

Moving on up

TCU sent three of its baseball players to the minor leagues. Find out where they are and how they're doing. See Sports, page 8.

Dorm life

From privacy perplexers to decorating dilemmas, residence hall life can be troublesome. The Skiff has solutions for you. See Home, page 5.

Thursday, August 23, 2001

Fort Worth, Texas

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Ferrari set to lead 'stay in school' group

Chancellor Michael Ferrari is expected to be named the head of a Fort Worth 'stay in school' initiative at a press conference tomorrow.

The goal of the commission is to keep students in school and assist students who have dropped out of school to finish their education.

Ferrari's first task as head of the commission will be to select members of the commission from a group of local business and community leaders, along with other members of the Fort Worth, Hispanic and Metropolitan Black Chambers.

The press conference will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Fort Worth Club, 306 West Seventh St.

Board of Trustees to discuss new stadium

The executive committee of the Board of Trustees will meet at 3 p.m. today to discuss the final design and naming rights of the proposed baseball stadium.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari will also update the Board on student enrollment and housing and staff and faculty concerns.

COLLEGE BRIEFS

Dartmouth proffs murder trial delayed

HANOVER, N.H. (U-WIRE) — The trial of Robert Tuloch, the older of the two Vermont teenagers charged with the brutal stabbing deaths of Dartmouth College professors Half and Susanne Zantop, will be postponed until March 11.

Grafton Superior Court Judge Peter Smith approved the prosecution's motion to delay on Monday to allow time for further forensic testing.

The trial was originally slated for late January.

The defense agreed to the postponement because the delay will benefit both sides in the case, according to Tuloch defense attorney Richard Guerriero.

"It's just a matter of scheduling in a way that's reasonable to give everyone time to be able to evaluate the evidence," he said.

The impetus behind the prosecution's request was the nearly two-month-long delay caused by the defense's appeal of a June 14 order that Tuloch provide the state with blood, hair and handwriting samples. Senior Assistant Attorney General Kelly Ayotte told *The Manchester Union Leader*.

The state Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal last Friday — an outcome not surprising to Guerriero, who explained that it is unusual for a court to hear such matters prior to a trial.

Counsel generally decides to lodge pre-trial appeals only in the more serious cases. The Tuloch trial, Guerriero said, "is one of the most serious cases you can have."

The defense based its appeal on a provision in the New Hampshire state constitution which stipulates that a defendant may not be compelled to furnish evidence against himself.

Such evidence, according to Guerriero, includes the blood, hair and handwriting samples requested of Tuloch.

"Our appeal was that the court should follow the clear language of the constitution," he said.

Guerriero refused to comment on whether or not Tuloch has submitted the requested samples.

A trial date has yet to be scheduled for Tuloch's alleged accomplice, James "Jimmy" Parker. The state is first attempting to certify the teenager, who was 16 at the time of the murders, to stand trial as an adult.

The Zantops were stabbed to death in their Etta, N.H., home on the afternoon of January 27.

— *The Dartmouth*



The newly-renovated Waits Hall will be available for viewing by the TCU community at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Refurbished Waits opens doors

Residents return to residence hall after \$9.2 million of improvements

By John-Mark Day
 STAFF REPORTER

Waits Hall officially opened its new doors to residents Saturday after nine months and \$9.2 million in renovations.

The campus community may visit the hall at an open house 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Waits Hall Director Christy Lelew said the hall was completely refurbished, leaving only the floor, support pillars and external walls.

"Renovation is to gut and redo," Lelew said. "It looked like a skating rink."

Community restrooms were converted from multiple stalls to combine one shower and one toilet per stall. Other changes include widened hallways with window seats, an elevator and a talking fire alarm. A five-room suite was added to the second floor, and two loft apartments were added on the third

floor.

The lofts consist of four double rooms with skylights that share a private bathroom and living room. Only girls living in the lofts have access to the living area, Lelew said.

"The loft apartment functions as a bridge. Students still have the (community feel) of living in a hall but with more privacy," she said.

Lelew said the renovations have greatly improved Waits.

Waits houses 211 female residents. After the renovations, rooms in Waits now cost \$1,890 per semester for a nonsuite room and \$2,185 for a suite.

Joey England, a junior biology major, agreed that the new changes were welcome. England lived in Waits before the renovation, and has returned as a Waits resident assistant.

"There are just little things that I like,"

England said. "It's a lot healthier now. I used to have allergy problems in the hall before, but I don't now."

There are still some problems to be worked out, England said.

"When we first got here for RA training, there was no furniture, so we had to live in Foster," England said.

Waits was ready for residents when the hall received a Certificate of Occupancy from the city and furniture.

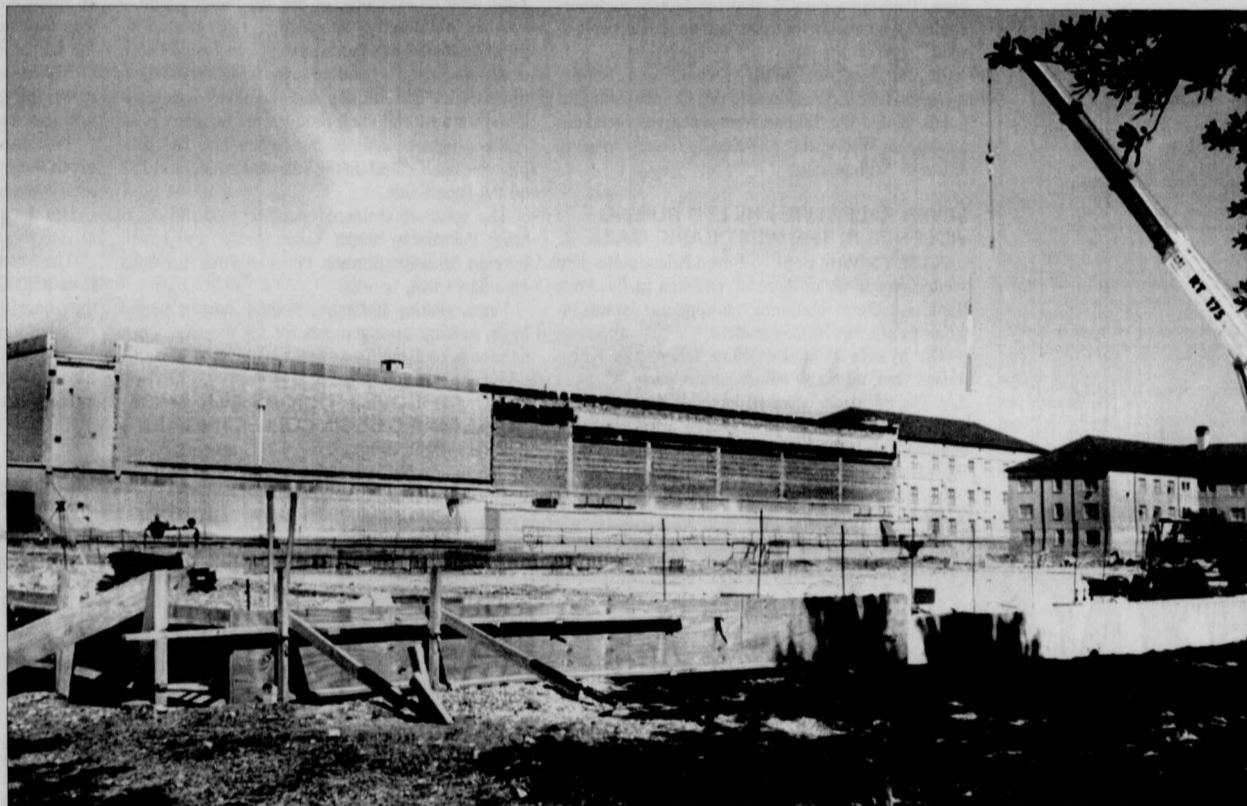
With work still going on in the hall, Lelew said security for her residents is still a priority.

"Propped doors are always a large concern," Lelew said. "The police watch more closely, and the staff are more careful."

Even though Waits is not quite finished,

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Rickel renovations underway



The major demolition phase of the recreation center renovations was completed this summer. All services except the tennis and racquetball courts will be available until December.

Most services to continue until winter break

By Heather Christie
 STAFF REPORTER

Students and sports teams will have limited use of the Rickel Building until December when it closes for renovation and construction of a new 202,000-square-foot recreation center.

Director of recreational sports Steven Kintigh said everything except racquetball and tennis will be open until winter break.

A temporary weight and cardiovascular room will be built when the Rickel closes. The rooms will be housed in the former Cokesbury Bookstore at 2720 W. Berry, in front

of the TCU police department.

Most of the Rickel Building staff are not afraid of losing their jobs, said Justin Meeks, a junior speech major.

"They will probably hire one or two more people for the new weight room," Meeks said. "We will move to two different locations, if not three."

Kintigh said the recreation center is trying to get special rates for students, faculty and alumni at other area recreation centers.

The YMCA is offering student memberships for \$30.30 per month and faculty memberships for \$46 per month for individuals or \$70 per month for families.

Kintigh said he is working with Fitness Connection to get special rates, but 24-Hour Fitness was not interested in working with TCU.

The only change in intramural sports is that basketball will run along with football in the fall, and soccer and softball will be in the spring, Kintigh said.

The swim team will use area pools for practice beginning in December. The volleyball team will move to the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for practices and matches, Kintigh said.

Since the tennis courts have been demolished, students may use the 27

courts at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center for a discounted rate of \$3.50 for 90 minutes, Kintigh said.

Kintigh said the name of the new recreation center could be either University Recreation Center or TCU Recreation Center, but the Rickel name will be recognized somewhere.

Improvements to the new recreation center will include a purple indoor track, a 12,000-square-foot weight room, an indoor pool, an outdoor pool with a hot tub, a 1,000-square-foot climbing wall and locker rooms with a sauna, Kintigh said.

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Froggie Five-0 hopes use continues to rise

James Zwilling
 STAFF REPORTER

Following another year of increased escort service, Froggie-Five-O begins providing safety escorts to females and males Friday.

Froggie-Five-O escorted 19,970 people during the 2000-2001 school year — 700 more students than in the previous year, and the most in its four-year history.

Crime Prevention Officer Pam Christian said TCU Police are happy with the increase in escorts and hope the trend will continue. "Our basic goals for the semes-

ter are to increase numbers and make [TCU Police] more effective," Christian said. "We want Froggie-Five-O to ensure the safety of our females and also for the escorts to serve as extra eyes and ears for Campus Police."

Christian said that although the TCU area has the lowest crime rate in Fort Worth, it is still important to have an escort program in place.

"Even though this area of town has a low crime rate, we have to do our best for our female students," she said. Christian said that although Froggie-Five-O is designed for female students, male

students requesting a safety escort will not be denied.

Amy Lightner, a freshman biology major, said that although safety escorts are a good idea, students need to be aware of their surroundings at all times.

"Students need to know when they are unsafe and safety escorts can help them, but [escorts] don't do much good when students abuse it because they don't want to walk," Lightner said.

Christian said TCU and other private institutions have an advantage when it comes to implementing programs like Froggie-Five-O because of their size.

For instance, the University of North Texas and the University of Texas at Arlington both offer police escort services to students, but are unable to have as small an escort-to-student ratio as TCU because they are larger schools.

"It's difficult to get a program [like Froggie-Five-O] in place," Christian said. "The TCU Police Department is a lot better than most because large universities can't always focus on police."

In addition to the Campus Police officers, TCU has about 25 student escorts who are trained by

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Security concerns displaced students

By Amy Maltby
 ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — University of Arizona students relocated to hotels due to the housing shortage might enjoy the luxurious surroundings, but many of their parents are concerned about hotel security.

Lindsey Laskia, a freshman pre-business major whose mother is an attorney, said her parents are "not happy at all" about her present accommodations at the Four Points Sheraton, 1900 E. Speedway Blvd.

"They hate it," Howard said. "They just want me on campus, closer to other students."

Janet Hare, director of sales for the Four Points Sheraton, said security in the hotel is sufficient.

She added that the Four Points is equipped with security cameras in all hallways, elevators and common areas. The cameras are monitored 24 hours a day.

Hare also said the Four Points contracts an outside security company to patrol the property from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. She added that at least two Four Points employees act as security in the hotel at all times.

However, students frequently returning to the hotel past 11 p.m. from sorority rush this week say they have not seen any security guards in or around the hotel.

When asked if she had seen any security guards, Laskia said, "Never." She was also not given information on how to contact hotel security in case of an emergency.

Commuting to and from campus, especially at night, is a concern to students living at the Four Points.

Hare does not view security around the Four Points as a problem. She said that because the hotel is near campus, the number of University of Arizona Police Department patrol cars around the hotel is high.

"UAPD are very well represented around here," Hare said.

Hare said both Four Points established an agreement regarding security with the university last year, when a similar housing crunch had first forced the university to seek alternate housing.

Hare said both Four Points management and university administrators are pleased with the agreement.

"There's a good comfort level on both sides," Hare said.

James Van Arsdel, director of housing for the Department of Residence Life, was unavailable to comment.

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Rrrrrriinnnnngggg! Rrrrrriinnnnngggg! Rrrrrriinnnnngggg!
 In tomorrow's *Skiff*, take a look at cell phones —
 in the car, in the classroom, in your life.

Today in history
 1965 — The Beatles' first color motion picture, *Help!*, premiered in the U.S. Their first film, *Hard Day's Night*, was in black and white.

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.

- **Chi Alpha**, a Christian fellowship group, will serving free dinner for students at 6 p.m. today and Friday at 2701 S. University Drive. For more information call (817) 923-8833.
- **The Wesley Foundation at TCU** will have a fellowship meeting with a meal and program at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday at 2750 W. Lowden. For more information call (817) 924-5639.
- **Destination Known** will be performing a free concert at 7 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge.
- **Brighton Beach Memoirs** will be performed at Stage West through Saturday. Call (817) 784-9378 for ticket information.
- **The Pigskin Classic**, TCU vs. Nebraska, will be televised live beginning at noon on Saturday on local ABC affiliate WFAA-TV Channel 8.
- **Visiting Mathematics Green Chair Ed Burger** will give a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Sid W. Richardson Building, lecture hall 1. He will also be speaking at 4 p.m. Aug. 27 and 28 in the Sid W. Richardson Building, lecture hall 3. For more information call (817) 257-7335.
- **Waits Hall** will be giving tours of the residence hall at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Tours begin in the Waits lobby.
- **Artist Ed Ruscha** will be featured in a special exhibit Sept. 1 until Sept. 30 at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. This is his first American museum retrospective since 1982. For more information call (817) 738-9215.
- **The RTVF Film Series** will present the 1939 film "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" at 7 p.m. Thursday Sept. 6 in Moudy Building South room 164. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

WORLD DIGEST



PARENTS OF JAILED AID WORKERS PLEAD TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Parents of two American women jailed for allegedly preaching Christianity pleaded with Afghanistan diplomats Wednesday to let them see their daughters.

The families are hoping that the personal approach will succeed where government overtures have failed, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

"They are hoping that the Taliban can make the distinction" between a personal plea and an official request, said John Kincannon, of the U.S. Embassy in neighboring Pakistan.

"They feel there might be some merit in separating themselves from us," he said, referring to the embassy.

No one has seen the eight foreign aid workers and 16 Afghan staff of Shelter Now International since their arrest in the Afghan capital of Kabul in early August on charges of preaching Christianity.

The U.N. World Food Program on Wednesday rejected as "baseless allegations" Taliban claims that it was part of a conspiracy among some western organizations to spread Christianity in Afghanistan's to weaken its people's Islamic fervor.

Afghanistan is a deeply devout Muslim nation. Under Taliban rules, foreigners convicted of proselytizing serve a jail term and are deported, while Afghans face execution.

On Wednesday, the mother of one American woman and the father of the other were in Pakistan seeking visas to Afghanistan to see their children.

Diplomats from the United States, Germany and Australia returned Tuesday from Afghanistan after a failed week-long effort to visit the jailed aid workers.

"It is a frustrating thing" for the families, Kincannon said. "You want action. You want to do something. But this may be a long wait for them."

A spokesman at the Taliban Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan's capital, said the family members applied Wednesday for visas, but none had been issued.

In Washington, State Department deputy spokesman Philip Reeker said that U.S. consular officials visited the Taliban representatives in Islamabad again Wednesday to formally request visas to return to Afghanistan.

other armed men came to the scene and the soldiers killed three others.

Palestinians said only one of the five was a gunman. Thousands marched with the bodies of the five through the West Bank city of Nablus, and dozens fired in the air, causing another tragedy — a man was critically wounded when a bullet hit him.

Later, in the southern part of Gaza City, witnesses said two Israeli helicopters fired four missiles at two cars, killing one person. Palestinian security officials, demanding anonymity, identified the dead man as Bilal al-Ghoul, 26, who was a member of Preventive Security, an arm of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, but later joined the militant Hamas.

Israel TV said the military was targeting the top Hamas bomb-makers and commanders, Mohammed Deif and Mohammed al-Ghoul — the victim's father — but the men escaped.

The Israeli military said the helicopters hit "terrorist cells engaged in mortar bombings."

Hamas spokesman Mahmoud Zahar called the attack "an Israeli attempt to assassinate a senior member of Hamas."

A crowd gathered around one of the burned-out cars. People shouted, "Death to Israel!" and "Death to Sharon!" referring to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and waved assault rifles in the air as an Israeli helicopter flew overhead.

In southern Gaza, another Palestinian was killed in unclear circumstances. A doctor said Mahmoud Jasser, 23, died in an explosion, but other Palestinians said he was shot by an Israeli sniper.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, an Israeli tank advanced into Palestinian-controlled territory and destroyed a police station, Palestinians said, after a firefight at the entrance to Psagot, a nearby Jewish settlement. No casualties were reported.

An Israeli army bulldozer knocked down another Palestinian police post near the West Bank town of Jenin after an exchange of fire, the military said.

Also Wednesday, Israel fired two ground-to-ground missiles at a Palestinian police post in Gaza, destroying it and wounding seven policemen, Palestinians said. The military said the attack was retaliation for a mortar shell fired toward an army post.

Since fighting erupted last September, 584 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and 152 on the Israeli side.

The spike of violence overshadowed efforts to bring Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres together for talks on a new truce.

Peres, visiting his native Poland, said he would begin making arrangements for the meeting when he returns to Israel.

NATO APPROVES TROOPS FOR MACEDONIA COULD BEGIN COLLECTING ARMS
BRUSSELS, Belgium — NATO authorized deployment of 3,500 troops to Macedonia on Wednesday and could begin collecting weapons from ethnic Albanian rebels early next week in its latest foray trying to bring stability in the Balkans.

Troops started moving almost immediately, with the first French soldiers of the main force arriving in the capital Skopje on Wednesday afternoon, joining the 400 communications and headquarters personnel already on the ground.

NATO officials said complete deployment probably would take 10 days to two weeks, but the job of collecting rebel arms and transporting them to a central location for destruction could begin well before all the troops had arrived.

"The commander is confident that he can start the weapons collection sometime at the beginning of next week," said NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson.

The clock on NATO's self-imposed 30-day time limit for the mission starts ticking once the entire force in Macedonia. Several hundred Americans will participate — mostly taken from troops already in Kosovo and Macedonia — in a behind-the-scenes role focusing on logistical duties.

NATO approved the deployment — its third Balkans venture in the past six years — despite violence that has simmered even after Macedonia and ethnic Albanian leaders signed a peace deal Aug. 13 to end six months of fighting.

"Today is an important day for NATO and an even more important one for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia," Robertson told reporters at alliance headquarters. "We are taking a historic step forward also for wider stability and security in the whole Balkans region."

Robertson said NATO has an explicit agreement in writing from the ethnic Albanian rebels that they will give up weapons.

"We must have confidence that those who have given their word will go ahead and do so," the secretary-general said.

But the question remains of how many weapons NATO should collect.

