

10 Days

The last 10 days have proven to be a lesson for China and the United States on foreign relations.

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Cheers and Challenges

Carl Long, a graduate student, has had to overcome many obstacles to reach his current status.

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Fort Worth, Texas

U.S. crew to return home

Status of plane still uncertain

By Ron Fournier
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Wednesday he expects an American spy plane's crew to be released promptly as part of a deal in which the administration said it was "very sorry" that the aircraft landed on Chinese soil after a crash that killed a Chinese fighter pilot.

"This has been a difficult situation for both countries," Bush said on the 11th day of the standoff that threatened U.S.-Chinese relations. Bush and a U.S. letter outlining the deal stopped short of issuing a full apology or accepting blame for the collision, two points sought by the Chinese.

With plans under way for the release of 24 servicemen and women, Bush said, "We are working on arrangements to pick them up and

bring them home."

A senior administration official said the White House expected the crew to be released late Wednesday, noting that it would take several hours to get a U.S. plane to Hainan island, the crew boarded and aircraft fueled. A U.S. government-chartered commercial airliner left Guam en route to Hainan and was due to arrive there in early evening, Washington time, a government official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The spy plane's future was murky, however. The letter said, "development of a plan for prompt return of the EP-3 aircraft" would be one of several topics taken up at a joint meeting April 18.

"Obviously, the return of the crew has been our No. 1 priority from the

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Daniel Chia/SENIOR ARTIST

NCAA mends rules

Student-athletes to see financial incentives

By Matt Stiver
SKIFF STAFF

With college athletes defecting to the professional ranks in record numbers, the NCAA Management Council approved rule changes Tuesday night that will allow athletes in certain sports to benefit financially while enrolled in school.

Athletics Director Eric Hyman said the changes are reasonable.

"It's a huge leap forward from these changes (to actually paying athletes)," Hyman said. "I don't see that happening at all. They are all within the bounds and spirit of amateurism. Ultimately, a balance must be struck between the classroom and the athletic field. These rules don't upset that balance."

The changes will allow current student-athletes to secure NCAA-sanctioned loans and disability insurance, conduct private lessons for compensation, enter professional drafts without losing eligibility and receive expanded Operation Gold, which allows athletes to earn award money based on place of finish in international events, such as the Olympics. The council also approved legislation further regulations on men's and women's basketball.

The rule changes will now face the NCAA General Assembly in October. If the assembly approves, the rules will become law.

In addition, the management council also approved rules affecting "pre-enrolled" high school students that will be subject to a 90-day review period. The pending legislation would allow athletes to compete in athletic events with professionals, sign contracts and accept prize money without losing NCAA eligibility.

"There must be strong concerns, otherwise they would have passed by now," Hyman said.

The loan, lesson and draft rule changes potentially will have the greatest impact on collegiate athletics, which for more than a century has triumphed the virtues of the amateur athlete.

The NCAA approved a program under which certain athletes could secure as much as \$20,000 in loans based on "potential earnings" and expanded an existing program, allowing athletes to take out insurance policies against injury their senior year. Under the new rule, athletes no longer must pay the premiums of their insurance policies. To qualify for the loan, the athlete would also have to take disability insurance in the event that injury hinders repayment. Both changes would take effect August 1, 2002.

Marc Evans, director of compliance, said the athletes would file loan applications with their university's compliance office, which would then

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Law school may need improvements

Simply changing name of institution won't bring prestige, some say

By Melissa DeLoach
SENIOR REPORTER

Tracey Sowards, a TCU alumna, said she applied to South Texas College of Law in Houston, because the trial advocacy programs are some of the best in the nation.

However, if TCU had a law school at the time, she said she would have applied there right away.

"There are so many reasons why I would have stayed," she said. "I love Fort Worth. My friends and family are close by, and my experience as an undergraduate was amazing. It would have been great to expand on my relationships with professors and staff."

Sowards is not alone in her thinking.

If TCU was to acquire Texas Wesleyan University School of Law or start its own law school, the impact on the university and the Dallas/Fort Worth area would be vast, said Daniel Wright, a second-year law student at Wesleyan.

"Everyone knows TCU," he said. "It has a good reputation in the community and also a strong national reputation. Everyone (at Wesleyan) would appreciate having a larger school."

"We're at a point where a move would benefit

everyone involved. A law school would add to the prestige of TCU and in turn the name change might give us a second (look) at being considered for a job."

According to *U.S. News and World Report*, only 62 percent of 1999 Wesleyan law graduates were employed before graduation. Nine months later, only 68 percent of the graduates were employed.

Christopher Schell, a senior at Southern Methodist University, said simply changing the name of the law school is not enough. He said he learned about the possible acquisition when he visited Wesleyan's law school two weeks ago.

If TCU is going to acquire Wesleyan, he said that the university must do it soon, while the program is still young.

"You can name (Wesleyan law school) whatever you want, but slapping a new name on the front of the building will take time for the staff, community, students and alumni to accept," he said.

Ann Arnold, a former Wesleyan alumni board member and author of the book "The Fort Worth Legal Community," said Fort Worth has a need for a law school that offers a flexible curriculum of day and evening classes. According to her research, Wesleyan is the only law school in the area that of-

fers classes for parttime students in the day and evening. SMU's law school is a daytime program.

"A lot of students who go to Wesleyan are those who work during the day and take classes at night," she said. "(SMU) keeps people who are working fulltime from attending."

"Additionally, because the SMU curriculum is lockstepped, businessmen who would like to further their education by taking law courses are unable," she said.

If TCU is considering Wesleyan or starting from scratch, these things need to be considered, she said.

Another factor to consider is Wesleyan's bar-passage rate, Sowards said. According to *US News and World Report*, only 65.5 percent of 1999 Wesleyan law students passed the Texas State Bar Examination.

"If TCU is going to acquire the school, it is going to have to start recruiting top faculty and make a lot of internal changes to bring the bar passage rates up," she said. "Because the scores are low, the overall reputation of the school is low."

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Texas law school's bar-passage rates, according to U.S. News and World Report
(Texas' overall passage rate is 81 percent).

Baylor University	88.6% (second-tier)
University of Houston	89.2% (first-tier)
St. Mary's University	63.0% (fourth-tier)
South Texas College of Law	82.1% (fourth-tier)
Southern Methodist University	80.5% (first-tier)
University of Texas-Austin	93.9% (first-tier)
Texas Southern University	N/A (fourth-tier)
Texas Tech University	93.4% (fourth-tier)
Texas Wesleyan University	65.5% (fourth-tier)

Law school's bar-passage rates, according to U.S. News and World Report

First-tier schools	
Stanford University	92.8%
University of Colorado-Boulder	96.5%
Colorado	
Vanderbilt University	92.5%
Tennessee	
Second-tier schools	
Lewis and Clark College	78.8%
Oregon	
University of Georgia	91.8%
Georgia	
University of Hawaii	79.4%
Hawaii	
Third-tier schools	
Drake University	81.8%
Iowa	
Loyola University	69.2%
Louisiana	
Pepperdine University	61/1%
California	
Fourth-tier schools	
Northern Kentucky University	85.3%
Kentucky	
Quinnipiac University	76.2%
Connecticut	
University of Tulsa	73.4%
Oklahoma	

Law school talks resemble past cases

By Chris Gibson
SKIFF STAFF

In 1992, the financially strapped University of Bridgeport sold its law school to Quinnipiac College in a deal reportedly worth close to \$6 million.

At the time, Bridgeport officials saw the selling of the law school as a possible way to climb out of a financial hole the school had been digging for years, according to a series of reports by *The New York Times* from fall 1991 to August 1992.

The situation at Bridgeport mirrors that of Texas Wesleyan University.

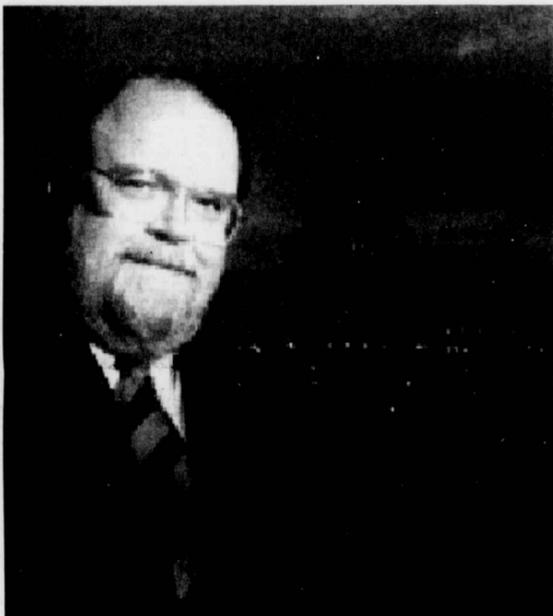
Financial problems were affecting Bridgeport's overall accreditation. The law school's accreditation by the American Bar Association was also in jeopardy due to the financial problems. As a result, law school officials had an excuse to seek a more stable home, according to *The New York Times*.

It was unclear Wednesday whether the Texas Wesleyan Law School's ABA accreditation was in jeopardy, but the school's recent financial troubles have been topics of discussion throughout the Fort Worth community.

Texas Wesleyan was put on probation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for dipping into its endowment to supplement its budget. Recently, officials from Wesleyan announced the layoffs of university employees and the decision to drop its athletic status from NCAA Division II to Division III, eliminating all athletic scholarships.

In 1991, Bridgeport requested that Superior Court Judge Joette Katz release \$2.5 million of its restricted endowment to meet its payroll. It dropped many of its undergraduate

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Special to the Skiff
Joseph Lake, current director of international affairs for the city of Dallas, will be speaking today at 2 p.m. in Beasley Hall, Room 5.

Alumnus to speak on U.S., China standoff, relations

Lake says U.S. tends to simplify issues

By Julie Ann Matonis
STAFF REPORTER

Regardless of who is to blame for the recent collision of an American spy plane and a Chinese fighter jet over the South China Sea, the United States and China seem to have agreed to avoid a confrontation with each other, said TCU alumnus Joseph Lake.

Lake, current director of international affairs for the city of Dallas, will be speaking at 2 p.m. in Beasley Hall, Room 5 about relations between the United States and China.

"There is a tendency to simplify in the United States," Lake said. "I want students to better understand the complexities with China and in international relations."

Mike Xu, assistant professor of Chinese studies, asked Lake to come speak to his Chinese Culture and Civilization class so they could have a better grasp of the current issues between the United States and China. The discussion, titled "Sino-U.S. Standoff and Beyond: Difference in Language and Cultures or More?" is open to the public.

"My intention is to facilitate the process of understanding on the issue of the China-U.S. standoff," Xu said. "Misinformation, misunderstanding and miscommunication will not serve world peace too well."

