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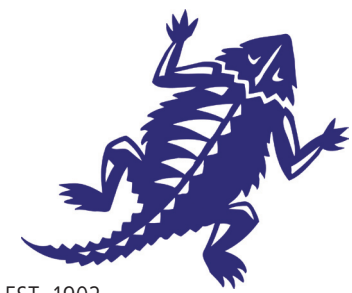
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## Sexual assault suspect hires attorney; jury to hear case in 90 days

By ANDREW CHAVEZ  
Staff Reporter

One of three former student-athletes accused of sexually assaulting a student on TCU's campus hired an attorney Wednesday, according to court records.

Gwinda L. Burns, of Fort Worth, was hired Wednesday to represent Virgil Allen Taylor, 19, against sexual assault charges filed Tuesday in Tarrant County Criminal District Court No. 2, according

to court records.

Shannon Monroe Behling, 19, and Lorenzo Labell Jones, 20, are also charged in the case but had not hired attorneys as of Wednesday afternoon, according to court records.

Calls and messages left for Burns at her office were not returned Wednesday before publication time.

Prosecutor Betty Arvin of the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office, who is

prosecuting the three cases, said the district attorney has 90 days to bring a case before the grand jury and expects the case to be presented before the 90-day deadline passes.

Because the investigation is ongoing, Arvin said, there is no timetable for when the case will be presented.

Fort Worth police spokesman Lt. Gene Jones said Wednesday that the scope of the investigation is likely to

expand as it progresses.

"Because of the seriousness of the crime," Lt. Jones said, "the investigation will be conducted to make sure no stone is unturned."

Investigators are still awaiting DNA test results, Lt. Jones said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said university disciplinary procedures are also progressing.

He said the hearing committee that will decide the uni-

versity's disciplinary actions is being formed and will have a recommendation for Chancellor Victor Boschini by the end of next week.

Boschini, who will have the final say on the university's disciplinary action, said he will await the committee's recommendation before making a decision because "to do otherwise would be to thwart our system."

The three former students were asked to leave univer-

sity property Oct. 19 after school officials received the sexual assault accusations, Mills said. According to a police report, the three men were arrested one day later.

Behling and Taylor were released from jail Tuesday after posting \$25,000 bail bonds. Jones was being held at Mansfield Jail as of Wednesday afternoon on two bonds totaling \$27,000, according to jail records.

## SENIORS SIZE UP



Senior biochemistry major Randal Moore gets measured for a graduation cap at the Senior Fair on Wednesday in the University Recreation Center. Fall commencement is at 1 p.m. on Dec. 16.

## Follies features People's Choice Award

By LINDSEY BEVER  
Staff Reporter

Audience members will have the chance to throw in their two cents during this year's Frog Follies by casting votes for their favorite acts in the new People's Choice Awards.

Frog Follies, a homecoming event where students perform skits to reflect this year's theme "Building Toward the Future," now features

People's Choice Awards. Students, faculty and audience members will vote for four winners in four categories: theme development, costumes, musical selection and crowd-pleaser.

"The crowd-pleaser is the act that the audience just falls in love with," said Kim Appel, Homecoming Committee adviser and activities coordinator.

The first-, second- and third-place prizes are

\$300, \$150 and \$100, respectively, for the People's Choice Awards, Appel said.

As usual, she said, a panel of judges composed of students, faculty and staff will decide the overall first-, second- and third-place winners for the Frog Follies competition.

