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GrandMarc retail space empty after months of vacancy

By KELLY FERGUSON
Staff Reporter

Out of 30,000 square feet of retail space on the first level of the GrandMarc at Westberry Place, 7,000 square feet have been leased, said a property company representative.

Two businesses, Perrotti's Pizza and CitiBank, have leased space in the GrandMarc. Andrew Harris, assistant asset manager for Phoenix Property Company, which owns and operates the GrandMarc, said the company would like to bring in businesses such as

a sports bar, a casual dining restaurant, a hair and nails salon, an ice cream shop and a tanning salon, but no specific additional businesses have agreed to leasing space yet.

Perrotti's is expected to move in by the first of the year, and CitiBank will follow shortly after, Harris said.

Johanna Janovsky, business manager for the GrandMarc, said she had hoped the retail space would be filled by December.

"People have just fallen through," Janovsky said.

Harris said the biggest challenge is generating interest for the area. Cost isn't an issue in getting businesses to lease space, he said.

"It's in the \$30 per square foot range," Harris said. "We don't feel that's out of line at all."

University Park Village, where Barnes and Noble and Blue Mesa are located, rents space for an average of \$33 a square foot, said Susan Holland, the leasing manager for University Park Village.

Harris said he wishes the

entire leasing area was full, but he is still trying to create interest for businesses to move to the GrandMarc.

"We're trying to attract tenants that are higher end and upscale," Harris said. "The location is great right there by TCU."

Harris said the space remaining in the GrandMarc can be renovated to fit the needs of the businesses that lease space.

"We can throw up walls wherever they like," Harris said.

Both Janovsky and Harris said they don't think Berry Street

construction has kept businesses from wanting to lease space at the GrandMarc.

"The construction is more of a positive thing since the street will look much nicer when it's done," Harris said. "It should help us attract businesses."

The manager of Perrotti's said she is excited to move the restaurant into the GrandMarc.

"I think business will improve immensely," said Tammy Rollins, Perrotti's manager. "It's already great just across the street and it will only get better once we are in the building."

One student living in the GrandMarc said he is disappointed there have been no businesses in the building.

"Shops weren't the reason I moved in here," said Drew Combs, a junior marketing major. "But we weren't given everything we were promised."

Combs said he thinks a sports bar would be a good addition to the GrandMarc and it would be a great improvement to get shops in quickly.

"It's a decent place to live," Combs said. "They just have some things to work on."

ROUGH KNIGHT

Frogs fall to Raiders

By MARCUS MURPHREE
Staff Reporter

The Frogs went head to head with their first Big 12 opponent of the season when they took on Bobby Knight and the Texas Tech Red Raiders on Wednesday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Wednesday night's 70-60 win for Knight and the Raiders, who are now 6-2, was his 875th, and he is now within five victories of having sole possession of the record for most career wins by a coach. This record is currently held by Dean Smith who collected 879 wins while coaching at North Carolina from 1961-1997.

The game took place before a crowd of 5,438 fans, which was the largest attendance to fill the coliseum this season.

After the first half, the Frogs had their backs to the wall while facing a 14-point deficit, but the 38-24 Raider lead was soon erased following halftime.

To start the second half, the Frogs went on a scoring tear to claw back to a tie with a 20-6 run to even the game at 44 apiece.

Throughout the remainder of the second half, the Horned Frogs continued to come within striking distance of taking the lead away from the Raiders

but could not manage to work a lead against Tech.

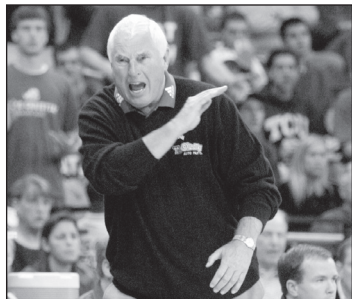
With 2:15 left to play, the Frogs made a last-ditch effort coming within four points with a timely 3-point shot, but they could not stop the Raiders' offense.

Junior shooting guard Neiman Owens led the Frogs with a team-high 11 points, while sophomore power forward Kevin Langford led the team with 5 total boards.

Tech's power from outside the arc helped put points on the board as it made 50 percent of its 3-pointers on the night while bringing the Frogs' record to 4-2 on the season.

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ANDREW CHAVEZ / Staff Photographer
Texas Tech head coach Bobby Knight reacts during the game between the Texas Tech Red Raiders and TCU on Wednesday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs lost 70-60.



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Staff Photographer
TCU's Alvarado Parker blocks an opponent's shot during the first half of the Horned Frogs Wednesday night game against the Texas Tech Red Raiders at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Sigma Chi fraternity placed on probation

By LINDSEY BEVER
Staff Reporter

The Sigma Chi chapter at TCU is on probation for hazing, said the international fraternity president.

Mark Anderson, president of the Sigma Chi Fraternity Corp., said in a phone interview that the TCU chapter was not suspended but put on probation by Sigma Chi headquarters and TCU officials at the request of the chapter after a hazing incident occurred in late September.

Anderson said he didn't know the specifics of the hazing incident.

Anderson said Sigma Chi demonstrated a clear example of holding itself accountable. Instead of awaiting disciplinary action, "they placed themselves under the microscope," he said.

An accountability committee reviewed the chapter, and a group of administrators from TCU and Sigma Chi alumni wanted to see some changes made, Anderson said.

"The chapter asked to be placed on probation so that we would review and make sure that they were doing things exactly right," he said.

TCU Sigma Chi President Adam Mundt would not comment on Sigma Chi's disciplinary status. Two other officers and seven members contacted by the Skiff also declined to comment.

James Parker, assistant dean of Campus Life, said university policy allows local chapter leaders and alumni advisers to investigate chapters and make appropriate recommendations. TCU officials and the Sigma Chi international office, undergraduate chapter and local alumni investigated the allegations that "the Sigma Chi pledge program had irregularities," he said. But he declined to elaborate or say when Sigma Chi's probation will end.

"Sigma Chi handled this process as ethical leaders, completed their thorough investigation expeditiously and made sound recommendations, which the university and the (international) office accepted," Parker said in an e-mail.

Parker said the consequences of probation are unique to each situation and would not give specific examples of these consequences.

"We take each individual or group-discipline situation and determine what response would benefit the individual, group and community," he said. "An incident-specific response allows us to have a more significant impact."

Anderson said the chapter will submit its pledge program before it recruits its next pledge class to the university and headquarters. See **SIGMA CHI**, page 2

Winterland comes to campus

By LAUREN PICK
Staff Reporter

The cold weather came just in time to enhance the winter spirit at tonight's Holiday Tree Lighting on Sadler Lawn, said a Programming Council director.

