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Learning curve

The education of the Frogs continue tonight when they play Southwest Texas State at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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Spiritual sacrifice

Muslims all over the world are celebrating the month of Ramadan by fasting, abstinence and prayer to fulfill their religious duties.

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Campus Briefs

Check TCU Web site, broadcasts for closings

Students should check the TCU Web site, listen to local television and radio stations or call the general information line to check for weather-related closings of the university, Tracy Syler-Doctson, assistant director of communications, said.

The number for the general information is 817-257-7000. TCU officials sent an e-mail to students, faculty and staff Tuesday as winter weather approached the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Syler-Doctson said the Office of Communications would remain open if the university was closed, because it can be operated from employees' homes using telephones and remote access to the TCU Web site.

Tree Lighting Brief Head goes here

The Holiday Tree Lighting will take place at 9 p.m. tonight on Sadler Lawn. Chancellor Michael Ferrari and Mrs. Ferrari will arrive in a sleigh with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

In collaboration with Bank One, Order of Omega helps collect Christmas gifts for underprivileged children. After the lighting, a human chain will be formed to load gifts into delivery trucks.

The lighting is sponsored by Order of Omega. This is the 21st annual tree lighting. The 20-foot Christmas tree will be lit every night in December.

House committee chairs selected for spring term

The House of Student Representatives held committee chair elections Tuesday.

The new chairs are: Katie Gordon, Academic Affairs; David Reese, Elections and Regulations; Kaveh Nezafati, Permanent Improvements; Matthew Freedman, Residential Concerns; and Karl Kruse, University Affairs.

The referendum election Thursday to raise the SGA budget and, as a result, increase student fees, was also discussed.

Correction

David Hoyler is a project manager for the Physical Plant. His title in Tuesday's newspaper was incorrect.

Possible tuition hike to mirror economic trends

By Sarah McClellan
STAFF REPORTER

Calculations show tuition will increase $900 to $1,200 per year for students on the flat rate plan and $25.20 to $33.60 per credit hour for other students, based on 2001 tuition rates, if a 6 to 8 percent tuition hike is instituted.

Carol Campbell, vice chancellor of finance, said she couldn't comment on exact dollar amounts for tuition increases, but said a 6 percent to 8 percent increase is likely. Campbell said undergraduate tuition increases between 4 percent and 6 percent each year if the economy is stable.

"We've just begun the budget process," she said. "It's too soon to give exact numbers."

Campbell said a dollar amount will not be given until after January.

The possible increase is based on an average of the endowment's earnings for the past 12 quarters, the last of which will end Dec. 31, Campbell said.

"What we can spend from the endowment is based on an average of (its earnings for) the past 12 quarters," Campbell said. "Right now, we know 11 of those quarters so if the market goes up (this quarter), that's only one-twelfth of the formula."

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the possible tuition increase is a result of an 8 percent loss in the stock market, which is a result of rising inflation and deprecations due in part to the Sept. 11 attacks. He said the endowment, valued at about $900 million, also went down 8 percent.

There was a $72 million loss in the endowment as of Sept. 30, the end of the 3rd quarter of the fiscal year, Ferrari said.

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Season of Giving

Erin Munger/PHOTO EDITOR

Residents of Jarvis Hall make potpourrie sachets as gifts for women at the Tarrant County Women's Haven Tuesday night.

More students are cheating in school

By Mary Clarke-Pearson
DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN (U. PENNSYLVANIA)

PHILADELPHIA (U-WIRE) — Writing a term paper usually involves jamming a semester's worth of research into one week, writing 15 pages in a night and emerging from a computer lab with bloodshot eyes and a stack of empty coffee cups. But for a few students, the task is hardly this draining. All it takes is a click of the mouse.

Downloading papers from the Internet, combined with the upsurge of other incidents of cheating, has been a growing concern for the future of academic integrity in higher education.

"It's easy, and it's quick, and it's better than spending six hours writing a paper for some general requirement class that I didn't care about to begin with," said one University of Pennsylvania senior who asked to remain anonymous.

These students aren't the only ones who have opted out of conventional research and turned to online paper banks, amid the "cut and paste plagiarism" trend at universities nationwide.

According to a 1999 survey conducted by Donald McCabe, a Rutgers University professor and the founder of the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University, more than 75 percent of college students admit to some form of cheating. About one third of the 2,100 participating students admitted to serious test cheating, and half admitted to one or more instances of serious cheating on written assignments.

The pattern for high school students, the next generation of college-goers, is disturbingly similar.

Eighty-four percent of the students surveyed last year by Who's Who Among American High School Students said that cheating was common among their high-achieving peers. Moreover, studies conducted by the Josephson Institute of Ethics show that the percentage of students who admitted to cheating on a test has risen from 61 percent in 1992 to 71 percent in 2000. Research conducted by the Educational Testing Services suggests that this jump is partially due to the pressure cooker environment of high schools.

In the spring of 1999, a University Honor Council survey found that only 54 percent of Penn students considered copying homework to be cheating. Moreover, 61 percent of the students indicated that they would not report a case of cheating to the Office of Student Conduct.

National findings about cheating and its implications at Penn are pretty clear: acts of academic dishonesty are on the rise at universities and Internet plagiarism is "in." Judging from the incoming wave of technology-savvy high school students, breaches of academic integrity aren't abating.

"Students are growing up with technology that makes Internet plagiarism simple. It is easy to use, and almost all written sources are available on the Internet," McCabe said. "The numbers are creeping up, and I would expect them to increase significantly as time goes by."

The technology is indeed simple — just typing a topic name into a search engine can result in vast amounts of information. And the hundreds of term paper banks online — from superior-termpapers.com to

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Owner of local hang-out loved students, music

By Sarah McClellan
STAFF REPORTER

TCU students and friends have fond memories of Jon Stern Meyerson, owner of Jons Grille, the near campus hang-out where they have written their names on the wall and eaten hamburgers since 1989. Meyerson was died Saturday at his home in South Fort Worth.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said Meyerson, who was 52, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Polly Manuel, owner of Salon Classique Tanning, a business near Jons Grille, knew Meyerson for 10 years and was a business neighbor for four years. She said Meyerson was a hard-driving business man with a "heart of gold."

