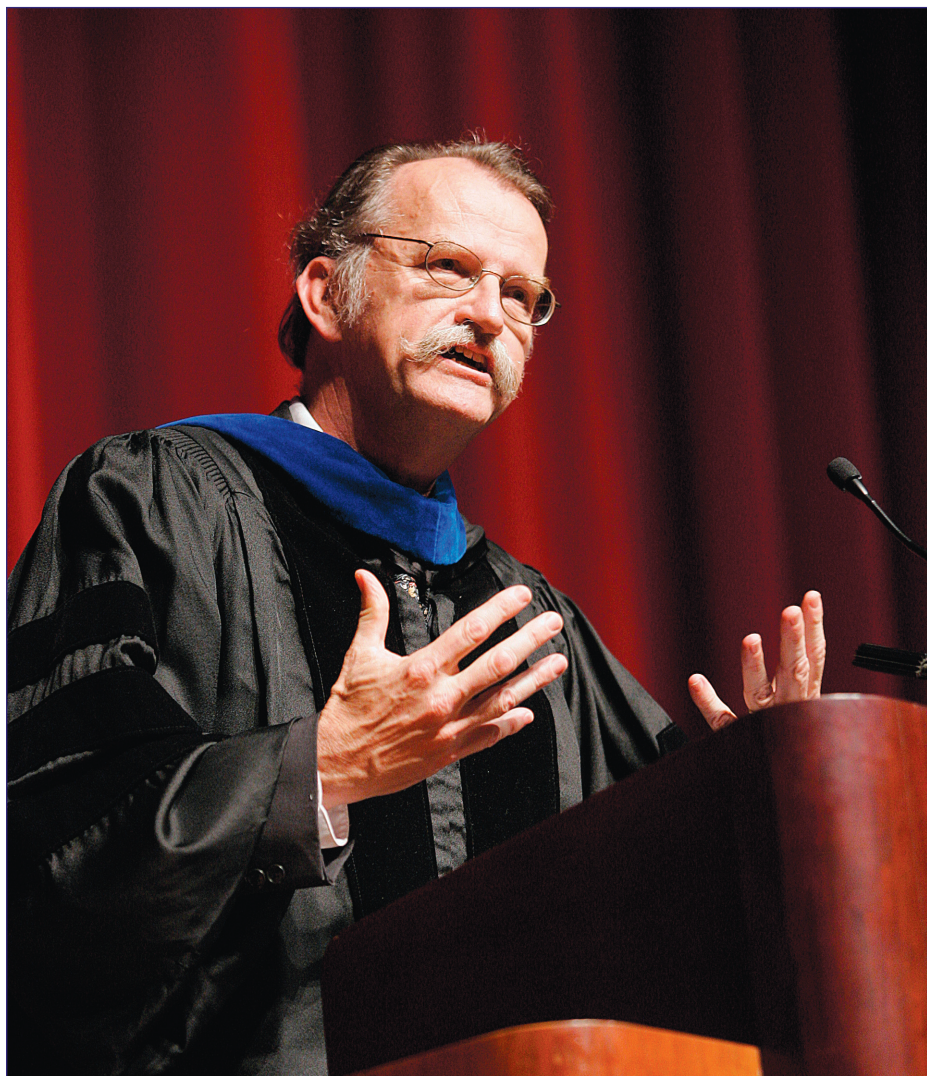
Joshua Long, a senior finance accounting major, and Grace Moore, a junior nursing major, are this year's recipients of the TCU Honors Scholar Award.

Peggy Watson, director of the Honors Program, announced the names of the winners.

Watson said Long's project is titled "Profiting for Public: A Test in The Ambition Market" and Moore's project is "Hepatitis C: Studying Stigma."

Michael Dodson, a political science pro-

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STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor
Peter Onuf from the University of Virginia gives the keynote address at Honors Convocation in Ed Landreth Auditorium Thursday morning.

Experts discuss Jeffersonian politics

By KATHLEEN THURBER
Staff Reporter

A panel of professors discussed how the United States' current war and foreign policies relate to Jeffersonian ideas Thursday as part of the Thomas Jefferson for Today Conference.

Samuel Watson, an associate professor of history at the United States Military Academy, said the most important lesson from Jefferson's time and from conflicts in the modern era is that the military needs to be flexible.

"When any nation faces antagonists," he said, it must either "fight, negotiate or withdraw."