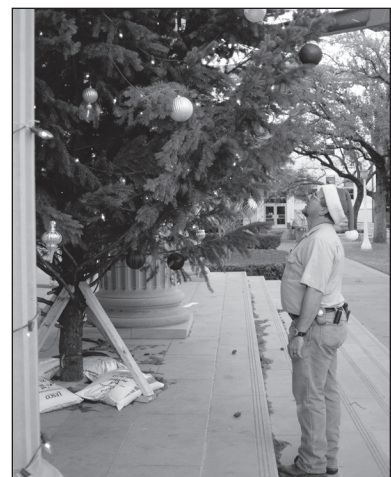
The live Christmas tree on the steps of Sadler Hall will be lit tonight by Chancellor Boschini who will ride in on a sleigh with Santa and Mrs. Claus, said Natalie Boone, SGA adviser.

New purple and white suits were made for Santa and Mrs. Claus this year, said Aaron Wolfe, PC director of spirit and traditions.

"We went a little more all out this year," Wolfe said.

Fake snow and a concert by Tyler Hilton, who played in the television show "One Tree Hill" and played Elvis in the movie "Walk the Line," were added to this year's festivities, Wolfe said.

Hilton will perform immediately after the ceremony, which is expected to last an hour,



JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF / Photo Editor
Lone Star Electric Co. technician Johnny James fixes the lighting on the Christmas tree Wednesday afternoon. The tree lighting ceremony is today at 6:45 p.m. on Sadler lawn.

Wolfe said.

This is the first year PC has hosted a concert after the tree lighting, and Wolfe said he hopes it becomes a new tradition.

Hilton was chosen because he is an up-and-coming artist, yet still

well-known because of his roles in "One Tree Hill" and "Walk the Line," said Kristen Chapman, PC director of special events.

"We realized he'd be a good fit for our campus," Chapman said.

At 3 p.m., PC will decide whether to move the concert indoors due to weather, Boone said. If it is sleeting or raining, Hilton will

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HOLIDAY EVENTS

Tree lighting ceremony

- 6:45 tonight on Sadler Lawn
- A concert featuring Tyler Hilton will follow the tree lighting.
- Free hot chocolate, cappuccino and cookies will be provided.

"Holidays at TCU"

- T-shirts available Thursday and Friday for \$10.

Holiday Craft Fair

- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Lounge
- 25 vendors will sell a variety of gift items.

Intensive English Program increases enrollment by 40%

By RACHAEL EMBLER
Staff Reporter

Enrollment in the Intensive English Program has increased 41.38 percent since 2004, which is about 30 percent more than national programs' enrollment increase, according to the 2006 TCU Fact Book.

Kurk Gayle, the director of TCU's Intensive English Program, said, after gaining 13 more students this semester, enrollment in the Intensive English Program has reached a record number of 47 students — the largest group of students Gayle said he has seen since he started working at TCU in February 1995.

He said he attributes the increase to the program's ability to adapt in times

of trouble.

Like many other schools around the country, TCU's program enrollment significantly decreased after Sept. 11, 2001, Gayle said.

"What we did at that time was offer a little more ESL locally — we diversified," Gayle said.

The program also had to offer a lower price to keep enrollment up, he said.

"The university is tremendously supportive of IEP," Gayle said, explaining another reason for the program's success.

He said every department he has worked with has been helpful, including Residential Services, which doubled the number of rooms for Intensive English Program students for next

semester, Gayle said.

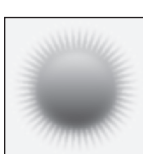
Robin Williamson, the associate director of administration in the Office of Residential Services, said they added four beds for males and four beds for females for IEP students planning on pursuing an undergraduate degree.

Gayle said he was pleased that TCU's international programs were mentioned in Chancellor Victor Boschini's convocation speech this year as one of TCU's six distinctions.

Boschini said he was happy more students were taking advantage of the program.

"I think it proves a definite need for the service," Boschini said in response to the

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PECULIAR FACT

IDAHO: Two employees of an ice skating rink have been fired for making a midnight fast food run in through a Burger King drive-thru in a pair of Zambonis. — AP

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for approval.

"The executive committee would not approve the chapter having a pledge class until the pledge program is submitted and approved," he said.

Anderson said the pledge program will be reviewed to ensure that it is in compliance with the Preparation for Brotherhood program that chapters are expected to follow. The goal of the Preparation for Brotherhood program is the communication of expectations of Sigma Chi brothers, academic institutions and soci-

ety, according to the Sigma Chi Web site.

Anderson said Sigma Chi will also send its entire executive board to a regional educational conference in January and the international Balfour Leadership Training Workshop next summer.

Although Mundt said several other fraternities are on probation, Parker said Mundt's statement was not accurate.

Parker said the disciplinary procedures of the two other cases of probation were completed last academic year. He said he could not name the specific chapters involved in these cases.

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recent enrollment numbers.

Boschini also said he thinks the program provides diversity to the TCU community.

"I think this all helps cross cultural understanding," he said.

Boschini said he thinks TCU's Intensive English Program was able to remain stable because it has a solid reputation, which keeps international students coming.

Lizbeth Branch, an International Student Services adviser, said she attributes the increase of students in the Intensive English Program to a Saudi Arabian program that gives

students full rides to certain U.S. schools.

She said there are currently 14 Saudi students at TCU.

Branch said International Student Services is going to host a special orientation before the end of the semester for the Intensive English Program for students entering the undergraduate program next semester.

Branch said this increase in enrollment in the program's enrollment is beneficial to the university because it contributes to globalization.

"At the same time they learn the American culture, the university learns about their different cultures," Branch said.

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perform in the Student Center Lounge, she said.

During the ceremony, the gospel choir from O.D. Wyatt High School will perform Christmas carols and the Order of Omega will perform a skit called "The Night Before Finals," Wolfe said.

At the end of the tree lighting — but before the concert — students will form a line and pass presents collected during the Order of Omega toy drive onto a U-Haul truck that will later deliver the gifts to Tarrant County Child Protective Services, Boone said.

Candles will be passed out to students to be lit while singing

Christmas carols, Boone said.

Last year about 400 students attended the tree lighting, but PC has planned for more this year, Wolfe said.

"We've ordered 700 candles, which is probably more than we'll need, but we've run out before," Wolfe said.

PC spent about \$8,000 on this event, which is more than last year, but less than the \$11,000 they allotted in their budget, Wolfe said.

"We consider this a big event so we spend more money on it," Wolfe said. "Students look forward to it, so we don't mind."

Wolfe also said they were careful in making sure to get the best deals on everything they purchased.

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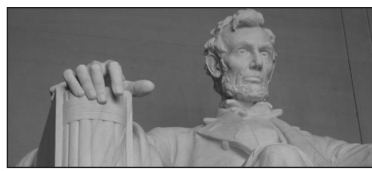
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues"
— Abraham Lincoln

THE SKIFF VIEW

Applicants need background checks

University officials, in response to recent sexual assault charges filed against three former TCU athletes, indicate they are exploring ways to more closely scrutinize applicants in the admissions process for possible criminal histories — and they should.