"He was always encouraging to me when I first started this business," Manuel said. "He was somebody I looked up to."

Brady Haass, a senior radio-TV-film major who works at Fat Harry's Daiquiris & Tavern, a bar near Jons Grille, said Meyerson was "such a nice guy."

"Jons Grille was a part of the campus atmosphere. The place was affiliated with TCU," Haass said.

Manuel said Meyerson loved the TCU students that frequented the restaurant.

"He loved watching students come in as freshmen and then watching them grow up," Manuel said. "You could see the twinkle in his eye when you guys would be lined up to eat his food."

James Gomez, a freshman pre-major, said he ate at Jons Grille at least twice a month.

"I saw Jon there, smiling, every time," Gomez said. "There were always a lot of students there."

Sumpter Bruton, a friend and

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Services for Jon Meyerson will be at noon Friday at Beth-El Congregation, 4900 Briarhaven Rd., Fort Worth 76109.

■Burial will be private in the Beth-El section of Greenwood Memorial Park.

■The family requests donations be sent in lieu of flowers to the Depression-Manic Depression Support Group, 3136 W. Fourth St., Fort Worth, 76107.

Ashcroft says more than 550 still detained

Announcement was the first accounting of people who are in custody in several weeks

By Karen Gullo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Tuesday his department continues to detain more than 550 people on immigration violations or other federal charges in the terrorism investigation, and some are believed to be members of Osama bin Laden's network.

Ashcroft said those detained were rounded up in a "deliberate campaign of arrests" designed to disrupt terrorist activities and protect Americans.

"With arrests and detentions, we have avoided further terrorist attacks ... America's defenses have grown stronger," he said.

Ashcroft said that a number of individuals being detained are suspected terrorists, adding, "I don't want to be more specific."

The attorney general's announcement was the first accounting of people in federal custody in several weeks. Previously, the government had said only that it detained or arrested more than 1,100 people without identifying them or saying which remained in custody.

Ashcroft said the terrorism investigation had charged 104 people with federal crimes, and that 55 of those remained in custody. In addition, he said, 548 people remain in custody on immigration charges, some of whom are also charged with federal crimes.

The announcement comes amid concerns in Congress and among civil rights groups about the secrecy surrounding those who have been detained, most of whom are believed to be of Middle Eastern descent.

Ashcroft defended the secrecy, including the fact that most of the names of the detainees have not been public, saying he wanted to protect the privacy of people who may be innocent and prevent bin Laden from gaining valuable information.

"I am not interested in providing, when we are at war, a list to Osama bin Laden and the al-Queda network of the people we have detained that would make any easier their effort to kill Americans," Ashcroft said.

On Monday, Ashcroft said he also was protecting the privacy of detainees. "I'm not going to develop some sort of blacklist," he said.

His remarks Monday prompted complaints from civil rights groups who have urged the Justice Department to disclose more information about those detained or arrested in the terrorism investigation.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Tuesday his department continues to detain more than 550 people on immigration violations or other federal charges in the terrorism investigation, and some are believed to be members of Osama bin Laden's network. FBI Director Robert Mueller stands in the background.

"It is ironic that the government is now concerned about rights when it has arrested and jailed hundreds of people without giving the American public any proof that the detainees are being treated fairly and consistent with the protections of the Constitution and Bill of Rights," said Lucas Guttentag, head of the American Civil Liberties Union's immigration rights project.

Ashcroft's refusal came as the terrorism investigation advanced overseas and a federal agent in Virginia described a possible motive for one of the 19 hijackers on Sept. 11. FBI Special Agent Jesus Gomez said suspected terrorist ringleader Mohammed Atta blamed the United States for most of the world's wars.

"Atta felt that the U.S. was responsible for most of the wars being fought in the world," Gomez said during an abbreviated preliminary hearing in Alexandria, Va., federal court for Agus Budiman, an Indonesian man whom prosecutors believe was a close associate of Atta.

Budiman, 31, had contacts with Atta and another hijacker, Marwan al-Shehhi, Gomez told a judge at Budiman's detention hearing. The

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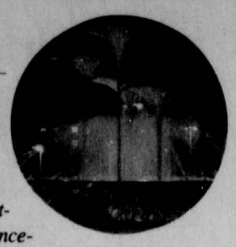

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■ **The annual holiday craft fair** will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Thursday in the Student Center Lounge. For more information call (817) 257-6276.

■ **University Ministries invites** the TCU student body to come worship at noon today in Robert Carr Chapel. Laura Blackwood, university ministries intern, will be preaching.

■ **KinoMonda Film Series** will present the New Zealand film "Once We Were Warriors" at 7 p.m. today in the Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

■ **The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** will be held at 9 p.m. today on the Sadler Hall front lawn. Gifts will be collected for underprivileged children and loaded onto trucks for transport to Bank One locations. For more information call (817) 992-8773.

■ **The TCU Jazz Ensembles, directed by Curt Wilson,** will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information call (817) 257-7602.

■ **The TCU Student Holiday Art Sale** will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the TCU ceramics room in Moudy Building North, Room 133. Ten percent of the proceeds will be donated to Toys for Tots.

■ **A new club is forming for people interested in robotics.** Pizza will be provided at the meeting at 3 p.m. Friday. For more information contact Charles Hannon at (817) 257-6174 or (c.hannon@tcu.edu).

■ **The AIDS Memorial Quilt** will be displayed on campus from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday in the Student Center Ballroom in commemoration of World AIDS Day. For more information call (817) 257-7855 or (817) 257-7100.

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World Digest

Opposing political parties from apartheid-era announce alliance

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Once sworn enemies over apartheid, two South African political parties announced an alliance Tuesday that would have been unthinkable under whites-only rule.

The New National Party, heir to the party that instituted apartheid, has joined forces with the ruling African National Congress, which came to power in 1994 after waging an armed struggle to overthrow the racist apartheid regime.

The parties said Tuesday their agreement paved the way for reconciliation among South Africans of all colors.

The coalition lays the groundwork for the predominantly white NNP to gain seats in national, provincial and local governments. The NNP has 28 seats in the 400-member parliament, and its influence has been waning.

The new coalition may also be able to take control of the council that rules Cape Town, the country's second largest city.

"This is a historic agreement and is based on trust," said Martinus van Schalkwyk, the NNP leader. "It provides us with a key to reshaping the political landscape and ... breaking down the old racial divisions."