Audience members can also sign up to win American Airlines tickets between

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Pi Kappa Phi members Gregory Weaver, left, and Joey Parr high kick during the Kappa Kappa Gamma-Pi Kap skit for Frog Follies last year. The Frog Follies competition will be held at 7 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

**Thursday, Oct. 26:**  
-Mr./Ms. TCU Final Vote at my.tcu.edu.  
-Frog Follies at 7 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. (Tickets are \$3 at the Student Center information desk)

**Friday, Oct. 27:**  
-Homecoming Parade from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
-Pep Rally at 7:30 p.m. in the Bellaire parking lot

**Saturday, Oct. 28:**  
-Tailgate/Concert, TBA  
-TCU vs. Wyoming at 6:30 p.m. in Amon Carter Stadium

## Public education, environment priority for governor candidate

By AMBER PARCHER  
Staff Reporter

A financial commitment to improving the state of Texas is what gubernatorial Democratic candidate Chris Bell said sets him apart from his competitors in a speech Wednesday in Smith Entrepreneurs Hall.

Improving public education, the environment and quality of life for the lower class in Texas are three of his top campaign issues, Bell said.

Bell said visiting colleges is important to him because politicians have a tendency to only reach out to the citizens they know will vote for them — not the younger crowd.

"It is your world we are talking about out here," Bell said.

He told an audience of about 50 students and faculty that it is imperative students get involved in politics.

"Whatever your views are, it is important you let your voice be heard and get involved," Bell said. "It is the only way you can shape your future."

Bell said Texas has fallen behind the country on almost every issue there is to fall behind on, and said he considers this election year a chance to take Texas in a new direction.

"We live in a big state with big dreams, but we face even bigger challenges," Bell said. "And there is no greater challenge and no greater



Democratic candidate for governor Chris Bell speaks to students and faculty about his campaign Wednesday at Smith Entrepreneurs Hall. The Texas governor's election is Nov. 7.

priority than public education."

Bell, who stressed Texas' school dropout rate is the highest in the nation, said strong leaders and an even stronger financial dedication is what the state needs to improve its school system.

"There is no reason a state as wealthy as Texas should be following the nation in education," Bell said.

He said paying teachers the national average would be the first place to start, which would mean a \$4,000 pay increase across the board, he said.

Bell said he grew up in a time when Texas was leading the nation in issues like health care and education.

"Somewhere along the line, we lost that mind-set," Bell said. "The Texas most of us see in our hearts is not the Texas we see today."

Lauren Adams, a sophomore communication studies major, said Bell's speech solidified who she will vote for.

"He's passionate about public education, which is important to me," Adams said.

Bell said finances and budgets are some of the most important and effective ways to improve issues.

"I believe the state's budget is morally out of balance," Bell said, referencing Gov. Rick Perry's 2003 cuts to children's health care.

"Budgets aren't just numbers," See **BELL**, page 2

## Forum addresses diversity in media

By CORTNEY STRUBE  
Staff Reporter

Students, faculty and staff examined how diversity is portrayed in the media and how diversity issues affect TCU's campus at the 2006 Inclusiveness Conference on Wednesday.

Greg Trevino, director for Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services, said the conference is designed to introduce different issues on diversity.

"The Internet, television and movies all show different aspects of diversity," Trevino said. "This conference is one of the many ways we try to implement diversity for the campus as a whole."

Keynote speaker Bob Ray Sanders, columnist from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, said to those in attendance that stereotypes are prevalent in today's society.

Sanders, who is also a professional-in-residence in journalism at TCU, said stereotypes in television shows, movies and broadcast news play a large role in the

lives of Americans.

Kristen Svajda, senior Spanish and communication studies major, said she sees a lack of diversity at TCU and the conference is a good way to get students tuned in to what is happening on campus and in the media.

"I think the conference offers a way for students to actually make a difference," Svajda said.

The conference also featured three TCU instructors, each of who presented several lectures throughout the course of the day.

Amiso George, associate professor for the Schieffer School of Journalism, said minorities are often overlooked in the media.

Nancy Meadows, associate professor for the Alice Neeley Institute for Special Education, said the media often misrepresents people with disabilities.

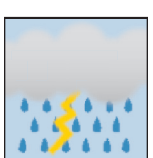
John Miller, professional-in-residence in the journalism school, used past news coverage of the



JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor John Miller, Schieffer School of Journalism professional-in-residence, speaks about the impact of broadcast journalism at the Inclusiveness Conference on Wednesday.

