

Tricky greens

Men's golf team finishes sixth at Prestige Tournament in Palm Desert, Calif. The Frogs competed against 19 of the nation's top golf squads.
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Optimistic outlook

Ross Perot, Jr. said in a speech Wednesday that the Metroplex has traditionally recovered quickly from recession and this time should be no different.
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Fort Worth, Texas

Leftover meal plan funds will not be returned to students



Ashleigh Taylor, a senior speech pathology major, checks out with Abbie Lyle in Frog Bytes Wednesday. Taylor, who has \$231 left on her meal card, is trying to reduce the amount of money on her card or she will lose whatever money is left at the end of the semester.

By Aaron Chimbel
STAFF REPORTER

Senior marketing and management major Julie Copeland says she doesn't like to eat on-campus, so to use up her meal plan she caters a Christmas party every year for her friends. Copeland, who lives in the on-campus apartments, is required to purchase the \$400 meal plan, said Director of Residential Services Roger Fisher. A new dining plan requires continuing students living on-campus to purchase a \$600 plan and requires new students to spend \$800 each semester, Fisher said. Any money not spent during the fall semester will be transferred to spring semester, and any money left in the spring goes into the university's "black hole," he said. Fisher said the \$800 figure was reached by analyzing the average amount of money spent on meals per person in past years. In the 2000-2001 school year, students had a choice of a \$400, \$500, \$650 or \$850 meal plan each semester. Fisher said the meal plans at other universities tend to run from

\$1,200 to \$1,500 for semester.

Fisher said he is asking students to spend more money at on-campus dining locations, rather than at off-campus establishments. "Most students probably spend between \$1,200 and \$1,800 on food each year," he said. "We are just asking them to spend more of that money with us." Last month e-mails were sent to students who have not spent at least half the money on their meal plan. "This balance is high for this time in the semester and we wanted to bring this to your attention," the e-mail stated. Fisher said e-mails are sent every year to remind students about their dining accounts. "We want them to use the food program and not be surprised," Fisher said. He said any money added to the flat rate will be refunded so students are not penalized for adding more. Commuter students are not required to purchase a meal plan. Some students have a different view of the new dining rates.

Freshman pre-major Ross Bateman said he received the e-mail saying he had a lot of money on his card. He said there should be more choices for dining plans, because The Main is closed when he wants to eat. "The hours that I came come and eat, (The Main) is not open," Bateman said. Freshman radio-TV-film major Joseph Morgenstern said he also has a lot of money left on his meal plan, so he is taking his friends to eat. He said he would like to use his meal card at off-campus locations. "I don't eat at the regular hours," he said. "When I'm hungry (on-campus dining locations) aren't open." Freshman dance major Juliana Piscitello said she already used her meal plan up and added money to it Wednesday. She said she used it up not on eating meals in The Main but on fancy drinks. "I had to cut down on smoothies and cappuccinos," she said.

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METROPLEX BRIEFS

Police chase burning tractor-trailer in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Police arrested the driver of a flaming lumber truck Wednesday after chasing the stolen rig for more than 90 minutes as it careened across highways and through neighborhoods.

At one point, a police officer fired shots at the cab of the tractor-trailer as it slowed. But the truck pulled away.

Several officers finally pulled the driver out after the truck stopped near a bridge where traffic was restricted by construction.

No injuries were reported during the chase that took a circuitous route through the nation's ninth-largest city, home to 1.2 million residents.

The chase began shortly after police responded to an aggravated robbery call in south Dallas, police spokeswoman Diana Watts said.

Officers saw the owner of the truck hanging off the back of the rig as it was being stolen. The owner fell off, but he didn't appear to be seriously injured, Watts said.

During the chase, flames and thick black smoke erupted from the truck, which was loaded with a forklift, plastic piping, wood and other construction materials. It was unclear how the fire started, Watts said.

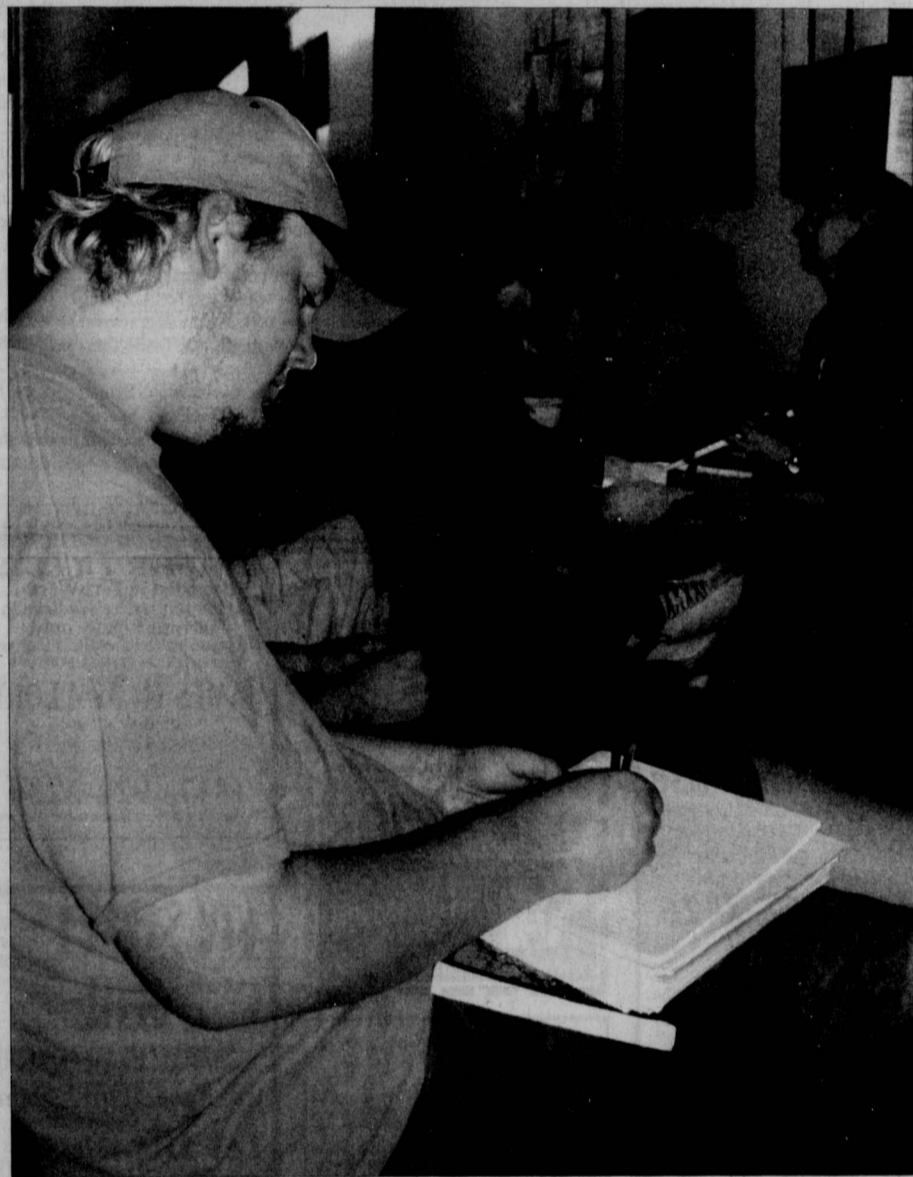
Police did not immediately release the man's name, his condition or what charges he was arrested on. The chase was covered live nationally for nearly 40 minutes on CNN and Fox News Channel.

Restaurant owner announces Dallas mayor bid

Tom Landis, owner of five Metroplex Texadelphia Cheesesteak Restaurants, announced his candidacy for mayor of Dallas Wednesday night at a fund raising event for the National Paralysis Foundation.