Xu said relations between the United States and China could affect TCU students, because they are global students.

"TCU is in the process of global-

izing its mission, service and curriculum," Xu said. "Today's global students will become tomorrow's global citizens. China and the United States hold almost half of the world's population and wealth. We can do a lot of good or bad together. The future of some of our students is at stake."

Lake has served as director of the Office of International Affairs in Dallas since 1997. The office promotes internationalization of Dallas by making sure the city competes in the global economy, enhances its international profile, draws on its multi-ethnic heritage and takes advantage of international opportunities.

He said the Dallas-Fort Worth area relies on international trade as an important part of the economy, with cell phones and semiconductors as two important industries. Poor trade relations with China could have tremendous negative potential in our area, Lake said.

"Globalization is not a choice; it's a reality," he said. Lake said students should realize how international relations and trade could impact their daily lives.

"There is almost a one in three chance of getting a job involving international trade," he said. "Some jobs that operate on the international level pay 10 to 15 percent more than other comparable positions."

At age 20, Lake became one of

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Dean candidate visits campus

By Alisha Brown
STAFF REPORTER

Bridging the departments within the College of Communication would be the primary goal of Dan O'Hair, a professor of speech communication from the University of Oklahoma who is on campus this week interviewing for the position of dean of the college.

But O'Hair said allocating avail-

able resources within the college might come down to which department could argue the best case and demonstrate the most need for resources, which could divide the departments.

"I feel that all three disciplines are not so different — they are all focused on messages and meaning and understanding, and I think that it's the dean's job to communicate that as common ground," he said.

O'Hair's two-day interview process with students, faculty, alumni and administrators Wednesday and today will help determine if he is the right candidate for the position, search committee chairman Bill Ryan said.

"We're out to see if his character will mesh well with TCU and if TCU's character will mesh well with him," Ryan said. "These two days will serve as a sort of litmus test."

O'Hair may face challenges coming into the process of acquiring the job of dean for a new college.

The college of Fine Arts and Communication split in fall 1999. Scott Sullivan was hired as dean of the College of Fine Arts on Feb. 10, 2000, and the search for the communication dean has continued since December.

"What any candidate must realize is the weight of his job," Interim

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O'Hair

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 space available.

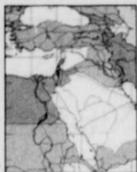
- **Kristina Laurendi Havens MFA thesis exhibition** will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday through April 20 in the Moudy Building North Exhibition Hall.
- **Campus Conversations on Inclusiveness: Action(s)** will be from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center, Room 222.
- **The Neeley Student Resource Center** will be hosting advising workshops from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 134.
- **The Kino Monda World Film Series** will present "Like Water for Chocolate," at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Sid W. Richardson Lecture Hall 1. Admission is free. For more information contact John Singleton at (817) 257-7292.
- **A study skills workshop** on comprehensive study skills will be at 7 p.m. April 23 in Reed Hall, Room 117. Another workshop on final exam preparation will be at 7 p.m. April 24 in Reed Hall, Room 117. The workshops are free and offered by the Center for Academic Services. Bring paper, a pen and your course syllabi.
- **The deadline to reserve rooms in the Student Center for 2001-2002** is April 30. Priority is given to recognized student organizations and university departments but are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservation forms can be printed off the Student Center Web site at (www.sc.tcu.edu) and then faxed to the reservations coordinator at (817) 257-5788.
- **Mortar Board Senior Honor Society and Pi Beta Phi** are co-sponsoring a book drive to benefit the Masonic Home Orphanage's new library. Books for students grades kindergarten to 12th can be donated by placing the books in a box located by the Student Center Information Desk. No textbooks please. For more information contact Sarah Burleson at (817) 920-1822 or Amanda Gunter at (817) 923-8351.
- **The theater department will present "Tartuffe"** at 8 p.m. Wednesday through April 21 and at 2 p.m. April 21 and April 22 at the Hayes Theatre.

WORLD DIGEST



Israeli tanks attack Palestinian refugee camp

KHAN YUNIS REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip — In a first foray into Palestinian territory, Israeli tanks and bulldozers rumbled into this refugee camp early Wednesday, razing or heavily damaging 30 homes and triggering an exchange of fire that killed two Palestinians and wounded more than two dozen.



The assault — retaliation for Palestinian mortar fire on Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip — marked the first time since the outbreak of fighting in the fall that Israeli ground troops entered Palestinian-controlled territory.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said Israel had no interest in reoccupying Palestinian territory.

Palestinian officials called for international intervention and said Israel crossed a red line by re-entering areas under full Palestinian control. Israel troops had withdrawn from two-thirds of Gaza in 1994, as part of interim peace agreements.

The violence threatened U.S. efforts to convene a meeting of Israeli and Palestinian security commanders, slated for later Wednesday.

Residents of the Khan Yunis refugee camp said the Israeli attack began at about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, when several tanks, armored personnel carriers and bulldozers advanced toward the camp as helicopter gunships hovered above. Shells were fired at the camp, drawing Palestinian return fire, witnesses said. The army said Palestinians also fired more mortars at nearby Jewish settlements.

"We started running from our homes ... while they were firing toward us and bulldozers started destroying our homes without giving us a warning, without giving us a chance to take out some clothes and furniture," said camp resident Imad Abu Namous, 42, a father of seven who lost his home in the assault.

By daybreak, hundreds of camp residents were sifting through the rubble. One woman carried a metal tray piled with pots and pans on her head, while a group of men pulled pillows and blankets from the rubble. One man tried to retrieve a ceiling fan still linked by an electric wire to the remains of the ceiling.

Standing in the ruins of his bedroom, a 9-year-old boy picked up bits of red plastic, the remains of a toy fire engine his father had bought him after returning from the hajj, the Muslim pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia, last month. "I lost my only toy car. I hate (the Israelis)," said the boy, Osama Hassouneh.

The mayor of Khan Yunis, Osama Fara, said 15 homes were razed completely and another 15 heav-

ily damaged, leaving hundreds of people homeless.

Powell tours Balkans, meets with ambassadors

PARIS — Secretary of State Colin Powell turned his attention to U.S. policy in the Balkans Wednesday, but his visit to Europe was overshadowed by China's announcement that it would release the U.S. air crew it detained for 11 days.

Powell planned to stress American support for the government of Macedonia, scene of recent violence, but also will caution that "proportionate" force be used in dealing with ethnic unrest there, said a senior administration official traveling with Powell.

The government must address "legitimate grievances and long-standing concerns" of ethnic Albanians in Macedonia, said the official, who briefed reporters on the condition of anonymity.

China's announcement on the air crew came as Powell met with French President Jacques Chirac. He declined to respond to shouted questions from reporters on the development.

Powell aides said he would not speak on the matter until later in the day.

Macedonian officials have accused ethnic Albanians of plotting to split off one part of the country and unite it with neighboring Kosovo.

Ethnic Albanians make up at least a quarter of Macedonia's 2 million people. Ethnic Albanian militants launched a rebellion earlier this year, triggering fears of another Balkan war.

Macedonia declared its independence from the former Yugoslavia in 1991.

The U.S. official said the United States might be willing to provide communications equipment to the government of Macedonia and its military, but that no final decision has yet been made.

Powell was discussing the Balkans' problems in meetings with his French, Russian and British counterparts.

He will visit Macedonia today and on Friday he will tour Bosnia and Kosovo.

Powell's trip is intended to "take a comprehensive look at the country's engagement in the Balkans," the official said.

More than 200 injured in Turkish protests

ANKARA, Turkey — Thousands of Turks clashed with police Wednesday and more than 200 were injured in a protest demanding the resignation of the government amid a crippling financial crisis.

Police fired in the air and used water cannons and tear gas to disperse a crowd of

more than 70,000 after demonstrators threw stones, bricks and pieces of wood at police in downtown Ankara, the capital. The protesters were demanding to be allowed to walk to the parliament building.

Scores of demonstrators, policemen and journalists were injured by flying objects, and many officers were forced to hide behind armored vehicles to protect themselves.

At least 202 people, including 137 police officers, were treated in hospitals, the Anatolia news agency reported. Three people, including one policeman, were reported in serious condition.

A group of demonstrators, most of them shop owners, used a truck to ram into a police armored personnel carrier. Paramilitary police wearing bulletproof vests were called in as reinforcements but were later pulled back.

Demonstrators tore large stones from sidewalks and set up barricades before police finally succeeded in forcing the protesters out of a large square in central Ankara.

Groups of protesters smashed shop windows around Ankara's main square. Scores were being detained by police, who beat demonstrators with nightsticks.

Interior Minister Sadettin Tantan condemned the violence, saying that illegal groups may have infiltrated the demonstration, private television NTV reported. He did not specify which groups, but officials had earlier accused Islamic groups of trying to take advantage of the protests.

Wednesday was the largest protest since the latest economic crisis that has seen the lira fall by more than 40 percent, interest rates skyrocket and a half-million layoffs.

Critics have pointed to the government's reluctance to carry out structural reforms, including restructuring the banking sector and swiftly privatizing key state companies, as the main cause of the crisis.

Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said Wednesday his government had no plans to leave office.

"If they are shouting 'resign,' they also have to provide an alternative," Ecevit said. "I am not going to my chair."

"I do not believe that the search for a new government would help the country, therefore I am staying at my post, and will stay."

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Editorials

POLITICAL GAMES

People need not be used as pawns

The Chinese government agreed Tuesday to return the 24 U.S. crew members who have been held captive since their EP-3 spy plane was forced to make an emergency landing following its collision with a Chinese F-8 fighter jet 10 days ago.

And we all got lucky.

President Bush and his officials survived the stalemate without having to make an official apology for our military's covert operations. The incident ended without need for further military action. No one died. No one on our side was seriously injured. No harm, no foul.

The Chinese government convinced American officials to express their condolences for their dead pilot. They got the world to sit up and take notice. They reminded the American people, without using missiles or manpower, they are still a force to be reckoned with. No harm, no foul.

The America public, despite being caught in the middle of an international affairs mess, too complicated to understand and too much like the Cold War to ignore, is preparing to welcome its newest heroes home. Ten days is a long time if a family member is being held against their will in Communist China. It's a blink in time for most of us. In a few weeks, this "hostage situation" will be forgotten.

But it does raise important questions and resurrect some painful memories about other times in our history when we weren't so fortunate.

When hostages were being held by Lebanese terrorists in the 1980s, the American people sat on pins and needles, waiting to see what would happen next. When the Iran-contra scandal broke in 1985, President Reagan denied knowing anything about the arms-for-hostages trade, and the affair left the American people bitter. Our men had been returned safely. But at what cost?

