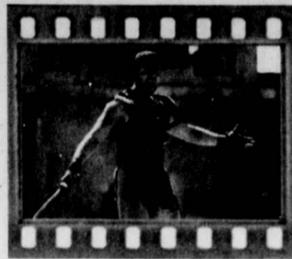




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The summer movies are starting early this year, May 5 to be exact. The long-awaited Ridley Scott film, titled "Gladiator," starring Oscar nominee Russell Crowe ("The Insider"), looks to be the first film to set the summer box office on track. Arts, page 10

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Student running for Arlington City Council

By Matt Jones and Jaime Walker
SKIFF STAFF

Transfer student Wes Bearden not only tackles the responsibilities of being a full-time student and his job as operations manager at Bearden Investigative Agency Inc., but he is also running for the District 2 representative position on the Arlington City Council.

Bearden, a 22-year-old Arlington native, said he spends 20 or more hours a week campaigning on a shoestring budget because he wants the residents of his hometown to know that they can have a voice at City Hall.

"I feel I can bring a proactive attitude," he said. "The City Council has lost a lot of energy. A lot of people don't feel welcome at Council meetings and leave feeling they don't have their problems taken care of."

Bearden's two opponents, Sheri Capehart and Dennis Wales, the perceived leaders in the race, seem to be paying little attention to Bearden's candidacy.

According to an article in the *Arlington Morning News*, both candidates claim their community experience will give them the

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Bearden

TCU transfer student Wes Bearden, 22, said he spends at least 20 hours a week campaigning for the Arlington City Council.

BALANCING BUSINESS, EDUCATION

Faculty, administration examine value of both sides

By Reagan Duplisea
STAFF REPORTER

While those in the business school expect to hear words like "product" and "client" on a regular basis, some people are surprised to hear those terms applied to students.

TCU strives to maintain a balance of educating and using business-like methods to fund the programs that enhance learning, faculty and administrators said.

However, some people question if the business practices could go too far, making the university a business

rather than an educational institution.

Business operations

Some administrators and faculty said TCU differs from a business in its purpose, but it operates in many ways as a business would.

"TCU is first and foremost an educational institution," said Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business. "But it does have to handle its resources responsibly, which requires planning and management similar to a business."

Campbell said TCU has many

business-like functions, including being a tenant for small businesses like the bookstore. Other roles the school plays are retailers, wholesalers, restaurateurs and utility providers.

"All of these things are done in support of our educational mission," Campbell said. "If they're done right, they're done as invisibly as possible. If they're happening successfully, students and faculty shouldn't have to give them a second thought."

Jim Riddlesperger, a professor of

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PULSE

BRIEFS

NAACP sues Regents over One Florida plan

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) — A Tallahassee attorney argued Monday that the Board of Regents had no authority to make the sweeping university admissions changes required by Gov. Jeb Bush's One Florida plan.

The Regents were in administrative law court Monday responding to the first legal challenge to One Florida, which was filed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People several days after the plan was passed. John Newton argued on behalf of the NAACP that only individual universities can make admissions decisions.

The One Florida plan replaces racial and gender preferences in university admissions policies with the Talented 20 Percent Plan, which automatically admits into the state university system students who graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school class.

"It lacks rationality," Newton said. "The Board of Regents was in such a rush to pass a rule that it didn't act in a reasonable way."

William Williams, a Tallahassee attorney defending the Regents, disagreed. He said rules set by the Regents "trump" those of individual universities and that to do otherwise "would throw the system into chaos."

The Board of Regents unanimously approved One Florida on Feb. 17. The NAACP quickly filed a challenge on behalf of Mattie Garvin, mother of Keith Garvin, an African-American high school student from Miami who they argue will be denied "the benefit of the limited access programs governing admissions."

—Independent Florida Alligator, University of Florida



Jennifer Klein/SKIFF STAFF

TCU theater students rehearse for their upcoming performance of 'Jesus Christ Superstar'. The sold-out show will be performed today through Sunday in the Hays Theatre.

'JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR' SELLS OUT

Theater production portrays Jesus in contemporary setting

SKIFF STAFF

Jesus Christ is coming to campus this week.

TCU Theatre will perform the Broadway hit "Jesus Christ Superstar" today through Sunday in the Hays Theatre. The tickets for the six shows sold out in 10 1/2 hours.

"The fact that it sold out (so quickly) after the box office opened tells you something," said Desiree Fultz, a box office employee and cast member.

Fultz, a junior theater major, said a popular play like "Jesus Christ Superstar" attracts a large audience because of its appeal to a variety of people.

"No matter what belief you are, this play takes a lot of different people from different beliefs and puts them together," Fultz said.

Tabatha Babcock, a junior musical theater major, said the spectrum of emotions and emphasis on the actors will draw a large audience.

"There's humor and some tear-jerking scenes," Babcock said. "And the set is not too elaborate, so the actors' presence stands out."

Jared Hooker, a junior broadcast journalism major and Peter the apostle in the play, said the size of the play is bigger than most productions the TCU theater department has put together in the past.

"This is the biggest play that I have been in since I have been here," Hooker said. "It's definitely the biggest one that has happened since 'Romeo and Juliet' my freshman year. It's definitely the biggest musical."

Hooker said because the performance is

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(Television) journalism occupies a small corner of a large entertainment stage. It has to learn to exist by the rules of entertainment, or it will not work."

—DANIEL SCHORR, National Public Radio senior news analyst

Schorr criticizes TV journalism

Veteran reporter says news must focus on content, not cosmetics

By Matt Silver
ASSISTANT CAMPUS EDITOR

Television news has devolved into a form of entertainment, veteran reporter Daniel Schorr told members of the Friends of the TCU Library Tuesday night at the group's annual banquet in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center.

"In the age we're living in today, and I say this mournfully, (television) journalism occupies a small corner of a large entertainment stage," Schorr said. "It has to learn to exist by the rules of entertainment, or it will not work. Therefore, all the networks try to get people to say outrageous things. It does not enlighten very much.

"The only way it can improve itself is to give more attention to the content and less to the cosmetics," Schorr said.

About 150 people attended the banquet that raises funds for the library to acquire new items and for internal improvements, said Bob Seal, TCU librarian.

Seal said the library used funds from the Friends this year to purchase a limited-edition book of poetry called, "Howls and Whispers," and to install a sound system in the reading room.

Seal said the evening will produce positive results for the library.

"An indirect effect will be that

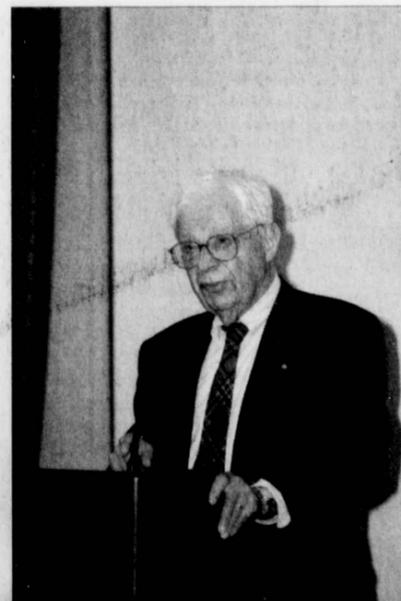
more people will join the Friends," Seal said. "More Friends mean more support for the library. It also brings recognition to the library."

Mary Purnam, a member of the Friends, said Schorr was a good choice to address the crowd.

"I thought he was very entertaining," Purnam said. "I hope this will help the library gain more support, which will help it improve."

Schorr served as CBS News' primary Watergate correspondent after beginning his reporting career during World War II. During his stint as a newspaper reporter, he worked his

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Jimmy Nam/SKIFF STAFF
Daniel Schorr, veteran news reporter, told about 150 people during Tuesday evening's Friends of the TCU Library Banquet that television news has turned into a form of entertainment.

SKIFF TV

Log on to the Skiff Web site (www.skiff.tcu.edu), and see the latest SkiffTV stories.

TCU Grad in Radio

With graduation just around the corner for the Class of 2000, one member of last year's class shares his story of success on the Dallas/Fort Worth area airwaves. Alan Melson reports.

Campus Parking

Parking spots have to accommodate 7,500 students, along with 1,500 faculty, staff and administration employees. According to TCU statistics, there are only about 6,000 parking spaces. Wes Warnock reports.

PULSE CAMPUS LINES

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and available space.

■ **The women of Sigma Lambda Alpha** invite you to come find out what they are all about at the Informational Mixer at 5 p.m. Thursday in Reed Hall, Room 101. For more information, call 257-8641 or 915-7894.

■ **Robbyn Kindle**, a recent TCU graduate who has been awaiting an organ transplant since late February, now needs a kidney in addition to a liver and small bowel. She has been transferred from the intensive care unit to the liver transplant area at the University of Nebraska Medical Center but is still on kidney dialysis once a day. Kindle's family said she is frustrated because other transplants have been done recently, although they were different blood types than hers. They said the correspondence she receives from her friends at TCU keeps her spirits up and request continued letters and prayers.

■ **There will be a Leadership in London orientation meeting** from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. today in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 232.

■ **The English department** is bringing a guest lecturer at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Reed Hall, Room 117. C. Jan Swearingen, a professor of English at Texas A&M University, will speak on "Ethos, Pathos, Peitho: Feminine Images of Desire and Persuasion Before Aristotle."

■ **2000 commuter student family bowling party** is from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Don Carter's All Star Lanes, 6601 Oakmont Blvd. There will be free food, sodas, entertainment and bowling rentals.

■ **The Women in Film/Dallas 2000 project grant and tuition scholarship program** is offering scholarships to female students from Texas whose major is film. For more information, e-mail (wifdal@nkn.net).

■ **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. For more information, call Bea Nealy at 257-7830.

NEWS ROUNDUP

WORLD

U.N. releases assessment of 1986 nuclear meltdown; more consequences still to come

GENEVA — The United Nations released a new assessment of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear meltdown Tuesday, saying the worst health consequences for millions of people may be yet to come.

"At least 100 times as much radiation was released by this accident as by the two atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki combined" at the end of World War II, said a 32-page booklet released to mark the 14th anniversary of the disaster.

