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Bush likely to pick female nominee, faculty says

Miers withdraws court candidacy

By TRAVIS STEWART
Staff Reporter

President George W. Bush will start looking for a female candidate with credentials similar to those of Chief Justice John Roberts following Harriet Miers' withdrawal from the nomination process, faculty members said Thursday.

The White House said Miers had withdrawn because of senators' demands to see internal

documents related to her role as counsel to the president, according to the Associated Press. The AP also reported that politics played a larger role: Bush's conservative backers had doubts about her ideological purity, and Democrats had little incentive to help the nominee or the embattled GOP president.

Jim Riddlesperger, chairman of the political science department, said the president will take a little time before he starts his push for the next nominee.

"He has a very difficult task ahead of him," Riddlesperger

said. "He wants another John Roberts. My guess is that he'll take a few days to weigh his options, but he wants another woman, one with the persona of John Roberts, because that whole process went very smoothly."

Political science professor Manochehr Dorraj said that Roberts' relatively painless approval also may have served as a basis of comparison for Miers' nomination and subsequent withdrawal.

"She was not a candidate like Roberts, who seemed to have won over both sides of

the aisle," Dorraj said. "She actually seems to have done just the opposite."

Because the president initially nominated a woman, Dorraj said, Bush will be expected to choose another woman or a minority as a replacement.

Riddlesperger said the left will remain unsupportive if Bush nominates a far-right candidate, regardless of credentials.

"There are a number of conservative high profile judges available, but I think the Democrats would seriously consider filibustering that movement,"

Riddlesperger said.

Senior political science major Laura Podgorski said the move wasn't unexpected.

"Honestly, I'm not terribly surprised," Podgorski said. "The conservatives didn't even really support her."

The move is both positive and negative depending on the point of view, Podgorski said.

"While she's a very educated woman, it was probably a good thing for the Supreme Court and a bad thing for President Bush," Podgorski said.



Charles Dharapak / Associated Press
White House counsel Harriet Miers smiles and waves as she walks into the White House on Thursday.

'Toil and Trouble'



Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

Members of the cast of "Macbeth" portray witches during dress rehearsal Wednesday inside the Megalith stone circle in front of the Ballet Building.

Actors to perform part of 'Macbeth' Halloween night

By JENNIFER ALISON TURNER
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On Halloween night, jack-o'-lanterns will glow on porch steps, children and college students alike will be clad in spooky costumes and local residents will prepare for eager trick-or-treaters by filling large punch bowls with chocolate, licorice and lollipops.

At TCU, students will perform a portion of William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" during "Bard on the Rocks" on Monday night among the rocks of "Frogheenge" in front of the Ballet Building.

"The scene consists of the three witches and their encounter with Macbeth who is demanding to know if he

will continue to be king," play director Julianne Greer said. "Later during the scene, apparitions or ghosts appear to him. It's very spooky."

Greer, a professor of theater and radio-TV-film, said she took on the show after Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for student affairs, offered the idea

"BARD ON THE ROCKS" FROM MACBETH

- Time: 10:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.
- Day: Monday
- Place: "Frogheenge"

during the faculty retreat meeting at the beginning of the year.

Greer said she relishes the opportunity to perform in an

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RAD class promotes crime prevention

Self-defense course to prepare women

By TASHA HAYTON
Staff Reporter

TCU females can learn self-defense techniques and then practice on their instructors at the Rape Aggression Defense class Saturday and Sunday.

The class is designed to teach females to avoid and escape attacks, said TCU Police officer Mike Fazlinejad, co-instructor of the course.

Fazlinejad said the class begins with a discussion about prevention of potential attacks. He suggests closing blinds at night so no one can see inside and parking in well-lit areas.

The instructors then teach technical punches and kicks, Fazlinejad said.

The simulation, where students practice their defense skills on an officer is the final part of the class, Fazlinejad said.

Officer Walker Johnson, co-instructor of RAD, said it was developed by a retired police officer from Virginia. He said the techniques taught are effective and do not require any familiarity with martial arts.