1960s civil rights movement, Hurricane Katrina and recent news coverage from TCU News Now to show students how to take national news issues and localize it by using campus media to diffuse

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### WEATHER

**TODAY:** Strong Storms, 81/52  
**TOMORROW:** Partly Cloudy, 69/47  
**SATURDAY:** Sunny, 75/48

### PECULIAR FACT

MONTANA — The Livingston School District Board held a special meeting and allowed the principal of Park High School to return to school Tuesday after a six-day suspension for giving a student a "wedgie." —AP

### TODAY'S HEADLINES

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## FOLLIES

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acts at Frog Follies, Appel said, and winners will be announced at the tailgate Oct. 28.

She said Frog Follies is open to all student organizations or groups of individuals who want to participate. Although Greeks usually make up the majority of participants each year, Showgirls usually perform, and Hyper-Frogs joined the competition last year.

Homecoming Director Kit Lipscomb said planning Homecoming is no easy task.

Lipscomb, a junior international communications

major, said the Homecoming theme was selected by the Homecoming Committee, Programming Council, students, faculty and staff. It focuses on the outer changes of TCU, as well as inner changes, she said.

"The theme is the hardest part of the planning process because it entails not only the makeup of the student body but the alumni as well," she said.

Lipscomb said the Programming Council, Homecoming Committee and advisers began brainstorming and budgeting for Homecoming last summer.

"With everybody's help, we've spent about 1,000

hours (planning Homecoming)," she said. "And that's probably not an exaggeration."

The committee also organized the float contest, Lipscomb said.

The float contest gives Greeks a chance to win \$150 in three categories: best in parade, best in walking parade and best in parade spirit, Lipscomb said. All floats will be judged on criteria such as quality, creativity and theme, she said.

Pi Kappa Phi President Matt Kiesel said the fraternity is grouped with Alpha Chi Omega and Brothers Under Christ. He said the group began working on its

float design and practicing its skit for Frog Follies the beginning of October.

"It's really been crunch time the last week," said Kiesel, a senior finance and accounting major. "This week, we will be working at least 40 hours."

Kayla Daniel, chair of Alpha Chi Omega's Frog Follies, said the group has worked about 30 hours on its skit, costumes and choreography.

"It's always challenging with time schedules, but to see the progression of success has been fun at the same time," said Daniel, a junior early childhood education major.

## CONFERENCE

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potential diversity issues.

Trevino, who helped coordinate the conference, said a big part of recognizing diversity is getting students out of their comfort zones and attending conferences and workshops that will help them make a difference by fighting stereotypes and racial and sexual segregation.

"Race, disability, sexual orientation and women's issues are all a part of diversity," Trevino said.

Trevino said he was pleased with student-participation in the conference and hopes that by providing such conferences, students will continue to take advantage of what's offered.

## BELL

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Bell said. "There are human consequences attached."

Elizabeth Hague, a junior political science major, said she originally supported independent candidate Kinky Friedman, but is most likely to vote for Bell now, she said.

"He has an actual plan of what he's going to do, and he's willing to talk about it," Hague said.

When Bell's campaign team asked TCU if there was a professor who would be willing to host him as part of their class, Adam Schiffer, assistant professor of political science, agreed to do it.

"This isn't an endorsement of his campaign, but it's a chance to host a high-profile politician," Schiffer said.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"If Beethoven had been killed in a plane crash at the age of 22, it would have changed the history of music... and of aviation."  
—Tom Stoppard

**THE SKIFF VIEW**

**Appeals limit allows accuracy**

It happens at the end of every semester: Students wait impatiently in front of a computer, constantly refreshing my.tcu.edu's academic home page to see if final grades have been posted. Inevitably, someone will be dissatisfied with his or her grade.

Disgruntled students can present their cases to the Academic Appeals Committee about discrepancies concerning a specific grade. Currently, a student has until the drop date of the next semester to appeal a grade, but a proposed appeals process would limit the time frame to appeal a grade to 10 days.