Three people were killed in the explosion on April 26, 1986, and 28 emergency workers died within the first three months, the report said. It gave no other death toll, but noted that 106 of the other emergency workers that were first on the scene also were diagnosed with acute radiation syndrome.

And, the report said, a total of 600,000 emergency workers who helped in the cleanup and later built a cover to seal the destroyed reactor "must be constantly monitored for the effects of exposure to radiation."

The booklet, published by the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, said the three countries most affected by the radiation — Belarus, Ukraine and Russia — continue to pay the price.

"Chernobyl is a word we would all like to erase from our memory," said U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in a foreword.

But, Annan added, "more than 7 million of our fellow human beings do not have the luxury of forgetting. They are still suffering, everyday, as a result of what happened." He said the exact number of victims may never be known, but that 3 million children require treatment and "many will die prematurely."

NATION

Vermont approves legislation granting gay couples nearly all rights, benefits of marriage

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Lawmakers gave final approval Tuesday to legislation making Vermont the first state to grant gay couples nearly all of the rights and benefits of marriage.

The state House voted 79-68 for the "civil unions" bill, which was approved by the Senate last week. Democratic Gov. Howard Dean said he will sign it, possibly as soon as Thursday.

"I think the powerful message is that in Vermont, we tend to value people for who they are, not what they are," Dean said.

Three homosexual couples and their lawyers, who sued in 1997 when they were denied marriage licenses, watched in the crowded House

chamber as the final roll was called.

Stacy Jolles and Nina Beck stood cradling their 5-month-old son, Seth. Peter Harrigan stood embracing Stan Baker, who held a small necklace from which his parents' wedding rings dangled. And Holly Puterbaugh held hands with Lois Farnham, who wiped tears from her eyes.

"This isn't marriage, but it's a huge and powerful bundle of rights that we've finally gotten," Baker said.

The bill came about after the Vermont Supreme Court unanimously ruled in December that gay couples were being unconstitutionally denied the rights and benefits of marriage.

The court gave the Legislature time to decide whether to let gays marry or to create some kind of domestic partnership. Lawmakers opted for a parallel system for homosexuals, creating what they called civil unions.

After the bill takes effect July 1, couples will be able to go to their town clerks for licenses. Then they will have their unions certified by a justice of the peace, judge or member of the clergy.

Breakups will be handled in Family Court, just as divorces are, although they will be called dissolutions.

The more than 300 benefits that the state confers on married couples now will flow to same-sex couples, including the ability to make medical decisions on behalf of partners, inherit from each other without hefty taxes and protection from having to testify against one another.

But there are responsibilities as well. For example, same-sex partners will have to assume each other's debt and pay child support.

Civil unions will not entitle couples to benefits bestowed by the federal government in areas such as Social Security and immigration. And most states will probably not recognize civil unions.

Still, no state has ever gone so far in recognizing gay relationships.

"I think this definitely places Vermont in the forefront in this country, places Vermont on par with Nordic and European countries and Canada," said Beth Robinson, a lawyer who argued the gay couples' case before the Vermont Supreme Court.

Opponents in the Legislature said they were being asked to grant special rights to people whose lifestyles they could not support.

"If this bill passes, this day shall live in infamy throughout the country and throughout the world," said Republican Rep. Henry Gray. "This is against natural law."

Supporters argued that traditional marriages between men and women would not be undermined if gays were granted the same rights.

"May we be the last generation of gay and lesbian Vermonters who have formed our committed relationships without the possibility of a law that grants us our rights, benefits and responsibilities," said Rep. William Lippert, the only openly gay member of the Legislature.

16-year-old arrested in the shooting of seven young people at National Zoo in Washington

WASHINGTON — Police arrested a 16-year-old boy Tuesday in the shooting of seven young people at the National Zoo that stunned visitors to one of the capital's most popular tourist attractions.

The teen-ager was taken into custody 24 hours after the shooting at the home of a relative in Northeast Washington, Assistant Police Chief Terrence Gainer said.

The suspect was taken into custody without incident and a shotgun was recovered at the scene, Gainer said. He was charged with assault with intent to kill.

Officials had said the weapon used in the shootings was most likely a 9mm handgun but none was found. But Gainer said he believed ammunition used in a 9mm handgun was recovered.

The investigation into the shootings continued but "we're still operating under the presumption there was one gunman, one gun," Gainer added.

The shootings prompted calls Tuesday from local and federal officials for stricter gun controls, but they insisted the National Zoo and the capital's other tourist attractions are safe.

STATE

Dallas man rearrested after attempting to flee country before being tried for wife's murder

DALLAS — A Dallas accountant indicted for killing his estranged wife in front of their three children has been rearrested, prosecutors said.

Patrick Timothy Richardson, 39, who was free on \$1 million bond while awaiting a trial set to start next week, was arrested while trying to make arrangements to leave the country, authorities said Tuesday.

The Dallas County district attorney's office said a travel agent reported Richardson was trying to exchange an American Airlines ticket for another ticket to an unnamed, overseas destination.

Prosecutors said Richardson tried to disguise himself with glasses. Police arrested him about 10 p.m. Monday at a Dallas hotel.

Richardson is accused of attacking Mary Williams Richardson, 35, on Sept. 19 with a lamp cord and scissors in the couple's home in University Park, an upscale section of Dallas. An officer said he found Richardson with his arms and pants covered with blood, standing over his wife's body.

The woman's neck was cut so severely that her head was nearly severed, according to court records. She had been stabbed in the upper left arm.

The case drew public outrage after a judge cut Richardson's original bail from \$250,000 to \$30,000, which resulted in his release from jail and complaints from prosecutors that they weren't notified beforehand.

The judge assigned to the case later increased the bail to \$1 million, and Richardson was released again on an electronic monitor after a bond company posted the bail.

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STAFF editorial

PARTICIPATION

Go voice opinions, vote for your views

Politicians just don't care about us. College students will no longer be able to say that if Wes Bearden is elected to the Arlington City Council. Bearden, 22, is a full-time TCU student. At a time when college students are continuously derided for their lack of political participation, Bearden has shown that some of us are committed to being involved citizens. At a time when simply voting is a chore to most of us, Bearden has launched a campaign for City Council in his hometown.

But does he have a chance?

Well, with more than 20,000 college students in Arlington, we would hope so.

But do college students vote?

Many people, including Bearden, are worried.

He said there is a problem with college-student voter turnout.

"College students are either not registered or don't vote," Bearden said. "That is also why younger people tend to not get what they want."

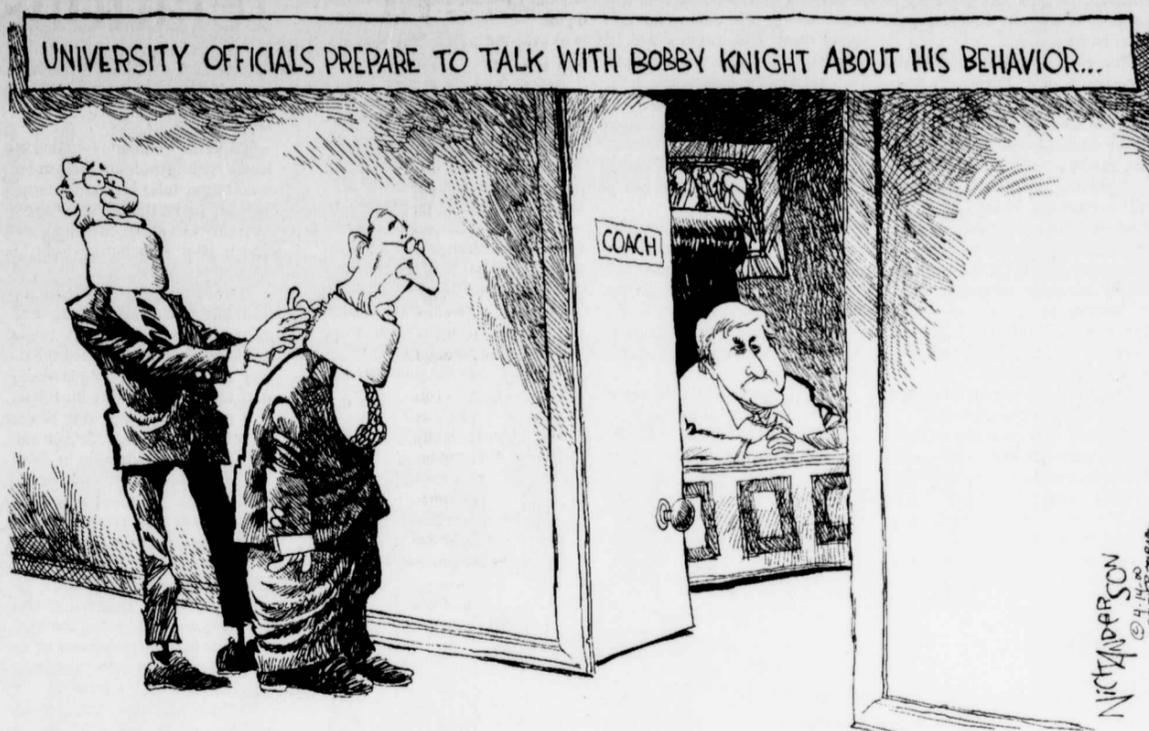
If we feel that politicians aren't representing our views and tackling our concerns, we can take action. Registering to vote, being informed about the candidates and then voting is essential. And if you don't vote because you think no one represents your views, run for office yourself.

Sure, it would be difficult. Campaigning, raising money, proving competence, getting taken seriously by the media and constituents are certainly obstacles young candidates would face. But some students are demonstrating that they are willing to make the sacrifice.

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Real-world life requires changes

Picture yourself enveloped within a lush tropical paradise. You are lounging contentedly on a cushioned recliner, and fair maidens are feeding you passion fruit and fanning you with palm fronds. Suddenly, a gaping hole opens in the floor, and your recliner drops into the chasm, cascading down into a black void. Taken by surprise, you plunge dizzily, without any clue of fate's cruel plan for your poor soul.