The Macedonian Interior Ministry said the rebels have 85,000 different weapons while the rebels say they have only 2,000. All sides will have to agree on what figure is realistic.

"We are assessing the estimate that has been put forward by the ethnic Albanians. The total will have to be realistic," Robertson said.

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SEVEN PALESTINES KILLED DURING VIOLENCE IN THE WEST BANK, GAZA

NABLUS, West Bank — Seven Palestinians died Wednesday in an upsurge of violence in the West Bank and Gaza, including an apparent Israeli attempt to kill top Hamas leaders.

The bloodiest incident came when five Palestinians were killed by Israeli gunfire early Wednesday. The two sides gave widely differing accounts of the deaths. Israel said a special army unit discovered Palestinians planting a bomb alongside a West Bank road and opened fire, killing two. Later

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Our views

TAKE A LOOK

Improvements have long-term benefits

The first round of tuition and other university fees has been billed and paid. For those grumbling about the costs, take a look around.

Seventy-eight classrooms in 10 buildings were renovated over the summer. Technological amenities were updated, new carpet laid, walls painted, desks replaced — all for the benefit of students, the number-one priority of this university.

And that was just the first of three phases. Campus buildings will continue to be updated and repaired for the next two summers. While summer classes were and may again be inconvenienced, the end result of a more pleasant, updated learning environment is more than enough justification for the classroom shuffle.

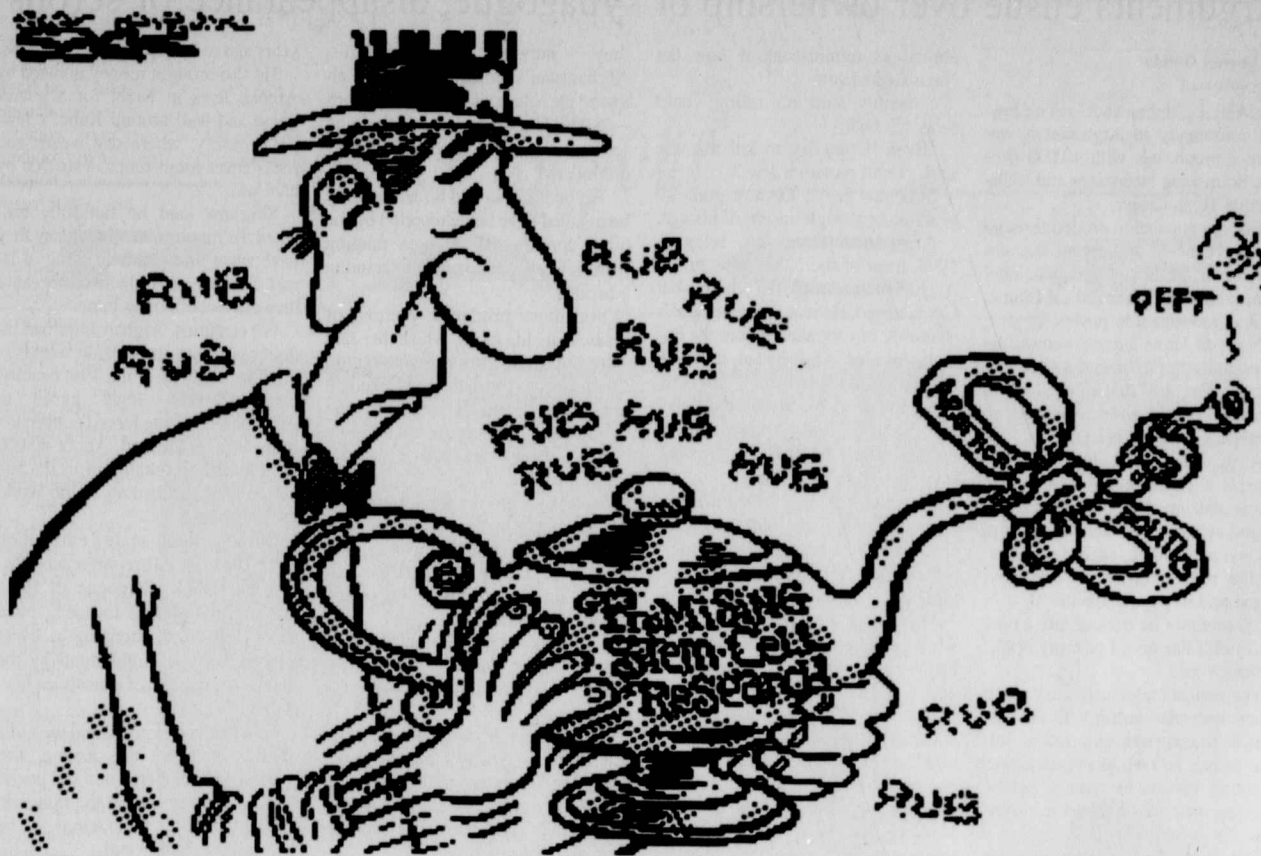
Take some time to look at the aesthetic improvements in the academic buildings. As the school year progresses, acknowledge the updated technologies that might otherwise be taken for granted.

On the other side of campus, more than 200 women are living stylishly in the newly-renovated Waits Hall. Check out the \$9.2 million refurbishment to the residence hall at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday when the resident assistants will host an open house and offer tours.

The money being spent on improvements has both immediate and long-term effects for those providing the cash. Obviously students benefit from upgraded technologies, improved classrooms and refurbished residence halls.

As more amenities and comforts become available to this university, more students will be willing to call TCU home. The draw and the prestige of the university increases simultaneously with the number of improvements made. A better-known alma mater is an asset to each graduate as he or she leaves TCU and enters the work force.

Nobody ever said attending a private university would be an cheap endeavor. Rest assured, your money is being well-spent.



Skiff staff, readers have obligations

We hear you loud and clear. You hate the *TCU Daily Skiff*.

In a summer public relations writing course, journalism department chairman Tommy Thomason asked his class to research the image of the *Skiff* on campus. What they returned was not pretty.

The *Skiff* staff is seen as an anti-Greek, anti-student government machine tucked into its second-floor lair in the Moody Building promoting a not-so-hidden agenda. Staff members have offended people in previous years by misquoting them or misrepresenting their intentions.

Part of that tension is to be expected. Newspapers have never been on the good sides of the governing bodies or the community institutions they cover, particularly if a story explores an uncomfortable issue. Plus, stories probing an institution garner more attention than features. While the *Skiff* may write eight stories or publish several

Feedback, cooperation needed from the campus community to meet goals

front-page photos depicting the community service that Greek organizations provide, the one story about drugs found in a fraternity house will be more likely to grab the attention of *Skiff* readers. Such is the nature of the news.

Yet some of the animosity toward the newspaper is deserved. Inaccurate quotes can never be justified, nor can unbalanced stories pushed through to publication because of deadline restrictions. Those whose words have been taken out of context have every right to feel burned.

However, they also have an obligation to let us know they feel we were wrong in our news judgement or writing, either through a letter or e-mail to the editor, a written rebuttal, or personal contact with an editor. Only then can we, as an editorial board, re-evaluate our decision and determine if steps need to be taken toward rectifying a situation.

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Commentary



Melissa Christensen

"No sex" may do more harm than safe sex

Nearly a decade after George Bush Sr. promised Americans no new taxes, George Jr. has decided to eliminate the horizontal hokey-pokey.

This summer, the White House announced its new "no sex" campaign, which will receive \$30 million in federal funding in 2002 and as much as \$135 million in subsequent years. The campaign is rooted in an "abstinence-only" message and will divert federal resources away from contraceptive programs and sex education ("Administration Promoting Abstinence," Washington Post, July 28).

Since taking office, President George W. Bush has aggressively pursued policies aimed at diminishing or eliminating family planning services, youth sex education initiatives and reproductive health services for poor women.

The separation between church and state has been blurred as religious politicians working in key departments have prioritized funding for conservative church groups preaching against pre-marital sex. Having these religious politicians in key positions has resulted in many conflicts of interest.

For example, a deacon working in the Department of Health & Human Services questioned a parent-child sex education program designed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention because it conflicted with the Catholic beliefs of HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson (Washington Post, July 28).

But sex education and family

planning work. Since former California Governor Pete Wilson overturned his conservative abstinence-only campaign in favor of comprehensive family planning services, more than 100,000 unplanned pregnancies have been prevented in this state per year, including 41,000 abortions and 15,000 miscarriages (Washington Post, July 28).

The Conservative Coalition's hold on the Bush administration is made obvious by such actions as the Bush administration releasing a report questioning the efficacy of condoms.

But medical experts at the CDC, the U.S. National Institutes of Health and World Health Organization have rejected this report, maintaining that latex condoms, when used consistently and correctly, are the only contraceptive proven to protect against unplanned pregnancies and decrease the risk of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.

While in high school, I was trained by the American Red Cross to serve as a youth HIV/AIDS volunteer educator, and went to countless high schools throughout Orange County to teach my peers about safer sex.

Unbelievably, nearly every school district in the area prohibited the ARC from showing correct condom use. We were allowed to talk about safer sex, but could not demonstrate the means to that end.

Now, let's think about this. How many shy, awkward teenagers (or, conversely, macho, invincible teenagers) are going to feel good about using condoms when the time comes to have sex if they have no idea what they are doing?

The chances of improper contraceptive use or, worse yet, of having unprotected sex, is inversely proportional to the amount of information young people have about all contraceptives and their functions, especially condoms.

In the AIDS era, subscribing to an "ignorance is bliss" policy regarding sex and sexuality can have lethal consequences. Honesty and access to information are crucial; unfortunately, many concerned parents and conservative policy makers believe that candidly discussing condoms and safer sex techniques will inevitably lead teenagers to have more sex, and sooner.

But WHO studies indicate that safer sex education programs do not necessarily result in increased sexual activity among young people.

In fact, in nearly a quarter of the programs studied, the WHO found that educating youth about safer sex and condom use actually delayed sexual activity.

Teenagers aren't stupid, nor are they immune to their raging hormones. Sexual activity and experimentation can be a healthy expression of a young person's budding sexuality — as long as each teenager is fully aware of the health risks and possible repercussions of sex and the treatments for them.

Although the Bush administration's efforts will not stop young people from being sexually active,

it will eliminate crucial safe sex resources, which means more teenagers will end up with STDs and unwanted pregnancies.

Well-stocked condom dispensers on high school campuses, up-to-date sex education programs and expanded funding for community health clinics are just some of the steps Americans must take if we are serious about confronting and combating the negative consequences of sex.

There is no margin for error or ideology; supporting abstinence programs has the potential to have a profoundly negative and life-endangering impact on American youth.

Parents may not want their children to experiment with pre-marital sex, but they cannot ultimately decide how their teenagers will behave. In light of this reality, the most important role a parent can play is that of an educator.

Sexuality, especially teenage sexuality, is often stigmatized in American society. Yet this stigma comes with a human price — in the seven months since Bush took office, 12,000 young Americans have contracted HIV (Washington Post, July 28). We cannot "just say no" to sex. Instead, we must try to confront sex openly so that young people no longer die due to ignorance.

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Media making Condit molehill into mountain

Bad news: although school started yesterday, the summer of Chandra is far from over.

It has been three and a half months since anyone has heard from or seen Chandra Levy, but her name is mentioned as often in the news as George W. Bush.

And so is the name of beleaguered California Democrat Gary A. Condit.

D.C. police have said repeatedly since May 1, the last day anyone saw or heard from Levy, the congressman is not a suspect in her disappearance. But the news media seem to think otherwise.

Could this be, potentially, another Richard Jewell case? Is Condit being treated as if he's guilty until proven innocent, instead of the legal tradition imparted by our Constitution that all are innocent until proven guilty? On "Hardball With Chris Matthews" last Wednesday, former Los Angeles police detective Mark Fuhrman (of O.J. Simpson fame) said he thinks Condit is involved with the disappearance of Levy, a former Bureau of Prisons intern.

"This is not a suicide and not a random (kidnapping or murder)," Fuhrman assured Matthews. "Chandra Levy got in a car with someone she trusted, and trusted immensely."

Sure, Fuhrman is a detective, but does anyone remember: "if the glove doesn't fit, you must acquit?" Fuhrman isn't known for being a Grade A superstar crime-scene investigator.

And he has no evidence of any foul play by Condit in any way, shape or form. Nobody does, for that matter.

To be fair, there is nothing wrong with criticizing Condit for his behavior — it has indeed been reprehensible. But there is no excuse for trying him in the headlines without any evidence or reason to do so.

It's definitely a fair argument to say Condit's behavior has led to all the suspicion and media hype. He has misled the D.C. police and Levy's parents, lied to his colleagues and done really nothing proactive to assist in the search for the missing woman.

But is that really the most important news this week? When a key player in President Bush's faith-based initiative resigns, violence continues to erupt in Macedonia and the Middle East and the Bush administration announces that the national surplus is a lot smaller than originally thought, is Gary Condit's sex scandal really worth all this scrutiny?

Maybe. Heck, this reporter is writing about it. The Modesto Bee, Condit's hometown newspaper, ran a scathing editorial asking him to resign last week because "his self-absorption has been a lapse not only of judgement, but of human decency."

Condit's days as a person of authority and power are clearly numbered, and the national media has had a lot to do with it.

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Two remaining Afghan Jews at odds

Arguments ensue over ownership of synagogue, disappearance of scrolls

By Steven Gutkin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Jewish community in Afghanistan was once a proud one, with 40,000 people, flourishing businesses and a distinctive Torah design.

But the population eroded through the last century, and recent decades have seen the Soviet invasion, civil war and the rise of the radical Islamic Taliban movement to power.

Now, as far as anyone knows, the community has dwindled to just two men — and they dislike each other. What's worse, their sole remaining Torah has been confiscated.

Afghanistan's last two Jews — Ishaq Levin and Zebulon Simentov — live at separate ends of the same decaying synagogue in the Afghan capital and are feuding, each claiming to be the rightful owner of the synagogue and its paraphernalia.

"Sometimes he tries to talk to me but I don't like him. I turn my head," Simentov said.

The men are reluctant to say much about their relationship with the Taliban or to comment on a recent Taliban ruling, so far not implemented, requiring Hindus to wear a yellow cloth on their shirt pockets to distinguish them from Muslims.

The ruling doesn't apply to other religions and is intended, the Taliban says, to exempt Hindus from the stern rules imposed by the religious police. But it has been strongly condemned

abroad as reminiscent of how the Nazis treated Jews.

Simentov said no ruling could sway his faith.

"Even if they try to kill me," he said, "I will remain a Jew."

Simentov is 42, Levin a good 30 years older though unsure of his age.

After Israel came into being in 1948, most of the 5,000 Jews still in Afghanistan emigrated there, but Levin stayed. He was the synagogue's shamesh, or caretaker, before the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1979, when most of the remaining Jews left.

Levin rides a bicycle around Kabul and is known to his friendly Muslim neighbors as "mullah," or "rabbi," even though he is not one.

Between 1992 and 1996, civil war during the time that ousted defense chief Ahmed Shah Massoud ruled killed nearly 50,000 people in the capital.

"I was in the synagogue alone when Kabul came under rocket fire," Levin said. "But God is great," he added, in Hebrew.

Standing on a tattered carpet in his darkened room near the synagogue's sanctuary, Levin lit Sabbath candles one recent Friday night but could remember only about half the blessing.

In the past, he earned a living by telling Muslim women their fortunes and prescribing medicine and love potions for them — a practice that once landed him in a Taliban jail.

Despite the harsh brand of Islam

they impose on Muslims, Afghanistan's Taliban rulers have allowed the country's minority religions — Sikhs, Hindus and these remaining Jews — to practice their faith largely unhindered.

Yet both Levin and Simentov have been jailed after being reported by the other for alleged offenses ranging from religious harassment to running a brothel.

Simentov produced photos of bruises on his body which he said were inflicted by the Taliban after Levin went to the authorities, claimed to be a Muslim and insisted Simentov wouldn't let him practice his religion. Each denies the other's accusations.

Two years ago the Torah scroll, the holiest object in the synagogue, was confiscated. It's not clear exactly why or by whom, and no one at the Taliban's Interior Ministry or police would comment.

Simentov accused Levin of wanting to sell the Torah. Levin said Simentov asked the Taliban to take it for safekeeping.

The Jews of Afghanistan and eastern Persia — today's Iran — have their own Torah design that uses one flat and two round finials to wrap the holy scrolls. The rest of the world's Jews use just one pair.

Born in Herat, the other Afghan city where Judaism once flourished, Simentov spent much of his life outside of Afghanistan but returned three

years ago to set up a carpet business.

He also brought money donated by Afghan Jews in Israel for a guard-house and wall around Kabul's Jewish cemetery, where dry weeds and rocks cover tombstones destroyed by civil war.

Simentov said he faithfully executed the mission. Both men say they have wives and children living in Israel, but stay in Afghanistan because they are owed money here.

For centuries, Afghan Jews had little contact with the outside world.

In the first half of the 19th century, many Persian Jews came to Afghanistan fleeing forced conversion in the city of Meshad. About 40,000 Jews lived in Afghanistan in the late 19th century, according to the World Jewish Congress.

Despite large-scale emigration since 1948, an AP reporter who visited the Kabul synagogue in 1980, just after the Soviets invaded, found about 150 Jews attending a lively Sabbath service, highlighted by the ritual circumcision of a newborn Jewish boy.

Now that boy is gone, and the walls of the synagogue are peeling. The windows are shattered and old prayer books are crumbling in the holy ark. The community, too, seems to be coming to a shabby end.

"I begged him not to be my enemy," Levin said. "If I die tomorrow, who will bury me in the traditions of my religion?"

WAITS

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Lehew said the renovations are a success with the residents.

"Watching the reactions of the girls when they check in has been fun," she said.

One of those girls checking in Saturday was sophomore nursing major Kate Brodine.

"This is so exciting," Brodine said. "It makes a huge difference that the hallways are wider. I didn't re-

ally like that (narrow hallways) last year in Colby."

Brodine's father agreed.

"Last year was like boot camp in comparison," he said. Lehew said she did not know when the hall would be completely finished, but all that was left were minor details.

Milton Daniel Hall is the next residence hall scheduled for renovation, Lehew said. It will close December 2002 and re-open for the fall of 2003.

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Investigation continues in Soltys murder case

By Don Thompson
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A man suspected of fatally stabbing his pregnant wife and five other family members may have used toys to lure his 3-year-old son into the box where he was found slain, investigators said.

They also said the boy may have been "violated."

Police found the toddler's bloody body in the cardboard box on Tuesday as they searched for Nikolay Soltys, 27.

A warrant has been issued for Soltys' arrest on suspicion of five counts of murder. Sheriff's Sgt. James Lewis said investigators also believe he's responsible for his son's death.

Sheriff Lou Blanas called Soltys a "cold-blooded, calculated killer," and warned that anyone assisting him is "at risk of being his next victim."

He said detectives were investigating whether Soltys was targeting other family members or friends. After abandoning his car, Soltys was spotted Monday night with his son in a green Ford Explorer, investigators said.

Sheriff's Detective Ron Garverick, the lead investigator, said two sets of footprints went into the area where 3-year-old Sergey Soltys' body was found, under a microwave tower east of Sacramento. Only one set of footprints led out, Garverick said.

"Little Sergey was found in the box sort of head down," Garverick said, adding that "it appears the child may have been violated."

Garverick would not elaborate or comment on whether the boy had been sexually molested.

The box also contained several new toys "as if the father enticed the boy into the box with the toys," Garverick said.

Police found the boy by following

directions written on the back of a photograph of the child and his mother left in Soltys' abandoned Nissan Altima.

A second note from Soltys was found with a list of the slayings, suggesting each had been killed "for speaking out," Garverick said. Police previously said family members may have chastised Soltys for not having a job, but Garverick said the meaning of the message was unclear.

Police said Soltys stabbed Lyubov Soltys, 22, inside the couple's home, then drove to the Rancho Cordova home where he stabbed his aunt and uncle, Galina Kukharskaya, 74, and Petr Kukharskiy, 75.