In 1807, Jefferson chose to fight, he said, and when that was not successful and he was still unwilling to give in, Jefferson withdrew into isolationism in 1808.

In regards to Iraq, Watson said, the ultimate danger is that the experience will spur another stint of isolationism.

"Once bitten in Iraq, twice shy in other nations when it might be best to intervene," he said of the United States.

Watson said Jefferson eventually stopped worrying and came to love

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Students showcase research projects in Tucker hallways

By LESLIE HONEY
Staff Reporter

The studies of atomic nuclei and black holes are only a couple of the many research topics on display Friday as part of the Student Research Symposium.

The fourth annual SRS will display about 87 research projects on posters in the hallways of the Tucker Technology Center that students of the College of Science and Engineering prepared to be judged by faculty from different departments according to topic.

John Horner, professor of biology and chairman of the SRS 2006 committee, said the symposium is important for the college because it encourages students to participate in research and gives students the opportunity to present their research in a relaxed environment.

Michelle Prewitt, a senior physics and mathematics major and Senior Scholar for the physics department, will display a poster that aims to explain the efficiency of X-ray detectors.

Prewitt said her research is designed to test the efficiency of X-ray detectors, and her research contributes to the knowledge and understanding of basic physics principles.

Sarah Hernandez, a junior astrophysics major, said her research poster will involve, among various things, the study of black holes.

Hernandez explained her

research involves active galaxies that differ from the Milky Way because of their source of radiation.

"The Milky Way Galaxy receives radiation from stars, which differs from active galaxies who receive their radiation from different energies, including black holes," Hernandez said.

According to srs.tcu.edu, participation in the symposium will allow students practical experience in a professional environment for displaying research.

The posters will be on display all day Friday with two poster sessions where students and faculty can ask the student researchers specific questions about their work, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Amanda Neill, head of the Botanical Informations and Collections Management for the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, will give a keynote speech in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 1 at 5:30 p.m. titled "BRIT and TCU Students: The Andes to the Amazon Program."

Horner explained that each department has already chosen a winning undergraduate poster and possibly a graduate poster, depending on the department.

The awards ceremony for the research posters will follow Neill's speech.

Horner said he did not want to talk specifically about certain research projects because he did not want to seem biased toward the biology department but said all the research being presented is excellent.

Employers face consequences of illegal hiring

By ANDREW MIGA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government plans to crack down ever harder on employers who harbor and hire illegal immigrants, pursuing companies that ignore the law so they can exploit cheap labor.

"We are going to move beyond the current level of activity to a higher level in each month and year to come," Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Thursday. He pledged to "come down as hard as pos-

sible" on violators.

Federal agents arrested seven current and former managers of IFCO Systems, a manufacturer of crates and pallets, on criminal charges Wednesday, and more than 1,100 people were arrested on administrative immigration charges at more than 40 IFCO sites in the United States.

"Our nation's communities cannot be a wild frontier where illegal aliens and unscrupulous employees subvert our nation's laws," said Julie Myers, assis-

tant secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Don Sherman, director of the Cincinnati Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, an advocate for immigrant workers and their rights, was skeptical about the government's move.

"I think the timing is very suspicious because there are a number of rallies coming up around the country promoting immigration reform," he said.

Chertoff denied the timing of the stepped-up enforcement had anything to do with recent

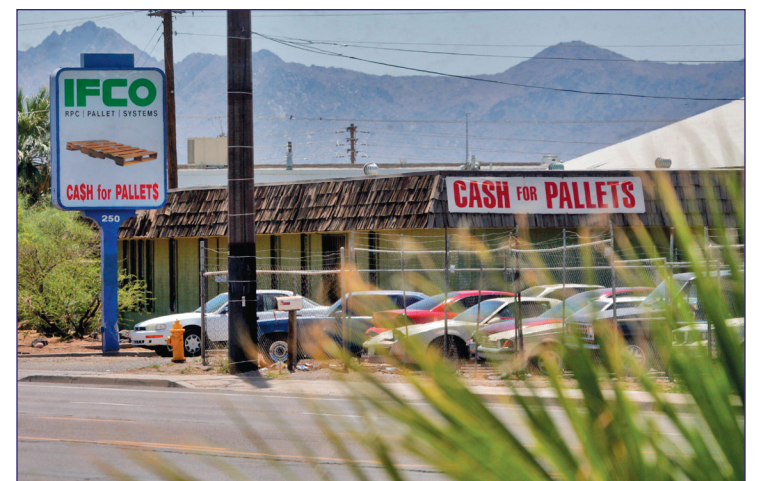
immigration demonstrations, saying the investigations began more than a year ago.