Commentary



ALAN MELSON

It is now barely three weeks until I walk across the stage at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, and, until last week, I was beginning to feel the trappings of the nightmare described above. I was sending out résumés left and right, calling around to look for opportunities, and each day, it was becoming clearer to me that I was about to plunge into the abyss of professional life without much of a clue

of what I was going to be doing. TCU hasn't exactly been a cakewalk — some aspects of my education here have actually been pretty challenging — but over the past few years, I have developed a high comfort level here. I know my role on campus. I know who my friends are and where to find them. I know the professors to turn to for advice, and the ones from whom to stay away. And, of course, I know how to get the maximum bang for my buck at that overpriced greasy spoon we call The Main.

I must leave this comfort behind because things are going to change pretty quickly post-graduation. I am happy to say I have accepted a position in the Internet industry at a company in Dallas. However, this will require a major upheaval of my life, changing from the wake-up-late-and-stay-up-'til-dawn mentality I have adopted here at college to the button-down schedule of a corporate lackey.

Maybe I should adopt corporate tactics to readjust my life to that of a professional. I can downsize my social life to cut costs and maximize the use of what little

free time I have left. I can bring in a productivity consultant to analyze how I can get more work done during the day rather than the middle of the night, the time when I usually write most term papers and finish class projects. Heck, maybe I'll even hire a health expert to figure out how to improve my diet from my current staples — pizza, burgers and Fat Harry's.

As I walked across campus Monday night, it became clear to me how much I will miss this place. The buildings, the beautifully manicured grounds and even the maintenance men careening down the sidewalks in their little trucks are all a part of TCU and have become a part of me. Sure, I can come back as a puffed-up alumnus for football games, but I will miss the little things that come with being on campus every day.

I will miss the feeling of being on the field at Amon Carter Stadium during halftime. I will miss the double-entendres and witty comebacks fired constantly around the Skiff newsroom at crunch time. I will miss the gratification of being on the air at KTCU and receiving a positive

phone call or e-mail message from a listener who really got into the music I was playing. I will miss the convoluted parliamentary procedure of fraternity meetings. Most of all, I will miss the many hours spent just wasting time with friends.

So here I am, about to take the plunge into the professional world, four years after entering this university wondering if I made the right decision. I had thought seriously about going to the University of Texas, where many of my high school friends were going, or even making the drive to Columbia, Mo., to attend the journalism school at the University of Missouri. I visited these schools and liked them a lot, but something kept bringing me back to TCU. Maybe it was the smaller size or the proximity to home, but I felt like some force was telling me to give it a try. Four years later, I don't regret my decision one bit.

Alan Melson is a graduating senior broadcast journalism major from Richardson. He can be reached at (mamelson@delta.is.tcu.edu), at least until they delete his e-mail account.

Believing in dreams will lead the way to special place in world

When I got to Texas, not many people tried to talk to me. They just looked at me. Did I look strange? Did I look too ugly to talk to? I don't think I am ugly. I know I am not a beautiful girl, but I am not too ugly to talk to.

But there was something that made people distance themselves from me. I didn't know why until I finally found someone to talk to.

When I started talking to some American students, they were amazed at the way I spoke. They said, "Wow, you can speak English so well. I was afraid to talk to you because I didn't know whether you could speak English or not."

That was the reason. People didn't start

talking to me because they were assuming that I did not speak English. What a stereotype!

Yes, I do have a strong accent when I speak my native language, Korean, but not English! With my typical, beautiful accent, nobody has any problems understanding me. And now my friends love when I talk.

As I talked with different people and shared what was going on in my life, I realized my dream.

When I was in sixth grade, my teacher asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. "What do I want to be?" I started thinking and thinking.

Of course, I had many different dreams, but it was time for me to think about what I really wanted to do. I knew I enjoyed being in front of people and entertaining them. I loved to sing, act and speak in public, and I still do. I had a lot of dreams, and I still have them.

To have a dream is very important to me. And I believe that everyone should

have his or her own dream in life. My dream led me from Korea to India nine years ago, and then from Korea to America. Dreaming will lead people somewhere in this world.

I said, "One day, I will be a movie star, singer, host of the 'Jimmy Nam Talk Show' and major TV station anchor." I know after you read what I just wrote, you will say, "Jimmy! Dream on. It's very good to have many dreams, but don't expect all of them to come true in your life. You can have a dream, but dreams are just dreams."

Well, OK, maybe you're right, but I don't agree with it.

I am young, and I have a lot of capabilities to make my dreams come true. I will have at least 50 years to work on my dreams. It's not a long time, but I will take it step by step.

I took the first step when I was 14. Even though my dad insisted I stay home with my family and be a normal high school student in Korea, I decided to go to India.

It was an adventure for me. And you will ask why India? India is such a beautiful country that if you ever want to travel, go there.

I believe God blessed me so much to send me to Woodstock School, an International Missionary Boarding School.

I learned how to speak English at Woodstock School. It was not easy to learn English, and I'm still learning and studying English, Chinese and Spanish. Learning or speaking other languages is challenging, and I can't deny how important it is to learn English.

Of course, there are many languages I would like to learn, too. I am trying to travel to as many places as I can, and I have decided to learn at least five different languages fluently before I die.

When I came to TCU, I realized this place was where I had to work for my dream to come true. For my dream to be a journalist, my major challenge is to master the English language. As this is my last semester, I am trying to get my foot into

the business, but it is not coming easily. A lot of people believe graduating college will make their dreams come true, but let me tell you that you are just taking the first step.

After graduation, I do not know where I am going to be, but as long as I believe my dreams, it will take me somewhere. I know I will never give up my dreams. I just need more time to prepare myself to be ready for the right time.

And I believe that God will lead me in his way.

I also would like to say to my great friends, professors, family and people at TCU, thank you for being so friendly and nice to me.

You all encouraged me to make all my dreams come true! I won't forget your love. I will miss you so much.

Jimmy Nam is a graduating senior broadcast journalism major from Seoul, South Korea. She can be reached at (jnam1976@hotmail.com).

SENIORS speak out

"The football team has gotten a lot better. The engineering department has gotten more students involved. Campus security has gotten somewhat tighter."



— Ryan Keeler, senior engineering major

"The recruiting of international students has (been) enhanced. There are more international students and services. More people stand out on campus."



— Tomomi Nakath, senior psychology major

"Renovations to (fraternity and sorority) chapter houses and the new Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community are nice. PeopleSoft is something else that has made a difference."



— Caleb Wagner, senior political science major

What changes have you seen at TCU during your time here?

"The new buildings, like the Walsh Center and Tom Brown/Pete Wright, have been added to the campus. The TCU Band has gone from good to amazing."



— James Buckner, senior music education major

"There have been lots of campus improvements, like the Alumni Center, (residence hall) renovations, the Walsh Center and Tom Brown/Pete Wright. It shows the university is going somewhere, and it is trying to make improvements."



— Matt Lantz, senior English major

CANDIDATE

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political edge over the inexperienced Bearden, who is not currently a member of any city committees or commissions.

Bearden said his lack of political experience can be a great asset, however.

"I am not a member of the traditional establishment here, but I do feel like I have some valuable things to contribute," he said. "Arlington is still a relatively young city, and I think our citizens are ready for some new blood and fresh ideas."

Bearden said his age can play a critical role in his campaign.

"Nobody my age has ever run for City Council," he said. "I feel this would be a great opportunity to give back to my hometown."

Bearden described his campaign strategy as primarily grassroots.

"There is a lot of putting up signs and going door-to-door," Bearden said. "I am also starting a phone bank."

When it comes to campaign funding, the young candidate is taking a unique approach.

Bearden said he has received some private donations, but he does-

n't plan to spend more than \$500 on the campaign.

"The other candidates are spending an obscene amount of money, and I don't think that is necessary," he said. "The way I look at it, it is better to out-talk them than out-spend them. This election will be won based on who is real to people. I am not afraid to look people in the eye and tell them what I think."

Bearden said he hopes Arlington citizens will be bold enough to vote for him based not only on the issues, but also on the energy he would bring to the office.

"Two of the biggest issues in Arlington City Council currently are infrastructure and transportation," Bearden said. "It is time to get the roads in Arlington up to speed. We also signed a deal with the Rail Express that will actually improve transportation."

The Rail Express is a train designed to link Fort Worth to Arlington.

Bearden said he believes this election could have a huge impact on the college population nationwide. But there is a problem with voter turnout among college students, he said.

"College students are either not registered or don't vote," he said. "That is also why younger people

tend to not get what they want."

Don Segreti, Bearden's campaign treasurer, said age should not be looked at as an obstacle.

"Wes knows what it is like to stand at a podium and not get looked in the eye," Segreti said. "I think he will treat the constituents with dignity and respect."

Segreti said there is a definite need for change in Arlington's City Council.

"I feel the time has come for more of the older council members to step down," Segreti said. "Wes will definitely be a breath of fresh air."

Early voting for the Arlington City Council elections will continue until Tuesday at five locations throughout the city. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. election day, May 6. For more information, registered voters can consult the City of Arlington Web site at (www.ci.arlington.tx.us).

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McCain seeks to improve relations with Vietnam

Senator visits prison where he was held as a POW for five years

By Greg Myre
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HANOI, Vietnam — Shaking hands with crowds of Vietnamese, a nostalgic John McCain returned Tuesday to the Hanoi lake where in 1967 he was dragged ashore and beaten after parachuting from his downed warplane.

The bitter war has yielded to reconciliation, and the Arizona senator strolled with his family around the busy shorefront of the capital's Truc Bach lake, stopping at a sidewalk memorial marking his rescue.

"I put the Vietnam War behind me a long time ago," McCain said upon arriving in Vietnam on Tuesday. "I harbor no anger, no rancor."

People on the street seemed to feel the same. A crowd of Vietnamese gathered around McCain as he walked, greeting him as a friend and shaking his hand.

McCain, who spent more than five years as a prisoner of war here, is now a leading proponent of rebuilding relations with the impoverished communist nation.

Vietnam celebrates the 25th anniversary of the end of the war on Sunday, and the former presidential candidate is the most prominent of the numerous returning U.S. veterans.

"My job here is to commemorate the beginning and continuation of a new relationship between the United States and Vietnam," said McCain, who was instrumen-

tal in restoring formal ties five years ago.

Still, his seventh trip to Vietnam since 1975 was filled with war reminders.

Shortly after he arrived, McCain attended a solemn airport repatriation ceremony in which an 11-person military honor guard placed six small boxes of remains, believed to be from U.S. servicemen, into silver metal coffins.