The ANC and the National Party, the NNP's predecessor, worked together once before in a constitutionally mandated government of national unity after 1994 — an uneasy partnership that aimed at smoothing the country's transition toward democracy.

The National Party withdrew from the government after a new constitution was enacted.

Rebels flee key Philippine base using hostages as human shields

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines — Under heavy aerial bombardment, armed Muslim rebels fled a key base in the southern Philippines on Tuesday, dragging along dozens of terrified men, women and children roped together as human shields.

After hours of intense fighting, the military said 25 guerrillas and one soldier were dead and an unknown number of others, including civilians, were wounded. The rebels freed 21 hostages early Wednesday, but held onto 60 others, negotiators said.

The rebels are part of a separatist Muslim militia that fought the government until a peace deal was struck five years ago. Fighting broke out again last week, with the government claiming the local governor — a former rebel leader — was upset over losing power.

The captives, snatched from their homes in the middle of the night, sobbed and shouted for troops not to shoot as they were herded out of the compound at about noon Tuesday and made to walk slowly down the road. A guerrilla pointed a gun at the head of a young girl.

Soldiers slowly backed down the road, separated from the hostages and rebels by an armored personnel carrier with its guns trained on the group. The rebels then reached a hilly park, where they occupied a house.

Military spokesman Gen. Edilberto Adan said about 80 rebels were holding hostages there, while another group remained holed up at a rebel base, where attacks by bombers and helicopter gunships continued as dusk fell.

Negotiations to try to end the standoff dragged on past midnight in a house near the hilly park outside Zamboanga. At one point, two buses and an armored personnel carrier were brought in, and a group of 21 hostages, including women and children, quietly filed out to the flash of cameras.

"We are the first batch," said Jose Mari Bue, a local newspaper editor, who along with his wife and six children was among the hostages.

It was unclear what sort of deal had been worked out, but Cimatu said that after all the hostages were released, the rebels would be taken into custody.

The wrenchingly poor southern Philippines is home to the predominantly Roman Catholic country's 5-million-strong Muslim minority and has repeatedly been the site of bloody conflict for decades.

Tuesday's crisis came a day after elections for a successor to Gov. Nur Misuari.

The rebels, loyal to Misuari, belong to a faction of a separatist Muslim group, the Moro National Liberation Front, that fought the government until a peace deal was struck five years ago.

Misuari — who lost the MNLF leadership earlier this year and was about to lose the governor's post — has been charged with rebellion for allegedly fomenting an attack last week on an army base to disrupt elections for his successor. He was arrested Saturday in neighboring Malaysia as he fled the Philippines, and his followers had been told Monday to leave the government complex without their weapons. Most refused.

Florita Orquito, a 43-year-old hostage who escaped, told reporters the rebels moved quietly into neighborhoods near the heavily fortified 150-acre government complex where they had been allowed to have a base and took hostages before gunfire and explosions began rocking the city of 750,000 residents.

The military, embarrassed by their inability to wipe out the more extremist Muslim separatist group Abu Sayyaf, which has been holding hostages on nearby Basilan island for six months, hurriedly poured troops, armored personnel carriers, helicopter gunships and bombers to the area. The air force sent F-5 fighter jets, and the coast guard patrolled the coast to keep away possible rebel reinforcements.

While the government expressed concern for the captives, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes said it could be a positive development in the long run.

"We are able to deliver the message 'If you go against the government, the government will have to defend itself,'" he said. "We cannot be perpetually babying these people if they are violating the law."

Howard reshuffles Australia Cabinet after winning third term

CANBERRA, Australia — Australian Prime Minister John Howard reshuffled his 30-member ministry Friday, but left key Cabinet posts unchanged in the wake of his election victory earlier this month.

Howard's conservative coalition won a third three-year term in parliamentary elections on Nov. 10.

As expected, Peter Costello, deputy leader of Howard's Liberal Party and his heir apparent, retained the powerful treasury portfolio, which steers economic and taxation policy.

Alexander Downer held onto foreign affairs. Both Costello and Downer have been in the same portfolios since the coalition first won power in 1996.

"I believe I will take into the third term of my administration a very strong and effective team, it will be a very active ministry we intend to pursue an active reform agenda, we do not take in any way our re-election as a sign that things should be business as usual," Howard said.

Immigration Minister Philip Ruddock, architect of the government's policy of turning away all asylum seekers trying to sneak into Australia in boats, stayed in the portfolio.

The policy, which drew international condemnation, was popular in Australia and was seen by many analysts as the reason for Howard's victory.

Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson, who leads the rural-based National Party, the junior partner in the coalition, retained the transport and regional development portfolio, while his deputy, Mark Vaile, remained Trade Minister.

The major changes in the 17-member Cabinet of senior ministers were due to the resignation at the election of the previous ministers for defense, health and finance.

Sen. Robert Hill, the government's leader in the Senate, was shifted from the environment portfolio to become the new defense minister.

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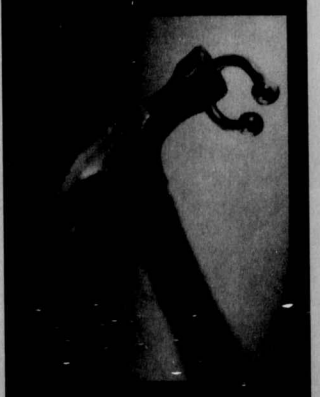

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PLAYING SAFE

Classes are not canceled for fun

Cold winter weather stormed into the Dallas/Fort Worth area, beginning with the sudden chill that plunged through the area Tuesday. The afternoon brought sleet to the Metroplex with temperatures dropping to the low 30s — and wind chill temperatures were even lower. The National Weather Service issued a winter storm watch for Tuesday and Wednesday evening as the change in weather is predicted to include low temperatures, rain, sleet and even flakes of snow.

In the midst of the wintery blast, the Office of Communications sent out a campus-wide e-mail explaining which media outlets will announce whether the university is closed due to severe weather conditions. Across campus, students began brandishing their windshield ice scrapers and exchanged excited grumblings about the possibility of classes being canceled.

Students may want to avoid class, but in hoping for a break in coursework they may be missing the point.