Although the recent conflict between the United States and China never escalated to the level of the foreign policy debacle of the 1980s, it should remind the Bush administration that diplomacy is not a game of chess, it involves human beings, who are not political pawns.

Keep God out of popular music

Rock 'n' roll has legacy of heresy, holds its own gateway to religion

Throughout the music industry, I'm seeing musicians give mad props to the G-O-D. And indeed, he's all over the pop music map. Faith Hill gets teary about Him on her "Behind the Music" special. Puff Daddy — sorry pal, that's what you'll always be to me — serenaded him (horrendously) on "My Best Friend." Limp Bizkit, of all people, gave a shout-out to the "big fella" in the liner notes of their "Significant Other." Lauryn Hill name-dropped the "man upstairs" so much he might as well have gotten a co-production credit on "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill." Scott Stapp of Creed proclaims that he loves rock blasphemer Jim Morrison almost as much as his "maker," but his band still composes monumental weenie-rock anthems about him, however elliptical the lyrics may be. Wonder if Stapp's ever listened to the Doors' song "The Soft Parade," in which the first 30 seconds consist of Jimbo screaming "you cannot petition the Lord with prayer" over and over again.



Bullion

In the spirit of the Lizard King, I've got a message for God myself. Stay out of my popular music. While I wait for the lightning to strike me, may I say that I have nothing against the Lord, or against people who feel inspired by him to follow careers in the music industry. Sometimes I'm just struck by the sheer unnaturalness of God's blatant presence (or is it omnipresence?) in the things I put into my ears.

Rock 'n' roll's legacy is one of blasphemy and heresy. Forget rap, hip hop, R&B, techno, even "popular" music for a second, because it's basically all rock 'n' roll. Ever since bluesman Robert Johnson wandered a little too far past the Crossroads and traded his soul for the ability to play the blues, rock has had an ongoing working arrangement with the devil. Come on and admit it, you prude. Who

do you think made Elvis Presley shake his hips so audaciously that CBS wouldn't show it? Who was responsible for John Lennon's "We're bigger than Jesus" Freudian slip? Who got a little "Sympathy for the Devil" from Mick and Keith? Who else could be responsible for the continued existence of Eminem?

The answer lies below. From Jerry Lee Lewis to Marilyn Manson, rock 'n' roll has widened generation gap after generation gap, thanks to a never-ending stream of shock and schlock. Your ma and pa are not supposed to be listening to this stuff. They're supposed to ask you nicely to turn down the Korn, gasp at the 2pac compact disc you accidentally left in the family station wagon and perform random drug searches of your room if they see copies of "Dark Side of the Moon" or "Kid A" lying around. This music is yours, not your parents' and especially not a certain deity's. After all, he gets to listen to your Hall Marys and watch the Dallas Cowboys through that hole in their roof. Isn't that enough?

Well, I'd be lying if I said it was. For all my griping at God, I have to admit that he and Satan must have something special worked out in the rock music department. Rock stars have this odd tendency to sometimes forget that their art form is based in darkness and decadence, and get downright transcendent. And when you hear it, all pretense of rebellion and revolt is cast aside. That's when rock 'n' roll becomes less of a tool to annoy your elders — it becomes a religious experience.

Sometimes, when my already-fragile skepticism and cynicism are stretched to their breaking points, I will sit in my recliner, the only light in the room emanating from my busy stereo, and I will hear God. I will hear God in Jimi Hendrix's "1983," in Radiohead's "Fake Plastic Trees," in D'Angelo's "Africa." I will hear God in the string section of "Little Child Runnin' Wild" by Curtis Mayfield, in



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the ornate guitar solo of "In Hiding" by Pearl Jam, in the soaring electric organ that climaxes the live version of Bob Marley's "No Woman No Cry." I will hear God whenever the Notorious B.I.G. opens his mouth, no matter what comes out. I will hear Him in "Shine A Light" by the Rolling Stones, in John Coltrane's flogging of "My Favorite Things," in "Lover, You Should've Come Over" by the late Jeff Buckley. And he will be in every note of the Brian Wilson's "teenage symphony to God," the Beach Boys' "Pet Sounds" album.

I admit this column is full of contradictions. But they're not unlike the combating emotions any real fan of modern music, indeed any human being, already feels. I wish I had the confidence in myself as a writer to express this sentiment as clearly as I'd like to. But my muses, I'm afraid, all have six-strings slung around their necks or mics in their hands. So let me cite one of them, the estimable Van Morrison. On his 1979 album "Into the Music," Morrison combines

glossy musical production with unashamed spiritual rebirth, singing about God with the same poise that most rockers would reserve for that unapproachable girl standing across the room. Despite God's palpable presence, Morrison is really celebrating the unbreakable connection between music and spirituality, especially on one song, "And the Healing Has Begun."

"We're gonna stay out all night long. We're gonna dance to the rock 'n' roll. When the healing has begun."

It's called "Into the Music," after all. Rock 'n' roll is dirty, raunchy, swampy, profane and immoral. It can also, through its often-flabbergasting contradictions, provide salvation. Through two disparate elements our stereotypes become altars. Because it ain't rock 'n' roll without heaven 'n' hell.

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Letter to the editor

Volunteerism should be personal gift instead of a requirement

Over the past semester, the Skiff has published articles pushing for requiring volunteerism in college. Think about this: doesn't "requiring" someone to "volunteer" contradict itself? Unfortunately, the self-contradictory idea of "required volunteerism" has spread to the Student House of Representatives. In an April 10 article, I learned that Academic Affairs chairman Brian Casebolt wants House to pass a resolution that would require faculty to do community service in order to earn tenure.

Let me translate this with my politically incorrect dictionary: Casebolt wants to force TCU faculty members to do unpaid labor to ensure that they can keep their paying jobs permanently.

Community service should never be a requirement, nor a responsibility, but a gift. I voluntarily spent a summer teaching underprivileged, intelligent students in the prestigious Summerbridge internship program. It was rewarding because I was giving the gift of my free time to help other people reach their human potentials. I helped young people grow by encouraging them to apply themselves in ways they never thought they could. It is an amazing feeling when you know you are voluntarily sharing your time with someone who you want but are not required — to help.

Community service is rewarding precisely because it is voluntary. Let's keep it that way.

— Morgan Landry, junior computer information science major

Both sides were to blame in plane crash

Americans acting too righteous with their stance on the U.S-China situation

Imagine, if you will, a contact lens, sitting in solution on a desk between you and a friend. You are explaining, quite rationally, that it is in fact a convex lens, but meanwhile your friend rants and raves that it must be concave. Four more of your friends stop by the table and standing behind you, agree that in fact it is a convex lens. Now an objective observer might conclude that both views are correct from the point of view of that of the six people around the table.

Commentary
CHRIS DOBSON

America and China are facing a similar crisis right now.

An American spy plane flying in international air space is met by two Chinese F-8 fighter jets and, after a midair collision, is forced to land in Chinese territory. The United States demands an immediate return of its service people and that China respect American sovereignty and not inspect the plane.

China, after losing one of its pilots in the mid-air collision with an American spy plane, demands an apology for the loss of life and reparations.

I don't believe either of these governments are necessarily innocent in this situation. Surely the American government could foresee that sending spy planes near a foreign country might provoke a reaction from them. Surely China knows that sending fighter jets to shadow an American spy plane might raise the ante, so to speak.

But what I find most disturbing is that both countries immediately took a hard line position, demanding this or that from the other. Isn't there a concept of personal responsibility here in America? I hate to turn it around on them, but they must accept the responsibility of sending a military plane along the coast of another country. After all, it's not like when we shot down the commercial Iranian jetliner in the Mediterranean Sea during the 1980s.

After seeing his wing man eject, the Chinese pilot radioed for permission to shoot down the American plane and was refused. Very easily the 24 service people could be dead right now.

Imagine the reaction of George W. Bush if the North Koreans started surveillance on Southern California and an American fighter plane crashed off the coast of Long Beach or if the Cubans started patrolling the coast of Florida intercepting all telecommunications. Perhaps I should say to imagine the reaction of Dick Cheney and the way Dubya would stumble through his prepared statement. I can almost see the smirk now.

Let's then look at what our reaction might be like if we had a rational response to this incident. TV is interrupted by Bush to address the nation:

"Today in the South China Sea, a mid-air collision has caused the downing of a Chinese air force jet and the emergency landing of an American Naval surveillance plane on the Chinese island of Hainan. I express my utmost concern for the life of the Chinese pilot and offer the resources of the American military to aid in the search for the missing pilot and express my deepest regrets to his family and friends.

In response to this occurrence, we will immediately suspend all airborne surveillance of our Chinese neighbors. We ask that we be granted access to our service people so that we may debrief them and find ways to avoid any incident of

this type again in the future."

That took me under two minutes to write, and it would do more to soothe relations and express compassion than the United States has done in the last two weeks or so. So more and more compassionate conservatism rears its disfigured head. I wonder if compassionate conservatism only works for people who look like Bush, or if he just forgot he used to talk about that stuff.

And before I hear a defense of America and our right to spy on other countries, let me just ask if you're willing to fight for the right of the Chinese to spy on us because taking any other position would be hypocritical and ethnocentric.

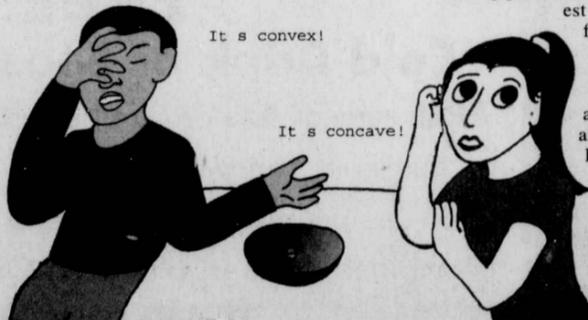
Claiming a right for yourself and then preventing others from that right is arrogant, conceited, and ultimately destructive to any form of justice.

We laugh at others, saying they behave backwards or ridiculous and then conveniently forget that here in America, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated by children searching for Chocolate Rabbit Eggs. Why not Aluminum Donkeys Shoes if we're just going to start making things up? Or Pickled Dog thumbs? Or spicy buffalo wings? Just because the media tells us we all agree and stand united doesn't ever mean that we are right, it just means that the media doesn't want to give airtime to any other position.

No one is right in this confrontation with China unless everybody is right because "right" is a matter of personal choice and your point of view. A better method of thinking about this would be, what can the United States and China do to prevent this from occurring again?

Perhaps if we could step outside of this "Great American Life" and visit the destruction we have reaped upon the people of Latin America, Southeast Asia and the Middle East, maybe our view about our role in the world would change. On the other hand that might really hurt our weapons industry, not wanting to kill people I mean, and then who knows what might happen to the Stock Market. So I guess maybe American prosperity and righteous living aren't synonyms after all.