About 50 U.S. civilians and military personnel watched as the containers were draped with American flags and carried into the hold of a C-17 cargo plane heading to Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii for forensic analysis.

The remains were recovered this year as part of the ongoing American effort to account for more than 2,000 servicemen missing in Indochina, including about 1,500 in Vietnam.

Several hours later, McCain took wife Cindy and son Jack on a walk along the bustling sidewalk that borders the lake and briefly recounted the downing of his A4 plane during a bombing mission Oct. 26, 1967.

"Everything happened very quickly," he said. "I broke both my arms and a leg, and I was dragged ashore and I was beaten."

Did he think he would survive? "I wasn't sure. In a situation like that, you never know," he said.

Today, McCain will visit Hoa

Lo Prison — the "Hanoi Hilton," as POWs called it, where he spent his years in captivity. He has said his hardships there included beatings, a lack of proper medical treatment for injuries and a total of three years in solitary confinement for what his captors called a "bad attitude."

He twice tried to hang himself, using his shirt as a noose, but was caught both times by the guards, who then beat him.

"I couldn't control my despair," McCain wrote in his autobiography. "All my pride was lost, and I doubted I would ever stand up to any man again. Nothing could save me."

On Tuesday, McCain, who visited the prison on a previous trip, recalled his time in captivity. "I had the privilege of serving in the company of heroes," he said. "I observed a thousand acts of courage, compassion and love and I will always treasure that memory above all others."

Most of the prison was torn down in 1993 to make way for Hanoi Towers, an upscale office complex and hotel in central Hanoi. One wing of the faded yellow fortress was preserved and opened as a museum three years ago.

The Vietnamese government has in the past ranked at McCain's accounts of his time in captivity, denying his allegations of torture at the hands of prison guards.

PLAY

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a musical, students became more interested. The actors involved have been working for almost two months on their voices for the play, he said.

"It's so difficult to do musicals because you have to find people who sing and act," Hooker said. "We've been rehearsing since Feb. 28, and all of us have had plenty of time to strengthen our voices."

John Patrick, a junior acting major who plays Jesus Christ in the play, said his character goes through situations in a more contemporary setting.

"The concept of the play is what would happen if Jesus came today," Patrick said. "The play shows what the headlines would be like, what the TV coverage would be like and how the media would deal with him in this modern setting."

Patrick said the TCU theater department is presenting "Jesus Christ Superstar" as part of a new trend to produce bigger plays once a semester.

"We can put on a play like this because we have the talent to fill the roles," Patrick said. "We also knew it would be controversial and a high intensity show that would get people to think. That's another reason we chose the play."

The play begins every night at 8 p.m. in the Hays Theatre. The Saturday and Sunday matinee shows begin at 2 p.m. There is no evening performance on Sunday. To try to get tickets, call the box office at 257-7626.

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way up to the *New York Times* before joining CBS in 1953. He received a personal invitation from veteran broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow to join CBS.

As a broadcast journalist, he opened the Moscow bureau of CBS News, conducted the first interview by an American journalist of a Soviet premier when he interviewed Nikita Khrushchev in 1955 and served as the first Washington correspondent of CNN in 1979.

Schorr said his coverage of the Watergate affair in the 1970s landed him on President Richard Nixon's "enemies list." Nixon had the FBI investigate Schorr in an attempt to discredit him, he said.

His name was included in the second impeachment article drawn up against Nixon in the U.S. House of Representatives. That article charged Nixon with abuse of presidential power.

Despite the fact that network anchors earn salaries in the millions today, Schorr said he would not trade his days as newspaper reporter.

"All these people today play around with what they call journalism, and it isn't," Schorr said. "It's just a branch office of some entertainment show. All those people, they can have their fun. I've had mine."

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HOUSE

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up of student leaders of TCU organizations, is allotted \$500 for food per semester.

Applebury said food is usually not covered in any bill brought before the House, and this should not be an exception.

"I've been on the Finance Committee for two years now, and we always take out food from bills that come to us," Applebury said. "It is the very first thing we do,

and we don't even have a second thought about it."

Applebury proposed to take the \$500 and add it to the House Sports Budget, which currently contains \$16,000 to be split among 12 intramural teams, including racquetball and lacrosse.

House also unanimously passed a bill to buy a \$280 Spectrum Digital Clock.

According to the bill written by Josh Hawkins, Dining Services chairman, and Jennifer Jost, Permanent Improvements chairwoman, the clock "will greatly

increase the functionality of The Main, as well as the technological durability and aesthetics."

A bill was slated to allot \$6,895 from the Permanent Improvements fund to help purchase new equipment for the Rickel Building. The bill will be debated at 5 p.m. next week during the Plenary Session in Student Center, Room 222.

During the Plenary Session, House members present awards to representatives.

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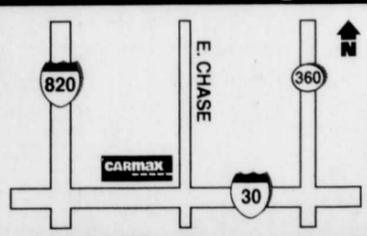
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EPA decides against regulating byproducts

By H. Josef Hebert
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WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency late Tuesday decided against regulating tons of ash and sludge from coal-burning power plants as a toxic hazardous waste, a victory for utilities and a setback for environmental groups who have argued the waste is contaminating water supplies.

Instead, the EPA said it would issue federal standards for the waste that will urge states to require liners at disposal sites and regular monitoring of water sources near such sites, agency officials said. Under this approach, the EPA could not require state action, however.

Environmentalists have complained that more than 100 million tons of coal waste, laced with arsenic, mercury and other toxic metals, is contaminating water supplies because of lax controls by many states and no regulation from Washington. The utility industry said the waste has not shown to be a health or environmental threat.

The issue could have a fallout in the presidential race. States at the center of the controversy, including Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan, also are important in the presidential campaign. The four states are among the leaders in power plant waste and environmentalists have singled out Texas for

Ash, coal waste ruled not to be a health threat

poor enforcement of coal waste disposal.

A senior EPA official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said late Tuesday that while the agency has decided against regulating the coal waste as a hazardous substance, such action has not been ruled out altogether.

"We remain very concerned about the effects of these wastes on public health and particularly ground water contamination," the official said. He said if states are found not to follow the federal guidelines "it would be grounds for us to reconsider our decision."

But Jeff Stant of the Hoosier Environmental Coalition, an Indiana-based group that has been active in the national movement for tighter controls on coal ash, called the EPA decision "a horrendous mistake" and said it affords little additional protection since states can ignore the federal guidelines.

"It's outrageous to even suggest that coal waste that's full of mercury and arsenic isn't hazardous," said Conrad Schneider, an activist with the Clean Air Task Force, a coalition of groups that have focused on pollution from coal-burning power plants.

Environmental groups accused the EPA of "backpedaling" under pressure from the business groups and utility industry that had lobbied the White House and Congress against stricter regulations.

In March, the EPA proposed that coal ash be treated as a hazardous substance because of evidence that the waste may be more hazardous than previously thought.

But the draft proposal ran into stiff opposition from the Energy Department and other agencies, prompting EPA Administrator Carol Browner to try to seek a delay, despite a court order that had set a Tuesday deadline for action.

Ironically, the court order involved a lawsuit filed by a citizen group in Oregon to seek tougher federal regulation of the coal waste.

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Portion of U.S. funds for poor nations continues to decline

By David Briscoe
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WASHINGTON — As America grows richer, the portion of U.S. funds going to the world's poorest nations is headed for the lowest level ever, according to two anti-poverty research groups.

Other donating countries also are giving less aid in proportion to their wealth, but they all are now ahead of the United States, said the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in a report Tuesday.

The center, which generally deals with domestic poverty issues, is looking at U.S. nonmilitary assistance abroad for the first time.

The Clinton administration's \$10.7 billion foreign aid request for fiscal year 2001 — which Congress is likely to slash — ties a post-World War II low in the percentage of federal funds going to foreign aid.

As a share of the overall budget, foreign aid would be 0.6 percent, compared to 0.92 percent in the 1980s. By 2003, under current budget plans, it is expected to reach

the lowest level on record, the report said.

The report also contrasts the rising standard of living enjoyed by Americans with poverty abroad. The average U.S. resident receives 56 times the annual income of residents in the world's low-income countries, it says.

Isaac Shapiro, director of the center's international project, said America can afford to provide more.

"The indicators on resources and standards of living show us in a position to provide substantial assistance, and the needs remain monumental," Shapiro said.

Among data in the report: — The foreign aid budget request for 2001 represents 0.11 percent of the U.S. economy. In the 1980s, the foreign aid budget request averaged twice that. International conferences of government and public interest officials have set 0.7 percent as a global goal.

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Violence, epithets used, report states

By Amy Forliti
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INDIANAPOLIS — White supremacist prison employees used violence and racial epithets to intimidate colleagues and inmates at a medium-security facility, university researchers alleged in a report Tuesday.

The 2 1/2-year study by DePauw University's Russell J. Compton Center for Peace and Justice claims a racist group called the Brotherhood has operated for the past decade at Putnamville Correctional Facility.

Some of the group's members openly sported Brotherhood tattoos and swastika rings, and one wore a Ku Klux Klan-style hood at work, the report said.

"There is nothing subtle about what was going on at the prison," said Kelsey Kauffman, the report's author. "The administration has allowed activity to go on without sanction."

Employees belonging to the group were not prison guards, but

low-level employees including cooks and sewage workers, Kauffman said. A maximum of 25 out of 680 employees belonged to the group at one time, she said.

The DePauw report — which examined more than 1,000 prison documents — also claims that Department of Correction Commissioner Ed Cohn, a former superintendent of the prison, protected employees who were part of the alleged group.

While state police investigators acknowledge some friction among prison employees, an investigation ordered last June by Gov. Frank O'Bannon has so far turned up no evidence of an organized racist group.

"Our investigation uncovered no Brotherhood," said State Police Superintendent Mel Carraway. "There were factions that kept going at one another ... but it was not racist in nature."

Carraway said no abuse was found to be directed at prisoners.

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WAC secures bowl action for eligible teams

By Chris Gibson
STAFF REPORTER

Western Athletic Conference commissioner Karl Benson announced a plan Tuesday that will guarantee three teams from the conference postseason action in 2000.

