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Roberts confirmed as Chief Justice

By ROSS BATEMAN
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John Roberts' confirmation as the 17th chief justice of the United States is a significant achievement for the Bush administration, a political science professor said Thursday.

"John Roberts was an ideal choice for Bush," political science professor Donald Jackson said. "The president wants to leave a lasting impact on the Supreme Court and nominating a young chief justice is a great way to do that. He could serve for twenty years or more."

Roberts' appointment will not affect the balance of the court because he is replacing fellow conservative William Rehnquist, who Roberts clerked for, Jackson said.

Another member of the political science department, Chairman Jim Riddlesperger said, Roberts is the kind of appointment presidents make when they want an easy confirmation but it's a trade-off for the president because justices have a way of migrating once they're appointed.

Bush appointed Roberts, but this does not necessarily mean Roberts will always vote the way Bush wants him to, Riddlesperger said.

Jackson added that Roberts is a mainstream conservative and is as strong as anyone on

economic conservatism but it was hard to tell, from the conformation hearings, if he is socially conservative.

Bush originally named Roberts to succeed retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in July. Rehnquist's death led to the second nomination on Sept. 6, and Roberts now will be confirmed as chief justice, while O'Connor remains on the court until the president selects a new replacement — an announcement expected soon.

"Those opposed to the Roberts nomination were going through the motions," Jackson said.

It would have been hard to stop Roberts' confirmation since the Republicans have the majority but the Democrats will put up more of a fight if O'Connor's replacement is a hard-core social conservative, Jackson said.

O'Connor, the first female justice, had an independent streak in her voting record so her replacement could have a swing affect on the court, especially regarding women's reproductive rights, Jackson said.

Political science professor Ralph Carter said, "There will be a lot of pressure on Bush to nominate a female, a Hispanic or both to replace O'Connor."

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

NAACP: Diversity issue persists at TCU

More minority programs needed, some students say

By LESLIE WINCHELL
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More than 50 students filled the Brown-Lupton Student Center Lounge Thursday to hear concerns TCU's NAACP chapter has with diversity on campus.

The forum was a follow-up to last year's April meeting during which the chapter began its campaign for diversity awareness.

"The NAACP at TCU has collaborated the Chancellor (Victor) Boschini and we are at the point of implementation and action," said Allison Robinson, vice president of the chapter. "We need student participation from all organizations in the TCU community."

Erica Parker, president of the chapter, said she wants to see more minority student organizations and funding for these proposed organizations. She also called for a more inclusive view of minorities among TCU students.

The NAACP chapter proposed more minority representation in Homecoming week, Howdy Week and Parent's Weekend.

The panel leading the forum also encouraged all students, not just minority students, to attend Student Government Association meetings.

"We need to attend these meetings because it is hard to implement programs and make changes if no one participates and attends meetings," Robinson said.

She also addressed "inaccurate" minority representation in TCU's brochures and the insensitivity of the TCU organizations, such as the TCU Daily

Skiff, toward minorities.

"We would like the brochures to be more representative of the actual TCU community," Robinson said. "We are also suggesting new policy guidelines for the Skiff so all students are respected."

Linda Moore, a professor and the chairwoman of the social work department, addressed inclusiveness.

"Color is only one part of diversity. We need to address all the minority groups on campus that are not represented, not just those students of more on NAACP, page 2

Promoting health

Fitness program gets students thinking healthy

By ADRIENNE LANG
Staff Reporter

About 63 percent of Texas adults are overweight, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, but the University Recreation Center wants to make sure that rate is lower on campus.

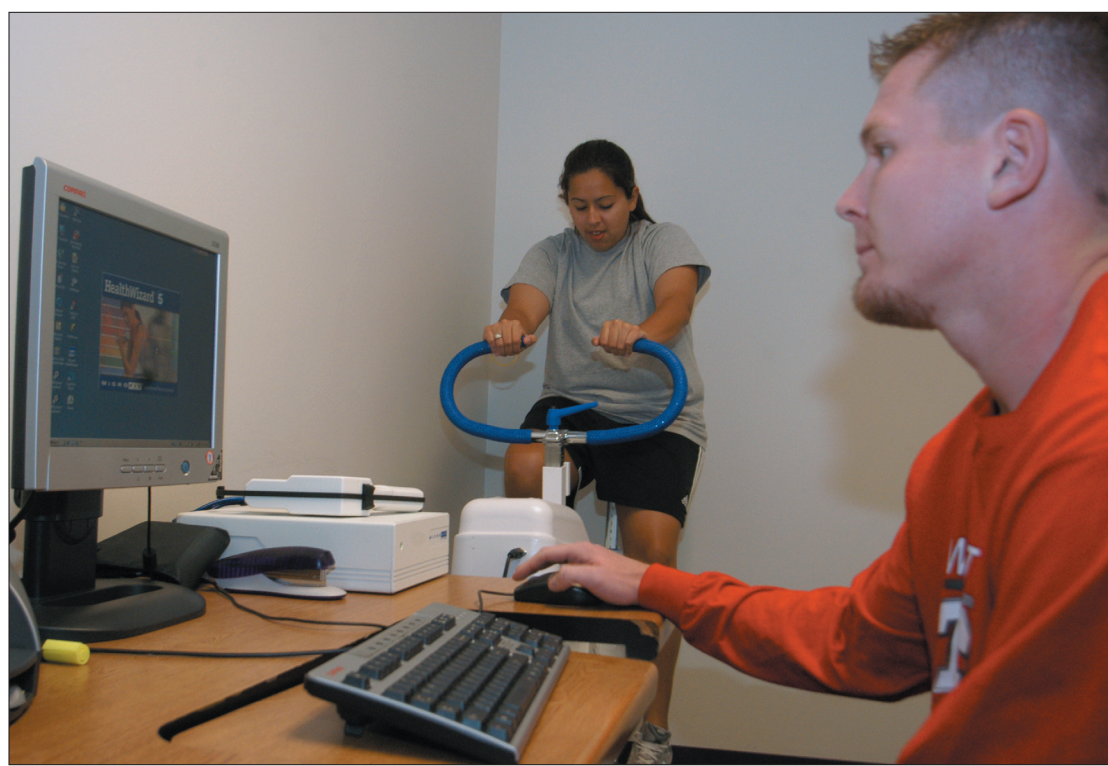
Trey Morrison, assistant director for Campus Recreation fitness and wellness, says that with the new TCU Student Fitness Program, Campus Recreation looks to educate and train students to become healthier.

