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Flags honor fallen Hispanic soldiers

Celebration aiming to educate, inform

By **CAITLYN TOMASIK**
Staff Reporter

A monthlong celebration of Hispanic heritage and culture is underway to educate the TCU community on the significance of the Hispanic community and to recognize influential Hispanic figures.

Friday marked "el dieciseis de septiembre," or Mexican

Independence Day, and the kickoff of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Co-sponsored by the Programming Council, Intercultural Services led the celebration of Mexico's independence from Spain with food and music on the lawn of the Brown-Lupton Student Center.

"We had a really great turnout," said Natalie Ayala, a junior kinesiology major and member of the Hispan-



Flags on the lawn Monday outside Sadler Hall represent Hispanic deaths in Iraq. The flags are being displayed this week as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Lana Hunt / Staff Reporter

ic Heritage Month planning committee.

The event attracted a diverse crowd, which was a goal of the committee scheduling the agenda of events,

said Greg Treviño, director of Intercultural Services and planning committee faculty adviser. "We were very pleased with the turnout of more on HERITAGE, page 2

Second SGA election to fill vacant seats

Communication, science students running for House

By **AMY WILLEY**
Staff Reporter

A second election today will fill two seats left vacant from the first House of Student Representatives election.

Students in the College of Science and Engineering will choose between Kristi Tebo and Gennifer Williams. Students in the College of Communication will choose between Brian Goates and Rachael Anderson.

Both Tebo and Williams said the seats weren't filled because not enough people knew about the election.

Students did not run because of the "lack of interest, motivation or information," Tebo said.

EXTRA INFO

• To vote, students can go to www.my.tcu.edu and click the voting link.

Tebo, a sophomore neuroscience major, said she decided to run in the second election because she was not prepared for the first. When there was a vacancy, Tebo saw her chance.

She said her motivation for the election is that she feels she can represent her constituents well.

Williams, a junior psychology and studio art major, did not win in the first election for the College of Fine Arts. When she saw the vacancy for the College of Science and Engineering, Williams decided to run.

"I decided to run again because I really want to be involved and I plan on being more on SGA, page 2

Tailgate trial under way

Students see potential but seek changes in campuswide tailgate

By **JAMIE CRUM**
Staff Reporter

Students who attended the student tailgate party before Thursday night's football game against Utah say the new tradition shows great potential to become a huge success.

An estimated 400 students participated in the first university sponsored student tailgate, according to the TCU Police.

Students began gathering on the turf practice field before the game.

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Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

Sophomore math major Jessica Tremillo grills hot dogs at the TCU tailgate Thursday before the football game against Utah.



Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

Freshman kinesiology major Adam Bruhn paints his face and upper body purple Thursday at the TCU tailgate before the football game against Utah.



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Larry Sweeney, minister of justice education for the Disciples Justice and Advocacy Network, makes a presentation to students Saturday morning in the Student Center.

Weekend workshop addresses injustice

Students discuss possible solutions to social issues

By **JENIFFER BERRY**
Staff Reporter

Students who want to create change on a college campus should first find their calling by discovering what breaks their own hearts and what makes them angry, a visiting minister told students during a weekend workshop.

The Rev. Larry Sweeney, of the Disciples Justice Advocacy Network, traveled from San Jose, Calif., to speak to TCU students about biblical justice, current issues and steps toward creating change on campus.

The national network is a group within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that works together for justice and peace within the church, the nation and the world.

The "Creating Change" workshop was intended to inform students about how to create social change and justice through political and religious agencies, said the Rev. Angela Kaufman, minister to the university.

Students from Amnesty International, Frogs for

Fair Trade, the Gay/Straight Alliance, the Living Wage Movement and Peace Action attended the workshop, along with a few students who are not members but still passionately connected to the issues, Kaufman said.

Kaufman said she expected about 10 students to attend the workshop, but seven showed.

She also said the small size was intentional so they could participate in a roundtable-style discussion.

Sweeney said one topic they discussed was the "biblical foundation of doing justice." They discussed how one's righteousness is determined by how one treats the poor.

Rory Phillips, president of Frogs for Fair Trade, said he enjoyed this part of the discussion.

"There's a strong correlation between economic justice and biblical righteousness, especially when you start looking at the heavy emphasis on property rights and the fair disbursement of wealth that make up the core of Old Testament regulations," Phillips, a junior religion major, said.

The workshop also included an exercise to help the students visualize their perceptions of justice.

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Frogs jump higher to aid community

LEAPS volunteers to visit low-income neighborhoods

By **ASHLEY ALDERMAN**
Staff Reporter

Several changes have been made this year to LEAPS, an annual campus event that sends teams of 15 to 25 people to over 40 service sites around Fort Worth, said Director of LEAPS Sebastian Moleski.

The changes "will get more students engaged in giving back to the community," Moleski said.

Instead of only visiting service sites, such as YMCAs, retirement centers and children's homes, Moleski said, teams will also go to private residences in low-income neighborhoods.

Team leaders have more

responsibility this year, said Cleda Wang who is one of the team leaders. They must plan a social event for their team before LEAPS activities begin.

"This way everyone can get to know each other before, so no one will be nervous the day of," Wang said.

Also, team leaders have to call the site beforehand to get the details of their project, she said.

A party will be held after teams return from their service projects, instead of the day before, Public Relations co-chair Christina Holtzen said. The gathering will feature free food and drinks, along with entertainment by Green River Ordinance, she said.

"People can mingle and relax after their day of service," Holtzen said.

The program will also

include fundraising for Hurricane Katrina relief, Holtzen said.

Wang said the changes will unite TCU with the community.

"By going to individual homes, we will bring more of a name to TCU," Wang said. "At the after party when everyone announces how much they've allocated for the Hurricane Katrina relief fund it will bring people together. It's TCU at its greatest."

So far, about 1,000 students have registered for LEAPS, which stands for Leaders Encouraging All People to Serve, Moleski said. Individual applications are still being accepted, and registration is only available online at www.leaps.tcu.edu, though walk-ups the day of are welcome, he said. The deadline for team registration was Sept. 12.

Holtzen said LEAPS is a

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good way to give back to the community.

"When people leave high school, they sometimes lose site of getting involved with the community," Holtzen said. "But in college, you are part of an even bigger community, and you have a chance to make an even bigger impact."

LEAPS is also a great opportunity to meet new people, Wang said.

"Last year I participated with my connections group," Wang said. "It really brought our group together."

All participants are to check in at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Bus transportation to the sites will be provided, Wang said.