

Forget the Army

Since the Peace Corps was founded 40 years ago, more than 120 TCU graduates have followed commencement with a volunteer trip to places like Colombia and India.
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Battle at The Ballpark

In the fifth Battle at The Ballpark, The TCU baseball team fell behind early and was never able to comeback, losing to Texas, 10-2.
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Fort Worth, Texas

House passes safety resolution
Needs focus on police patrolling

By Melissa Christensen
STAFF REPORTER

The House of Student Representatives passed a resolution Tuesday encouraging TCU administration to take a more keen interest in the safety needs of students by revising parking regulations and improving police patrolling.

"The motivation came from the idea that even though we recognize TCU is a safe campus overall, there is always room for improvement," Milton Daniel Hall representative Chris Mattingly said. Mattingly, a freshman business major, is a member of the House University Affairs Committee, which wrote the resolution.

The resolution suggested means to make parking more readily available near campus housing to limit the amount of time residents may spend walking alone:

- modify Froggie-Five-O hours to begin at sunset each evening.
- keep the visitor lot in front of the Student Center open to Main Campus parking on weekends.
- develop loading zones near residence halls.

"We want to allow students to park closer to the (residence halls), thus having a shorter, safer walk," Mattingly said.

Liana Matin, a junior economics major and Foster Hall resident, said she often worries about her safety when she parks in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum lot at night because of the distance she has to walk by herself.

"There is always a safety issue when it's dark," she said. "I know you're supposed to be able to call Froggie-Five-O, but Froggie-Five-O is never there."

Pam Christian, who is in charge of Froggie-Five-O operations at the TCU Police Department, could not be reached for comment regarding the response time of the security vehicles.

Matin said for her own safety she supports House's suggestions to develop loading zones and opening the visitor lot on weekends.

However, TCU Police Sgt. Michael



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Brian Casebolt, committee chairman for academic affairs, addresses the House of Student Representatives Tuesday on parking issues brought up by the resolution to insure security on campus.

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Senior kidnapped, robbed at gunpoint
Suspects abduct student from Stonegate

By Jaime Walker
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

Senior Jason Cordova said he feels unbelievably fortunate to be alive after reportedly being kidnapped and robbed at gunpoint midnight Tuesday.

Cordova, an advertising/public relations major, said he was about to deliver some papers to a friend at the Stonegate Villa Apartment Complex on Oakhill Circle. He said two men approached him, held a gun to his head and told him to get back in his car.

"One of them sort of frisked me, and then the other one told me to get in my car and drive to an ATM," Cordova said. "They couldn't find an ATM close by that was to their liking so we drove downtown. The whole time they were making threats and telling me if they got caught or things didn't work out, they would kill me."

Cordova said the suspects wanted to use a drive-up ATM that was well hidden and not well lit.

Initially, a man in another car followed Cordova from the apartment complex, so the group



Cordova

would have a getaway vehicle, but the third suspect got lost, he said.

"I withdrew \$50 from my checking account, but that wasn't enough for them," Cordova said. "They were really angry, so they made me drive around the block and then wanted me to withdraw money from my savings account, but I couldn't access it."

The suspects made Cordova drive around the Rosedale Street and Vickery Boulevard area while they decided how they would escape or what they would do next. According to the police report, the suspects stopped at a convenience store on Rosedale Street and Ayers Avenue and one of the suspects went in to buy cigarettes. The other suspect stayed in the car and told Cordova to continue circling the area.

At about 3 a.m., the suspects told Cordova to exit his car and walk down the street without turning around. Cordova said the suspects decided to make him get back in the car and put his head down and count to 50.

"They were talking about whether or not they wanted to kill (me) and said they should have done it like they had before," he said. "At

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Ranking expected to rise
Business school narrowing gap on top 50, some say

By Julie Ann Matonis
STAFF REPORTER

In the next two or three years the graduate business program could be ranked in the top 50 of *U.S. News and World Report's* annual rankings, said William Moncrief, senior associate dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

He said it's not important that TCU ranks behind Southern Methodist University and Rice University, but that TCU is gaining on both schools in the rankings.

"We've always been behind but we're closing the gap," Moncrief said. "I think in two or three years we'll be within striking range. With our program and resources, I think we'll be in the top 50."

The latest rankings for graduate schools were released in the April 9 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*. The list ranks the top 50 graduate business schools, with Stanford University and Harvard University in the top two spots. The University of Texas at Austin ranked 18th, and Rice and SMU ranked 37th and 38th.

Bob Greer, associate dean of graduate programs, said the rankings help retain focus on continual improvement of the program.

"The rankings are important to us because we want to be in the top 50," Greer said. "But this will not happen

overnight because we have strong competitors who will fight hard to retain their top rankings."

Moncrief said the business school needs to be visible nationally and up until now, TCU has not done a lot of marketing.

"Now we're playing the rankings game," Moncrief said. "If you're making enough noise, people will mention you."

Greer said several factors are involved in increasing the image and awareness of the graduate program.

"We are expending a great deal of effort in promoting the program to potential students," Greer said. "We are advertising in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *The Dallas Morning News*, *Dallas Business Journal* and on billboards."

Moncrief said there are two parts to the rankings game, internal statistics and overall image.

Reputation accounts for 40 percent of the rankings and is composed of surveys from deans of other schools and from corporate recruiters.

Placement success accounted for 35 percent of the rankings and is measured by starting salary and employment rates for graduates.

Greer said as of April 12, 44 percent of the graduate students expected to graduate in May have job offers.

Greer said the difference in starting salary between TCU students and students from other universities is due to an exclusion of signing bonuses from the TCU salary data and less experience among TCU students.

"While we prefer more experience in our entering classes, our average experience is increasing and is now between 2 1/2 and three years," Greer said. "With one or two exceptions, the top 50 schools have experience that ranges from four to six years. Employers tend to offer higher salaries to students who have more experience."

According to *U.S. News and World Report*, the average age of the entering class at TCU is 26, and international students make up 40 percent of the class. The average age of the entering class at Rice is 28, and international students make up 20 percent of the class.

Cody Dick, a second-year MBA student, said it is important to have a large number of international students in the MBA program because of the global nature of the economy.

"There are huge benefits from seeing different backgrounds," Dick said. "It pushes American students to do things on the international level."

Student selectivity, characterized

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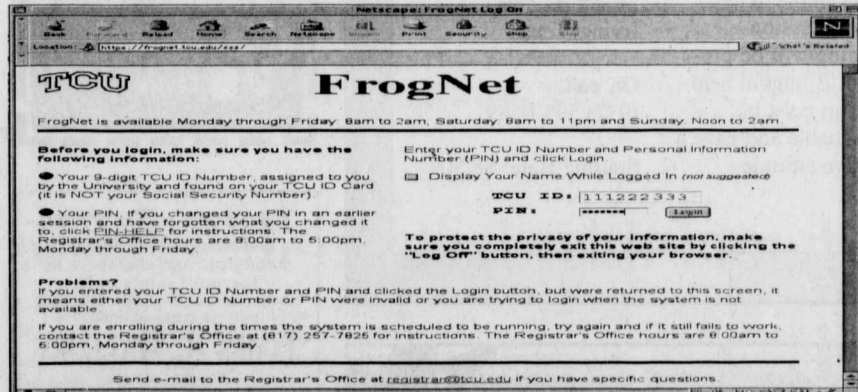
FOOD FOLLIES



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Tiffany Verduce, a freshman marketing major, and Sarah Gibbs, a freshman business major, participate in a food fight wing social Tuesday on the lawn in front of Sherley Hall.

FrogNet still improving



FrogNet was designed to make registration process easier. But officials have had some problems dealing with the new software.

By Kelly Marino
STAFF REPORTER

When the FrogNet enrollment system went into effect two years ago, it was designed to make the registration process simpler for students and for the registrar's office, but officials knew they would be dealing with the complications associated with a new software, said Patrick Miller, registrar and director of enrollment management.

He said TCU is more prepared now to deal with any difficulties it may encounter with FrogNet.

However, the registrar's office spent part of last week coping with recent shutdowns, Miller said.

"The system had around 70 to 80 students using FrogNet, then it was down to seven students and

then it would shut down for no apparent reason," Miller said. "The problem dealt with a bad memory board on FrogNet so Information Services took it down and replaced it with another one. Now everything seems to be running well again."

Miller said even though TCU gives students the opportunity to work with advisers or go to a lab to learn how to use FrogNet, officials with the registrar's office still struggle to get the system to work.