The University Judicial System should adopt the proposed appeals process to ensure accuracy and justice. By limiting the time students have to file a request for an appeal, students and teachers will have a better recollection of circumstances than they would after a summer or Christmas Break.

Not only will the proposal protect against vague memories, but it will also accommodate the academic agendas of graduate students who continue programs through the summer.

The proposal will allow graduate students who appeal a grade from the spring to receive a decision before continuing classes in the summer, said Suzy Lockwood, Faculty Senate chairwoman, in Tuesday's Skiff.

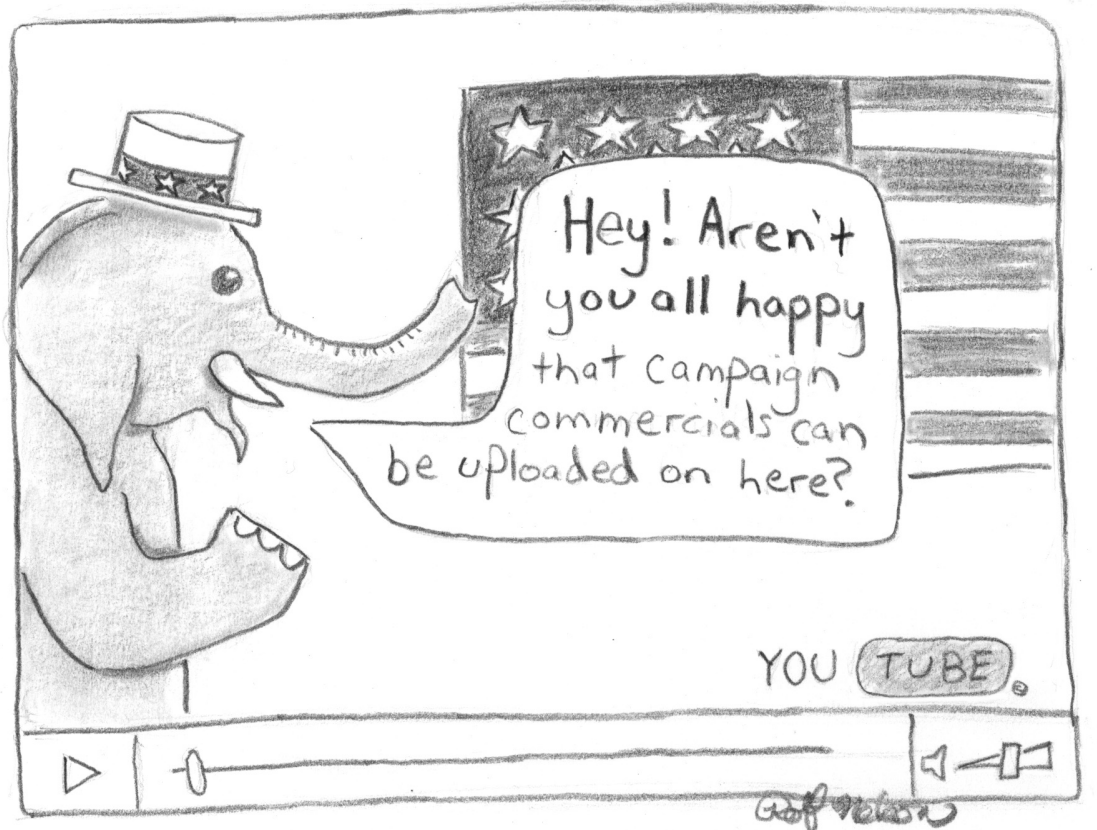
In addition to shrinking the time frame to appeal a grade, the proposal will more than double the size of the appeals committee, which will allow for a quick turnaround on appeals cases.

Even if there wasn't a specific time frame for grade appeals, students should be responsible enough to maintain their averages throughout the semester — there shouldn't be any surprises at the end of the semester. If there is an honest error in grading, then the appeals process should be used.

