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Disqualified Ms. TCU candidates back on ballot

By KELLY FERGUSON
Staff Reporter

The three disqualified Ms. TCU candidates are back on the ballot as of Tuesday night.

The Student Government Association's Judicial Board decided to reinstate Katie Williams, Liz Hamner and Jill Rutherford as Ms. TCU candidates because the rule they were disqualified for is too ambiguous to enforce in a fair and judicial manner, said Chief Justice Neal Jackson.

The three seniors were disqualified last week because of promotional Facebook groups created on their behalf. The groups violated a Mr./Ms. TCU guideline that banned solicitation.

The board decided that either the president of Programming Council or the president of SGA needs to clarify the rule regarding Facebook groups as soon as possible, Jackson said.

A new preliminary vote for Ms. TCU will occur Thursday or Friday at the earliest, said

Natalie Boone, the SGA adviser to Programming Council.

All three newly-reinstated candidates said they were pleased with the outcome.

"I'm just glad that the three of us are back in," Hamner said. "Not for the purpose of winning, but it's just more fair this way."

Rutherford said she is pleased that all candidates are now being held to the same standards.

Three separate hearings were held Tuesday evening, but the board did not report their deci-

sion until all three cases were heard because they were all so closely connected, Jackson said.

Evidence presented at the hearings included e-mails sent to the women about their disqualifications, the Facebook groups that supported the candidates and statements from friends who created the groups.

The Judicial Board also looked at a Facebook group created after the candidates were disqualified that supported all of the remaining Ms. TCU candidates. That

group was not taken seriously, Boone said, since she thinks it was created as a joke.

Williams thought the group was pivotal in the decision to reinstate the disqualified candidates.

"That Facebook group was important to the case because it tied it all together," Williams said. "I think that's what made them question this the most."

The three women all argued it was unfair to be punished for other people's actions,

which they had no control over. They also said they felt they followed the rules to the best of their abilities.

Boone, who originally removed the women from the competition, said she is happy they are back in the running and stands behind the Judicial Board's decision.

The board decided Boone acted fairly to the best of her ability under the rule as it is written, though it decided the rule needs to be revised.

BRITE INSIGHT



The Rev. Frank A. Thomas delivers a sermon in the Robert Carr Chapel on Tuesday as part of the second annual Power of Black Preaching Forum. The three-day event was sponsored by Brite Divinity's Black Church Studies program.

Theologians attend Brite's forum on black preaching

By RASHI VATS
Staff Reporter

Preaching can change lives, nations and the world, said a reverend Tuesday, in a sermon that ended the second annual Power of Black Preaching Forum.

The Rev. Frank Thomas said Tuesday's sermon was about the fear of failure.

"Mistakes can be lived through, and failures can be faced," Thomas said.

He also said many people are afraid of failure.

"Many of us are afraid to fail and think that if we fail, our world falls apart, and

we feel worthless," Thomas said. "To fail is to be human."

This three-day event was sponsored by the Black Church Studies program of the Brite Divinity School. The forum, Preaching with Power: An Interdenominational Forum on Black Preaching, featured three sermons each day by three black preachers and theologians.

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, associate professor of Ethics and Black Church Studies, said the Brite Divinity School offers the only black church program east of California and west

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Professor urges students to learn about plus/minus

By JOHN BOLLER
Staff Reporter

The plus/minus system was once again the topic of discussion at Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting when a chemistry professor asked SGA and other students to continue learning about the system.

"I challenge the SGA and the students of TCU to go out and ask two or three of your professors about what they think on the issue of the plus/minus system," said Bob Neilson, a chemistry professor.

Neilson said he wanted to make sure students know how faculty members feel.

"The faculty really do appreciate the work that students at TCU do," Neilson said. "We have blown this issue completely out of proportion. We are not changing the grading scale nor the grading system."

After Neilson presented to SGA, he opened up the floor for questions.

Mickey Ley, a junior political science major and AddRan representative, was the first to question Neilson.

"I am wondering if the school wants to go to plus/minus because they think that their prestige

will increase and put TCU with other top universities," Ley asked.

However, Neilson said the plus/minus system is not being implemented for this reason.

Haley Murphy, a sophomore political science major, said she has spoken with two professors about the fairness of plus/minus and said they told her the system will allow for only one or two students to receive an A+.

"Is that an accurate assessment of the system?" she asked Neilson.

Neilson said he felt he would not use the plus/minus to just award the all-star students but professors can use the grading system in any way they want to.

He said professors will still use the 4.0 scale that is used now and would be able to administer grades, with or without pluses and minuses, as they see fit.

SGA Vice President Jace Thompson closed the meeting after Neilson left, saying SGA is committed to accurately representing student opinion.

"The SGA will stand by the student body. Whether the students are for plus/minus or against it,"

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Ranch Management gets new director

By RACHAEL RILEY
Staff Reporter

When TCU's Ranch Management program needed a new director, Kerry Cornelius became the man for the job.

Cornelius, who has been a part of the Ranch Management program for more than 11 years, received the news he had become the director Aug. 21.

After he was chosen for the job, Cornelius met with the board of trustees about the director position.

"After the meeting, I wasn't sure if I had gotten the position," Cornelius said. "Luther King, chairman of the board of trustees, then walked over to congratulate me."

Cornelius believes the Ranch Management program is bigger than any one person, even the director, said Eric Brast, assistant

director of Ranch Management and a former student of Cornelius.

"Instead of telling us what to do, he'll ask questions about the best ways something can get done," Brast said. "I believe out of all the candidates for the position, he is the right man for the job."