Time is a very valuable commodity, and while not having to attend classes gives students extra sleep or bonus study time, students need to make safety their primary concern. There always is a provocative reason in order for classes to be canceled and students should not take it for granted.

Faculty, staff and students have to travel across the Metroplex everyday to reach campus. Traffic conditions are always worse and accidents are more likely to occur when the roads become icy. When the university is closed because of the weather, the decision is made with the members to the TCU community in mind. It is not just for students to have a day off; it is for faculty, staff and students to stay at home and be safe.

Canceled classes are not to be taken lightly. Texas winter weather is not something to be taken lightly. Ice and snow are not staples of the weather scene in Texas; so many people do not know how to drive in these conditions. The results of these attempts could be hazardous.

So when classes are canceled because of severe weather, take the opportunity to bundle up, stay warm and catch up on some studying and know that the university is closed for a good reason: the safety of the TCU community.

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No holiday for Afghan troubles, fears

Commentary

Monique Bhimani

With the holiday season approaching many of us will begin to see the familiar sights and sounds of winter: the Christmas displays in malls, the TV specials and consumers looking for the best deals while shopping for gifts. Most students are looking forward to the awaited vacation days ahead, the gathering of family and lavish meals. This is how Americans will typically celebrate the winter holidays.

However, in some less fortunate countries, many will not have these luxuries. Starvation is a fear in the everyday lives of the majority of some populations, as it is often a struggle to find one's next meal. These people live in the worst conditions, where disease runs rampant and medical assistance is rare. TCU students might complain about the quality of food at The Main, yet there are some in this world that have never had so much food available to them in their entire lives.

Some religions require periods of fasting to represent faith; to others "fasting" is not necessarily done voluntarily to show any religious faith. The life span of the unfortunate in Third World countries is therefore cut short, much more so than the life expectancy of even the underprivileged in America.

One such country is Afghanistan. Since the reign of the Taliban government, all women were forbidden to work. Many female doctors, teachers and lawyers, among others, were forced to become little more than beggars in the street if they had no family or husband to support them. As progress in most Third World countries is slow to begin with, the Taliban regime has chosen a strict traditional rule that has caused the country to regress even further.

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While the majority of Afghan citizens are impoverished, many of whom have experienced starvation at one point, they have an additional concern looming over them: whether or not they will make it through the day without a bomb falling near them or their home. While there are specific targets selected by U.S. military forces, there can be no doubt that there have been numerous innocent casualties as a result of these air raids. The occasional "stray" bomb can, in fact, claim to the lives of hundreds of uninvolved civilians. So not only is food, shelter and adequate healthcare hard to come by, but now residents in Afghanistan must worry that death might fall from the sky — literally.

Even as the U.S. government will not recognize Ramadan as an important enough reason to cease attacks, it will be expected that troops and all military personnel will receive the "day off" for Christmas. Hence, at the same time children dream of sugarplum fairies, the toys and the laughter the holiday will bring, children half a world away will shiver in fear of these modern "Santas" that could instead deliver fireballs of death and destruction at any time.

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Sept. 11 events unite more than a nation

Commentary

John Araujo

It has been over two months since the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington. In that time, we have heard reactions from nearly every political, social and cultural group that you can think of. However, one group I did not hear from as much were international students here at TCU, so I decided to ask them myself. Many I asked in person, the rest I sent e-mails. Below are the questions, followed by a summary of their responses.

1.) How did you feel when you first saw the attacks in New York?

All the respondents expressed the same sort of shock, sadness and disbelief that Americans felt. Some stated they cried right away, others first felt a sort of numbness, but began to sense the enormity of the event as reports started coming in. The most surprising comment was the frequency of comparisons of the images of the attacks to eerie similarities of a disaster movie, which made believing in the events harder to accept. The respondents came from all parts of the world, yet they had this same observation. This is a demonstration of how widespread the American movie culture is in the world.

2.) Did you get calls from home checking on you, even though Fort Worth is hundreds of miles from New York City and Washington?

Most respondents did receive such calls and e-mails, mostly because family and friends back home were afraid the attacks would spread to the rest of the country. Some family members at home were so greatly concerned over the safety of their family members here that they wanted them to return home. This was both as a result of the initial terrorist attacks and of the later, individual retaliatory attacks on Muslim Americans or anyone that bore traits similar to the attackers, identified as Middle Eastern.

3.) Did you talk about the attacks with those from your country who are also attending TCU? What did you say?

Virtually all of the respondents discussed the Sept. 11 attacks with others from their country. Many topics involved consoling each other and concerns about how Americans would react to their presence in the United States, given the reports of individual attacks as described above. The report of U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) seeking legislation to impose a six-month moratorium on student visas to international students had some respondents worried they would be deported.

4.) Now that it has been almost two months, how do you feel about U.S. reaction to the attacks? Do you think that the United States is doing enough, or is the United States over-reacting?

Almost half of those who responded were opposed to the bombing campaign in Afghanistan. Some, because they are opposed to war in general and others because they worry about the potential public relations damage to the United States resulting from the world's most powerful country bombing one of the world's poorest countries.

A slight majority favored the U.S. response. Of these respondents, half favored the bombing campaign, while the other half thought the United States should try some other tactic besides constant bombing, which they felt made the United States look like it is doing something while not risking American casualties. Some pointed to the failure of the United States to capture Saddam Hussein in the Gulf War, and the urgent need to capture Osama bin Laden to keep a new Saddam from making the United States look bad.

I was impressed by the honesty and forthrightness of the respondents. They did not hesitate to let me know how they felt. Some admitted that they did not discuss the Sept. 11 events as much with Americans. This was largely due to potential misunderstandings from speaking in English, which was not their native tongue, and also because they didn't know how some Americans would react to what they might say.

I was moved by the respondents' expressions of sorrow over the Sept. 11 events. There was no nationality in their responses to the pain that the Americans suffered. Some events transcend borders and cultures, and can unite us even in the most trying of times.