His goal is to help the Hispanic community and the Dallas Independent School District in bringing students closer to the parents, he said.

HURRY UP AND WAIT



Mike Dietz, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, waits in line with other department majors for class permits in radio-TV-film.

New limits placed on network access

By Jordan Blum
STAFF REPORTER

Information Services officials said there have been problems with network congestion because they have had to take steps to limit the amount of network connections for each user during the past three weeks, but they said students only have themselves to blame.

Dave Edmondson, assistant provost for Information Services, said a minority of students were saturating the network firewall when they used file-transmission software that opened up approximately 2,000 file-sharing sessions, or connections, at once from a single user.

"There's 2,000 sessions trying to go through our firewall all at one time and it just completely saturated it," Edmondson said. "What we've done is cut down on the number of simultaneous sessions a user can have per (Internet protocol) address."

Edmondson said only the network connection is being limited and no sites or software were being blocked from students, as was the case with Napster two years ago.

William Senter, manager for Technical Services, said the firewall serves as a gateway for the network and it started experiencing problems when more than 50,000 total sessions were trying to fit through the firewall at once.

He said some students were using download accelerator software and it was opening thousands of sessions from their computers at once without them realizing it.

"The firewall technical support team was shocked when we told them we were in the 40,000 to 50,000 range of simultaneous sessions," Senter said. "So what we've done is... cut down to about 100 simultaneous sessions per address. We've tweaked it

and raised it a little bit since then too." He said a prioritization system keeps users from having problems with basic Internet applications like web browsing and e-mails.

"If you're just going to CNN.com or Yahoo.com, you're going to the highest priority of the bandwidth," he said. "But if you're downloading music or a file you'll be at the low end. If the bandwidth is there you'll get it, but there's limits in place to keep things from getting out of hand."

However, senior finance major James Gifford said it's not fair for students not to be able to fully access the network when they are not given the chance to provide any input.

"I can understand the network being regulated from nine to five during the week, because I know teachers and graduate students had problems doing stuff in the past," Gifford said. "But how busy can the network be at 2 a.m. on a Monday night when I can't get online and play a game if I want to?"

"I just don't like regulation in general," he said. "How much are students paying a year to go here? Our money goes toward a nice network system and they don't even ask our input."

Gifford said Information Services needs to reach out to the student body more often to improve communication.

"When the network goes down for a while, how hard would it be for them to send a campus-wide e-mail saying sorry for the inconvenience and briefly explain what happened," he said. "It'd be nice if they'd let students know when they make changes to the network and increase regulation."

Senter said there has been little communication with students about

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TCU student leaders to address Board of Trustees committee today

By John-Mark Day
STAFF REPORTER

Intercom Chair Brian Wood said he hopes the Board of Trustees will consider the needs of upperclassmen at TCU, and not just what freshmen experience.

Wood will be speaking to the Student Relations committee of the board today along with other members of Intercom, an organization of 14 student leaders on campus. The board meets today and Friday in its first official meeting of the school year.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the re-accreditation process, new core curriculum and freshmen application rates will also be discussed with the board. Issues reported on during this meeting will be discussed at the January budget meeting and resolutions will be passed at the April meeting, he said.

Ferrari said the meeting with Intercom

will be important to the board.

"That's always been an important agenda-setting meeting," Ferrari said.

Intercom member Amy Render said the meeting with Intercom will allow the board to see student perspective.

"(The board) really doesn't have a lot of interaction with students, so this is an important opportunity," Render said.

Wood said programs such as Frog Camp and the Chancellor's Leadership Program are beneficial to freshmen, but the university doesn't do enough for upperclassmen.

"As you get older, there's less and less programming geared to upperclassmen," Wood said.

Providing students with alumni mentors and improving career services are two ways Wood said he hopes the board will improve programming for upperclassmen.

Render said TCU puts a lot of emphasis on freshmen and sophomores, and sometimes forgets about juniors and seniors.

During the oral presentation to the board, Intercom will also discuss student counseling and student involvement in political and environmental issues, Wood said.

The board will also look at freshman application rates, Ferrari said. Applications are already up 33 percent from this time last year, he said.

"If we do nothing, we will grow by 200-300 new students next year," he said.

Alan Shepard, director of the Southern Association of Colleges and School re-accreditation process, will make a presentation to the board about the study's progress, Ferrari said.

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Candidates to field questions

By Kristin Delorantis
STAFF REPORTER

Candidates put up posters and signs around campus this week to promote themselves for the Nov. 13 online Student Government Association elections. The candidates will also participate in forums Friday and Monday to express their ideas and goals, said Amy Render, House of Student Representatives vice president.

According to the Constituency Day survey conducted online Oct. 10 by the House, 231 residential students and 75 commuter students want to know more information about candidates, which would motivate them to participate in campus elections.

But Render said giving students more information is the candidates responsibility.

Candidates have been speaking to different campus organizations over the past week and the forums will provide time for students to ask the candidates questions, she said.

Candidates for House vice president, Student Government Association secretary and SGA treasurer will participate in a forum Friday from noon-1 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge. Presidential candidates and candidates for Programming Council vice president will attend a forum Monday from

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Candidates	
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The University Christian Church Weekday School Holiday Bazaar is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday in the Fellowship Hall at UCC. This annual event is the main fundraiser for the preschool and the funds directly benefit the children. The bazaar features 38 vendors with items such as gifts for baby, painted furniture, holiday decorations, home decorations jewelry, toys, books, clothing and more. Other highlights include a tearoom featuring fare from Feastivities, a Scholastic Book Fair, a bake sale and a silent auction. For more information call (817) 926-6631.

Public Relations Student Society of America will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South room 271. For more information send an e-mail to (tcuprssa@hotmail.com).

The English department invites students to enter their essays, fiction and poetry in the annual Creative Writing Contests. Entries must be turned in by Friday. Rules and entry forms are available in the English department office in Reed Hall, room 314, or in the Writing Center in the Rickel Building, room 100.

CKI and the local Kiwanis Club are sponsoring the First Annual "Race For The Children" 5k Fun Run/Walk on Saturday. The event begins at 9 a.m. at Amon Carter Stadium and the entry fee is \$15. All proceeds will go to various children's organizations around Tarrant County. For more information and an entry form, call Dev Branham at (817) 257-4089 or Zach Crutchfield at (817) 257-8660.

The Office of International Education welcomes Sir Eldon Griffiths, former international journalist and current Chair of the World Affairs Council, as a part of International Education Week. He will be giving a presentation on global awareness and the American media Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 2.



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WORLD DIGEST

Israel ends three-week occupation of Palestinian government center

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israel ended its three-week occupation of Ramallah, the Palestinian government and commercial center, on Wednesday as part of a gradual pullout from parts of six West Bank towns it seized last month.

Elsewhere, two Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire, including a West Bank man accused in the death of a Jewish settler. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said the man was responsible for several deadly attacks on Israelis and was "eliminated" by undercover troops.

In the Ramallah pullout, Israeli tanks, jeeps and armored personnel carriers drove out of the northern neighborhoods before dawn. The convoy passed several Palestinians, who stood in the heavy rain holding a sign with an arrow and the words: "Tel Aviv that way, and stay out."

During the incursion, Israel told residents of the northern neighborhoods they were prohibited from leaving their homes, but many defied the curfew to get to jobs and schools.

The parts of Ramallah that Israel occupied included five ministries of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority. Nabil Amr, the Palestinian minister of parliamentary affairs, returned to his office for the first time in three weeks Wednesday, inspecting shrapnel damage in the walls and a broken office window. "They were thinking they would break our spirit if they occupied some parts of Ramallah," Amr said.