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High School Shootings Close to TCU

"I think his mother is the most crucial relationship in his life because it's the only thing that's been constant. She's going to love him no matter what."

— Matt Perkins

by LAURA MCFARLAND

The events that lead up to and follow a school shooting are only part of a play by Steve McGaw. "Landscape With Stick Figures" opens with Ethan Salisbury being tackled after going on a shooting rampage at his high school and killing five people. Ethan is 15 years old.

"This whole idea of school shootings has been on my mind, as it is on most people's minds," McGaw, author of the play, said.

Matt Perkins, a sophomore theater major, plays Ethan.

"I think it's a play that will hit home with a lot of people because of the subject matter, especially (since) there have been several high school shoot-

ings around the nation," Perkins said.

"There's always some kind of connection to everyone."

No violence is committed on stage during the production.

"It's not the actual event," Perkins said.

"It's what life was like before the shooting and what life was like after. There's not really any specific moment where you actually see the shooting or you actually deal with the shooting."

The play focuses on the relationships of the characters, especially that of Ethan with his friends and family.

"Ethan is troubled," Perkins said. "He doesn't feel like he belongs. He feels like he's different from everybody else in high school. He has a horrible relationship with his father and a good relationship with his

mother."

Ethan's relationship with his mother is the most prevalent and the strongest in the play, Perkins said.

"She's the only one that he seems to connect with in any way," Perkins said. "I think his mother is the most crucial relationship in his life, because it's the only thing that's been constant. She's going to love him no matter what."

Ethan's mother suffers greatly throughout the play.

"You really feel sorry for his mom," Perkins said. "Everybody's going to put the blame on her or his father." When McGaw started creating Ethan's character, he said that he didn't want the audience to walk out at the end believing Ethan was simply evil or

after was that of Kip Kinkle, a 15-year-old student from Thurston High School. Kinkle was convicted of murdering his parents, two students and shooting 26 other schoolmates May 21, 1998.

In addition to Ethan's relationships, the play also represents the students and people affected by the shooting. However, in his representation of the shooting's aftermath, McGaw chose not to feature any of the victims' parents.

"We all know what loss is, but I wouldn't presume to try and represent what it's like for a parent to lose a child," he said.

The play does not try to place the blame on any one person or factor.

"I don't know where you would put the blame," McGaw said. "I think the play just explores a bunch of different avenues. It's not a play about answers."

While he isn't sure how most people will react to the play, Perkins said that he thinks it will make the audience reflect. Regardless of the audience's reaction, he said that the topic is prevalent to modern day life and needs

to be explored.

"It's hard to say how people will react," Perkins said.

"I just think it will be provocative — it'll make them think. You'll have people that think it's amazing, and you'll have people who will say this doesn't really tell (them) anything."

This is Perkins first lead in a play, but he has been acting since high school. He said he knows that acting is the career he wants to pursue after college.

"I would just really love to stay in theater as long as I possibly can, but I'd kind of like to get my hand in all the different jars," Perkins said. "I'd like to direct, write a little bit, maybe produce somewhere down the line. Right now, I'm just in love with acting in theater in general just because the magic of live theater is so spectacular. When you share a moment with a house of 50 or 100, that can't be reproduced on the 'silver screen.'"

Performances of "Landscape With Stick Figures" will be at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and April 20 and April 21 at the Fort Worth Theatre. Tickets are \$10 a person, with student rates available.

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Review by JAMES HANNA

When I walked into the movie theater to see "The Tailor of Panama," I didn't know what to expect. The reviews I had read called it a "thriller" and a "spy movie without the gadgets."

What I got was an inventive story with dynamic characters, a plot with twists and plenty of suspense without an easily predictable outcome. To the majority of these, I credit John Le Carre, author of the 1996 novel of the same title and co-writer of the screenplay adaptation.

The beginning of the movie plays nothing like a spy movie. We are introduced to Pierce Brosnan's character, Andy Osnard, as he is being exiled to Panama to do busy work, while whatever it was he screwed up is being dealt with in merry-old England. The result is Brosnan's search for contacts can dig up dirt about the government in Panama so he can do something better (which we don't know). His search quickly yields a name, Harry Pendel, played by Academy Award winner Geoffrey Rush ("Shine" and "Quills"). Rush is the tailor and owns a men's store with a Saville Row pedigree.

What follows is an increasingly suspenseful drama that ultimately envelops everyone in Rush's life culminating in a potential international catastrophe.

The reason I liked this film was primarily because of its excellent writing. It kept me guessing to the end. In every James Bond movie I've ever seen, Bond hooks up with a hot babe and then saves the world "for Queen and Country." "The Tailor of Panama" is as different from those formulaic plots as its title is from those of Bond movies. John Boorman, director and co-writer, and Le Carre team up to brilliantly weave a tale full of detail and absent of flat characters. Nowhere do we see Brosnan's character take on the role of the diabolical villain.

By the end of the movie, we see Rush in a new light. It is not dramatic transformation, nor is it the typical heroic posturing we see where a loser ends up with the girl and the championship trophy. Instead, we have true character development, complete with true-to-life flaws and problems.

However, the film's biggest asset also becomes one of its biggest drawbacks.

While the development of the characters is very strong, the movie's attempt to maintain maximum tension is greatly reduced. What remains is a plot with a unique twist to the familiar formula that relies on outstanding characters (particularly Brosnan) and good writing to make it work.

Overall, I came away from the movie a little disappointed. The only truly memorable thing about the movie was Osnard (Brosnan) who's deliciously provocative, sinister character actually makes this film worth watching again.

In general, if you're looking for an action-packed thriller, "chick-flick" or cortex-burning eye-candy, you're in the wrong place. If, on the other hand, you enjoy thoughtful, original, well-acted, mold-bending films with a touch of wit then "The Tailor of Panama" will probably suit you well.

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ART

A special slide presentation by Richard Francis of Christie's will be presented at 7 p.m. today at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. Francis is a specialist in 20th century art. He will speak about the current state of the contemporary art market and will focus on artists Andy Warhol, Jeff Koons and Charles Ray. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information call (817) 738-9215.

MUSIC

The String Cheese Incident will play at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Bronco Bowl. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door. Their new album, "Outside Inside," was recorded in Austin with producer Steve Berlin from Los Lobos. During their Winter Carnival Tour through the western part of the country, the band sold out most of its 21 shows. The Bronco Bowl is located at 2000 Fort Worth Ave. in Dallas. Tickets are available at the band's Web site at www.stringcheeseincident.com or by calling Star Tickets at (888) 597-8147.

The final concert of the 11th season of the Chamber Music Society of Fort Worth will be at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Great Hall of the Texas Boys' Chorus, located at 2925 Riverdale. The highlight of this concert will be the "Overture for Springs, Op. 20," which is con-

sidered the greatest composition ever written by any young composer. The work was written for two string quartets by Felix Mendelssohn at the age of 16. Tickets are available by calling (817) 877-3003 or (817) 924-9207. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$15 for adults.

THEATER

The Dallas Theater Center presents the Pulitzer Prize winning play, "Wit." It's about a poetry scholar, who is diagnosed with stage four ovarian cancer. The play will run through May 6 at the Kalita Humphreys Theater. Opening night is Tuesday. For tickets call (214) 522-8499 or purchase tickets online at www.dallastheatercenter.org. Tickets range from \$17 to \$55.

MoonWater Theater Company presents some of the funniest comedians in Fort Worth. Debbie Inman, Gary Hood and Craig Savadov will come together in the second of three major fund raisers for the company. Inman is a long time associate of MoonWater Theater. Her one woman show, "Don't Laugh, You'll Just Encourage Her," was sold out last year. Hood has been in comedy since 1978. He has been on Showtime, Comedy Club and PBS. Savadov will perform at 7:30 p.m. today. Inman will start her shows Thursday. Admission is \$15. For reservations call (817) 924-5300.

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A 15-year-old student kills the principal and a student in Alaska.

March 24, 1998

Four girls and a teacher are shot to death during a false alarm at a middle

April 24, 1998

A 48-year-old teacher is shot to death during a graduation in Pennsylvania.

KTCU hopes for upgrade

Budget problems have left station behind the times

By Jaime Walker
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

For the students in the radio-TV-film department who want work in a large radio market, like the Dallas-Fort Worth area, KTCU 88.7-FM is a great place to gain on-air experience, but the station needs a technological upgrade if it hopes to prepare students for the industry's top jobs, said David Kindred, programming manager for KTCU.

With that motivation in mind, Kindred decided to make it his personal mission to help the radio station purchase a Live Assist Machine, which is an advanced computer system that stores the station's musical selections electronically.

"KTCU does have a budget through the radio-TV-film department, but it's small in comparison to the cost of the equipment that's changing the industry," Kindred said. "I wanted to see what kinds of funds we could get if we asked the community and other people within the university for help."

Kindred, a senior radio-TV-film major, said the system will cost approximately \$12,000, but being able

to use it at TCU would make a huge difference to the station.

"Right now, our (disc jockeys) do every thing by hand," Kindred said. "They are given a print out with the playlist, but they are responsible for pulling all the (compact discs) and playing them one by one and playing any other (public service announcements) and sweepers. The Live Assist system would do all of that with just the push of a button."

Kindred recently received \$1,000 from the Student Government Association's Permanent Improvements committee toward his goal.

"We are going to use that money to

purchase a software program that randomizes our music and generates playlists," he said. "The program is compatible with the Live Assist we hope to purchase in the future."

Andy Haskett, KTCU's station manager, said the department won't favor using Live Assist all the time, having it would give students the tools they need to stay in touch with the changing trends of the radio industry.

"The station would gain from the advancements this system brings, because it would improve an already consistent department," Haskett said.

Kindred said he hopes to have a majority of the money raised before he graduates, but he understands his efforts are still in the preliminary stages.

"I have plans to talk to people at University Christian Church and hope to set up a meeting with the chancellor soon, but none of those meetings are set up officially yet," he said. "I just want to make people aware of the need and help people understand our equipment is behind the times."

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Allan Schwegmann, a senior radio-TV-film major, plays the top hits for KTCU 88.7-FM from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday nights.

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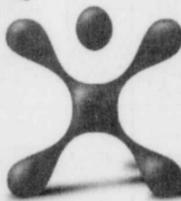
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Canadian officer to give briefing

By Jennifer Koelsing
STAFF REPORTER

Although all of the Air Force and Army ROTC cadets are required to attend a military briefing, Josh Grimes said he is looking forward to it. When Maj. James P. Follwell, Canadian forces liaison officer to Fort Hood, speaks on campus today, Grimes said he will be paying close attention to Follwell's personal experiences.