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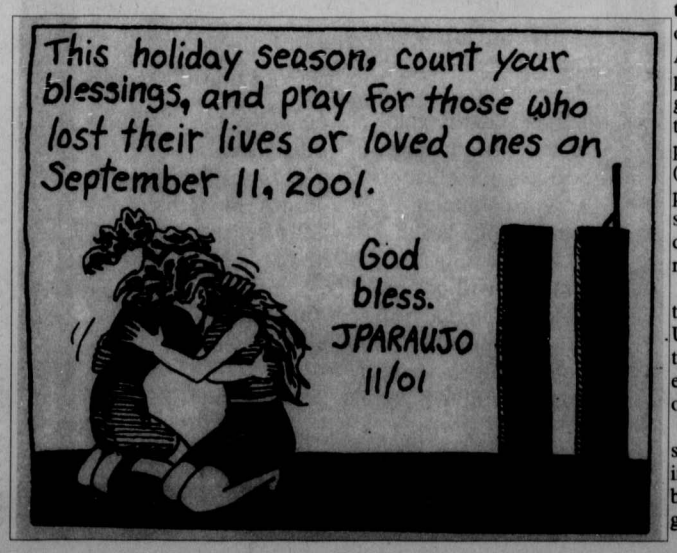

It is time for the college generation to grow up

Commentary

Joseph Johnson

It's the bittersweet symphony of life, growing old. Every generation deals with it in their own neurotic, peculiar way. For us (Generation Z), it will be perhaps more difficult than any generation before.

This candy-coated, commercialized generation has had everything. Never before has a middle class had so much ... stuff.

It's never been easy facing the harsh jungle of the real world. Childhood memories are almost always cherished. Everything was much more simpler. Our minds sentimentalize everything to the point of exhaustion. But, trust me, it really wasn't all that great; it just seems that way.

Dealing with the loss of innocence and youth is doubly hard for a generation who had ample wealth and enough digital doo-hickeys to power up the entire country of Belize.

Big screen TVs, VCRs, DVD players, Nintendos, Segas, Game Boys, computers, stereos, discmans, keyboards, karaoke machines, Furbies, even a talking Master P doll!

All of those things made it possible to hide from the gruesome reality of growing up, as well as wasting away countless hours achieving nothing.

We didn't have to worry about if there was enough to eat or if our parents (or step-parents) could pay the bills. The economy flourished, and we sat back basking in capitalistic glory.

But then the day came when it was time to leave home. College. Yikes. You mean, I have to figure out what to do with the rest of my life? This is the future we were all told would come. Now, what?

College sure isn't like it was portrayed on "Beverly Hills 90210." Book stores rape your checking account and uppity professors attack your self-esteem.

Your life is much too hectic to worry about less important things such as voting. You're an adult now. No reason to hide from it. There's no excuse to avoid reality.

With growing up comes civic responsibility. Voting. Non-voters make up the majority in America these days and it's our generation, along with those whiny Gen-Xers who believe Election Day is just another day to lounge on the couch munching on Captain Crunch. So, it's no surprise that more elderly issues, such as Social Security, are more significant than other equal, yet more youth-oriented, issues.

Even more distressing is the utterly apathetic atmosphere infecting college campuses across the map.

Generation Z will have to come to terms with aging eventually. Hopefully, we won't sell out to the same temptations that captivated us during youth.

Trust me, Sony does not need our charity.

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Worried mother pulls teen from high school

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A high school student who was suspended last month for her anti-war, pro-anarchy stances has been pulled out of school by her mother because of safety concerns.

Amy Sierra said her daughter, Katie, 15, has been attacked, threatened and insulted by students at Sissonville High School. The mother said it was her choice to withdraw Katie and enroll her in a program in which she will complete assignments on a computer from home.

"She was getting assaulted over and over again, and I got fed up," Amy Sierra said Monday. "I'm just so worried somebody's going to hurt her bad."

Katie, a ninth grader, was suspended for three days in October for defying school orders not to form an anarchy club or wear T-shirts that include slogans opposing the U.S. bombing of Afghanistan.

The school claimed the girl's actions disrupted student learning and a Kanawha County Circuit judge upheld the suspension.

The West Virginia Supreme Court on Tuesday voted 3-2 not to consider Katie Sierra's petition to prevent the lower court from "continuing to deny her freedom of speech."

The handwritten message on the T-shirt that got her in trouble read: "When I saw the dead and dying Afghani children on TV, I felt a newly recovered sense of national security. God Bless America."

Students spit on her mother's car at the high school. Her friends' parents wouldn't give her rides home from school. A boy wore a T-shirt signed by many Sissonville students that read: "Go back where you came from."

Katie Sierra, who was born in Panama, has attended 15 schools. She has lived in Texas, New Mexico, Ohio, Florida and Kentucky.

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"Because we will expect less from the endowment than we're accustomed to, there will be greater pressures on tuition levels," Ferrari said.

The endowment's earnings subsidize tuition, Campbell said, which means costs left over after applying tuition money are covered by the endowment's earnings.

"The lower the market falls, and the longer it stays down, the larger the effect on our budget," Campbell said. "A piece of income that should subsidize tuition isn't keeping pace with always-increasing costs because of the slowing economy."

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owner of Record Town, which was near Jons Grille, said Meyerson always seemed to be in good spirits.

"Here he is, 50-years-old, playing in a rock and roll band with a new corvette," Bruton said. "I told him he was going through a second childhood and he just laughed and said, 'I guess so.'"

Manuel said she got to know Meyerson by eating at Jons Grille and listening to him play in his band, Tar Baby.

"He loved his music," Manuel said. "It was something he did for fun."

Tom Cockerell, a friend and former band mate of Meyerson, said he was a good musician.

Cockerell said they played together in the Don't Quit Your Day Job Band at street dances, bars, clubs and private parties.

"He was a good friend," Cockerell said. "He always remembered people's names and he was very sociable. I didn't expect (his death) at all."

A service will be at noon Friday at Beth-El Congregation.

Meyerson is survived by a brother, Jerry Meyerson of Sacramento, Calif.; and two sisters, Janis Meyerson of Fort Worth and Gina Meyerson of West Palm Beach, Fla.

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Drinking viewed as part of college life

By Lizzie Ehrle
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — Any student passing through four years of college inevitably will be faced with social settings centered around alcohol. For many, drinking beer and downing shots can become as much a part of their college experience as writing papers and taking exams.

Most students see alcohol as an inherent part of college life, no matter how much they chose to drink.

"I don't think it's a matter of choice," said engineering senior Matt Biersack. "You'll be surrounded by it regardless of whether you drink or not."