The Skiff recently published a story that revealed two athletes had pleaded guilty to felony charges prior to enrolling at TCU. The Skiff's findings reveal that the admissions application needs to be fine-tuned to require all applicants — not just athletes — to disclose not only felony convictions but all instances of pleading guilty to or being charged with felony crimes.

The board of trustees and alumni pour millions of dollars into TCU with one goal in mind — to build the reputation of TCU. Therefore, alumni and trustees should be aware of the criminal pasts or adverse activities of the students they are supporting.

Every applicant, freshman or transfer, should be subject to a background check. University officials continue to raise

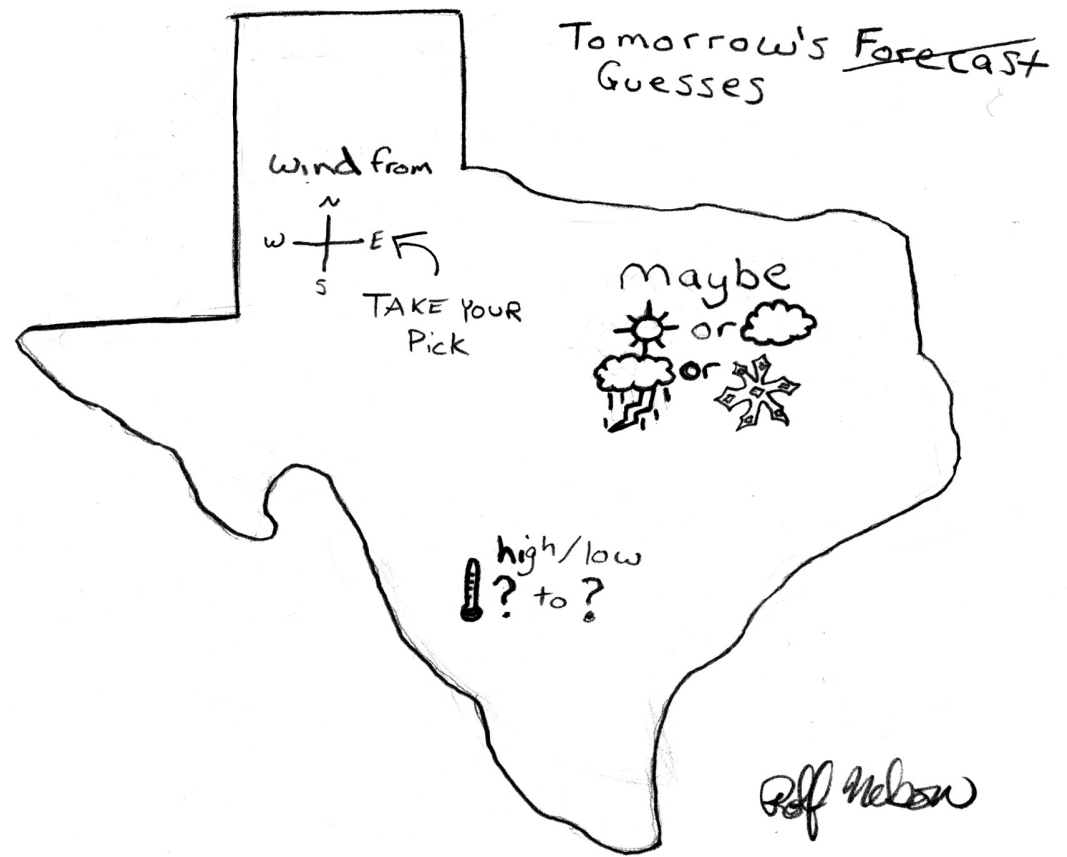
tuition, and students and parents continue to pay upward of \$25,000 a year to TCU — a campus students and their families consider to be a safe environment for college-age individuals. It is in everyone's interest to resolve these issues prior to the commitment of resources by the university, alumni, students and families.

In order to fulfill these expectations, TCU should require applicants to submit and satisfactorily complete a background check review as a condition to admission into TCU. An offer of admission should not be final until the completion of the background check with results deemed favorable. The means to perform background checks are fairly inexpensive.

University officials have no way of protecting students from every security threat society presents, but they can and should eliminate loopholes that can be fixed quickly and inexpensively.

Editor in Chief Amy Hallford for the editorial board.

OOOFSPOOF BY ROLF NELSON



Make life easier for roommates; Keep things tidy around house

Remember growing up, when your parents used to tell you things to make you do something you didn't want to do?

COMMENTARY



Glenton Richards

"Eat your carrots, it'll make your eyes pretty," or "Finish your green beans so you can have a happy plate!"

What the heck is a happy plate anyway?

For me, anytime I left a mess somewhere, be it my bedroom or a plate I left on the table, my mom would tell me, "Your maid is dead."

After I got over the shock of thinking I killed someone, I realized what she was trying to say to me.

She wasn't telling me that I somehow caused the death of a helpless old lady but, rather, was reminding me of an age-old admonition that we should always clean up after ourselves.

Funny thing is, though, when we get to college, we like to rebel from some of

our parents' rules, just a little bit. We leave a couple of clothes on the floors of our dorms and say to ourselves, "Oh, I'll clean it up later. My parents aren't here."

Soon those two socks and a shirt become 10 socks, two pair of jeans, three shirts and a missing shoe. We can become so comfortable with our own "little" messes that we forget what we are doing isn't cutting ourselves "some slack" for all the hard years of work we had growing up of having to live in a spotless house, but we are making it harder for ourselves in the long run.

When we can't even throw away that week-old empty bag of chips or wipe a counter full of our crumbs into the trash, this gives the impression to others around us, such as our roommates and close friends, that we have no sense of cleanliness.

Assuming later in life you end up getting married or live with someone else, that can easily start to become a strain on your relationship with that other

person — especially if he or she has cleaner living habits than yourself.

I mean, those people may not change their friendliness toward you. They may not even say much about it — or nothing at all, for that matter — but many times they may be thinking, "What in the hell was I thinking living with this person?" or "Did their mama not teach them anything about cleaning up after themselves?"

You don't want someone thinking badly of you, right? Plus, you'll give your mama a bad name by not cleaning up after yourself.

As I finish up my last semester here at TCU and prepare to enter the real world, I may have some people from time to time who I have to or want to live with for awhile. Having a clean place gives people a better impression of you.

And when people have a better impression of you, this usually leads to better opportunities in life. So be sure to make your dorm a happy dorm.

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Christmas greeting not intended to offend

'Tis the season to be jolly. At least for the obnoxious Christians, right?

As it is with every year, the approach of the holiday

COMMENTARY



Saerom Yoo

season calls for a fresh batch of the Christmas controversy. Apparently, in the United States, the land of the free, the land of a myriad of faiths and ethnicity, "Merry Christmas" is not politically correct.

