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## Roberts pledges to uphold the law

### Democrats wary of nominee's opinions

By JESSE J. HOLLAND  
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WASHINGTON — Chief Justice nominee John Roberts wound up three days of sometimes-contentious Senate testimony Thursday by telling wary Democrats that ideologues don't belong on the Supreme Court. He said his record shows he will rely on the law, not personal views.

Persistent grilling by Democrats on the Judiciary Committee made no apparent inroads in Roberts' support among the Senate's majority Republicans, who plan to vote the week after next to make him the nation's 17th chief justice.

Roberts tried to reassure Democrats that he would use the "rule of law," not his personal beliefs, to judge cases that come before the high court.

"I think if you've looked at what I've done since I took the judicial oath, that should convince you that I'm not an ideologue," Roberts said after an impassioned plea by Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein of California and Charles Schumer of New York for him to

explain what kind of chief justice he would be. As for ideologues, he said, "you and I agree that that's not the sort of person we want on the Supreme Court."

Roberts, who was a government and private lawyer before being appointed a federal appeals court judge in Washington, said, "I would hope you would look at my briefs and my arguments before the Supreme Court and conclude that that's a person who respects the law, respects the court before whom he is arguing and will approach the law in a similar way as a judge."

Roberts cleared one of his last hurdles when committee chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and top Democrat Patrick Leahy of Vermont announced that an FBI background check had found nothing that would disqualify him. The American Bar Association also confirmed its "well-qualified" rating.

Republicans were confident that Roberts would win the committee's majority approval next week and

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Evan Vucci / Associated Press

Chief Justice nominee John Roberts smiles while testifying on Capitol Hill on Thursday, for the fourth day, at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

## UTE-OPIA NO MORE

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### Freshman back gains 163 yards, leads Frogs to streak-ending win in overtime against the Utes

Stephen Spillman / Staff Photographer  
Utah running back Quinton Gantner is taken out by sophomore linebacker David Hawthorne and junior defensive end Jared Retkofsky. The Frogs won Thursday night, beating the Utes 23-20.



## Rain delays ROTC ceremony

### Air Force ROTC vigil rescheduled

By ROSS BATEMAN  
Staff Reporter

The Air Force ROTC vigil for prisoners of war was postponed until today because of hazardous weather conditions, Cadet Maj. Matt Stewart said.

More than 100 cadets were in uniform and ready to guard the flag on Sadler Lawn for 24 hours Thursday afternoon, but then the rain came.

The flag guard vigil is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, National POW/MIA Awareness Day.

The cadets will take turns guarding the American and POW/MIA flags in 15 minute shifts, which remain at half-staff for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, said Arnold Air Society Vice Commander

Jessica Murray.

They will also run for four hours around the main campus in 1.2 mile shifts, Murray said.

"Things happen," said Air Force ROTC instructor Capt. David Montalvo. "I wish

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Ginger Williams  
Air Force ROTC cadet

things could have gone as planned, but we'll just have to move the ceremony to tomorrow."

The purpose of the annual event is to honor imprisoned and missing veterans and give

cadets a better understanding of what POWs go through, Murray said.

Thursday afternoon, ROTC students were shown a presentation on a day in the life of a POW, which included excerpts from the journals of former POWs, Montalvo said. They also learned how POWs communicated through prison walls with a series of knocks.

Ginger Williams, a cadet watching the presentations, said: "I learned a lot about the experiences POWs go through. I didn't realize the conditions they stayed in were so bad."

POWs and all veterans deserve to have younger generations understand their sacrifice, Williams said.

"Hearing the prisoners' first-hand accounts really put things in perspective," she said.

## News Brief

### Bird's nest may be cause of campus fire, officials say

The cause of a fire behind the TCU Police Department on Thursday is still under investigation, said Shelton Riley, assistant director of Facility Services.

A bird's nest around the outside lights is believed to be the cause of the fire, which occurred at approximately 3:45 p.m. at the Secret-Wible Building.

An electrician was working on the lights, and when they were turned on, Riley said the smoke set off the alarm.

Darlene Housewright, a telecommunications assistant, said the safety director came into the building telling everyone to go outside.

There was no damage done to the building, Riley said.

The Secret-Wible Building houses TCU's Risk Management and Administrative Information Systems.

Willett Stallworth, associate vice chancellor for facilities, could not be reached for comment.

— Amy Willey

## Alumnus gives men a hand with asking for hers

### Business meant to spark creativity

By RACHEL COX  
Staff Reporter

Will you marry me?

The art of the proposal and these four simple words have been changing lives forever.

Mike Bloomberg, a TCU graduate with a master's degree in liberal arts, has taken this delicate ritual of love and turned it into a profitable business with many satisfied customers.

Bloomberg, who graduated in 1999, owns and runs his own business, An Exclusive Engagement. Bloomberg offers his services, creativity and connections to customers who are planning to pop the question.

"The main goal is to create the moment that each person will remember forever," Bloomberg said. "It's something that they will hopefully want to share with grandchildren someday."

Bloomberg, along with a panel of other Metroplex

business owners, such as Stanley Eisenman of Eisenman Shoes, spoke to the design, merchandising, and textiles department entrepreneurship class Thursday. The speakers shared their experiences and answered questions about running a business. The concept of the whole project, Bloomberg said, came when he helped plan a friend's proposal a few years ago.

"I just thought why not make this a career; it's something that I love to help people with," Bloomberg said. "The proposal is an important element to a marriage and it should be unique and memorable."

Included in Bloomberg's proposal services, are one-on-one meetings with this "marriage proposal guy" himself. During the sessions the client and Bloomberg brainstorm for ideas on the perfect proposal.

"I have guys come to me with some sort of an idea, and then I have those that are totally lost, so we usu-

ally work together to come up with something I know she will like," Bloomberg said. "If I have a guy come to me about his proposal I know he really cares about this woman. I have even had some tear up when they are talking about their girlfriend. I think this is a really important moment in both of their lives," he said.

After the brainstorming sessions, Bloomberg presents the ideas to the Exclusive Engagement Chick Tank. The Chick Tank is made up of women in the Metroplex area that listen to the mens' suggestions and give feedback.

"These women really help give the perspective that the client and I need to hear, after all, it is her moment, and who would know better how the perfect proposal should be than another woman," Bloomberg said. "Besides, don't they know everything?"

After the Chick Tank reviews the ideas, the process starts with the arrangements of the

perfect moment. Bloomberg has connections with hotels, restaurants and jewelers across the nation that help any client's vision come true.

An upcoming Exclusive Engagement proposal will be occurring in October in Washington D.C., Bloomberg said. "My client came to me and told me he and his girlfriend were going to D.C. in October, and she thinks it is all for business, so we just went off of that," Bloomberg said.

The client, who has requested not to be named, said the couple plans on visiting the Smithsonian Museum while on the trip.

"I thought this was a great chance to ask her," Bloomberg's client said. "We are going to go see the Hope diamond, and I plan on making a few jokes about it, like if she would ever want something like that. Then I am going to ask her if one on her finger will work for now."

After the proposal, Bloomberg said he will have exclusive dinner reservations



Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

Alumnus Mike Bloomberg makes a presentation Thursday to an entrepreneurship class in the design, merchandising and textiles department as Carabella's Cassie McBride listens. Bloomberg started his own company, An Exclusive Engagement, after graduating from TCU.

waiting for the couple and their friends. He also said he is working with the hotel concierge to complete the room with candles, rose petals and champagne when they return later that evening.

"I just hope she says yes," the client said. "It is going to be a total surprise."

After the panel, students had

mixed emotions about their significant other going to a marriage — more on BLOOMBERG, page 2

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