Authorities said Soltys then attacked two 9-year-old cousins, Tatyana Kukharskaya and Dimitriy Kukharskiy, the grandchildren of the slain couple.

Gravely wounded, the children ran from the home. Dimitriy died in his mother's arms, while Tatyana was taken to University of California at Davis Medical Center, where she was later pronounced dead.

About an hour after leaving Rancho Cordova, investigators said, Soltys arrived at his mother's house in Citrus Heights to pick up his son. Soltys' mother told police her son seemed fine and showed no signs that anything was wrong. Police refused to release her name.

Detectives were investigating whether Soltys had a violent temper and if drugs or mental illness played a role in the killings.

In his native Ukraine, authorities said, Soltys was rejected by the national army because of mental instability. He also had a history of domestic violence in Ukraine with his first wife. Soltys came to the United States almost three years ago and has no known criminal record.

The reward for information leading to his capture has grown to more than \$30,000, Blanas said.

RICKEL

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The Academic West Wing, traditionally known as the Rickel Building, will be renovated to include the kinesiology department, the Writing Center, the Math Lab, Trio Programs and the Intensive English Program. The opening date for the 40,000-square-foot Academic West Wing is tentatively set for fall 2002.

Architects for the recreation center are Canon Design of Los Angeles and Hahnfeld Associates of Fort Worth.

Canon, the lead architect, designed recreation centers for Arizona State University and the University of California in Los Angeles.

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FROGGIE

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Froggie-Five-O supervisors.

Froggie-Five-O operates seven days a week from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. and can be requested by calling Campus Police at extension 7777 or by simply using one of the emergency phones located on campus. Froggie-Five-O will be available after 7 p.m. when daylight savings time ends Oct. 28.

Christian said many students are unaware that they can use the emergency phones to request the service and should feel free to do so.

Students needing rides when Froggie-Five-O is not in operation may obtain an escort by calling TCU Police 24 hours a day.

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DRAFTEES

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"I couldn't ever have run away from this dream I have," Bradshaw said. "I thought that I could make it, I still think I can, and that's why I'm still (playing baseball)."

The dream that Bradshaw has is one very similar for Erick Macha, TCU's third amateur draftee, who made the decision to leave college early and enter the draft after his junior year.

Assistant baseball coach Donald Watson said he supports Macha's decision because he knew he was chasing his passion.

"You have to believe it can happen for you, and if you do that, then it just might," Watson said.

Macha currently plays in the Class-A Northwest League on the Yakima Bears in Yakima, Wash.

As for taking a break from college, Watson again supports Macha's decision and feels he won't have any problem going back to it. Before making the decision to enter the draft, Macha came to Watson and asked him if he thought he was ready for the minors.

"He's very smart and he really made himself ready for the big-time. He's not a finished product yet but he's got an upside to him and I think he made the right decision for himself," Watson said.

Alike all the draftees, Macha's goal is to keep playing baseball, and that is what all three will continue with for as they can.

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Experienced roommate offers tips for survival

Eating insects is the not preferred ice-breaking method

As new students begin the journey of self-discovery called

residence hall life, they will undoubtedly learn a thing or two about themselves and the personal habits of others. After surviving six semesters and 10 different roommates, I have a few tips regarding roommates and how to live with them.

Moving into Sherley Hall as a first semester freshman can be rather daunting, but the terror is only magnified when what lies ahead is a potluck roommate assignment. My first roommate was a burgeoning gourmand whose dietary preferences involved raising campus crickets in a shoebox until they were primed for the skillet, prepared with what I was told was a tasty sauce. She feasted on the insects as I sat and watched aghast. To avoid an infestation, I told her that she could eat what she liked, but tactfully asked her to please not keep live "food" in our room.

The aroma of her other culinary delights resulted in a lovely bouquet that smelled like a combination of sour milk, skunk, moth balls, fish and rotten eggs. This most pleasant odor permeated my clothes, towels, sheets and hair. Being know as the smelly girl was naturally the catalyst for my flourishing freshman social life.

Living with a stranger not only requires adjusting to your roommates' habits but also often dealing with their parents. Many new students experience parent-college student separation anxiety. My roommates have always had to be tolerant of my parents who insist on calling me at obscene hours of the morning.

I also had the pleasure of hosting a roommate's parents for the first two weeks of school. While I was attempting to unpack and get situated in my new home, my roommate's family would spend the week napping, cooking and conversing in frequencies only dolphins can hear in our dorm room. I understand that they really wanted to make sure that she was situated, but when your child turns 18, it's time to cut the cord.

Privacy is obviously an issue in dorm life, but more important are decency and cleanliness. Based on various personal experiences, the following tips may help to avoid a roommate brawl:

- Do not wash your underwear in the sink.
- Always close the bathroom door.
- If you insist on having naked time, do so behind closed doors or when your roommate is out.
- Do not develop any habits that attract insects.
- Set your own alarm clock and do not abuse the snooze bar.
- Do not take unrelated stress out on your roommate.
- CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF!

My inability to keep a roommate for more than one semester suggests that I am not exactly an angel. It has come to my attention that I may have a few annoying habits as well. Through my roommate experiences I have learned the extent of my imperfections — it's really enough to keep you humble.

I have adapted to a nomadic lifestyle, moving about every four months, and have perfected the art of packing. Though I may not be perfect, my only hope is that I will have learned to be more tolerant and more sensitive and accepting of others.

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Commentary



Elise Rambaud

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Whether looking for the basic room essentials or searching for those perfect matching curtains, decorating a room or apartment is a battle all students must conquer when moving away to college.

Designing a room just right for you, however, need not be difficult or expensive. With the right touch and a little advice from other students, this task can prove to be quite simple.

"The most important thing to remember when furnishing an apartment or dorm room is to maximize your space," said Josh McDonald, a junior philosophy major who lives off campus. "Everything matters from how you arrange your furniture to how you set up your closet space."

Cramped living space is something most students are forced to deal with, especially when they are living on campus. Even the largest of dorm rooms can get pretty small after moving in, said Stephanie Clark, a senior social work major.

This year, Clark moved from a room in Colby Hall with no roommate to a place in the on-campus apartments. The move cut her bedroom living space nearly in half.

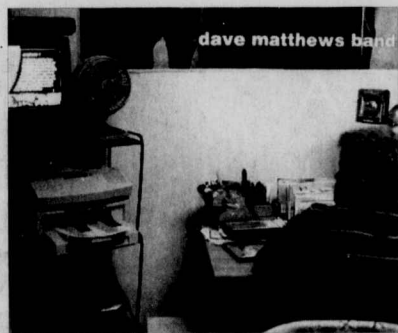
Clark agreed that moving from a large space to a smaller one can be quite difficult. "My biggest problem is that I have to choose which pictures and knickknacks to put up," she said.

Putting up hanging closet shelves helped Clark conserve space for her clothes and other storage items. Taking advantage of all available space can help students avoid renting a storage unit somewhere off campus, she said.

Carol Davis, a senior biology major, said putting up wall grids to hold small decorations is a good way to deal with a cramped living space. Storing some unnecessary ornaments is a good way to open up the room, though comfort should never be sacrificed, she said.

A comfortable chair, blanket or pillow is always a quintessential item for a dorm room or apartment. Students are more likely to enjoy their living environment if they go a little bit further to making their room more like a home, Davis said.

But creating a new home does not have to



Josh McDonald, a junior philosophy major, plays on a friend's computer and watches TV in an on-campus apartment. Stacking shelves are a convenient way to save space.



Joey England, a junior biology major, visits Carol Davis, a senior biology major, in Davis' room in Waits Hall. Both are resident assistants in the hall. Davis used many butterflies to decorate her walls in order to make her room feel like home.

cost an arm and a leg, McDonald said.

"It's all about getting what you need (for your space) at a cheap price," he said. "You don't have to go out and buy the high-quality stuff, especially since you are in college."

Davis suggested box frames as an inexpensive alternative to the metal or wooden ones. At a cost of about one dollar each, students can easily decorate their walls with familiar faces to make their rooms more homey.

Using plastic crates in place of expensive book shelves is another cheap way to furnish a dorm room, said Joey England, a junior biology major.

England agrees that comfort is key to designing the perfect room and said if students can avoid lofting their beds, their rooms will seem more inviting to visitors. Having as much sitting space as possible is a great idea, though a bed is a lot more comfortable to sit on than a blow-up chair, she said.

McDonald said he purchased most of his furniture at a garage sale.

"Getting used furniture is smart because most of the time, you end up ruining your furniture anyway," he said. "It may not be expensive, but it is comfortable, and nobody is afraid to spill anything on my couch."

Clark said the best way to get the most of

your basics is to head to Wal-mart or Kmart. Most students can find almost everything they need from the simplest shower caddy to the perfect spring rod for their curtains. A lot of the time, students can find pretty nice-looking stuff at a low price, she said.

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Stephanie Clark, a senior social work major, moved to an on-campus apartment from a single room in Colby Hall. She uses a bookcases to maximize her space.

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 - 4-tier plastic shelving unit: \$15.99
 - Stackable drawers: \$9.99
 - 10-shelf shoebag: \$9.99
 - Storage cardboard boxes (set of five): \$8.99

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— Josh McDonald, junior philosophy major

Communication with roommate key to privacy

By Jacqueline Petersell
STAFF REPORTER

Incoming freshmen have more to deal with in adjusting to college life than learning what part of campus their classes are in. They must also learn to deal with living with a roommate and the loss of something they treasured at home — their privacy.

With 1,540 freshmen, most of whom live in residence halls, a loss of privacy is an issue all students living in a residence hall must deal with. Setting rules and getting concerns out in the open are a few ways to discuss privacy with your roommate.

Jeff Moss, a sophomore pre-major, said it's best to have an open

forum when getting to know your roommate and setting rules in the residence hall rooms.

"Say, 'this is what I do and this is how I am,'" Moss said. "Don't beat around the bush. State what you want and respect their wishes."

Communication between roommates is a large part of having privacy within the residence hall rooms.

Lindsay Misslin, a Colby Hall resident assistant, said the relationship between roommates helps them learn privacy boundaries.

"I think the biggest key is communication," said Misslin, a sophomore theater education major. "But it totally depends on your roommate and if you work it out

with them."

But George Havrilla, an RA at Milton-Daniel Hall, said life in residence halls can be as private as you make it and that you don't really lose anything you had at home.

"If you trust your roommate, then it's extremely private as long as your roommate respects your privacy," said Havrilla, a senior mechanical engineering major.

Though communication is important, Moss said, there are other ways to stay private within a residence hall room. One way is to talk with friends through e-mail and other Internet services.

"(Instant Messenger) is really good if you don't want them to hear you on the phone," Moss said.

Many students go in the hallway to talk on phones when they don't want their roommates to hear the conversation. However, Misslin said by doing so, other people in the hall can hear the phone conversation. Misslin said that if you don't want something known, then don't tell other people.

Havrilla also had the same advice.

"If you don't want people to know (something) then why share?" Havrilla said.

Havrilla said something to remember is that students get a clean slate when they come to college.

"Yes, we're interested in how you lived your life, but you're starting over," he said. "I don't see how

coming (to TCU) you're going to lose any of that."

Misslin said it is possible to have a social life on campus, but still keep your privacy. Residence halls have hall socials and wing socials that allow students to meet others and feel more comfortable in their new homes.

Moss said wing socials and other activities help ease students into life on campus, but the most important thing is to find a group of friends to connect with.

"If you find that security, then you feel better about doing things," Moss said.

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Helms refuses re-election, sixth term U. of Houston still assessing damages

By Scott Mooneyham
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Sen. Jesse Helms, the ornery conservative who tormented liberals in Congress for most of the past three decades, announced Wednesday that he will not seek re-election next year.

The five-term Republican cited his age in his decision. He is 79.

"I would be 88 if I ran again in 2002 and was elected and lived to finish a sixth term," he said. "This, my family and I decided, I should not do and shall not."

The taped remarks were played on the evening newscast at WRAL-TV, the station where Helms' fiery editorials helped build support for his first election to the Senate in 1972.

Helms invoked the memory of Sen. Sam Ervin, a Democrat who represented North Carolina in the 1950s, '60s and early '70s, quoting Ervin's remarks on his own age when he left

public life. He noted he will have served 30 years in the Senate when his term ends in 2003.

"Not in my wildest imagination did it occur to me that such a privilege would ever be mine," Helms said, his voice breaking slightly near the end of his 10-minute speech.

"Thank you dear friends, God bless you, and as Ron Reagan always used to say, God bless America," he said.

Helms taped the address several hours earlier, before an invitation-only group of friends and family. He then headed to his vacation home on Lake Gaston, north of Raleigh, to watch the broadcast with his wife, Dorothy.

Within minutes of the announcement, President Bush issued a statement praising Helms as a "tireless defender" of freedom.

"When Senator Helms retires, the Senate will have lost a respected leader, but I have no doubt we will continue to seek his counsel as a sen-

ior statesman," Bush said.

Helms' departure could make it more difficult for the GOP to recapture the Senate, where Democrats hold a 50-49 majority, with one independent.

Republicans are defending 20 Senate seats in 2002, including the one held by 98-year-old Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who has said he will not seek re-election next year. Democrats are defending 14, none of them open.

People close to Helms have said for weeks that his family was urging him not to seek re-election. He also had not begun raising money or hired high-powered consultants who have guided previous campaigns.

The reality of a Senate without Helms was slow to sink in.

"We need his conservative voice up there. I'm not sure anyone will be as consistently conservative and fearlessly conservative as he has been," said Tom Ellis, the Raleigh attorney

who helped guide Helms' early campaigns and founded his fund-raising organization, the Congressional Club.

For three decades, Helms inspired that kind of loyalty from his conservative following as he condemned communists and gays, and endorsed school prayer and traditional values. Others were glad to see him go.

"I guess the 19th century is over now," said Democratic campaign pollster Sam Watts.

Long before Helms' plans became public, possible successors began exploring bids to replace him.

A prominent group of Republicans announced this week they were trying to persuade Elizabeth Dole to run for the Senate seat. Dole, the former labor secretary and head of the Red Cross, was born and raised in North Carolina, though she spends most of her time in Washington.

Crews placing final touches on buildings

By Ed de la Garza
THE DAILY COUGAR

HOUSTON (U-WIRE) — Although the bulk of the post-Tropical Storm Allison cleanup is complete, the University of Houston is still assessing damages caused by the severe flooding that swept through campus on June 8.

The flood closed the campus for a week and forced more than 130 summer classes to relocate as crews worked around the clock to establish some semblance of order.

"When the storm hit us it affected 90 out of 105 buildings," Associate Vice President for Plant Operations Dave Irvin said. "We lost 17 of 20 electrical feeders.

We've been able to make most of those repairs. A majority of the buildings will be up and providing services."

The University used in-house and contracted labor to restore — and, in some cases, rebuild — the campus. The initial restoration process involved having crews work 16- to 18-hour days just to re-open the campus by June 18. Crews are now working to put the finishing touches on affected buildings.

But the more severely damaged facilities — the UH Law Center, the UC Underground and the UC Satellite — will undergo repairs throughout the semester.

Rep. Condit communicates with constituents, the nation

By Mark Sherman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Rep. Gary Condit is talking for the first time about his relationship with missing intern Chandra Levy, agreeing to a series of interviews orchestrated by advisers to try to salvage his political career.

Condit agreed to a 30-minute interview with ABC News' Connie Chung that will air Thursday night from Modesto, Calif., which is in his district.

He was interviewed Tuesday by People magazine, which plans to run the story in its Sept. 3 issue that will have the California Democrat and his wife, Carolyn, on the cover. It was Condit's first interview since Levy, who is from Modesto, disappeared May 1.

Condit also will talk to a television station and newspaper in California, and Newsweek magazine, spokeswoman Marina Ein said.

Constituents in his central California district are hearing directly

from him: More than 200,000 households are being sent a mailing which is intended to explain his actions in the wake of Levy's disappearance, Ein said.

She said the congressman has two goals in his interviews. "His primary concern is to express his personal pain with what has occurred and, secondarily, to correct the record," Ein said.

Aides say Condit, first elected in 1989, intends to seek re-election next year.

Some congressional colleagues have dismissed Condit's chances of re-election because of his actions in the Levy case. But several political consultants drew parallels to President Clinton's ability to survive the Monica Lewinsky scandal and earlier allegations of marital infidelities.

What the 53-year-old father of two has to say about his relationship with Levy, 24, will go a long way in deciding his political future.

"He has got to be careful not to put too much focus on himself because

(Levy) is still missing and there is still a family that's grieving," said Rob Stutzman, a GOP consultant in California. "This is not about Gary Condit. He has to be careful not to dwell too much on his circumstances."

Police interviewed Condit four times. Not until the third interview, more than two months after Levy vanished, did Condit acknowledge an affair with Levy, a police source has said. Still, police have been adamant in declaring that Condit is not a suspect.

Whit Ayers, an Atlanta-based Republican pollster, said Condit must begin his national television interview with an apology to his constituents.

"He's embarrassed his constituents," Ayers said. "The difficulty is that there are so many unanswered questions that he will probably not be able to answer about the disappearance of Chandra Levy. Inevitably, the story will be incomplete, but at least people will have heard his side for the first time."

Filmmaker's footage taken Woman claims assault during raid on Houston bar

By Kristen Hays
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — An amateur filmmaker who was videotaping footage at a southeast Houston bar for a cable access program about the rap music club scene said Wednesday that city police assaulted her and state alcohol officers confiscated her tape during a raid.

Crystal Muhammad of Houston said she was videotaping rappers at Smitty's Sports Lounge on Aug. 18 when a Houston police officer came in the front door with a shotgun, cocked the weapon while pointing it toward the ceiling, and ordered no one to move.

She said TABC officers confiscated her tape and then Houston police officers dragged her through the back door. She was charged with assaulting a police officer, who says she bit him during the melee.

Muhammad also displayed pictures of bruises on her lower back, arm and neck she said were caused by the Houston officers.

"They were snatching and pulling

on me," Muhammad said.

Sgt. Tom Dickson with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's Houston office said the tape is evidence because it captured underage drinkers at the bar and two men who may have been smoking marijuana.

Houston police spokesman Robert Hurst said Wednesday that the police department's internal affairs division is investigating the incident, so "we are in no position to discuss any information about the allegations that have been made by the complainant."

Dickson said two undercover TABC officers went to the bar that night on a tip that Smitty's was selling alcohol without a liquor license. The officers ordered beers, saw a valid license on the wall, and looked around.

Dickson said the officers smelled marijuana and saw two men pass back and forth what may have been a marijuana cigarette. He said the officers also saw three men drinking who appeared to be underage. They ended up citing three 18-year-old men for underage drinking, but no one was ar-

rested on drug charges.

The undercover officers left the bar and told four other TABC officers about the possibility that underage drinkers and marijuana was inside. Those four officers went back inside and called Houston police for help because the Smitty's crowd exceeded 100, Dickson said.

Muhammad said authorities have ignored her repeated demands that the TABC officers return her videotape, which shows the city officer with a shotgun.


Dickson said Muhammad's videotape is considered evidence in cases involving underage drinking and marijuana use and Muhammad's case. "Until we complete our investigation, it will remain with us as evidence," Dickson said.

A second filmmaker who hid his camera from authorities produced a videotape that shows Muhammad telling the TABC officers that she was at the club legally and that the camera and the tape were her property. That tape ends before the alleged assault took place.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries (March 21-April 19) — There are rules and regulations to follow in order to accomplish your task. You may think they don't apply to you, but they do. For example, if you sit up straight, with your feet on the floor, you'll become a better typist. Don't waste time arguing with your coach. Comply.

♉ Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You're in the mood to make lifetime plans, and why not? Have you found the right person? Talk about what you'd like to accomplish next. Build a business plan, or a personal plan, or both. With good planning, all your surprises will be happy ones.