Because not all of Americans can identify with the phrase and the meaning behind it, the phrase should be done away with in public places altogether until people can understand the true meaning behind it.

So now in department stores, workers and banners are required to say "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas," even though most shoppers are pushing and shoving for only one reason: Christmas.

At superstores, where about 99.9 percent of merchandise consists of Christmas candies, Christmas stockings, Christmas ornaments — Christmas everything — their banners and workers are required to say "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas."

It just does not make sense.

Since when is it OK for the freedom of expression to be truncated because some people simply find it offensive or don't wish to hear an expression? If that is in any way legitimate, pornography would be the first embracement that America should get rid of. I think many would agree that is offensive to their morals as well as their sight — even more so than a jolly holiday greeting.

Christmas has been with America for centuries, and it should be honored for the sake of tradition and culture. Saying "Merry Christmas" or showing nativity displays is in no way disrespecting the followers of

religions other than Christianity. Christians will celebrate Christmas — publicly and privately — and when a huge majority of a nation's population is Christian, Christmas is bound to be the dominant theme at this jolly time of year.

Whether the greeting for the holiday season be "Merry Christmas," "Happy Holidays," or "Happy Hanukkah," the essence of these phrases is that they are all greetings, not a way to impose a certain religion or offend others. They hold cheerful spirit and express good will and nothing more. No mature person with a sense of manners would use such a greeting to be obnoxious — not until this obnoxious debate came about, anyway.

Merry Christmas, Shmistmas. Who cares? 'Tis the season to be jolly, not take offense in harmless little phrases.

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Use time wisely, don't waste it on Web sites

Anyone can get on Facebook now, which means anyone can see your profile. MySpace has been pub-

COMMENTARY



Jennifer Boone

lic since its inception, while Facebook used to be exclusive to the college community. I'm not the most technologically savvy person, but I can figure out how to set up a profile on both of these sites. I don't have a MySpace site, but I am a part of the Facebook community.

I have friends on MySpace, and I see few differences in the two communities. On MySpace, you can color and add music to your page. On Facebook, you can add large amounts of pictures.

Both sites allow users to comment on each other's pages, comment on pictures and post information — however personal a person chooses to get.

People waste their lives away checking the sites

religiously, just to see if something has changed. Maybe the number of profile views jumped from 496 to 500. For some people, this is a day-defining experience. On a particularly boring day, my roommate got fed up with her computer when her Facebook Feed hadn't changed during the 10-minute trip to the grocery store.

I do remember those days. The habitual Facebook-checking and updating in its initial weeks, even months, consumed my daily life. My friends who introduced this site to me in those precious first weeks warned me that I would try to look up my best friend from first grade, but I did not listen.

Looking back, I could have gotten so much done with that wasted time. The amount of time I spent on Facebook would equal the amount of time it would take to learn the basics of a foreign language or write a thesis.

Facebook and MySpace are products of procrastination most college students

could do without.

There are those on Facebook who have created groups to protest its very existence.

"Get out of your celebrity fantasy life and forget about every stupid aspect of everyone else's life because yours is too boring," boasts one group. (The content of that statement was edited for language, as the writer may recognize his work.)

Why would anyone, anywhere, ever want to join a group titled "Elmo is my Hero" or various groups about procrastination? Seriously. Don't waste your life joining Facebook groups. Go read a book or write a short essay on your own beliefs.

A great man once said: "Have no regrets when you're old." So when you get old, wishing for a longer life, you'll probably look back and say, "I wish I didn't waste my life on stupid sites on the Internet like MySpace and Facebook." So don't.

Jennifer Boone is a senior news-editorial major from Irving.

Adhere to conversation etiquette: Ask questions

Let's be honest: A good portion of men and women have no idea how to hold a decent conversation. The basic elements of give and take completely elude them, and we're not even going to mention the complete and total lack of wit and humor. Which is sad, as I would hope that a generation who grew up on "Friends" could come up with a good one-liner every now and again.

Nowhere is this on more obvious display than at a party, when you're stuck in a shoe-box-sized room with sweaty strangers. It's a sink-or-swim situation, folks. Generally, I feel the best thing to do is cross your fingers, dive right in and hope nobody remembers how badly you sunk in the morning.

Case in point: Last weekend, dressed as Madonna, I was discreetly nestled in the corner of a kitchen, wedged tightly between the refrigerator and the trash can. As the driver of the evening, I was patiently waiting to squire my charges home and attempting to protect my new pumps from scuffs.

So I start chatting with the guy to my right for the next 15 minutes or so. It was a steady-flowing conversation. Oh wait, no, it was just him talking. For 15 minutes straight I played cruise director, asking all the right questions and veering away from any and all moments that might lead to long, awkward pausing. Granted, my motives were purely selfish and spurred on by boredom.

Here's what really gets to me. After listening to this kid's life story from, I don't know, the Clinton Administration to present, what sort of response do I get in return? Nothing. Who do you think I am? I did not politely fake interest in references to biochemistry and tennis for nothing.

I am not a charity, a free counselor or even that nice of a person. If I have politely stood for more than five minutes and kept my eyes from glazing over like a jelly doughnut (with

sprinkles), it's only because I am expecting at least as much from you in return. Yes, reader, it is your job to follow the obligatory laws of conversation etiquette and give me at least as much, if not more, time than I gave you to do your absolute favorite thing: talk about yourself.

Furthermore, this is basic stuff, people. You learned all about sharing in kindergarten — the principle is exactly the same. Share the conversation and, for goodness sake, grow up and stop eating the Play-Doh.

Ladies, I would really love a moment here to spout off some feminine idealism, a chance to point out just how intrinsically self-centered and flawed the male species is. But, then I feel even the best-tempered of us can recall a few forced and painful social situations we've shared or endured with our fellow females.

Wedding showers are a prime example: the ruffles, the flowers, the games and the underlying tones of looming divorce and booze. The only thing gluing people to their sanity is the cake.

I want my moment in the sun, not just because I'm selfish, but because chances are I think my life is just as interesting and probably a lot more candid than yours.

But seriously, I'm not asking for much. You don't have to have the interview prowess of Barbara Walters. Hard-hitting questions are not required; in fact they are discouraged. Personally, I recommend keeping it shallow, because loud music and bad breath somehow just don't inspire me to wax on philosophically about the beauty of life.

All you have to do is use the same questions I asked you and replace your name with mine. Think of this as the SAT. Just getting my name right guarantees you at least a few hundred points.

Jenny Pedersen is a columnist for The California Aggie (UC-Davis). This column was distributed by U-wire.

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Symposium to analyze war

By SARAILEYNN FRANKLIN
Staff Reporter

Three different professors will offer their opinions about the war in Iraq and whether it is justified during the second Searchlight Symposium on Thursday in the Kelly Alumni Center, said the host of the symposium.