The WAC currently has one-year agreements with three bowl games: the Humanitarian Bowl, the inaugural Silicon Valley Football Classic and the Mobile Alabama Bowl. Hawaii will also keep its current agreement with the Aloha Bowl and the Oahu Bowl. That agreement guarantees the Rainbows a place in one of those bowls as long as they are bowl-eligible. To be bowl-eligible, teams must have a minimum of six wins against

Arrangements made for three teams to play in postseason

Division-I opponents.

The one-year bowl agreements come just six months after TCU announced plans to join Conference USA beginning with the 2001 academic year. Benson said while he would have preferred multiyear deals, he doesn't think that TCU's departure had any effect on the agreements.

With TCU preparing for its final season as a member of the WAC, head football coach Dennis Franchione said the deal is a good one for the Frogs.

"It looks like it is a good situation," Franchione said. "If we are fortunate enough to be bowl-eligible next year, then it virtually guarantees us a trip to

one of the bowls."

The bowl agreement is unique throughout college football because each bowl must select teams located in the bowls' specific geographical region. This means that the Mobile Alabama Bowl is entitled to the WAC champion should that team come from the Eastern geographical portion of the conference. If that requirement is not fulfilled, then the Mobile Alabama Bowl has its pick of the remaining bowl-eligible teams.

On the other side of the map is the Silicon Valley Football Classic played in San Jose, Calif. This bowl is entitled to the WAC champion should that

team come from the Western portion of the conference. If that condition is not met, then bowl officials would have their choice of remaining bowl-eligible teams from the WAC.

The deal also involves the Humanitarian Bowl. That bowl gets the remaining bowl-eligible team from the WAC after the other two bowls have chosen their participants.

"I think this deal is unique throughout college football because the WAC is a unique conference," Benson said. "We tried to structure the bowl agreement to where teams would be able to play in bowls closer to home. This makes it possible for teams to play in

areas where they are known, and it also makes it easier for the fans to see the teams play."

For the Frogs, the deal means they have no chance to play in the Silicon Valley Football Classic, which Benson anticipates to be a million-dollar bowl game. The Mobile Alabama Bowl, which TCU won last season, and the Humanitarian Bowl are both minimum payout bowls, meaning they are currently worth \$750,000.

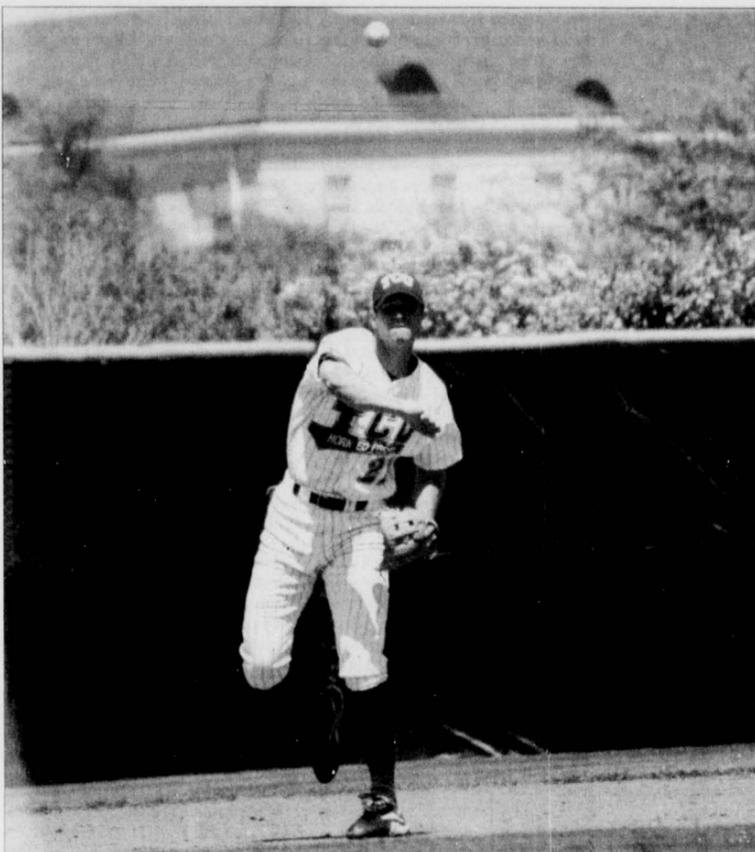
"The money is not the most critical factor of the deal," Benson said. "The bowl structure that we're in doesn't necessarily provide a large payout. The most important thing is

the exposure that the teams and the conference receive."

Franchione said while there is no chance for TCU to play in the Silicon game, the increased revenue that the bowls will bring is good for the league and its teams.

The new deal does provide TCU a chance to compete against future C-USA foes. Last season, the Frogs defeated current C-USA member East Carolina in the Mobile Alabama Bowl. Franchione said playing against future teams is good for the players and the fans because it creates rivalries.

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Sophomore shortstop Erick Macha throws the ball to first base in the Frogs 9-7 win over Hawaii-Hilo on April 15. TCU plays seven of its last 10 games at home, starting with a three-game series against the Hawaii Rainbows.

Hillary Morgan/SKIFF STAFF

Frogs make run at 24 wins, put pressure on WAC leaders

Team needs six wins in 10 games to reach coach's benchmark

By Rusty Simmons
STAFF REPORTER

Although Lance Brown has never won fewer than 24 games as the head coach of the TCU baseball team, he said he is not giving up on his current squad (18-27 overall).

Instead, Brown has switched the pitching rotation, platooned players in the lineup and changed his jersey number in hopes of turning the season around.

With 10 games left, Brown said time is running out to make a run at the Western Athletic Conference title. The Frogs have finished second in the WAC the past three seasons but are currently tied for fourth place with the Hawaii Rainbows.

Hawaii (9-11 in WAC play) faces off with TCU for a three-game series beginning Thursday at the TCU Diamond. Hawaii swept the Frogs over Spring Break in Honolulu.

The Frogs will play seven of their final 10 games at home.

"The fact that we play so many of the games down the stretch at home

could give us some sort of edge," Brown said.

TCU will also have to rely on the other teams in the conference to move its position up in the WAC standings.

The Fresno State Bulldogs and the San Jose State Spartans are currently sharing the top spot, both 14-7 in WAC play. The teams play each other six times before the end of the season.

TCU players and coaches said the top teams beating up on each other would help the Frogs' status.

"We're trying to win as many games as we can," Brown said. "But we are going to need some help from the other teams."

The Rice Owls, who have won the conference title the past three seasons, are 2 1/2 games behind the conference leaders. TCU closes out the season playing host to Rice (12-10 in WAC play) for a three-game series.

"We want to put as much pressure on the top teams as possible," Brown said. "We'll see where that puts us, but I imagine that final series will be a big one."

The Frogs have started to put pres-

sure on the top teams in recent weeks. TCU swept a series from Hawaii-Hilo last weekend and beat the Spartans once in a three-game series in San Jose this weekend.

To go along with the recent WAC wins as a team, some individual TCU players have made some noise in conference play lately. Over the past month, a Frog has been named either player or pitcher of the week four times.

Senior first baseman Mark Hamilton has garnered player of the week honors twice, and senior Shawn Thompson and junior Chris Bradshaw have each collected pitcher of the week recognition.

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Team leaders

Statistics as of Monday:

- Batting average: .404, Mark Hamilton
- Home runs: 8, Hamilton
- Runs batted in: 38, Hamilton
- Wins: 5, Shawn Thompson
- ERA: 3.30, David Tombrella
- Strikeouts: 60, Thompson

NBA playoffs explained — A-Z, the meaning of it all

The NBA postseason is under way and with it comes success stories and heartbreaks. Here is an alphabetical guide to this year's playoffs and what it all means:

The Answer — Allen Iverson can single-handedly lead the Philadelphia 76ers to the second round, but after that the rest of the team will have to start producing points.

Bird — Larry Bird, the coach for the Indiana Pacers, provides the aging team with the most motivation in the final year of his short coaching stint.

Camby and Carter — Marcus

Camby and Toronto Raptors head coach Butch Carter provide the first off-court drama of the playoffs. Camby called his former coach a liar, and Carter quickly countered with a ridiculous defamation suit.

Duncan — The question of San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan's health remains the most pressing issue of the playoffs. The Spurs pose the greatest challenge to the Los Angeles Lakers, but San Antonio may not get past the depleted Phoenix Suns without their star player.

Eddie Jones — He is one of the most underrated players in the NBA, playing on the hottest team right now, the Charlotte Hornets. However, their lack of a solid point guard will stop them from reaching the second round.

Free throws — There's a reason they are called free. Clutch free-throw shooting will make or break

a team, no matter how much talent it may have.

The Garden — How much of an impact will Spike Lee and the Madison Square Garden faithful have on Reggie Miller and the Pacers in the Eastern Conference finals? And how much can they affect Vince Carter in his playoff debut? Enough for the Knicks to win.

Hardaway — Without a healthy Tim Hardaway, the Miami Heat won't have a chance at the NBA Finals. And the prognosis on Timmy isn't very good.

Intangibles — The X-factor of each series, which defines a team's motivation and desire to keep its season alive.

Jackson, Phil — The Zen Master and Lakers' coach wins championships wherever he coaches.

Kidd — When the Spurs and Suns play, we'll see whether Jason Kidd or Duncan is most vital to his

team's success.

Lottery — The upcoming draft (a.k.a. the Kenyon Martin sweepstakes) — That's all the 13 non-playoff teams have to look forward to.

Mailman — Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone refuses to show any effects of aging, as evidenced by his 50-point performance in Game One against the Sonics.

Nielsen — As in the low TV ratings the playoffs will get in the post-Michael Jordan era.

O'Neal — Shaq will win this year's Most Valuable Player award by a wider margin than Jordan won any of his.

Portland — If the Trail Blazers couldn't fulfill their limitless potential in the regular season, don't count on it happening now.

Quickness — The age-old question of size versus speed again rears its ugly head. Shaq and Kobe Bryant make a perfect combo.

Rose — Without any fanfare, Jalen Rose has become the best player for the top-seeded Pacers in the Eastern Conference.

Stockton — Jazz point guard John Stockton continues to produce as he nears the end of his career, but I don't think he's capable of performing at a championship caliber anymore.