Messages left with IFCO officials were not immediately returned Thursday. In a statement Wednesday, the company pledged to cooperate with the investigation and comply with state and federal requirements.

The Netherlands-based company describes itself as the leading pallet services company in America.

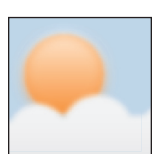
More than half of the

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MATT YORK / Associated Press

IFCO systems, in Phoenix, was one of several sites where Immigration agents arrested seven executives and hundreds of employees Wednesday as part of a crackdown on employers of illegal workers.



WEATHER

TODAY: Partly Cloudy, 78/56

TOMORROW: Sunny, 87/62

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FUN FACT

A stowaway who made it past customs and into the United States has won over locals. The migrant — a cat — hopped aboard a semitrailer and rode from Canada to North Dakota. — AP

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CORRECTIONS

• In the SAT and ACT story that appeared in Thursday's paper, Wes Waggoner, director of freshman admissions at TCU, is quoted as saying that students may choose which test scores, Advanced Placement, ACT or SAT, to send to the university. The university accepts all tests scores and compares them, considering the highest when making an admission decision, and Advanced Placement scores are not a part of the TCU admissions decision.

• The article that ran Wednesday about the FWISD P.E. department said Debbie Rhea received a federal grant. The grant was actually awarded to FWISD, for which Rhea was the lead consultant.

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company's roughly 5,800 employees during 2005 had invalid or mismatched Social Security numbers, the government alleges.

JEFFERSON

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the military and avoided foreign entanglements.

In Iraq, military policies need to be flexible because the military has had to adapt its ways of fighting, he said.

Gene Smith, a history professor who discussed Jefferson and the Navy, said military ventures in the 1990s and early part of the 21st century have confirmed Jefferson's ideas that foreign policies need to include various mechanisms for fighting, including anything from submarines to U.S. carriers.

In Jefferson's approach to the Navy, Smith said, he devoted many of his resources to gun boats, which he said are now viewed as a failure because they did not inspire confidence. However, he said, Jefferson eventually realized he would need multiple crafts to succeed.

Smith explained how Jefferson's policies changed over his administration, something Lawrence Kaplan, a university professor emer-

tus at Kent State University, said is indicative of Jefferson's character.

"I've been trying to understand Jefferson for the past 55 years and I don't think I've managed it successfully," Kaplan said. "There are many contradictions, though there are several consistencies."

Kaplan said Jefferson is wrongly portrayed as a pacifist at times, and while he often resorted to pacifism, he was willing to use force as a last resort.

Jefferson was known throughout history to deviate from his belief that the United States should not be attached to any one country, partially because of Jefferson's belief that the United States can manipulate Britain and France, Kaplan said.

These ideas, though not directly, do correlate to NATO, Kaplan said, because in NATO, the United States maintains allies despite Jeffersonian attempts to detach.

NATO is an organization that began with 12 nations that came together on the basis of equality, he said.

However, he said, while decisions are to be made based on consensus, they have often been driven by the United States' status as a superpower.

Even in 2003, when France and Germany openly opposed the United States' decisions regarding Iraq, the relationships between countries in NATO survived, Kaplan said. Despite Jefferson's belief in detachment, he said, Jefferson did recognize the need for occasional support from Europe, something the United States still recognizes through its role in NATO.

"The United States in NATO needs allies and they need us," he said, because the United States has the most military capabilities.

Claire Phelan, a graduate student of history, said the conference was attended by mostly academics and professors, some from other schools and some here independently.

After the panelists' discussion, audience members asked questions regarding history.

HONORS

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fessor, was honored with the 2006 Honors Faculty Recognition Award.

Dodson, who teaches honors students, said he felt "gratified and flattered" to receive the award.

He said the convocation is a way of showing students it's important to balance their social lives and studies and it serves to inspire everyone at the university.

Peter S. Onuf, a professor of history at the University of Virginia, was invited to speak during the convocation.

Onuf, who is also the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professor, spoke briefly on Thomas Jefferson and quoted him several times.

Onuf said Jefferson celebrated the fact that the American people were "always ready to put down their plows to pick up their swords in order to defend liberty."

Onuf said Jefferson's words are something to live by.

Dodson said the speech was one of the most interesting Honors Convocation has had in a long time and that it worked well for the general audience.