"During the first two to three freshmen orientations in the summer of 1999, we had to monitor the entire system and learn how to respond to each problem we were facing," Miller said.

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TODAY IN HISTORY
In 1925, the worst tornado in U.S. history passed through eastern Missouri, southern Illinois and southern Indiana, killing 695 people, injuring almost 13,000 people and causing \$17 million in property damage. Known as the "Tri-State Tornado," the deadly twister began its northeast track in Ellington, Mo., but southern Illinois was the hardest hit.

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Students use caffeine despite side effects

Intake increases during midterms, finals

By Chrissy Braden
STAFF REPORTER

Caffeinated drinks, stay-awake medicines and chocolate can be as important for studying as a textbook and class notes.

Finals and midterms cause students to increase their caffeine intake, said Jerry Jones, manager of Froggie Cafe at the TCU Bookstore.

Jones didn't have exact sales figures, but said the cafe has about a 20 percent increase in sales of caffeine products the months of midterms and finals.

"Midterm week we saw a lot of people," he said. "It was crazy. We were packed all day long."

The cafe sells a variety of sodas, coffees, teas, and candies high in caffeine.

But while caffeine may help students to increase their studying capabilities, the drug has side effects.

Elizabeth Young, a freshman chemistry major, said she drinks Coke and black coffee and takes No-doz, a tablet form of caffeine, to help her stay awake to study for tests.

"I can't go to sleep after I've had a

lot of caffeine, and it speeds up my heart rate," she said. "For my chemistry final last semester, I had too much caffeine, and my hand was shaking all over the place."

Caffeine can cause other side effects such as difficulty sleeping, mood changes, heartburn, stomachaches and headaches, according to the Oklahoma State University's Safety Training Web site (www.pp.okstate.edu).

The Web site also cited that people who usually have high caffeine intakes and suddenly cease getting their normal intake can experience withdrawal symptoms such as headaches.

Caffeine, medically known as trimethylxanthine, is a naturally occurring alkaloid found in the leaves, seeds and fruits of more than 60 plants.

The chemical binds to receptors in the brain and inhibits adenosine, the normal enzyme that binds to those receptors, from attaching, which causes a normal sleepy feeling, according to Erowid's Web site (www.erowid.org).

The Food and Drug Administration found no evidence in a 1987 study that

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PULSE

campus lines

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moody 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.

■ **The Neeley Student Resource Center** will be hosting advising workshops from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today and Thursday in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 134.

■ **The Kino Monda World Film Series** will present "Like Water for Chocolate," at 7 p.m. today in Sid W. Richardson Lecture Hall I. Admission is free. For more information contact John Singleton at (817) 257-7292.

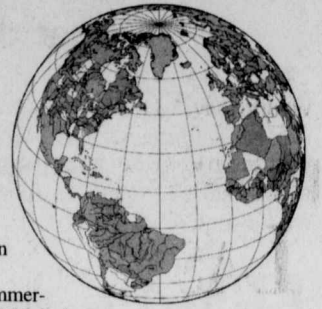
■ **Tryouts for TCU Showgirls** will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 28 in the Rickel Building, Room 318. Prep classes for the tryouts will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday and April 25 in the Rickel Building, Room 318. For more information call Jamie Drake-Stephens at (903) 238-5707 or Rebecca Mouch at (817) 884-9391.

■ **The math department will hold a calculus bee** at 4 p.m. Thursday in Winton-Scott Hall, Room 145. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Winton-Scott Hall, Room 171. Cash prizes will be awarded — \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. Please sign up in advance in Winton-Scott Hall, Room 112.

■ **A study skills workshop** on comprehensive study skills will be at 7 p.m. Monday in Reed Hall, Room 117. Another workshop on final exam preparation will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday 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.

WORLD DIGEST



American journalist injured by rebel fire

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — An American journalist wounded in a skirmish between government troops and Tamil separatists was traveling in rebel-held territory without permission, Sri Lanka said Tuesday.

Marie Colvin, 44, a native of Oyster Bay, N.Y., who works for Britain's *Sunday Times*, sustained shrapnel wounds to her head, chest and arm on Monday.

She was in stable condition Tuesday after surgery at the Colombo Eye Hospital. Richard Caseyby, managing editor of the *Sunday Times*, said Colvin would be flown to the United States as soon as her health permitted.

Chief government spokesman Ariya Rubasinghe said in a statement that Colvin "did not obtain permission to enter or visit uncleared areas."

Under Sri Lankan law, journalists wanting to travel to areas controlled by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, known as the LTTE, must obtain written permission from the Defense Ministry. Rubasinghe did not say if the government will bring charges against Colvin.

"The facts that have emerged so far indicate that she has had her own secret agenda with the LTTE," he said, but did not elaborate.

The statement blamed her injuries on rebel fire. Hours before a five-day truce by government troops was due to expire, an army patrol spotted Colvin and a group of rebels escorting her as they tried to enter government-held Vavuniya, 130 miles north of the capital, Colombo.

After the rebels opened fire, the statement said, "Troops retaliated with small arms fire and grenades and after a few minutes terrorists fled the area."

"On a subsequent search, troops found a foreign woman lying injured," the statement said.

Mexico hosts joint foreign relations meeting

MEXICO CITY — Waving and grinning from his car after meeting with President Vicente Fox, Sen. Jesse Helms appeared at home in a country he has long denounced.

Helms came to Mexico City on Monday for a three-day trip that includes a historic joint meeting with members of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and its Mexican counterpart. On Tuesday, the five U.S. senators met with Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda, who in the past had often criticized Helms. Before the meeting, the group laughed and posed happily for photographers.

The two sides appear to be putting aside their dif-

ferences — or at least discussing them. The visit, Helms said, was a way to "help solidify the emerging friendship between our two governments."

For years, the North Carolina Republican has attacked Mexico, accusing its government of widespread corruption and lackluster drug-fighting efforts.

Helms, one of Cuba's most vocal opponents, has denounced Mexico's ties to the communist island. He also voted against the North American Free Trade Agreement and opposed a U.S. rescue of Mexico's economy during the 1995 peso crisis.

For his part, Castaneda once called the Helms-Burton law — designed to punish foreign companies investing in Cuba — an "absurd tragicomedy."

But things have changed in Mexico, and both sides appeared to be responding.

When Fox took office Dec. 1, he ended 71 years of rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Although the new president has appealed to the left by sending an Indian rights bill to Congress and promising to restart stalled peace talks with the Zapatista rebels, the former Coca-Cola executive is also a devout Roman Catholic and a member of the conservative National Action Party.

His administration has been received favorably by many Republicans in the United States.

Mexico was President George W. Bush's first foreign trip after taking office. He and Fox spent a day at the Mexican president's ranch, pledging closer cooperation against drug smuggling, energy shortages and immigration problems.

And in January, a delegation of senators led by Texas Republican Phil Gramm proposed a guest-worker program to bring Mexican workers legally into the United States.

Helms has said Wednesday's meeting with Mexican legislators "will be, to the best of our knowledge, the first time in history that a committee of the U.S. Congress has held a joint meeting on foreign soil with a committee of another nation's congress or parliament."

Children found on suspected slave ship

COTONOU, Benin — Puzzled authorities tried to determine whether a ferry that pulled into port Tuesday was a ship suspected of smuggling child slaves that was believed wandering for days in Africa's Gulf of Guinea. The arriving ship carried passengers, including dozens of unaccompanied children.

The U.N. children's fund kept up an alert for the possibility that there was a second ship actually carrying the slaves that might try to dock somewhere along the western African coast.

"We have asked our offices in Malabo and elsewhere in the region to remain vigilant and not to

demobilize," said Zachary Adams, UNICEF official in Cotonou.

Benin's commercial capital, Malabo is the capital of nearby Equatorial Guinea.

"A boat has arrived here in Cotonou and we have no details of another, but we have to be prepared for the possibility."

The 200-foot-long ferry that arrived in Cotonou bore the name of the vessel that officials had been hunting — the Etireno — but it appeared freshly painted white, with the signs of another name, "NORDBY," still visible underneath. The captain said the name was changed in 1999.

Among the passengers — mostly women with a few men — 43 unaccompanied children were found on the boat and were taken to two children's shelters, where they were fed and allowed to rest ahead of questioning.

It was not clear how the children got onto the ship. It could not be ruled out that they were being smuggled into slavery, said Alfonso Gonzalez Jagli, of the Men of the Earth charity, which runs one of the homes. "How can we explain the presence of 43 children here?" Jagli told Associated Press Television News. "It is not possible to clear up the question of trafficking at this time."