♊ Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Don't goof around. Give your full attention to the job at hand. If you're not there on time, prepared, everybody will know. There won't be much room, or time, for creativity. Just follow the routine. Precisely and quickly, please!

♋ Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Somebody's thoughtless comment may be hard to forget. You could bring it up with them and talk it over. You may find out you misunderstood this person. Give them the benefit of the doubt. Feel loved, and spend the time playing instead of worrying.

♌ Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Hold your cards close to the vest so that nobody knows what you have. You're usually a terrible poker player. The big grin tells everyone that you have a good hand. That won't be a problem this time. In some ways your luck is improving.

♍ Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your stock just went up in a big way. Don't start swaggering yet. Give this new confidence and expertise time to sink in, and keep studying. Even though you know a lot, it won't hurt to know more.

♎ Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — Are you willing to take on more responsibility? Would you do it for a raise? Can you see a job that needs to be done? Think you could be good at it? Friends and loved ones may initially advise against a change, but think about it. Try to imagine how it would work.

♏ Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You're getting stronger in more ways than one. The seasons are changing again, bringing a phase that empowers you. This time it's your friends, and the groups you join, who'll help you manifest that power. Together, the impossible can become real. Go toward

♐ the love. Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — This is not a good day to try to wiggle out of responsibilities. Do everything you're supposed to do and more. Accept advice from people you find irritating. Thank them for it. This could make your life a lot more pleasant.

♑ Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Plans that were stalled start moving forward — slowly, but still moving. Red tape that's been strangling progress is starting to loosen. You can see the first glimmer of hope, but don't push too hard — you could break something. It'll be easier to move on things tomorrow.

♒ Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You'll have to watch your manners for the next couple of days. Something you've been trying to accomplish is getting closer to success, but there are still a few hoops to jump through. Let an older person succeed, too. You'll eventually be the big winner.

♓ Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Things are starting to move forward in your life again. Old fears come up, then fade into the distance as you zoom right past them. You don't have time to worry about what might be. You're too busy with

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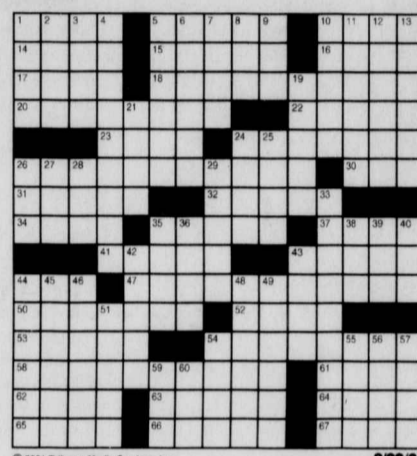
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- 18 Chinese appetizer
- 20 Ethnic slaughter
- 22 Surpass
- 23 Inoperative, to NASA
- 24 Refrain from
- 26 College in Sioux City
- 30 Anil or wood
- 31 Ferry of Roxy Music
- 32 Upright
- 34 Not up yet
- 35 Writer Terkel
- 37 Clarinet's cousin
- 41 Astronomer
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AP FOOTBALL PICKS

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Huskies happy to play after troubled summer ... Nebraska, 45-14.

New Mexico State (plus 20) at Louisville (Thursday)
Cards QB Ragone is a passing machine ... Louisville, 49-17.

Tulane (plus 9 1/2) at BYU
Crowton's Cougars now play on field named for retired coach LaVell Edwards ... BYU 27-13.

North Carolina (plus 23) at No. 3 Oklahoma
Hybl, Heupel ... it won't matter a gainst Heels ... Oklahoma, 41-14.

No. 10 Georgia Tech (minus 9 1/2) vs. Syracuse (Sunday, Giants Stadium)
Tech has national title hopes, but better beware of Orangemen ... Georgia Tech, 34-21.

today in sports history

1970 - U.S. swimmer Gary Hall broke three world records at the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) outdoor swimming meet, held in Los Angeles, Calif.

1982 - Gaylord Perry was tossed out of a game for throwing an illegal spitball. Perry, pitching for the Seattle Mariners, was given the heave-ho by the home plate umpire in the seventh inning of the game.

1986 - Darrell Waltrip became the first racecar driver to earn \$7 million in a racing career.

1987 - The Pan American games concluded in Indianapolis, with the United States winning a record 369 medals. Of the 369 medals won, 168 were gold medals.

they said it



"I don't know in 20 years if I've ever been comfortable going into the first game. (Not) this one or any of them."

— Gary Patterson, Football head coach, when asked if he was concerned about Saturday's game against Nebraska.

Getting to know

Charlotte 49ers

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History: Construction on campus began in 1960 and expansion continues today, giving UNC Charlotte a distinctly contemporary look.

Pigskin Classic Results

2000
Fla. State .24
BYU 3

1999
Penn State .41
Arizona 7

1998 **1996**
USC 27 BYU 41
Purdue 17 Tx. A&M . . . 37

1997 **1995**
N.Western .24 Michigan .18
Oklahoma . . 0 Virginia . . 17

to our readers

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Doeden pulls off surprise upset at Amateur

By Kelly Morris
SKIFF STAFF

Last year, senior men's golfer Andy Doeden qualified for the 100th U.S. Amateur Championship but failed to make it past the first round of match play.

But Doeden didn't let history repeat itself Wednesday at the 101st U.S. Amateur Championship.

Doeden, who was tied for 38th place coming into Wednesday's round, upset Jay Morgan, who was tied for 27th place, 2 and 1 through 17 holes at the East Lake Golf Course in Atlanta, Ga.

"This is the furthest I have ever gone in this tournament," Doeden said. "I'm feeling really good right now. I had a lot of fun, and I'm very excited about (Thursday's match)."

But Wednesday's win didn't come easily for Doeden. Through six holes, Morgan already had a two-hole lead. After making a 25-yard chip from the bunker on the seventh hole, Morgan birdied, and Doeden failed to make a 15-foot birdie putt on that same hole giving Morgan a three-shot lead.

Despite being behind, Doeden didn't get frustrated.

"After the seventh hole, I drew back to last year's tournament," Doeden said. "I wasn't patient last year, but today I tried to stay focused on my own game and not let my opponent's play affect me. I stayed in the present and capitalized on (Morgan's) mistakes which was a positive for me."

That mentality is what makes Doeden such a

good match player, Montigel said. "Andy never gives up," Montigel said. "He might lose a match, but he never quits. With stroke play, bogies and double bogies can really add up, but with match play, you can get a 10 on a hole and then get back-to-back birdies and be right back in the match."

Birdies on the 8th, 9th and 10th holes helped Doeden bring the match back to even. Doeden then went on to par the last four holes of the match to finish two holes up against Morgan.

Doeden will face off against Florida golfer Camilo Villegas today.

Montigel said he expects Villegas, who won the NCAA Championship last year with the Gators, to be a tough opponent.

"There's no easy matches from here on out,"

Montigel said. "Andy is facing a very good player."

If Doeden defeats Villegas, he will play a second round of match play this afternoon.

Doeden's teammates might not be with him in Atlanta, but Montigel said the team is watching closely in Fort Worth.

"I'm curious to see how the tournament will go and look forward to watching it on television," Montigel said. "Doeden's teammates our following his progress on the Internet and the television. Because of their classes, some are even taping it and watching it at night. It's fun to watch and great for the golf program."

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TCU draftees have high hopes for futures

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

Former TCU pitcher Chad Durham graduated from TCU in 2000 with hopes to continue pursuing something that had been there since before he can remember. The fuel of Durham's life is playing baseball.

After being drafted in the 25th round by the Houston Astros in the 2001 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, those hopes were materializing into a career in the minor leagues.

Durham said he's proud of himself because of all the baseball he's played in the semi-pros during the collegiate off-season which made him an attractive prospect. Durham is now in a professional gig in the New York-Penn Class-A Minor League on the Pittsfield Astros in Pittsfield, MA, and he said he hopes to make his way all the way up through the professional leagues.

Since Durham has moved around the country playing in numerous semi-pro leagues and doesn't mind orientating himself to different locales and teammates, he hasn't had a hard time adjusting to the newness.

"Baseball is just like that," he said. "The best part is getting to meet people who are like me and love the game like I do."

Durham also said he didn't have to make a big adjustment from Division I collegiate baseball to the minor leagues. He said it hasn't been too much for him to handle.

"I have always been able to compete well with wooden bats (in the semi-pros)," Durham said. "It's not like college though. Good pitchers have to throw some really good stuff because you have less a chance to overpower the professional hitters (in the minor leagues)."

Although Durham said he is scheduled for surgery on Friday in Houston, he said the injury is a minor and common injury to pitchers. The surgery, which forced him to leave his team early last season, will take three to four months for recovery. He plans to be back next spring for the full season.

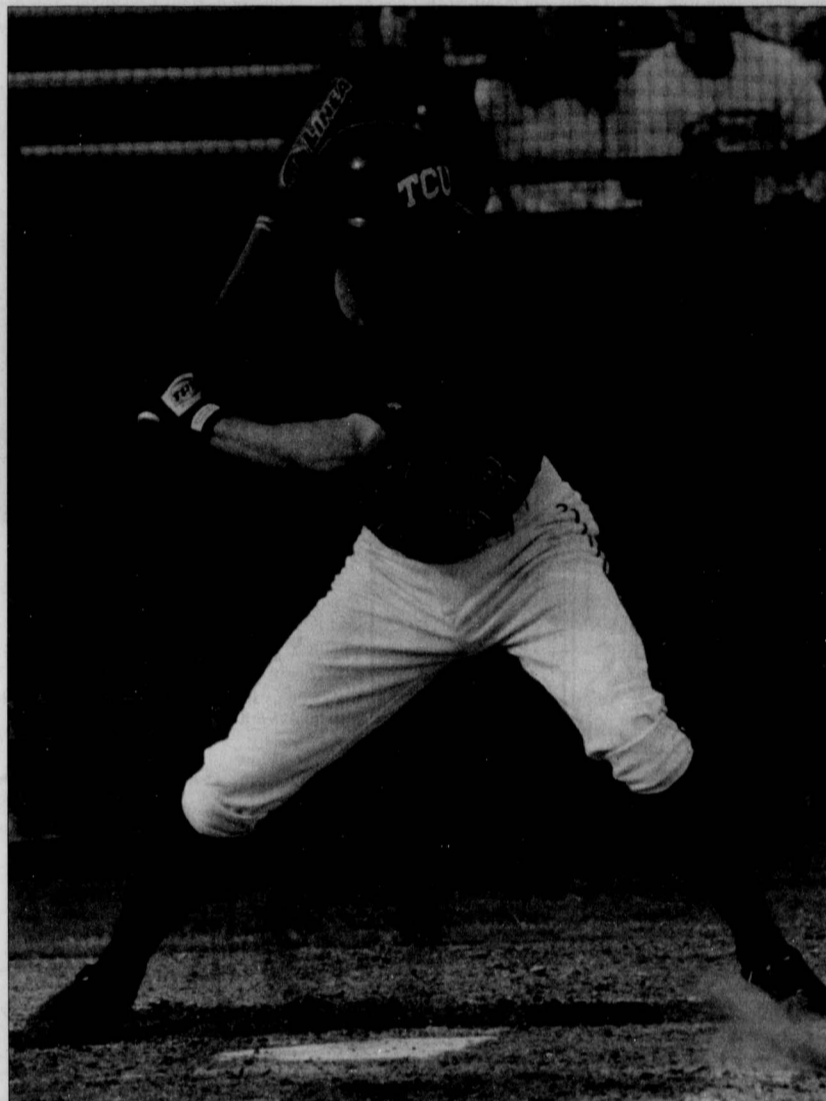
When Durham returns, he hopes to continue to fare well throwing primarily his consistent pitch of choice, his fastball.

Durham graduated with a communications degree and also enjoys being a part-time musician. Despite his other interests the time, money and effort he has put into his baseball career fuel his desire to surround the rest of his life around the game. He said he will continue focusing on baseball until his arm won't let him anymore.

"My goal is to play (in the majors) at Enron (Field in Houston)," Durham said. "But if that doesn't work out I'll just go get a real job."

Another amateur draftee this year, former TCU pitcher Chris Bradshaw, was drafted in the 14th round to the Texas Rangers. He currently plays at the rookie-advanced level in the Appalachian League. So far, Bradshaw has a 4.25 as a right-hand pitcher for the Pulaski Rangers in Pulaski, Virginia.

Unlike Durham, adjusting to professional baseball is something Bradshaw still faces each



Erick Macha was one of three TCU baseball players taken in the 2001 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft. Macha, pitchers Chris Bradshaw and Chad Durham are currently on minor league rosters.

day he plays with the Rangers. He said he has found the differences to be great.

"We play everyday and if you're late, you get fined. It's my job now, I'm away from my home and I'm not making much money," Bradshaw said.

Although he said the game hasn't changed for him compared to college, he is missing the close-knit and supportive nature of his past teams.

"It's a lot harder in the minor leagues because it's not the team effort that I'm used to," he said. "(It seems that) everyone wants to better themselves and are playing for themselves. There is less a concern if the team does well as a whole."

As for the competition he is up against, Brad-

shaw said he's only seen a few standout players and isn't intimidated by his teammates. He said he can compete somewhat successfully with most of the hitters he faces.

"Making it through the minors are mentally tough, and if you do that you'll be really successful," he said. "I don't feel I've found my life's success yet, but I'm trying."

Bradshaw said he will try to continue to keep himself motivated to make it through the minors. He said he will rely on the self-encouragement to reach his final goal of moving back home to Texas and playing in Arlington, which has been a dream since little league.

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Cornhusker native offers suggestions for Saturday

By Melissa Christensen
MANGING EDITOR

For two years, I have heard nearly every quip about corn, joke about hicks and digs about farmer's daughters my Texan colleagues could muster. Around here, it seems as if being born and raised in the Nebraska is considered a handicap.

However, my Heartland roots became valuable as soon as the Frogs signed to play the Huskers in the Pigskin Classic. The sports editor wanted a guide to Lincoln for traveling TCU fans, so after a free Sonic dinner and several hours of Cornhusker state praise, here it is:

First priority: Eat a Runza. These German lunch delights are sold at the stadium, but for a more thorough Runza Restaurant experience, I recommend jetting down O Street to Rock 'n' Roll Runza. There you can enjoy your meal with roller-skating waitresses, real milkshakes with plenty of whipped cream and the croonings of Elvis from a 1950s jukebox. Personally, I prefer my Runza with cheese.

Before the game: Check out the Husker Marching Band in front of Kimbel Recital Hall. The group plays pep tunes for about half an hour before they march to the stadium.

At the game: Wear all things purple. Let's make a purple island in that sea of red that is Memorial Stadium on game days.

After the game: My Husker buddies tell me Sidetracks on O Street or Barry's on 9th and Q streets are great hangouts for a football-loving crowd.

Also, the Nebraska State Fair is happening this weekend. Just around the corner from campus, the fairgrounds offer concerts, rodeo events, carnival rides and 4-H exhibitions.

Or visit the Haymarket just off of 10th and O streets. Several pubs, coffee shops and restaurants line this old-fashioned neighborhood. A favorite of locals, Lazlo's Pub has a microbrewery on site and serves delicious sandwiches.

Cheer loud and be proud. Go Frogs!

Chargers sign Tomlinson to six-year, \$38 million contract

By Bernie Wilson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — LaDainian Tomlinson ended his long holdout and ran smack into expectations.

The running back arrived in the San Diego Chargers' training camp nearly a month late on Wednesday, signed a six-year contract that could be worth \$38 million if he meets the incentives and salary escalator clauses, and then practiced for the first time.

Tomlinson, the fifth pick overall in April's draft, has 2 1/2 weeks to prepare for the season opener against Washington on Sept. 9. Coach Mike Riley said Tomlinson won't play in Saturday night's home exhibition game against St. Louis but might play in the exhibition finale at Arizona on Aug. 31.

"I think this deal gives me enough time to get ready for opening day," said Tomlinson, a two-time NCAA rushing champion from TCU who will get a \$10.5 million signing bonus.

"I think I'm in good shape. Today, I will kind of find out where I am as far as football shape."

The Chargers hope Tomlinson

can revive their brutal running game, which has been ranked 27th or worse four of the last five seasons.

They were last in the NFL in 2000 with an embarrassing 66 yards per game, and haven't had a runner go over 1,000 yards since Natrone Means set the club record with 1,350 yards during their Super Bowl season of 1994.

One more thing — every time general manager John Butler sees Tomlinson, he's reminded of Thurman Thomas.

"The way they carry themselves, carry the ball, move around," Butler said. "I hope I'm just not wishing so much, because that means one of the greatest to every play the game, in Thurman."

Butler was director of college scouting for Buffalo when the Bills made Thomas a second-round draft pick in 1988.

Thomas played 12 seasons with Buffalo, then played nine games with Miami last year before a knee injury finished his career. He is ninth on the all-time rushing list with 12,074 yards, and is tied with Andre Reed for most touchdowns in Bills history with 87.

"I said to him today, 'You know, Thurman's got 400-some catches in his career, and people don't talk about that,'" Butler said. "He had hands, LaDainian has hands. He has that quickness of picking up the game. He's a student of the game. That's the way Thurman was."

Butler took Tomlinson with the pick he got from Atlanta in exchange for the draft's opening pick, which the Falcons used to take Michael Vick.

Butler said Tomlinson will be behind on things like picking up blitzes.

Otherwise, he said, "The running game is one of those God-given instincts. The good ones just have that ability."

The Chargers and Tomlinson's agent, Tom Condon, had haggle over incentives and escalator clauses, then didn't speak for a week. Tomlinson flew to Kansas City on Tuesday to meet with Condon, who finalized the deal Tuesday night.

"It's unique how it just happened right away," Tomlinson said. "I was in Kansas City, then I flew back and then I had messages on my answer-



After holding out for nearly a month, former TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson agreed to a six-year, \$38 million contract with the San Diego Chargers. Tomlinson is TCU's all-time leading rusher with 5,263 career yards.

ing machine. Tom called, and it was just perfect. I couldn't have dreamed it better."

If Tomlinson rushes for 1,000 yards in any of his first three seasons, his base pay will increase in the final three seasons.

Chargers negotiator Ed McGuire said the deal could have been done a long time ago.

"Sometimes both parties dig their heels in a little bit, and I think that happened here," McGuire. "And really, I think maybe not talking for a

Moving on up

TCU sent three of its baseball players to the minor leagues. Find out where they are and how they're doing. See Sports, page 8.

Dorm life

From privacy perplexers to decorating dilemmas, residence hall life can be troublesome. The Skiff has solutions for you. See Home, page 5.

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Fort Worth, Texas

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Ferrari set to lead 'stay in school' group

Chancellor Michael Ferrari is expected to be named the head of a Fort Worth 'stay in school' initiative at a press conference tomorrow.

The goal of the commission is to keep students in school and assist students who have dropped out of school to finish their education.

Ferrari's first task as head of the commission will be to select members of the commission from a group of local business and community leaders, along with other members of the Fort Worth, Hispanic and Metropolitan Black Chambers.

The press conference will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Fort Worth Club, 306 West Seventh St.

Board of Trustees to discuss new stadium

The executive committee of the Board of Trustees will meet at 3 p.m. today to discuss the final design and naming rights of the proposed baseball stadium.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari will also update the Board on student enrollment and housing and staff and faculty concerns.

COLLEGE BRIEFS

Dartmouth proffs murder trial delayed

HANOVER, N.H. (U-WIRE) — The trial of Robert Tulloch, the older of the two Vermont teenagers charged with the brutal stabbing deaths of Dartmouth College professors Half and Susanne Zantop, will be postponed until March 11.

Grafton Superior Court Judge Peter Smith approved the prosecution's motion to delay on Monday to allow time for further forensic testing.

The trial was originally slated for late January.

The defense agreed to the postponement because the delay will benefit both sides in the case, according to Tulloch defense attorney Richard Guerriero.

"It's just a matter of scheduling in a way that's reasonable to give everyone time to be able to evaluate the evidence," he said.