TABC

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The statewide program uses existing Texas laws allowing TABC officers to issue alcohol-related citations to bar patrons as well as bartenders inside bars. After gaining additional funding in 2005, the program has been used increasingly with the intention of reducing the number of alcohol-related accidents, Beck said.

James Shannon, a senior history major, said drunken driving is a problem in Texas but said the stings may not be best solution.

"(Drunken driving) is like a sport here," Shannon said. "I understand why they're doing it."

Shannon said he does not think Fort Worth police presence instills enough fear into students to convince them to stop driving drunk.

Loewen said he hasn't seen a decline in business since the TABC program began. In fact, he said the week before Easter showed a record for sales but did not say by how much.

Lasher and Loewen said there have been no problems with the TABC so far at The Cellar or The Moon.

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—Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Disaster shows need for reform

When bad weather strikes, people run. Hurricanes, tornados, wildfires: All send the surrounding population scurrying for safety, desperate to find some shelter to escape the fury of nature.

But what happens when a person can't run?

In a report released by the Texas Department of State Health Services that evaluated Texas' response to the Hurricane Rita evacuations, it was recommended that the administration "should develop a way to track special needs patients during hurricane evacuations, ensure their medical records are sent with them and let emergency responders know which hospitals and shelters have room for them."

That's quite a bit of renovation.

But it appears to be a necessary one, after 60 people died during the unorganized south Texas exodus to escape Rita. Although not all of the fatalities were special-needs people, 23 of the deaths were nursing home residents from Houston who died when their bus exploded.

Many other caravans of elderly or handicapped people were forced to abandon their evacuation in favor of the nearest hospital to receive immediate medical treatment. The hospitals were already full.

And if that wasn't problematic enough, many of these emergency cases were handled without proper identification or diagnosis. Many disabled individuals were loaded onto buses or vans without following a clear process of evacuation. Most were lacking not only ID's, but medical records and contact information as well.

So what is the administration planning to do about all of this? First, the report suggested that nursing homes and other care units contact fellow institutions to be sure select locations won't be overloaded or off-guard when evacuees arrive. Staff members, according to the report, should be more aware of the amount of supplies that will be needed for the trip.

In short, those responsible for the needy should be more, well ... responsible.

Sports editor Travis Stewart for the editorial board.

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IT'S ALWAYS MONDAY AT TCU

SKIFF COLUMNIST

Hypocrisy part of politics; just needs to be covert

Ever since I was a small boy growing up in a small town in western Nebraska, I knew what I wanted to be when I got older. Other kids wanted to be astronauts, doctors or professional athletes, but all I wanted to do was become a hypocritical politician.



Dan Plate

I also wanted to move west and represent California's 32nd Congressional District in the House of Representatives.

I dreamt of bashing the president and opposing party, blaming everyone but me and my party for the country's problems and then eloquently stating that being a scapegoat is wrong. This, my friends, was my version of the American Dream. Sadly, someone beat me to it, and now I guess I'll have to settle for representing a different district in a different state.

Who stole my thunder? Democratic Congresswoman Hilda Solis, who also stole my heart in a radio address about immigration. She blamed President Bush and the Republican Party for the problems with the current immigration policy.

Solis stated: "The Republican Party set out to scapegoat immigrants in order to divide voters and win elections long ago."

After this accusation, and others, the Congresswoman made what might be the most ridiculous statement I have heard in this debate: "Throughout the past year, the Republican Party has steadily built up its assault on immigrants."

Correct me if I'm wrong, but it's not like the president and his Republican supporters are rolling down the street in tanks and sniping immigrants from nearby rooftops. I'm not even sure Bush can drive a tank, but I'm fairly sure if he could, he wouldn't be hunting down immigrants. He'd probably be hunting down those damn nukes that he couldn't find in Iraq.

Not only did Solis take more than a few shots at the President and Republican Party, she also made the claim that "The American people want change." Finally,

she got something right.

I believe she was talking about a change in immigration legislation. The change I'm interested in would occur in southern California and would involve her resignation. But, even in that case, "Democrats will continue to fight for that (immigration legislation) change."

It's not that I don't respect Ms. Solis' opinion — everyone is entitled to his or her own. Bashing the president and getting away with it is part of free speech, and she has perfected this act.

Solis states, "Our hope is that Republicans, including the president, will finally show some leadership and help get the job done."