"There is talk almost every weekend about what party everyone is going to, and how wasted someone is going to get," said LSA junior Amy Ament.

Out of all University of Michigan undergraduate students, 45 percent engage in binge drinking, according to an Internet-based Student Life Survey administered by the University's Substance Abuse Research Center in 1999. Binge drinking is defined as four or more drinks for females and five or more for males in one sitting — a measure that is widely used and nationally accepted.

"Be it to the bar, to someone's house, or to your own house, I feel like alcohol is part of the culture of college. It is so ingrained in all of our social settings," Biersack said.

The Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study — an ongoing survey of more than 14,000 college students — reports that the national rate of binge drinkers (44 percent of students) has remained the same since 1993.

Binge drinking becomes a concern because it tends to signal that alcohol-related problems are ahead. Such secondary effects range from health or legal problems to missing class or doing poorly on a test.

According to the Student Life Survey, as binge drinking episodes increase for students, their grades decrease. Three out of four binge drinkers reported missing a class within the past year after drinking. Fifty percent of frequent binge drinkers reported driving after drinking within the past year. Also, 15 percent of undergraduate females who drink reported being sexually harassed after drinking.

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To top it off, many students don't consider what they're doing unethical.

"Some students actually believe that they're not doing anything wrong," McCabe said. "They have this attitude that they're doing research. They don't think that they need to cite because everything on the Internet is public information."

These days, universities across the nation are struggling to confront and combat this new form of plagiarism. While part of the solution lies in redefining the concept of academic integrity, a lot of it involves preventing "cut and paste plagiarism" before it occurs.

Developing an honor code that clearly lays out a university's standards for honesty and the consequences for violating these rules has been a good starting point, according to McCabe.

His research shows that academic honor codes effectively reduce cheating. In several university surveys over the past decade, McCabe concluded that serious test cheating on campuses with honor codes is typically one-third to one-half lower than on campuses that do not have honor codes.

"I really think it matters what sort of community you create on your campus and how students perceive the issue," McCabe said. "What an honor code does is to transfer the issue to the responsibility to the students. Honor codes have students thinking about the issue and struggling with the issue. They get some moral education."

Having an honor code is one thing — upholding it is a completely different story.

At Penn, for example, the Code of Academic Integrity defines seven acts — ranging from plagiarism to multiple submissions of a single paper — that interfere with the pursuit of knowledge. Yet a 2000 University Honor Council survey showed that only 6 percent of students were aware of the official rules. Forty-five percent of the students said that they never even read the code.

As a result, the 24-member organization has been making more concentrated efforts over the past year and a half to educate the student body. The council declares an "Academic Integrity Week" every fall and lets incoming students see the Code of Academic Integrity when they sign a "pledge card" promising not to cheat.

While some have celebrated the council's efforts, others feel as though Penn's administration could be doing a better job addressing this issue.

"The problem lies on the enforcement side," said Rebecca Kowal, a political science teaching assistant. "The cases are detected, and Penn does not seem to punish offenders of plagiarism very strongly, so you have cases where the offender has plagiarized multiple times and is still not expelled."

Many believe that it will take more than a code, signed or unsigned, to contend with the surge in plagiarism.

Diane Waryold, executive director of the Center for Academic Integrity, suggests that university professors need to openly address the issue of plagiarism with their students.

"They're the folks who can create climates in their classrooms that can get it on the radar screen," Waryold said. "If they talk about it and build relationships with their students, then people won't cheat."

Sociology Professor Nathan Sivin, for instance, passes out a style guide to students, detailing how to acknowledge sources. As a result, according to Sivin, students have no excuse for not citing their research properly.

"In large lecture courses, I have to remind students that they can do themselves irreparable harm by giving in to temptation, and that it is very likely that they will be caught," he said. "In seminars, when we discuss research use of the Web, I take care to mention that if a student can find something to copy, an instructor can find it even quicker."

Choosing not to rely solely on their professors, many universities have invested in high-tech tools that detect plagiarism. Over the past year, a growing number of institutions have signed up for a service called turnitin.com, which scans student papers to see if material has been copied from the Internet or from other papers in its database.

The increases in reported plagiarism at Penn might demonstrate a need for such technology. A 1999 survey conducted by the Honor Council reveals that the number of students accused of academic integrity violations had nearly doubled over the course of a year, but both professors and students alike are aware that plagiarism occurs — probably much more than it should.

A student, who also wished to withhold his name, said that it was easy to get away with cheating at Penn, especially in large classes.

"When you have an exam in a big lecture hall, it's not too hard to position yourself with a good view of another person's test," he said. "I've done it before. I think a lot of people have."

Apathy toward cheating — and the notion of integrity in general — has left many wondering whether it is the values of college students that should be challenged.

"Many people treat academic integrity as being very trivial," said education professor Joan Goodman, who co-teaches a freshman seminar on integrity. "If you're willing to cheat, then you're going to find a lot of other offenses that you're comfortable doing. It's unfortunate to reduce academic cheating to a petty unimportant offense equivalent to jaywalking in the streets."

A teaching assistant who asked to remain anonymous said she attributes students' lapses in academic integrity to their outlook on learning.

"I have noticed that students at Penn are more interested in doing well than learning a subject," she said. "Given their goals, I think students weigh their ability to 'get away with it' over any moral objections they might have to being dishonest."

At any rate, sooner or later students will have to move on into a world where they won't be coddled.

"The University is a very protected environment in which to learn how to live in the world," Sivin said. "Of those who don't get caught cheating here, many will get caught later, and that will be the end of promising or successful careers."