"We are trying to change lifestyles of a whole generation," Morrison said. "We hope to eliminate some obesity."

At a cost of \$35, the 10-week program consists of nutritional and physical assessments, training and workout plans prepared by undergraduate and graduate kinesiology and health students and professional trainers, he said.

Steve Kintigh, director of Campus Recreation, said the cost of the program is hundreds of dollars less than area gyms for the students, who can pay for the program upfront or through send-home.

"We're service-driven, not profit-driven," Kintigh said. The first service the pro-



Senior kinesiology major Stefanie Flusche rides a submaximal bicycle as part of step 2 (micro fit assessment) of the TCU Student Fitness Program as senior kinesiology major Kevin Pannell monitors her progress Thursday afternoon in the University Recreation Center weight room.

Stephen Spillman / Staff Photographer

gram gives is a nutrition consultation. The student receives diet and food recommendations based on body goals, said Shauna Cognata, a fitness and wellness coordinator for University Recreation Center and a senior kinesiology and health and fitness major.

Morrison said the nutrition consultation is the first step to a new body.

"If you're not watching what you're doing from a nutritional standpoint, you're limiting yourself," he said.

To determine where a student is physically, a trainer will complete assessments of cardiovascular fitness, bicep strength, flexibility and blood pressure, using the HealthWizard computer program, Morrison said.

The assessment tools, such as the stationary bicycle and scale, are hooked up to a computer and the program tracks and records the person's rate and weight. The system then shows, via bar graph, the person's level compared to a standard, based on gender and

age, Morrison said. Along with recording physical levels, the second step of the program includes a questionnaire to determine preferred physical activities of the student, he said.

With the data collected in Step 2 of the program, a personal trainer tailors a workout plan for the student to follow for 10 weeks in the third phase, Morrison said.

He said during this session, the trainer provides proper more on FITNESS, page 2



President Bush and Chief Justice nominee John Roberts watch the Senate vote on Roberts' nomination Thursday. The Senate voted 78-22 to confirm Roberts.

Dorms raise money for Katrina

Halls competing for most donations

By RACHEL COX
Staff Reporter

When resident assistants from campus residence halls gathered Wednesday night in Milton Daniel Hall, a collection of donations for hurricane victims punctuated the standard fare of awards and announcements.

Barbara Hawkins, the associate director of residential life, said the RA all-hall is basically for the RAs on campus to get together, make announcements and give out individual awards.

"This meeting we had Chic-fil-A for everyone and next meeting we will

be going to a Fort Worth Brahmas hockey game," Hawkins said. "We are also collecting the donations for the hurricane victims that each hall RA collected with in their wings."

In the wake of hurricanes Rita and Katrina each hall on campus has taken donations for the victims. The contest is between each wing in each dormitory on campus Hawkins said.

"We will announce the collective winning dormitory on Friday and the wing that raises the most money will get a pizza party," Hawkins said.

Vignesh Sachidanandam, a senior engineering major and RA in Milton Daniel, said each RA put buckets outside

of their door and the residents in the wing put donations in them.

Sachidanandam said he is confident that Milton Daniel will have a large sum to contribute.

Erin Sawyer, a senior early education major and RA in Foster Hall, said her entire hall raised more than \$200.

"I know that one wing in Foster raised \$120 by themselves," Sawyer said. "Our contest turned into penny wars between the wings so I think we will raise a lot of money."

Craig Allen, the director of Residential Services, also made his welcoming speech as the new director during the meeting.

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Family Weekend kicks off today with array of activities

Jungle-themed weekend includes music, tours, food

By AMY KOPSEA
Staff Reporter

Grab your safari hat and enjoy a weekend in the jungle for this year's Family Weekend.

Family Weekend, which starts today, brings together students and their parents for a weekend of music, dancing, barbecue and football. Programming Council is in charge of the event.

"I think that having par-

ents weekend really brings everyone together at TCU," said Jayne Hermann, a sophomore fashion merchandising major. "It is a great way to meet new people and share the TCU experience with your parents."

There is a jungle theme this year, said Lindsay Rames, director of Family Weekend.

"We originally wanted to do something at the zoo on Friday, but weren't able to do that because of lacking funds," Rames said. "(Programming Council) thought it was a good idea though, so decided to keep the

theme." The festivities begin today at noon and families can check in at the Brown-Lupton Student Center while the jazz band performs.

"This is the 30th year in a row that the TCU Jazz Band will be opening up Family Weekend," said Larry Markley, director of the Student Center.

Families can participate in campus tours and class visits Friday afternoon, followed by "A Night In the Jungle" dinner and entertainment at Frog Fountain.

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