

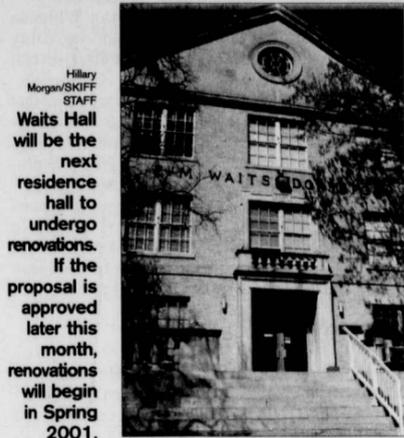


# Skiff



Five of TCU's fastest will have a chance to run with the best this weekend at the NCAA Indoor National Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

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Hillary Morgan/SKIFF STAFF  
Waits Hall will be the next residence hall to undergo renovations. If the proposal is approved later this month, renovations will begin in Spring 2001.

## Waits renovation set to begin in 2001 Proposal approving \$8 million project to be decided on later this month

By Jeff Anderson  
STAFF REPORTER

Waits Hall will undergo an \$8 million renovation in Spring 2001 if a proposal is approved later this month, Residential Services officials said earlier this week.

Melissa Manske, a sophomore nutrition major and Waits resident, said the residence hall needs a complete overhaul.

"There are not enough (electrical) outlets to support technology," Manske said. "For two months, the water was cold almost every day."

Bevin Kurtz, hall director in Waits, said

the plumbing, heating and air conditioning systems need the most work. The heating and cooling system takes about 10 hours to change from one to the other, she said.

"(Waits) is either all heat or all air conditioning," Kurtz said. "We have had a lot of trouble with the hot water."

Roger Fisher, director of residential services, said Waits will be closed for Fall 2000 and will close at the end of that semester. The process will be the same as it was for Foster Hall last fall, he said. Coed housing in Waits next fall will make it easier to relocate students in Spring 2001 when renovations occur, he said.

Residential Services officials said Fall 2000 Waits residents will have top priority to move back in after renovations.

Fisher said Waits will be completely renovated inside and out. The roof will be removed and re-sealed, he said.

"We will replace the cooling, heating, plumbing and electrical systems," Fisher said. "The outside will be chemically cleaned. Rooms that were suites will remain suites and the rest (will be) double occupancy rooms."

The bathrooms will be completely redone

and redesigned for better privacy, Fisher said. More partitions and walls will separate the showers from the rest of the facilities. The fire alarm system will have new sirens and smoke detectors, and a sprinkler system will also be installed in the building, he said.

The outside doors will be accessible by using student identification cards, he said. Vending machines, washers and dryers will also have swipe-card technology, he said.

Kurtz said swipe-card technology is needed to stay competitive with other

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### PULSE BRIEFS

**Prairie View A&M's funding under review after accident**  
COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE) — The Feb. 11 Prairie View A&M University's men's track team car accident, which killed four students, has raised questions on whether Prairie View receives adequate funding for its programs.

The driver of the van en route to Pine Bluff, Ark., for an indoor track meet was a 21-year-old student athlete at Prairie View. Students and spectators are now questioning why this state-funded school could not afford a charter vehicle for its out-of-state trip.

"We do not have pockets as deep as College Station," said Larry Raab, vice president of finance at Prairie View A&M University. "Therefore, one has to participate in athletics using transportation as safe as possible but also as economical as possible — and that entails the lease of vans."

Since state money cannot be used for athletics, money used for athletics must be raised or donated by alumni or private companies.

"Football programs pay for the majority of all other athletic programs at any university, so if you have a viable, large, well-funded football program, those monies normally cover all other sports at the university," Raab said. "We, like all the other schools in the A&M System, have to rely heavily on gate revenue and fund-raising activities from alumni, the corporate world and others."

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The Republican nomination was bought by a man whose head would explode if it ever composed an original thought.

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The five of you who stayed for Friday classes should follow our suggestions and return to campus in one piece.

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TCU beat San Jose State in the first round of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament Thursday.

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## Compact discs hot target for thieves

### Chief says ordinance may curb CD resale

By Rusty Simmons  
STAFF REPORTER

A recent trend of rising numbers in property crime, especially theft from automobiles, can be seen on campus and throughout the city of Fort Worth, TCU Police Chief Steve McGee said.

"We're doing our best to keep the campus safe, but we cannot be everywhere at once," he said. "It only takes two minutes or less to break into a car and take everything."

Two Jeeps were the latest in a series of automobiles broken into on campus. TCU Police officers were able to stop the burglars from taking anything from the Jeeps on March 1. But five times since the beginning of the fall semester, compact discs were the featured items stolen from automobiles on campus.

Part of the recent rise in the theft of compact discs can be attributed to the profit involved, McGee said.

"If the resale was limited or people would boycott the places that buy compact discs, people wouldn't steal them," he said. "The real answer is to get a city ordinance demanding companies to get identification on every resale."

McGee said a city ordinance helped to stop a trend of T-top convertibles being stolen several years ago.

"The Fort Worth Police Department was able to infiltrate a place that was buying T-tops," he said. "Then people started getting etchings done in the car, and people stopped stealing the cars."

Fort Worth has an ordinance on the resale of merchandise to pawn shops, said Maribel Luttrell, a customer service representative for the city secretary. The ordinance, section 20-258, calls for a person trying to sell to a pawn shop to fill out a survey including a description of the item, the time and date and the amount paid.

Also, the seller must present a driver's license and a signature. McGee said this information is

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## Sunny studies



Tracy Papp, a freshman premajor, studies outside Sherley Hall Thursday afternoon. With Spring Break beginning today, officials are reminding students of the dangers associated with harsh sun exposure.

## HIDDEN DANGER

### Skin cancer most prevalent form of all cancers

By Kathryn Garcia  
STAFF REPORTER

Tonight officially marks the beginning of Spring Break, and many students will be on their way to beach paradises and ski resorts. Experts say they need to use caution and common sense.

Susan Wilson, associate professor in the Harris College of Nursing, said although drunk driving is always a big issue during Spring Break, students should also protect themselves from the consequences of over-exposure to the sun.

"Drinking and driving can kill you instantly, but laying out in the sun kills you slowly over time with skin cancer," said Wilson, a family nurse practitioner.

Wilson said when a person sunburns, it

causes mutations in his or her skin which can lead to a cancerous growth over time.

There are several safety measures that one can take when spending time in the sun, she said.

"People should stay out of the sun, but that's not going to happen," she said. "So they should cover up or use sunscreen with SPF 15."

Wilson said many people believe they are getting more protection when they wear a sunscreen with a SPF 30 or 45 rating, but a SPF 15 rating is just as good.

Christen Stafford, a freshman nursing major, said laying out in the sun is worth the risk.

"I just don't like sunscreen because it's gooey and smells, so I only wear it if I go

to the beach," she said.

Amanda Karpinski, a freshman nursing major, said she always plays it safe when it comes to her skin.

"I do wear sunscreen all the time in the summer," Karpinski said. "I'll go in the shade if I need to or put a towel on my face."

Wilson said students should remember that sunburns can occur on cloudy days and when skiing and not only on the beach when the sun is out.

"The air is thinner and you are closer to the sun when you are skiing which makes getting sunburned a lot easier," she said.

She said people should inspect their skin every few months for growths that may be

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## University graduate links White House, Internet

### Kitchens sets Internet milestone with online presidential interview

By Jaime Walker  
STAFF REPORTER

Mark Kitchens said he had no idea when he graduated from TCU in 1994 that he would be living the fast-paced, hectic life of a White House staff member.