Israeli Cabinet Minister Dan Naveh said the Palestinian Authority has done nothing to prevent attacks on Israelis by Palestinian militants and described the raids on the West Bank towns as a restrained reaction to "the lack of Palestinian responsibility."

"Are we supposed to send Israeli jets to bomb Ramallah indiscriminately? Of course not. But what are we supposed to do? To leave our people with no defense?" Naveh said. "We have no other choice but to take these minimum measures."

The United States has repeatedly demanded that Israel withdraw from the towns and refrain from sending its forces into Palestinian areas. The Bush administration is concerned that Mideast violence will erode support for its anti-terror campaign and its war against the Taliban and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network in Afghanistan.

The Palestinian killed in the Israeli raid of the town of West Bank town of Yatta was Issa Dababsheh, 50, a suspect in the killing of a Jewish settler in the area several years ago.

An Israeli army commander in the area, Col. Dror Weinberg, said the plan was to arrest Dababsheh, but that troops opened fire after he pulled a pistol.

Palestinian officials alleged Dababsheh was

killed without provocation in a targeted attack. Two bystanders, including one of Dababsheh's sons, were wounded.

In the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian was killed and five were wounded by Israeli fire near the Jewish settlement of Neve Dekalim, Palestinian security officials said. The Israeli army said it returned fire after three mortar shells hit the settlement.

In more than 13 months of fighting, 744 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and 195 on the Israeli side.

Israeli forces moved into parts of six West Bank towns after the Oct. 17 assassination of Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi. Militants from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said they killed Zeevi to avenge Israel's killing of PFLP leader Mustafa Zibri.

With the completion of the Israeli pullback from Ramallah, parts of two towns — Tulkarem and Jenin — remained under Israeli control.

The incursions were the largest Israeli military action in the West Bank since Israel started turning over territory to the Palestinians in 1994 under interim peace accords.

Concorde passenger flights resume 15 months after crash

NEW YORK — Two supersonic Concorde returned to New York on Wednesday, more than 15 months after one of the airliners crashed in a ball of flames. The first passenger flights since the crash marked a long-awaited comeback during one of the worst slumps in aviation history.

A British Airways Concorde, whose 91 passengers included rock star Sting, touched down at Kennedy International Airport at about 9:10 a.m., said airline spokeswoman Jemma Moore.

"It's great to be back on the Concorde," said Ron Collier, a British reinsurance broker who was on the British Airways flight from London. "It makes life much easier."

He said security was much tighter than in the past, "including body searches and bag searches on the jetway."

An Air France Concorde with 92 passengers landed at JFK shortly before 8:30 a.m. after a three-hour, 55-minute flight from Charles de Gaulle airport near Paris.

"Welcome to the capital of the world," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani told the arriving passengers. He was at the airport to greet both flights.

"Spend a lot of money while you're here," the mayor said, pushing New York's economic revival after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

In a third Concorde flight Wednesday, British Prime Minister Tony Blair was taking a special charter to Washington to meet with President Bush.



To show their confidence, French Transport Minister Jean-Claude Gaysot and Air France chairman Jean-Cyril Spinetta were aboard the flight from Paris — the first passenger-carrying Concorde flight since the July 25, 2000, crash that killed 113 people in France.

"This is the greatest tribute we can pay to the 113 people who lost their lives, and to whom I dedicate this flight," Spinetta said before takeoff.

The British Airways Concorde had taken off from London about an hour after the Air France flight, on an invitation-only flight. British Airways commercial flights to New York resume Friday.

Engineers say they have fixed the flaws that led to the crash — the first in the Concorde's 25-year service. There also was a nod to safety concerns following the Sept. 11 terror attacks: silver cutlery has been replaced with plastic.

Security was tight as passengers checked in for the Paris-New York flight. Armed police patrolled the check-in area and fire trucks were on standby.

Among the Concorde regulars lining up for the Air France flight was perfume company founder Jean-Paul Guerlain, who said he'd flown the Concorde more than 200 times.

The Concorde has been fitted with fuel-tank liners of bulletproof Kevlar, a reinforced undercarriage and stronger tires.

Investigators are expected to issue their report on the cause of the crash by early next year, but the crash has been widely blamed on a ruptured tire that sent debris flying into a fuel tank.

The new tires, designed by French firm Michelin, passed rigorous tests, including one that revved the wheel faster than 250 mph — the Concorde's speed at takeoff — and stabbed it with a titanium blade.

"We have never been able to make this tire blow up, under any circumstance," Pierre Desmarests, chief executive of Michelin Aircraft Tire Division, told Associated Press Television News.

Despite a 30-percent drop in trans-Atlantic travel since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, the airlines say they are confident of filling the 100-seat planes. British Airways says it has already sold 7,000 seats.

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Our views

FOOD FEES

New policy steals from students

For most students who live on campus, a customary trip to The Main for a meal includes watching the amount of money on their cards dwindle to a mere \$10. But for a minority of on-campus students, the mandatory flat rate for their meal plans hardly recedes below even a third of that amount.

This doesn't present a problem because the money that is leftover on the meal plan for those students is transferred onto their meal plans for the spring semester. However, the money that remains on the card next semester will not be returned to the students. Instead it will go into what Director of Residential Services Roger Fisher calls the university's "black hole," a fund where extra money goes to be dispersed as needed.

Fisher said minimum meal plan price was increased so students will eat more meals on campus instead of going elsewhere.

It is understandable that TCU created the flat rate to make money. However, there are students on campus that either do not prefer to eat the food offered on-campus or cannot eat the food because of dietary preferences. For those students, spending \$400 to \$800 is nearly impossible. When the remaining balance from this semester is transferred on the same flat rate next semester, it will just be more money that they cannot spend. In essence, students end up losing money to the school just because they have different dietary preferences.

If administrators wanted to increase the amount of money students spend for food, they should work with Sodexo to improve dining services. It seems to be part of the college experience to complain about campus food. However, no one seems to be listening when TCU students have valid complaints or suggestions.

Putting the excess balance into this "black hole" is like stealing from the students and their parents. TCU is exploiting them in order to make money.

Students shouldn't have to feel pressured to spend money on more food than they can eat, and they shouldn't have to pay for their friends to eat either just because they have higher balances and do not want to just give the money to the university.

The money that is leftover on the meal plans should be returned and forwarded to the student. It should be used for food; not to support other parts of the university as needed.



We are starting to see the big picture

It has taken the death of thousands to make us realize we're not the only people out there. I hope you have been paying closer attention these past two months. I hope you have been watching with a more discerning eye. I hope you have reached the conclusion that the ornamental snow globe in which you live can be cracked with the slightest movement from the outside world.

Commentary
Melody Zagami

Do you know what the term "Afghanistanism" means? It is the journalistic word for avoiding home front controversy by focusing news coverage on obscure, distant lands. In essence, it's a way to describe little, harmless countries we should only concern ourselves with if we have nothing else to talk about or are too afraid to stand behind the words we write about our own country. *New York Times* reporter J. Anthony Lukas coined the word.

"Afghanistanism" is the subjective idea held by the U.S. media about covering international news. The idea is that the further away a country is, the less important it is.

That country doesn't seem so far away now, does it? It doesn't seem so unimportant now does it? Don't you kind of wish that you had known a little more, that you had been paying attention?

You are only partly to blame. The negligence rests in the hands of the media. Start noticing the world around you now because it is obvious that you cannot count on anyone else to show or teach you anything.

Presently, the media is attempting to do a better job. They're informing us about those distant desert lands. Those lands' names — Israel, Persia, Saudi Arabia, Baghdad, Palestine and Afghanistan — evoke images of masked strangers and oil wells.

Last week, in the *Science Times* section of *The New York Times* there was a major story about the Golden Age of Islamic research and discovery. Another story on the inside was about archaeological digs in Persia. In every paper in the nation, on any given day, there is now extensive coverage of the Middle East.