Cornelius said he plans to maintain the integrity and rich history of the Ranch Management Program. He also said he wants the program's endowment to increase.

"I would like to see a raise in the scholarships to make it more affordable for students that become a part of the program," Cornelius said.

Cornelius credits alumni for the program's success.

"Alumni are our best source of recruitment," Cornelius said. "It is rewarding to receive phone calls and letters from past students who talk about things they learned in the pro-

gram that has worked for them."

Cornelius' son Kacey Cornelius, a senior accounting and finance major at TCU, said he remembers TCU's alumni cattle ropings his father would take him to.

"He would participate in the alumni rodeo once a year," he said.

His perfect Sunday afternoon is riding with a herd of cattle, Cornelius' son said.

Cornelius understands the cattle business through personal experience and is involved in it on a daily basis by managing his own cattle, Brast said.

"I enjoy the business," Cornelius said. "Some people play golf for fun. This is my golf game, and I get to make money doing what I enjoy."

Brast said Cornelius is in constant contact with industry leaders.

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Committee to discuss methods for changing Honors Program into honors college

By MEREDITH ANDREWS
Staff Reporter

The Honors Program has been preparing for today's meeting where a committee of faculty and honors students will discuss how to transform the current program into an honors college, said the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The committee was set up to research different honors college models and find a model that suits TCU, said Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

In today's meeting, the agenda will consist of committee members sharing information found by looking at

other programs and ideas on how to develop the college, he said.

Peggy Watson, director of the Honors Program, said, "The goal is to offer more support to TCU's honors students through advising and course selection."

Watson said in a proposal for an honors college that the Honors Program, which has about 640 students, has reached its maximum potential and now needs to consider ways to improve, in part because of the increase in students and co-curricular activities taking place in the current honors program.

A retention study in 2005 showed that, on average, 12 percent of freshman who

maintain a 3.6 GPA or higher do not return to TCU, according to Watson's proposal. However, she said, preliminary reports on the 2004 class show less than 3 percent of this group of students who have been supported by the Honors Program did not return to TCU.

The proposed honors college would appoint faculty as honors professors for three years, which would allow faculty to focus on honors classes and better meet the needs of these students, Watson said.

This is different from the current Honors Program because professors for the Honors Program currently teach honors classes on their own

time in addition to teaching other non-honors and sometimes other graduate classes, Donovan said.

With a revised program, the honors faculty would have more time to spend with students, said Joshua Long, president of the Honors Student Cabinet.

Watson said those involved with the Honors Program are also trying to raise money to increase scholarships for honors students.

However, the money will not come from tuition, said Mickey Ley, a sophomore political science major and Honors' Cabinet member. The Honors Program is turning to alumni and people in the community for funding.

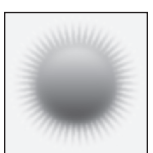
Ley, who is also an SGA representative, said SGA passed a resolution last spring, one vote short of unanimity, and also said students agree with the idea of an honors college.

"This would increase the status of the college, and therefore, the university," Ley said, "which would make everybody's education more valuable."

Becoming an honors college would provide more resources and opportunities to students, said Long, a senior finance and accounting major.

In his address at the University Convocation, Chancellor Victor Boschini said he would like to increase the

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number of Chancellor's Scholars from the current 49 students to 160 students.

The honors college would include the Honors Program and students in the Chancellor's Scholar Program and the Community Scholars Program. It would also allow improved advising and an extended lecture series in addition to the Fogelson Forum, according to Watson's proposal.

SGA

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he said. "All students want to make sure that everyone is graded equally and that student opinion on the plus/minus issue would be heard and made meaningful."

A forum regarding the system will be hosted by Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, sometime in the near future. The forum will be open to anyone.

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of the Mississippi River.

Floyd-Thomas said the event provided a context for teaching and learning for Brite students and the community, which allowed them to gain a wider knowledge of, deeper appreciation and increased sensitivity for the tradition of black Christians within American society.

"This forum encourages diversity and reinforces the value for a black church studies program at Brite Divinity School," Floyd-Thomas said in an e-mail.

Floyd-Thomas said the forum had an impressive representation

at all three events, which helped to achieve the goal of bringing the school and community together to experience the event.

J.J. Lynn, a first-year graduate student at the Brite Divinity school, said this program provides an experience to learn about a culture outside of one's own.

"This is an awesome program because it provides an opportunity to learn about black church history, theology and preaching," Lynn said.

Another student, Sarah Kingsbery, who is in her first semester as a graduate student at the Brite Divinity school, attended the events all three days, and said she was impressed with each day's sermons.

RANCH

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When students go on day trips and field trips, Cornelius travels with them.

"He is well-known and respected by the hosts that speak to the students," Brast said.

Clay Neel, alumni president for Ranch Management, said Cornelius carries his knowledge of the industry into the classroom and is truly dedicated to the program.

"When you're in his class, instead of giving you the answer to a question, he'll walk you through it, to provoke students to think," Neel said.

CORRECTION

The TCU Campaigns Team's Web site, www.campaigns.tcu.edu, is not being used by this year's client, Coca-Cola Classic, but is a way for students to access the Campaigns Team application online.

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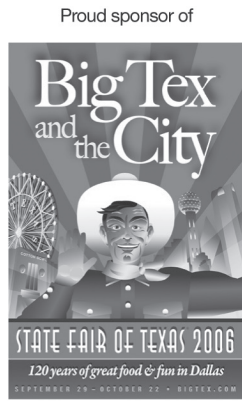


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Q: What do you call a cow with no legs?