But as the first director of Internet news for the White House Press Office, the 29-year-old Kitchens has made a place for himself among the movers and shakers on Capitol Hill.

Kitchens' job is to steer the White House down the information superhighway and said he has set up sev-

eral Internet milestones in his 18-month tenure.

One of his most memorable achievements came less than a month ago when he and other members of the press operations staff sat behind the desk in the Oval Office witnessing the first online presidential interview, Kitchens said.

"I remember leaning over to Joe Lockhart, our press secretary, and saying, 'We are making history,'" he said. "That is what this job is all about."

As the orchestrator of the first online town hall meeting conducted with a sitting president, Kitchens said he hopes use of the Internet will increase.

"We really want to see the Internet become a key form of commu-

nication just like radio was important in the '40s," he said. "I can see the president giving weekly Internet chats online the way FDR had fire-side chats. We are truly building a road map for the 21st century."

Kitchens said the sense of pride he feels at the end of the day makes his busy, stressful schedule worthwhile.

"I have witnessed things here in Washington and been a part of things that have literally changed the lives of people in this nation," he said. "This is a truly rewarding job. It's what public service is all about."

Kitchens received his bachelor's degree in political science from TCU. As a graduate student at Georgetown University, Kitchens interned with Vice President Al Gore.

From there, he was offered his current position.

Kitchens said his passion for news and information began at an early age.

"When I was younger, my friends would go home and watch cartoons in the afternoon," he said. "But I was glued in front of the TV watching the news."

Kitchens' ambition and no-fear attitude have always been an asset to his aspirations, said his father, Larry Kitchens, director of the Center for Instructional Services. From an early age, Mark could and would take on just about any challenge, he said.

"Mark is one of the most focused people I know," Larry Kitchens said. "When he takes on a project, he puts

his heart and soul, time and energy into it. Mark is one of those people who was a born leader. This job is just another representation of that."

Larry Kitchens said he admires his son's persistence and courage in all areas of life.

"I remember when Mark was in the sixth grade, and they had a talent show at school," he said. "Mark got up in his jeans and cowboy boots and hat and sang 'The Gambler.' He has never done anything like that since, but he was willing to give it a try. That's what mattered. Now, that same attitude is reflected in his accomplishments."

Although he said he is thrilled to be a part of the budding Internet

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PULSE CAMPUS LINES

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Guest authors to visit TCU as a part of Creative Writing Week. Janice Galloway, who has been called one of Scotland's most talented authors, will give a public reading at 2 p.m. April 4 in the Student Center, Room 207.

Apply now for the 2000 Environmental Journalism Academy which will be from June 27 to July 2 in the Washington, D.C., area. Deadline is April 22.

The M.J. Neeley School of Business will not accept any change-of-major forms declaring business as a major until April 10.

TCU London Centre applications for the Fall 2000 semester are due by Wednesday. Applications are available in Sadler Hall, Room 16, or by calling 257-7120.

Volunteers (students, faculty and staff) are needed to join the Meals on Wheels delivery team. Meals are delivered to homebound elderly between 10 and 11:30 a.m. each Thursday.

Minority Leadership Banquet tickets are on sale for \$15 until March 20 in the Student Center. No tickets will be sold at the door. The banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. April 14 at the Ramada Plaza downtown.

Fall 2000 juniors: Air Force ROTC is now beginning its Students To Attend ROTC search for the Fall 2000 semester. Under the STAR program, you can join the Air Force ROTC program and be commissioned as an Air Force officer in just two short years.

NEWS ROUNDUP

WORLD

Albright wins pledge by Croatian, Bosnian Serb leaders to allow refugees to return home

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright won a pledge from senior Croatian and Bosnian Serb leaders Thursday to allow thousands of refugees to return to their homes.

The agreement, if implemented as promised, marks a major breakthrough in fulfilling the terms of the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords, which ended 3 1/2 years of ethnic warfare in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Bosnian Serb Prime Minister Milorad Dodik and Croatian Foreign Minister Tonino Picula told Albright they would submit legislation to their parliaments within three months to enable refugees to return to areas under the control of rival ethnic groups.

As a sign of good will, both sides agreed to let 4,000 Bosnian Croat and Croatian Serb refugees return home before the three-month deadline. The refugees fled their homes during ethnic wars in the Balkans.

The legislation would affect about 30,000 Serbs who fled Croatia and now live in the Serb part of Bosnia and about 70,000 Croats who escaped from Bosnia and took refuge in Croatia, according to U.N. figures.

Croatia will open a consulate in the Bosnian Serb capital of Banja Luka to ease the returning process.

Albright said she "welcomes enthusiastically" the agreement and added that the Clinton Administration will provide \$2 million for the reconstruction of about 100 homes on each side of the border.

"We are taking another step away from past madness," she said before leaving for Brussels, Belgium.

Although Dayton provided for refugee returns, the process was stalled because ethnic extremists who led the Serb, Muslim and Croat communities into war ended up remaining in power after elections at the end of the conflict.

The pro-Western Dodik, however, has so far prevailed in a power struggle with Serb radicals allied with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. The death in December of Croatia's hard-line president, Franjo Tudjman, paved the way for new elections in which pro-Western moderates ended up in control of both parliament and the presidency.

NATION

House passes bill allowing for a \$122 billion tax cut despite veto threat from Clinton

WASHINGTON — To soften the impact on employers of a \$1 increase in the minimum

wage, Republicans pushed a \$122 billion tax cut through the House Thursday despite a vow by President Clinton to veto it and grumbling from conservatives about the whole package.

Votes on alternative minimum wage proposals were planned later in the evening. GOP leaders made the tax measure part of the wage package to deny Democrats a stand-alone wage bill, which has strong support from Northeastern Republican moderates who want to defuse it as a campaign issue in the November elections.

"The question is whether we take a thoughtful approach and a balanced approach, or whether we have an ill-conceived bill foisted upon us," said Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., a main sponsor of the GOP bill.

The House voted 257-169 to pass the tax bill, two-thirds of which consists of cuts in estate taxes. It will be combined with legislation that would increase the \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage by \$1 over two years or a version that would increase the wage by \$1 over three years.

Even if the bill meets Clinton's wish for a two-year wage boost, the president repeated Thursday he would veto the measure if it included large tax cuts. Clinton contends the tax relief disproportionately benefits the wealthy and would consume a chunk of the projected budget surplus that could be used to shore up Social Security and Medicare.

Pentagon challenges report stating abuse on homosexuals has doubled in the past year

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon challenged a report Thursday that anti-homosexual abuse in the armed services more than doubled in the past year, but said it had no statistics of its own.

President Clinton said neither he nor Defense Secretary William Cohen had read the report, but would "take appropriate action" if it were accurate.

They were responding to the Service members Legal Defense Network report that said there were 968 incidents of harassment in the armed services in the past year, including a murder, assaults and verbal gay-bashing.

The lawyers group, which has reported on military harassment against gays annually for six years, says the problem is worse than ever, with a record percentage of women discharged for being gay last year.

At the Pentagon, Rear Adm. Craig Quigley said that in past years "a lot of their findings have tended to be anecdotal and don't provide enough concrete information for us to proceed further."

"If there are specifics in this year's survey, we will follow those up," Quigley said at a regular briefing, adding officials would try to learn whether appropriate action was taken.

The Pentagon's inspector general is scheduled to issue a report on implementation of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy in all of the services later this month. That report, based partly on a survey of military personnel, also is in-

tended to assess the level of anti-gay harassment in the ranks.

The 75-page report says incidents in fiscal 1999 increased 142 percent from the previous year, which was double the year before that.

Quigley disputed that.

"I don't have any indicator that I can point to that shows a great increase," he said, but acknowledged later that he did not know if a count was kept on such incidents.