The symposium, sponsored by Programming Council, is titled 'What is a Just War? Are We in One?,' said John Wood, a junior English major and symposium host.

Wood said the Searchlight Symposium was first conducted last semester and questioned, 'What does it mean to be an ethical leader?' Wood said the symposiums will now occur at the end of each semester with a panel of professors from various departments addressing a title question each time.

"The question is always a topic of significant cultural relevance," Wood said. "Professors will shine light on the topic; hence the name 'searchlight.'"

In each symposium, professors speak on the question at hand for 20 minutes and then the forum is opened to a Q&A session with students.

"The idea was a collaboration between myself and the Provost," Wood said. "Each semester's theme is something I come up with after considering what might be the most important and interesting issue at the time."

Guest speakers of the symposium will include the history department's Lyndon Baines Johnson Chair Mark Gilderhus, religion associate professor Nadia Lahutsky and political science assistant professor Eric Cox, Wood said. He said he will also conclude with some of his own personal beliefs about the topic.

"The symposium should illuminate what exactly a just war is," Wood said. "It is a wonderful theory but terribly difficult to apply."

Wood said these professors were chosen because of their expertise and teaching backgrounds.

"Religion, political science and history seemed like relevant departments to turn to for answers," Wood said, "and these three professors were the most qualified to speak on the issue."

Gilderhus, who teaches courses such as Special Topics in Church History and U.S. Military History, said he thinks the symposium will be interesting and surprising because no speaker knows what the others will say.

Lahutsky said she prefers to present her views without argument.

"I don't want to get into a huge debate," Lahutsky said.

Lahutsky, who teaches Contemporary Catholicism, declined to fully reveal her views because she said she wants to present them at the symposium. However, she said she will compare the views of Catholicism to the current war.

Lahutsky said she thinks it is very difficult to meet conditions that would justify a war.

"I haven't heard anyone refer to this as a just war," Lahutsky said.

Gilderhus said he will speak on how he feels the war in Iraq is not justified by President Bush.

"I suppose the term 'war criminal' is too harsh to describe the president," Gilderhus said, "but it comes close."

Gilderhus said he feels the war is not just because he thinks Bush failed to meet crucial criteria.

"The war is the biggest strategic disaster in all of American history," Gilderhus said.

Cox said he also feels that invading Iraq was not a legiti-

mate action. Cox, who teaches courses such as Civic Literacy and International Politics, said he thinks the invasion violated the United Nations Charter, the current law governing the United States' use of force in war by only allowing action in self-defense unless otherwise approved.

Though he said the war was illegal, Cox said he also thinks it has done some good.

"Bush started an important conversation about the way international law needs to go," Cox said.

Wood said the last semester was the first time the Searchlight Symposium was conducted, when the theme was 'What does it mean to be an ethical leader?'

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Wood said Programming Council sponsors the symposium but is only involved with the publicity and logistics.

"The Programming Council is not involved with the content of the symposium," Wood said.

Wood said the symposium was derived from an idea he had his sophomore year and was created, organized and hosted by himself.

"The idea was originally to have professors present their personal research," Wood said, "but I thought it more interesting to hear them answer important questions that the TCU community might have."

SEARCHLIGHT SYMPOSIUM

"What is a just war? Are we in one?"

• 5 p.m. today in the Kelly Alumni Center

Mass. questions EPA's power

By STEPHEN HENDERSON
McClatchy Newspapers

The Supreme Court on Wednesday wrestled with the thorny issues surrounding global warming and the government's efforts to abate it. But hour-long arguments at the high court — at times heavy with discussion of the science of climate change — left little indication of how the court will ultimately rule.

At issue in *Massachusetts v. EPA* are two simple questions: Whether the Clean Air Act authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate air pollutants that contribute to climate change; and if so, whether the EPA properly used its discretion when it chose not to regulate auto emissions.

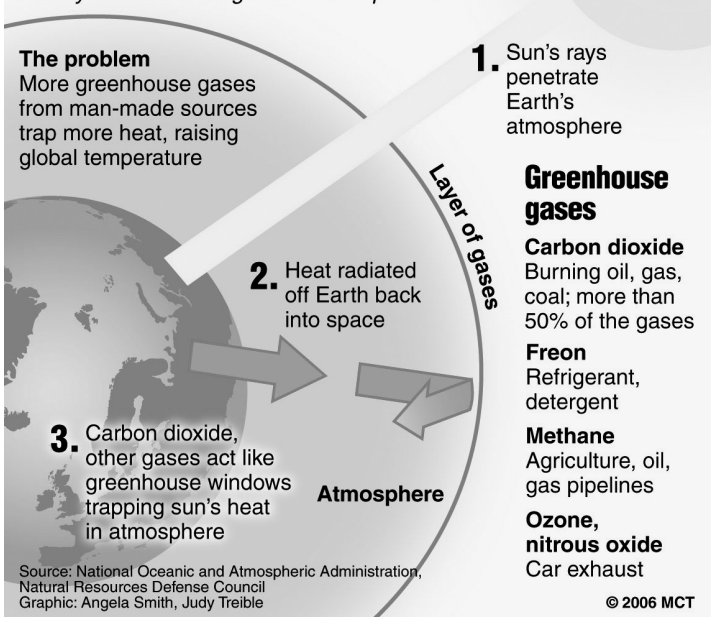
Also at stake in the case is whether states, many of which claim climate change will harm their land and citizens, have the right to sue to force EPA action on pollutants from cars and other sources.

The case is the high court's first foray into the argument over global warming, and its ruling could have major effects. If the justices find that EPA is not responsible for regulating greenhouse gases, it would likely require congressional intervention to initiate government action on that front. If the justices decide that states don't have standing to sue, that would undercut other pending suits seeking to regulate factory emissions and make it more difficult for environment claims to go forward.

In political terms, the justices appeared to cleave along familiar lines. More conservative justices like Antonin Scalia, Samuel Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts appeared skeptical both of the EPA's authority and of the states' rights to sue. Justice Clarence Thomas, who rarely speaks

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during oral arguments, is expected to join other conservatives in this case.

Meanwhile, Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer were more accepting of both ideas.

That would leave Justice Anthony Kennedy as the critical fifth vote to decide both issues, a role he increasingly plays, with the departure of the court's other swing voter, Sandra Day O'Connor.

The arguments at the high court Wednesday captured the broader social debate.

James Milkey, an assistant attorney general from Massachusetts, argued on behalf of his state and 11 others that global warming poses an imminent threat to human interests. The phenomenon threatens 200 miles of Massachusetts's coastline, which would fall victim to rising ocean levels that result from increased global temperatures, Milkey said.

He cited "uncontested" affidavits from scientists that

show "as a matter of physics, the more greenhouse gases accumulate in the air, the more temperatures are going to rise, ocean waters expand, and the seas rise."