The committee should not, however, be used as a final lifeline for students who neglect to inquire about their grades throughout the semester or simply fear the wrath of their parents. There are some things in life that just aren't subject to change.

*Editor in chief Amy Hallford for the editorial board.*

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**Holidays' importance dictated by retail superstores' commercialism**

What is it with this eerie "Nightmare Before Christmas" mix of Halloween and Christmas?

Halloween is just around the corner; we have one month until Thanksgiving, and Christmas decorations have already taken over local superstores.

There is something gravely wrong about seasonal commercialism these days. To us, Halloween commonly means candy and costumes. Thanksgiving means eating, napping and spending time with family. Christmas means trees, caroling, opening presents and spending time with family.

To Hallmark and Wal-Mart, it is time to make the most of the year's revenue. It is one thing to help foster the holiday spirits of the public by offering a large array of decorations and gifts, and it is another to exploit anxious holiday-lovers by stocking up two months before the actual holiday.

If Christmas decorations are on sale before Thanksgiving, it's a problem. If they are on sale before Halloween, it's just ludicrous.

We should be able to enjoy Halloween and Thanksgiving without worrying about buying a reindeer lawn display before anybody else in the neighborhood. It takes away from the

significance of these holidays.

Superstores often pride themselves on customer service. Providing Christmas decorations and gifts before Halloween is not customer service. Providing Halloween decorations and costumes before Halloween is. Corporations need to cater more to the needs of the public before they conspire more ways to seduce consumers into spending more money than they need to.

And that isn't all. During the two-month period superstores have to lure their customers into prematurely buying decorations, the quantity of stuff they sell grows by ridiculous amounts. Lawn decorations take over the entire gardening section, making it difficult for customers to find products without a reindeer or Santa next to them.

Also, how many different kinds of stockings could one want? Entire aisles become dedicated to stockings big, small, fuzzy, soft, plain, glittery and so on.

Customers should come first — not the money they bring. Wal-Mart and other superstores need to hold off on the Christmas madness until after Thanksgiving.

Christmas mixed with Halloween does not work well; Tim Burton has already shown us what that would look like in "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

*Saerom Yoo is a sophomore news-editorial journalism major from Pusan, South Korea. Her column appears every Thursday.*

**Stores' early Christmas overkill ruins fun for Halloween, Thanksgiving enthusiasts**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go — and that's a problem.

It is still October, and Halloween is right around the corner. But at almost every retail store you visit, there is nothing but Christmas promotions.

Call me Ebenezer Scrooge, but bah, humbug on early Christmas promotions.

When I pulled up to Garden Ridge this past weekend, propped up right in front of the entrance was a gargantuan snow globe with everybody's favorite fat man inside giving yuletide greetings.

I cringed when I saw this, not because I don't like Christmas — I do — but because I knew, before taking a single step into the store, I would be bombarded with different Santa figurines, Christmas trees and whatever else people use to decorate their homes.

I was right. The entire right-hand side of the store was packed with Douglas firs, tinsel, stockings and wooden elves as far as the eye could see. And to my left was a little bin of pumpkins for those who wanted to decorate for All Hallow's Eve.

I might have been able to look past the excessive Christmas decor had the store not been playing Christmas carols.

I understand why stores do this type of stuff; it brings in the money, and I don't find fault with that. It's commercialism and there is no way to hide that — it is the society we live in today. My problem is that by doing so, these stores are neglecting my two favorite holidays, Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Here I am, still going places, trying to



MATT MABE / Staff Photographer

piece together the remaining parts of my Halloween costume, and all any store will give me is a measly two to three rows worth of merchandise. Now unless you're going as Kris Kringle — I'm not — that's a problem.

America is already a rushed society, so why do we want to rush past a couple of days where you can actually relax, have fun and spend time with family and friends to periods where many people go outside their budget trying to please loved-ones?