"You would feel it in readiness reporting," he said. "You would feel it in a variety of ways. And we've just simply not seen that."

Other Pentagon officials said there are no figures showing the total number of incidents because most are handled with a warning and never reach a point where they would constitute a legal case that would be recorded.

Also, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman pointed out that discharges for homosexuality decreased last year by 10 percent after several years of increase.

The report included an announcement that the family of Pfc. Barry Winchell at Fort Campbell, Ky., is filing a wrongful death suit in his July death, charging the military failed to protect Winchell, who was rumored to be gay.

In December, a military jury sentenced Army Pvt. Calvin N. Glover, 19, to life in prison for the slaying. Prosecutors said he was driven by hatred of homosexuals to bludgeon Winchell to death as he slept in his cot.

STATE

Palestine soccer coach, player injured after fight involving opposing team's players

PALESTINE — Police are investigating a brawl that took place between high school soccer players last week.

A Palestine coach and player were hospitalized after Athens players allegedly kicked them in the head, neck and back after a game Friday night.

"We do expect charges to be filed," said Palestine Capt. Charles Lanier. "We are still in the investigative stages but we definitely have (a case of) assault causing bodily injury, which is a misdemeanor."

Lanier said he did not know how many students face charges.

The University Interscholastic League and administrators from both school districts also are investigating.

The fight broke out after Palestine defeated Athens, 3-2, in overtime.

Palestine Coach Sam McCutchen and team captain Brett Hart were treated for concussions and head and neck injuries after reportedly being kicked while trying to protect their own team. They were released from the hospital Saturday.

Hart has returned to school, but McCutchen is still under a doctor's care.

These stories are from the Associated Press.

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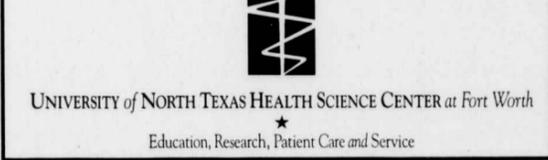
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STAFF editorial

## LET THE BREAK BEGIN

Be careful, be legal and have fun

We here at the *Skiff* understand that Spring Break is both a time of joyous celebration and a time where caution gets thrown to the wind. We ask that the five of you who stayed for Friday classes follow the following suggestions and return to campus in one piece. Also allow us to offer some fun Spring Break alternatives to the beach.

**Safety first, deputy dog:**

■ While the sun can provide your skin with that oh-so desired shade of bronze, the sun can also turn it a painful shade of red. We all know sunburn sucks. It single-handedly can ruin a Spring Break faster than a beach with no beer. Wear sunscreen, and reapply it constantly.

■ No one underage ever drinks during Spring Break. OK, we are not that stupid. But if you drink, please think. Spring Break is about fun, and if getting sloshed is your idea, more power to ya. Driving drunk can kill you, but more importantly, it can kill others. We want you all back safely. Please, don't drive drunk.

**And now for something we hope you really like:**

Not all TCU students will be laying out on the beaches of South Padre or staring into their toilet bowls, but Spring Break can be better. Allow us to present a few suggestions:

■ Catch up on a little Playstation. Midterms and classes unfairly rob students of Playstation time. Go out and rent a few new games that you have been wanting to play.

■ One word: Sleep. You know you need it. You know how sweet it is. You know how long you have gone without its embrace. Get reacquainted.

And we'll see you all a week from Monday.

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## Network TV decides to 'get real'

Television has been moving people for more than half a century now. People laugh, cry, witness amazing historical events and, if nothing else, escape reality through their favorite sitcom and drama stars for a few moments each day.

**Commentary**



**JAMES ZWILLING**

But apparently the realities we have been escaping through sitcoms and television dramas aren't quite as bad as we would have thought. Case in point: a wave of new reality-based TV shows.

Networks are releasing everything from a series about 16 strangers attempting to survive on a deserted island to a weekly show following eight young men on their quest to boy-band stardom.

The phenomenon started with MTV's "The Real World," which features seven hand-picked strangers

who have their every move followed while living in a plush home. In case you haven't seen the show, these homes have included high-dollar London flats, a converted fire station, a Miami beach house, and a waterfront villa in Hawaii.

The success of "The Real World" was followed by the equally successful "Road Rules" a short time later, thus bringing so-called reality-based TV to the top of the cable charts in the United States.

Hollywood spawned the mildly successful "EdTV" to tap into the idea of reality-based TV, but it fell just a little short when moviegoers realized it was just like any other movie: It had a script.

Reality-based TV has no plot, no script and no professional actors. What it does have is uncertainty. That's why we tune in week after week to see what will happen on "The Real World" and its counterparts. We are excited by the fact that real life can be more entertaining than paid actors.

Critics immediately scrutinized the casts of these shows as overdramatic, attention seeking and wannabe stars.

There is some truth in the critics' assessment. Now that shows such as "The Real World" have become so popular, many of the casts seem to be confrontational from the beginning. You can't help but wonder how much the casts of "The Real World" have been coached when a disagreement arises. But in any case, it's a cable show, and the viewers are those in the 16-24 year old age bracket who tend to be drama kings and queens themselves.

For these reality-based shows to be successful on the major networks and appeal to other audiences, producers will have to try something else.

The directors of CBS' new summer series "Survivor" are taking their chances with a new twist on their would-be documentary. In addition to surviving the island, cast members will also have to survive each other: Cast members will vote each week to send one cast member home (something tells me the "nice guy won't win").

Besides gaining instant fame and star status that cast members have experienced in the past, the cast member surviving the longest will

receive \$1 million.

CBS will launch their second reality-based TV show with "Big Brother," an adventure that includes 10 members who live in a house cut off from the entire outside world for 100 days. Again, members will be voted out one-by-one with the last person receiving a large cash prize.

ABC won't be outdone either with their boy-band drama in which three of the finalists will be dumped midway through the series.

Is there anything worse than failing to succeed as a boy-band and then having it filmed for TV?

With ever-increasing technology, Americans continue to attract to TV programming at record rates. You can watch hundreds of channels over anything you can imagine, but this summer, the ratings will all be taken back by the major networks.

Why? Because they are putting on TV the exact thing that we want to see: truth, honesty, budding romance, conflict, and the unexpected.

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## GOP pulls Bush's puppet strings

Candidate adheres to status quo, finds safety in establishment

In the wake of the so-called "Super Tuesday" presidential primaries, there really were no surprises. There was no doubt about the eventual winner of the Republican primary. Although a few brave Americans dared to think differently, their vision was crushed by an establishment scared of the truth. The truth that things must change. The voice of the real American was silenced to support the power-lust of those who fear losing it.

The Republican nomination was bought. It was bought by a man whose head would explode if it ever composed an original thought. I take that back. Texas Gov. George W. Bush never has any thoughts, let alone intelligent ones. Bush said nothing during his few-and-far-between stump speeches. The real victor in his campaign is the GOP status quo.

Much fuss has been made over Bush's record-setting amount of campaign contributions. Of his amassed \$70 million, most has come from fund raisers orchestrated by Republican Party bigwigs in the months following his landslide re-election in 1998. Republicans, starved from the fine White House cuisine and desperate to get their own interns under the desk of the Oval Office, saw Bush as the savior of the Republican Party.

And their judgment was understandable: In winning 70 percent of the Texas vote, he fared well among blacks, women and Hispanics. In 1996, these three voting blocks sent Bob Dole back to Kansas and not on to the District of Columbia. And Bush won his re-election without negative ads; he was a new kind of conservative

who ran a positive issues-based campaign. So the entire GOP establishment threw its weight behind him.