Triangle — The offensive set that led the Bulls through their dynasty and is now the guiding force behind the Lakers.

Ugly — The way that the majority of the defensive-minded games will be played, especially in the East.

Vin-sanity — The craze that Vince Carter has started as he was deemed the most recent heir to Jordan's throne. Carter will prove he is for real, but he doesn't have the talent around him.

West — Whoever wins the West Conference will win it all.

X — Come on, there aren't even 10 words that start with the letter.

Youth — Will young guys like Jason Williams and Kevin Garnett lead their teams to playoff success?

Zo — The NBA's top defensive player hopes to lead the Heat to their first Finals appearance (see Hardaway).

In the Finals, expect the Lakers to pummel the Knicks in five games, with Shaq manhandling the playoff-weary Patrick Ewing and Glen Rice gunning down Allan Houston as the top sniper from behind the arc. Also, Kobe will outplay Latrell Sprewell, who will learn to keep his hands and his chokes to himself.

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Chargers' manager retires

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Ever the non-conformist, Bobby Beathard surfed off into his endless summer on Tuesday, retiring as general manager of the San Diego Chargers even though he thinks the team will return to the playoffs.

"It's on my own terms," Beathard said. The laid-back Beathard, still an avid surfer at 63, was dressed as he often is, in a polo shirt, shorts and running shoes.

Beathard, who built Super Bowl teams on both coasts during his 37-year NFL career, has come under increasing criticism in recent years over many of his player acquisitions. One of his legacies will be mortgaging the club's future in order to take quarterback Ryan Leaf with the second overall pick in the 1998 draft.

Leaf has been nothing but trouble to the Chargers, both on and off the field. In No-

vember, Leaf cursed Beathard, drawing a four-game suspension. Beathard said Leaf's escapades didn't lead to him leaving with two years left on his contract.

Beathard is leaving now for several reasons. One is he wants to spend more time with his wife, Christine, and their four children and 12 grandchildren, who are scattered throughout the country.

"I thought really the best time to do it is now," Beathard said. "There are a lot of things Christine and I want to do."

Beathard also is comfortable with the direction the team is heading under popular coach Mike Riley, who got the Chargers to 8-8 last year after they had won a total of nine games the previous two years.

"I think they're going to make the playoffs," Beathard said. "But I'll have fun. I'll be sitting up there drinking a beer and watching the game. And I'll be thrilled to death for them."

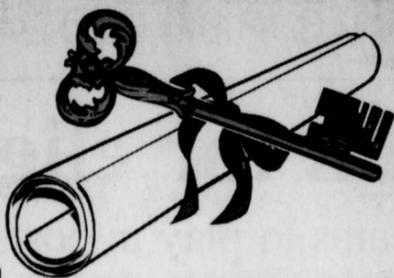
Coliseum face-lift



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The basketball court at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum is undergoing a face-lift for TCU's entrance into Conference USA in 2001. Work crews are in the final stages of painting the floor.

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'You see, the true essence is ...'



Byron Gordon, a senior music major, and Natalie Pennel look at a photo taken by Katie Sweet at the Bachelor of Fine Arts Senior Exhibition located in the Moudy Building North.

BUSINESS

From Page 1

political science, said he does not consider the university a business because it does not always put finances first. "There are certainly things at the university that aren't cost-effective," Riddlesperger said. "Some faculty members don't teach very many students, but they add to the richness of the university. The library doesn't produce revenue, but it's important. Some things just have to do with the educational quality."

Mark Thistlethwaite, the Kimbell chair of the art history department, said the university differs from a business in that it fund raises, while a business raises prices.

However, members of the TCU Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition to \$390 an hour for next year.

Thistlethwaite said the American culture has become increasingly business-driven.

A professor of humanities, who wishes not to be identified, said treating the university like a business has become a trend in higher education because university leaders are coming in from business fields rather than liberal arts.

"Chancellors and presidents of universities have been hired for their expertise in raising money," the professor said. "Our chancellor was hired for his business acumen."

According to the TCU Web site, Chancellor Michael Ferrari has a doctorate in business administration from Michigan State University.

The competition

William Moncrief, interim dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said trying to keep up with the competition keeps the university acting like a business and puts many resources into marketing. Competition has increased from online universities, industries doing their own training and international universities, he said.

"You have to try to give a better product than your competitors," Moncrief said.

Dee Dodson, director of development communication, said TCU has to compete with the many organizations, institutions and businesses that are sending out communications hoping to gain support from the public.

"We're essentially competing with Nike in getting our message across," Dodson said.

Selling the university

Kelli Horst, director of communi-

cations, said, "Marketing is a scary word in a university setting because that's what corporations do."

But Dodson said it is important that the community understands the positive things TCU is doing, such as the education department's mentoring program.

"I think we have to sell the university at all times, letting people know about the good things at TCU," Dodson said. "In development, we're constantly trying to interest people in our projects. So many people want to change the world, and they feel they can do that through education."

Moncrief said marketers have to have a product they believe in.

Thistlethwaite said when embracing a business mode, the university has to be careful not to go overboard.

"Does that mean you have specials on classes?" Thistlethwaite said. "Or are students coming back and saying, 'I want my money back because it's not the product I thought it would be'? It changes the whole pursuit of knowledge. Fundamentally, it moves away from the liberal arts tradition of exploring knowledge and ideas."

Thistlethwaite said a student looking at courses asks, "What good is this going to do me?" instead of pursuing other areas.

Mike Sacken, a professor of education, said he depends on the administration to market so he does not have to.

"I don't have to sell me," Sacken said. "The only way I can do that is if the administration does their job well. I'm glad if they can sell me. I'm proud of what I can do."

Sacken said the increase in marketing will bring in better students, which will improve his teaching.

Students as clients and products

Some administrators said students are the main "clients" TCU tries to serve.

"Students are our primary customers," Horst said. "Our product is educated graduates who go out into the world."

Dick Hoban, assistant treasurer, said he thinks TCU is sensitive to the main clients — students and their parents.

"We've contracted with them to give them the best possible education and the highest possible resources available," Hoban said.

Sacken said the faculty does not want to treat students as clients.

"I depend on the administration to be a business, so I don't have to be a business," Sacken said. "My relationship with my students is not driven by a business norm."

Thistlethwaite said treating students like customers changes the faculty/student relationships.

"It's supposed to be based on explorations and helping students develop skills," Thistlethwaite said.

Customer service

Sacken said trying to meet the desires of students often drives the university in business directions. A good example is seen in the recent formation of the TCUglobalcenter, he said.

Ferrari said, "Every student here is responsible for investing \$16,000 a year. They want to be sure they have a dividend, that they're getting their value's worth."

Sacken said he does not want anyone to put a price tag on his teaching. He said he does not want to be put in the following situation:

"There's an investment of \$36,000 in me per class," Sacken said. "I need to put on a \$36,000 show. I have to be worth \$36,000."

Moncrief said the university tries to recognize the needs and wants of students. Starting the e-business degree came about by student requests, he said.

A balancing act

Moncrief said the university cannot ignore the business side, or it will not be able to educate effectively.

Hoban said revenue and expenses are associated with academic programming at TCU.

However, Riddlesperger said, TCU's purpose is not to make a profit.

"We're about educating people — that's our bottom line," Riddlesperger said.

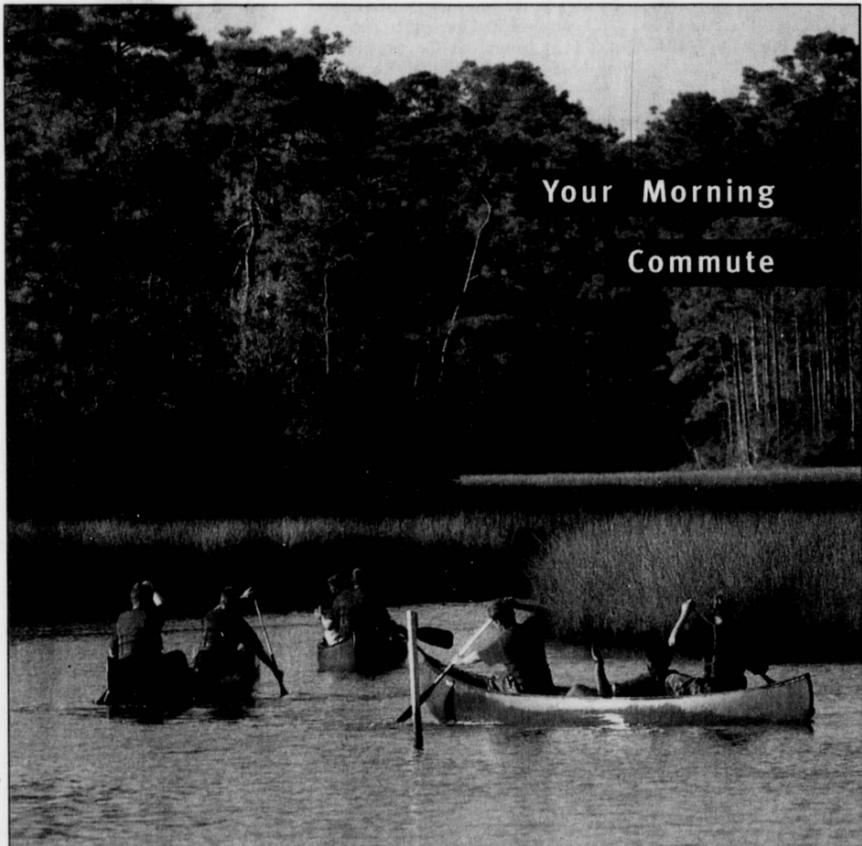
Dodson said it's important that TCU maintains its endowment, garners the support of alumni and the community to run the university efficiently.

"We've been fortunate that we have leaders who value the intellectual mission of the university while taking care of the practical aspects," Dodson said. "It's always a balance. We need money for the things we need and want to do."

Others said they do not want to see business practices override education.

"For me, I would hope that making the university more like a business is not going to distract from the university's fundamental mission of education," Thistlethwaite said. "To make that place exist, you have to run it in a business sense. Melding those two worlds without losing something of each is a real challenge."