An anxious search had begun Thursday, when it was reported that the Nigerian-registered MV Etireno had clandestinely slipped out of Cotonou with 100-250 children on board being smuggled into slavery. It was reportedly wandering in the Gulf of Guinea for days after being turned away from ports in Gabon and Cameroon.

The ferry pulled into Cotonou shortly after 1 a.m. with a crowd of Cabinet ministers, soldiers, police and journalists waiting. It was found to be carrying women and children and a few men.

Social Protection Minister Ramatou Baba Moussa produced a copy of the handwritten manifest from the ship that arrived. It listed 139 names, including seven children. The unaccompanied children were apparently not listed.

The passengers, nervous and exhausted, said no child slaves had been aboard, as did the vessel's 40-year-old Nigerian captain, Lawrence Onome. "I have not committed any offense that will warrant my arrest," Onome said. "I am not into child slavery, they can't prove it. It is one thing to say, and one thing to prove."

"I don't know what to think," said Nicolas Pron, a senior UNICEF official in Benin.

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LASTING REWARDS

Focus on others, not personal gain

Forty years ago, one of the biggest volunteer organizations in the country was established to help people in the world's developing countries. After President John F. Kennedy gave a speech at the University of Michigan, students organized a petition to establish what is today known as the Peace Corps. More than 161,000 Americans have joined the Peace Corps since 1961.

TCU ranks No. 8 in the state in terms of the number of alumni who become Peace Corps volunteers. More than 120 TCU graduates have volunteered in countries like Colombia, The Gambia, Bolivia, Thailand and India.

Jesse Garcia, a public affairs specialist who helps recruit volunteers for the Peace Corps, said it's a good sign when students on a campus think globally when considering their future.

After all, thinking globally is in TCU's mission statement.

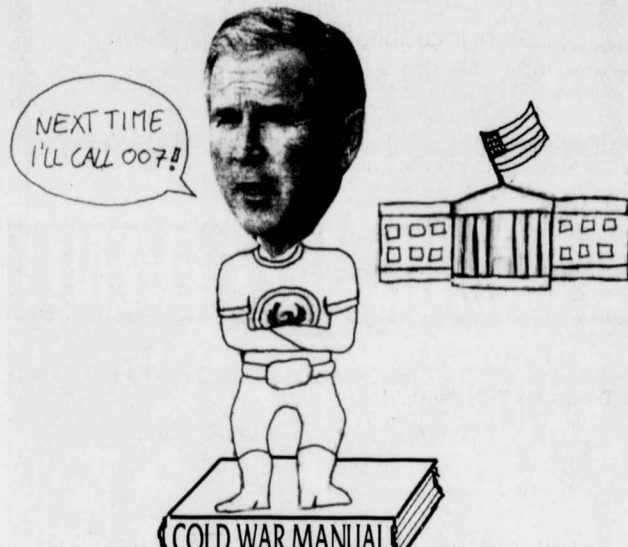
By not only making global thinking part of our mission statement, but by actually living it out, is a step towards leadership for any private institution. But, let's try to make TCU No. 1 in the state as the number of alumni who become volunteers. Wouldn't that make TCU's goal a success?

When students decide to become volunteers for two years, they do so knowing the job does not pay well, but in the end it will be the most rewarding job they might ever have.

Anne-Marie McMahon, who ended her volunteer work with the Peace Corps three years ago, said people originally joined the Peace Corps because of the idea of traveling to a far-off place. The idealism of traveling around the world slightly wore off until volunteers began sharing their experiences. The life-changing experiences are what has inspired the next generation of volunteers.

"The motto has stuck with Peace Corps throughout all of its 40 years — 'The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love,'" McMahon said.

Let's stop focusing on making money and realize that there are other countries in the world that could use our help. Anything from providing clean water to teaching a 7-year-old child to add are some of the rewards a volunteer can experience, which far exceeds any dollar amount on a pay check for working in a corporate office.



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Past mistakes should set standard

Congress needs to look at how Bush handled finances in Texas

As if there weren't enough reasons to oppose President George W. Bush's tax cut already, Tuesday presented another reason why Congress should not pass George's risky scheme.

That reason to oppose the tax cut happened right here in the Lone Star State.

The state House Public Education Committee listened to testimony on a handful of bills designed to offer pre-kindergarten or kindergarten to more children. According to an article published Tuesday in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*,

one of the bills would require districts to provide pre-kindergarten to all 4-year-old children. The bill would also require mandatory kindergarten for all 5-year-old children. Another bill would make it easier for low-income families to put their children in pre-kindergarten.

These can hardly be called excessive governmental programs. Quite the contrary. These are bills that need to be passed to improve education in this state.

Too bad they probably won't pass. The culprit: not enough money.

Bush's 1999 tax cut has drained Texas of money and has put legislators in a real budget crunch. The state is facing a possible deficit, which is prohibited by the state constitution. That means legislators have to raise taxes or cut spending, or both, to avoid this.

It also means that good legislation, like the ones discussed Tuesday, could go unfunded. This is unfortunate.

It is universally accepted that the earlier children start learning, the better. Numerous studies have shown that early childhood education gives children a better chance to succeed in the future. No one in Austin is denying this.

But nobody is funding efforts to do anything about it either.

If they hadn't along with Bush's 1999 tax cut, legislators would be in a position to do something.

Bush liked to say as governor that he wanted Texas to show the nation how to use a surplus. Hopefully this isn't what he had in mind. Bush said there would be more than enough money for Texas to cut taxes and meet its funding needs. Barely two years later, Bush is already wrong.

Texas may not be able to show us how to handle a surplus, but it can at least show us how not to handle a surplus. Bush went on a tax cutting spree before taking care of pressing needs the state faced. The environment here is a wreck, health care is in shambles and the education system is not near as good as everyone thinks it is. Bush had the golden opportunity to do something about it. Instead of taking care of these problems, Bush cut taxes for his wealthy buddies.

Texas had its dessert before dinner and has a major tummy ache as a result.

The federal government is faced with rosy projections of skyrocketing budget surpluses as far as the eye can see. It is also faced with many problems. We have a golden opportunity to alleviate these problems and even pay down the national debt. Once again, Bush wants to cut taxes first and worry about the rest later. Bush said there is enough money to go around, just like he did in Texas.

Hopefully Congress won't let Bush be wrong a second time.

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America should be proactive to injustice

When President John F. Kennedy was killed in November of 1963, a young minister in the Nation of Islam named Malcolm X commented that JFK's murder was a case of America's "chickens coming home to roost." From his perspective, this nation had long been sowing the seeds of violence, and the president just happened to reap the "reward." Well, with a quick look northward to the current state of the sleepy conservative town of Cincinnati, it becomes quite clear that America's coop may soon be in danger.

It seems that, again, a young, unarmed black man has been murdered by the police, and again, a city is being torn apart. The mainstream media are doing very little to present any information in regards to what is actually going on in the city, and passive observers are left reflecting on the fact that "they are destroying 'their' own neighborhoods again."

From accounts that I've read on independent media and the University of Cincinnati's Web sites, the racial tension present in the city right now is thick, with the

frustration manifesting itself in occurrences of open hostility toward white people in the streets; even those who support the rage expressed by the uprising participants. And as I look around me in my own town, I can't help but wonder how it would go down if this happened here.

Raleigh, N.C., with a high level of residential integration, would face a much more complex situation than many of the cities in which police brutality or murder have spawned urban uprising. If the racial tensions in our midst escalated and erupted, the action would pit neighbor vs. neighbor and friend vs. friend. Even here at the university, it seems that battle lines would be drawn and students, faculty and staff would be ill equipped to dam the flood of a city gone angry.

Would the frustrations be vented and contained in the southeast corner of town where developers have done a tremendous job of isolating the black community, or would Crabtree Mall burn? Would students at the universities involve themselves, or would they stay above the fray, intellectually debating the "effectiveness" of the

rebellious strategies? Would white people be allowed to show solidarity with the frustrated masses of people of color, or would the nightmare of Reginald Denny reoccur?