So Bush is cruising to the GOP nomination. Who would dare oppose him? No one, the establishment thought. But someone did. Arizona Sen. John McCain actually decided to run, and run hard, for the nomination on a campaign based on reform. Reform of a campaign finance system that allows candidates to be bought and sold to the highest bidder. Reform of a system that made politicians more adherent to money than to their constituents.

While Bush racked up endorsements from governors, congressmen and Republican backers, McCain held meetings with small groups of voters. While Bush gave one cookie-cut stump speech and then signed autographs, McCain held open meetings and then answered individual questions. Americans are tired of status quo, and McCain understands this; Bush does not.

A blip on Bush's radar, McCain blew it up by winning New Hampshire. When this happened, when someone other than the self-appointed establishment nominee made a threat, Bush's power brokers whipped out all the stops. By Feb. 28, Bush had spent \$50 million on his Republican nomination. In 1996, Dole spent \$42 million on his ENTIRE p9residential campaign.

Rather than address issues with McCain, Bush turned negative. Rather than

expand the base of the Republican party, as McCain had, Bush enlisted the support of his political machine to appeal to that lowest of political creatures: the right-wing fundamentalist. The Bush machine in New York state even fought not to let McCain on the ballot.

Granted, McCain made mistakes. A Republican presidential candidate cannot attack the religious right. A candidate who condemns negative campaigns cannot approve phone calls describing his opponent as a bigot.

But as November and Al Gore will prove, Bush made the fatal ones. Instead of challenging McCain for the middle ground, Bush returned to his establishment. He listed his campaign decidedly to the right, and that list will be fatal. ABCNews exit polls reported Tuesday night 35 percent of McCain voters said they would vote for Gore in November. A "compassionate conservative" who was a "unifier not a divider," Bush slashed at McCain's jugular with negative ads. Instead of taking

a stand on an issue for the first time, he shot nothing but a steady stream of attacks about the phone call.

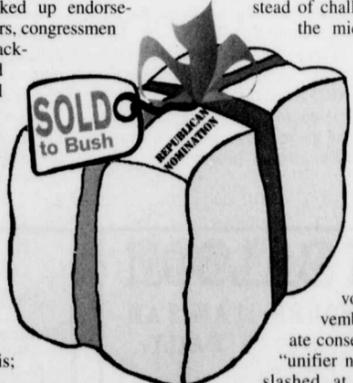
The establishment may have handed Bush a Republican victory. In doing so, they assured he will not win the Big One.

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**Commentary**



**MATT STIVER**



## QUOTE unquote

Quote/Unquote is a collection of quotes found in the Skiff during the past week.

"I said, 'Robbyn, if you know that this is Ms. Roberts, squeeze my hand.' She just pumped it!"  
— Evelyn Roberts, an instructor of nutrition and dietetics, on her visit to the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha to present Robbyn Kindle with her degree

"I think the truth about the primary is that it's just a way for the government to make people think their vote is important. In the end, the guy with the most money and power will win, and there is not a thing we can do about it."  
— David Elizalde, a sophomore theater major, on "Super Tuesday"

"I am all about voting, but I just didn't have the time to get the information and then fill out the ballot. It just wasn't high on my list of priorities."  
— Jennifer Jost, a sophomore sociology major, on the importance of voting in primary elections

"I might vote for president in November, but all the other stuff won't matter to me at all. I wouldn't know who to vote for, anyway."  
— Kelly Patek, a sophomore premajor, on the importance of voting

"It's like the seeds are there, and we're just adding the fertilizer. We're not working with barren soil."  
— Megan Stuebner, a junior biology major, on the Community and Strategic Alliances task force

"As a university, we are the intellectual center of the city. Our brainpower is important to civic leaders."  
— Kelli Horst, TCU's director of communications, on the importance of community outreach

"I've been hitting the tanning salons. I don't want to go to the beach and scare people with my white body."  
— Lauren McDonald, a freshman premajor, on her Spring Break trip to Panama City, Fla.

"My top four safety concerns for Spring Break would be binge drinking, driving drunk, unprotected sex and predatory drugs like Rohypnol and GHB."  
— Angela Taylor, director of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, on Spring Break safety

"It's like cigarettes. Companies raised the prices, but consumers aren't swayed."  
— Lonnie Fletcher, a cashier at the Texaco station at Hulén and 820, on the increase in gas prices.

## CARS

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cross-referenced with police reports of stolen property before the transaction is accepted.

McGee said not enough music-buying companies follow the same type of rules.

"Some of the more reputable places refuse to buy compact discs if the seller is suspicious," he said. "It would have to be proven they knew the merchandise being bought was stolen, though, for them to be prosecuted."

A few months ago, a man walked into Dino's II, a pawn shop located at the corner of West Berry and Lubbock streets, and sold more than 20 compact discs for \$1 to \$3 each, said Michael Zey, an employee at Dino's.

A day later, a different man, who had been searching in several pawn shops for his stolen discs, arrived at Dino's demanding the compact discs back, Zey said.

The company returned the compact discs to the man at the purchase price, Zey said. Now, the company has a policy making people show identification if they bring in a large number of compact discs to sell.

Managers from both CD Warehouse and CD Tradeworld said their companies require a form of identification on some compact discs buys.

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## KITCHENS

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news division of the White House Press Office, Mark Kitchens' proudest achievement came in October when he received his direct commission to the U.S. Naval Reserve Force.

Mark Kitchens, who applied three times for a public affairs commission, said in the end, his effort paid off.

"It is a true honor," he said. "I have all three letters framed in my office at home. When I look at the first two and then see the third, it reminds me I can overcome any obstacle."

Mark Kitchens said he thanks TCU for preparing him to face the world.

"I got a great education," he said. "TCU stressed mastery in a variety of areas and forced me to broaden my horizons. I am thankful not only for what I learned, but also that I can always call myself a Frog."

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## Beer to be sold in plastic containers

By Skip Wollenberg  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Miller Time is coming your way in plastic containers.

The Milwaukee-based brewer announced on Thursday it will sell three of its best-selling beers — Miller Lite, Miller Genuine Draft and Icehouse — nationally in 16-ounce and 20-ounce plastic bottles in addition to traditional glass bottles and aluminum cans.

The nation's second-largest brewer has been testing reaction to the plastic bottles over the past 18 months in more than a dozen markets and arenas.

While plastic is widely used for beverages like milk and soft drinks, Miller would be the first U.S. brewer to use plastic bottles on such a large scale.

"Plastic bottles represent one of the biggest breakthroughs in the beer world in years and have met

with an overwhelmingly positive response," said Miller's top marketing executive, Bob Mikulay.

But others say many beer drinkers find the idea of beer in plastic as cheap. Beer industry leader Anheuser-Busch Inc., had previously tested but rejected using plastic bottles.

Miller spokesman Scott Bussen conceded that there was "natural skepticism" by beer drinkers to the idea of a plastic beer bottle. But he said tests showed Miller that the wariness "tends to melt away" when they get a chance to hold the bottle and taste the brew.

He said beer in plastic stays cold longer than in aluminum cans and as long as in glass bottles. Plus, he said, the beer tastes the same.

"Eighty-five percent of the people we asked in a variety of markets said they would buy it again," he said.

Bussen said Miller doesn't expect

that plastic will take over, but the new option will enable the brewer to sell beer in sports arenas, music halls or the beach — places where glass or cans may not be permitted.

He said plastic bottles are actually more expensive to make than glass in part because they are thicker than a soda bottle but Miller hopes to reduce the costs as more are produced.

Two recycling groups applauded the move.

"Turning old bottles into new bottles is a step forward, at a time when recycling rates are steadily declining," said Pat Franklin, executive director of the Container Recycling Institute of Washington, D.C.