Christmas may be the "most wonderful time of the year," but it is two months away, and there are at least three major holidays — Halloween, Thanksgiving and Hanukkah — before Christmas arrives.

So to all you Christmas-lovers, give it a rest until after Nov. 23, when Thanksgiving is behind us, or go tell it on a mountain where I can't hear you.

*Features editor Jeff Eskew is a senior broadcast journalism major from China Spring.*

**Show responsibility; don't waste parents' money at Bookstore**

One iPod speaker, one Vera Bradley handbag, two candles, one Juicy tube of Lancome lip gloss and one Ralph Lauren Polo shirt — a bill at a department store or boutique?

Nope, the receipt at the TCU Bookstore.

Let's be honest: We've all been guilty at some point during our time at TCU of charging items at the bookstore and sending the bill home to Mom and Dad.

But the bookstore is just so tempting that sometimes you go in there and don't even intend to spend any money at all.

When I started attending TCU four years ago, I

remember thinking it was so cool that you could buy Lancome makeup and put it on your send home bill.

Then, before I knew it, home decor and trendy clothing started to fill the aisles. This is when my bookstore addiction really started.

My parents were not happy about it.

I am not a deceitful person, but I sort of, you know, lied to my parents about the bookstore bill all the time.

I remember saying: "What?! The bill was \$500?! It must have been all of the books that I had to buy for my classes."

It didn't take long for my parents to catch on to this trick when the bill for my "books" came every month for three months.

And I am not the only one at TCU who has done

something like this.

I have always been given nice things in my life, but I would never, nor would my friends and family, describe myself as being spoiled.

Putting the newest technologies and fashions in front of college students is like putting candy in front of a baby.

The worst was when I walked into the bookstore a couple of weeks ago and saw Xbox 360s for almost \$600.

Not only is the bookstore selling the best things on the market, but it is racking up the prices to outrageous amounts.

You hear people around campus saying, "I am out of money, so I am going to get everything at the bookstore because it's free."

Actually, that is bratty and spoiled, not to men-

tion outrageous because the results of our careless spending habits are getting sent home to our parents.

As a graduating senior faced with the reality of financial responsibility, I'm beginning to see through my parents' eyes and be respectful about spending their money.

Some of us work so we can attend school. Others have the privilege of having our parents pay our tuition.

But someone, some time, has to pay that bookstore bill.

Next time you go into the bookstore, think about this and try not to rack up your send-home bill.

Your parents will appreciate it.

*Jacquilee Killeen is a senior broadcast journalism major from Lubbock.*



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Staff Reporter

Sophomore psychology major Taylor Alexander hands her TCU ID to sophomore medical therapy major Ruben Lira for a send-home charge at the TCU Bookstore Wednesday. The bookstore now offers Xbox 360s as well as accessories to TCU students.

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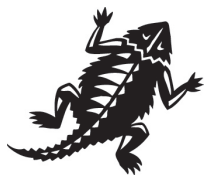
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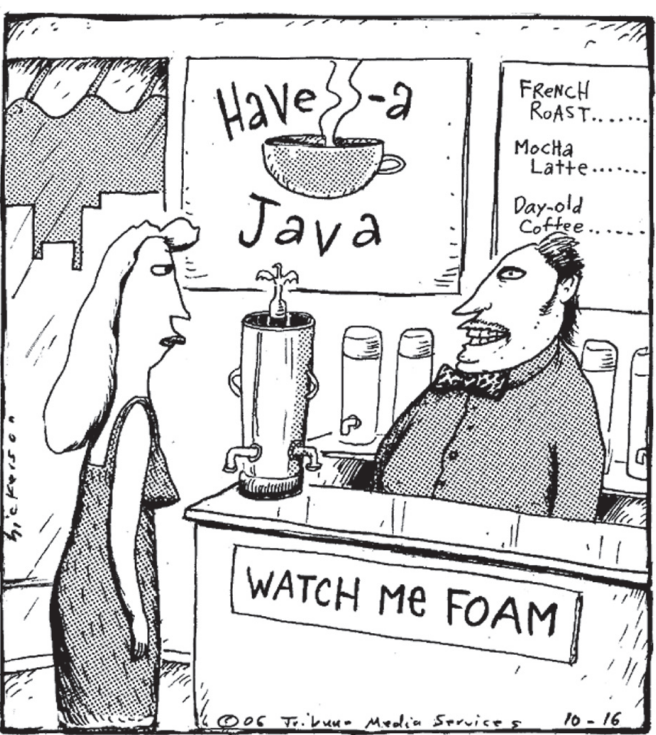
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"I can't believe I'm dating a border patrol guard. Talk about boundary issues! And every time I clean he wants to see my ID."