The impetus behind the prosecution's request was the nearly two-month-long delay caused by the defense's appeal of a June 14 order that Tulloch provide the state with blood, hair and handwriting samples, Senior Assistant Attorney General Kelly Ayotte told *The Manchester Union Leader*.

The state Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal last Friday — an outcome not surprising to Guerriero, who explained that it is unusual for a court to hear such matters prior to a trial.

Counsel generally decides to lodge pre-trial appeals only in the more serious cases. The Tulloch trial, Guerriero said, "is one of the most serious cases you can have."

The defense based its appeal on a provision in the New Hampshire state constitution which stipulates that a defendant may not be compelled to furnish evidence against himself.

Such evidence, according to Guerriero, includes the blood, hair and handwriting samples requested of Tulloch.

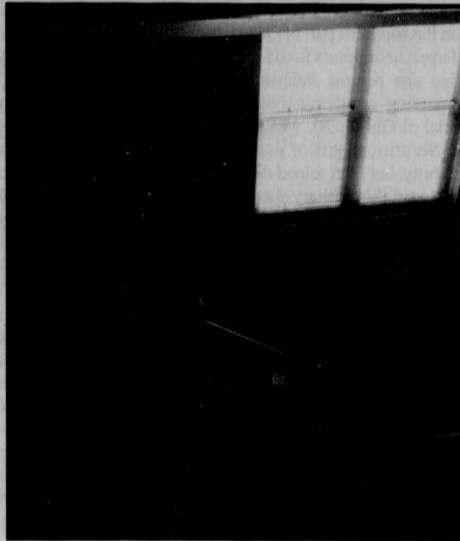
"Our appeal was that the court should follow the clear language of the constitution," he said.

Guerriero refused to comment on whether or not Tulloch has submitted the requested samples.

A trial date has yet to be scheduled for Tulloch's alleged accomplice, James "Jimmy" Parker. The state is first attempting to certify the teenager, who was 16 at the time of the murders, to stand trial as an adult.

The Zantops were stabbed to death in their Etta, N.H., home on the afternoon of January 27.

— *The Dartmouth*



The newly-renovated Waits Hall will be available for viewing by the TCU community at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Refurbished Waits opens doors
Residents return to residence hall after \$9.2 million of improvements

By John-Mark Day
STAFF REPORTER

Waits Hall officially opened its new doors to residents Saturday after nine months and \$9.2 million in renovations.

The campus community may visit the hall at an open house 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Waits Hall Director Christy Lehw said the hall was completely refurbished, leaving only the floor, support pillars and external walls.

"Renovation is to gut and redo," Lehw said. "It looked like a skating rink."

Community restrooms were converted from multiple stalls to combine one shower and one toilet per stall. Other changes include widened hallways with window seats, an elevator and a talking fire alarm. A five-room suite was added to the second floor, and two loft apartments were added on the third

floor.

The lofts consist of four double rooms with skylights that share a private bathroom and living room. Only girls living in the lofts have access to the living area, Lehw said.

"The loft apartment functions as a bridge. Students still have the (community feel) of living in a hall but with more privacy," she said.

Lehw said the renovations have greatly improved Waits.

Waits houses 211 female residents. After the renovations, rooms in Waits now cost \$1,890 per semester for a nonsuite room and \$2,185 for a suite.

Joey England, a junior biology major, agreed that the new changes were welcome. England lived in Waits before the renovation, and has returned as a Waits resident assistant. "There are just little things that I like,"

England said. "It's a lot healthier now. I used to have allergy problems in the hall before, but I don't now."

There are still some problems to be worked out, England said.

"When we first got here for RA training, there was no furniture, so we had to live in Foster," England said.

Waits was ready for residents when the hall received a Certificate of Occupancy from the city and furniture.

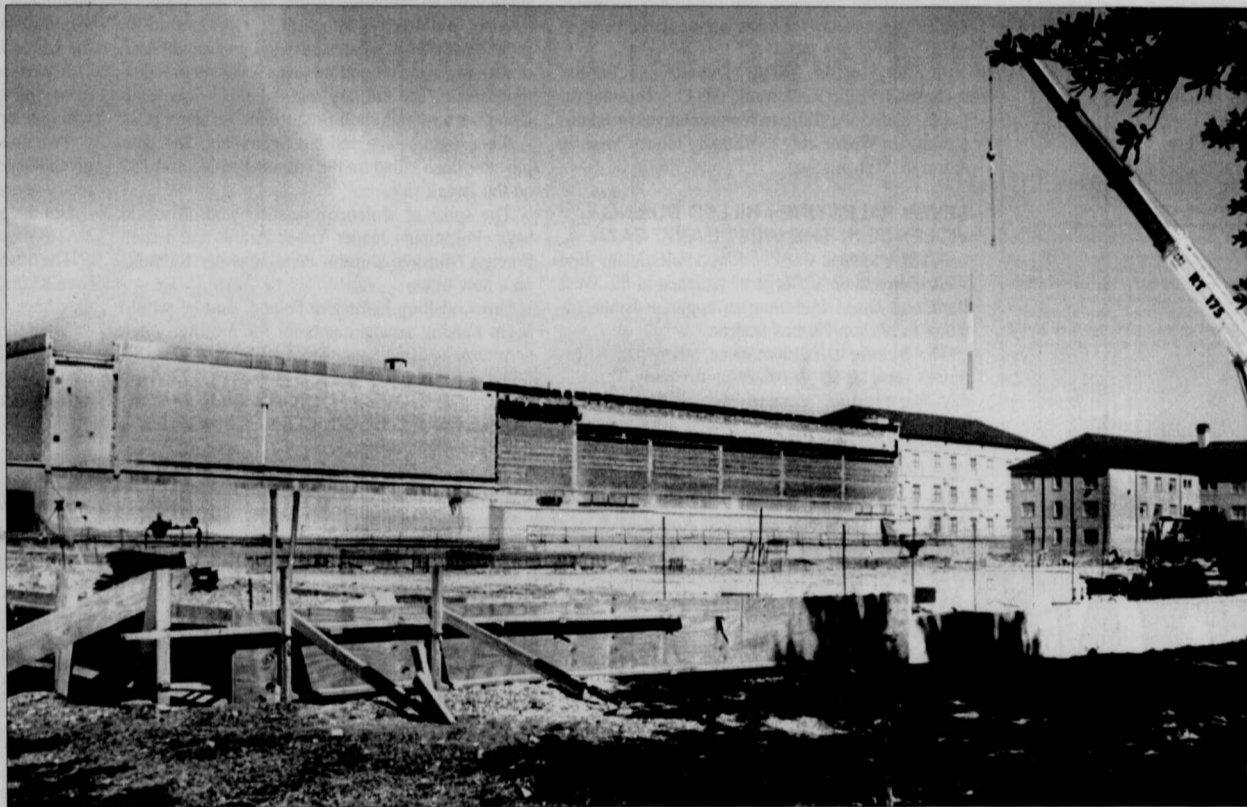
With work still going on in the hall, Lehw said security for her residents is still a priority.

"Propped doors are always a large concern," Lehw said. "The police watch more closely, and the staff are more careful."

Even though Waits is not quite finished,

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Rickel renovations underway



The major demolition phase of the recreation center renovations was completed this summer. All services except the tennis and racquetball courts will be available until December.

Most services to continue until winter break

By Heather Christie
STAFF REPORTER

Students and sports teams will have limited use of the Rickel Building until December when it closes for renovation and construction of a new 202,000-square-foot recreation center.

Director of recreational sports Steven Kintigh said everything except racquetball and tennis will be open until winter break.

A temporary weight and cardiovascular room will be built when the Rickel closes. The rooms will be housed in the former Cokesbury Bookstore at 2720 W. Berty, in front

of the TCU police department.

Most of the Rickel Building staff are not afraid of losing their jobs, said Justin Meeks, a junior speech major.

"They will probably hire one or two more people for the new weight room," Meeks said. "We will move to two different locations, if not three."

Kintigh said the recreation center is trying to get special rates for students, faculty and alumni at other area recreation centers.

The YMCA is offering student memberships for \$30.30 per month and faculty memberships for \$46 per month for individuals or \$70 per month for families.

Kintigh said he is working with Fitness Connection to get special rates, but 24-Hour Fitness was not interested in working with TCU.

The only change in intramural sports is that basketball will run along with football in the fall, and soccer and softball will be in the spring, Kintigh said.

The swim team will use area pools for practice beginning in December. The volleyball team will move to the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for practices and matches, Kintigh said.

Since the tennis courts have been demolished, students may use the 27

courts at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center for a discounted rate of \$3.50 for 90 minutes, Kintigh said.

Kintigh said the name of the new recreation center could be either University Recreation Center or TCU Recreation Center, but the Rickel name will be recognized somewhere.

Improvements to the new recreation center will include a purple indoor track, a 12,000-square-foot weight room, an indoor pool, an outdoor pool with a hot tub, a 1,000-square-foot climbing wall and locker rooms with a sauna, Kintigh said.

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Security concerns displaced students

By Amy Maltby
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — University of Arizona students relocated to hotels due to the housing shortage might enjoy the luxurious surroundings, but many of their parents are concerned about hotel security.

Lindsey Laska, a freshman pre-business major whose mother is an attorney, said her parents are "not happy at all" about her present accommodations at the Four Points Sheraton, 1900 E. Speedway Blvd. "They hate it," Howard said. "They just want me on campus, closer to other students."

Janet Hare, director of sales for the Four Points Sheraton, said security in the hotel is sufficient.

She added that the Four Points is equipped with security cameras in all hallways, elevators and common areas. The cameras are monitored 24 hours a day.

Hare also said the Four Points contracts an outside security company to patrol the property from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. She added that at least two Four Points employees act as security in the hotel at all times.

However, students frequently returning to the hotel past 11 p.m. from sorority rush this week say they have not seen any security guards in or around the hotel.

When asked if she had seen any security guards, Laska said, "Never." She was also not given information on how to contact hotel security in case of an emergency.

Commuting to and from campus, especially at night, is a concern to students living at the Four Points.

Hare does not view security around the Four Points as a problem. She said that because the hotel is near campus, the number of University of Arizona Police Department patrol cars around the hotel is high.

"UAPD are very well represented around here," Hare said.

Hare said the Four Points established an agreement regarding security with the university last year, when a similar housing crunch had first forced the university to seek alternate housing.

Hare said both Four Points management and university administrators are pleased with the agreement.

"There's a good comfort level on both sides," Hare said.

James Van Arsdell, director of housing for the Department of Residence Life, was unavailable to comment.

Froggie Five-0 hopes use continues to rise

James Zwilling
STAFF REPORTER

Following another year of increased escort service, Froggie-Five-0 begins providing safety escorts to females and males Friday.

Froggie-Five-0 escorted 19,970 people during the 2000-2001 school year — 700 more students than in the previous year, and the most in its four-year history.

Crime Prevention Officer Pam Christian said TCU Police are happy with the increase in escorts and hope the trend will continue. "Our basic goals for the semes-

ter are to increase numbers and make [TCU Police] more effective," Christian said. "We want Froggie-Five-0 to ensure the safety of our females and also for the escorts to serve as extra eyes and ears for Campus Police."

Christian said that although the TCU area has the lowest crime rate in Fort Worth, it is still important to have an escort program in place.

"Even though this area of town has a low crime rate, we have to do our best for our female students," she said. Christian said that although Froggie-Five-0 is designed for female students, male

students requesting a safety escort will not be denied.

Amy Lightner, a freshman biology major, said that although safety escorts are a good idea, students need to be aware of their surroundings at all times.

"Students need to know when they are unsafe and safety escorts can help them, but [escorts] don't do much good when students abuse it because they don't want to walk," Lightner said.

Christian said TCU and other private institutions have an advantage when it comes to implementing programs like Froggie-Five-0 because of their size.

For instance, the University of North Texas and the University of Texas at Arlington both offer police escort services to students, but are unable to have as small an escort-to-student ratio as TCU because they are larger schools.

"It's difficult to get a program [like Froggie-Five-0] in place," Christian said. "The TCU Police Department is a lot better than most because large universities can't always focus on police."

In addition to the Campus Police officers, TCU has about 25 student escorts who are trained by

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In tomorrow's *Skiff*, take a look at cell phones —
in the car, in the classroom, in your life.

Today in history
1965 — The Beatles' first color motion picture, *Help!*, premiered in the U.S. Their first film, *Hard Day's Night*, was in black and white.

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.

■ **Chi Alpha**, a Christian fellowship group, will serving free dinner for students at 6 p.m. today and Friday at 2701 S. University Drive. For more information call (817) 923-8833.

■ **The Wesley Foundation at TCU** will have a fellowship meeting with a meal and program at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday at 2750 W. Lowden. For more information call (817) 924-5639.

■ **Destination Known** will be performing a free concert at 7 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge.

■ **Brighton Beach Memoirs** will be performed at Stage West through Saturday. Call (817) 784-9378 for ticket information.

■ **The Pigskin Classic**, TCU vs. Nebraska, will be televised live beginning at noon on Saturday on local ABC affiliate WFAA-TV Channel 8.

■ **Visiting Mathematics Green Chair Ed Burger** will give a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 27 in the Sid W. Richardson Building, lecture hall 1. He will also be speaking at 4 p.m. Aug. 27 and 28 in the Sid W. Richardson Building, lecture hall 3. For more information call (817) 257-7335.

■ **Waits Hall** will be giving tours of the residence hall at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Tours begin in the Waits lobby.

■ **Artist Ed Ruscha** will be featured in a special exhibit Sept. 1 until Sept. 30 at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. This is his first American museum retrospective since 1982. For more information call (817) 738-9215.

■ **The RTVF Film Series** will present the 1939 film "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" at 7 p.m. Thursday Sept. 6 in Moudy Building South room 164. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

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WORLD DIGEST

PARENTS OF JAILED AID WORKERS PLEAD TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Parents of two American women jailed for allegedly preaching Christianity pleaded with Afghanistan diplomats Wednesday to let them see their daughters.

The families are hoping that the personal approach will succeed where government overtures have failed, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

"They are hoping that the Taliban can make the distinction" between a personal plea and an official request, said John Kincannon, of the U.S. Embassy in neighboring Pakistan.

"They feel there might be some merit in separating themselves from us," he said, referring to the embassy.

No one has seen the eight foreign aid workers and 16 Afghan staff of Shelter Now International since their arrest in the Afghan capital of Kabul in early August on charges of preaching Christianity.

The U.N. World Food Program on Wednesday rejected as "baseless allegations" Taliban claims that it was part of a conspiracy among some western organizations to spread Christianity in Afghanistan's to weaken its people's Islamic fervor.

Afghanistan is a deeply devout Muslim nation. Under Taliban rules, foreigners convicted of proselytizing serve a jail term and are deported, while Afghans face execution.

On Wednesday, the mother of one American woman and the father of the other were in Pakistan seeking visas to Afghanistan to see their children.

Diplomats from the United States, Germany and Australia returned Tuesday from Afghanistan after a failed week-long effort to visit the jailed aid workers.

"It is a frustrating thing" for the families, Kincannon said. "You want action. You want to do something. But this may be a long wait for them."

A spokesman at the Taliban Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan's capital, said the family members applied Wednesday for visas, but none had been issued.

In Washington, State Department deputy spokesman Philip Reeker said that U.S. consular officials visited the Taliban representatives in Islamabad again Wednesday to formally request visas to return to Afghanistan.

SEVEN PALESTINES KILLED DURING VIOLENCE IN THE WEST BANK, GAZA

NABLUS, West Bank — Seven Palestinians died Wednesday in an upsurge of violence in the West Bank and Gaza, including an apparent Israeli attempt to kill top Hamas leaders.

The bloodiest incident came when five Palestinians were killed by Israeli gunfire early Wednesday. The two sides gave widely differing accounts of the deaths. Israel said a special army unit discovered Palestinians planting a bomb alongside a West Bank road and opened fire, killing two. Later

other armed men came to the scene and the soldiers killed three others.

Palestinians said only one of the five was a gunman. Thousands marched with the bodies of the five through the West Bank city of Nablus, and dozens fired in the air, causing another tragedy — a man was critically wounded when a bullet hit him.

Later, in the southern part of Gaza City, witnesses said two Israeli helicopters fired four missiles at two cars, killing one person. Palestinian security officials, demanding anonymity, identified the dead man as Bilal al-Ghoul, 26, who was a member of Preventive Security, an arm of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, but later joined the militant Hamas.

Israel TV said the military was targeting the top Hamas bomb-makers and commanders, Mohammed Deif and Mohammed al-Ghoul — the victim's father — but the men escaped.

The Israeli military said the helicopters hit "terrorist cells engaged in mortar bombings."

Hamas spokesman Mahmoud Zahar called the attack "an Israeli attempt to assassinate a senior member of Hamas."

A crowd gathered around one of the burned-out cars. People shouted, "Death to Israel!" and "Death to Sharon!" referring to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and waved assault rifles in the air as an Israeli helicopter flew overhead.

In southern Gaza, another Palestinian was killed in unclear circumstances. A doctor said Mahmoud Jasser, 23, died in an explosion, but other Palestinians said he was shot by an Israeli sniper.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, an Israeli tank advanced into Palestinian-controlled territory and destroyed a police station, Palestinians said, after a firefight at the entrance to Psagot, a nearby Jewish settlement. No casualties were reported.

An Israeli army bulldozer knocked down another Palestinian police post near the West Bank town of Jenin after an exchange of fire, the military said.

Also Wednesday, Israel fired two ground-to-ground missiles at a Palestinian police post in Gaza, destroying it and wounding seven policemen, Palestinians said. The military said the attack was retaliation for a mortar shell fired toward an army post.

Since fighting erupted last September, 584 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and 152 on the Israeli side.

The spike of violence overshadowed efforts to bring Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres together for talks on a new truce.

Peres, visiting his native Poland, said he would begin making arrangements for the meeting when he returns to Israel.

NATO APPROVES TROOPS FOR MACEDONIA COULD BEGIN COLLECTING ARMS

BRUSSELS, Belgium — NATO authorized deployment of 3,500 troops to Macedonia on Wednesday

day and could begin collecting weapons from ethnic Albanian rebels early next week in its latest foray trying to bring stability in the Balkans.

Troops started moving almost immediately, with the first French soldiers of the main force arriving in the capital Skopje on Wednesday afternoon, joining the 400 communications and headquarters personnel already on the ground.

NATO officials said complete deployment probably would take 10 days to two weeks, but the job of collecting rebel arms and transporting them to a central location for destruction could begin well before all the troops had arrived.

"The commander is confident that he can start the weapons collection sometime at the beginning of next week," said NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson.

The clock on NATO's self-imposed 30-day time limit for the mission starts ticking once the entire force in Macedonia. Several hundred Americans will participate — mostly taken from troops already in Kosovo and Macedonia — in a behind-the-scenes role focusing on logistical duties.

NATO approved the deployment — its third Balkans venture in the past six years — despite violence that has simmered even after Macedonian and ethnic Albanian leaders signed a peace deal Aug. 13 to end six months of fighting.

"Today is an important day for NATO and an even more important one for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia," Robertson told reporters at alliance headquarters. "We are taking a historic step forward also for wider stability and security in the whole Balkans region."

Robertson said NATO has an explicit agreement in writing from the ethnic Albanian rebels that they will give up weapons.

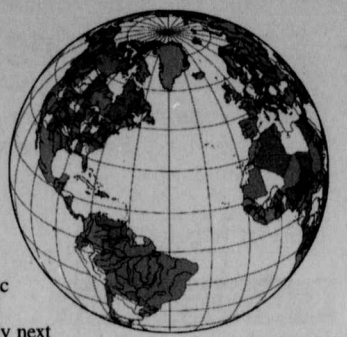
"We must have confidence that those who have given their word will go ahead and do so," the secretary-general said.

But the question remains of how many weapons NATO should collect.

The Macedonian Interior Ministry said the rebels have 85,000 different weapons while the rebels say they have only 2,000. All sides will have to agree on what figure is realistic.