A: Ground Beef

THE SKIFF VIEW

Support sports by showing up

With the frenzy of football upon us — and the elation and dejection that it can bring — it is also important to remember this:

The members of the football team are not the only athletes who deserve your interest, your support — and most importantly — your presence.

It's true, whatever your favorite sport, be it cross country, lacrosse, swimming or soccer, it's very likely you'll be there to support it. The thing is, when you attend a sporting event, you're doing more than supporting the team and sport. You are also showing your support and pride of the university as a whole.

The list of teams at TCU that need your support has only continued to grow.

The TCU Equestrian team has gone from merely an idea, to a club, to the newest team in one of the newest sports recognized by the NCAA. Recognition at the very least is much deserved by the students who have helped make this possible.

Fans are an integral part of sports and sporting events. While fair-weather fan syndrome spreads easily after a bad game, or say, a season below .500, it only adds to the problem.

So far the tennis and golf teams, respectively, have been performing well. Women's volleyball is also having a successful season. Although crowds at sporting events are not thought of as being common outside Amon Carter Stadium, there's almost always a strong showing for the soccer team.

This is great, but crowds and support of sports teams should not be rare or occur only on special occasions, such as a winning season. Each team deserves the recognition and respect that sports such as football receive, especially when we have talented athletes in every sport on campus, including one hell of a rifle team.

Opinion editor Ryan Claunch for the editorial board.

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Commuting takes too much time

Half a semester into the experience of a college student and finally my woes of being a commuter are about to burst.

COMMENTARY



Anahita Kalianivala

For the sake of not knowing where to start, I'll just start at the beginning of my day — three hours before class starts and at least one hour earlier than my classmates. What does this mean for me? An additional, and dreadful, 60 minutes alone to contemplate my thoughts as I get ready for school. And then, I am forced to head out into the darkness of the morning sky; the sun peeks up as I pack my things into the backseat, almost as if to tease me, saying, "Even I don't have to be up yet."

Then the real journey begins: first with the quaintness of a rural open road and the knowledge that I am one of four people awake in the neighborhood. Within three miles, it becomes the unwelcome hustle-and-bustle of city traffic, switching lanes and Starbucks coffee.

I plow onto Interstate 35 into the sea of red lights, wondering why I wake up to do this every morning. Why do I accept that I'll be stuck in traffic for an hour? Can't I do something other than succumb to this every day? Well, no, because my dad is never awake early enough to tell me

an alternate route.

And so there I am: tired, cranky, and indecisive — three words that won't let me settle on one of the 12 CDs in my car or the six radio presets. Instead, I drive alternating between silence, CD shuffles and static. The sun doesn't help when it chases after me again, refusing to leave the focus of my eyes, no matter how hard I try to angle my shade to battle it. After the 40-minute commute, I finally loop onto University Drive and make my way onto campus — my only hope is the assurance of a well-known fact among commuters: It's when the cars are filling the streets that ample room is left in the parking lot.

Eventually I make it to my seat in class, already feeling my body relax as if it's about to ask for a nap. But is it even 8 a.m. yet? Then, all day long, I drag my life around — or at least what would fit — in my shoulder bag.

In between classes, I wander around campus, without my own room to return to, and look for a place to settle. I'm often forced to move in search of a power outlet so my laptop battery doesn't die. As soon as I find one, it's time to make my way to my last class.

Evening rush hour is such a mess it doesn't even deserve to be written about, but let me say this: It's a lucky thing traffic moves so slow. Otherwise who knows how

many accidents would occur because of people falling asleep at the wheel — largely out of boredom rather than actual exhaustion.

Finally, after my second drive of the day, I pull into my driveway — the most gratifying turn of the day. I'm left to myself for the rest of the night. I find the lack of disturbance quite peaceful really, allowing me to completely devote myself to finishing my homework at a sane hour — but the interruption of dinner always comes at the most inconvenient times.

Sitting down to eat a home-cooked meal with my family every night of the week always seems like a waste of time — I could have finished two statistics problems by now. I envy my friends who can walk across the street to The Main, grab a bite to go and make it back to their dorms to study.

If only I could live the life of fast food three times a day, seven days a week, the extra hour to hide from myself, the undisturbed life of the dorm — but wait, what if my roommate expects to communicate?

Find out how a commuter could tackle this potential problem next week when I finish explaining daily trials a commuter student faces.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to the Oct. 13 article, "Pharmaceuticals profit driven," it is clear readers are not given the full picture of what pharmaceutical companies actually do. I do agree with the author in his claim that the market is flooded with cookie-cutter medicines such as Viagra, Levitra and Cialis. However, I don't believe these pharmaceutical companies are "holding back our society's progress in the battle against real diseases and disorders."

Large pharmaceutical companies spend billions of dollars every year in research and development in cures for AIDS, HIV and other diseases and viruses that threaten our country. If pharmaceutical companies had a cure for AIDS, it would be illogical not to place it on the market. These companies are not "putting many breakthrough medications on the backburner for easy money."

Profits that are made on the sale of these drugs help further research into cures for AIDS and cancer. Thus, we can develop a relationship between profits and funding for research and development. Pharmaceutical companies are taking their profits and using them in two ways.

One way is to invest in research and development in hopes to create new products. Secondly, pharmaceutical companies use their profits to reward investors with a high divi-

dend. Pharmaceutical companies are not letting their guard down by not developing breakthrough medications. It takes a lot of time and money to find cures. Pharmaceutical companies research and develop drugs that will be profitable. If officials in pharmaceutical companies such as Merck and Pfizer spent all their money and resources on developing the cures for the diseases of the world, they would be out of business.