He said not acting to regulate those greenhouse gases would be tantamount to "lighting a fuse on a bomb."

Massachusetts filed suit against the EPA in 2003, after the agency declined to set auto emissions standards for new vehicles.

Massachusetts and its supporters cite the Clean Air Act's "plain language," which says the agency must set emission standards for "any air pollutant" from vehicles that might even be anticipated to threaten public health or welfare.

Bush administration lawyers counter that Congress never intended for the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gases. And even if it did, the administration says, the agency would be loath to regulate them because of significant "scientific uncertainty" about the cause and danger of global warming.

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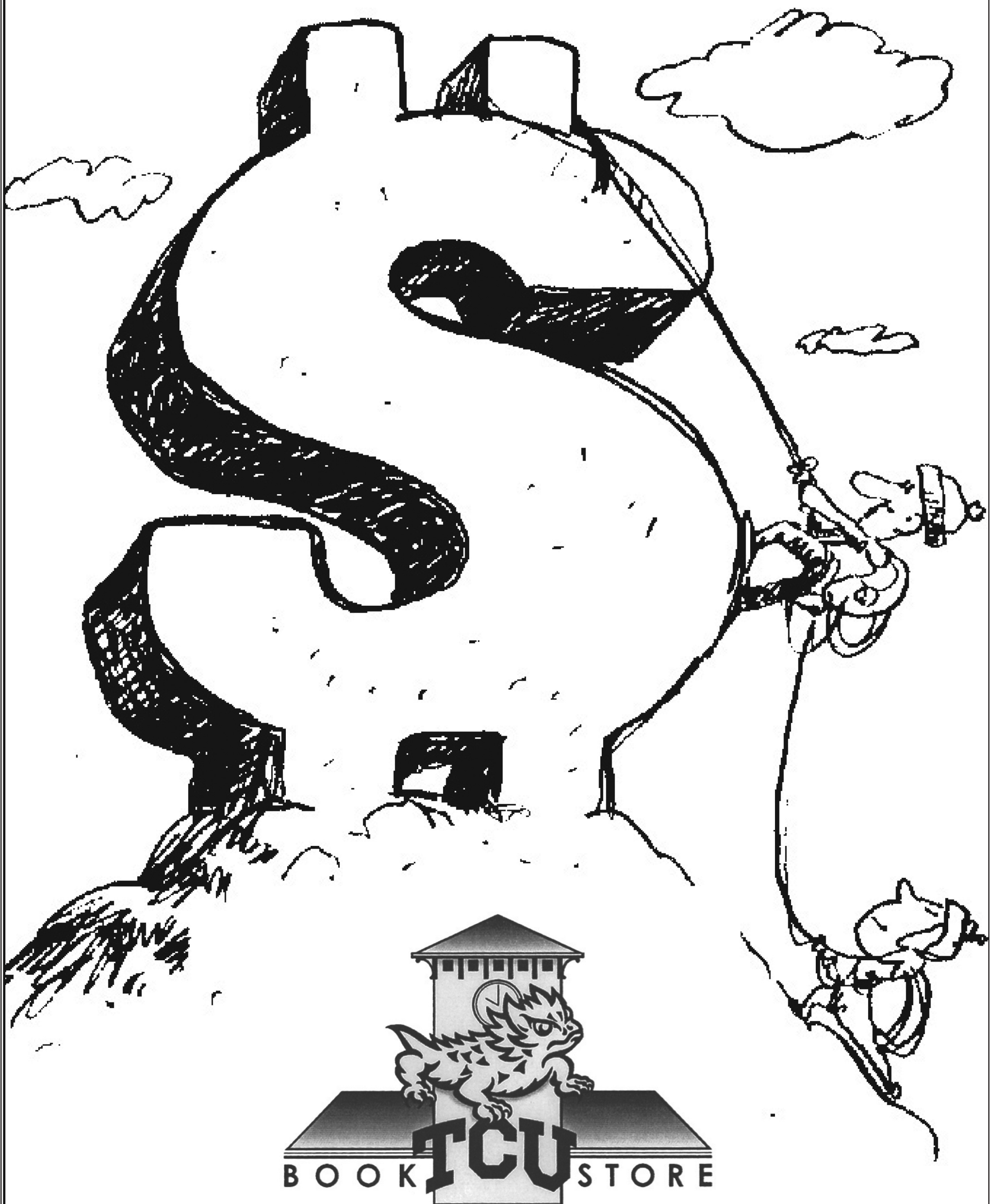
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Beer Pong: College drinking game becomes a standard at parties

By MEGAN TWOHEY
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The pingpong table stood mightily on the front lawn of a fraternity house near the University of Wisconsin-Madison; one side painted with the red and white stripes of the American flag, the other with the Soviet Union hammer and sickle.

Ten plastic cups filled with beer were perched on each end. Hunched over the cups were pairs of students, brows furrowed, eyes aglow.

The most popular drinking game on campus was getting under way. The crowd of spectators grew silent.

"I'm going to make it," proclaimed one of the players, in a T-shirt and wraparound sunglasses,

as she thrust one arm forward, unleashing a pingpong ball from her hand.

Beer pong — in which players make their opponents drink by sinking a pingpong ball in one of their cups — has been around for more than a decade. But in the last couple of years, it has reached unprecedented popularity — to the chagrin of college administrators who fear the game fuels binge drinking.

Students say that it's rare to attend a party where the game is not being played. Stroll the neighborhoods around UW-Madison, and you'll find lawns and driveways strewn with beer pong tables. There's a distinct beer pong culture, complete with tournaments,

posters and custom-made tables.

"It has exploded," said Nick, a UW-Madison junior, as he stood over a table that had taken him weeks to make, a pingpong ball in one hand, a beer in the other. (Like other underage drinkers quoted in this story, he asked that his last name be withheld.) "We play from dusk to dawn."

Drinking games are not new to college campuses.

For years, students have taken part in quarters, a game in which a player can make others drink

by bouncing a quarter into a cup, and a card game with a distinct hierarchy, in which the person at the bottom, known as an expletive, can be ordered to drink.

Once popular was a game in which students would watch reruns of "The Bob Newhart Show." Every time a character would say "Hi, Bob," everyone would have to drink.

Also common have been a variety of games requiring players to consume alcohol out of the long tubes of beer bong.

What distinguishes beer pong from these drinking-game staples is how competitive it is. It's not just a vehicle for getting drunk; it requires skill.

Or so beer pong enthusiasts would have you believe.

"It's like a sport that involves alcohol," said Patrick, a junior at UW-Milwaukee, who said he had worked hard to perfect the arc of his pingpong tosses and his bounce shot.

Patrick, who began dabbling in the game last year, is now a self-proclaimed addict.

He and his four roommates engage in weekly beer pong tournaments against their next-door neighbors. The winner gets a plastic gold belt like those found in World Wrestling Entertainment matches that says "World Champion."