The thing I cannot respect is blatant hypocrisy, which Ms. Solis has also perfected. After blaming the Republican Party solely for the problems with immigration legislation, and placing no blame on the Democratic Party, she states, "Scapegoating any group of people is wrong."

The Congresswoman was speaking about the Republican Party setting out to scapegoat immigrants in past years, but she could have just as easily been talking about herself. Last time I checked, placing the blame on the president and his party, while placing no blame on the opposing party, constitutes scapegoating.

I'm not saying that the Democratic Party is to blame for the problems with immigration legislation. I won't even get into whose fault it is because I don't believe there is any one person or party to blame. I'm merely pointing out that a speech loses its effectiveness when the speaker is doing precisely what she is saying is wrong.

The fact is, illegal immigrants are present everywhere. Both Republicans and Democrats are guilty of hypocrisy; it is a part of politics. With the immigration debate heating up, we will undoubtedly hear more of it in the very near future.

My hope is that when I achieve my dream, I can get through a four-and-a-half-minute speech, wait at least a few days, and then go back and completely contradict myself.

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Sign language useful skill to have

In a global community, learning a foreign language is extremely important. One must have the tools to communicate with people

COMMENTARY



Stephanie Weaver

in various countries, including their own. But one language is often forgotten in this process. Sign languages are used by millions of people in the world, and www.42explore.com/signlang.htm suggests that American Sign Language, used in the United States and Canada, is the fourth most commonly used language in the United States (the numbers are hard to determine because there are substantial variations among deaf and hearing sign language groups).

Sign languages, contrary to popular myth, are complete languages with their own linguistic structures. They are used extensively in deaf culture and provide the deaf and hard of hearing a way to fully experience language, where they could not when focusing merely on a

spoken language. Most sign language users are also fluent in a spoken language, though their speaking abilities may vary greatly.

The deaf are not the only group of people who use nonverbal languages, as deafness.about.com reminds us. Many people with a variety of disabilities and conditions are unable to communicate verbally can use sign languages or simplified forms of them.

In addition, there have been a rash of articles lately about the benefits of teaching babies to sign. According to an article on theparentsite.com, babies who learn to sign are less frustrated, can communicate earlier, have better vocabularies and develop better reading skills. There are also indications that their IQs benefit.

So with such benefits and possibilities of communicating with other branches of society, it seems obvious that Americans should make every effort to learn to speak ASL or at least become proficient in basic signs.

TCU currently offers four semesters of sign language.

According to Theresa Gonzalez, coordinator for the Habilitation of the Deaf program, they do not count as foreign language credit under the old UCR requirements, but under the new core, Intermediate Sign Language will count as a cultural awareness credit. The two ASL courses may eventually count as well.

"Usually the students in basic sign come from diverse majors," Gonzalez said. "In my opinion, this is their opportunity to make deaf individuals feel as if they are part of a hearing world ... That acceptance can only help them function in the world."

Sign language clearly should have counted toward the old UCR foreign language requirement; indeed, there was a proposal to that effect before the core changed. But with no foreign language requirement in the new core, assigning sign language courses cultural awareness credit is a step in the right direction.

Since the change in cores, Gonzalez said, enrollment in this semester's intermediate sign language class has

increased by about 15 students, from a previous average of 20 to 25 students.

Will more classes be offered? "It depends on the numbers," Gonzalez said. With raised enrollment and cultural awareness credit, it is "more of an option."

TCU is taking an excellent step by encouraging students to take these classes, by providing core credits. Every student should learn to communicate with new people, especially people in his or her own country.

And even if students don't know any deaf sign language speakers, they can reap the benefits here at home: Sign language is extremely useful in loud clubs and bars and is much simpler than yelling when trying to communicate over long distances. And who doesn't want babies with high IQs?

But sign language can be about so much more — learning about sign language and deaf culture, Gonzalez said, "will probably stop the cycle of the deaf feeling like they are outsiders in a hearing world."

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OTHER VIEW

Retired officers need ability to criticize

For the past few years, the volatility of the Iraqi situation has compelled discussion in various forums.

Arguably, the complexity and duration of the U.S. involvement in Iraq coupled with the multitude of shouting voices in the media have made the subject increasingly inconclusive in the eyes of some Americans.

Over the past few weeks, however, a handful of people who cannot be summarily dismissed as part of the daily dose of Iraq have spoken. Certainly, these are people whose words must remain independent from the cacophony of other "expert" opinions and analyses.