See, while the uprisings in Cincinnati and L.A. were spontaneous in that one event catalyzed the fuse exploding, they were not spontaneous in a sense that the catalytic action was uncommon. In Cincinnati, 15 young black men have been murdered by the police in the past six years, so Timothy Thomas is no anomaly. And it wouldn't be an anomaly in Raleigh either, where stories of police brutality escape mainstream attention but occur nonetheless. Currently, I feel a great sorrow for the residents of Cincinnati. The lack of voice for people of color in the mainstream political and economic realm has rendered them powerless to fight back against the all-too-present oppression they feel, until now. And whether one agrees with their tactics or not is irrelevant. The peoples' voice is finally being heard, and that is important.

Concurrent with my sadness, however, I feel a twinge of optimism. Hopefully, cities across the

country will learn from these events and work proactively to quell the need for this reactive behavior. Citizens' review boards of police, led by poor people and people of color and backed by the support of all allied people, must be established as a way to hold the police accountable to these communities. If this can't be accomplished legislatively, or "legitimately," then the people must police the police themselves. Police officers are human too, and without the support of an intentionally anti-racist task force established to check their behavior, they will undoubtedly succumb to the pressures of the system in which they operate.

Let's let this be a lesson, America. Let's stop relying on reaction and actually work to prevent something before it happens. If we don't, then I'm afraid that Cincinnati's chickens will be roosting in our homes soon, and more of our cities' and their residents' hopes will burn.

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Society must deal with blood on its hands after McVeigh execution

Since the last public hanging in 1936, executions in the United States have been private matters. Although they are a function of the state, they have taken place behind closed doors.

That may soon change. In less than one month, Timothy McVeigh will become the first prisoner since Victor Feuger in 1963 to die at the hands of the federal government. On May 16, McVeigh will be strapped to a table at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind., and have lethal drugs pumped into his veins.

Believe it or not, McVeigh desires this fate. Earlier this year, he dropped his appeals. McVeigh is responsible for the deaths of 168 individuals in his bombing of the federal building in

Oklahoma City six years ago Thursday.

The federal government, as do many states, permits victims' families to watch execution. But in this case, there is a problem — the witness room in Terre Haute seats only 10, while at least 200 of the victims' kin have expressed a desire to witness the execution.

To allow this, Attorney General John Ashcroft authorized a closed-circuit broadcast of it to Oklahoma City.

But McVeigh wants the entire United States to see him die.

He wants his execution broadcast on national television. Entertainment Network, owner of such Web sites as (Voyeurdorm.com) and (Dudedorm.com), has asked for rights to Webcast the execution.

Anyone who would want to watch could -- for \$1.95.

Monday, that company will present arguments in federal court in Indiana.

McVeigh's execution should not be broadcast for a fee, but it should be broadcast.

I oppose capital punishment — I do not believe that the state has the right to take a person's life, even in this extreme case. I realize McVeigh is remorseless about what he did in Oklahoma City and his recent statements show that he wants to die like a martyr. I do not have a morbid interest in seeing a man die.

That said, I still believe that McVeigh's execution should happen on national television. Capital punishment is the only type of homicide classified as legal, because officially

society carries it out.

Although a small group of prison officials will do the deed, it is done in the name of every citizen of the United States. We will all have McVeigh's blood on our hands May 16. As such, we should be allowed to witness what we are doing.

I know there are plenty of reasons not to broadcast executions. For instance, we don't want people partying for this somber moment like crowds in Huntsville are notorious for doing outside that state's death house. We don't want our children to see this. Many also say that this should be a private moment between a killer and his victims.

In the United States, criminal trials are prosecuted by the state, not by the victim. Thus, executions are a public matter, between

society and killer.

Trials are public and even broadcast. This is meant to deepen democracy, as it gives every person a view of the state's actions. So shouldn't the trial's result also be open to public scrutiny?

Politicians justify their continued support of capital punishment by saying that the public supports it. But could this support come because capital punishment happens at a distance?

If McVeigh's execution is broadcast, for the first time since 1936 Americans will be faced with the reality of capital punishment. We will see an actual person die by society's hands.

"If some of these democratic principles mean anything, we should do (executions) publicly, and

deal with that, or we should abolish it," assistant professor Paul Leighton of Eastern Michigan University said in the March 11 edition of the *Indianapolis Star*.

Perhaps a broadcast of McVeigh's execution will spark more debate on legal homicide. At the very least, it will make more people aware of what is being done in their names.

Only after actually seeing an execution for ourselves can we really say whether we're for or against capital punishment. Perhaps the source of the blood on our hands will no longer seem so distant.

David McKenzie is a columnist for The Pitt News at the University of Pittsburgh. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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CAFFEINE

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normal caffeine intake, 300 mg, causes an increase in health risks.

In October 1998, a 20-year-old Carteret Community College student in North Carolina died from heart rhythm irregularities associated with an overdose of caffeine, according to an October 27, 1998, *Associated Press* article.

According to the article, the student took 90 caffeine pills, the equivalent of 250 cups of coffee, after a fellow student dared him.

Medically, caffeine is used as a cardiac stimulant and a mild diuretic, a drug that induces urination, according to the Web site HowStuffWorks (www.howstuffworks.com/caffeine.htm).

It also increases the power of aspirin and other pain killers and is often used in medications, according to the Consumer Talk Web site (www.health-library.com).

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HEALTH BEAT

Because it's a stimulant, caffeinated beverages are not recommended for replacing body fluids. Below is a list of popular beverages, foods and medications with their caffeine content in milligrams.

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- ☐ drip method 110 to 150
- ☐ percolated 64 to 124
- ☐ instant 40 to 108
- ☐ **Tea (5 oz cup) mg**
- ☐ 1 minute brew nine to 33
- ☐ 3 minute brew 20 to 46
- ☐ instant 12 to 28
- ☐ **Chocolate mg**
- ☐ 6 oz cup of hot cocoa two to eight
- ☐ 8 oz cup chocolate milk two to seven
- ☐ 1 oz milk chocolate one to 15
- ☐ **Soft drinks (12 oz can) mg**
- ☐ Mountain Dew 54.0
- ☐ Coca-Cola/Diet Coke 45.6
- ☐ Shasta Cola 44.4
- ☐ Dr Pepper 39.6
- ☐ Pepsi Cola 38.4
- ☐ Diet Pepsi 36.0
- ☐ **Stimulants mg**
- ☐ No-doz tablets 100
- ☐ Vivarin 200
- ☐ **Pain relievers mg**
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Services held in the death of Chancellor Ferrari's mother-in-law

Vera Bjurstrom, mother-in-law of Chancellor Michael Ferrari, died Saturday in Mount Lebanon, Pa. Funeral services were held there Tuesday morning, and Ferrari planned to return to campus late Tuesday night. His wife, Jan, will stay with her family until the weekend.

Memorials can be made to Beverly Heights United Presbyterian Church, 1207 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228, or the Joseph Price School Fund, c/o Mount Lebanon High School, 155 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15228.

Bjurstrom was a member of the Beverly Heights United Presbyterian Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Bjurstrom.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Price and Janice Ferrari, two sisters, one brother, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

CORDOVA

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first I was really scared, but I got this amazing sense of calm. I realized at that point it was all out of my hands. If it was my time to go, it was my time to go. The ultimate decision was up to them."

The two men loaded Cordova's wallet, palm pilot, laptop computer and other personal belongings into

his backpack and ran.

"I can't help but believe that I am alive because of some kind of divine intervention," Cordova said. "Now, I have to piece back together the things that I lost, but I escaped with my life and my car. I am so lucky and forever grateful."

Cordova said the incident has caused him to re-evaluate his priorities and will make him more aware of his surroundings.

"What I learned last night is that

it's your relationships with other people that really matter," he said.

"I remember wondering if I had made the most of my life so far.

"And, if anything, I realized this kind of thing can happen here. It can happen to us. Violence can happen to anyone."

Frances Awala, secretary to the criminal investigations division of the Fort Worth Police Department, said no investigating officer will be assigned to the case until today.

FROGNET

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Chantel Ford, a junior marketing major, said she really enjoys FrogNet because it allows students to register on their own time instead of during office hours.

"FrogNet is definitely an advantage for students because it makes registering much faster and much easier," Ford said.

Nikki Morgan, a senior marketing major, said she did not have any problems signing up for

classes this semester.

"I will be graduating in December, and a lot of my classes needed permits to get in," Morgan said. "I am ahead of a lot of other students, so it was an easy and quick process."

However, Maria Sarabia, a sophomore Spanish and advertising/public relations major, said FrogNet stalled a few times when she was registering for classes, and it took awhile to submit her request.

"After I logged off and then re-registered on to print my schedule, the computer said the server was down," Sarabia said.