One side of me, the side that deems my country the strongest,

the smartest and the bravest says, "Why should I care, why should it matter what any little nothing country does?"

I know this is not right, and I should have realized it much sooner. I should have asked more from myself. I should have noticed that the microcosm in which I exist is a very small part of a greater picture whose details I am just beginning to make out. I am guilty of not knowing and not caring. Chances are, you are too.

I am sick of speaking about war and crumbling towers and lost loved ones and this feral disease that is attacking government institutions.

I was in New York City this past weekend, and there's no way I can neglect my experiences there. I can't help but think if not for "Afghanistanism" I might have visited the New York I visited last fall. A New York that was indestructible. A city that went about its business, just like any other city, without the slightest bit of hesitation.

An exhibit I saw while in New York had a message that read, "In order to restore our sense of equilibrium as a nation, as a city and particularly as a community of in-

dividuals, we need to develop a new way of looking at and thinking about what has happened, as well as a way of making sense of all the images which have besieged us and continue to haunt us."

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Remember this when you are suffering from your next inner struggle. You need only to stop what you are doing, glance at the world around you, and see that you are not the only one in it.

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Civil liberties are simply laws

It seems as though the indoctrination extends deep within the college community. Most people seem to agree that civil liberties are inherently necessary for a just society and that under no circumstances may we remove them from our legal system.

Commentary
Ed Van Wesep

What people fail to realize is that laws protecting civil liberties, as with all other laws, are (theoretically) designed to provide citizens with the best possible society. These laws are no more sacred than laws regarding fraud or jaywalking: Only the propaganda of the past and the misplaced belief in God or universal morality keep people from realizing that the Bill of Rights is just a tool that aids us in being happy.

Three facts will be shown in this piece: that civil rights are laws similar to any others, that philosophers and political leaders have been right to try to convince the public otherwise, and there exist times when these laws must be abridged.

To begin, we must ask: What is a "right" and why is it special? The answer is that a right is a package of laws protecting citizens from intrusion by other people, the government or other institutions and ideas. The right to free speech is in fact just a quick way to write a package of a nearly infinite number of conventional laws. The fact that slander, yelling fire in a theater, verbal harassment, conspiracy and many other forms of speech are illegal shows that we are not protecting speech entirely, but only protecting

it in cases where society is better off from protecting it.

This leads to my second point: We have rights because they are good for society, not because a God or some fact of the universe requires them. There are many good reasons to protect rights; some rights have obvious benefits (like the right to talk to your neighbor about the weather, where the benefit is happiness and the cost is nil). Other rights, like the right of the KKK to march, have less obvious benefits, but the fact that they are not obvious does not imply that they are nonexistent.

This piece is not the place to argue that there is no God, but certainly I can be confident in saying that no legal system should be based on the teaching of a religion. Laws stemming from one religion necessarily would conflict with another religion's teachings — because basing law on religion requires choosing a religion, it cannot be a reasonable practice.

The next question is why, leaving phenomenal pompousness aside, we have this notion that rights are somehow different from other laws. The answer is that political philosophers and politicians have forced the idea into American culture for centuries. Human rights are a naturally appealing concept, so people quickly sided with the philosophers, but we must remember that the con-

cept did not always exist in its current form. The philosophers were writing in response to the awful living conditions faced by citizens in European society.

The arguments made by Hobbes and Locke and all those guys were convincing, so people were able to force their governments to agree that laws must protect our "rights." As we can see, society improved markedly after these laws were put in place — from the start the American Constitution was a model for other nations, and even nations like Britain with no formal constitution shifted their legal structures toward the American ideal.

Now it should be clear why we believe in rights and why rights are not at all special. The final step is to argue that sometimes rights must be abridged. Specifically, they should be eliminated whenever they no longer serve to maximize social welfare.

Rights are not inherent and therefore should be treated as all other laws are treated. As soon as they are no longer beneficial to society they should be removed. The change I propose is in the way we think about issues, not the issues themselves.

Ed Van Wesep is a columnist for the Brown Daily Herald at Brown University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

People put their lives online

Some personal Web pages are just collections of oddities

Anyone who has spent even a modest amount of time on the Internet will agree that the somewhat bizarre genre of the personal Web page has become a standard in self-expression and in communication with the world.

Commentary
Clare McIntyre

People's online pages cover the spectrum from the boring to the bizarre, and their purposes are just as diverse. A Google search for the term "personal Web page" turned up over 368,000 sites, beginning with the homepage of "Sandy Cummins: Christian Freelance Writer." But Sandy is just one among many — more and more people are putting themselves out there by putting their lives online.

The biggest question that anyone who reads these sites will be left asking is "why?" What would motivate someone to put his or her life online? High school courses in computers are increasingly focusing on the Internet, and some Web pages seem to have emerged from that basis. But not everyone took World of Computers as their grade 11 elective — there must be other reasons. Maybe it's vanity; maybe it's a simple desire to establish contact with other people or maybe it's a message they have for the World.

Peter Pan's homepage (www.pixyland.org/peterpan/index.html) is a perfect example of the personal Web page as a "vanity" Web

page. It's the "home on the web" of Randy Constan, who calls himself a "Guitarist, Inventor, Engineer, (and) Eternal Child," and is devoted to his life, personality and interests.

The Eternal Child indeed — at 47 years old, Constan doesn't just admire or have an interest in Peter Pan. He actually thinks he is Peter Pan. The site comes complete with theme music from the Disney movie, somewhat scandalous pictures of Constan dressed in a wide array of costumes (many of them pink and frilly), and a lengthy opening text in which the author explores his own life philosophy.

The motivation for Constan's page is stated loud and clear, "(this page) is intended to reach out to other like-minded souls, potential new friends and others who believe in diversity, while having some fun."

Well, that's innocuous enough. He goes on to admit that when he began his Web site, he was looking for something else as well. That's right, you guessed it, Tinkerbell!

And then there's Super Greg (www.supergreg.com). Accompanied by little to no explanatory text and few welcoming words, Super Greg, a disc jockey, announces himself to the world photographically. His page consists of an array of pictures of himself and what we can assume to be friends of his, and includes a 30-second clip of a "classic performance" by the man himself, entitled "Da Number One."

Super Greg is a little less clear on the motivation behind his Web

site, although he does announce his belief in the Super Greg concept, and his page is just his way of sharing it with "all home boys and home chicks."

But it seems that there's no end in sight to this journey, mainly because there's no end to the number of sites. Who is Tommy (www.dpf.com/boyslife.html)? And why is he online dressed as a baby and lying in a crib, when he appears to be at least 35 years old? "To say 'I love diapers' is certainly true," he advises visitors, "but that tells you very little about the 'real' me who lives inside those diapers."

Pages like these are a reminder that many of these sites have little to do with the person behind them, and rather tend to be collections of rants, raves, photographs and other oddities. Their sites are provocative and sometimes disturbing in their views, which implies a desire to generate attention and response, whether positive or negative.

It appears that people's specific motivations for putting their lives online are just as diverse as the pages and the people themselves. For these people, the World Wide Web has provided an outlet for their self-expression. They all have something to say, and the Internet has given them a golden opportunity. Of course, the crucial question remains: is anyone listening?

Clare McIntyre is a columnist for the McGill Tribune at McGill University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

House GOP budgeters back Bush

By Alan Fram
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In a turnaround, senior Republicans on the House Appropriations Committee said Wednesday they will support President Bush's drive to hold emergency anti-terrorism spending to the \$40 billion Congress has already provided.

A day after Bush threatened to veto legislation exceeding that total, GOP leaders pressured Republicans on the appropriations panel — which oversees spending bills — to stand by the president.

Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., said Wednesday for the first time that he will oppose efforts to exceed that spending limit when his panel writes a defense bill next Tuesday.

And at a Wednesday morning meeting of House Republicans, Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., who has been saying extra Pentagon funds are needed, said he would now oppose such efforts, said people who attended the session.

"There was a lot of talk this morning at the conference about doing what the commander in chief wants to do in a war situation," said Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y.

It remained unclear whether Republicans would stand firm against all efforts to add emergency funds. Democrats and many

Republicans have said that besides defense, added billions are needed for the FBI, Coast Guard, public health and other anti-terror efforts, as well as for helping New York rebuild from the World Trade Center devastation.

Whatever the House does, the Democratic-controlled Senate seems inclined to provide more money than Bush wants.

Even so, the remarks by Young and Lewis underlined a concerted GOP effort to back Bush and avoid forcing him to confront members of his own party over spending for popular programs.

At the White House, spokesman Ari Fleischer defended Bush's position, saying the president would be happy to consider new spending requests after Congress returns in January.

"There's plenty of time next year in a more orderly, thoughtful fashion to take a look at exactly where the needs lie," Fleischer said.

Bush issued his veto threat Tuesday at a White House meeting with congressional leaders. He urged them to live within budget and emergency spending limits that were agreed to shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. New needs should be reviewed next year, he said.

But Democratic leaders, as well

as top Democrats and Republicans on the House and Senate Appropriations committees, say the spending deals were brokered before the recent anthrax attacks and the need for broader anti-terror efforts became clear. They say more money is needed for the FBI, Coast Guard, public health, food safety programs, as well as for the costs of waging the war in Afghanistan.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., back the president.

"He's concerned about spending just spiraling completely out of control," Lott told reporters. "And I share that concern."

The White House worries that any additional spending approved now will be built upon in coming years, possibly forcing Bush to confront an endless stream of budget deficits just as he prepares for re-election in 2004.

As a result of Bush's threat, many GOP lawmakers will have to choose between supporting more money for popular anti-terrorism efforts and backing a president of their own party.

Bush put himself in an awkward position as well. With the extra money likely to end up in either a defense spending bill or an economic stimulus measure, he may have to veto legislation that other-

wise has strong bipartisan support to follow through on his promise.

Young said he believes about \$2 billion more is needed for domestic anti-terror programs, plus billions more for defense and to help New York recover from the destruction of the World Trade Center.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee, has proposed adding \$20 billion aimed at securing highways, airports, water systems, food safety and buttressing law enforcement and other programs.

Meanwhile, the Senate Finance Committee chairman, Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is dropping any effort to negotiate an economic stimulus deal with the GOP.

Instead, he will present his panel with a measure containing fewer business tax breaks than the House and Bush want as well as more aid for the unemployed, including a temporary health insurance subsidy. It contains one piece common to all the plans: rebate checks aimed primarily at lower-income workers.

The Democratic bill also includes tax breaks intended to help New York City recover from the terrorist attacks and \$6 billion for farm disaster payments and rural development projects.

Industry execs show support for the USPS

By Randolph E. Schmid
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service upped its reward offer in the anthrax-by-mail attacks. The advertising company Advo chipped in \$250,000 to boost the reward to \$1.25 million, Postmaster General John E. Potter announced Wednesday.

Potter spoke at a gathering of top executives of the mailing industry, where companies offered their support to the beleaguered agency.

"The anthrax attacks are changing the way all of us do business," Potter said. The business leaders "explored new avenues for making the mail they send to American households and business even safer than it is today."

He said Advo President Gary M. Mulloy had contributed the extra funds for the reward in hopes of encouraging the public to come forward with clues.

Mail-related industries ranging from catalog sales to greeting cards to film developing employ 9 million Americans and contribute \$900 billion to the national economy annually, Potter noted.

While more than 30 billion pieces of mail have been delivered since Sept. 11, just three letters are known to be anthrax-tainted, though others are suspected.

Those letters "have done damage to the psyche of the American public when it comes to handling mail," Potter said. "We are going to work together to ensure that we restore confidence in the mail."

Michael P. Sherman, president of the mail-order catalog company Fingerhut, said his business has changed its packaging to make the name of the company more visible on both parcels and advertising pieces.

"We want people to understand what it is that we're sending them and that it's from us," he said.

Sherman and others said they have not encountered major problems getting mail delivered. Postal officials have said service is normal in most of the country, though there have been some delivery problems in areas affected by anthrax, such

as Washington.

L.L. Bean President Chris McCormick said his company is also working on changes in packaging and labeling to help boost public confidence in the safety of mailed items.

And C. Hamilton Davison Jr., president of Paramount Cards, encouraged people to put a return address on items.

"That's a big help when the recipient gets a package or envelope from you they're going to recognize that name and they're going to recognize that address," he said.

Matthew Kissner, a group president for the mail management company Pitney Bowes, said the postal system is fundamentally safe.

Deputy Postmaster General John Nolan said postal workers are selectively screening mail dropped into corner boxes and post office mail slots.

"We've got 800,000 people looking every day for something that looks strange," he said.

He said the industry group is also looking at ways to sanitize mail without damaging items such as film, laboratory samples and credit card chips. A task force is looking into other ways to improve security and sanitization of the mail.

The post office was also analyzing its finances before going before a Senate committee Thursday to discuss how much taxpayer help will be needed. Estimates have ranged from \$3 billion to \$7 billion or more.

The agency faces two major expenses — upgrading the system to prevent a repeat of the spread of anthrax and the loss of business during the terrorist attacks.

In other developments: — Postal inspectors are responding to an average of 600 incidents of suspicious mail every day, many of them hoaxes; 25 people have been arrested and other charges are pending in the hoaxes.

— Four contaminated postal facilities remain closed: Washington's Brentwood and the Trenton, N.J., processing centers, a small postal station in the Pentagon and the specialty mail-order facility in Kansas City, Mo.

CARDS

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Copeland said she has lived in the on-campus apartments since her sophomore year and cooks a lot so she rarely eats in on-campus facilities.

"I haven't eaten a meal at the Main this semester at all," she said.

Last year she said she and her roommate used up their meal plans on quiches, chocolate covered strawberries and spinach dip they ordered from dining services catering.

Fisher said he is encouraging students to spend any excess meal money on catering, at the Bistro Burnett in the library, Frogbytes or any of the seven dining locations on campus.

Representatives from dining services have been in the Student Center lobby to make students aware of other ways they can use their meal plans. Among those options, pies and breads are available for students year-round and are \$3.99 and \$2.99 respectively.

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SECURITY

FROM PAGE 1

recent network problems because the network is still being worked on. He also said the network problems are part of a complicated subject that can't be easily explained in a brief e-mail.

Edmondson said it's probably time for him to schedule a meeting with student government to discuss the problems and changes the network has undergone. However, he said it is impossible for him to discuss every conflict with students before taking action.

"When we have a network slowdown we have to make adjustments," Edmondson said. "We

can't just sit here and wait for a meeting and say let's all take a vote on what we're going to do. It's just part of our job to manage the resources available."

Edmondson said the university is working to remedy network congestion by spending approximately \$240,000 a year on the network and by doubling the total bandwidth virtually every year.

Senter put the problem into context.

"It seems no matter how much bandwidth gets put out there for the students to use, they just use that much more and continue to saturate the firewall," he said.

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Names added to suspected terrorist associates list

By Ron Fournier
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration orchestrated raids on U.S. businesses and arrested a Massachusetts man in a global crackdown on Osama bin Laden's financial network Wednesday. Overseas, two Arab financiers were questioned by Swiss police cooperating with the United States. "Today, we are taking another step in our fight against evil," President Bush said, announcing the first major crackdown on companies, organizations and people suspected of aiding terrorists from U.S. soil.