Six retired generals of the U.S. military, including three who commanded troops in Iraq, recently criticized Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld publicly for his handling of the Iraq War and its aftermath. All six also called for Rums-

feld's resignation.

In response, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers said the generals had transgressed the bounds of any military officer, active or retired. Many ranking military officers, including current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Peter Pace, share his view. They contend that the open dissent offered by retired officers fosters a sense of doubt within the military structure and, as a result, deflates the morale of troops.

Should retired officers be allowed to offer public criticism of a civilian leader, an administration or a course of action?

There is no written rule precluding retired officers from expressing their opinions.

Ultimately, greater public benefit is achieved by allowing retired officers to comment and criticize the status quo than by the alternative.

Distinct from the aforementioned cacophony of

voices, retired officers' commentaries provide a unique and substantial perspective founded on a wealth of specific knowledge and years of experience.

For instance, former Army Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, who was responsible for training Iraqi forces from 2003 to 2004, wrote in a New York Times column that a "climate of groupthink became dominant" among the leading figures in the Department of Defense, as Rumsfeld "ignored the advice of seasoned officers and denied subordinates any chance for input."

Retired Maj. Gen. Charles Swannack, who led the elite 82nd Airborne Mission during its mission in Iraq, stated that Rumsfeld "micromanaged the generals leading forces," not letting generals do their jobs.

Decades of service lend Eaton and Swannack a considerable amount of expertise.

Because of their direct involvement in the affairs of

the department and on the battlefield, as well as their understanding of military conventions and philosophy, the generals' criticisms should not be discounted. Their inclusion is crucial to formulating a complete discussion about Iraq.

In terms of the marketplace of ideas, the benefit is clear: the American public will be able to hear the grievances of those who work most closely to their elected representatives.

In addition, this type of proactive expression creates a sense of accountability within any administration.

Finally, the availability of these officers' opinions and criticisms to the masses can facilitate the formulation of workable solutions for significant issues.

Retired military officers can provide a distinct perspective on political issues. And it is our responsibility to make sure we listen.

Farraz Khan is a columnist for the Daily Texan at the University of Texas. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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Freshman midfielder Sara Schneider heads a ball away from San Diego State midfielder Becky Ryan during a Fall 2005 match.

SOCCER

Team gains experience in preseason

Frogs' using games to develop teamwork for later, coach says

By TRAVIS STEWART
Sports Editor

The TCU women's soccer team will continue its spring schedule Saturday when it plays the North Texas Olympic Development Program, a team the players can honestly say they are not familiar with.

"Actually, I don't know (much about them)," said junior defender Casey Glass. "The coaches want us to treat everybody the same way. He doesn't want us coming in knowing too much about a

team because we'll adjust how we play.

"We just have to be on the top of our game at all times ... not too much information."

Head coach Dan Abdalla was able to provide more insight on the team and said the high level of competition he is expecting will be a positive.

"This is going to be a good squad," Abdalla said. "It's a younger squad, but (it has) some of the best players in not only North Texas but in the country. So, it's going to be a challenge for us, which will be good, but we need to see that and see how we do under pressure."

Although the even matches planned for the spring semester will not count toward the team's fall record or conference standings, Abdalla said, the preseason still has a strong significance.

"I think it gives our players who haven't played much a lot of experience, and then (for) the players that we have, to get them just more comfortable with the system," Abdalla said. "It takes some time for them to adapt to what I'm expecting, so from our standpoint, this will be a great opportunity to get an understanding of what were expecting on the field."

There's quite a bit of learning left to do for the team, which currently has 14 underclassmen on the roster. Sophomore Lauren Pope said the spring games do not just help the coach's evaluation, however — they're also about getting familiar with your teammates and building camaraderie.

"It's important because (we're) just getting to know each other and getting to play together," Pope said. "It's more fun — not that the games in the season aren't fun — these are just more to get out there and have fun and see what we need to work on."

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TRACK AND FIELD

Frogs to play host to 13 teams in invitational

By Kailey Delinger
Staff Reporter

Competing at home will be a rare and exhilarating experience for the TCU track and field team, which will play host to 13 teams from around the region Saturday at the TCU Invitational.

The annual meet at Lowden Track and Field Complex is the first and only home competition on the Frogs' schedule, and head coach Darryl Anderson said he is eager to play host to it.

"It's exciting to perform in front of a home crowd," Anderson said. "It's exhilarating. That's the word to describe it."