Whatever stress and problems students face when enrolling, Miller said he feels his office is prepared to cope with them.

"We intend to have all people on deck when something happens which will include people with pagers and everyone working in the office," Miller said. "Things are smooth now, but if something else goes wrong it will be more difficult to deal with because we have solved all the simple problems."

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BUSINESS

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by the mean GPA and GMAT scores, accounts for 25 percent of the rankings. Average GMAT scores at TCU were 594 for the incoming class of 1999. Greer said GMAT scores at TCU have increased 15 points each year for the past couple of years.

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SGA

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Harvey said the visitor lot is only closed for specific reasons, either at the chancellor's request or when a truck needs to make a delivery to the Student Center. He said otherwise the lot is open for parking on the weekends.

In addition to student safety, the resolution addressed security of vehicles, citing 55 break-ins on TCU property in 2000. The resolution

asked administrators to ensure that TCU Police patrol all areas of campus from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and, in off hours, focus patrolling on overnight parking lots to prevent break-ins.

Harvey monitors the night shift and said he could not comment on daytime operations. He said at night, three officers continually patrol the campus.


"We move around to keep from falling asleep," he said. "It's not feasible to put an officer in a specific parking lot."

Mattingly said that while the committee recognized the efforts of TCU Police to create a safe atmosphere, total security is the ultimate goal. He cited a recent survey of 875 students in The Main that reported only a small percentage of students said they felt very safe on campus.

"We believe each student deserves the right to feel that extra security," he said. "We can never do too much to ensure safety for the students."

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Talks in China continue

U.S. rejects call to end surveillance flights

By Christopher Bodeen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — Teams of U.S. and Chinese negotiators — including an American deputy defense secretary and a Chinese Foreign Ministry official — staked out tough positions Tuesday ahead of talks on the return of a U.S. spy plane and the collision that killed a Chinese fighter pilot.

Tensions remain high between the two superpowers, even after the release of 24 U.S. crew members who were held for 11 days after making an emergency landing on Hainan Island in the South China Sea.

China has demanded an end to U.S. surveillance flights near its territory and says it wants to discuss how to avoid such incidents during today's talks at the Foreign Ministry.

Both sides say they will review the cause of the collision. Beijing insists the EP-3E surveillance plane caused the April 1 crash, and that Washington must take responsibility. U.S. officials say the Chinese F-8 fighter plane was probably at fault.

The Bush administration has rejected the call for an end to the surveillance flights, saying it has the right to fly in international airspace. U.S. officials have made bringing the plane home their priority since the crew's release.

"We want our airplane back, and we're going to make that point, and we would expect to get a response," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Tuesday, adding that he expected the matter to be addressed in the talks in Beijing.

Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Peter F. Verga, who heads the U.S. delegation, told reporters that his side was seeking more information.

"We're here ... to meet with the Chinese government and exchange information regarding the ongoing situation with our reconnaissance aircraft," Verga said Tuesday at Beijing's airport.

Six of the eight members of the U.S. team are military officers or Defense Department officials. They include an expert on the EP-3E and Army Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock, the U.S. Embassy military attaché who served as chief contact with the crew during their captivity.

China's delegation will be led by Lu Shimin, director general of the Foreign Ministry's North American and Oceanic Affairs Department, said spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue. She said military officials would also be in the delegation, but provided no details.

"It is our hope that the U.S. side will take a constructive attitude in negotiations so as to ensure a proper settlement of the question," Zhang told reporters.

She refused to say whether China would discuss returning the plane. It is believed to be sitting at the Hainan air base where it landed. Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao said Tuesday that China would deal with the plane lawfully.

"For our part we are continuing our investigation, and we are going to treat or manage the plane according to the law," Zhu said, speaking to reporters in Caracas, Venezuela, where President Jiang Zemin was wrapping up a 12-day Latin America tour.

State legal system seeing change

Texas Senate approves overhaul of indigent-defense system

By Jim Vertuno
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Texas, which has built a reputation for coddling no criminals and offering precious little mercy, is suddenly moving to add safeguards to its legal system.

The 2000 presidential campaign threw a spotlight on the criminal justice system in George W. Bush's home state, focusing attention on questionable convictions, sleeping lawyers and the speed with which America's No. 1 death penalty state executes inmates.

Over the past couple of weeks, the Legislature has taken up some of those issues.

Inmates have won easier access to post-conviction DNA testing. The state Senate has approved an overhaul of the indigent-defense system, calling for better-trained court-appointed attorneys and, for the first time, kicking in state money for lawyers to represent poor defendants.

Other measures under consideration include a ban on executing retarded killers, the option of a life-without-parole sentence for murder, increased compensation

for wrongly imprisoned inmates and even a two-year moratorium on the death penalty.

"This is a big death penalty reform period," Jim Liebman, Columbia University law professor, said. "Proposals are being considered around the country. There's also a sense that some of the important mechanisms for assuring reliability in Texas haven't been functioning well, a sense that Texas has not always provided all the procedures it should."

Some of those supporting the Texas legislation are foes of the death penalty. But others are ardent supporters of capital punishment who want to insulate the death penalty against claims of error.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat and supporter of the death penalty, has helped lead reform efforts.

"Although the presidential campaign is behind us, the spotlight won't go away," Ellis said. "Our criminal justice system is broken. And it needs to be repaired."

The DNA bill was the first step. Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who supports the death penalty, de-

clared the issue an emergency this legislative session. He signed it into law April 5.

"Justice should not only be swift, but in all cases fair," said Perry, who notes the measure could help prove inmates' guilt as well as set some free.

The DNA bill was sponsored by a Republican in the Senate and a Democrat in the House. And GOP lawmakers threw their support behind Ellis' indigent-defense bill when it passed the Senate last week with no opposition. The measure now goes to the House.

A 2000 study by the nonpartisan Texas Applesseed Fair Defense Project found that defendants sometimes wait months before getting a lawyer, who may be poorly trained and woefully underpaid for the work.

Under the bill, the state would contribute \$19.7 million to provide legal counsel for the poor — something that traditionally has been paid for by counties. The bill also requires lawyers to meet minimum standards of expertise. Two years ago, Bush vetoed similar legislation.

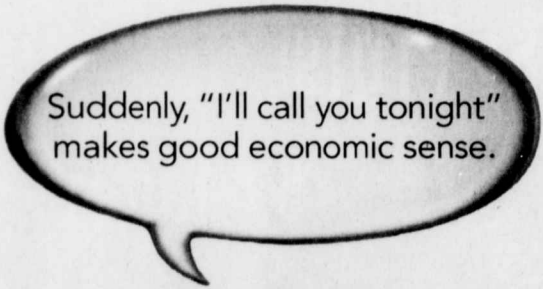
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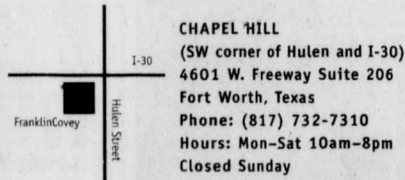
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Oct. 14, 1960

Students from the University of Michigan organize a petition drive, asking for a two year service program in which students dedicate their lives to developing countries.

March 1, 1961

President John F. Kennedy issues executive order to create the Peace Corps. Sargent Shriver is appointed its first director three days later.

June 1966

More than 15,000 volunteers are serving in the the field, making it the largest number in Peace Corps history.

June 2, 1981

The 20th anniversary of returned volunteers held in Washington, D.C. Peace Corps had had programs in 88 countries. In total 97,201 Americans had become volunteers.

FORGET THE ARMY—Join the Peace Corps

Story by Kristina Iodice

Sarah Burleson is a 22-year-old senior who will graduate in May. But the political science major and Spanish minor will not be searching for a job or thinking about graduate school.

In a few months, Burleson will head to the Caribbean or South America as one of the newest Peace Corps volunteers.

Burleson is following in the footsteps of a number of TCU graduates. Since the Peace Corps was first founded 40 years ago, more than 120 TCU graduates have followed commencement with a volunteer trip to places like Colombia, The Gambia, Bolivia, Thailand, Micronesia and India.

Statewide, TCU ranks No. 8 in the number of alumni who go on to become Peace Corps volunteers. Three former students are currently abroad.

Jesse Garcia, public affairs specialist for the Peace Corps, helps recruit volunteers like Burleson.

"Most students know about the Peace Corps, and a few see the Peace Corps service as an opportunity to go into the lucrative foreign service, working in embassies throughout the world," he said. "It is a good sign when students on a campus think globally when considering their future."