But they said the plan to use amber for the Miller Lite and Icehouse containers would boost recycling costs for some cities since they would have to be sorted and saved separately from other clear or green containers. The Miller Genuine Draft bottle is clear.

## McCain, Bradley abandon presidential campaigns

By Ron Fournier  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Falling as swiftly as they soared, John McCain and Bill Bradley abandoned their presidential races Thursday and chided their triumphant rivals on the way out. "Millions of Americans have rallied to our banner," McCain said as both candidates sought to leverage the support they had earned.

The Arizona senator pledged to press his case for political reform and warned that Republicans will "slip into the mists of history" without it. McCain, who pulled swarms of Democrats and independents into GOP contests, offered nominee-in-waiting George W. Bush his "best wishes" — but not his endorsement.

An hour before McCain bowed out, Bradley told reporters he would support Vice President Al Gore, but he also accused his fellow Democrat of "distortions" in their primary fight. "I hope that he will run a better campaign in the general election," said the former New Jersey senator, who was unable to win any primary or caucus.

It was a victorious day for the political establishment that backed Bush and Gore, both of whom vanquished their rivals after stiff challenges. "When you do battle with entrenched power ... it's very difficult," Bradley said.

Within minutes of McCain's announcement, Bush's team was reaching out to McCain intermediaries in an effort to mend fences. The rivals themselves

spoke briefly by telephone, but settled nothing.

"John needs some time to think, and I need some time," Bush said.

Said to be still seething at the Texas governor, McCain is in no hurry to make peace. He planned to take a week's vacation before determining what leverage he has with Bush and what he might want to achieve with it, said a McCain adviser.

McCain knows he is not bargaining from a strong position, but the adviser said his boss wants to somehow keep his signature issue — campaign finance reform — on the political agenda.

With that goal in mind, McCain quit the race but didn't shut down his campaign — a technicality that keeps his options open to make

things uncomfortable for Bush, who needs McCain's endorsement to unify the party.

McCain's options, according to the adviser, include: barnstorming the country to promote campaign finance reform, leading a platform fight at the Republican National Convention or even mounting a third-party presidential bid. Aides say that last option is remote.

McCain himself has ruled out bolting the GOP and said Thursday, "I love my home." He did, however, leave himself a loophole by saying in his departure speech that the party deserves "the allegiance of none" if it doesn't embrace campaign finance reform.

One of McCain's top supporters said he urged the senator to let go of the enmity he feels toward

Bush. "There's no question that there's some bitterness there and some anger," said Sen. Charles Hagel, R-Neb.

McCain was the 10th Republican to leave the race. Bradley has been Gore's only challenger. They could not sustain momentum against the sheer force of their rivals' organizations.

McCain had the most potent insurgency, staggering Bush in New Hampshire and Michigan. In a testament to his drawing power, one of every four GOP primary participants had never before voted in a Republican contest.

Their paths cleared, Bush and Gore warmed up for what both camps predict will be a negative campaign.

The Texas governor criticized

Gore for supporting a ban on unlimited, unregulated donations while raising the so-called "soft money" himself.

Using a line he unleashed against McCain in their primary battles, Bush said of the vice president, "We're not going to be fooled by somebody who says one thing and absolutely does another."

Gore reissued his challenge to forsake TV ads in the general election. "We can elevate our democracy," he told reporters here.

Neither Bradley nor McCain made clean exits.

The Democrat did not release his delegates, saying they had earned a voice at the national convention. He has 412 delegates — more than 1,000 behind Gore.

## Pentagon admits Serbs may have known about airstrikes

By Suzan Fraser  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANKARA, Turkey — Allied and NATO officials on Thursday denied a report that a spy gave information to the Serbs during last year's Kosovo campaign, but a Pentagon spokesman acknowledged they might have had advance word of airstrikes.

Responding to a BBC report on the leaks, the officials conceded that security measures had been lax at the start of the air campaign, when Serb forces shot down a U.S. stealth bomber.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said there were indications that the Yugoslav military knew about some bombing plans, but he blamed it on a system of distributing air defense orders to member nations via fax. He said that problem disappeared when the faxing procedure ended.

"No one can definitively say that there wasn't a mole of some sort, but there is no evidence there was," said Bacon, who was traveling to Asia with Defense Secretary William Cohen. "There are people in NATO who believe there could have been a mole."

U.S. military analysts attributed the problem to "sloppy communications and information handling."

"Our operational security procedures in the early stages of the war were probably not as good as they should have been" and were tightened, said Rear Adm. Craig Quigley.

He told a regular Pentagon briefing in Washington that officials "greatly cut down on the list of those who receive the air-tasking order on a daily basis."

But he also offered what appeared to be an alternative explanation for the breaches.

There were "communication intercepts, too many of the allied aircraft sent their transmissions in the clear," Quigley said, so those procedures were tightened as well.

The British Broadcasting Corp. released details Thursday of a documentary alleging that a mole supplied information on the allies' strike plans and flight paths in the first two weeks of the air campaign, allowing Serbs to move troops and equipment away from intended NATO targets.

NATO launched its 78-day bombing campaign of Yugoslavia in March 1999 to force President Slobodan Milosevic to halt his crackdown against ethnic Albanians in the southern province of Kosovo.

The BBC program, "Moral Combat: NATO at War," claims that an internal classified report prepared for senior U.S. defense officials concluded that the Serbs had information on air raids and reconnaissance flights. The program is to be broadcast Sunday.

The BBC said it had been given information on the case by sources in the U.S. Air Force.

It said that initially 600 people at NATO headquarters had access to details of the strike plans, but the leaks stopped immediately after that number was cut back to 100 people.

NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson acknowledged Thursday that security measures included "progressively restricting information to those who needed to know."

But Robertson said "we have no knowledge and no evidence that the air tasking order was ever leaked to the Serbs."

"We were always sensitive to security and that meant that throughout the campaign we were consistently reviewing security," Robertson told reporters.

## Lawmakers work to end selling of fetuses

By Janelle Carter  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A former abortion clinic employee Republicans hoped would buttress allegations that fetal tissue is being sold illegally instead confessed to lawmakers Thursday he had made inconsistent statements about the issue.

Lawrence Dean Alberty's appearance before the House Commerce health and environment subcommittee had been widely anticipated, particularly after a national television broadcast on alleged problems with fetal tissue laws.

Anti-abortion lawmakers have expressed concern that some tissue retrieval companies are illegally charging exorbitant prices to make a profit from the procedure. One

pathologist who bragged of the profitability of fetal tissue before a hidden camera on Wednesday's episode of ABC's "20/20" did not respond to a subpoena from the House panel to testify Thursday.

Alberty, of Lee's Summit, Mo., did appear and was questioned under oath. He said he had no knowledge of a profiteering scheme. In an anti-abortion group's video, he had said that such a practice existed.

"Anything I said on the video when I was not under oath, that is a different story," Alberty told lawmakers.

Alberty did assert, in the most dramatic part of his testimony, that doctors in the clinic would sometimes use lengthier procedures when doing abortions if it meant keeping a fetus intact.

Some anti-abortion lawmakers said they will continue to push to end the use of fetuses for medical research — despite Alberty's conflicting testimony.

"The issue is too big for any one person," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J. "This issue is just beginning to get the airing it needs. This is just one day in this ongoing battle to stop this heinous practice."

Lawmakers who support abortion rights urged caution. "If state and federal laws are not being enforced, let's do better," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif. "But let us not sensationalize this issue."

Under federal law, it is legal to use fetal tissue for research as long as it is donated, not sold, by the woman. Congress in 1993 lifted a ban on federally funded research

using fetal tissue, but made it a felony to purchase or sell the tissue for profit. The law allows only reasonable charges to cover the cost of extracting and transferring tissue to researchers.