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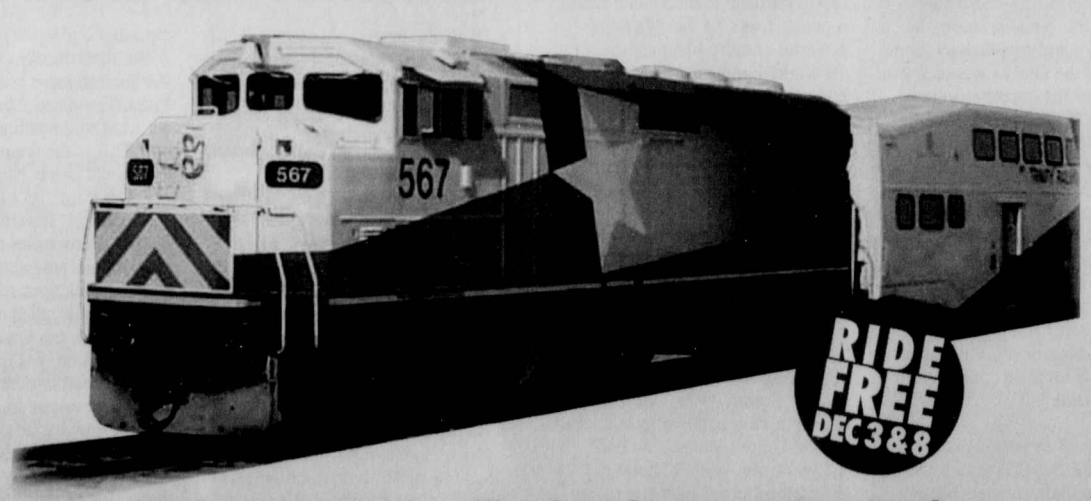

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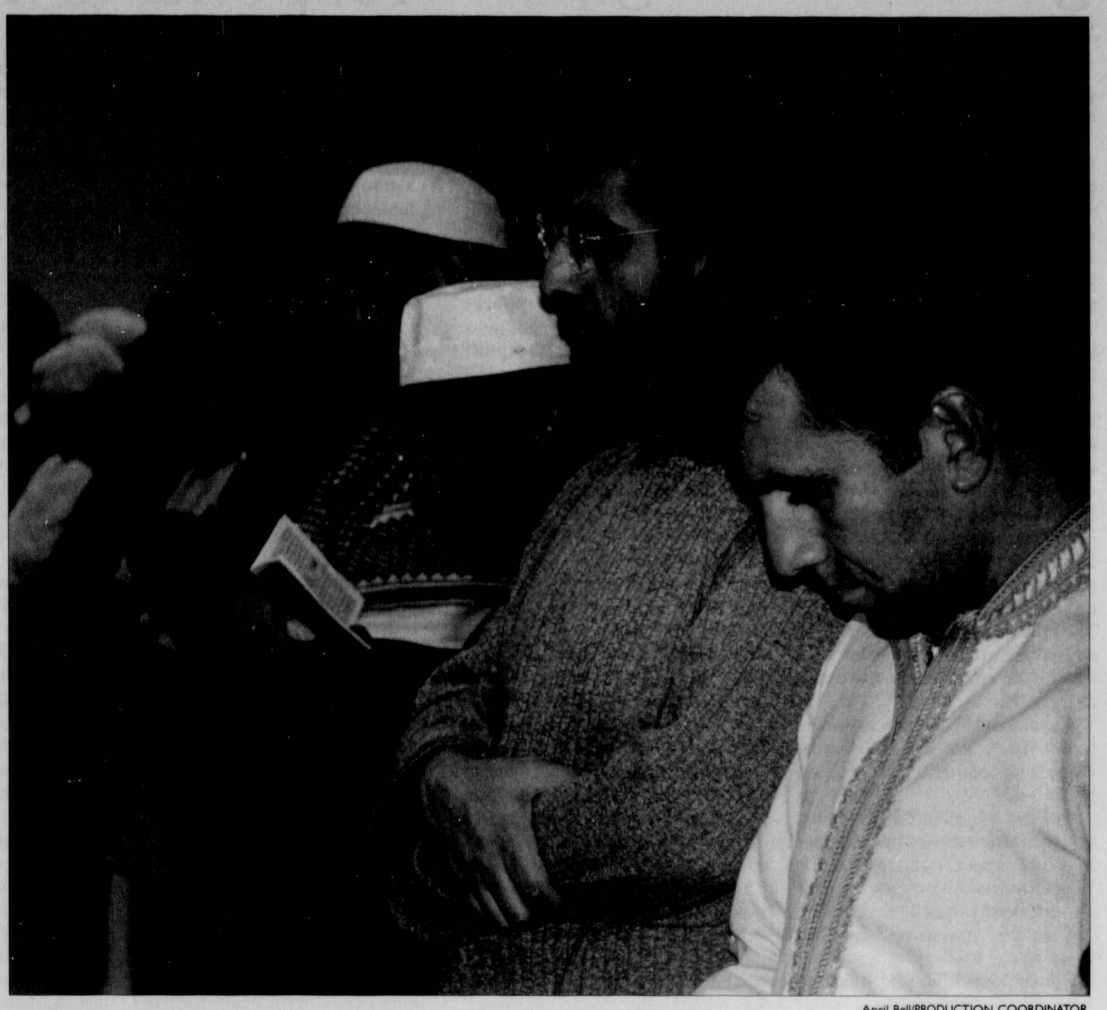

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Members of the Islamic Association of Tarrant County participate in an evening prayer Tuesday during Ramadan. Muslims are required by the five pillars of Islam to pray five times daily and to fast during Ramadan from sunrise to sunset.

Spiritual Sacrifice

By Heather Christie
STAFF REPORTER

Uzair Muhammad, a senior computer science and math major, said the two things that stick out in his mind of celebrating Ramadan in Pakistan are going to the mosque for prayers, *tarawih*, every night for three hours straight and the celebrations of breaking the fast at the end of the month.

"I grub all day long, all throughout the year and then during that one particular month I don't eat, drink, smoke or anything during that time frame. (Ramadan) is just a cleansing experience for me," Muhammad said.

Yushau Sodiq, associate professor of religion, said Ramadan is a month of charity.

"Every Muslim who is capable must give about five pounds of food to the poor, so that those who do not have (will have food)," Sodiq said.

Generosity and gratitude are a big part of this festivity. Charity and good deeds are important in Islam, but they have a special significance at the end of Ramadan. As the month ends, all Muslims are obligated to share their blessings by feeding the poor and making contributions to mosques.

"The purpose of (Ramadan) is to develop spirituality," Sodiq said. "If a Muslim does not follow (Ramadan) then his Islam is incomplete."

Ramadan is marked by fasting, *sawm*, which is one of the five pillars (duties) of Islam. Muslims take part in fasting when they are 12 years old. While abstaining from food and water when the sun is out, Muslims are reminded of the suffering of the poor.