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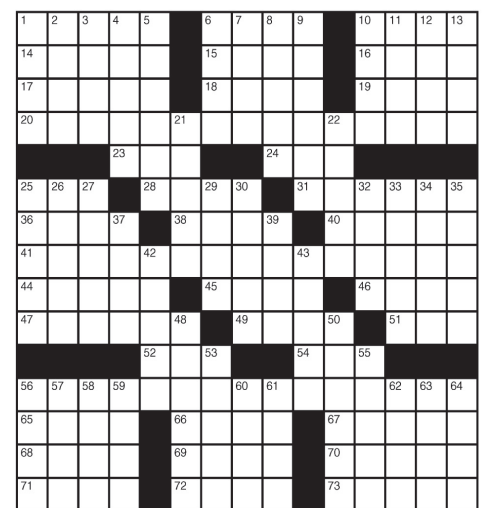
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- 54 Ref. set member
- 56 End of quip
- 65 Den
- 66 Created
- 67 Total
- 68 Bear in the sky
- 69 Idyllic place
- 70 Sufficiently polite
- 71 Emulate a beaver
- 72 What's left
- 73 Opponent
- DOWN**
- 1 Taj Mahal locale
- 2 Attired
- 3 City on the Truckee
- 4 Two under par
- 5 Odors
- 6 Lead actress
- 7 Resistance units
- 8 Perpetual traveler
- 9 Kowtow
- 10 Risked getting a ticket
- 11 Fruit with green pulp
- 12 Freezes
- 13 Actress Gilbert
- 21 Fall bloomer
- 22 Clear the blackboard
- 25 Dial-up device
- 26 Odor
- 27 Pass along
- 29 Mimicked
- 30 Humdinging
- 32 Small boys
- 33 Edible root
- 34 Accustom
- 35 X- or R-follower
- 37 Finished a steal
- 39 Sea eagle
- 42 Dollar rental rival
- 43 Brazenness



By Alan P. Olschawg  
Huntington Beach, CA

10/26/06

**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 48 Whine
- 50 Newbie
- 53 Keep clear of
- 55 Russian ruler
- 56 Wallop
- 57 Bring home the bacon
- 58 Kudrow of "Friends"
- 59 Sketch
- 60 Fateful day for Caesar
- 61 Smallest part of a buck
- 62 Engage in a diatribe
- 63 Slight of build
- 64 Compatriot

See Friday's paper for answers to today's crossword.

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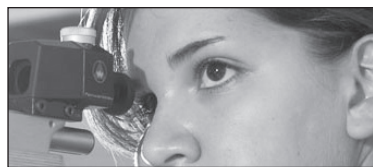
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**TENNIS**

**Player wins back-to-back regionals**

By ALEX ZOBEL  
Staff Reporter

The men's and women's tennis teams concluded their fall seasons Monday, but a women's doubles team will soon play in the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships.

Senior Ana Cetnik and sophomore Anna Sydorska won the doubles championship in 2006 at the Wilson/Intercollegiate Association Southwest Regional Championships at Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center, where they had been seeded No. 2.

Cetnik and Sydorska were able to overcome a 5-1 deficit in the eight-game pro-set championship match, defeating the No. 7-seeded LSU Tigers team. They went on a 7-1 run before taking the match 8-6.