There is a need for drugs such as Viagra or Lamisil if people are willing to buy them. People feel these embarrassing issues are important.



If they didn't feel that way, they wouldn't invest a penny in these drugs. People will pay whatever the market will bear for any product. In the case of people purchasing drugs for what seem to be trivial problems, it is clear everyone

has a wide variety in deciding what remedy they can use for their diagnosis.

The blockbuster drugs are helping, not only drug companies win, but consumers as well. Reaping more in profits, pharmaceutical companies will be able to offer more options to consumers. Thus, these profits will not curb development for new popular products to solve virus such as AIDS and HIV as well as cancer.

Peter Parlapiano is a sophomore finance major from Houston.

Candidates don't deserve disqualifications for Facebook groups

At my first TCU Homecoming, I didn't even realize we had a Mr. and Ms. TCU. After years of high

COMMENTARY



Valerie Cooper

school homecomings, this was a relief. Instead of selecting a queen and king, which implies royalty as well as popularity, we have Mr. and Ms. TCU — students who represent the ideal college student through contributions and involvement in the university and community. But the best part was that I didn't even know there was a competition. No glittery posters lining the walls, telling you why Nominee A is so cool, no flyers with pictures explaining why Nominee B deserves

it the most and no lollipops with slogans attached describing all the wonderful things Nominee C has done for the school (though I wouldn't say no to the candy; that's usually who I ended up voting for). Instead, students see the candidates when they go to vote on my.tcu.edu and decide without any outside influence.

While I support this regulation of no soliciting for votes, the recent disqualification of nominees due to solicitation on Facebook groups is taking it too far.

As explained in Thursday's issue of the Skiff, three Ms. TCU candidates did not appear on the ballot after homecoming coordinators discovered they each had Facebook groups promoting their selection. All three of these candidates, who signed a form stating they would not

solicit votes, said these groups were created by friends.

These friends, however, didn't sign anything. In no way did they agree not to support candidates, and it's impossible to make sure that no one out there promotes a candidate in some way. However, candidates aware of these groups still don't have the power to remove them. The most they can do is personally ask the group administrator, who may or may not be aware that the group is a violation of policy, to delete it. This is simply a case of punishing candidates for something they had no control over.

If friends knew the rule banning solicitation, it's unlikely that they would think it applied to a social-networking site. Most students like to think sites

such as MySpace and Facebook are secure, so the only people viewing students' information is who they allow to do so, which in most cases is limited to other students. As such, students don't have to see these groups if they don't want to. Unless a student already knew the candidate or searched specifically for these groups, they probably wouldn't know they existed. Furthermore, students choose to have a Facebook account — there are plenty of students out there, believe it or not, who choose not to have one, or at least choose not to spend a lot of time searching it. These groups are easily avoidable if students don't want to see them.

I was a little surprised in the first place that university officials would even check

Facebook for Mr./Ms. TCU solicitation. I can completely understand limiting signs or other means of promotion on campus, but sites like Facebook are not university-sponsored in the first place, so the university shouldn't expect to have control over them.

But the main problem with this concept arises in enforcing it. Now that students know they can get a nominee disqualified from the comfort and security of their own computer, what will keep them from making groups specifically for that reason? If there's someone you would rather not see take the title, all you have to do is make a Facebook group supporting them and they could be disqualified. If anything, these disqualifications just opened up all sorts of new ways to cause trouble within the system.

There's no way the university can expect to monitor and maintain everything that occurs on Facebook.

While the no-solicitation rule is in place for a reason, and for a reason I support, it's unfair to eliminate these candidates for reasons they did not realize existed and they couldn't control. Instead of disqualifying the candidates, it makes more sense to simply delete the groups, warn candidates to make sure no new groups are created and go on with voting as planned. These students were nominated for all the good they've done. The fact that they have support of friends unaware of the rules doesn't negate this in any way.

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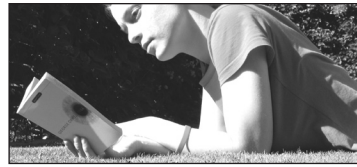
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BOOK IT

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Reviews of the Week

CONCERT



Bob Schneider performed at the Aardvark Friday night to promote his new album "The Californian." AMBER PARCHER / Staff Photographer

Crowd bobs along with Austin favorite

By AMBER PARCHER
Staff Reporter

It was impossible not to dance at Bob Schneider's crowd-pleasing, non-stop, jamming show at the Aardvark Friday night.

A fixture in the Austin music scene, Schneider returned to Fort Worth as part of a tour showcasing his newest album "The Californian," the most rock-n-roll version of Schneider to date.

His music can best be described as a combination of alternative, folk, country, funk and beat-hop with self-confessional lyrics that display emotions ranging from love to heartbreak, to sex and partying and to loneliness and substance abuse.

Majority of the songs that Schneider and his band rocked out to are from "The Californian," including the CD's title track "Holding In The World" and one of the slower ballads on the album "Flowerparts."

"We always like playing in Fort Worth," Schneider said after the show. "The crowd is really raw, and they always know the words."

In addition to performing his newer songs, the band took liberty with some older tracks by playing a hip-hop version of the slow sing-a-long song "God Is My Friend" from the 2004 album "I'm Good Now." Schneider and his band ended the show with an extended

version of the 2001 jazzy funk song "Bullets."