Mike, a junior at UW-Madison who also enjoys beer pong tournaments with friends, has a poster tacked up above his dining room table in honor of the game.

The poster, a birthday gift from his sister, shows a sideways shot of 10 plastic cups with the caption: "Champions are made one cup at a time."

In January, a World Series of Beer Pong took place in Nevada — the first world series of its kind.

"Guys are so competitive, so they can't help but get sucked into the competition," said Alex, a Marquette freshman.

When they don't have pingpong tables, players will make their own, often taking the time to



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Wisconsin fans drink from beer bongs after a round of "Drinko" before the Wisconsin football game Oct. 7. This drinking game is based on The Price is Right's "Plinko," only this time you don't win a car — you win a number of beers in a beer bong.

apply lacquer (to avoid warping) or paint images. A Marquette student painted his table to look like the university's basketball court. The fraternity that painted the flags of the U.S. and former Soviet Union on its pingpong table owns several other tables, each painted with different national flags.

Others remove doors from their hinges. "It's a big problem," said Mike, the UW-Madison junior who works maintenance in his apartment building to help pay the bills. "They have a hard time putting the doors back on. They're really sticky from beer."

Researchers who study drinking games say they can cause serious problems, contributing to binge drinking and the negative consequences, such as drunken driving, that go along with it. One study of college students found that nearly half the male respondents who played drinking games said they did so to facilitate romantic interactions and sexual encounters.

"Drinking games are a structured way to drink heavily," said Brian Borsari, a researcher at Brown University who has studied drinking games and wrote a paper summa-

rizing studies on the subject. "One motivation is to get people drunk. There is a link between alcohol use and sexual assault."

A national association of fraternities and sororities recently strengthened its risk management policy prohibiting drinking games, citing beer pong as a specific activity that should not be tolerated. Many colleges now include warnings as part of their freshman orientations.

"We're trying to emphasize, especially to freshmen, the dangers of drinking games," said Paul Dupont, a psychologist at UW-Milwaukee's student health center, who leads the university's Task Force on Alcohol and Alcohol-Related Issues.

Beer pong advocates interviewed for this story conceded that while it is often not the intention, the game can cause them to get severely intoxicated. Not only must they drink the beer contained in a cup in which the ball lands, losers also are required to, at the end of the game, finish the beer remaining in the cups of the winners.

"Once you drink all that beer, you pretty much are hammered," said Patrick, the UW-Milwaukee junior.

Alex, the freshman at Marquette, is among the female students who dislike beer pong for reasons of hygiene. She is convinced the pingpong balls are covered with germs and would prefer that they not make it into her beer.

And although Mike, of UW-Madison, enjoys playing the game when he's hanging out with friends, he has become frustrated by how much it dominates parties.

"It's really anti-social," he said. "You go to a party, and no one is talking. They're just sitting around watching the game."

BEER PONG'S RISE

Last year, Anheuser-Busch began promoting Bud Pong competitions, supplying tables, balls and glasses to wholesalers across the United States, but the company stopped after critics accused it of marketing to underage drinkers.

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This fall, a couple of recent graduates of Duke and Vanderbilt universities formed the American Beerpong Association of America and began traveling the country in an RV.



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A group plays a game of beer pong on the front lawn of a fraternity house near the University of Wisconsin Madison before a Wisconsin-Northwestern game.

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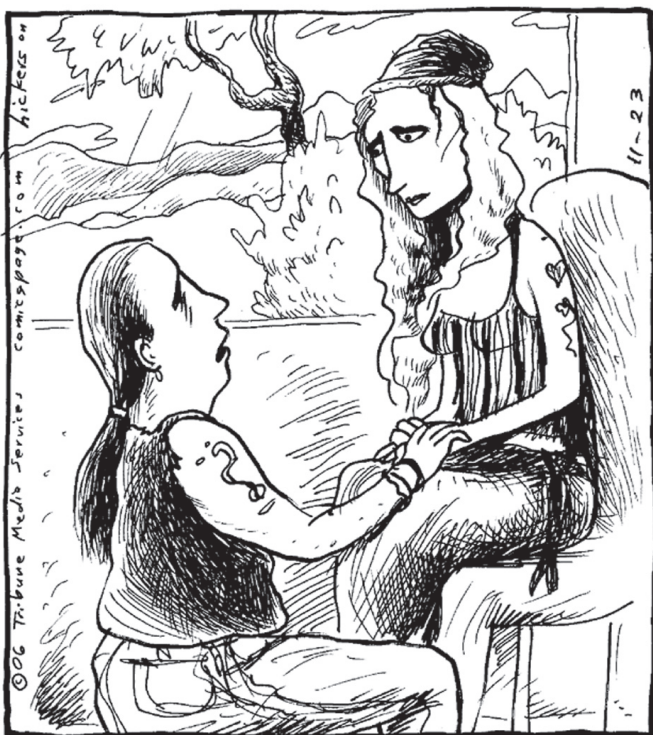
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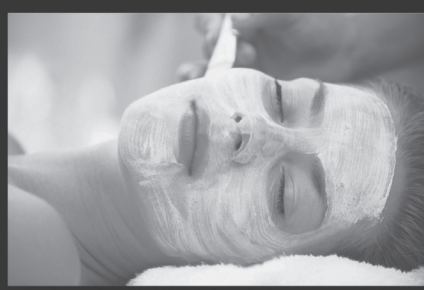
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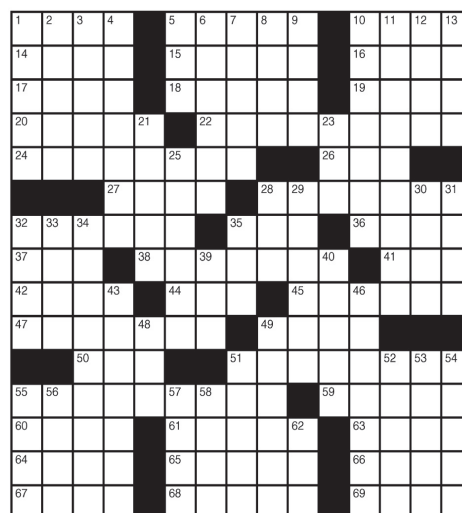
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By Alan P. Olschwang
Huntington Beach, CA 11/30/06

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The Horned Frogs football team takes on the Air Force Falcons on Saturday. Find out how the Frogs match up with their final regular season opponent.

Rifle team aims to please in Colorado Springs

By KATHERINE LANE
 Staff Reporter

The women's rifle team is in Colorado Springs, Colo., today to compete against Nebraska and the Air Force Academy, as well as participate in an air rifle competition at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Head coach Karen Monez said the team is looking to walk away with a great overall team score and higher individual scores.

"I think that right now, we are on an equal playing field with Air Force," Monez said. "Nebraska will be the challenge."