Customs agents, acting on an order signed by Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, seized evidence at nine locations in four cities: Boston, Minneapolis, Seattle and Columbus, Ohio. Assets of nine organizations and two people in the United States were frozen.

In addition, evidence was seized at two storefronts in northern Virginia, said officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Targeting a second financial network, the United States also asked allies to freeze assets that aid bin Laden and his al-Qaeda organization in at least nine countries. Some of them acted even before Bush announced the crackdown on the network suspected in the Sept. 11 attacks on Washington and New York.

In all, the names of 62 entities and people were added to a list of

suspected terrorist associates targeted by Bush in an executive order signed last month. The earlier list included 88 groups or people whose assets had been frozen because of their ties to al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups.

The new list covers groups and people affiliated with two suspected bin Laden financial networks — Al Taqua and Al-Barakaat. Both are informal, largely unregulated financial networks — sometimes called hawalas — that authorities say funnel money to al-Qaeda through companies and nonprofit organizations they operate.

"By shutting these networks down, we interrupt the murderers' work," Bush said at a Treasury Department investigation center just outside Washington in northern Virginia.

Bush accused both networks of managing, investing and distributing terrorists' money; providing Internet service and telephones to terrorists; arranging the shipment of weapons; and of skimming money from transactions at their shell companies.

In Boston, Mohammed M. Hussein and Liban M. Hussein were charged with running an illegal money transmitting business, according to a criminal complaint. Mohammed Hussein is in custody. Liban Hussein is not.

The two men ran Barakaat North America Inc. in Dorchester, Mass., a foreign money exchange,

without a state license, according to a U.S. Customs Service affidavit. The business moved over \$2 million through a U.S. bank from January through September, the government said.

Federal authorities in Columbus, Ohio, sealed off a money-transfer and check-cashing business on the administration target list. Barakaat Enterprise shares a small strip mall with a pizza shop and beauty salon, with private homes across the street.

A notice taped on the front window of the business said: "All property contained in this building is blocked pursuant to an executive order of the president on Sept. 23 of this year under the authority of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act."

In Seattle, more than a dozen U.S. Customs Service agents raided a building containing the offices of Barakat Wire Transfer Co. and detained one man.

Customs agents in blue windbreakers converged on a Minneapolis address shared by several businesses and a man, Garad Jama, suspected of aiding bin Laden's network.

The Al-Barakaat organization has ties in several countries, in-

cluding the United States. The order cites affiliated organizations in Minnesota, Massachusetts, Ohio and Washington state.

The North American affiliates include:

— Aaran Money Wire Service Inc. of Minneapolis.

— Al-Barakaat Wiring Service of Minneapolis.

— Barakaat Boston of Dorchester, Mass.

— Barakaat Enterprise of Columbus, Ohio.

— Barakaat North America Inc. of Dorchester, Mass., and Ottawa, Ontario.

— Barakat Wire Transfer Co. of Seattle.

— Global Service Inter-

national of Minneapolis.

— Somali International Relief Organization of Minneapolis.

In addition, the United States moved to freeze the assets of two people with American residences, Liban Hussein of Dorchester, Mass., and Jama of Minneapolis. Hussein also has a Canadian address.

The list targets assets in several countries, including Switzerland, Somalia, Liechtenstein, the Bahamas, Sweden, Canada, Austria, Italy and the United Arab Emirates. The administration is urging governments to freeze the assets

Kirk seeks to run for Senate seat

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Ron Kirk, the city's first black mayor, resigned Wednesday to run for the United States Senate.

"I'm here to confirm what has been perhaps the best kept-secret in the history of the city," the 47-year-old Democrat said at City Hall.



Ron Kirk

Kirk will seek the Senate seat being vacated by retiring Republican Sen. Phil Gramm.

Kirk is expected to face lawyer Ed Cunningham; Rep.

Ken Bentsen, the nephew of former Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen; and former Attorney General Dan Morales in the March 12 primary for the Democratic nomination.

State Attorney General John Cornyn is expected to be the Republican candidate next November.

Mary Poss, mayor pro tem, succeeds Kirk as mayor. She said she will not run in a special election in January to fill the remaining two years of Kirk's term.

Kirk was overwhelmingly elected mayor in 1995 and won again by a wide margin in 1999. He took office when Dallas was polarized racially but used his strong hand to tame the famously contentious City Council meetings.

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♈ Aries (March 21-April 19) - You're a straightforward person. With you, what people see is what they get. But that doesn't mean you can't have a private side. Love and money both fit into that category. You can be confident and successful without telling everybody how you do it.

♉ Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Don't expect much progress until later tomorrow. You're locked in negotiations. Your partner, mate or main adversary is very persuasive. Are you going to be swayed by this person's argument? Only if it's to your ultimate advantage. You be the judge.

♊ Gemini (May 21-June 21) - OK, now it's time to really get serious. You may not get far. If the best you can do is to keep somebody from running all over you, that's good enough. Stay close to home. There's work to be done.

♋ Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Love is plentiful, but money is temporarily scarce. Put your heads together and come up with a plan. Doing without isn't so bad when you're doing it together.

♌ Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Home is where your heart is tonight, and that's where your body should be, too. That may require a slight modification to your schedule, but it's worth the effort. Tell the boss you can't work late. You have more important things to do.

♍ Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - An insider tip could help you find the perfect thing for your home. If it gives you the look you want, go for it, even if it means going without something else. Make a change for the better.

♎ Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Be careful about what you say for the next few weeks. Let business take top priority. Learn to be a strategist. This could cramp your style socially for a while, but your friends will understand.

♏ Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - You're getting stronger, smarter and cuter. Not everyone agrees with you yet, but don't let that slow you down. Don't holler to convince them. You'll win more votes with your smile.

♐ Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Conditions are changing again. Although you're exuberant and enthusiastic, it's best not to gloat. Keep recent victories to yourself, and start planning your next move.

♑ Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Your friends mean the world to you, even though you rarely say so. One of them will need a favor soon. It's a chance to show your appreciation and your love.

♒ Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You'll have to hold off for a little while longer. There'll be too much opposition to your suggestions. Instead of feeling squashed, take notes. If you address those issues, the opposition will dissolve.

♓ Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Your attention turns to a new idea or a very attractive person. The two may even be linked. But something is in the way. You can't get together yet. Actually, tomorrow's better anyway. For now concentrate on your work.

Purple Poll Q: Will spend all of the money on your meal card this semester?



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Crossword

ACROSS
 1 Not at home
 5 Use a loom
 10 American suffragist
 14 Villain in "Othello"
 15 Kick out
 16 Love god
 17 Dull time
 18 Just before the deadline
 20 Light rainfall
 22 Court docket
 23 Worm, perhaps
 24 Goal makers
 26 Place
 30 Shaquille of the NBA
 31 Pool lengths
 32 BPOE member
 35 Appendectomy reminder
 36 Pat Boone's daughter
 38 Sal's canal
 39 Holiday in Hanou
 40 "The Biggest Little City in the World"
 41 Lawn-care tool
 42 Electric bill unit
 45 Cats
 48 Comic Carvey
 49 Amherst sch.
 50 Instant camera
 54 Pregnant woman
 57 Impolite
 58 Estrada of healing
 59 Like old buckets
 60 Wight or Skye
 61 "Auld Lang ___"
 62 Take by force
 63 Stoop element

DOWN
 1 Lends a hand
 2 Distort
 3 Petri dish medium
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 5 The vault of heaven
 6 Glorifies
 7 Church recess
 8 Doggie doc
 9 Slippery tree?
 10 False report
 11 Entertain
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 27 A single occurrence
 28 Lion's fare
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 46 University in Atlanta
 47 Ovid's language
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Lex