But Anderson said he is not blowing the Invitational out of proportion. He acknowledged that "this isn't the Super Bowl," and said the meet is more of a tuneup for the Frogs' next big competition at the Penn Relays.

The TCU Invitational is one of four events remaining before the conference and NCAA champion-

ships begin, and sophomore All-American sprinter Virgil Hodge said she is looking to improve each week before the big meets.

"I'm just looking to keep my rank high and to run faster each week," Hodge said.

Senior men's sprinter Lewis Banda agreed.

"I'm taking it one race at a time like I'm supposed to," Banda said. "If I look too far ahead, I lose focus."

As for a home field advantage, coach Anderson said, the benefits are questionable.

"We don't have enough meets here to feel an advantage," Anderson said, "but I would much rather be at home."

Quite clearly, so would Hodge and Banda, in spite of their nerves.

"I am more nervous because there will be more people there who know me, but I know how to attack the track here better," Hodge said.

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Banda also acknowledged the nervousness factor but emphasized his ability to just run.

"If I have a bad race everybody will talk about it," he said. "But I've run in front of crowds before and I know I'm going to perform."



Junior sprinter Mary Minor works out at the Lowden Track and Field Complex Thursday afternoon. Minor finished fifth in the 100-meter hurdles and sixth in the 400-meter hurdles at the North Texas Invitational on April 15.

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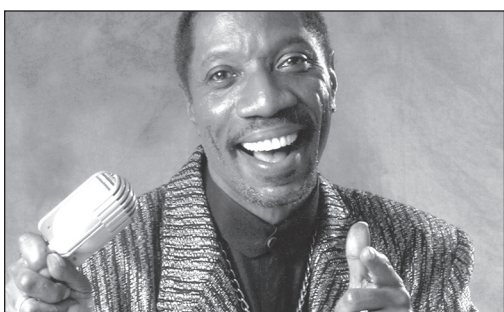
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— Darren White



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Otis Day & The Knights

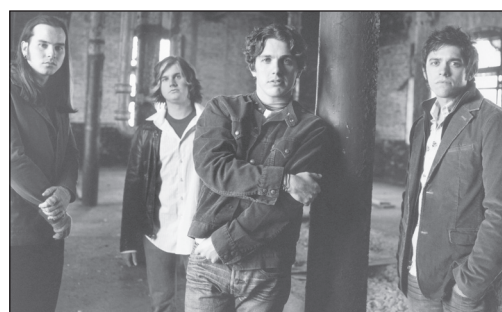
Known for the "Otis, my man!" shoutout during the frat party scene in "Animal House," Otis Day & The Knights have spent the last 30 years making people "Shout." They hit the Sundance Square Stage on Friday at 10 p.m.



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Track duo forms family ties

By TRAVIS STEWART
Sports Editor

At first glance, they really don't appear to have that much in common.

One tall, the other short; a discrepancy made all the more obvious when they stand next to each other, making soft conversation as they pose for pictures. One a jokester, teasing about the other's girlfriends as he quietly takes the congenial ribbing. And, of course, one the teacher, and the other the student.

But then again, people should rarely be judged based on first glances.

Quite the contrary, the tall teacher with the jokes — head track coach Darryl Anderson — and the short, reserved student — junior sprinter Lewis Banda — have formed a relationship that spans from the oval to the classroom to across international borders.

Anderson and Banda, a 2006 NCAA All-American, have a pre-TCU history that dates back to when Anderson was the head coach at Arizona State University and Banda was just a freshman from Zimbabwe; though that was back in 2003, Anderson's memory

remains fresh.

"When he got here, when he got off the plane from Zimbabwe in Tempe, Arizona, there was a cultural barrier, a language barrier," Anderson said. "He was leery about the environment that he was in, the environment he was leaving for."

Banda said Anderson, who was his primary contact before he came to ASU, was pivotal in his adjustment to a new way of life.

"I mean, he was the first person I talked to on the phone when I was in Zimbabwe, and he was the guy who brought me to ASU, so when I got to ASU, he was the only person I would be talking to almost every day," Banda said. "I mean, I talked to other coaches, but every time I had a problem, I would go to him first."

After Anderson left to become TCU's head coach in November of 2004, Banda was alone, without coach or mentor. Naturally, there were ramifications.

"Well, I mean, I could've stayed a year at ASU to see how it was going to go, see how I

was going to run," Banda said, "but I didn't really run well so I decided to make a change, hoping with my old coach, I would run better. After that whole year — 2005 didn't go so well — I decided to come over here."