Fetal tissue is seen as among the best hopes for finding new treatments for illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and diabetes.

The complaint by anti-abortion lawmakers is that some tissue retrieval companies are charging prices as high as \$325 for a spinal cord and \$75 for a single eye.

Committee members said they would seek contempt-of-Congress against Dr. Miles Jones, the Missouri pathologist who appeared on television, for not responding to the panel's subpoena.

## Former German chancellor ends self-isolation

By Tont Czuczka  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN — Brushing off the slush fund scandal that has disgraced him and his party, Helmut Kohl broke his self-imposed isolation Thursday to announce he has raised millions to pay any fines he may face and will be returning to political life.

But the 69-year-old former leader also looked further ahead and set a date for his retreat from politics, saying he would not run again for parliament in 2002.

With the same deafness to criticism that helped him ride out crises during 16 years as German chancellor, Kohl insisted Thursday he would rather help pay for the financial damage than reveal the source of secret — thus illegal — campaign money he ac-

cepted in the 1990s.

In his first news conference since the scandal broke in December, Kohl said he had mortgaged his home as part of a drive that has raised the equivalent of nearly \$3 million.

He defied calls even by some in his Christian Democratic party to give up his seat in parliament, saying he would return to his place in the Reichstag building next week after an absence of nearly four months.

However, he later announced he would not run again in the next parliamentary election in 2002. "That's the way into true retirement," he said in an interview on ARD television.

Kohl indicated a reason for keeping his seat for now was his immunity from prosecution as a

legislator while prosecutors and a parliamentary committee examine his conduct. "If I had no seat in parliament, I would be without protection," he said.

During the news conference, Kohl looked relaxed and joked at times as he denied trying to buy his way back into favor with his opposition Christian Democratic party.

"I see no reason to have to make up with the party," he said. "I'm trying to correct my mistake. ... I was and remain in the party. It's my political home."

Kohl has dramatically lost standing with his party and the public, despite his legacy as the man who united Germany after the Berlin Wall fell.

His refusal to reveal the source of off-the-books donations remained the unsolved nub of the scandal.

Kohl says he promised the donors anonymity and reiterated he will keep his word.

"I have not named the names and I will not name them," he said.

Critics accuse Kohl of having contempt for the law. His refusal to comply with disclosure laws enacted by his own government has also prompted parliament to investigate whether money was traded for government favors — a charge Kohl again denied Thursday.

"I was not for sale," he declared. Germany's governing Social Democrats condemned Kohl, saying he was trying to buy his way out of trouble.

"He is trying to shirk responsibility by having third persons finance his breach of the law," declared Social Democratic legislator Frank Hofmann.

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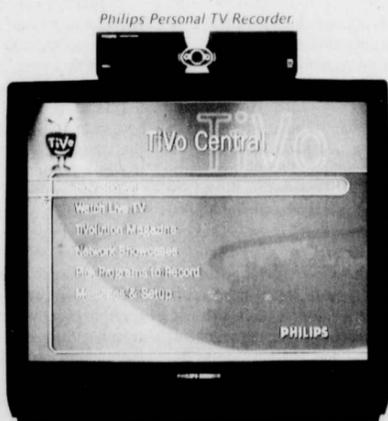
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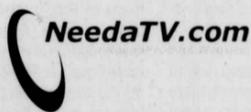


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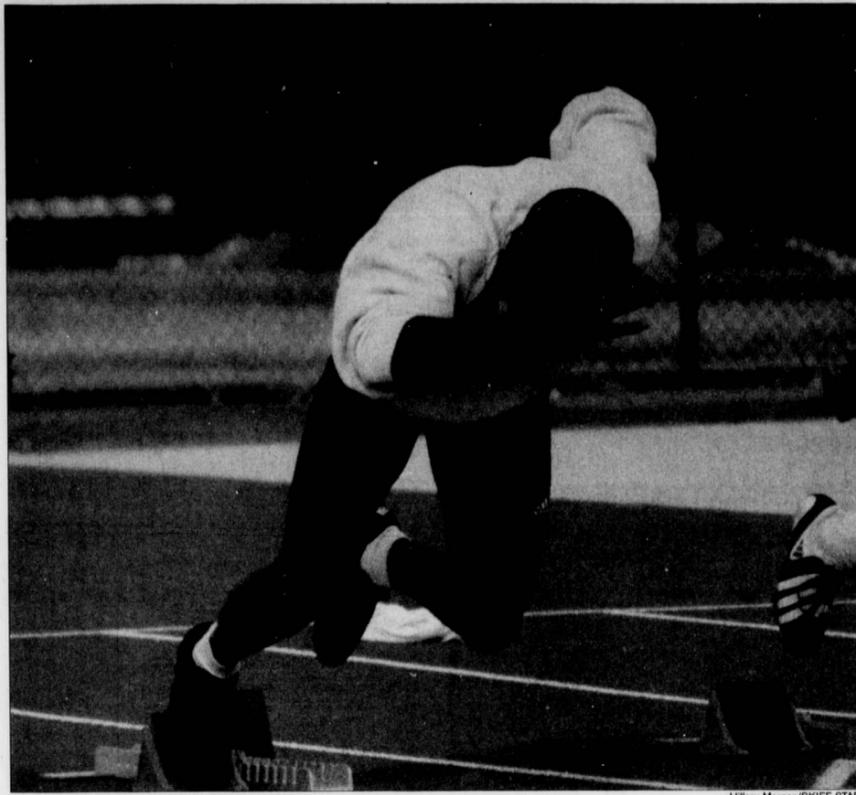


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## Frogs head to NCAA championship



Hillary Morgan/SKIFF STAFF

A track member makes his break out of the blocks in practice last week. Several Frogs will participate in the NCAA Indoor Championships this weekend in Fayetteville, Ark.

### Track runners, coaches say they look to finish higher than any team in TCU history

By Chris Gibson  
STAFF REPORTER

The Western Athletic Conference Championships may have been the last regular season indoor meet for the Horned Frog track team, but five of TCU's fastest will have a chance to run with the best this weekend at the NCAA Indoor National Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

TCU has five individual runners and a 4x400 relay team competing in the meet. Runners and coaches say that they have a good chance to finish higher than any other team in TCU history. TCU's 1985 team owns that honor, finishing 15th in Syracuse, N.Y.

"I'm really optimistic going into the meet," head coach Monte Stratton said. "We haven't had a bad meet this year, so I don't see any reason why we can't finish in the top 14 or 15. Our guys have as good a chance as any at winning their events."

TCU's field contains juniors Kim Collins and Lindel Frater in the 60-meter dash, Collins and junior Darvis Patton in the 200-meter dash, senior Johnny L. Collins II and junior Roy Williams in the 400-meter dash.

The 4x400-meter relay team consists of Johnny Collins, Williams, junior Anthony Amantine and junior Kendrick Campbell. All runners posted provisional qualifying times throughout the season.

Kim Collins is undefeated in the 60-meter this season and has taken the victory in all three meets he has competed in. Patton owns one of the nation's fastest times (21.06) by a collegiate in the 200-meter this season.

Kim Collins has also posted times that have ranked him among the top three in the nation in the 60-meter. His victory at the Tyson Invitational on Feb. 12 earned him WAC Male Athlete of the Week honors.

Patton is the 2000 WAC champion in the long jump and

said he is looking forward to performing well in Fayetteville.

"I've been doing well all season so I don't have any reason to think I shouldn't do well there," Patton said. "It is going to be tough though. It should be one of the most exciting (200-meter) races in recent years, so I'm ready to go."