In the last tournament, against West Point and the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, the Horned Frogs took second place overall and were just three points shy of beating West Point in air rifle, Monez said.

"Erin Lorenzen and Simone Riford both had incredible individual scores," Monez said. "Erin shot a personal best for air rifle, and Simone had the second-highest individual score for small bore."

Each member of the purple

team, which is made up of six women who compete, will go to Colorado, Monez said.

Emily Paper, a freshman on the purple team, said she hopes to do well so she can qualify for the finals in March.

"I'm not nervous about this weekend's competition because I know some of the girls from Nebraska, and I compete better against people I know," Paper said. "Shooting is a pretty small community, so you get to know everyone."

Monez said along with the tournament with Nebraska and Air Force, the team will shoot in an air rifle competition at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"The tournament is open to

the public, but there will be a lot of collegiates there, as well," Monez said.

Sophomore Tanya Gorin said she feels confident about this tournament even though the team has only trained for two days because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

"I've really been in a slump this season, but I got a good break, and since then, I have been shooting really well," Gorin said.

Paper said she hopes the team will be able to do some fun things along with competing, such as play in the Colorado snow.

TOURNAMENT

The Horned Frogs rifle team will take on Nebraska and Air Force today in an all-day tournament.



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Sophomore Tanya Gorin finishes seventh with a score of 565 at the tournament hosted by Nevada-Reno this fall. The women's rifle team travels to Colorado Springs, Colo., today to compete in an all day tournament against Nebraska and Air Force.

UPCOMING SEASON MATCHES

DATE	MATCH-UP	LOCATION
Nov. 30	Nebraska and Air Force	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Jan. 27 - 28	Air Force	Fort Worth
Feb. 3	UTEP	El Paso
Feb. 10 - 11	NRA Sectionals & NCAA Qualifier	Fort Worth
March 9 - 10	NCAA Championships	Destination TBD

WOMEN'S RIFLE SEASON RESULTS

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	RESULT
Sept. 29 - Oct. 1	Horned Frog Invitational	Fort Worth	1st Place
Oct. 14 - 15	Nevada	Reno, Nev.	2nd Place
Oct. 28	Nevada and UTEP	Austin	1st Place

Lady Frogs shoot for success

By Billy Wessles
 Staff Reporter

The women's basketball team will try to extend to a three-game winning streak when it hosts the SMU Mustangs tonight before hosting the Pepperdine Waves on Sunday.

The undefeated Frogs (2-3) will be playing their third- and fourth-straight games at home.

The Mustangs (4-1), coming off an 80-61 win over the Bradley Braves, will look to get back on the winning streak they started the season with in the first three games.

This game will be the 51st meeting between the Horned Frogs and the Mustangs.

The Waves (5-2), whose record will change following a game against the UTA Mavericks on Friday, come into this game with just one loss on the road against the Texas A&M Aggies.

Junior guard Adrienne Ross leads the Frogs with 17.8 points per game. She also has a team-leading 160 minutes played and a team-high 12 steals of the season.

Senior forward/guard Ashley Davis is second on the team with 13.2 points per game and has a team-high 14 three-pointers.

Junior forward Lorie Butler-Rayford leads the team with 45 rebounds, 11 of which have been offensive boards.

The Lady Frogs are scoring 67 points per game while allowing 67.2 points per game.

They have out-rebounded their opponents by a total of 107-96.

The Frogs have also made 32.6 percent of their three-pointers compared to the 26 percent their opponents are making.

So far this season, the Frogs have lost to both top-25 ranked

teams they have played.

The Frogs lost to the then No. 1 Maryland Terrapins 82-64, but the Lady Frogs were able to stay close in their game against the then No. 25 George Washington Colonials 82-77.

The Lady Frogs will begin conference play Jan. 3.



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Staff Photographer

Junior guard Adrienne Ross goes up for a shot against Lake Truck Lines earlier this season. The Lady Frogs face SMU today at 7 p.m. and Pepperdine at 2 p.m. Dec. 3. Both games will be played at home.

Fighter takes 2nd in Argentina

By CHRISTINA HOLTZEN
 Staff Reporter

For a person's first attempt at the Pan Am Tae Kwon Do Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina, a silver medal finish isn't half bad, but one TCU student said he wanted to achieve even more.

Stephen Lambdin, a freshman premajor, said he was initially upset he didn't win the gold medal.

However, he was fighting experienced 26-year-olds when he had only spent a year on the U.S. Senior National Team.

"I was upset that I didn't win," Lambdin said. "But, at the same time, I was proud because I knew I was taking stepping stones to winning the championship in the future."

Lambdin said the Pam Am Tae Kwon Do Championships take place every two years.

Tae kwon do lessons were a birthday present for Lambdin when he was 6 years old and was allowed to begin training.

Lambdin, 18, said he will compete in tae kwon do until he is 32 years old, which Lambdin said is the cutoff age to compete in the Olympics.

His coach from the very start, Jeff Pinaroc, owner of Chang Lee's Tae Kwon Do in Arlington, said that it took some time for Lambdin to catch on, but his turning point was when he qualified for his first National Junior Team in 2002.

He made the National Junior Team three times after that,

and in 2005, he made the National Senior Team.

"This year's win was an impressive one since it was his first year, and it was a tough year for him," Pinaroc said.

Though Lambdin has had some difficulty this year because it was his first year on the U.S. Senior National Team, he said he is guided by God.

"I pray to him before every competition," Lambdin said.

He considers Senior National Team member Tim Thacarey his role model in sports.

"He has taken me under his wing and taught me a lot because he is a veteran on the team," Lambdin said.

Lambdin has visited all over the world for tae kwon do competitions, something Pinaroc attributes to Lambdin's maturity.

"He is a very mature 18-year-old, and he handles traveling well," said Pinaroc.

Maturity is just one characteristic that makes Lambdin stand out, his second coach, Dong Lee, owner of Chang Lee's Taekwondo in Mesquite, said.

Lambdin has had a lot of the ingredients to be a champion fighter, he said.



Courtesy of Stephen Lambdin

Freshman premajor Stephen Lambdin, left, traveled to Argentina last weekend for the Pan Am Tae Kwon Do Championships and won a silver medal for the United States.

"As far as his level, you have to have a certain amount of talent to keep pushing the envelop," Lee said.

Lee has known Lambdin for 10 years and has worked with Lambdin for three years.

When Lee first started working with Lambdin, he gave input while Pinaroc coached, Lee said.

Lee works more with Lambdin on fundamentals, technique and basic strategy. Lee created a yoga program called mooshin, which is a combination of several techniques like yoga, tai chi, martial movement and free flowing energy.

"It is getting his mind in tune with his body," Lee said.

Next up for Lambdin is U.S. Team Trials for World Championships in Beijing, and Lee said Lambdin has a legitimate chance at making the team.

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