Schneider submitted to the crowd's demands to play his 2000 hit "Tarantula," a fast paced salsa-esque song, which was originally written and performed under Schneider's 1997 band — The Scabs. Crowd members sang the lyrics at the top of their lungs when Schneider held the mic out to the audience during the chorus.

Schneider taught crowd members the phrase "arr" and demonstrated how to thrust a pirate-hooked finger in the air while the band played the slightly inappropriate, intentionally off-key song "The Sons of Ralph." Although Schneider and his band worked up as much of a sweat performing as the packed crowd did dancing, the quartet mustered up enough energy to answer the crowd's chant for an encore.

They sauntered back on stage shortly after they left, and without saying a word, jumped into my personal favorite track from the new album "Everything I Have Means Nothing To Me Now," a mix of rock-n-roll and blues accompanied with a heavy bass riff.

Friday night's show was just as eclectic and fun as Schneider's music itself. Judging by the sweaty smiling crowd who left the club Saturday morning, his fans loved it all.

MOVIE

'Man of the Year' fails on all counts

By JEFF ESKEW
Features Editor

Remember the days when Robin Williams was considered one of the funniest working actors in the business with hits such as "Mrs. Doubtfire," "Aladdin" and "Death to Smoochy"? Well it's sad to say, but we may never see that Williams again.

In his recent endeavors such as "RV" and "Robots," Williams just doesn't cut the mustard, so to speak, and his latest attempt, "Man of the Year," fails to muster many laughs.

Williams plays Tom Dobbs, a Jon Stewart-ish late-night talk show comic, who decides it would be wildly funny if he started to campaign to become the next president of the United States.

The joke backfires when Dobbs gets elected thanks to a voting machine glitch that only one person knows about, a Silicon Valley techie, Eleanor Green, portrayed by Laura Linney ("The Exorcism of Emily Rose").

Now, the audience is supposed to think Dobbs is flat-out hilarious because he makes some cliché jokes. When asked about who was going to be in his political cabinet, he remarks, "Well, I've looked at the IKEA catalog and didn't see anything."

In a similar joke, he is asked about his tanning parlor and says, "I think they set me on George Hamilton." How creative of the writers to make what must be the one-millionth joke about George Hamilton being excessively tan. (For those of you who may have a hard time placing George Hamilton, he was the older tan guy on the second season of "Dancing with the Stars.")



Comedian-turned-candidate Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams) answers the press honestly about his past in the comic tale of an entertainer's accidental rise to national power. UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

With a president who doesn't really know too terribly much about the political landscape, you would think the writer would have had Dobbs choose advisers who could help guide him along the way, but alas, that does not happen.

Dobbs' advisers, Jack Menken and Eddie Langston, played by Christopher Walken ("Wedding Crashers") and Lewis Black ("Accepted") respectively, snicker and say such things such as, "This guy smiles so much it's starting to upset me," and "There seems to be a link between smoking and heart disease. Or am I just making that up?"

When the movie reached the halfway mark, the jokes, if you can call them that, stopped and the movie turns into a "thriller."

Green re-enters the picture and is being threatened by corporate thug Alan Stewart,

played by Jeff Goldblum ("Jurassic Park"). She manages to walk right up to the new president-elect at a party.

Now, does she tell Dobbs she knows about the glitch that got him elected? Of course not, because then the movie would be over, and we still have an hour left.

The movie had an original premise, but the biggest problem with "Man of the Year" is that Williams' character is not convincing as either a comedic talk show host or a presidential candidate. It feels longer than the four terms Franklin D. Roosevelt served, and our current president can incite more laughs accidentally than this fictitiously written character.

This is the worst "Man of the Year" since Time Magazine named Adolf Hitler as its top male in 1938. **★☆☆☆☆**

CD

Parrotheads sure to love Buffett's 'Weather'

By JEFF ESKEW
Features Editor

With his last album, the 2004 country-inspired, "License to Chill," Jimmy Buffett scored his first No. 1 CD of his accomplished and iconic career. So it is no wonder he

would revisit the genre on his latest disc "Take the Weather with You."

Continuing with the same vibe that made him famous, "Take the Weather with You" makes you want to grab a suitcase and head down to South

Padre Island to sip on hurricanes and margaritas until the sun sets.

The 13-track album features numerous cover songs including Mark Knopfler's "Whoop de Doo" and my personal favorite track on the CD, "Weather With You" by New Zealand's Finn Brothers.

When an artist decides to cover a song, he or she must approach it with trepidation. Remakes such as Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" cover of the Dolly Parton-penned song and Aretha Franklin's rendition of the Otis Redding tune "Respect," had great success and have made their versions more memorable than the originals. On the flip side, they can end up being purely dreadful such as Jessica Simpson's attempts at covering "Take my Breath Away"

and "These Boots are Made for Walking." I am happy to say "Weather With You" falls into the former of the two.

While it won't go down as one of the greatest cover songs ever, Buffett is able to take "Weather" and make the song his own without alienating the fans of the original.

Although Buffett is approaching his 60th birthday, he seems to have hit a new creative high, and fans can only wait to see what he produces in the coming years.

"Take the Weather with You" marks Buffett's 40th release in 36 years and could easily be considered one of his best ever, although there doesn't seem to be a song that will be remembered in 20 years such as "Margaritaville" or "Cheeseburger in Paradise."

★★★★☆



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CONCERT

Heart rocks world's largest honky tonk

By MATT MABE
Staff Reporter

Famous 70s and 80s rock outfit Heart took the stage at Billy Bob's Texas in the Fort Worth Stockyards Friday and rocked solid from 10:30 p.m. to after midnight.