"We are assessing the estimate that has been put forward by the ethnic Albanians. The total will have to be realistic," Robertson said.

—From the Associated Press



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Our views

TAKE A LOOK

Improvements have long-term benefits

The first round of tuition and other university fees has been billed and paid. For those grumbling about the costs, take a look around.

Seventy-eight classrooms in 10 buildings were renovated over the summer. Technological amenities were updated, new carpet laid, walls painted, desks replaced — all for the benefit of students, the number-one priority of this university.

And that was just the first of three phases. Campus buildings will continue to be updated and repaired for the next two summers. While summer classes were and may again be inconvenienced, the end result of a more pleasant, updated learning environment is more than enough justification for the classroom shuffle.

Take some time to look at the aesthetic improvements in the academic buildings. As the school year progresses, acknowledge the updated technologies that might otherwise be taken for granted.

On the other side of campus, more than 200 women are living stylishly in the newly-renovated Waits Hall. Check out the \$9.2 million refurbishment to the residence hall at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday when the resident assistants will host an open house and offer tours.

The money being spent on improvements has both immediate and long-term effects for those providing the cash. Obviously students benefit from upgraded technologies, improved classrooms and refurbished residence halls.

As more amenities and comforts become available to this university, more students will be willing to call TCU home. The draw and the prestige of the university increases simultaneously with the number of improvements made. A better-known alma mater is an asset to each graduate as he or she leaves TCU and enters the work force.

Nobody ever said attending a private university would be a cheap endeavor. Rest assured, your money is being well-spent.

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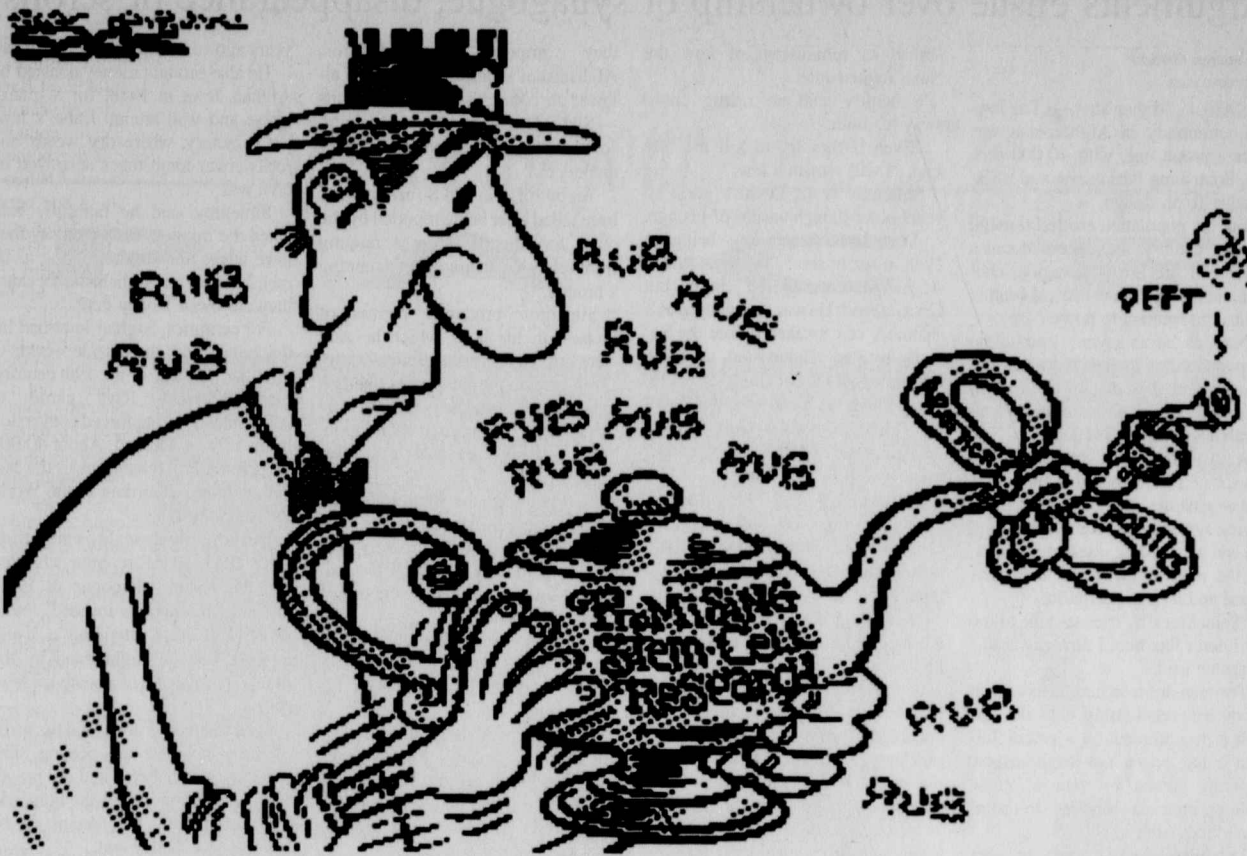
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Skiff staff, readers have obligations

We hear you loud and clear. You hate the TCU Daily Skiff.

In a summer public relations writing course, journalism department chairman Tommy Thomason asked his class to research the image of the Skiff on campus. What they returned was not pretty.

The Skiff staff is seen as an anti-Greek, anti-student government machine tucked into its second-floor lair in the Moody Building promoting a not-so-hidden agenda. Staff members have offended people in previous years by misquoting them or misrepresenting their intentions.

Part of that tension is to be expected. Newspapers have never been on the good sides of the governing bodies or the community institutions they cover, particularly if a story explores an uncomfortable issue. Plus, stories probing an institution garner more attention than features. While the Skiff may write eight stories or publish several

Feedback, cooperation needed from the campus community to meet goals

front-page photos depicting the community service that Greek organizations provide, the one story about drugs found in a fraternity house will be more likely to grab the attention of Skiff readers. Such is the nature of the news.

Yet some of the animosity toward the newspaper is deserved. Inaccurate quotes can never be justified, nor can unbalanced stories pushed through to publication because of deadline restrictions. Those whose words have been taken out of context have every right to feel burned.

However, they also have an obligation to let us know they feel we were wrong in our news judgement or writing, either through a letter or e-mail to the editor, a written rebuttal, or personal contact with an editor. Only then can we, as an editorial board, re-evaluate our decision and determine if steps need to be taken toward rectifying a situation.

Each semester a new set of leaders take charge of the Skiff. Each semester, 15 new reporters start

covering campus news. Some have previous experience with student publications and some do not. While we are aware of the standards our predecessors have set, we have goals and expectations of our own.

Those expectations of ourselves stem from four simple rules established by the Society of Professional Journalists:

1. Seek truth and report it.
2. Act independently of outside influences.
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For our personal sakes and for our publication's sake, we are committed to serving this university with fair coverage of the issues affecting students, faculty and staff. We are bound by an obligation to the integrity of our profession to

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Help us meet our number one goal: Trust us to serve you.

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Commentary



Melissa Christensen

"No sex" may do more harm than safe sex

Nearly a decade after George Bush Sr. promised Americans no new taxes, George Jr. has decided to eliminate the horizontal hokey-pokey.

This summer, the White House announced its new "no sex" campaign, which will receive \$30 million in federal funding in 2002 and as much as \$135 million in subsequent years. The campaign is rooted in an "abstinence-only" message and will divert federal resources away from contraceptive programs and sex education ("Administration Promoting Abstinence," Washington Post, July 28).

Since taking office, President George W. Bush has aggressively pursued policies aimed at diminishing or eliminating family planning services, youth sex education initiatives and reproductive health services for poor women.

The separation between church and state has been blurred as religious politicians working in key departments have prioritized funding for conservative church groups preaching against pre-marital sex. Having these religious politicians in key positions has resulted in many conflicts of interest.

For example, a deacon working in the Department of Health & Human Services questioned a parent-child sex education program designed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention because it conflicted with the Catholic beliefs of HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson (Washington Post, July 28).

But sex education and family

planning work. Since former California Governor Pete Wilson overturned his conservative abstinence-only campaign in favor of comprehensive family planning services, more than 100,000 unplanned pregnancies have been prevented in this state per year, including 41,000 abortions and 15,000 miscarriages (Washington Post, July 28).

The Conservative Coalition's hold on the Bush administration is made obvious by such actions as the Bush administration releasing a report questioning the efficacy of condoms. But medical experts at the CDC, the U.S. National Institutes of Health and World Health Organization have rejected this report, maintaining that latex condoms, when used consistently and correctly, are the only contraceptive proven to protect against unplanned pregnancies and decrease the risk of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.

While in high school, I was trained by the American Red Cross to serve as a youth HIV/AIDS volunteer educator, and went to countless high schools throughout Orange County to teach my peers about safer sex.

Unbelievably, nearly every school district in the area prohibited the ARC from showing correct condom use. We were allowed to talk about safer sex, but could not demonstrate the means to that end.

Now, let's think about this. How many shy, awkward teenagers (or, conversely, macho, invincible teenagers) are going to feel good about using condoms when the time comes to have sex if they have no idea what they are doing?

The chances of improper contraceptive use or, worse yet, of having unprotected sex, is inversely proportional to the amount of information young people have about all contraceptives and their functions, especially condoms.

In the AIDS era, subscribing to an "ignorance is bliss" policy regarding sex and sexuality can have lethal consequences. Honesty and access to information are crucial; unfortunately, many concerned parents and conservative policy makers believe that candidly discussing

condoms and safer sex techniques will inevitably lead teenagers to have more sex, and sooner.

But WHO studies indicate that safer sex education programs do not necessarily result in increased sexual activity among young people.

In fact, in nearly a quarter of the programs studied, the WHO found that educating youth about safer sex and condom use actually delayed sexual activity.

Teenagers aren't stupid, nor are they immune to their raging hormones. Sexual activity and experimentation can be a healthy expression of a young person's budding sexuality — as long as each teenager is fully aware of the health risks and possible repercussions of sex and the treatments for them.

Although the Bush administration's efforts will not stop young people from being sexually active,

it will eliminate crucial safe sex resources, which means more teenagers will end up with STDs and unwanted pregnancies.

Well-stocked condom dispensers on high school campuses, up-to-date sex education programs and expanded funding for community health clinics are just some of the steps Americans must take if we are serious about confronting and combating the negative consequences of sex.

There is no margin for error or ideology; supporting abstinence programs has the potential to have a profoundly negative and life-endangering impact on American youth.

Parents may not want their children to experiment with pre-marital sex, but they cannot ultimately decide how their teenagers will behave. In light of this reality, the most important role a parent can play is that of an educator.

Sexuality, especially teenage sexuality, is often stigmatized in American society. Yet this stigma comes with a human price — in the seven months since Bush took office, 12,000 young Americans have contracted HIV (Washington Post, July 28). We cannot "just say no" to sex. Instead, we must try to confront sex openly so that young people no longer die due to ignorance.

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Media making Condit molehill into mountain

Bad news: although school started yesterday, the summer of Chandra is far from over.

It has been three and a half months since anyone has heard from or seen Chandra Levy, but her name is mentioned as often in the news as George W. Bush.

And so is the name of beleaguered California Democrat Gary A. Condit.

D.C. police have said repeatedly since May 1, the last day anyone saw or heard from Levy, the congressman is not a suspect in her disappearance. But the news media seem to think otherwise.

Could this be, potentially, another Richard Jewell case? Is Condit being treated as if he's guilty until proven innocent, instead of the legal tradition imparted by our Constitution that all are innocent until proven guilty?

On "Hardball With Chris Matthews" last Wednesday, former Los Angeles police detective Mark Fuhrman (of O.J. Simpson fame) said he thinks Condit is involved with the disappearance of Levy, a former Bureau of Prisons intern.

"This is not a suicide and not a random (kidnapping or murder)," Fuhrman assured Matthews. "Chandra Levy got in a car with someone she trusted, and trusted immensely."

Sure, Fuhrman is a detective, but does anyone remember: "if the glove doesn't fit, you must acquit?" Fuhrman isn't known for being a Grade A superstar crime-scene investigator.

And he has no evidence of any foul play by Condit in any way, shape or form. Nobody does, for that matter.

To be fair, there is nothing wrong with criticizing Condit for his behavior — it has indeed been reprehensible. But there is no excuse for trying him in the headlines without any evidence or reason to do so.

It's definitely a fair argument to say Condit's behavior has led to all the suspicion and media hype. He has misled the D.C. police and Levy's parents, lied to his colleagues and done really nothing proactive to assist in the search for the missing woman.

But is that really the most important news this week? When a key player in President Bush's faith-based initiative resigns, violence continues to erupt in Macedonia and the Middle East and the Bush administration announces that the national surplus is a lot smaller than originally thought, is Gary Condit's sex scandal really worth all this scrutiny?

Maybe. Heck, this reporter is writing about it. The Modesto Bee, Condit's hometown newspaper, ran a scathing editorial asking him to resign last week because "his self-absorption has been a lapse not only of judgement, but of human decency."

Condit's days as a person of authority and power are clearly numbered, and the national media has had a lot to do with it.

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Commentary

Becky Waddingham

Two remaining Afghan Jews at odds

Arguments ensue over ownership of synagogue, disappearance of scrolls

By Steven Gutkin
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KABUL, Afghanistan — The Jewish community in Afghanistan was once a proud one, with 40,000 people, flourishing businesses and a distinctive Torah design.

But the population eroded through the last century, and recent decades have seen the Soviet invasion, civil war and the rise of the radical Islamic Taliban movement to power.

Now, as far as anyone knows, the community has dwindled to just two men — and they dislike each other. What's worse, their sole remaining Torah has been confiscated.

Afghanistan's last two Jews — Ishaq Levin and Zebulon Simentov — live at separate ends of the same decaying synagogue in the Afghan capital and are feuding, each claiming to be the rightful owner of the synagogue and its paraphernalia.

"Sometimes he tries to talk to me but I don't like him. I turn my head," Simentov said.

The men are reluctant to say much about their relationship with the Taliban or to comment on a recent Taliban ruling, so far not implemented, requiring Hindus to wear a yellow cloth on their shirt pockets to distinguish them from Muslims.

The ruling doesn't apply to other religions and is intended, the Taliban says, to exempt Hindus from the stern rules imposed by the religious police. But it has been strongly condemned

abroad as reminiscent of how the Nazis treated Jews.

Simentov said no ruling could sway his faith.

"Even if they try to kill me," he said, "I will remain a Jew."

Simentov is 42, Levin a good 30 years older though unsure of his age. After Israel came into being in 1948, most of the 5,000 Jews still in Afghanistan emigrated there, but Levin stayed. He was the synagogue's shamash, or caretaker, before the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1979, when most of the remaining Jews left.

Levin rides a bicycle around Kabul and is known to his friendly Muslim neighbors as "mullah," or "rabbi," even though he is not one.

Between 1992 and 1996, civil war during the time that ousted defense chief Ahmed Shah Massoud ruled killed nearly 50,000 people in the capital.

"I was in the synagogue alone when Kabul came under rocket fire," Levin said. "But God is great," he added, in Hebrew.

Standing on a tattered carpet in his darkened room near the synagogue's sanctuary, Levin lit Sabbath candles one recent Friday night but could remember only about half the blessing.

In the past, he earned a living by telling Muslim women their fortunes and prescribing medicine and love potions for them — a practice that once landed him in a Taliban jail.

Despite the harsh brand of Islam

they impose on Muslims, Afghanistan's Taliban rulers have allowed the country's minority religions — Sikhs, Hindus and these remaining Jews — to practice their faith largely unhindered.

Yet both Levin and Simentov have been jailed after being reported by the other for alleged offenses ranging from religious harassment to running a brothel.

Simentov produced photos of bruises on his body which he said were inflicted by the Taliban after Levin went to the authorities, claimed to be a Muslim and insisted Simentov wouldn't let him practice his religion. Each denies the other's accusations.

Two years ago the Torah scroll, the holiest object in the synagogue, was confiscated. It's not clear exactly why or by whom, and no one at the Taliban's Interior Ministry or police would comment.

Simentov accused Levin of wanting to sell the Torah. Levin said Simentov asked the Taliban to take it for safekeeping.

The Jews of Afghanistan and eastern Persia — today's Iran — have their own Torah design that uses one flat and two round finials to wrap the holy scrolls. The rest of the world's Jews use just one pair.

Born in Herat, the other Afghan city where Judaism once flourished, Simentov spent much of his life outside of Afghanistan but returned three

years ago to set up a carpet business.

He also brought money donated by Afghan Jews in Israel for a guard-house and wall around Kabul's Jewish cemetery, where dry weeds and rocks cover tombstones destroyed by civil war.

Simentov said he faithfully executed the mission. Both men say they have wives and children living in Israel, but stay in Afghanistan because they are owed money here.

For centuries, Afghan Jews had little contact with the outside world.

In the first half of the 19th century, many Persian Jews came to Afghanistan fleeing forced conversion in the city of Meshad. About 40,000 Jews lived in Afghanistan in the late 19th century, according to the World Jewish Congress.

Despite large-scale emigration since 1948, an AP reporter who visited the Kabul synagogue in 1980, just after the Soviets invaded, found about 150 Jews attending a lively Sabbath service, highlighted by the ritual circumcision of a newborn Jewish boy.

Now that boy is gone, and the walls of the synagogue are peeling. The windows are shattered and old prayer books are crumbling in the holy ark. The community, too, seems to be coming to a shabby end.

"I begged him not to be my enemy," Levin said. "If I die tomorrow, who will bury me in the traditions of my religion?"

WAITS

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Lehew said the renovations are a success with the residents.

"Watching the reactions of the girls when they check in has been fun," she said.

One of those girls checking in Saturday was sophomore nursing major Kate Brodine.

"This is so exciting," Brodine said. "It makes a huge difference that the hallways are wider. I didn't re-

ally like that (narrow hallways) last year in Colby."

Brodine's father agreed. "Last year was like boot camp in comparison," he said. Lehew said she did not know when the hall would be completely finished, but all that was left were minor details.

Milton Daniel Hall is the next residence hall scheduled for renovation, Lehew said. It will close December 2002 and re-open for the fall of 2003.

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Investigation continues in Soltys murder case

By Don Thompson
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A man suspected of fatally stabbing his pregnant wife and five other family members may have used toys to lure his 3-year-old son into the box where he was found slain, investigators said.

They also said the boy may have been "violated."

Police found the toddler's bloody body in the cardboard box on Tuesday as they searched for Nikolay Soltys, 27.

A warrant has been issued for Soltys' arrest on suspicion of five counts of murder. Sheriff's Sgt. James Lewis said investigators also believe he's responsible for his son's death.

Sheriff Lou Blanas called Soltys a "cold-blooded, calculated killer," and warned that anyone assisting him is "at risk of being his next victim."

He said detectives were investigating whether Soltys was targeting other family members or friends. After abandoning his car, Soltys was spotted Monday night with his son in a green Ford Explorer, investigators said.

Sheriff's Detective Ron Garverick, the lead investigator, said two sets of footprints went into the area where 3-year-old Sergey Soltys' body was found, under a microwave tower east of Sacramento. Only one set of footprints led out, Garverick said.

"Little Sergey was found in the box sort of head down," Garverick said, adding that "it appears the child may have been violated."

Garverick would not elaborate or comment on whether the boy had been sexually molested.

The box also contained several new toys "as if the father enticed the boy into the box with the toys," Garverick said.

Police found the boy by following

directions written on the back of a photograph of the child and his mother left in Soltys' abandoned Nissan Altima.

A second note from Soltys was found with a list of the slayings, suggesting each had been killed "for speaking out," Garverick said. Police previously said family members may have chastised Soltys for not having a job, but Garverick said the meaning of the message was unclear.

Police said Soltys stabbed Lyubov Soltys, 22, inside the couple's home, then drove to the Rancho Cordova home where he stabbed his aunt and uncle, Galina Kukharskaya, 74, and Petr Kukharskiy, 75.