O'Hair

"I'm interested in hearing about what he does, how it works and what it is like to deal with foreign customs, because I am interested in becoming a liaison officer," Grimes, a sophomore political science and business major, said.

Captain Douglas Owens requested a briefing from a Canadian officer, because it coordinated with an assignment he gave the students in his Military Science I, Introduction to Leadership class about the structure and organization of foreign armies.

"I requested a briefing from a Canadian officer, because it would be an opportunity to hear a personal

account about a foreign army," Owens said.

Follwell said he was contacted by the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., and was asked to come to TCU to do a briefing about the Canadian forces.

Leticia Marquez, a senior Spanish and social work major, said she will attend the briefing, because she wants to learn more about the Follwell's leadership positions.

"My goal is to become a health care administrator for the military, so I want to know what it was like to be a leader in this field," Marquez said.

Follwell said he plans to discuss the organization, structure, major equipment and current missions of the Canadian forces. He also said he wants to discuss the relationship between the U.S. and Canadian militaries.

"Since efforts began in the common defense of North America against the Soviet threat of the 1950s, the (U.S.) military and Canadian military have maintained a protective relationship of one another," Follwell said.

"The United States has a separate Army, Navy and Air Force, while all of the Canadian forces are combined," he said.

Before his assignment to Fort Hood in 1997, Follwell was a staff

Who: Maj. James P. Follwell, Canadian forces liaison officer to Fort Hood
What: A briefing on Canadian forces
When: 3:30 p.m. today
Where: Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 2

officer in the Canadian Army Headquarters, the Canadian Representative for the establishment of the Multinational Standby High Readiness Brigade for United Nations operations and a planning officer for the Canada-United States Military Corporation Committee.

He has served operationally as a tank and reconnaissance Troop Commander with the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Lahr, Germany, an airborne armor reconnaissance Troop Commander in Petawawa, Ontario and has served as a liaison and information officer with the United Nations in South Lebanon.

Follwell was an instructor for the Canadian Forces Junior Leadership Course, the Basic Officer Training Course and for Negotiating Skills for U.N. rotation to Bosnia.

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SPORTS

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file with the NCAA. Football and hockey athletes deemed at least third-round draft picks (first round picks in men's basketball and baseball), and thus having earning potential, would be granted approval.

TCU head men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs laughed at the NCAA's notion that the program would encourage students to remain in school.

"(The NCAA) is doing nothing to keep kids in school," Tubbs said. "It's a dream world. If I offered you \$20,000 that you had to pay back and \$2 million that was yours, what would you take?"

The NCAA also approved a program that would allow athletes to earn compensation for private lessons, previously a violation of self-employment rules. Men's golf coach Bill Montigel said he was shocked when he learned of the rule.

"Tiger Wood's coach charges \$1,000 an hour, so who's to say what's the going rate," Montigel said. "If one of my golfers is a talented instructor, can he charge \$500? There are a lot of alumni with a lot of money. They're opening up a can of worms."

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FINANCES

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and graduate programs and laid off employees in an effort to save the school.

Bridgeport's law school was a relatively recent addition when this all began. The law school was the independent Wethersfield School of Law until 1977.

Frank T. Read, President and Dean of South Texas College of Law whose school is still involved in a possible merger with Texas A&M, said if an opportunity came up for TCU to acquire Texas Wesleyan, the schools should jump at the chance.

"It would be a great chance for TCU to get an ongoing, accredited law school, which would be a great financial benefit," Read said. "Wesleyan (Law School) would gain instant notoriety, access to TCU's library and all of the programs associated with a school like TCU. It's

potentially a win-win situation for both schools."

TCU officials have discussed the possible interest in starting a law school from scratch, but Read said there are some obvious negatives to that.

"I would think that starting a law school from scratch, meaning building new buildings, hiring staff and doing all the things involved with that would cost anywhere from \$40 to \$60 million," he said. "There are many other aspects that go into that, but the financials are a big factor."

"Everyone has to start somewhere, but imagine being able to start with an established, accredited school. It's a big advantage."

Mergers between law schools and universities are not unprecedented. In 1992, Bridgeport's law school became Bridgeport School of Law at Quinipiac College. In 1995, Michigan State University affiliated with the Detroit College of Law, becoming Detroit College of Law at Michi-

gan State University.

Read said mergers with larger, more respected universities create great opportunities for students at smaller, private law schools.

"It is a positive thing for the students and the law school," he said. "In most cases it brings instant notoriety to the law school, gives students better options for ultimate employment and gives them access to a large university network."

Texas Wesleyan School of Law began as independent DFW Law School in 1989 and merged with Texas Wesleyan in 1992. Chancellor Michael Ferreri said there have been no further discussions between TCU and Texas Wesleyan. TCU officials have said that any decision regarding the cost of building or purchasing a law school would have to be evaluated in comparison with other university projects.

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ALUMNUS

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the youngest people to be hired as a Foreign Service Officer. During his 35-year career in the State Department, Lake served as ambassador to Albania and Mongolia, deputy assistant secretary of state for information management, director of the State Department's crisis management center and advisor to the U.S. delegation to the United Nations. Lake spent 10 years in East Asia, six years in West Africa and five years in the Balkans.

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DEAN

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Dean David Whillock said. "Their philosophy and character can direct the future and success of this school."

One of the primary challenges a candidate will face is working with the differing disciplines within the college — speech communication, radio-TV-film and journalism, Whillock said.

"Speech communication is geared more toward the academia whereas radio-TV-film is more profession-oriented than classroom-oriented," he said.

O'Hair's educational background is in speech communication. Professionally, he has served as a professor and chairman of com-

munications at OU, Texas Tech University and New Mexico State University.

Whillock said that as dean of the college, O'Hair would be responsible for managing scarce resources — human and monetary — within the departments as well as raising funds to accommodate needs.

O'Hair said he would be an advocate for available funds within the university and take on the initiative to acquire outside funds.

In this area, O'Hair has experience writing federal and private grants for institutions from the Department of Defense to TCU, where he was an assistant professor from 1982 to 1985.

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CHINA

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beginning of this incident," Philip Reeker, a State Department spokesman, said. "We have also stated repeatedly that we expect the return of our aircraft. But as the letter states fairly clearly, that will be on the agenda at the meeting. The diplomacy continues. The discus-

sions will continue."

"We still have some problems with the airplane and we have to keep the airplane and to make further investigation," said Shen Guofang, China's deputy ambassador to the United Nations. "The airplane violates our territory and the land without permission, so that is the problem, and also we have to make further investigation on the airplane." Bush came to the White House

briefing room after China and the United States announced a deal for the release of the American crew, who have been held on a Chinese island since the collision of their EP-3E plane and a Chinese F-8 fighter jet.

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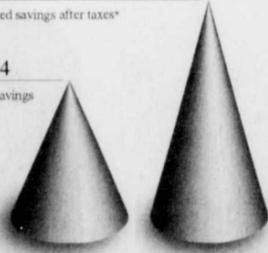
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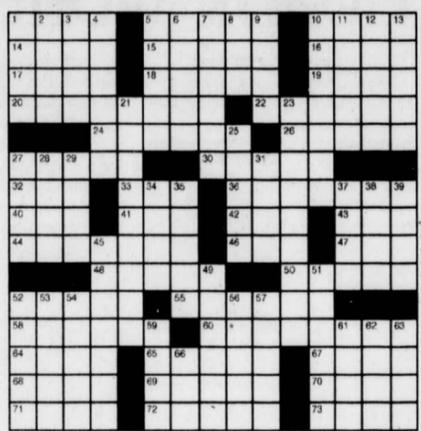
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Loans won't keep student-athletes at universities

It all sounds so complicated. The *Associated Press* reported Tuesday that the NCAA management council voted to allow certain "student-athletes to receive money for private lessons and to obtain a one-time \$20,000 bank loan based on future earnings."

Specifically, those changes would allow tennis players and golfers to accept money for private lessons. Athletes of Olympic caliber would also be compensated for qual-

Commentary



DANNY HORNE

ity performances at the Olympics. Only athletes who are deemed possible first-round picks in basketball and baseball and at least third round picks in football and hockey are eligible for the \$20,000 loan.

Without going further into any sort of explanation — it's obvious that these developments immediately open the door to, questions about whether this discounts the whole amateurism thing that college and university big wigs have been fighting over for so long.

What's the question, you ask? The question is whether or not this sort of legislation is going to keep student-athletes in school. Graduation rates are the concern. It's been well-documented that collegiate basketball players are no longer graduating often

enough. At this rate, I would venture to guess that high school students will be fighting to leave high school early, but that's a whole different story.

It was announced Wednesday that Zach Randolph, a freshman from Michigan State, and Jason Gardner, a sophomore from Arizona, would forgo the rest of their college careers to make themselves eligible for the NBA draft. Randolph and Gardner added themselves to a growing list of underclassmen declaring early — a list that has officially reached 15.

Specifically, six juniors, four sophomores, three freshmen and two high school seniors have declared for early entry into the draft.

Do the higher-ups of the NCAA really think that a \$20,000 loan will keep athletes from leaving college

early, if not skipping it completely? Surely not. It's not logical. And who's to say that anyone is a legit first-rounder? I could get someone right now to say I'm a legit first-rounder. Can I have \$20,000?

Players who have a legitimate chance at making it in the pros could conceivably sign contracts worth \$2 to \$4 million, depending on which league they play in and what kind of signing bonus they get. I don't know about you, but I've got my hands in front of me, measuring which would be better.

I'm holding \$20,000 in my left hand and a brief case full of \$2 million in my right hand. I'm taking my brief case to the nearest car dealership and picking up the best SUV on the lot. Maybe it's just me.

TCU Athletics Director Eric Hyman said this does not hurt the amateurism of the college game. I don't know how it doesn't.

Head men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs summed it up quite well by saying that as soon as an athlete signs a contract and takes money from a professional team, he should lose his eligibility. It's really that simple.

When you're getting paid, you're not an amateur.

The Olympics have been glorified by the fact that the athletes are not being paid for their work. They are supposedly participating to represent their country. The minute we pay athletes for what should be an honor, we have killed all the glory.