From the opening number until the end of the show, the band didn't stop pulling out hit after hit — much to the crowd's delight.

Guitarist Nancy Wilson, jumped, kicked and worked the stage with a sexy swagger like it was 1973. The crowd fed off her energy as they clapped and danced to every song along the way.

Singer Ann Wilson's vocals were steady and on key all night long. Every high-pitched scream of "Barracuda" and "Crazy on You" were reproduced flawlessly.

The band, that now consists

of the Wilson sisters along with guitarist Craig Bartok, keyboardist Debbie Shair, bassist Ric Markmann and drummer Ben Smith, worked mostly through the hits of Heart's catalog, from "Straight On" to beautiful acoustic versions of "These Dreams" and "Dreamboat Annie."

The band also broke out a few surprising covers such as a fantastic version of Tom Petty's "You Wreck Me," which featured guitarist Nancy Wilson on lead vocals. Nancy Wilson had flipped some of the lyrics around such as when she sang "You be the boy in the corduroy pants/I'll be the girl at the high school dance."

A little later in the set, the band played two outstanding Led Zeppelin pieces, "Black Dog" and "Misty Mountain Hop," both from Zeppelin's

untitled fourth album.

Ann Wilson's Robert Plant impression in "Black Dog" was spot-on as she sang "Hey, hey momma said the way you move/Gonna make you sweat, gonna make you groove." Smith's drumming made it obvious he is a John Bonham fan and even played some fills verbatim from the Zeppelin record. Nancy broke out her Les Paul guitar for the Zeppelin tunes, resembling the same sunburst Les Paul model as that Jimmy Page had.

If you closed your eyes, it was like the closest thing anyone could get to seeing Zeppelin play today.

Heart put on a great show, and after the band's encore was over, the crowd still wanted more. But as the saying goes, all good things must come to an end.



Guitarist Nancy (left) and singer Ann Wilson of Heart performed at Billy Bob's Texas in the Fort Worth Stockyards Friday night. MARTY TRAVIS



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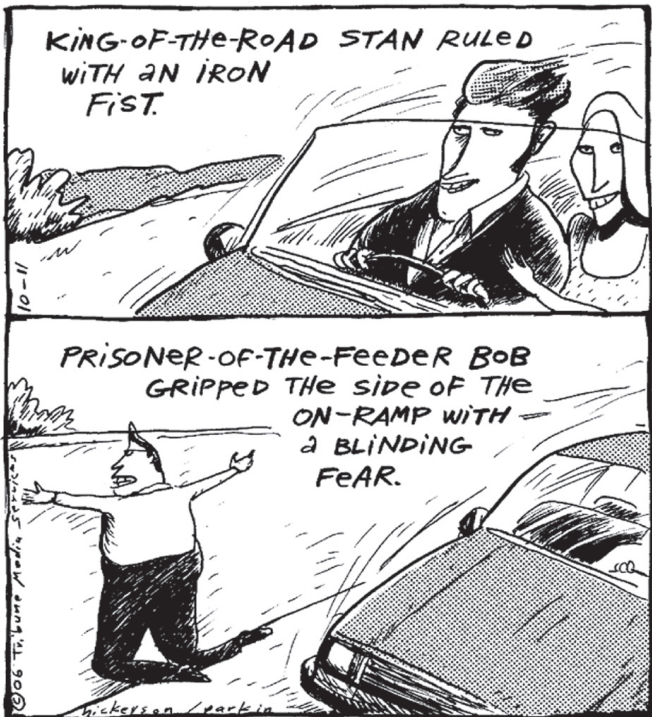
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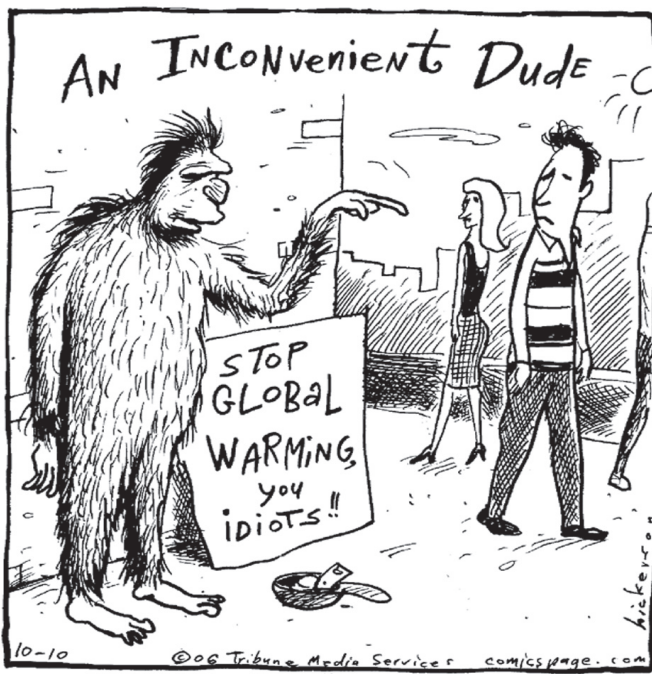
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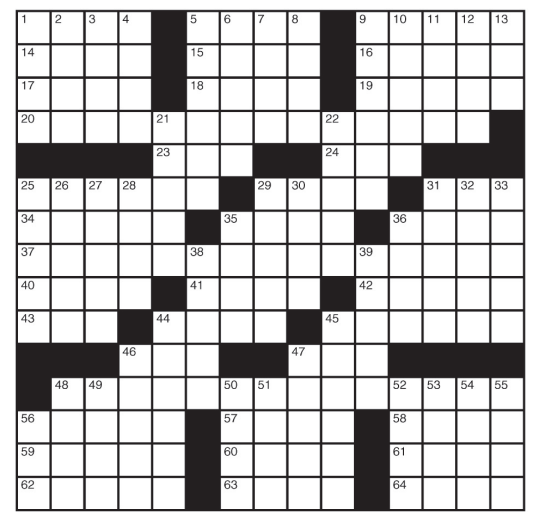
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TOMORROW IN SPORTS

Both the men's and the women's tennis teams are preparing for the ITA Regionals. Find out how each team feels about its chances in the upcoming tournament.