Burleson will soon be part of an organization that began decades earlier. In 1961, presidential candidate John F. Kennedy gave an impromptu speech at the University of Michigan, challenging the students to help people in developing countries. The speech proved to be the foundation of an idea that would become the smallest, and possibly the most successful, federal organization.

Anne-Marie McMahon, whose volunteer commitment in Guinea-Bissau, West Africa, ended three years ago, now works for Peace Corps Southwest Regional Recruitment. She said people first joined the Peace Corps because of the idealist trend of thought and the romance of far-off places.

Kennedy's idealism was infectious, and it made the Peace Corps successful in the early years, she said. Yet the decline of American idealism didn't mark the Peace Corps for an early death.

"Later, when the idealism of the 1960s had worn off, the returned Peace Corps volunteers told their stories about their service, and inspired others to join," McMahon said. "The Peace Corps has sustained a high level of interest primarily because returning volunteers bring back stories of adventures and a life-changing experience and constantly inspire the next generation of volunteers."

Four decades after its inception, the tiny, idealistic Peace Corps continues to defy Washington norms of countless staff members and indulgent salaries. It has 550 employees working in offices around the country, and the number of volunteers has increased dramatically from the first 750 people who volunteered for the Peace Corps in the first eight months in 1961.

This year, more than 7,300 Peace Corps volunteers and trainees are serving in 76 countries. The Peace Corps is in a better position to support core programs in the areas of education, business, health, environment and agriculture because of the number of volunteers, the highest since 1974, said outgoing Peace Corps Director Mark Schneider.

The Peace Corps continues to gain support. In November, the agency received \$21 million more than the last fiscal year when President Bill Clinton signed the foreign assistance funding bill. The Peace Corps budget increased to \$265 million — the largest in its history.

McMahon said the majority of the budget increase will most likely fund new programs overseas and not affect recruiting. Overseas programs may be able to expand the number of volunteers, and new programs might open up in areas that the Peace Corps has never been in, such as Eastern Europe and Central Asia, she said.

Less than a month ago, the Peace Corps reopened its program in Uganda, Africa, and will establish a new program teaching English in the Republic of Georgia in the former Soviet Union.

The Peace Corps isn't a business, and the bigger budget means opportunities, not higher wages for volunteers. Joining the agency for two years or so isn't a free — or paid — opportunity to travel by any means.

Even in the 1960s, Kennedy was blunt about what volunteers would face. "Life in the Peace Corps will not be easy," Kennedy said, when he signed the executive order establishing the Peace Corps. "Men and women will be expected to work and live alongside the nationals of the country in which they are stationed — doing the same work, eating the same food, talking the same language."

TCU alumni Brian Glen and Fran Huckaby know first hand the challenges Burleson may soon be facing. The married couple spent two years in Papua New Guinea with the Peace Corps. Glen said their official titles were Rural Community Development Facilitators, which he said meant anything that needed to be done. Incidentally, Burleson carries the same title, but she is still waiting for her country to be assigned.

"It's a little scary because you go in not knowing what will be expected," Glen said. "We had six schools in our area to work with, and their biggest goal was to start elementary preparatory schools."

They trained teachers and helped the villages to elect school boards, but there was also a lot of physical work involved, since the villages were starting from nothing. Peace Corps volunteers also start from scratch.

"Before a village can accept a volunteer, they have to be able to support them, and part of that is building a

house," Glen said. "We spent six months without a house of our own, and it is still basically like camping for two years."

He said the closest village in the surrounding six was an hour walk away, and the farthest took 12 hours to reach on foot from their "home" village.

The nearest town took between eight and 24 hours to reach by truck depending on the weather, Glen said. Even so, the volunteers weren't completely cut off. They had a short-wave radio set, and the Peace Corps required a check-in at three preset times each day.

After Glen and his wife finished their two years, Glen said another couple took over to continue the project. As the violence became progressively worse in Papua New Guinea, Peace Corps volunteers were pulled out of the highlands, and Glen and Huckaby's replacements were flown out by helicopter. It meant the villages would have to keep the schools and the project going on their own,

Glen said. Burleson, who calls herself a "big, idealistic dork," said she is a little scared about being in unfamiliar territory for two years, but it is something that is right up her alley.

She plans to pursue a law degree and possibly go into public policy or public service.

"There are times in your life when you can't afford to make a big change or take a big chance and do something different," she said. "I felt the end of my undergraduate experience was the right time before I go on to graduate school, and I've never felt so free to do what I want to do."

She doesn't plan on being scared away by the different kinds of living she will encounter on her assignment. She is well aware of the poverty that exists in the world, she said.

"I'm a spoiled brat by the standards of these other countries," she said. "I'm ready to see a different value system, and I love being a fish out of water."

In fact, Burleson said she is a little scared going to a foreign country or living in a totally different environment for two years, but she is more frightened of something else.

"My biggest fear has nothing to do with going there — it's coming back," she said. "My biggest fear is that I'm going to come back to friends that have completely different lives that I can't relate to."

Burleson said she will come back and be at a different place in her life. She is in effect putting her life on hold, she said.

"But I hate regret," she said. "I know I would regret not following what's in my heart at this point, feeding my wan-

derlust and the chance to help these people."

She does think service should be encouraged more in the university setting, she said. Her professors were very dedicated to what is going on around the world, Burleson said, but other than that, the campus doesn't seem to be aware of service opportunities.

"I think TCU does do a good job of getting students abroad," Burleson said. "Going to London gave me the courage to do this."

Some observers might think that with the idealism of 1960s a thing of the past, the Peace Corps is outdated and might not survive, but there are many who disagree.

Glen said he thinks the increased budget will help the Peace Corps reach its goal of doubling the number of volunteers in just a few years.

"There is always going to be the young idealistic college student (who) wants to change the world," he said. "It's obviously not for everybody — a little more than a third of our group dropped out before the end."

There is a mentality on campus that people are ready to get out and move on, Burleson said. A lot of people have trouble thinking that it's OK to put things like graduate school or work on hold, she said.

Burleson said she is surrounded by friends who think very highly of service opportunities like the Peace Corps. One of her roommates will soon depart for Japan, where she will be teaching English as part of a formal program. Her other roommate will also postpone finding a job or going to graduate school to do something completely different.

"I think there is still a lot of altruism in the world, and we have so many more resources to help people now," she said. "I don't want to lose my idealism."

McMahon said volunteers aren't always idealistic college graduates, even if the 20-something age group might make up the largest single group of people who join the Peace Corps.

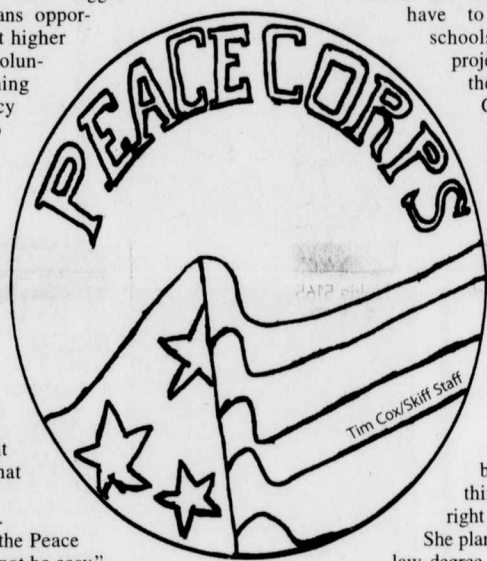
"A second group of people who join are those who have been out in the work force for a number of years, become disillusioned with the 9-to-5 corporate world, and decide they want to make a positive change in their life," she said. "These people join the Peace Corps and often find the opportunity for new careers when they return."

"A third group of people who join Peace Corps are retirees, many of whom once considered Peace Corps when they were younger, but didn't join for some reason."

The Peace Corps pitch to recruit new volunteers hasn't changed at all, McMahon said, but there are now more opportunities. Peace Corps used to narrow standards for recruiting in the early years, seeking volunteers with a background in medicine, engineering and agriculture.

"We're now recruiting liberal arts graduates of any major, saying that we can fit anyone with a degree into a Peace Corps program," she said. "However, the motto has stuck with Peace Corps throughout all of its 40 years — 'The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love.'"

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Joining the Peace Corps doesn't guarantee automatic "sign me up" acceptance — it is an application process, but you will have help along the way. Here are some simple guidelines if you are interested in applying to the Peace Corps after college.