The 400-meter and 4x400-meter relay are two events that Stratton said TCU could gain some much-needed points. Johnny Collins and Williams have traded the TCU school record in the 400-meter this season. Williams initially broke the 14-year-old school record on Feb. 11 at the Tyson Invitational, running a 46.63. He also garnered the top spot in that event at the WAC championships, but Johnny Collins was able to up the record by .37 March 3 at the Iowa State Qualifier.

Competition begins today with the finals of the long jump and 200-meter. The 60-meter, 400-meter and 4x400-meter relay will be on Saturday.

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#### Top 5 men's team finishes at NCAA Indoor Championships

Finish	Year	Site
■ tie-15th	1985	Syracuse, N.Y.
■ tie-16th	1989	Indianapolis
■ tie-23rd	1991	Indianapolis
■ tie-25th	1997	Indianapolis
■ tie-26th	1987	Oklahoma City

### PULSE SIDELINES

#### Men's tennis team takes five matches from UT-Arlington

The men's tennis team defeated UT-Arlington Thursday 6-1 at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

The No. 15 Frogs took five of six singles matches and all three doubles matches. TCU was led by junior Trace Fielding, who won his singles match against Tom Zarzeczny 6-2, 6-1. Fielding improves his record to 18-7.

In doubles play, the combination of freshman Jimmy Haney and junior Scott Eddins won their match 8-6 and upped their record to 13-4.

The Frogs have a seven-match win streak now and are 10-1 on the season. TCU is 3-0 at home now.

TCU's next match is at 10 a.m. Saturday against Memphis University at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

#### Football team plays first spring practice scrimmage

The football team held its first scrimmage of the spring practice Thursday at Aron Carter Stadium.

Freshman quarterback Casey Printers was 10-13 passing for 141 yards and one touchdown. Senior Cedric James caught Printers' only pass for a score, a 55-yard reception. Printers completed his last nine passes of the day.

Redshirt freshman running back Ricky Madison led his squad in rushing with 49 yards and 10 carries. Junior tailback LaDainian Tomlinson did not participate in the scrimmage.

#### Martin of No. 1 Cincinnati breaks leg in quarterfinals

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Cincinnati's Kenyon Martin broke his right leg today in the opening minutes of No. 1 Cincinnati's game in the Conference USA tournament quarterfinals.

About three minutes in, Martin was setting a pick when he got tangled up with Justin Love of Saint Louis. Martin's ankle turned underneath him as he fell.

Martin was taken by ambulance to a nearby orthopedic clinic for X-rays and evaluation, and a release issued at halftime by conference officials said the senior broke his right fibula and also damaged ligaments.

Martin was selected the conference's player of the year just a day before, and he is a finalist for national player of the year honors.

## March Madness proves to be exactly that

For my money (and there's not a lot of it), nothing beats the drama of the NCAA men's basketball tournament or "March Madness" for those whose stock in the office pool rises when some 19-year-old from the Bronx hits a buzzer-beater to beat Central Connecticut.

Unlike major college football, the championship is actually determined on the field, instead of by assorted media types and coaches who've never seen three-quarters of the teams they're voting for.

But do you know what I really like about March Madness?

Teddy Pendergrass' rendition of "One Shining Moment," which is run

only at the conclusion of the championship game. You know, I almost cried the last time I heard that song. Or was that because I put my money on Duke?

Other things to like about March Madness:

■ You never hear the term "bubble" team at any other time of the year. And what exactly is a "bubble" team? I heard some television commentator say the other night that if Butler University doesn't win its conference tournament (they did), then they should "absolutely" be invited as an at-large team. Who? I dare that guy to identify anybody off of Butler's team. Do you think anyone could distinguish Butler's leading scorer from the guy who sacks your groceries at Albertson's? Didn't think so.

■ Until Cincinnati's on-court terror, center Kenyon Martin, went down with a broken leg on Thursday, there was supposedly a deal in the works by which the NCAA champion would alternate every other year with the Los Angeles Clippers. In a pre-

liminary poll, the Clips (also known in the NBA as an "off-day") were picked to finish fourth in the PAC-10.

■ It's funny how the best players in the country this season are generally players who stayed in school for all four seasons ... er, years. Cincy's aforementioned Martin, Duke's Chris Carrawell, Stanford's Mark Madsen, Michigan

State's Mateen Cleaves and Morris Peterson, Ohio State's Scoonie Penn, Indiana's A.J. Guyton, North Carolina's Ed Cota, among others, you have my praise.

You know, there's nothing like a "Where is Scotty Thurman?" search party to scare you back into school.

■ Instead of taking the conference champion from the Mountain West Conference, or the fifth-place finisher in the Southeastern Conference, how about the NCAA invite an AAU team

from Brooklyn? They would at least be good for an appearance in the Sweet Sixteen.

Memo to the Dallas Mavericks: This is regarding their recent decision to release power forward/power

freak Dennis Rodman, or as he's known to local bartenders, "Hey you, stop groping that cocktail waitress!" Thirty-four points, 41 personal fouls, six technical fouls and \$21,533 in fines and suspensions later, all I want to know is was it worth it?

Memo to Rodman: The lesson learned for Dennis — Never bite the hand that supplies your cross-dressing habit.

Memo to NBA scouts, talent evaluators and other assorted management types: If the Mavericks went 3-9 with Rodman, which is bad by even their pothole standards, what could he

possibly add to your team? Ejections and rebukes from NBA officials, not included?

Memo to the world: Rodman earned \$452,941 in just 34 days of employment with the Mavericks. He was fined a total of \$13,500 and lost more than \$8,000 in suspensions during the same period. That adds up to a nice total of \$21,533. Never mind the argument that professional athletes' salaries are way out of line with their intrinsic value to society, but let's focus on the money he lost. Do you realize Rodman lost more money in 34 days than some of TCU's staff members make in one year? If that's not a reality check about what we value in society, I don't know what is.

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## Lady Frogs' NIT hopes dashed by Tulsa

Six days ago the Lady Frogs basketball team beat Rice in what first-year head coach Jeff Mittie called one of the team's best performances of the season.

And so, TCU opened the Western Athletic Conference Tournament with no thought of making an early exit.

But the Lady Frogs played one of their worst overall games and now find themselves at home early for Spring Break. The fourth-seeded Tulsa Golden Hurricane beat the fifth-seeded Lady Frogs 64-56 in the first round on Wednesday.

Before TCU left for the tourna-

ment in Fresno, Calif., this week, junior guard Jill Sutton voiced the team's desire to be the proverbial Cinderella team. While she was right in saying that Cinderella would be making an appearance at the WAC tournament, she was wrong about which team's airplane Cinderella would fly in on.

The Golden Hurricane had been Cinderella all season. The Hurricane's 9-5 record in WAC play surprised everyone. They were 7-20 last year including 5-9 in the WAC. First-year coach Kathy McConnell-Miller was awarded with Coach of the Year honors for her efforts this season.

With Cinderella playing for Tulsa, TCU was never able to gain momentum. The Lady Frogs led 5-

2 early, but Tulsa followed with a 20-6 run from which TCU would never regain the lead. The Lady Frogs trailed at halftime 39-27.

In the second half, the Lady Frogs chipped away at the Hurricane lead and got within four at 58-54 with less than a minute remaining. But Tulsa outscored TCU 6-2 over the final 45 seconds to secure a berth in the second round.

The Lady Frogs came in with the best scoring offense in the WAC, but they did not resemble the team that averaged 72 points a game this season. Tulsa played their game throughout and finished just one point above their season average of 63.