Network broadcasts MWC games, not available to Texas, satellites

By ANDREW CHAVEZ
Staff Reporter

When TCU began playing in the Mountain West Conference in 2005, university officials worried fans might not stay up to watch games televised late at night from the West Coast.

Now, fans across the conference might have a hard time watching any televised games, even though there are more conference games on TV this season due to new television initiatives.

Thirty of the 48 scheduled televised games won't play to a national audience. That's because those games are set to air on the MountainWest Television Network — a network that league officials say is struggling to get off the ground and into fans' homes.

"Starting a network takes time, and it takes time to develop," said Javan Hedlund, MWC associate commissioner for communications. "Once it's out there all over the country, there will be more coverage of the Mountain West Conference than ever before."

The network, officially named the mtn., launched at the beginning of football season and currently reaches fans in five states, but not Texas, Hedlund said.

TCU is scheduled to play on the mtn. three times this season.

Two of those games are away games, and while distribution on Dallas/Fort Worth area providers Time Warner and Charter is on the horizon, Hedlund said, he admitted there is no timetable.

Gary Underwood, director of communications at Time

Warner Cable, said these negotiations are typical when a new network enters the market.

"We've talked to the mtn., but sports programming is expensive," Underwood said.

He said one-third of subscribers' fees already go to paying for programming.

For the network to reach a

"Even the New York Yankees took two years to get on cable." **Javan Hedlund**
MWC associate commissioner for communications

national audience, satellite providers such as DISH Network and DIRECTV will have to pick up the mtn. — a task Hedlund said can only be accomplished through negotiation.

"Even the New York Yankees took two years to get on cable," he said. "They're still not on DISH Network, and the Yankees have more appeal than almost any sports team in America."

Hedlund said the network makes financial sense for companies since it's currently the least expensive sports package available.

The league currently will not disclose the package's price because the organization doesn't want negotiations taking place in the media, Hedlund said.

Scott Kull, associate director of athletics external operations, said the university hopes to see

the network picked up by local and national providers.

"Assuming you have clearance in this market," Kull said, "that's very good television distribution."

Head football coach Gary Patterson is already excited about the prospect of a more regular national audience.

"The sky's the limit right now," Patterson said. "We're just touching the iceberg of what we can get accomplished with this."

Patterson said he hopes the extra exposure will build a stronger national fan base, and said it will definitely help with recruiting — especially if the team, now 3-2, is winning.

Comcast subscribers already have access to the channel because Comcast owns 50 percent of the network.

Comcast's financial interest in the channel won't impede the network's spread to other providers, Hedlund said, since increasing the size of the network's audience will ultimately mean increased revenue for Comcast.

The other 50 percent belongs to CSTV, a CBS-owned company that is the exclusive rights-holder for all conference home games.

The new arrangement also benefits the conference financially.

The initial deal between the mtn. and the conference was a seven-year deal valued at \$82 million. The current deal could last up to 14 years and may be worth twice the amount of the previous deal, Hedlund said.

Both Kull and Hedlund said local fans who want to see games aired on the mtn. should contact their cable providers.

Players learn to balance school, football, social lives

By MORGAN BLUNK
Staff Reporter

It's hard enough playing major college football while tackling a normal course load. But try factoring in majors in accounting, finance and management and keeping a 3.0 GPA — plus maintaining a girlfriend.

Senior defensive end Jamison Newby is able to do all of those things and isn't the only player who juggles a busy schedule and the demands of football.

"You just have to learn how to manage your time," Newby said, "and learn when you can do things and when you can't."

Newby said it helps to have such accommodating professors, especially in a tough major like business.

"Once a professor went and taught me an entire class," Newby said. "He sat me down and, just like he had class, went over the notes. They take care of us when we need help."

Newby said his schedule isn't as bad as it seems. He doesn't have class on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Mark Cohen, director of athletics media relations, said he's surprised by Newby's schedule.

"That's crazy that he only has class on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a triple major," Cohen said.

Cohen said while having multiple majors is impressive and rare, crazier things have happened. A recent TCU graduate who played soccer was had four majors, he said.

Like Newby, Matt Panfil, a sophomore linebacker, said he stays busy with classes and his girlfriend.

"I go straight from class to lunch then straight to football every day," said Panfil, a premajor. "I usually grab something on-the-go for lunch and don't get to studying until 8 o'clock at night."

Panfil said he only sees his girlfriend about an hour a day. Weekends are the exception,



Senior defensive end Jamison Newby, left, and roommate sophomore linebacker Matt Panfil watch TV Monday with Newby's dog Dakota.

when they see each other Saturday nights after the games and Sunday for church service.

"I just feel bad that I don't give her the time and attention that she deserves," Panfil said. "I try to make it up in the summer."

None of the football players have jobs during the season, said Gary Patterson, head football coach. And, since the NCAA regulates the amount of hours each player can practice per week, players enjoy the luxury of more free time, he said.