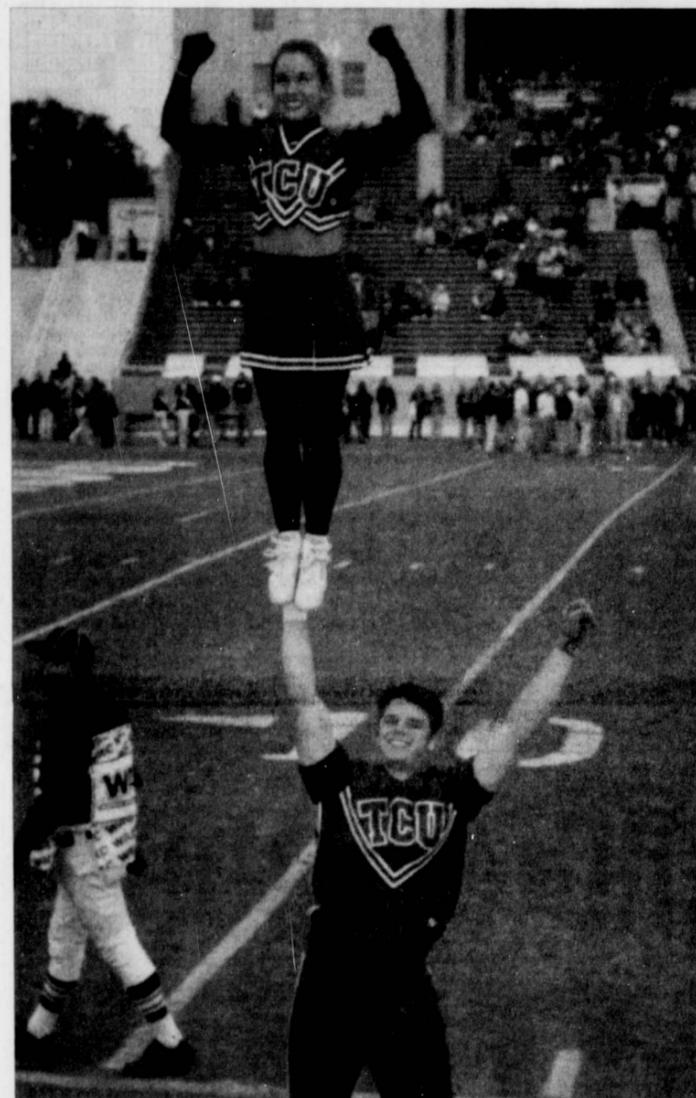
I guess this is just an appeal to the good ol' days.

It's easy to say that we want student-athletes to stay in college. It's easy to say that we want to improve graduation rates. But how is that supposed to be done these days without offering payment? Apparently, full scholarships or something relatively equivalent, aren't enough anymore.

There might not be an answer, but with at least two more high school athletes completely skipping college, it's clear that something must be done, because it's seemingly not attractive for college and high school athletes to stay or even go to college.

Maybe it really is that complicated.

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Graduate student Carl Long lifts stunting partner DeDe Cullum during a cheer at a TCU football game last season.

Long leads more than cheers

Abilities, determination help cheerleader meet challenges

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

A potato blocking Super Frog's airway meant opportunity for cheerleader and graduate student Carl Long.

Head cheerleading coach Jeff Tucker said Long finds opportunity in every challenge he faces in life. During breakfast one morning on the trip to Annapolis, Md. for TCU's football game against Navy in September, Long was able to save Super Frog's life when he choked on a piece of potato.

"Everyone around (Super Frog) backed away and wasn't able to do anything, but Carl was already giving him the Heimlich (maneuver) before I even looked to see what was going on," Tucker said. "That's the kind of person Carl is though. You're always well in hand when he's around."

Long, 22, graduated from TCU in May 2000 with a degree in history and a minor in special education.

Tucker said it's obvious by his chosen career path about what kind of person Long is. "I'm glad there are people out there like him," Tucker said. "He's patient and methodical. I know there's no such thing as 110 percent, but if there were, he would give it."

To say that Long, a native of Anchorage, Alaska, has adjusted well to Texas would be an understatement, Tucker said.

"When I came here, I just did what I wanted to do," Long said. "Cheerleading has been so completely different from anything else I've tried."

Long also has found other activities on campus that he has devoted his efforts toward. He said he considers joining the TCU cheerleading squad to be one of the best things he's ever done.

He has been the vice-president of Programming Council, an Orientation Student Assistant, a resident assistant, vice-president and co-founder of Pi Kappa Phi, and two years after joining, he is a co-captain of the co-ed cheerleading squad.

"Carl is someone I would vote for Senate or Congress," Tucker said. "He's someone

people naturally pick to follow."

Being a solid leader is especially important to cheerleading, as the basis of the sport is all about the presentation.

"He doesn't just try to look good, he's a true performer," Tucker said. "What I really love is that he's never publicly complained about anything, and that's a reason why people look up to him."

One experience Long recalls as a stand-out performance was during a cheering duel in the football game against Southern Methodist in November.

"It was absolutely amazing out-cheering (SMU)," Long said. "I'm incredibly proud that we were able to show off our hard work during the game."

Having hard work pay off is just one benefit Long reaps as a result of his accomplishments. Long said he doesn't consider the positive results of his hard work as benefits.

"I just do what I do," Long said. "I don't multi-task because I need to focus on one thing at a time, no matter what it takes. I also have great friends who put up with me."

I feel lucky I'm able to have so much. It's really difficult to balance everything."

But the balancing act that is Long's life, includes welcomed challenges.

When Long first began cheerleading he said that the physical demands were his greatest personal challenges.

"It's a hard thing to master, and not every guy can do it," Long said. "The exclusivity makes it like our own fraternity, yet the relationships are still that of teammates."

Out of all the male cheerleaders, Tucker said Long's athleticism is one of the best he's seen.

"He is (physically tough) and is very resilient," Tucker said. "He also puts safety first, and that must be a dream for his (stunting) partner."

Long's stunting partner DeDe Cullum, a junior elementary special education major, said she feels safe in Long's hands.

"He's aware of the dangers that are involved with the difficulty of our stunts," Cul-

lum said. "But I know he would sacrifice himself before he'd let me get hurt. We have a solid trust."

Although Long's life is full of challenges, Tucker said his need to experience all that life has to offer him is unique.

Long plans on receiving his graduate degree in secondary education in May.

Although Long's college life will end soon, his quest for making the best out of every opportunity seems endless.

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Special to the Skiff
TCU cheerleader Carl Long performs with junior DeDe Cullum on the sidelines of a TCU football game at Amon Carter Stadium.

Record turnout at tryouts

Cheerleaders vie for spots on squad

By Alisha Brown
STAFF REPORTER

Sixty-eight potential TCU cheerleaders stretched and tumbled trying to shake their nerves before the cheerleading clinic at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Wednesday.

Changes in dates, rules and funding led to a record turnout for the tryouts, cheerleading coach Jeff Tucker said. Last year only 42 people were in attendance.

"We have about 60 (women) here (Wednesday) and eight guys," Tucker said. "And we'll still have people show up the day of the tryouts."

Holding the tryouts over a three-day weekend allowed for a greater number of participants to travel to tryouts, Tucker said.

"I've got some families who are here from out of town and out of state," he said. "They made it a family trip."

Kathy Sharp from Austin was at the tryouts to see her daughter, a transfer student from Texas Tech University.

"They're out of school already which gives them time to get on their studies when they get back," she said. "And this way parents can be there as well."

Jill Jaeger came from Arlington to



Tryouts for the TCU cheerleading squad opened Wednesday with a clinic that saw 60 men and women working on choreography at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Tryouts officially start Friday and continue through the weekend.

watch the first night when participants, including her daughter, were learning choreography.

"When you're daughter's in something, you don't miss it," she said.

Fifty percent of the students trying out are incoming freshmen, Tucker said.

"Most of these (women) have never been on our campus for a TCU Monday or any other event," he said.

This is the first year freshmen have been able to try out for both the co-ed and all-female squads, Tucker said.

"Allowing for that this year helps keep the (cheerleaders) active so they do not lose their skills," he said. "They're away from home for the first time trying to deal with academia, a social life and everything else."

The cheerleading department has also attracted women through their

work to establish an endowment.

Tucker said he hopes to create a \$500,000 endowment for scholarships and other funding.

"The fact that we haven't had it has turned back people," he said. "I've got a lot of people who are competitors and have been on competitive independent squads, and because we don't offer scholarships they said sorry, they're not going to try out."

Tucker said academic advancement is working aggressively with his department to secure the funding for the endowment.

"Having it legitimizes your program," he said. "It gives these kids something that they earnestly deserve."

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Tryout Information:

- The tryouts will be held starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.
- To tryout, students must:
 - be currently enrolled in the University with 12 credit hours
 - show an acceptance letter as an incoming freshman
 - maintain a 2.0 GPA
 - be in good standing with the university
 - have health and hospitalization insurance
 - be in good physical condition
 - be willing to make a one-year contractual commitment to the program

Tech defeats Frogs

Team fails to utilize opportunities in loss

By Brandon Ortiz
SKIFF STAFF

Texas Tech used a three-run rally with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning to put the TCU baseball team out of striking distance and in a, 9-4, victory Wednesday.

The Horned Frogs (22-16) have now lost seven of their last nine games. The Frogs will try to redeem themselves when they face Texas-Arlington at 2:35 p.m. at the TCU Diamond today.

The Frogs have been outscored 70-44 in their last nine games.

Texas Tech (27-14) scored in the first four innings to take a 6-1 lead. Red Raider starting pitcher Rudy Ontiveros to get out of the inning.

The Red Raiders added three more runs in the eighth inning off of senior reliever Stan Newton to secure the victory. McGinley finished the ninth inning to earn the save.

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tion and no outs, Red Raider reliever Blake McGinley struck out senior Jason Price, who started his third consecutive game in right field and was moved to catcher later in the game. McGinley retired sophomore right fielder Jeff Reed and junior shortstop Rudy Ontiveros to get out of the inning.

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What's next

Who: TCU vs. Texas-Arlington
What: non-conference baseball game
When: at 2:35 p.m. Thursday
Where: TCU Diamond
What it means:

- TCU is opening a five-game home stand.
- When the Frogs and Mavericks play Thursday afternoon, it will be the 109th meeting between the two schools.
- TCU leads in the overall series, 65-43.
- This will be the second of five games this year between the two teams.
- The Mavericks have won three of the last four games vs. TCU.

Track teams prepare for meet

Some plan to use time to recoup

By Sam Eaton
SKIFF STAFF

As the men's and women's track teams prepare for their fourth meet of the outdoor season, head coach Monte Stratton said the top sprinters and relay teams need some time off.

Six days ago at the Texas Relays in Austin, senior Kim Collins ran the fastest 100-meter dash in the world so far this year, and the 4x100-meter relay team ran the second-fastest NCAA time this season, trailing only the time they set a week earlier at the UTA Invitational.

But, several of the top athletes intend to get some rest as the core of the team competes at the Texas A&M Invitational Saturday in College Station. Stratton said the team will look to take it easy at the invitational.

"We're not going to push it or run our high-profile sprinters," Stratton said. "Collins won't be running, and it will be up to the other top sprinters if they want to run."