Luckily for Banda, Anderson proved to be the remedy he was seeking.

"My confidences went up," Banda said. "I know what he's capable of doing, what he's done in the past, so I was like 'OK, come here.' Now I'm going to run fast, and my goal is to win the NCAA championships."

Anderson said Banda's move not only brought him a friend, but also a locker-room example.

"I mean I think it's kind of a lot of fun for us to get back together from my point of view because he brings so much to the table because he's such a hard worker," Anderson said.

Freshman sprinter Justyn Warner, Banda's teammate and relay partner, said the example he sets has already played a significant role in Warner's first year at TCU.

"I look up to him as a role model," Warner said. "From the start, when I first came here, he was always bringing me around everywhere. I was just following him around, and I realized that he does work at practices, works hard at the meets and shows off at the meets, so I just look up to him and try and follow what he does."

There's more to Banda's coach than just training, however. For Banda, Anderson may be a life preserver as well.

"He's one of the few student-athletes that I've had the opportunity to work with that you have to hold them back in



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Assistant Photo Editor

The relationship between Banda (left) and Anderson has been growing since the two were together at Arizona State in 2003.

training because if you let him go full-bore, he'd kill himself," Anderson said. "And I'm not exaggerating."

Although Banda's tireless work ethic is usually a positive, he said, it can also work against him — and can get under his coach's skin as well.

"I always nag him to give me more work to do," Banda said. "He doesn't like that because he knows what he's doing ... I get this feeling in my head where I'm like 'Man, I don't feel like I did anything today,' but he's like 'No, no, it's enough.'"

But Banda's dedication doesn't revolve around just track. He said his workaholic approach applies to many aspects of life: a creed passed on to him through Anderson.

"He's helped me in both the classroom and in school," Banda said. "This is what he told me when I came to the U.S.: 'Your top three priorities

are your school and then your track and then your social life.' So that's what I like to live by. Every time, I just say 'get my school out of the way.' If my school is good, my track is going to be good."

Coaching aside, the two — although they're more than 20 years apart in age — have become somewhat of a two-man family.

"I trust him as a friend, too," Banda said. "I mean he's my coach here, but I know if I have problems, I can talk to him as a friend, as a father figure."

Part of that trust, Anderson said, stems from the surrogate parent role he has had to fill for Banda.

"I felt like when he got off the plane from Zimbabwe, he didn't have any support services here or groups here by the way of mom, dad, so on and so forth," Anderson said. "His mom trusted her son with me, so within the

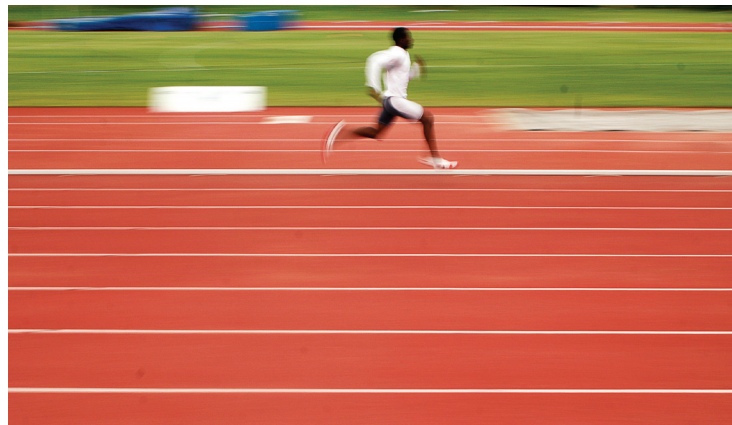
NCAA rules, it's my responsibility to take care of him the best I could."

Warner said the pair's relationship is obvious to the entire team — and a source of friendly amusement.

"Everybody notices," Warner said. "Everybody calls coach Anderson to him as daddy. He's always making sure he's OK, making sure nothing's hurting him, looking out for him."

And keeping in the spirit of good humor, Anderson said, it has been nothing but an enjoyment to see Banda progress both as an athlete and, more importantly, a person.

"He has grown, he's found his person," Anderson said. "(It used to be) I could hardly understand him when he spoke — I constantly asked 'could you say that again?' Now sometimes I know what he wants before he even says it. Watching him grow has been a lot of fun."



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Junior Lewis Banda runs a 150 meter sprint during practice Thursday at the Lowdon Track and Field Complex.

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