■ Get involved on campus. Not only will it improve your resume, but volunteer and service activities will demonstrate you have communication and team skills.

■ Learn a foreign language. While the language you choose might not decide where you are assigned in the Peace Corps, learning one language will help you learn another. Traditionally, students learn French if they are interested in working in Africa and learn Spanish if they would like to be placed in a Latin American country. Currently, there is a higher demand for Peace Corps volunteers in Africa.

■ Call the Peace Corps at (800) 424-8580 for an application or fill one out online at (www.peacecorps.gov). If you fill out the application your junior year, you could know what country and what project you'll be working on as early as the semester break your senior year. The Peace Corps accepts applications year round and assignments start every month.

■ If you have student loans, almost all payments can be deferred until after you complete your assignment. Some, like Perkins Loans, even qualify for a 15 to 20 percent cancellation while you are serving in the Peace Corps. Your individual Peace Corps coordinator can help you make sense of all the paperwork and regulations.

You've served two years for the Peace Corps in some far-off land. But the Peace Corps will not forget you after your return home. The Peace Corps offers additional services to volunteers after they return to the United States.

■ Graduate school resources: They have a publication about graduate schools which includes lists of schools that give special consideration for returning Peace Corps volunteers for admissions and financial assistance.

■ Returned Volunteer Services host career events on a regular basis that include career fairs and brown bag sessions on career topics.

■ The Peace Corps also provides contact information for departments in the U.S. government that regularly hire returning volunteers, including information about the foreign service exam, and all applications necessary.

■ Another definite bonus of the program that has a lasting (and visible) impact on volunteers, however, is that volunteers also get preferential hiring for U.S. government jobs.

July 22, 1992

The first group of Peace Corps volunteers leaves for the former Soviet Union. They work in small businesses in Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.

December 4, 1995

Director Mark Gearan sends volunteers to the island of Antigua to help rebuild homes that were damaged by Hurricane Luis.

May 24, 1999

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Israeli-Palestinian fighting stalled

By Pamela Sampson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel began pulling its forces out of a strip of Palestinian territory in Gaza on Tuesday after holding it less than a day, the military said, after the United States harshly criticized the Israeli move.

Israel, with a barrage of heavy rocket fire, had seized nearly a square mile of the Gaza Strip early Tuesday, retaking Palestinian-controlled territory for the first time since 1994 in retaliation for a mortar attack on a small Israeli desert town.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat denounced the seizure as an "unforgivable crime" and said his people would "not kneel before gangs."

Secretary of State Colin Powell called the action in Gaza "excessive and disproportionate," and said Israel should respect its commitment to the Palestinians. "The situation is threatening to escalate further, posing the risk of a broader conflict," Powell said.

Israel initially said it could hold the territory — an area of orange groves and farmland — for months until Palestinian mortar fire stopped. But Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's aides were quick to say their forces

would withdraw when the danger of mortar attacks was gone.

Palestinian security officials, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said U.S. officials told them the Israelis would withdraw from the area.

A military statement said the pullout began after the mission was accomplished.

The Israeli assault came in response to mortar fire Monday night on Sderot, a working class town of 24,000 about 2 1/2 miles east of Gaza. The town is a stronghold of support for Sharon, and his sheep ranch is 5 miles away. The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for the mortars, but Israel blamed Palestinian security forces.

Flares lit up the sky Monday night as Israeli forces shelled and rocketed Palestinian police stations across the Gaza Strip, killing a policeman and injuring 36 other people. Soon after, troops crossed into the corner of Gaza closest to Sderot, seizing and tearing down abandoned Palestinian security posts. Under Israeli tank fire, army bulldozers razed orange groves outside the Palestinian town of Beit Hanoun, and Israeli troops built fortified positions.

During the barrage, hundreds of Palestinians, including crying chil-

dren, ran into the streets in Gaza City's Rimal neighborhood, where rockets punched holes in the facade of a police headquarters. Rimal resident Ghada Skaik, whose bedroom window was shattered, said she spent a sleepless night. "If you go to bed and you can't feel safe, then where can you go and feel safe?" she said.

By daybreak, after Israeli troops settled into their new positions, tanks periodically fired toward Palestinians trying to approach the area. Palestinian medics carrying the body of a Palestinian policeman away from the rubble of a Beit Hanoun police compound were sent running by Israeli fire, at one point dropping to the ground to take cover.

Two Palestinian boys were killed by Israeli gunfire late Tuesday. In Gaza's Rafat refugee camp, Bara el-Shael, 10, was shot by soldiers, relatives and doctors said. In el-Khader, near Bethlehem in the West Bank, Rami Musa, 16, was killed when an Israeli tank shelled his home, Palestinians said. The Israeli military said there was an exchange of fire at el-Khader.

Since the violence erupted on Sept. 28, 475 people have been killed, including 391 Palestinians, 64 Israeli Jews and 19 others.

Israeli tanks also cut the Gaza Strip into three parts, preventing north-south traffic and paralyzing life in the crowded territory of 1 million Palestinians. The crossing from Gaza into Egypt was sealed.

Stranded Palestinian commuters resorted to the Mediterranean beach — the only remaining passage. Young women in long robes and white headscarves, some carrying schoolbooks, walked along the beach, and donkey carts and tractors ferried passengers.

The Israeli commander of the region, Brig. Gen. Yair Naveh, said that the seizure of the territory — about a square mile — removed Sderot from the danger of mortars.

Israeli troops withdrew from two-thirds of the 140-square-mile Gaza Strip in 1994, as part of interim peace accords with the Palestinians.

Since the outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian fighting in September, Israeli troops have entered Palestinian-controlled territory from time to time, but each time withdrew quickly.

Palestinians had fired dozens of mortars at Israeli targets in recent weeks, mainly Jewish settlements in Gaza. The attack on Sderot caused no damage or injuries, but was the first on a town inside Israel proper.

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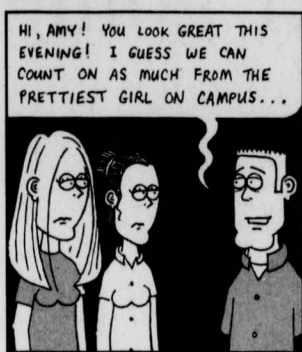
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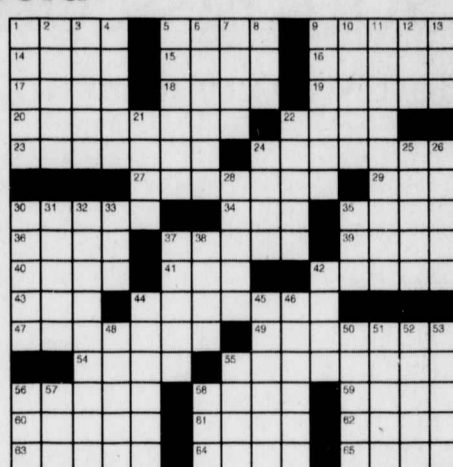
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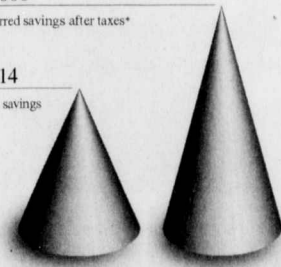
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Gofrogs.com future unknown after going off line Host Web company folds; athletics department searches for other venues to post information

By Victor Drabicky
SKIFF STAFF

As of Friday, gofrogs.com was no more.

Steve Fink, director of athletics media relations, said the Internet site dedicated to Horned Frog athletics information will be down indefinitely.

"Totalsports.com (the company that hosted the site) went out of business last week," Fink said. "We were informed Thursday that it would be gone by Friday."

Fink said until a new site could be established, users will be redirected from the gofrogs.com Web site to a section of the TCU Web site that will display sports updates.

Totalsports.com has been home to gofrogs.com since its inception and

has hosted more than 60 collegiate athletics Web sites, many of which are still running.

Fink said the sites that are still up are running for a variety of reasons.

"Totalsports.com's server will now be up through the weekend," Fink said. "(We were given the option) to either pay one of their editors to post our releases, or we could do it (ourselves). Many of the universities that still have the sites up are managing (the sites) themselves. Others may be paying totalsports.com to put their releases up."

Fink said with the uncertainty surrounding the future of the totalsports.com server, posting sports information on the TCU site was the best decision.

"We didn't really know when the server was going down, so we

tried to move all of our information to the tcu.edu server so that there would be no downtime," Fink said. "Our thought was to keep the information updated, and we thought this was the best short-term solution."