"I knew as soon as we started playing together we would start winning," Cetnik said. "We knew we could beat them even when we were losing."

Sydorska said once she and Cetnik learned to communicate better on the court, things began to go their way.

Jefferson Hammond, interim head coach for the women's tennis team, said the Frogs went into the tournament expecting to win it.

"I was very happy with how our team played," Hammond said. "We went in with a winning attitude and came out on top."

By winning the tournament, Cetnik and Sydorska received a place in the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships hosted by the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Sydorska is making her second consecutive trip to the Indoor Championships. She is the Horned Frogs' first-ever female tennis player to win back-to-back regional doubles championships.

Cetnik is also no stranger to the national stage as she made it to the doubles semifinals of the NCAA tournament last year, earning All-America status.

Sydorska said she is confident about her team's chances in the upcoming tournament, and she works well with Cetnik.



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In doubles competition, senior Ana Cetnik, pictured, and sophomore Anna Sydorska win over LSU at the Wilson/ITA Southwest Regional Championships this weekend. The doubles team heads to Ohio for the National Indoor Championships Nov. 2.

Cetnik and Sydorska are currently ranked No. 24 in the country as a doubles team by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

The men's doubles team Radu Barbu and Cosmin Cotet led the team in progression through the draw by advancing to the quarterfinal round before falling to the tournament's runner-up team.

**NEXT SEASON**

- The TCU men's 2007 spring tennis season will begin with the Rice Indoor Tournament in Houston on Jan. 19.
- The TCU women's 2007 spring tennis season will begin with the National Team Indoor Championships in Madison, Wis. on Feb. 1.

**SWIMMING AND DIVING**

**Freshmen lead team to win**

By RACHEL MCDANIEL  
Staff Reporter

The women's swimming and diving team defeated North Texas on Wednesday night in the University Recreation Center.

"North Texas is a much-improved team," head coach Richard Sybesma said. "They weren't as easy a team as we thought they were going to be, but our girls fought hard and did a great job."

The Frogs were led by freshman swimmers Natalie Melenric and Stephanie Futscher.

Melenric took first place in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 58.51 seconds and swam as part of the first-place 400-yard freestyle relay.

Futscher took first place in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:08.01.

"The freshmen have really stepped up and taken the place of the seniors that graduated last year," said Keleigh Wentworth, senior butterfly, independent medley and freestyle swimmer. "They're really showing that they're here and are not to be overlooked."

Christi Cannon, senior freestyle and independent medley swimmer, said her team was surprised at how well North Texas swam.

"They've gotten a lot better, and we didn't really focus on them as much as we should have," Cannon said.

Wentworth also said she thought her team didn't prepare as much as it should have.

"We were not as ready for

them as they were for us," Wentworth said.

Twice during the meet Sybesma called his team together for a huddle.

"Basically, I told them that we're better than them, but we weren't performing that way," Sybesma said. "I told them what to change, and they went out there and did that."

Wentworth said Sybesma emphasized the need to be there for one another.

"He told us that, yes, it's an individual sport, but we need to be there for our teammates and rally around each other to help turnaround the meet."

Also at the meet were 14 swimmers from Incarnate Word who competed in several different events both with the Horned

**EXTRA INFO**

The Frogs open up Mountain West Conference competition next Tuesday night against Colorado State in the University Recreation Center.

Frog and North Texas teams.

"They came here and sort of piggy-backed to get some experience," Sybesma said. "For being such a new program, I thought they did a really good job."

Cannon said she thought the North Texas meet would be good preparation for the Frogs as they head into conference meets.

"Tonight showed us there's still a lot of work to be done and that we can't get lazy," Wentworth said. "We're not ready yet, but we definitely will be."



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Junior Maribeth Pottenger swims to third place in the breaststroke competition against North Texas and Incarnate Word at the University Recreation Center on Wednesday night.

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