One aspect of the TCU offense missing was their free-throw shooting attempts. In arguably

their best performance of the season against Rice, TCU was 22 of 34 from the free-throw line. Against Tulsa, they were just eight of 11 from the line while the Hurricane hit 18 of 27 attempts.

Mittie has said this season that the Frogs have not gotten to the line consistently enough this year. That was never more evident than against Tulsa when the Hurricane attempted 16 more shots from the charity stripe.

While senior guard Diamond Jackson scored 15 points and Sutton added 12, the Lady Frogs had no other players step up offensively. Sophomore guard Tricia Payne, who averaged 11 points a game, was just one for eight from the field and scored just five points.

Tulsa second-team All-WAC senior Lila Osceola and sophomore forward Carla Morrow each had 16 points. Morrow came into the game averaging just eight points a game.

The Lady Frogs will spend their first off-season with coach Mittie and reflect on what might have been this season. Before the tournament, there were talks of a Women's National Invitation Tournament bid.

With those hopes dashed with the first-round loss, the Lady Frogs can do nothing but look toward next year.

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## Men's basketball team defeats San Jose 84-71

### Frogs to play top-seed Tulsa today in WAC tourney semifinals

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FRESNO, Calif. — Marquise Gainous and Estel Laster each scored 22 points to lead TCU past San Jose State 84-71 in the first round of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament Thursday.

TCU (18-13) trailed by as many as 14 points in the first half before taking control of the game in the second. Ryan Carroll added 19 for TCU, including 13 in the second

half. Cory Powell led San Jose State (15-15) with 19 points and Billy Landram added 18.

TCU was down 38-30 at halftime and opened the second half with a 15-2 run in the first four minutes.

Laster and Thomas McTyer each had three points to start the run before San Jose's Eric Griffin made a pair of free throws.

Derrick Davenport's free throw

followed by a jumper by Laster started a 9-0 run. Gainous then hit a three-pointer and after a quick turnover on the press, Carroll hit another.

TCU opened up a 58-47 lead with just less than 14 minutes left in the game but Landram hit a pair of three-pointers in a 10-2 Spartan run, cutting the lead to 60-57. But TCU quickly regained control and pulled away for the victory.

San Jose jumped out to a quick

21-7 lead in the first six minutes as Landram buried three of four three-point attempts.

Laster hit a pair of long jump shots to start a 12-4 TCU run over the next five minutes. TCU cut the margin to three at 31-28 but San Jose ran off seven straight points. Carroll's basket just before the buzzer trimmed San Jose's lead to 38-30 at halftime.

TCU will play top-seeded Tulsa today in the semifinals.

#### Leader board

**Points:**  
TCU - C Marquise Gainous - 22, G Estel Laster - 22  
SJSU - G Cory Powell - 19, F Billy Landram - 18  
**Rebounds:**  
TCU - Gainous - 8, F Derrick Davenport - 7  
SJSU - F Darnell Williams - 9, C Eric Griffin - 7

## TELL me about it

### Good marriages require quality time together; greed does not equal need

Hi Carolyn:

I am 32, my wife is 24. She has left for her parents' home in Texas. She has a new job, she talks of meeting new friends and going out. She had been there less than two weeks when she decided she would like a divorce after almost three years. I did the typical things, house in D.C. suburbs, dog, changing my career and going to school — and neglected to spend time with her. She became depressed about not finding a job she liked and not going out. She did not talk about our problems before leaving, only hinted that we were in trouble. I am sorry I didn't take those hints to heart. I plan to admit my failures and ask

for another chance. Am I doing the right thing?

—S.

Pardon me for piling on, but no, not if your admission of failure includes another failure.

Obviously your intentions are good, but if you apologize for the wrong thing, you may end up proving her case that you don't pay attention to her — intentions be damned.

You're right that you should have spent more time with her. You're right that you should have picked up on her hints (which, by the way, were her own honking failure — she should have just told you straight).

But while all of these were mistakes, they weren't the mistake. That was planting your very young wife in your suburbs in your house with your dog while you pursued your career and your classes and expecting to grow June Cleaver. Reread the instructions, and you'll see you followed every step to the letter for growing a stunted and angry ex-wife.

Clearly, and unfortunately, your wife didn't articulate her life vision — again, her fault. She could have suggested moving, she could have asked for more time with you, she could have branched out on her own. But at 21, she was probably still working that stuff out (sounds like she still is). Instead of work-

ing on it with her, you simply installed your "typical things," and then you called it a day.

Assuming it makes sense to you, take that admission to Texas — then ask for your second chance.

Carolyn:

My girlfriend claims to "need" — not want — expensive clothes, cars, furniture. Otherwise normal tastes. Run away?

—Va.

You'll get farther away faster if you drive.

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by Carolyn Hax

## THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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ACROSS

- Turf
- Niles Crane's wife
- Out of order
- Swiss canton
- Lacking sense
- Right-hand page
- Challenge for some CEOs
- Close, in poetry
- Wire service letters
- Gun lobby's letters
- Marriage of CEOs
- Lon... of Cambodia
- Cut text
- Houston and Peckinpah
- Guitarist Paul
- Solfeggio
- Threat to some CEOs
- English composer
- Nabokov book
- St. Petersburg's river
- Acts the shrew
- Ms. Gardner
- Lifesaver for some CEOs
- TV pioneering co.
- gratia artis
- Chalice
- End of some CEOs
- Transparent
- City on the Rhone
- Mal de ...
- Desert spring
- "Guys and ..."
- Candler of Coca-Cola

DOWN

- Pedro's year
- Male sheep
- Feed the computer?
- Cozed
- Onassis, to pals
- Shea player
- Cupcake coverage
- Mall unit
- Sub detector
- "The Gold Bug" author's monogram
- Duration
- Dice toss
- Toward shelter
- Besides
- Brief looksee
- That woman
- Internet provider: abbr.
- NYC arena
- Group of trees
- RR depot
- Hail to Horace
- 3rd Bible book
- Period
- "Dies ..."
- Hebrew month

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Portland, OR

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### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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## TODAY'S menu

### THE MAIN

Lunch  
Cheese-stuffed shells  
Cyberwraps  
Chef choice special

### Dinner

Chicken fried steak  
Chef choice special  
Deli bar

## WORTH HILLS

Lunch  
Grilled tuna steak  
Chef choice special  
Enchiladas

### Dinner

Closed

## EDEN'S GREENS

Lunch  
Closed

## FROGBYTES

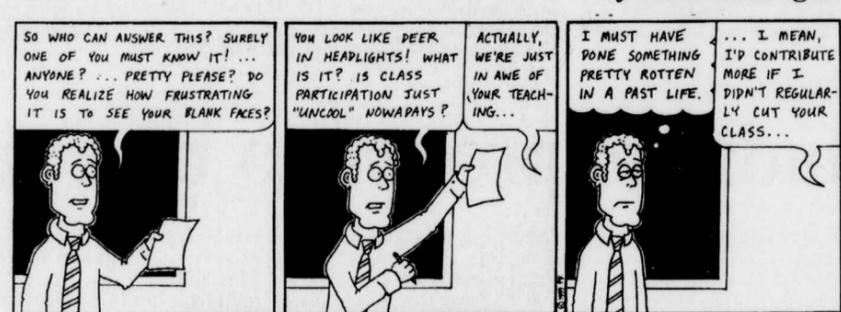
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## Rudy



by Aaron Brown

## Lex



by Phil Flickinger

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### STUART LITTLE (PG)

FRI 5:15, 7:15, 9:15 SAT - THUR

1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15

### SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)

FRI 5:00, 7:10, 9:20 SAT - THUR

1:00, 3:05, 5:05, 7:10, 9:20

### ANY GIVEN SUNDAY (R)

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