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Baseball, time travel mix in 'Frequency'

Father, son communicate to save lives

By Matt Cronson
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The new time-travel movie "Frequency" spirits us back to a legendary moment in baseball history — October 1969.

As the Miracle Mets are sweeping the World Series, something even more miraculous is happening elsewhere in Queens. New York City firefighter Frank Sullivan (Dennis Quaid) is talking by ham radio with his son, who is sitting in the same chair 30 years in the future.

A bizarre solar disturbance, so powerful that it makes the northern lights visible in New York, has allowed the two to communicate through time rather than space.

It seems unbelievable at first. But the son, John, is able to prove to his father what is going on by calling the World Series, play-by-play, before it happens.

John (Jim Caviezel) has grown up in the shadow of tragedy. On Oct. 12, 1969, his father was killed in a warehouse fire, and John has never recovered. He stumbles through life, drinking Bushmills from the bottle and pondering what could have been.

It doesn't take John long to figure out what he needs to do. By warning his father of what is to come, he may be able to save the old man's life and cure his own despair.

But when he does prevent his father's death, the consequences ripple through the past, visiting other horrors on their lives. Working together, separated by three decades, the father and son struggle to set things right. Their mission: to stop a serial killer before he murders someone close to them both.

"Frequency" is a movie of, for and about guys. It has baseball, firefighting, homicidal maniacs and time travel, for goodness' sake.

But deep in its heart, "Frequency" also cherishes those shaky, washed-out old home movies of family barbecues and days at the beach.

This makes for some unavoidable father-son heart-to-hearts, of course. But they aren't too excruciating, and they are more than offset by fiery action sequences that reek of adrenaline and testosterone.

Quaid and Caviezel both pull off the Queens shtick without a hitch, and Andre Braugher is a natural as (what else?) a homicide detective. Noah Emmerich (brother of writer Toby) plays John's lifelong pal Gordo.

The script is the first effort of Toby Emmerich, an executive at New Line, the studio that made the film. But this is no vanity project.

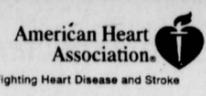
"Frequency" plays ingenious games with the latest theoretical physics, speculating on how parallel universes may be linked up and what might happen as we jump between them. It feels exhilarating as it whips back and forth from future to past without leaving us behind.

In a cameo, theoretical physicist Brian Greene explains the science behind this fiction. Superstring theory, you see, suggests that there may be 10 or more dimensions in the universe. And more than one of them may be time dimensions.

So maybe you could send information backwards in one time dimension by shooting it through another. But if there were some phenomenon allowing such a thing, solar flares wouldn't be powerful enough to trigger it. It would take something along the lines of a black hole.

No matter. The science is merely a setup for director Gregory Hoblit, who has turned the script into an intense and entertaining thriller.

"Frequency" is rated PG-13.



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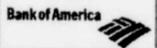
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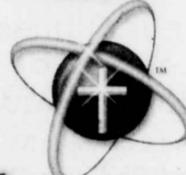
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Nebraska 'partial-birth' abortion law raises Supreme Court concerns

By Richard Carell
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In the Supreme Court's most important abortion case since 1992, six of the nine justices voiced concern Tuesday over a Nebraska law, similar to those in 29 other states, banning a surgical procedure opponents call "partial-birth abortion."

The emotional issue of abortion returned to the nation's highest court with noisy sidewalk demonstrations outside the courtroom hearing.

"The state interest here is drawing a bright line between abortion and infanticide," Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg argued in seeking reinstatement of a law that made it a crime for doctors to perform partial-birth abortions.

Decision expected by late June, but not without controversy, some say

But Simon Heller, representing a Nebraska doctor, said none of the state's purported interests "is sufficient to override ... a woman's interest in her health and bodily integrity."

The Nebraska law, he said, is "so broadly written it could prohibit most second-trimester abortions" and lead to making all abortions "more dangerous for women."

Questions and comments from two key justices — Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. Kennedy — indicated concern over the state law's sweep.

O'Connor noted that the procedure Stenberg said was the target of Nebraska's ban "may be very similar to a type of abortion used far more often

Partial-birth abortion is not a medical term. Doctors call the method dilation and extraction, or D&X, because it involves partially extracting a fetus, legs first, from the uterus into the birth canal, where the skull is cut and its contents drained.

A more common procedure is dilation and evacuation, or D&E, in which an arm or leg of a live fetus may be pulled into the birth canal during the abortion operation.

Calling both methods "gruesome," O'Connor asked Stenberg, "Do you take the position that the state of Nebraska could also prohibit D&E abortions for pre-viability pregnancies?"

When Stenberg said he did not

take that position "for purposes of this case," O'Connor shot back, "It is difficult to read the statute and think that is so."

Justices David H. Souter, John Paul Stevens, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer seemed to doubt the Nebraska law's constitutionality.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Antonin Scalia, who along with Justice Clarence Thomas voted in 1992 to let states ban all abortions, were clearly more sympathetic to the Nebraska law.

Scalia discussed the "horror" of D&X abortions, which he repeatedly described as taking "a living, unborn

child" from the uterus and "killing that unborn child."

The 1992 ruling — the court's most recent major abortion decision — reaffirmed the core holding of the court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision. That landmark ruling said women have a constitutional right to end their pregnancies.

But Ginsburg interrupted to say Nebraska's law — unlike the waiting period — is not aimed at protecting a woman's health or fetal life. "This law seems out of the bounds that this court has set for pre-viability regulation," she said.

Past abortion rulings make clear that states can take numerous steps to

protect a viable fetus, one able to survive outside the uterus. Viability generally occurs sometime around the sixth month of pregnancy.

Outside the court, abortion rights advocates and abortion rights opponents braved a driving rainstorm as they tried to outdo each other with signs and slogans. Police arrested 23 abortion rights opponents who ignored orders to remove signs that were larger than a federal regulation allows.

The court's decision is expected by late June, but the debate over partial-birth abortions already has played a role in presidential politics.

The Clinton administration is asking the court to strike down Nebraska's law. The president twice vetoed similar federal bans enacted by Congress.

Bush selects Cheney to head VP search

By Glen Johnson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTON, Ohio — Tapping a prominent figure from his father's administration, George W. Bush selected former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney on Tuesday to head his vice presidential selection team.

"I trust Dick Cheney's judgment; I know his character," Bush said. "It's obviously an important decision for me, and I can't think of a better person to work with on making that decision."

Bush, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, said he hasn't made any list of potential prospects and Cheney's service as chairman would not disqualify him from being selected himself.

"No lists yet, but it is the beginning

of the list," the Texas governor said.

Bush said the main qualification for his running mate would be "somebody who can be president of the United States." In the past, he has also said he wants his vice president to share his government philosophy.

Asked whether he might be leaning toward a woman or perhaps a Washington outsider, the governor replied: "They're all equally important as I stand here today."

Cheney suggested he would cast a wide net.

"Fortunately, there are many good candidates to choose from in our party," Cheney said in a statement. "We will look at them all. And we will make sure we have the best ticket possible this fall."

U.N. group accuses Russia of violations

Human rights' resolution attacks disproportionate, indiscriminate use of military force

By Naomi Koppel
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GENEVA — The top U.N. human rights body accused Russia of widespread violations in Chechnya in a sudden and unexpected show of decisiveness Tuesday.

The resolution, sponsored by the European Union, attacked "disproportionate and indiscriminate use of Russian military force, including attacks against civilians." It also expressed concern at "serious crimes and abuses" committed by Chechen forces.

The 53-nation Human Rights Commission called on the Russian government to establish a commission of inquiry and asked a series of U.N. human rights experts to un-

dertake missions to Chechnya. But it stopped short of demands by human rights organizations that the world body set up its own probe.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 25 to 7 with 19 abstentions. Joining Russia in voting against the resolution were China, Cuba, the Republic of Congo, India, Madagascar and Sri Lanka.

The criticism of a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council was an unusual move for the commission, which last week failed even to vote on a motion attacking China's human rights record.

The vote came after negotiations between the EU and the Russian delegation failed to come up with

an agreed statement. It took U.N. officials by surprise. They had expected the debate to be adjourned until today to allow discussions to continue.

"Unfortunately, the Russian Federation was not in a position to accept the minimum that this commission must ask for when seriously addressing human rights and international humanitarian law in Chechnya," said Portuguese Ambassador Alvaro de Mendonca e Moura, speaking for the EU.

Russia sent troops into Chechnya for a second time last September after militants based in the territory invaded the neighboring region of Dagestan. Chechens also are blamed for four apartment

bombings in Russia in September that killed 300 people.

The United States and the EU have been sharply critical of what they call excessive use of force by Russian troops, widespread civilian suffering and reports of human rights abuses in the campaign against Chechen separatists.

Russian Ambassador Vasily Sidorov said the resolution failed to take account of the serious danger to human rights posed by terrorists in Chechnya. He said it showed "absolutely no understanding of what human rights means."

"Armed bandits have unleashed a war against the whole peaceful population of Chechnya," Sidorov said.

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TELL me about it

Girlfriend may not appreciate partner's porn; boyfriend needs to grow up

by Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn:
I am a 24-year-old male with a sizable pornography collection (more due to being a pack rat than spending any large amounts of money on it). Even though I have a steady girlfriend, I keep it in a sealed box in my closet. My girlfriend is not aware of the size of this collection, although I have made no efforts to conceal it from her. (It is sealed because I haven't opened it since moving into my new apartment a few months ago.)

However, I am certain that at some point, the issue is going to come up. My liking of pornography has nothing to do with any dissatisfaction with her, anymore

than going out to a restaurant when she's away is a reflection on her cooking. How wrong am I to keep it?

— Ohio

It depends on how wrong your restaurant analogy is, which depends on your girlfriend's view of pornography. If she's one to say, "I'm sick of cooking, let's go rent a porno," you're probably in the clear.

For me, though, the correct analogy would be: Your taste for porn doesn't reflect on me anymore than your eating worms out in the yard reflects on my cooking. Just don't expect a kiss on the mouth.

I'll spare you the porn-is-demeaning speech because that's beside the

point. What a cute adolescent you'd make, and what a strangely sad adult. Yes, people do have a powerful, even sexual, response to images. But, frankly, real men have better taste. Lose the box.

Dear Carolyn:

Am I an awful person, a jerk or just an idiot?