Authorities said Soltys then attacked two 9-year-old cousins, Tatyana Kukharskaya and Dimitriy Kukharskiy, the grandchildren of the slain couple.

Gravely wounded, the children ran from the home. Dimitriy died in his mother's arms, while Tatyana was taken to University of California at Davis Medical Center, where she was later pronounced dead.

About an hour after leaving Rancho Cordova, investigators said, Soltys arrived at his mother's house in Citrus Heights to pick up his son. Soltys' mother told police her son seemed fine and showed no signs that anything was wrong. Police refused to release her name.

Detectives were investigating whether Soltys had a violent temper and if drugs or mental illness played a role in the killings.

In his native Ukraine, authorities said, Soltys was rejected by the national army because of mental instability. He also had a history of domestic violence in Ukraine with his first wife. Soltys came to the United States almost three years ago and has no known criminal record.

The reward for information leading to his capture has grown to more than \$30,000, Blanas said.

RICKEL

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The Academic West Wing, traditionally known as the Rickel Building, will be renovated to include the kinesiology department, the Writing Center, the Math Lab, Trio Programs and the Intensive English Program. The opening date for the 40,000-square-foot Academic West Wing is tentatively set for fall 2002.

Architects for the recreation center are Canon Design of Los Angeles and Hahnfeld Associates of Fort Worth.

Canon, the lead architect, designed recreation centers for Arizona State University and the University of California in Los Angeles.

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FROGGIE

FROM PAGE 1

Froggie-Five-O supervisors. Froggie-Five-O operates seven days a week from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. and can be requested by calling Campus Police at extension 7777 or by simply using one of the emergency phones located on campus. Froggie-Five-O will be available after 7 p.m. when daylight savings time ends Oct. 28.

Christian said many students are unaware that they can use the emergency phones to request the service and should feel free to do so.

Students needing rides when Froggie-Five-O is not in operation may obtain an escort by calling TCU Police 24 hours a day.

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DRAFTEES

FROM PAGE 8

"I couldn't ever have run away from this dream I have," Bradshaw said. "I thought that I could make it, I still think I can, and that's why I'm still (playing baseball)."

The dream that Bradshaw has is one very similar for Erick Macha, TCU's third amateur draftee, who made the decision to leave college early and enter the draft after his junior year.

Assistant baseball coach Donald Watson said he supports Macha's decision because he knew he was chasing his passion.

"You have to believe it can happen for you, and if you do that, then it just might," Watson said.

Macha currently plays in the Class-A-Northwest League on the Yakima Bears in Yakima, Wash.

As for taking a break from college, Watson again supports Macha's decision and feels he won't have any problem going back to it. Before making the decision to enter the draft, Macha came to Watson and asked him if he thought he was ready for the minors.

"He's very smart and he really made himself ready for the big-time. He's not a finished product yet but he's got an upside to him and I think he made the right decision for himself," Watson said.

Alike all the draftees, Macha's goal is to keep playing baseball, and that is what all three will continue with for as they can.

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Experienced roommate offers tips for survival

Eating insects is the not preferred ice-breaking method

As new students begin the journey of self-discovery called residence hall life, they will undoubtedly learn a thing or two about themselves and the personal habits of others. After surviving six semesters and 10 different roommates, I have a few tips regarding roommates and how to live with them.

Moving into Sherley Hall as a first semester freshman can be rather daunting, but the terror is only magnified when what lies ahead is a potluck roommate assignment. My first roommate was a burgeoning gourmand whose dietary preferences involved raising campus crickets in a shoebox until they were primed for the skillet, prepared with what I was told was a tasty sauce. She feasted on the insects as I sat and watched aghast. To avoid an infestation, I told her that she could eat what she liked, but tactfully asked her to please not keep live "food" in our room.

The aroma of her other culinary delights resulted in a lovely bouquet that smelled like a combination of sour milk, skunk, moth balls, fish and rotten eggs. This most pleasant odor permeated my clothes, towels, sheets and hair. Being know, as the smelly girl was naturally the catalyst for my flourishing freshman social life.

Living with a stranger not only requires adjusting to your roommates' habits but also often dealing with their parents. Many new students experience parent-college student separation anxiety. My roommates have always had to be tolerant of my parents who insist on calling me at obscene hours of the morning.

I also had the pleasure of hosting a roommate's parents for the first two weeks of school. While I was attempting to unpack and get situated in my new home, my roommate's family would spend the week napping, cooking and conversing in frequencies only dolphins can hear in our dorm room. I understand that they really wanted to make sure that she was situated, but when your child turns 18, it's time to cut the cord.

Privacy is obviously an issue in dorm life, but more important are decency and cleanliness. Based on various personal experiences, the following tips may help to avoid a roommate brawl:

- Do not wash your underwear in the sink.
- Always close the bathroom door.
- If you insist on having naked time, do so behind closed doors or when your roommate is out.
- Do not develop any habits that attract insects.
- Set your own alarm clock and do not abuse the snooze bar.
- Do not take unrelated stress out on your roommate.
- CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF!

My inability to keep a roommate for more than one semester suggests that I am not exactly an angel. It has come to my attention that I may have a few annoying habits as well. Through my roommate experiences I have learned the extent of my imperfections — it's really enough to keep you humble.

I have adapted to a nomadic lifestyle, moving about every four months, and have perfected the art of packing. Though I many not be perfect, my only hope is that I will have learned to be more tolerant and more sensitive and accepting of others.

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Commentary



Elise Rambaud

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Whether looking for the basic room essentials or searching for those perfect matching curtains, decorating a room or apartment is a battle all students must conquer when moving away to college.

Designing a room just right for you, however, need not be difficult or expensive. With the right touch and a little advice from other students, this task can prove to be quite simple.

"The most important thing to remember when furnishing an apartment or dorm room is to maximize your space," said Josh McDonald, a junior philosophy major who lives off campus. "Everything matters from how you arrange your furniture to how you set up your closet space."

Cramped living space is something most students are forced to deal with, especially when they are living on campus. Even the largest of dorm rooms can get pretty small after moving in, said Stephanie Clark, a senior social work major.

This year, Clark moved from a room in Colby Hall with no roommate to a place in the on-campus apartments. The move cut her bedroom living space nearly in half.

Clark agreed that moving from a large space to a smaller one can be quite difficult.

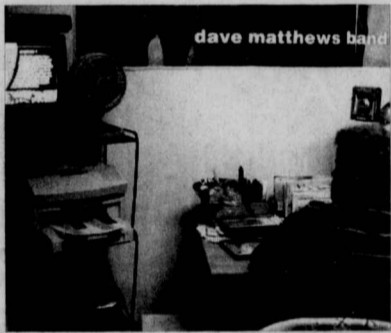
"My biggest problem is that I have to choose which pictures and knickknacks to put up," she said.

Putting up hanging closet shelves helped Clark conserve space for her clothes and other storage items. Taking advantage of all available space can help students avoid renting a storage unit somewhere off campus, she said.

Carol Davis, a senior biology major, said putting up wall grids to hold small decorations is a good way to deal with a cramped living space. Storing some unnecessary ornaments is a good way to open up the room, though comfort should never be sacrificed, she said.

A comfortable chair, blanket or pillow is always a quintessential item for a dorm room or apartment. Students are more likely to enjoy their living environment if they go a little bit further to making their room more like a home, Davis said.

But creating a new home does not have to



Josh McDonald, a junior philosophy major, plays on a friend's computer and watches TV in an on-campus apartment. Stacking shelves are a convenient way to save space.

Spruce up your

S P A C E



Joey England, a junior biology major, visits Carol Davis, a senior biology major, in Davis' room in Waits Hall. Both are resident assistants in the hall. Davis used many butterflies to decorate her walls in order to make her room feel like home.

cost an arm and a leg, McDonald said.

"It's all about getting what you need (for your space) at a cheap price," he said. "You don't have to go out and buy the high-quality stuff, especially since you are in college."

Davis suggested box frames as an inexpensive alternative to the metal or wooden ones. At a cost of about one dollar each, students can easily decorate their walls with familiar faces to make their rooms more homey.

Using plastic crates in place of expensive book shelves is another cheap way to furnish a dorm room, said Joey England, a junior biology major.

England agrees that comfort is key to designing the perfect room and said if students can avoid lofting their beds, their rooms will seem more inviting to visitors. Having as much sitting space as possible is a great idea, though a bed is a lot more comfortable to sit on than a blow-up chair, she said.

McDonald said he purchased most of his furniture at a garage sale.

"Getting used furniture is smart because most of the time, you end up ruining your furniture anyway," he said. "It may not be expensive, but it is comfortable, and nobody is afraid to spill anything on my couch."

Clark said the best way to get the most of

your basics is to head to Wal-mart or Kmart. Most students can find almost everything they need from the simplest shower caddy to the perfect spring rod for their curtains. A lot of the time, students can find pretty nice-looking stuff at a low price, she said.

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Stephanie Clark, a senior social work major, moved to an on-campus apartment from a single room in Colby Hall. She uses a bookcases to maximize her space.

Things to Buy:

Floor pillows: \$19.99

Floor rugs: \$16.99

Fleece throw: \$12.99

Black metal futon: \$99.99

Torchiere (floor lamp): \$14.99

2-piece floor and table lamp combination: \$39.99

4-tier plastic shelving unit: \$15.99

Stackable drawers: \$9.99

10-shelf shoebag: \$9.99

Storage cardboard boxes (set of five): \$8.99

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"The most important thing to remember when furnishing an apartment or dorm room is to maximize your space. Everything matters from how you arrange your furniture to how you set up your closet space."

— Josh McDonald, junior philosophy major

Communication with roommate key to privacy

By Jacqueline Petersell
STAFF REPORTER

Incoming freshmen have more to deal with in adjusting to college life than learning what part of campus their classes are in. They must also learn to deal with living with a roommate and the loss of something they treasured at home — their privacy.

With 1,540 freshmen, most of whom live in residence halls, a loss of privacy is an issue all students living in a residence hall must deal with. Setting rules and getting concerns out in the open are a few ways to discuss privacy with your roommate.

Jeff Moss, a sophomore pre-major, said it's best to have an open

forum when getting to know your roommate and setting rules in the residence hall rooms.

"Say, 'this is what I do and this is how I am,'" Moss said. "Don't beat around the bush. State what you want and respect their wishes."

Communication between roommates is a large part of having privacy within the residence hall rooms.

Lindsay Misslin, a Colby Hall resident assistant, said the relationship between roommates helps them learn privacy boundaries.

"I think the biggest key is communication," said Misslin, a sophomore theater education major. "But it totally depends on your roommate and if you work it out

with them."

But George Havrilla, an RA at Milton-Daniel Hall, said life in residence halls can be as private as you make it and that you don't really lose anything you had at home.

"If you trust your roommate, then it's extremely private as long as your roommate respects your privacy," said Havrilla, a senior mechanical engineering major.

Though communication is important, Moss said, there are other ways to stay private within a residence hall room. One way is to talk with friends through e-mail and other Internet services.

"(Instant Messenger) is really good if you don't want them to hear you on the phone," Moss said.

Many students go in the hallway to talk on phones when they don't want their roommates to hear the conversation. However, Misslin said by doing so, other people in the hall can hear the phone conversation. Misslin said that if you don't want something known, then don't tell other people.

Havrilla also had the same advice.

"If you don't want people to know (something) then why share?" Havrilla said.

Havrilla said something to remember is that students get a clean slate when they come to college.

"Yes, we're interested in how you lived your life, but you're starting over," he said. "I don't see how

coming (to TCU) you're going to lose any of that."

Misslin said it is possible to have a social life on campus, but still keep your privacy. Residence halls have hall socials and wing socials that allow students to meet others and feel more comfortable in their new homes.

Moss said wing socials and other activities help ease students into life on campus, but the most important thing is to find a group of friends to connect with.

"If you find that doing things, then you feel better about going things," Moss said.

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Helms refuses re-election, sixth term

By Scott Mooneyham
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RALEIGH, N.C. — Sen. Jesse Helms, the ornery conservative who tormented liberals in Congress for most of the past three decades, announced Wednesday that he will not seek re-election next year.

The five-term Republican cited his age in his decision. He is 79.

"I would be 88 if I ran again in 2002 and was elected and lived to finish a sixth term," he said. "This, my family and I decided, I should not do and shall not."

The taped remarks were played on the evening newscast at WRAL-TV, the station where Helms' fiery editorials helped build support for his first election to the Senate in 1972.

Helms invoked the memory of Sen. Sam Ervin, a Democrat who represented North Carolina in the 1950s, '60s and early '70s, quoting Ervin's remarks on his own age when he left

public life. He noted he will have served 30 years in the Senate when his term ends in 2003.

"Not in my wildest imagination did it occur to me that such a privilege would ever be mine," Helms said, his voice breaking slightly near the end of his 10-minute speech.

"Thank you dear friends, God bless you, and as Ron Reagan always used to say, God bless America," he said.

Helms taped the address several hours earlier, before an invitation-only group of friends and family. He then headed to his vacation home on Lake Gaston, north of Raleigh, to watch the broadcast with his wife, Dorothy.

Within minutes of the announcement, President Bush issued a statement praising Helms as a "tireless defender" of freedom.

"When Senator Helms retires, the Senate will have lost a respected leader, but I have no doubt we will continue to seek his counsel as a sen-

ior statesman," Bush said.

Helms' departure could make it more difficult for the GOP to recapture the Senate, where Democrats hold a 50-49 majority, with one independent.

Republicans are defending 20 Senate seats in 2002, including the one held by 98-year-old Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who has said he will not seek re-election next year. Democrats are defending 14, none of them open.

People close to Helms have said for weeks that his family was urging him not to seek re-election. He also had not begun raising money or hired high-powered consultants who have guided previous campaigns.

The reality of a Senate without Helms was slow to sink in.

"We need his conservative voice up there. I'm not sure anyone will be as consistently conservative and fearlessly conservative as he has been," said Tom Ellis, the Raleigh attorney

who helped guide Helms' early campaigns and founded his fund-raising organization, the Congressional Club.

For three decades, Helms inspired that kind of loyalty from his conservative following as he condemned communists and gays, and endorsed school prayer and traditional values. Others were glad to see him go.

"I guess the 19th century is over now," said Democratic campaign pollster Sam Watts.

Long before Helms' plans became public, possible successors began exploring bids to replace him.

A prominent group of Republicans announced this week they were trying to persuade Elizabeth Dole to run for the Senate seat. Dole, the former labor secretary and head of the Red Cross, was born and raised in North Carolina, though she spends most of her time in Washington.

U. of Houston still assessing damages

Crews placing final touches on buildings

By Ed de la Garza
THE DAILY COUGAR

HOUSTON (U-WIRE) — Although the bulk of the post-Tropical Storm Allison cleanup is complete, the University of Houston is still assessing damages caused by the severe flooding that swept through campus on June 8.

The flood closed the campus for a week and forced more than 130 summer classes to relocate as crews worked around the clock to establish some semblance of order.

"When the storm hit us it affected 90 out of 105 buildings," Associate Vice President for Plant Operations Dave Irvin said. "We lost 17 of 20 electrical feeders.

We've been able to make most of those repairs. A majority of the buildings will be up and providing services."

The University used in-house and contracted labor to restore — and, in some cases, rebuild — the campus. The initial restoration process involved having crews work 16- to 18-hour days just to re-open the campus by June 18. Crews are now working to put the finishing touches on affected buildings.

But the more severely damaged facilities — the UH Law Center, the UC Underground and the UC Satellite — will undergo repairs throughout the semester.

Rep. Condit communicates with constituents, the nation

By Mark Sherman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Rep. Gary Condit is talking for the first time about his relationship with missing intern Chandra Levy, agreeing to a series of interviews orchestrated by advisers to try to salvage his political career.

Condit agreed to a 30-minute interview with ABC News' Connie Chung that will air Thursday night from Modesto, Calif., which is in his district.

He was interviewed Tuesday by People magazine, which plans to run the story in its Sept. 3 issue that will have the California Democrat and his wife, Carolyn, on the cover. It was Condit's first interview since Levy, who is from Modesto, disappeared May 1.

Condit also will talk to a television station and newspaper in California, and Newsweek magazine, spokeswoman Marina Ein said.

Constituents in his central California district are hearing directly

from him: More than 200,000 households are being sent a mailing which is intended to explain his actions in the wake of Levy's disappearance, Ein said.

She said the congressman has two goals in his interviews. "His primary concern is to express his personal pain with what has occurred and, secondarily, to correct the record," Ein said.

Aides say Condit, first elected in 1989, intends to seek re-election next year.

Some congressional colleagues have dismissed Condit's chances of re-election because of his actions in the Levy case. But several political consultants drew parallels to President Clinton's ability to survive the Monica Lewinsky scandal and earlier allegations of marital infidelities.

What the 53-year-old father of two has to say about his relationship with Levy, 24, will go a long way in deciding his political future.

"He has got to be careful not to put too much focus on himself because

(Levy) is still missing and there is still a family that's grieving," said Rob Stutzman, a GOP consultant in California. "This is not about Gary Condit. He has to be careful not to dwell too much on his circumstances."

Police interviewed Condit four times. Not until the third interview, more than two months after Levy vanished, did Condit acknowledge an affair with Levy, a police source has said. Still, police have been adamant in declaring that Condit is not a suspect.

Whit Ayers, an Atlanta-based Republican pollster, said Condit must begin his national television interview with an apology to his constituents.

"He's embarrassed his constituents," Ayers said. "The difficulty is that there are so many unanswered questions that he will probably not be able to answer about the disappearance of Chandra Levy. Inevitably, the story will be incomplete, but at least people will have heard his side for the first time."

Filmmaker's footage taken

Woman claims assault during raid on Houston bar

By Kristen Hays
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — An amateur filmmaker who was videotaping footage at a southeast Houston bar for a cable access program about the rap music club scene said Wednesday that city police assaulted her and state alcohol officers confiscated her tape during a raid.

Crystal Muhammad of Houston said she was videotaping rappers at Smitty's Sports Lounge on Aug. 18 when a Houston police officer came in the front door with a shotgun, cocked the weapon while pointing it toward the ceiling, and ordered no one to move.

She said TABC officers confiscated her tape and then Houston police officers dragged her through the back door. She was charged with assaulting a police officer, who says she bit him during the melee.

Muhammad also displayed pictures of bruises on her lower back, arm and neck she said were caused by the Houston officers.

"They were snatching and pulling

on me," Muhammad said.

Sgt. Tom Dickson with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's Houston office said the tape is evidence because it captured underage drinkers at the bar and two men who may have been smoking marijuana.

Houston police spokesman Robert Hurst said Wednesday that the police department's internal affairs division is investigating the incident, so "we are in no position to discuss any information about the allegations that have been made by the complainant."

Dickson said two undercover TABC officers went to the bar that night on a tip that Smitty's was selling alcohol without a liquor license. The officers ordered beers, saw a valid license on the wall, and looked around.

Dickson said the officers smelled marijuana and saw two men pass back and forth what may have been a marijuana cigarette. He said the officers also saw three men drinking who appeared to be underage. They ended up citing three 18-year-old men for underage drinking, but no one was ar-

rested on drug charges.

The undercover officers left the bar and told four other TABC officers about the possibility that underage drinkers and marijuana was inside. Those four officers went back inside and called Houston police for help because the Smitty's crowd exceeded 100, Dickson said.

Muhammad said authorities have ignored her repeated demands that the TABC officers return her videotape, which shows the city officer with a shotgun.

Dickson said Muhammad's videotape is considered evidence in cases involving underage drinking and marijuana use and Muhammad's case. "Until we complete our investigation, it will remain with us as evidence," Dickson said.

A second filmmaker who hid his camera from authorities produced a videotape that shows Muhammad telling the TABC officers that she was at the club legally and that the camera and the tape were her property. That tape ends before the alleged assault took place.