Although immediate plans for a site similar to gofrogs.com are still up in the air, Fink said he had been talking with a company similar to totalsports.com to host the site.

"Fansonly.com is a similar company that hosts university Web sites, with the only difference being that the university would have to pay for the site," Fink said.

Fink said fansonly.com is working with totalsports.com to take control of each school's Web site as early as next week.

"Fansonly.com could host the

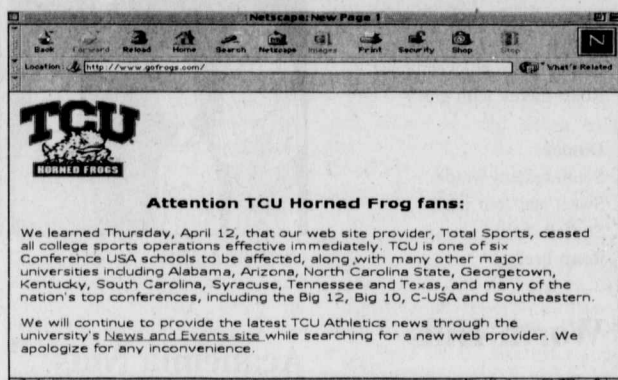
Web sites until June 1 for no fee," Fink said. "After that, the schools would have to pay for the site. Fansonly.com has quoted me somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000 for a year of service."

Fink said although the cost could become a budget issue, having to pay for a Web site is inevitable.

"Budget is always an issue," he said. "But if you are going to have a Web site, either in house or not, there are going to have to be some costs involved."

Until the new site is up, athletics releases can be found at (<http://tcu.pressrelease.com>) or through the link provided on the gofrogs.com Web site.

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The TCU media relations office announced Thursday that (www.gofrogs.com), the Web site housing information about Horned Frog athletics, had gone down because the service provider, Total Sports, had gone bankrupt. Information regarding TCU athletics can be found from a link at (www.tcu.edu).



Tim Cox/SKIFF STAFF

Senior pitcher Josh Gardner delivers a pitch in the eighth inning of the Frogs' game Tuesday against Texas in the Battle at the Ballpark. The pitching staff allowed eight earned runs, including seven in the first two innings, in the 10-2 loss. The Longhorns have won 14 of their last 18 games.

Battle at the Ballpark Frogs fall to Longhorns

By Brandon Ortiz
SKIFF STAFF

The Horned Frogs might have had stars in their eyes Tuesday night, but nothing was sparkling in their play.

The TCU baseball team lost to No. 20 Texas, Tuesday night in front of 8,458 people in the fifth The Battle at the Ballpark at The Ballpark in Arlington.

Things were bad from the get go for the Frogs, who dug themselves into an early 7-0 hole.

Senior starter Chad Durham began the first inning by walking center fielder Kalani Napoleon on four pitches and walking catcher Ryan Hubele. Longhorn shortstop Omar Quintanilla followed that up with a single to right field to drive in Napoleon. After getting right fielder Matt Rosenberg to ground out, Durham gave up a single to left fielder Ben King to score two more runs.

Texas (29-16) scored four runs on four hits in the first inning. Things weren't much better in the second inning.

With one out, Durham gave up consecutive singles and a run and was pulled from the game. He pitched 1 1/3 innings, giving up six runs on five hits, walking two.

Head coach Lance Brown went to the bullpen, inserting freshman reliever Clayton Jerome, who pitched eight scoreless innings in the Frogs' previous two games against Texas.

Jerome gave up a double down the left-field line to score another run. In the next at bat, Rosenberg hit a ground ball that went through sophomore second baseman Ramon Moses' legs. The error al-

lowed another run to score and pushed the Longhorns' lead to 7-0.

Longhorn starter Ray Clark cruised through the first four innings, striking out seven and allowing only two singles. But he ran into trouble the fifth inning.

Senior catcher Jason Price doubled to left, and sophomore third baseman Mike Settle followed him up with another double to score Price and put the Frogs on the scoreboard. Moses singled to drive in Price. Clark settled down, and retired three straight to get out of the inning.

Clark had everything working for him in his win, pitching the first six innings, striking out 11 and allowing two runs on seven hits.

"He was really mixing it up well," Price said. "He was not overpowering, but he threw well."

Texas padded its lead in the eighth inning, scoring three runs on two hits and an error.

TCU (25-18) entered the game 17th in the nation in fielding percentage before committing two errors. The Frogs had made only three errors in their last six games.

TCU was playing its sixth game in seven days, and Price said he was not sure if the Frogs were too drained to win.

"We shouldn't have been, we have been doing this all season," he said.

The Frogs will have today and Thursday off before returning to action at Fresno State Friday.

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Jennifer Cuca, a sophomore advertising/public relations major, and Ruth DeJong, a studio art major, sport eye black and cheer on the Frogs Tuesday. More than 8,000 fans attended the fifth The Battle at the Ballpark.



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Senior outfielder Jason Price stares at the ground after getting out in a 10-2 loss to Texas Tuesday night.

TCU results at The Ballpark in Arlington

Date	Opponent	Score	Attendance	Game note
April 20, 1999	Texas	Texas, 3-0	14,367	Teams combined*for only 10 hits
April 28, 1998	Texas	TCU, 8-7	14,079	Chris Connally hits game-winning home run in the ninth inning
April 8, 1997	Texas	Texas, 7-6	15,649	Game called after six innings due to rain
May 4, 1996	Texas	Texas, 20-13	21,043	NCAA regular-season record crowd
May 4, 1996	Texas	TCU, 11-6	21,043	Teams combined for 58 hits and eight home runs in the double header
April 28, 1996	Oklahoma	OU, 7-6	3,112	Teams combined for 32 hits in 14-inning game
May 13, 1995	Texas A&M	A&M, 20-15	7,252	First college game at The Ballpark

*The 2000 contest was rained out. Source: 2001 TCU baseball media guide

Community should take notice of tennis team climbing the ranks

Amidst the manicured grounds of the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center, the men's tennis team is quietly putting together one of the most solid seasons in a program rife with tradition.

Not that anyone has noticed the 17-2 Frogs. No manufactured hype here, no glitzy PR campaign, no full-page ads.

Commentary



MATT STIVER

They have a legitimate chance to claim the NCAA singles title (senior Esteban Carril) and the Western Athletic Conference title. The No. 2 men's tennis team finds itself competing not to squeak into the NCAA Tournament but for a top seed. This group of Frogs is playing for the NCAA title.

And they can win it. To borrow a line from the PGA, these guys are good.

In a rematch of last year's Western Athletic Conference final, the Frogs will put their perfect home record on the line against No. 8 Southern Methodist at 2:30 today at the tennis center.

It will be college tennis at its finest. Fort Worth, TCU, take notice.

When the WAC Championships begin April 27 in Fresno, Calif., TCU's six seniors will be playing for their third WAC title in four years. Only SMU's 1999 championship separates the seniors from a clean sweep. Expect them not to have forgotten that.

"SMU is one of the teams we hate," senior Scott Eddins said. "We need to keep doing the things that got us to this point."

The Frogs have won consecutive matches against the Mustangs, both at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. During the last en-

counter between the two, the Frogs won the WAC title, 4-3. Previously, the Mustangs had won three straight.

As with lions and hyenas, the two rivals seem to bring out the best in each other. TCU claimed two 4-3 victories last season, with both matches hotly contested to the final point.

Last year's WAC title match lasted four hours, with four singles matches going the full three sets and seven sets needing tiebreakers. After losing the doubles point, TCU rallied to claim four singles victories.

Darkness and rain forced the final

match, between senior Petr Koula and Alexis Rudzinski, to the indoor courts. Koula survived a two-set rally and won 7-5, 6-7, 7-5.

Both teams enter the match on winning streaks. The Mustangs have won seven straight, while a 5-2 victory over Tulsa Saturday gave the Frogs their eighth straight win.

The Mustangs return four players from last year's team, including No. 6 Genius Chidzikwe. Playing No. 1 singles, Chidzikwe opened the 2001 season as the top-ranked singles player in the nation. During the fall, he won the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Tournament, one of the

four college Grand Slams.

But the Frogs are stronger this year. TCU counts three nationally ranked players (No. 4 Carril, No. 54 Trace Fielding and No. 72 Antonio Gordon) and two more who play as if they should be. One opposing coach said of Carril: "He's the best player in the nation when he wants to be."

The tennis world has taken note of the Frogs. It's time the TCU community did the same.

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