I love my boyfriend, and he loves me, but I think he may be going nowhere fast. We started college together. I graduated a few years ago, but he is still an undergrad. It has been 6 1/2 years, but he is in the same position he was when I met him.

How long should a woman wait around to see what her man is go-

ing to do with his life? Should it even matter?

— Peg

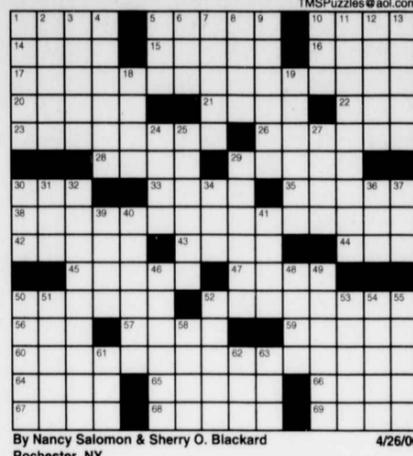
Jerk! No, idiot! Awful idiot jerk person! It's like reading a dinner menu — I'm paralyzed by all my options.

But you're none of the above. Yet. Six-and-a-half years seems like more than ample time to conclude that your boyfriend is not what we call a "doer" — and to keep waiting for him to miraculously become one is to veer dangerously doofus-ward. He is the way he is. Do you like that or not?

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
1 Undersized
5 Finger or toe
10 Thessaly peak
14 Leigh Hunt's "Ben Adhem"
15 Antilles island
16 Chinese poet
17 Executive's climb?
20 Clearwater's neighbor
21 Fricassee
22 Siamese or Persian, e.g.
23 With 52A, Led Zeppelin's climb?
26 Most of North Africa
28 Isaac's eldest
29 Black tea
30 Slice of a circle
33 Danube feeder
35 Borden bovine
38 John Boy's climb?
42 Hall-of-Fame pitcher Warren



By Nancy Salomon & Sherry O. Blackard
Rochester, NY 4/26/00

TODAY'S menu

THE MAIN

- Lunch**
Grilled ham & cheese
Chicken enchiladas
Roast turkey and trimmings
Nacho bar
- Dinner**
Cajun cod
Rosemary chicken
London broil
French fry bar

WORTH HILLS

- Lunch**
Big Matt sandwich
Chicken Caesar salad
Enchiladas
- Dinner**
"Steak night"
Barbecue chicken

EDEN'S GREENS

- Lunch**
"Planet healthy special"
Grilled fresh mahi mahi
Veggie curry over couscous

FROGBYTES

- Sizzlin' salads (late night)

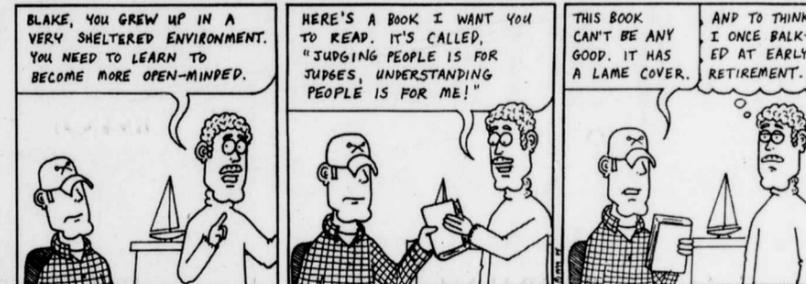
Rudy

by Aaron Brown



Lex

by Phil Flickinger



Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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| 44 Make free (of) | 6 One Gershwin | RAVE | TUTU | ATOLL |
| 45 Actress Della | 7 Having pluck | AREA | ORAL | SHOAL |
| 47 Infield cover, briefly | 8 Skeptic's comment | GERMAN | SHEPHERD | S |
| 50 Pedestal's base | 9 "Honor Thy Father" author | ZEE | EEL | |
| 52 See 23A | 10 Over the hill | JABOT | S | ACTS |
| 56 Long, long time | 11 "Your Show of Shows" co-star | ADOBE | SCAR | ERIN |
| 57 Solomon | 12 Stalk of asparagus | MEXICAN | HAIR | LESS |
| 59 Change "captain" to "cap'n," e.g. | 13 Principal artery | ALAE | LIEN | ABCDE |
| 60 Scholar's climb? | 14 Crew's tools | LAS | ALPS | STATOR |
| 64 Pismires | 15 Stop sleeping | ADO | EPI | |
| 65 This bud's on you? | 16 Farm wagon | IRISH | WOLF | HOUNDS |
| 66 Burpee kernel | 17 Sydney citizen, informally | SENSE | DALE | FOOL |
| 67 Young girl | 18 Lickety-split | LATER | OMAR | OOZE |
| 68 Editorial directives | 19 Sympathetic exclamations | EMOTE | RATE | SKEW |
| 69 Sleep fitfully | 20 Utter sharply | 41 Jazz state? | 53 MTV play | |
| | 21 Licorice sticks | 46 Changes gears | 54 Outer limits | |
| | 22 Morning hrs. | 48 Virginia dance | 55 Has to have | |
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'Gladiator'

Universal/DreamWorks Pictures
May 5

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Action flicks to flood summer box offices

By David Reese
STAFF REVIEWER

The summer movies are starting early this year, May 5 to be exact. The long-awaited Ridley Scott film, titled "Gladiator," starring Oscar nominee Russell Crowe ("The Insider"), looks to be the first film to set the summer box office on track. Tom Cruise, Samuel L. Jackson, John Travolta, Jim Carrey, Mel Gibson, Eddie Murphy, Clint Eastwood and Matt Damon are just a few of the actors who will be bringing movies to a theater near you this summer.

It seems as though it will be another summer filled with blockbusters, including Travolta's "Battlefield Earth" (May 12) and the highly anticipated return of the "Mission Impossible" series starring Cruise and directed by John Woo of "Face/Off" and "Broken Arrow" fame (May 24). The high-profile comic book adaptation of "X-Men" starring Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Halle Berry and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos will be released on July 14. Oscar winners Nicolas Cage ("Leaving Las Vegas") and Angelina Jolie ("Girl, Interrupted") are "Gone in 60 Seconds" on June 9.

If action is not your cup of tea, but you like to have your tummy tickled, many high-profile comedies will be featured. Murphy brings lovable Sherman Klump back in "The Nutty Professor 2: The Klumps," also starring Janet Jackson in her first role since 1993's "Poetic Justice." Carrey and girlfriend Renee Zellweger ("Jerry Maguire") star in "Me, Myself, and Irene" directed by "There's Something About Mary" creators, the Farrelly brothers. Jackie Chan, Sammo Hung (CBS' "Martial Law") and Lucy Liu ("Ally McBeal") star in an action, comedy and western film titled "Shanghai Noon." Shawn and Marlon Wayans star, and Keenan Ivory Wayans directs in a "Scream" comedy spoof, "Scary Movie," expected on July 7.

The family film market has slim pickings this summer. "Titan AE" (June 16), with the voices of Damon, Drew Barrymore and Nathan Lane, may whet appetites, as may the live-action and animated film of "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle," starring Jason Alexander ("Seinfeld"), Rene Russo ("The Thomas Crown Affair") and Robert DeNiro, opening June 30. Peter Fonda, Alec Baldwin and

Mara Wilson ("Mrs. Doubtfire") head the cast of "Thomas and the Magic Railroad," which I assume will have the best shot at attracting the family audience, on July 14.

For all of those romantics out there, I do not think this is your summer. Julia Roberts has already made her big film of the year, and her next one is not due until late 2000 or early 2001 ("The Mexican," also starring Brad Pitt). But for all of those love-crazed movie watchers, movies with underlying romantic plots will include on-again, off-again real-life lovers Gwyneth Paltrow and Ben Affleck in Affleck's film, "Bounce," which arrives on July 28. Freddie Prinze Jr. will star in the teen romance "Boys and Girls" on June 2. Affleck's best friend, Damon, is a triple threat this summer. Besides his voice featured in "Titan AE," he will star in "All the Pretty Horses" and the Robert Redford-directed "The Legend of Bagger Vance," co-starring Will Smith.

All in all, what the summer movie season brings us is nothing new: a little comedy, a little romance and a lot of action. I'm really not too excited about any movies except for "Mission Impossible 2" and the Paltrow-Affleck film, only due to the fact that Paltrow is starring, of course. Below are some of the summer movies and release dates, which are subject to change at any time:

- May 5**
"Gladiator" starring Russell Crowe (Drama/Action)
- May 12**
"Battlefield Earth" starring John Travolta (Sci-fi/Action)
- May 24**
"Mission Impossible 2" starring Tom Cruise (Action/Adventure/Mystery)
- May 26**
"Shanghai Noon" starring Jackie Chan (Action/Western)
- June 2**
"All the Pretty Horses" starring Matt Damon (Drama/Western)
"Boys and Girls" starring Freddie Prinze Jr. (Comedy)
"Love's Labour's Lost" starring Kenneth Branagh (Romance/Musical)



'Duets'

Buena Vista Pictures
June 16



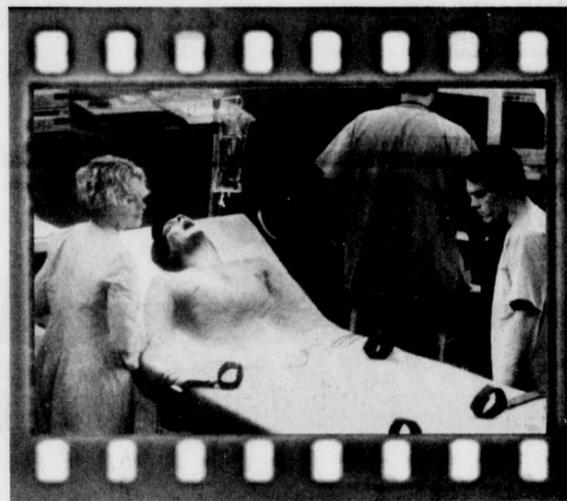
'Titan AE'

Twentieth Century Fox
June 16



'The Legend of Bagger Vance'

DreamWorks Pictures
Aug. 4



'The Hollow Man'

Columbia Pictures
July 28



'What Lies Beneath'

DreamWorks Pictures
July 28



'The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle'

Universal Pictures
June 30

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