Phil Flickinger

UM, MISS FONTAINE, THIS LICENSE SAYS YOU'RE NOT TWENTY-ONE FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS.
 OOPS! UM... I LIKE... UM, NEVER MIND... I'LL BE...
 GEEZ... EITHER SHE'S SO DRUNK THAT SHE SHOWED ME HER REAL LICENSE, OR ELSE SHE THINKS I'M REALLY SLACK...
 UM, HI. HOW'S IT GOING?
 GREAT!... RIGHT THIS WAY, MRS. YAMAOTO

K Chronicles

Keith Knight

NON MORE THAN ONE LIFE'S VICTORIES
 #110: DRIVING LIKE A BIRD FROM HINDS THROUGH DESKIN SPREAD...
 ...TO BE THE VERY LAST OUR LARGED INTO THE PERRY
 #111: SLOWING UP AT THE END WITH A ROBE HANGER...
 #112: FINISHING THE WALK
 #113: GOING INTO YOUR SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE TO ASK FOR A...
 #114: FINDING OUT YOU'RE BEEN LIND ONE WITH A...
 #115: THAT YOUR G...
 #116: BEFORE YOU GO ON V...
 #117: ...
 #118: ...

Academia Nuts

John P. Araujo

You've Stopped me today, but I'll be back!
 He got away again!
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BELLAIRE & HULEN

Golfers finish sixth in Prestige tourney

By Kelly Morris
SKIFF STAFF

When the No. 7-ranked men's golf team played at the Prestige tournament in Palm Desert, Calif. earlier this week, it competed against 19 of the nation's top academic and golf universities.

But no calculator or textbook could help the Frogs find a solution to the tricky greens of the Desert Willow Golf Resort.

"We missed a lot of four- and five-footers," head coach Bill Montigel said. "I don't know what it is about these California greens, but they just break a certain way. In Texas, when you have a putt that looks straight, it usually stays straight, but when you putt on these greens here, they can break as much as a foot and a half at the end. The greens took us a while to get used to."

With a 54-hole score of 858, TCU finished the tournament in sixth place. It marked the first time this season that the Frogs failed to finish a tournament in the top three. Senior Andy Doeden shot a three-round score of 212 to finish in a tie for 15th. Doeden, who is ranked 34th in the country, was the only Frog to finish the each round of play under par. Redshirt freshman J.J. Killen tied for 21st place.

The Frogs will get another chance at the greens of California as they play the first and second rounds of the 54-hole 49er Collegiate Classic today at the Zaharias Golf Course at Industry Hill in Industry, Calif.

Like the Prestige tournament, the Frogs have never played in the Collegiate before. The tournament will be TCU's fourth and final one of its fall season.

With that in mind, Montigel said he wants the team to finish the fall season the way it started it — with a first place victory.

"People have told me this is a difficult golf course, but our goal is to win," Montigel said. "Even though we finished sixth in the last tournament, we actually played really well and hit good drives. We got an idea what these greens are like now."

With only one day of practice rounds, Montigel said he hopes the team can make a quick adjustment to the unfamiliar golf course.

Montigel said the golf course is quite different from the one the Frogs played just two days ago.

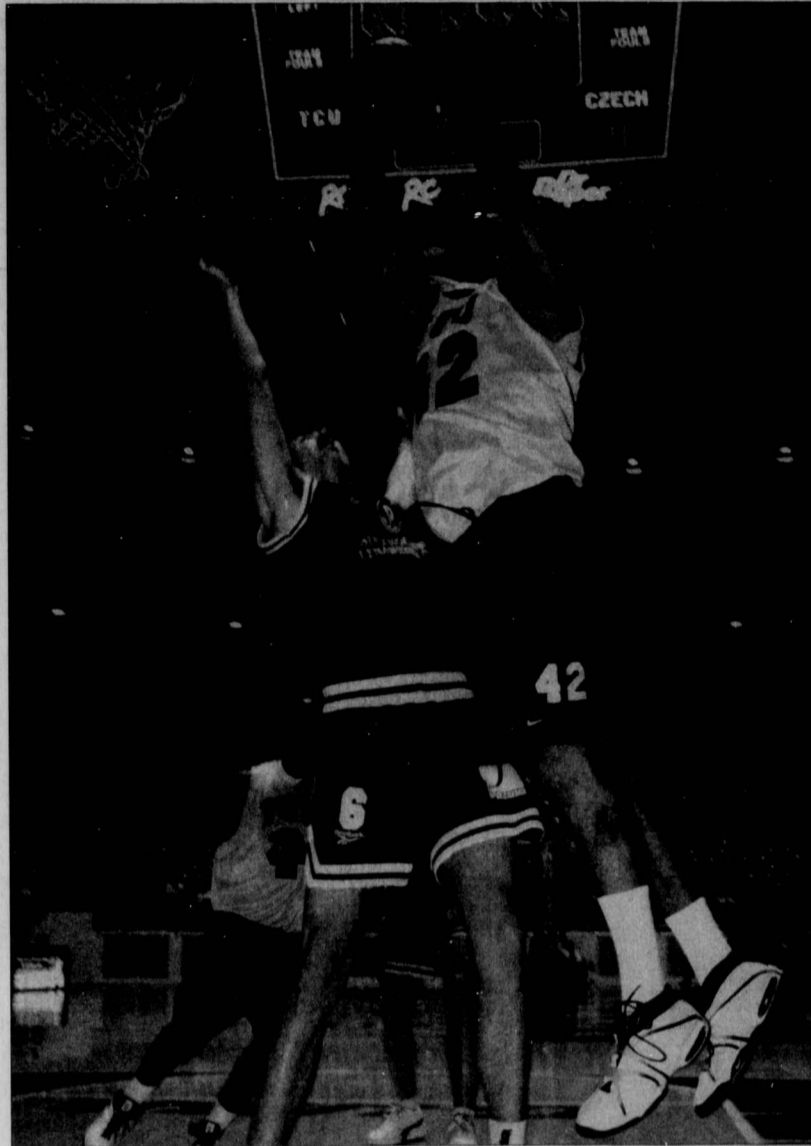
"The golf course in Palm Desert was a fairly easy golf course and wide open," Montigel said. "This course looks really, really tight. Instead of hitting drivers off the tee, we're going to have to hit irons and hit the ball pretty straight."

While the golf courses might be different, Montigel said the greens will be the same.

And he is hoping the second time around, the Frogs will find the right solution for them.

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Men's basketball takes on Athlete's First



Senior forward Marlon Dumont works inside against a defender from Czech-Select. The Frogs play Athlete's First at 7 p.m. tonight in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

By Matt Stiver
SKIFF STAFF

Forgive the TCU men's basketball team if its attention wavered from basketball the past few days.

But only for a few days.

Two days after head coach Billy Tubbs announced his resignation, the Frogs take to the court for the second time at 7 p.m. tonight in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum against Athlete's First.

Both players and coaches said that focus has returned with a clarity, and the team has put the announcement behind them and have returned to basketball.

"The great thing about these players is that at their age, they are able to move on with their lives quickly," Tubbs said. "We've put this behind us and are ready to focus on this season."

Senior forward Marlon Dumont said the players are ready to start the season.

"Coach Tubbs has to do what's right for him," Dumont said. "We have to focus on improving and having a good team this year."

In defeating Czech-Select 146-70 on Monday and preparing for Athlete's First, the Frogs have put the news behind them, Tubbs said.

"We're devoting all our energy (to academics and basketball, just as we always have," Tubbs said.

Who: TCU men's basketball team vs. Athlete's First.

What: Free exhibition game.

When: 7 p.m. tonight.

Where: Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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— Billy Tubbs, head men's basketball coach

have," Tubbs said.