Johnson said the class

EXTRA INFO

- RAD classes are from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the University Recreation Center multipurpose Room 2.
- The class is free to TCU students and faculty. Registration is open until Saturday.
- For more information, call Pam Christian at 817-257-7276.

focuses on crime prevention techniques and teaches students to be aware of their surroundings. He said, in theory, someone who is aware of her surroundings reduces the chance of an attacker surprising her.

However, Johnson said, prevention will not protect someone when they are being attacked.

"Knowledge of crime prevention techniques isn't going to protect you when someone has you wrapped up in a bear hug," Johnson said. "So, we also teach many methods of physical self-defense."

Officer Pam Christian said the class is an excellent way for females to learn to defend themselves. Christian has been arranging and setting up the classes for several years.

The class is on Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; attendance on both days is

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House to fill vacancy

SGA resignation prompts Nov. 8 special election

By ASHLEY ALDERMAN
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A special election will be held Nov. 8 to fill a vacancy in the House of Student Representatives after a representative of the College of Science and Engineering resigned last week.

Rep. Thomas Guidry, a junior computer science information major, cited in his resignation letter "distress and heartache" as reasons for leaving.

Guidry had been a representative in the House for five semesters. Vice President Trevor Smith said he is disappointed about Guidry's resignation.

"He's a debater," said Smith, a junior finance and accounting major. "He often argued the alternative opinion and was persistent in letting the House see his point of view."

Guidry said he feels members of the Student Government Association have been unethical and broken rules they have sworn to uphold.

He said there are several examples, but the Judicial Board's ruling on the Hurricane Relief Bill was the determining factor in his decision to resign. Guidry said he was unhappy with the final ruling and said SGA members were ruling with their emotions not their responsibility to the Student Body Code.

"I always left meetings so angry that no one cared and rules weren't being enforced,"

Guidry said. "Once I started losing sleep over it, I realized that I didn't want to be part of an organization like this."

Prior to his resignation, Guidry had filed a complaint about the Hurricane Relief Bill authorized by the House, which distributed financial assistance to students affected by Hurricane Katrina. Guidry said the bill violated the charitable contributions clause in the Student Body Code, which states: "No charitable contributions shall be made from the student body fund. Charitable contributions include, but are not limited to, payments made to charitable organizations."

The bill was taken to the Judicial Board, the final interpreter of the constitution, where it ruled the bill did

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HPV common among college students

Vaccine may reduce odds of contraction

By ADRIENNE LANG
Staff Reporter

Almost 90 percent of sexually active college students contract a sexually transmitted disease and are not even aware of it, local experts say.

Among the 20 million Americans who have genital human papillomavirus are the high percentage of sexually active college women and men, said Dr. Jayanthi Lea, a gynecologic oncologist at University of Texas-Southwestern Medical Center.

"I would venture a guess between 70 and 88 percent," Lea said.

The TCU Health Center refused to discuss HPV prevalence on campus with

the Skiff, but according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, results from a 1998 study show more than one in 10 college women become infected with genital HPV each year. Conductors of a 1996 study found anywhere from 28 percent to 46 percent of females under 25 have the virus.

According to a CDC fact sheet, no less than 50 percent of sexually active males and females will contract genital HPV during their lifetimes. About 80 percent of women will get the disease by the age of 50.

Lea said many cases do not produce any symptoms and the immune system clears most HPV infections, which attributes to the prevalence of the disease.

"First of all, it's so prevalent because it's a sexually

transmitted virus," she said. "There's no way to protect against HPV."

"A lot of people have it and have no idea they have it." Lea said a number of these cases could be cut down by a new vaccine.

Gardasil, a vaccine developed by Merck & Co. Inc., has proven effective against the four most common types of genital HPV, she said.

These types include HPV-6 and -11, which cause 90 percent of genital warts, and types 16 and 18, which are responsible for 70 percent of cervical cancer cases, Lea said.

"We can anticipate a huge reduction in HPV-16 and -18, also 6 and 11," she said.

Suzy Lockwood, a Harris School of Nursing assistant professor, sits on an expert

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