"It's not like the old days when you could practice for however many days you wanted to, or go out and recruit until you ran out of money," Patterson said. "We sign forms every week for the amount of time a young man spends practicing. Win, lose or draw, you only have 'x' amount of time to practice. You only get 20 hours a week."

The athletics department can, however, regulate the amount of time the players are spending on their studies. Each player must have at least a 2.0 GPA in order to play.

"If (a player) doesn't have a certain GPA, he is what we call 'at risk' and is assigned study hall time," Patterson said. "That can range anywhere from four to eight hours a week, which is very minimum."

Other than the lifting, practicing and meeting — all

of which count toward the 20-hour practice maximum, and potential study hours, the players are required to stay in a hotel together on the nights before game days, even home games.

"It's to get our mind in the game and to take away distractions," Newby said.

Staying off-campus to prepare for games isn't just a TCU tradition, Cohen said. He said it's a common practice for a lot of schools.

Newby said even though there aren't specific rules of conduct off the field, players are still reminded to be good on a daily basis.

"They can't lock us up — even though they kind of try sometimes," Newby said. "They keep an eye on us. They like to know where we are and what we're doing so they can take care of us if there's a problem."

Cohen said the athletics department does manage the men when it comes to media. This is because the players are so busy that they have to lay down some restrictions about who talks to whom and when, Cohen said.

Regulation of the players' free time and media exposure does not include monitoring Facebook, Patterson said. "All I can do is to just give them good advice," Patterson said. "You have to be very careful about all that kind of stuff."

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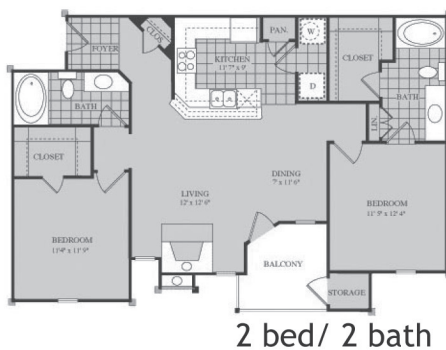
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Runners head to conference meet after 29th place finish

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The Frogs continued pounding miles on the pavement this week as their cross country season nears closing.

The women's team finished its prenationals race this past weekend in Terra Haute, Ind., where they finished 29th out of 36 teams. The men's team took the weekend off and continued preparation for the Mountain West Conference Meet, Oct. 28.

The results from the women's 6K race showed some of the inexperience of the younger runners on the squad, said Eric Heins, head coach.

"We weren't mentally ready for a race of that size," Heins said.

Three freshmen were in the group that traveled to the meet, and this was their first collegiate race with more than 240 runners.

"It is a different mindset," Heins said, "They are used to sometimes leading their pack, and it is harder to do that when you are mixed in with hundreds of competitors."

Leading the team was senior Calandra Stewart who made a bid for a top 10 finish.

"In the last part of the race, I had a bad kick, but I set my new personal record by almost 30 seconds," Stewart said.

Stewart finished in the 14th place overall with a time of 20 minutes 36 seconds.

Freshman Carlene Mayfield helped pace the remainder of the TCU runners and finished 113th. "It was a very new experience, the biggest thing was not being able to see Calandra," Mayfield said.

The strategy was to keep Calandra in her sights, but in a field of that many runners, visual contact with Stewart was nearly impossible, Mayfield said.

The conference meet in two weeks is the next event both teams are training for. "We've come a long way since last season," senior J.T. Reinert said. "Everyone is healthy and has been able to maintain the high mileage at practice without any problems."

The men's team was running 70 to 80 miles a week, Reinert said, but the total mileage has decreased as the final races draw near.

"We are resting up before conference and reducing our weekly mileage by about 10 percent," Heins said.

Last season, the men finished the conference last, and the women finished eighth out of nine teams.

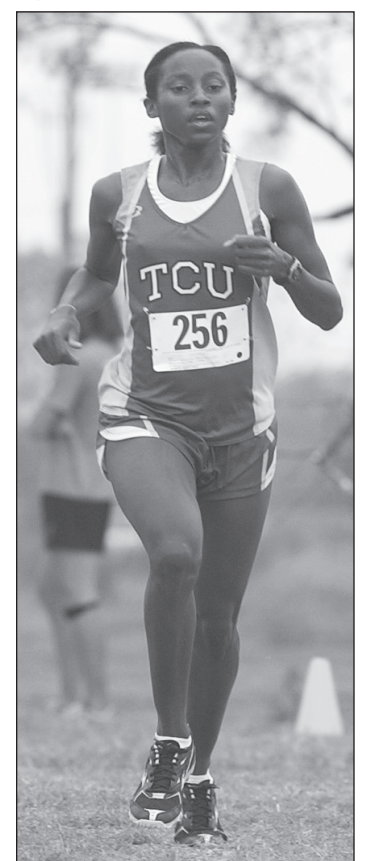
"There needs to be better preparation with team race strategies," Heins said. "I want both teams to walk away knowing they had a great race."

Stewart's placement in the prenationals is helping pave the way for a chance for her to become TCU's first Women's All-Ameri-

can cross country runner.

"I want to finish in the top three in conference, win regionals and hopefully become an All-American at nationals," Stewart said.

All-American honors are given to the top 15 finishers in the nationals race, according to the NCAA Cross-Country handbook.



MEDIA RELATIONS
The women's cross country team finished 29th in its final regular-season meet Saturday. Sophomore Calandra Stewart finished in 14th place.