Collins was named Western Athletic Conference Track Athlete of the Week, Monday.

The men's team, which held the No. 2 spot in the Trackwire Top 25 poll heading into the Texas Relays, is now tied once again with Louisiana State for the top position. The Frogs were tied with LSU in the Trackwire Pre-season Poll, March 21. The Frogs were originally scheduled to compete at the John Jacobs Invitational in Norman, Okla., this weekend, but Stratton and the Frogs chose to compete in College Station instead.

"We felt that the weather would be better for us and for our sprinters," Stratton said.

Senior Jason Howard, who captured a personal-best jump of 7.83 meters in the long jump at the Texas Relays, said the team will do its best despite the amount of competition at the invitational.

"The A&M meet coming up won't have as much competition as the Texas Relays, but the quality of a meet doesn't affect our individual effort," Howard said. "We just want to do our best to improve."

Going into the invitational, Stratton said that the team is experiencing some typical minor injuries but hasn't suffered anything devastating so far this year.

Senior sprinter Roy Williams and junior mid-distance runner Perhona Tomlin have been dealing with recent hamstring pulls. Williams was a member of the winning sprint-medley relay, and Tomlin helped the women's distance-medley relay to a fourth-place finish Friday in Austin.

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Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

After the track team competed at the UTA Invitational and the Texas Relays in back-to-back weekends, head coach Monte Stratton said some sprinters need a break.

Landry to get statue at Texas Stadium

Former Cowboy coach to be honored with memorial

By Jaime Aron
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — The hat is there, of course, and his arms are crossed. He's wearing a suit and holding a play-calling chart. His lips are squeezed so tight that his cheeks crease at the sides of his mouth.

That's Tom Landry all right, and beginning this fall a remarkably accurate 9-

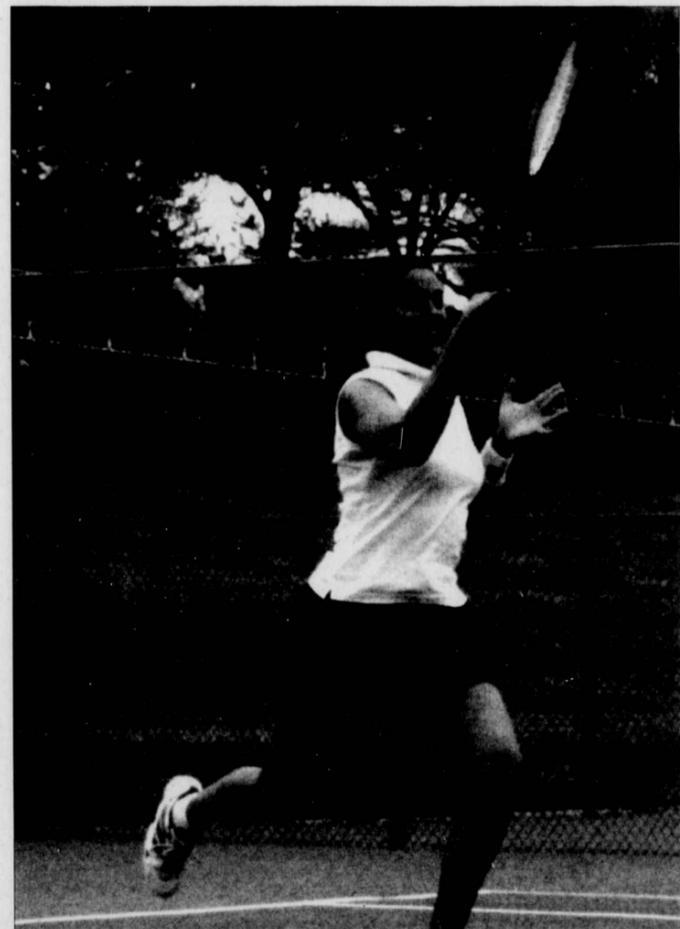
Tom Landry was the first and only coach of the Cowboys for 29 years, winning 270 games, third-most in NFL history. His teams reached five Super Bowls, winning two and losing the other three by a total of 11 points.

Landry was fired when Jerry Jones bought the team in February 1989 and was inducted into the Hall of Fame the next year. He died Feb. 12, 2000, following a nearly yearlong bout with leukemia. He was 75.

A 29-inch version of the statue was unveiled Wednesday. Even Tom Landry Jr. was amazed by how perfectly sculptor Robert Summers captured his father's image.

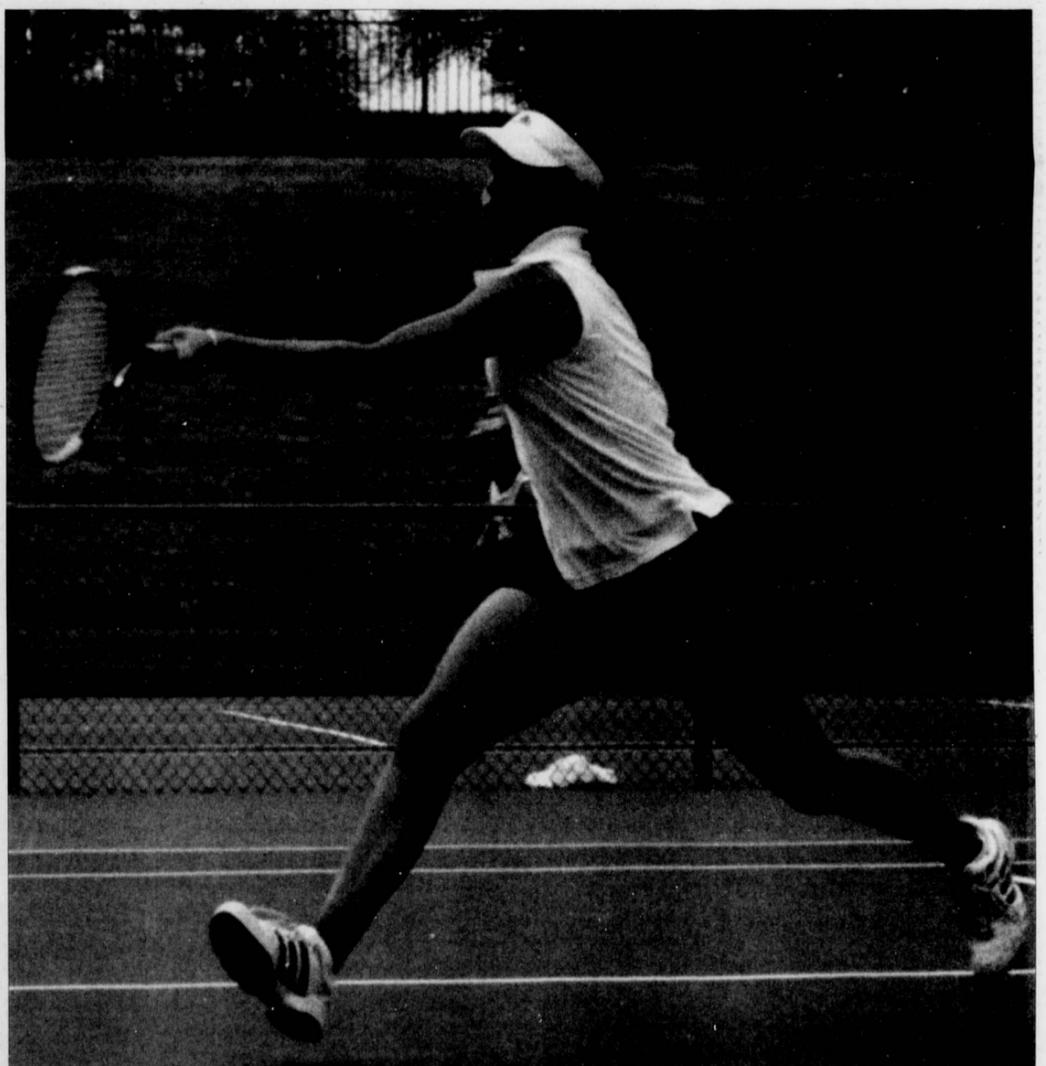
"When you look at somebody you know so well, it's either right or it's not," said Landry Jr., himself quite a carbon copy. "That's it. That's the look and that's the pose."

Despite his humility, Landry was treated to many tributes during his final decade. His son said there's been another overwhelming response since his death. Many fans wanted Texas Stadium renamed Landry Stadium. Landry Jr. said this larger-than-life reminder is special enough.



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Freshman Paty Aburto (right) picked up a straight-set win Wednesday, helping the 26th-ranked women's tennis team defeat Southern Methodist, 4-3, at Haggard Tennis Stadium in Dallas. The win was the 12th in a row for the Frogs, moving their record to 15-3. Sophomore Rosa Perez (above) lost her singles match, dropping her to 18-7 overall. The Frogs host Oregon at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.



Sports glance

A look ahead at what's going on in TCU athletics next week.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Women vs. Mississippi State 2 p.m.			Women at Furman 2:30 p.m. Men vs. Duke 1 p.m.		Women at South Carolina TBA	
		vs. Hawaii 1:05 p.m.	vs. Hawaii 3:05 p.m.	vs. Hawaii 2:35 p.m.	vs. Texas at the Ballpark in Arlington 7:05 p.m.		
		Texas A&M Invitational					

Akins receives death threats

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — University of Texas All-American Marty Akins, who is considering a gubernatorial bid, says he received a death threat from someone who wanted him to abandon plans to seek the Democratic nomination.

It was the latest twist in the Texas governor's race, still more than a year away, that has also included a reported smear campaign against the secretary of state, accused of writing a threatening letter to prospective Democratic gubernatorial candidate and Laredo multimillionaire A.R. "Tony" Sanchez Jr.

Akins, a Marble Falls attorney, has been considering competing with Sanchez for the Democratic nomination.

"I felt like they were trying to intimidate me," Akins told the *Houston Chronicle* in Wednesday's editions. "I'm just not going to drop out of this race."

Texas Democratic Party Chairwoman Molly Beth Malcolm blamed the alleged threat on Republicans, a charge a GOP spokesman dismissed as "goofy."

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— Marty Akins,
University of Texas
All-American

"This is a typical Republican tactic," Malcolm said. "As a former Republican, I know they believe in winning no matter who gets hurt in the process."

Texas Republican Party spokesman Ted Royer denied the GOP was behind the threat.

"If Molly Beth Malcolm has evidence that Republicans are behind this, we encourage her to produce it," Royer said.

Bush's strategies in foreign conflicts still unclear despite situations in China, Russia

By Bethany McCormack
STAFF REPORTER

With his presidency just beginning, President George W. Bush has already been involved in conflicts with Russia and China, putting his foreign policy in the spotlight.