The Frogs will need that renewed focus against Athlete's First. Comprised of former college players, Athlete's First took No. 18 Oklahoma State to the final minutes before losing, 92-88, Tuesday night.

Tony Heard, a member of Tulsa's Elite Eight team two years ago, scored 16 points and swiped three steals against the Cowboys.

With a more-talented group of players than in past years, Tubbs said, the Frogs cannot afford to overlook Athlete's First.

"This team will come ready to play, so we'd better have our act together," Tubbs said. "We need for our students to come out and give us some great support. Not just (tonight), but all year."

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Coaches vs. Cancer Classic tipoff for season

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Coaches vs. Cancer Classic has become the official tipoff to the college basketball season.

That four of the country's premier programs will get it all started this year at Madison Square Garden, just a few subway stops from the World Trade Center, gives this edition extra significance.

"There is a special emphasis in coming to New York to play," Maryland coach Gary Williams said.

The Terrapins will face Arizona on Thursday night in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, the official tip-off to the season. Maryland, No. 2 in the AP's preseason poll, will be playing a fellow Final Four participant from last season.

No. 5 Florida plays No. 16 Temple in the other game. The winners will meet Friday night, as will the losers.

The tournament, sponsored by

IKON, has raised \$2 million for cancer research, a subject close to Arizona coach Lute Olson, who lost his wife, Bobbi, to ovarian cancer last year. Her death became a focal point for Arizona's run to the national championship game last season, where the Wildcats lost to Duke.

Arizona will definitely have the most different look from last season with four starters gone, three early entries to the NBA draft. The only starter back is point guard Jason Gardner and he applied for the draft, then decided to return.

Maryland has four starters back from the team that lost to Duke in the national semifinals in March. The Terrapins were picked behind only the Blue Devils in the preseason poll, matching the highest ranking in school history.

Florida-Temple is a rematch of last season's NCAA second-round game that Temple won by 21 points.

Dinner honors former player

By Heather Christie
STAFF REPORTER

During a 1974 football game against Alabama, TCU's Kent Waldrep was paralyzed when tackled with only five minutes left in the first half.

"I came down on my head and immediately broke my neck," Waldrep said. "Time stood still. It was in slow motion."

Tom Landis, owner of five Metroplex Texadelphia Cheesesteak Restaurants, said this could happen to any athlete. It is for this reason Waldrep has made it his cause to raise money for paralysis victims.

The TCU Athletics Department and Texadelphia held an

event in honor of Waldrep and his efforts to find a cure for paralysis at the Texadelphia Cheesesteak Restaurant, 2747 South Hulen Blvd., Wednesday night. During the event Landis announced his candidacy for mayor of Dallas.

Proceeds went to the National Paralysis Foundation.

Waldrep said he founded the National Paralysis Foundation (1985) and the New Jersey based American Paralysis Association (1979), now called the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, to find a cure for spinal cord injuries.

"I want to be able to walk out of this wheelchair, close the doors on this organization and

take lots of people with me," Waldrep said Wednesday night.

Waldrep said he puts on many fundraisers each year for his foundation including the annual Southwestern Ball in Dallas. This year the Southwestern Ball raised \$1 million and an anonymous donor matched it, making it \$2 million, he said.

Waldrep said the fundraising money goes to the paralysis research center at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. The National Paralysis Foundation has donated \$20 million to the research center so far, he said.

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FROG IN FORM



The men's swimming team lost 132-108 to No. 19 Southern Methodist Wednesday in the Rickel Building. The Mustangs got off to a quick start, winning the first ten meets. Sophomore Stephen Gebren won his first event, with a 298.05 in three-meter diving.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Volley Frogs win thriller at Houston, set record

The TCU Volley Frogs (7-19, 3-11 C-USA) battled back from an 0-2 deficit at intermission to win their match against Houston (13-10, 10-4 C-USA), 3-2. The win snapped the team's seven-match losing streak.

Senior Marci King's six digs on the night made her TCU's all-time digs leader with 1,177 for her career.

The mark passed Jill Pape's career mark of 1,173 from 1996-99.

The Frogs' regular season will end at home with contests against Marquette on Nov. 9 and on senior night against DePaul on Nov. 10. Both matches are set to start at 7 p.m. at the Rickel Building.

Greenberg named to C-USA freshman team

TCU freshman Laura Greenberg was named to the Conference USA All-Freshman Soccer Team at its annual pre-tournament banquet Tuesday night. She was the only Horned Frog garnering conference honors. Greenberg led the team in goals (8) eight and points (16). Her eight goals came on 28 shots, accounting for 30 percent of the team's offense.

"It's a well deserved honor," head coach Dave Rubinson said in a press release. "She worked hard all year and was a key player for us during the season."

Men's soccer match start moved up by one hour

The TCU and DePaul Athletics Departments have announced that today's TCU-DePaul men's soccer match has been moved up one hour. It will begin at 3 p.m. at the Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium. This is the first of TCU's final two matches of the season, with the season finale coming on Sunday at 1 p.m. against Louisville.

today in sports history

1954 — The American League approved the transfer of the Philadelphia Athletics baseball team to Kansas City, Mo. Charles Finley of Chicago would later move the A's to Oakland, Calif.

1959 — Elgin Baylor of the Minneapolis Lakers, scored 64 points and set a National Basketball Association scoring mark. The Lakers beat Boston 136-115.

1986 — Oklahoma defeated Missouri, 77-0, in a college football game. It was the biggest blowout of that season.

C-USA roundup

Football				All games								
C-USA games			W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Hm.	Rd.	Neutral	Strk.
East Carolina	4	0	1.000	5	3	.625	2-1	3-2	0-0	W3		
Louisville	4	0	1.000	8	1	.889	5-0	3-1	0-0	W5		
Cincinnati	4	1	.800	5	3	.625	2-2	3-1	0-0	W1		
UAB	3	2	.600	4	4	.500	3-1	1-3	0-0	W3		
Southern Miss	2	2	.500	4	3	.571	3-0	1-3	0-0	L1		
TCU	2	2	.500	4	4	.500	1-2	3-2	0-0	L1		
Memphis	2	3	.400	4	4	.500	3-1	1-3	0-0	L2		
Army	2	4	.333	2	6	.250	2-2	0-4	0-0	L1		
Tulane	1	5	.167	2	8	.200	2-3	0-5	0-0	L3		
Houston	0	5	.000	0	8	.000	0-5	0-3	0-0	L8		

Last week's results

Connecticut.....	28
Cincinnati.....	45

Army.....24

Air Force.....34

Louisville.....52

Tulane.....7

Houston.....6

South Florida.....45

Southern Miss.....20

Penn State.....38

Saturday's games

Houston at Louisville, 1 p.m.

Buffalo at Army, noon.

East Carolina at Cincinnati, noon.

Tulane at Navy, 11 a.m.

TCU at UAB, 4 p.m.

Memphis at Tennessee, 1 p.m.

Last week's players of the week

Special teams — Cincinnati kicker Jonathan Ruffin; connected on his sixth consecutive field goal attempt and added six extra points in the Bearcats' 45-28 win over Connecticut. Ruffin has hit all 25 of his extra point attempts and has made 47 straight dating back to last year.

Offensive — Louisville quarterback Dave Ragone; accounted for five touchdowns in the Cardinals' 52-7 win over Tulane. Ragone completed 19 out of 30 passes for 252 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 56 yards and two touchdowns. This is the second time that Ragone has been honored by the conference.

Defensive — Louisville defensive end Dewayne White; registered six solo tackles, five of which were tackles for loss in Louisville's win over Tulane. White had three sacks on the day, and needs two more tackles for loss to break the school's single-season record in that category. White is also the second straight Louisville defensive player to be named Player of the Week, after Michael Brown was honored last week.