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Horoscopes

♈ **Aries** (March 21-April 19) — There are rules and regulations to follow in order to accomplish your task. You may think they don't apply to you, but they do. For example, if you sit up straight, with your feet on the floor, you'll become a better typist. Don't waste time arguing with your coach. Comply.

♉ **Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — You're in the mood to make lifetime plans, and why not? Have you found the right person? Talk about what you'd like to accomplish next. Build a business plan, or a personal plan, or both. With good planning, all your surprises will be happy ones.

♊ **Gemini** (May 21-June 21) — Don't goof around. Give your full attention to the job at hand. If you're not there on time, prepared, everybody will know. There won't be much room, or time, for creativity. Just follow the routine. Precisely and quickly, please!

♋ **Cancer** (June 22-July 22) — Somebody's thoughtless comment may be hard to forget. You could bring it up with them and talk it over. You may find out you misunderstood this person. Give them the benefit of the doubt. Feel loved, and spend the time playing instead of worrying.

♌ **Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Hold your cards close to the vest so that nobody knows what you have. You're usually a terrible poker player. The big grin tells everyone that you have a good hand. That won't be a problem this time. In some ways your luck is improving.

♍ **Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your stock just went up in a big way. Don't start swaggering yet. Give this new confidence and expertise time to sink in, and keep studying. Even though you know a lot, it won't hurt to know more.

♎ **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — Are you willing to take on more responsibility? Would you do it for a raise? Can you see a job that needs to be done? Think you could be good at it? Friends and loved ones may initially advise against a change, but think about it. Try to imagine how it would work.

♏ **Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You're getting stronger in more ways than one. The seasons are changing again, bringing a phase that empowers you. This time it's your friends, and the groups you join, who'll help you manifest that power. Together, the impossible can become real. Go toward

♐ **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — This is not a good day to try to wiggle out of responsibilities. Do everything you're supposed to do and more. Accept advice from people you find irritating. Thank them for it. This could make your life a lot more pleasant.

♑ **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Plans that were stalled start moving forward — slowly, but still moving. Red tape that's been strangling progress is starting to loosen. You can see the first glimmer of hope, but don't push too hard — you could break something. It'll be easier to move on things tomorrow.

♒ **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You'll have to watch your manners for the next couple of days. Something you've been trying to accomplish is getting closer to success, but there are still a few hoops to jump through. Let an older person succeed, too. You'll eventually be the big winner.

♓ **Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Things are starting to move forward in your life again. Old fears come up, then fade into the distance as you zoom right past them. You don't have time to worry about what might be. You're too busy with

Purple Poll Q: Should TCU continue to increase undergraduate enrollment?

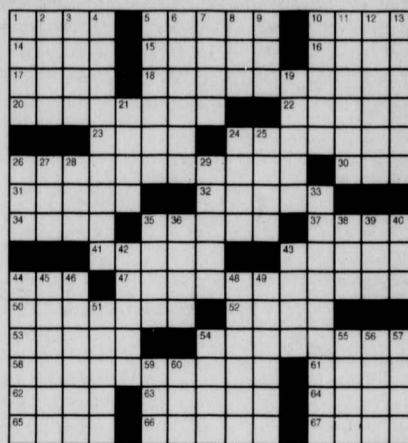


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 - God of Islam
 - Rug type
 - Man of courage
 - Finnish bath
 - Soft-drink flavor
 - Caspian leader
 - Chinese appetizer
 - Ethnic slaughter
 - Surpass
 - Inoperative, to NASA
 - Refrain from
 - College in Sioux City
 - Anil or woad
 - Ferry of Roxy Music
 - Upright
 - Not up yet
 - Writer Terkel
 - Clarinet's cousin
 - Astronomer Hubble
 - Sugary
 - Racetrack stop
 - Flung weapon
 - Sea polyp
 - Called up
 - Drawn lot
 - Source of Astor's fortune
 - Deflects
 - Taj Mahal site
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 - Sandra and Ruby
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2	Roll-call response	2	Khmeini's country	2	Portico
3	Select for duty	3	Toady	3	Angler's decoy
4	Colonial blackbird	4	Solo of "Star Wars"	4	Uttered a raucous cry
5	Keats poems	5	CEO's degree	5	Poetic globe
6	Bread for a Reuben	6	Noise	6	Demote
7	Cob or pen	7	Fork part	7	Actress Arthur
8	Intense fear	8	Massive ref. work	8	Nice summer?
9	Deep-seated rancor	9	Lateen-rigged ships	9	Shipped
10	Italian dishes	10	Synchronous	10	Intense fear
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AP FOOTBALL PICKS

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Huskers happy to play after troubled summer ... Nebraska, 45-14.

New Mexico State (plus 20) at Louisville (Thursday)
Cards QB Ragone is a passing machine ... Louisville, 49-17.

Tulane (plus 9 1/2) at BYU
Crowton's Cougars now play on field named for retired coach LaVell Edwards ... BYU 27-13.

North Carolina (plus 23) at No. 3 Oklahoma
Hybl, Heupel ... it won't matter against Heels ... Oklahoma, 41-14.

No. 10 Georgia Tech (minus 9 1/2) vs. Syracuse (Sunday, Giants Stadium)
Tech has national title hopes, but better beware of Orangemen ... Georgia Tech, 34-21.

today in sports history

1970 - U.S. swimmer Gary Hall broke three world records at the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) outdoor swimming meet, held in Los Angeles, Calif.

1982 - Gaylord Perry was tossed out of a game for throwing an illegal spitball. Perry, pitching for the Seattle Mariners, was given the heave-ho by the home plate umpire in the seventh inning of the game.

1986 - Darrell Waltrip became the first racecar driver to earn \$7 million in a racing career.

1987 - The Pan American games concluded in Indianapolis, with the United States winning a record 369 medals. Of the 369 medals won, 168 were gold medals.

they said it



"I don't know in 20 years if I've ever been comfortable going into the first game. (Not) this one or any of them."

- Gary Patterson,
Football head coach, when asked if he was concerned about Saturday's game against Nebraska.

Getting to know

Charlotte 49ers

Location: Charlotte, N.C.
Enrollment: 16,395
Founded: 1946
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President: Dr. J.H. Woodward
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History: Construction on campus began in 1960 and expansion continues today, giving UNC Charlotte a distinctly contemporary look.

Pigskin Classic Results

2000		1999		1998		1996	
Fla. State	.24	Penn State	.41	USC	.27	BYU	.41
BYU	.3	Arizona	.7	Purdue	.17	Tx. A&M	.37
1997		1995		1994		1993	
N.Western	.24	Michigan	.18	BYU	.37	BYU	.41
Oklahoma	.0	Virginia	.17	BYU	.37	BYU	.41

to our readers

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Doeden pulls off surprise upset at Amateur

By Kelly Morris
SKIFF STAFF

Last year, senior men's golfer Andy Doeden qualified for the 100th U.S. Amateur Championship but failed to make it past the first round of match play.

But Doeden didn't let history repeat itself Wednesday at the 101st U.S. Amateur Championship.

Doeden, who was tied for 38th place coming into Wednesday's round, upset Jay Morgan, who was tied for 27th place, 2 and 1 through 17 holes at the East Lake Golf Course in Atlanta, Ga.

"This is the furthest I have ever gone in this tournament," Doeden said. "I'm feeling really good right now. I had a lot of fun, and I'm very excited about (Thursday's match)."

But Wednesday's win didn't come easily for Doeden. Through six holes, Morgan already had a two-hole lead. After making a 25-yard chip from the bunker on the seventh hole, Morgan birdied, and Doeden failed to make a 15-foot birdie putt on that same hole giving Morgan a three-shot lead.

Despite being behind, Doeden didn't get frustrated.

"After the seventh hole, I drew back to last year's tournament," Doeden said. "I wasn't patient last year, but today I tried to stay focused on my own game and not let my opponent's play affect me. I stayed in the present and capitalized on (Morgan's) mistakes which was a positive for me."

That mentality is what makes Doeden such a

good match player, Montigel said.

"Andy never gives up," Montigel said. "He might lose a match, but he never quits. With stroke play, bogies and double bogies can really add up, but with match play, you can get a 10 on a hole and then get back-to-back birdies and be right back in the match."

Birdies on the 8th, 9th and 10th holes helped Doeden bring the match back to even. Doeden then went on to par the last four holes of the match to finish two holes up against Morgan.

Doeden will face off against Florida golfer Camilo Villegas today.

Montigel said he expects Villegas, who won the NCAA Championship last year with the Gators, to be a tough opponent.

"There's no easy matches from here on out,"

Montigel said. "Andy is facing a very good player."

If Doeden defeats Villegas, he will play a second round of match play this afternoon.

Doeden's teammates might not be with him in Atlanta, but Montigel said the team is watching closely in Fort Worth.

"I'm curious to see how the tournament will go and look forward to watching it on television," Montigel said. "Doeden's teammates are following his progress on the Internet and the television. Because of their classes, some are even taping it and watching it at night. It's fun to watch and great for the golf program."

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TCU draftees have high hopes for futures

By Colleen Casey
SKIFF STAFF

Former TCU pitcher Chad Durham graduated from TCU in 2000 with hopes to continue pursuing something that had been there since before he can remember. The fuel of Durham's life is playing baseball.

After being drafted in the 25th round by the Houston Astros in the 2001 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, those hopes were materializing into a career in the minor leagues.

Durham said he's proud of himself because of all the baseball he's played in the semi-pros during the collegiate off-season which made him an attractive prospect. Durham is now in a professional gig in the New York-Penn Class-A Minor League on the Pittsfield Astros in Pittsfield, MA, and he said he hopes to make his way all the way up through the professional leagues.

Since Durham has moved around the country playing in numerous semi-pro leagues and doesn't mind orientating himself to different locales and teammates, he hasn't had a hard time adjusting to the newness.

"Baseball is just like that," he said. "The best part is getting to meet people who are like me and love the game like I do."

Durham also said he didn't have to make a big adjustment from Division I collegiate baseball to the minor leagues. He said it hasn't been too much for him to handle.

"I have always been able to compete well with wooden bats (in the semi-pros)," Durham said. "It's not like college though. Good pitchers have to throw some really good stuff because you have less a chance to overpower the professional hitters (in the minor leagues)."

Although Durham said he is scheduled for surgery on Friday in Houston, he said the injury is a minor and common injury to pitchers. The surgery, which forced him to leave his team early last season, will take three to four months for recovery. He plans to be back next spring for the full season.

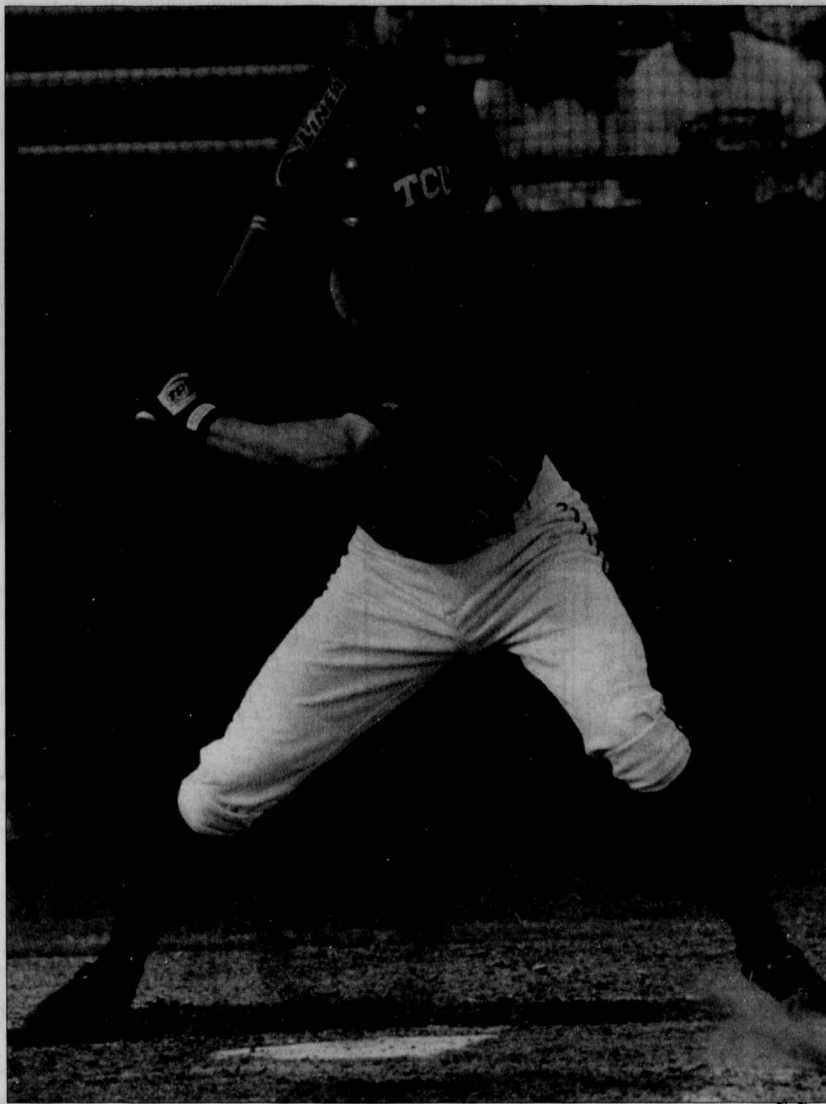
When Durham returns, he hopes to continue to fare well throwing primarily his consistent pitch of choice, his fastball.

Durham graduated with a communications degree and also enjoys being a part-time musician. Despite his other interests the time, money and effort he has put into his baseball career fuel his desire to surround the rest of his life around the game. He said he will continue focusing on baseball until his arm won't let him anymore.

"My goal is to play (in the majors) at Enron (Field in Houston)," Durham said. "But if that doesn't work out I'll just go get a real job."

Another amateur draftee this year, former TCU pitcher Chris Bradshaw, was drafted in the 14th round to the Texas Rangers. He currently plays at the rookie-advanced level in the Appalachian League. So far, Bradshaw has a 4.25 as a right-hand pitcher for the Pulaski Rangers in Pulaski, Virginia.

Unlike Durham, adjusting to professional baseball is something Bradshaw still faces each



Erick Macha was one of three TCU baseball players taken in the 2001 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft. Macha, pitchers Chris Bradshaw and Chad Durham are currently on minor league rosters.

day he plays with the Rangers. He said he has found the differences to be great.

"We play everyday and if you're late, you get fined. It's my job now, I'm away from my home and I'm not making much money," Bradshaw said.

Although he said the game hasn't changed for him compared to college, he is missing the close-knit and supportive nature of his past teams.

"It's a lot harder in the minor leagues because it's not the team effort that I'm used to," he said. "It seems that everyone wants to better themselves and are playing for themselves. There is less a concern if the team does well as a whole."

As for the competition he is up against, Brad-

shaw said he's only seen a few standout players and isn't intimidated by his teammates. He said he can compete somewhat successfully with most of the hitters he faces.

"Making it through the minors are mentally tough, and if you do that you'll be really successful," he said. "I don't feel I've found my life's success yet, but I'm trying."

Bradshaw said he will try to continue to keep himself motivated to make it through the minors. He said he will rely on the self-encouragement to reach his final goal of moving back home to Texas and playing in Arlington, which has been a dream since little league.

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Chargers sign Tomlinson to six-year, \$38 million contract

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SAN DIEGO — LaDainian Tomlinson ended his long holdout and ran smack into expectations.

The running back arrived in the San Diego Chargers' training camp nearly a month late on Wednesday, signed a six-year contract that could be worth \$38 million if he meets the incentives and salary escalator clauses, and then practiced for the first time.

Tomlinson, the fifth pick overall in April's draft, has 2 1/2 weeks to prepare for the season opener against Washington on Sept. 9. Coach Mike Riley said Tomlinson won't play in Saturday night's home exhibition game against St. Louis but might play in the exhibition finale at Arizona on Aug. 31.

"I think this deal gives me enough time to get ready for opening day," said Tomlinson, a two-time NCAA rushing champion from TCU who will get a \$10.5 million signing bonus.

"I think I'm in good shape. Today, I will kind of find out where I am as far as football shape."

The Chargers hope Tomlinson

can revive their brutal running game, which has been ranked 27th or worse four of the last five seasons.

They were last in the NFL in 2000 with an embarrassing 66 yards per game, and haven't had a runner go over 1,000 yards since Natrone Means set the club record with 1,350 yards during their Super Bowl season of 1994.

One more thing — every time general manager John Butler sees Tomlinson, he's reminded of Thurman Thomas.

"The way they carry themselves, carry the ball, move around," Butler said. "I hope I'm just not wishing so much, because that means one of the greatest to every play the game, in Thurman."

Butler was director of college scouting for Buffalo when the Bills made Thomas a second-round draft pick in 1988.

Thomas played 12 seasons with Buffalo, then played nine games with Miami last year before a knee injury finished his career. He is ninth on the all-time rushing list with 12,074 yards, and is tied with Andre Reed for most touchdowns in Bills history with 87.

"I said to him today, 'You know, Thurman's got 400-some catches in his career, and people don't talk about that,'" Butler said. "He had hands. LaDainian has hands. He has that quickness of picking up the game. He's a student of the game. That's the way Thurman was."

Butler took Tomlinson with the pick he got from Atlanta in exchange for the draft's opening pick, which the Falcons used to take Michael Vick.

Butler said Tomlinson will be behind on things like picking up blitzes.

Otherwise, he said, "The running game is one of those God-given instincts. The good ones just have that ability."

The Chargers and Tomlinson's agent, Tom Condon, had haggle over incentives and escalator clauses, then didn't speak for a week. Tomlinson flew to Kansas City on Tuesday to meet with Condon, who finalized the deal Tuesday night.

"It's unique how it just happened right away," Tomlinson said. "I was in Kansas City, then I flew back and then I had messages on my answer-



After holding out for nearly a month, former TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson agreed to a six-year, \$38 million contract with the San Diego Chargers. Tomlinson is TCU's all-time leading rusher with 5,263 career yards.

ing machine. Tom called, and it was just perfect. I couldn't have dreamed it better."

If Tomlinson rushes for 1,000 yards in any of his first three seasons, his base pay will increase in the final three seasons.

Chargers negotiator Ed McGuire said the deal could have been done a long time ago.

"Sometimes both parties dig their heels in a little bit, and I think that happened here," McGuire. "And really, I think maybe not talking for a

Cornhusker native offers suggestions for Saturday

By Melissa Christensen
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For two years, I have heard nearly every quip about corn, joke about hicks and digs about farmer's daughters my Texan colleagues could muster. Around here, it seems as if being born and raised in the Nebraska is considered a handicap.

However, my Heartland roots became valuable as soon as the Frogs signed to play the Huskers in the Pigskin Classic. The sports editor wanted a guide to Lincoln for traveling TCU fans, so after a free Sonic dinner and several hours of Cornhusker state praise, here it is:

First priority: Eat at Runza. These German lunch delights are sold at the stadium, but for a more thorough Runza Restaurant experience, I recommend jetting down O Street to Rock 'n' Roll Runza. There you can enjoy your meal with roller-skating waitresses, real milkshakes with plenty of whipped cream and the croonings of Elvis from a 1950s jukebox. Personally, I prefer my Runza with cheese.

Before the game: Check out the Husker Marching Band in front of Kimbel Recital Hall. The group plays pep tunes for about half an hour before they march to the stadium.

At the game: Wear all things purple. Let's make a purple island in that sea of red that is Memorial Stadium on game days.

After the game: My Husker buddies tell me Sidetracks on O Street or Barry's on 9th and Q streets are great hangouts for a football-loving crowd.

Also, the Nebraska State Fair is happening this weekend. Just around the corner from campus, the fairgrounds offer concerts, rodeo events, carnival rides and 4-H exhibitions.

Or visit the Haymarket just off of 10th and O streets. Several pubs, coffee shops and restaurants line this old-fashioned neighborhood. A favorite of locals, Lazlo's Pub has a microbrewery on site and serves delicious sandwiches.

Cheer loud and be proud. Go Frogs!