Manochehr Dorraj, associate professor of political science, said Bush did not have a specific foreign policy strategy during his campaign for the presidency and, thus far, Bush's style has yet to be revealed.

The recent conflict between China and the United States regarding the collision of a Chinese fighter jet and an American spy plane revealed the crisis-management style of his foreign policy, but that style could change, Dorraj said.

"(Bush's) style hasn't been pro-active, but reactive," Dorraj said. "However, (his foreign policy) remains to be seen. We may see a new strategy, but it could require the eruption of a new crisis, which would then define new strategies."

Kristin Holt, a sophomore political science and Spanish major, said she thinks Bush has been too passive in dealing with other countries.

"He's being hesitant because he doesn't want to mess up," she said. "I'd like to see him take the reigns a little more."

Regarding the plane crash in China, Holt said that she thinks Bush should have been more assertive in obtaining the return of the American crew the day the plane landed in China. Bush took a more assertive approach during the conflict in Russia earlier this year. According to an article at (CNN.com), after the arrest of alleged spy Robert Hanssen in February, Bush expelled nearly 50 Russian delegates from the United States, upsetting some Russian administrators.

Dorraj said he does not think the conflicts with Russia and China will permanently damage relations with those countries because, over time, other events will surface to foster positive relations with those countries.

He said candidates in an election often make promises they might not be able to uphold in order to distinguish themselves from other candidates, and this may be the case with Bush.

According to the Council on Foreign Relations, during his campaign, Bush said he would remove U.S. forces from peace-keeping missions and would shut future missions outside of America's strategic interest. However, since taking office Bush has not removed American forces and instead, has said America will abide by its commitments to the countries where American forces are stationed.

Bush now realizes, however, that the United States has much to gain by peace in the Middle East, and the United States may now play an active role in the process, Dorraj said.

Holt said the major issues going on now will influence the direction Bush's foreign policy will take.

"Inaction is one type of policy," she said. "He's playing a new game in a new era."

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International Policy: Examining the United States and China

By Carrie Woodall
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The last 10 days have proven to be a lesson for the United States and China on how to manage a mature relationship while being world powers, said Joseph Lake, director of international affairs for Dallas.

No blame was accepted by either country for the collision of the U.S. EP-3 spy plane and a Chinese F-8 fighter jet, but the avoidance of major conflict has become a step toward maturity on both sides, he said.

"Both sides are working their way around the issue," he said. "The Chinese have a clear cut case and so does the United States. They are both trying to avoid confrontation."

Lake, a former U.S. ambassador to Albania and Mongolia, said the Bush administration gave the American public a clear indication of how President Bush

had to make an emergency landing. The Chinese consider their sovereign airspace to extend 200 miles from the coast, but international agreements acknowledge sovereignty to 12 miles off the coast.

Lake said the treaty that acknowledges all of these boundaries has not been signed by the United States. The 200-mile boundary the Chinese claim is stated as an exclusionary zone in the treaty, but the United States does not recognize this. However, the United States makes sure any aircraft within 200 miles off the U.S. coast is identified, he said.

"The whole situation probably will not do any permanent damage to the current relations between the countries, including trade, because both governments do not want issues like trade to be affected," he said.

Calvin Jillson, political science chairman at Southern Methodist University, said cultural distinctions, differing ide-

seen as the most aggressive, he said. Xu said one reason the situation took several days is because diplomatic issues are not equal to domestic issues.

"In foreign issues, the government must understand a different culture and language to make decisions," he said. "That process takes longer than domestic issues."

Jillson said there are two different ideologies that had to be addressed in this situation. U.S. foreign policy holds much individual authority, or unilateral influence, from the president and the secretary of state. Therefore, the U.S. government can reach agreement quickly.

However, the Chinese have a more diffuse government. The leader has to question several situations and groups before resolving diplomatic decisions, he said.

"(Americans) seem to think of China as a strict dictatorship, with a leader who

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could manage a crisis. The president avoided making commitments that could come back to haunt him in the future, Lake said.

"China is one of the most complex relationships the United States has around the world today," he said. "(The Bush administration) did an impressive job."

However, Mike Xu, assistant professor of Chinese, said the situation could have been resolved earlier.

"The 24 men (and women) would have been released in the beginning if the (United States) would have shown the Chinese a little respect in the beginning," he said.

Xu said tension has definitely been relieved by the release of the men and women, but there will always be problems depending on how issues are viewed and handled. Before the situation, some people probably did not take foreign issues with China seriously, he said.

"I think the result of the collision is positive for both the (United States) and China," he said. "Maybe something good came out of the unfortunate occurrence, and the men (and women) can now reunite with their families."

According to an article in *Time* magazine, the U.S. EP-3 spy plane was flying 70 miles from the China coast when it

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■ 1 PILOT DEAD
■ 24 SOLDIERS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

ologies and past conflicts have contributed to the tensions between the two countries.

Lake said he agrees that differing cultures definitely played a role in the resolution of the issue.

"China has never really understood the United States, and the United States has never really understood China," he said. "China is now rising to power in East Asia, and the United States is an existing power in the Pacific. They are going to have to learn to exist together."

Lake said the Chinese people view the West as the great aggressor. Ironically, the United States, which happens to be the least in the aggressors of the West, is

can just make rapid decisions, but that is not the case," Jillson said.

Xu said the collision involving Chinese and U.S. aircraft also concerns past issues of mistrust that have caused the two cultures to have heightened conflict.

Xu said, quoting a Chinese proverb, "Freezing ice of 3 feet does not result from a one night chill."

Many situations occurring in the past five to seven years, such as the bombing of the Chinese embassy in Yugoslavia by a U.S. aircraft, have heightened the tensions, he said.

According to an article in *Time*, the United States was more than willing to apologize for the accidental bombing two years ago.

However, Lake said China will never believe the bombing was an accident.

Lake said the relationship between the American and Chinese governments is complicated, even for the officials who deal with it daily, and the American public needs to be aware of its complexity.

"Americans, as a whole, have a simple idea of international relations with China," he said. "But the reality is that all of these foreign issues are very complex."

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Returning of U.S. crew members does not mean an end to dispute, some say

By Jonathan Sampson
STAFF REPORTER

After 11 days, the 24 American crew members who were forced to make an emergency landing on the island of Hainan are about to return home. But even with the return of the crew, strained relations may continue, causing concerns about U.S. relations with China and the changing economy, said Ralph Carter, TCU professor of political science.

China wants the United States to end reconnaissance missions over international waters near China, but the United States does not plan to change its current policy, an article on (CNN.com) reported Wednesday.

"This is not the conclusion of the case," said Chen Ci, director of the foreign ministry in the Hainan province.

Mike Xu, assistant professor of Chinese, said that a public statement is one thing, but practice is something else. A reconnaissance plane has not flown in China airspace since the accident, he said.

But Carter said the incident is likely to have an impact on trade for the future. Carter said there has already been talk among some conservative Republicans in Congress that President George W. Bush hasn't been hard enough on the Chinese.

Congress might try to do something with Chinese trade, but there has been no indication so far as to what might happen, he said.

"We don't know enough about the new Bush administration to know which way they will go," Carter said.

Calvin Jillson, chairman of political science at Southern Methodist University, said neither country necessarily desires to continue the strong tensions, because there are more important issues that need to be addressed.

"I think both sides have magnified the problem, but each one wants to get beyond this and onto regular issues of trade," he said.

Last year, the United States was Beijing's top export market, with a trade surplus of \$83 billion and U.S. businesses invested about \$4 billion in China, *Time* magazine reported. According to the magazine, China needs that relationship because, to some extent, the leadership's power rests on rising living standards that depend on growing trade.

John Finn, public affairs officer for the economics bureau of the State Department, said the returning crew will lessen the economic impact of the event, but he could not speculate on what might happen with future relations with China.

"The administration continues to support (World Trade Organization) membership with China and wants to move ahead on trade," he said.

Virve Virtanen, manager of media relations for Nokia, said Nokia has manufacturing plants in China, but because they do not import or export between China and the United States, the current dealings do not have an affect on the company.

She said it would be speculation to comment on how Bush's policies might affect the company in the future, but did say Nokia is closely following what is happening in many world markets.

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George W. needs to prove worth outside father's shadow

By Jaime Walker
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When a U.S. EP-3 spy plane collided with a Chinese F-8 fighter jet off the coast of China 10 days ago, the incident sent President George W. Bush and his advisers scrambling to find a way to get the 24 American crew members returned without frustrating an already tense relationship with the Chinese government.

It sent political historians and analysts searching for metaphors by which to compare father and son, past and present.

Bush has waited three months for a chance to prove himself. And he has the Chinese to thank for it. He finally had an opportunity to stand on his own two feet, a chance to move beyond his father's shadow.

Instead he reminded us what huge shoes he's trying to fill.

The comparisons began long before George W. Bush took the oath of office. When he announced he would be running against Al Gore in the 2000 presidential election, historians everywhere started drooling. Only one other presidential son had followed in his father's footsteps. When John Quincy Adams became president in 1824, he did make history. But not like the Bushes.

George W. has lived a life in the limelight, and it's been a cushy one. While his daddy was running the country, he was part-owner of the Texas Rangers, eating hot dogs at Decker Dog Night.

When he traded his seat at Texas Stadium

for a seat behind the desk at the governor's mansion in Austin, his new title moved him one step closer to the White House. But it didn't make him any more useful. Texas is notorious for having the most powerless governor in the country.

Regardless, Bush's six-year tenure as governor gave him a chance to perfect his skills. He learned how to shake hands, kiss babies, raise money and pronounce the names of foreign dignitaries — all very critical assets if one wants to be the leader of the free world.

Especially when you live in the shadow of George Herbert Walker Bush.

George Herbert Walker Bush enlisted in the armed forces at the age of 18. When he received his Navy wings, he was the divi-

sion's youngest pilot, flying 58 combat missions in World War II, eventually being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in action. He graduated from Yale University. He succeeded in the oil business. He served two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was appointed as an ambassador to the United Nations, chief of the U.S. Liaison Office to China and director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The American people watched George Bush to compete for the Republican nomination in 1980. After he lost, we watched him stand behind Ronald Reagan, giving advice on foreign and domestic affairs. When he became president in 1988, we cheered with him as the Berlin Wall crum-

bled, supported him when he sent American troops to Panama to overthrow Manuel Noriega, and waved American flags when he sent troops after Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

We might not have agreed with his policies or even have been old enough to understand them, but by looking at his résumé it's obvious he knew what he was doing when it came to foreign policy and international affairs.

China Incident 2001 came to a close Tuesday with the return of the American crew. But the verdict's still out on whether George W. knows what he's doing.

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