Sodiq said chewing gum and sexual relationships are also forbidden during this time.

Despite the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 and sentiments around the world, the Ramadan celebration has not changed, Sodiq said.

"It is the same way they do it before," Sodiq said.

Naji Hamideh, a TCU alumnus and a member of the Islamic Association of Tarrant County, agreed nothing has changed this year and everything is the same according to Allah.

"It doesn't matter what is going on in the world of politics," Hamideh said. "Ramadan will still happen and we will fast as we have in the past and will in the future. Our purpose on earth is to achieve God's happiness and to abide by the five pillars."

Ramadan is one of the most well-known events in the Islam religion. It happens during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. This year Ramadan began on Nov. 17 and next year it will begin on Nov. 6. The event lasts for 29 days or for 30 days, depending on the lunar calendar, from dawn until sunset, Sodiq said.

Islam uses a lunar calendar, which means each month begins with the sighting of the new moon. Since the lunar calendar is about 11 days shorter than the solar calendar used elsewhere, Islamic holidays shift each year.

This year Ramadan is before Christmas and overlaps Hanukkah. In many countries, these two holidays have become commercialized, but Ramadan still focuses on self-sacrifice and devotion to their God Allah.

Islam has more followers than any other religion in the world and more than a billion Muslims around the world, including about eight million Americans, celebrate Ramadan.

"Here, Muslims from all over the world are gathered together to celebrate. It is not a question of Pakistan (observing Ramadan) alone; it is all Muslims in the Metroplex. They do it together. They pray together," he said.

Ramadan is a month of blessing with fasting, prayer and charity. Muslims celebrate this month because they believe that during the month of Ramadan, Gabriel first began to reveal the first verses of the holy book of Islam, the Koran, to the prophet Muhammad. During Ramadan many mosques recite a portion of the Koran each day, so at the end of the month the complete scripture has been recited.

In Muslim countries, most restaurants are closed during the daytime, but Muslims get up early for *suhoor*, the meal eaten before the sun rises. The fast is broken with *iftar*, the meal after sun sets. *Iftar* usually includes foods high in energy because the people fasting have not eaten all day.

Uzair Muhammad said Ramadan is different in the United States than in Pakistan because people are always eating around him.

"It kind of makes it hard and you have to figure out a time to start and stop fasting on your own," Uzair Muhammad said.

Uzair Muhammad said Muslims are not even allowed to drink water during the fasting.

In Pakistan during Ramadan, there are vendors and shops in the streets to buy special foods for breaking the fast during the night, Uzair Muhammad said. People also get better deals on food and merchandise during Ramadan.

"Over here (in the United States) it's pretty much like any other day because to most people it doesn't really mean much," he said.

Uzair Muhammad said it does not mean much to the people here because the majority of Americans are not Muslim.

Pregnant women, soldiers and people who are sick or too young have no obligations to fast during Ramadan. However, these people usually have to compensate for their inactivity through activities such as feeding the poor.

Ramadan ends with the festival of *Eid al-fitr* on Dec. 17, Sodiq said.

Eid al-fitr means "Festival of Breaking the Fast" and it is one of the two most important Islamic celebrations. The other occurs after *Hajj*, the pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

At the end of the month of Ramadan, Muslims dress in their finest clothes, decorate their homes with lights, give treats to children and enjoy visits with family and friends.

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RAMADAN

Muslim month of spiritual discipline

The world's Muslims observe the month of Ramadan by fasting, abstinence and prayer during daylight hours.

Lunar calendar

Muslims use the lunar calendar of 354 days; 12 months of 28 to 30 days each; Ramadan is the ninth month. Since lunar year is shorter than 365-day solar year, Ramadan occurs earlier each year in the Western calendar.

Origin

On the 27th day of Ramadan, the Koran, the sacred book of Islam, began to be revealed to the prophet Muhammad.

Fasting

Healthy Muslim adults consume nothing between sunrise and sunset, not even water. Sex and smoking are forbidden. Normal daily tasks are performed; business hours may be shortened.

Reasons for fasting

- Religious duty specified in the Koran
- Purifies body and strengthens individual's faith
- Creates common bond with the poor

Meals

Muslims gather for prayer and a meal after sunset; evenings are festive. A small meal is eaten before sunrise.

Fasting's end

A feast, **"eid al-fitr,"** marks the end of Ramadan. Celebrations often last several days.

Festivities

In some countries, shops and cafes stay open all night.

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Authorities charge girl in shooting plot

Teacher tips police after receiving warning

By Lisa Lipman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — A 17-year-old girl who authorities say agreed to take part in a Columbine-style massacre at her school but spilled the secret by warning her favorite teacher that the woman was in danger was charged Tuesday with conspiracy to commit murder.

Amy Lee Bowman, who pleaded innocent, is the fourth teen-ager charged in what authorities say was a plan to smuggle guns under black trenchcoats into the school and emerge from a bathroom shooting to kill.

Three other students — brothers Eric McKeehan, 17, and Michael McKeehan, 15; and Steven Jones, 15 — were charged earlier in the plot to kill "thugs, preps and faculty" at New Bedford High School. They pleaded innocent Monday to conspiracy to commit murder, possession of ammunition and other charges.

An unidentified 16-year-old is scheduled for arraignment Wednesday on the same charges, police said.

Unlike the other defendants, Bowman was released pending her next court appearance, on Dec. 17. "Sometimes we have to treat people differently based on the circumstances," prosecutor Raymond Veary said.

The students allegedly modeled themselves after the two teenagers who carried out the 1999 Columbine High School massacre near Littleton, Colo. Fifteen people were killed, including the two suicidal gunmen.

Bowman agreed to smuggle guns in and take part in the shooting, but tipped off her favorite teacher, Rachel Jupin, about the details of the plan because she did not want to see the woman killed, according to police.

Jupin contacted the assistant headmaster, who eventually turned the matter over to police. Police questioned Bowman, and the teen-ager disclosed the plot, authorities said.

Police also learned of the plan through a note discovered by a janitor and other evidence. School and city officials said they believe the plan would probably have gone forward if authorities had not intervened.

The McKeehans and Jones planned to videotape their killing spree, then climb onto the school's roof to smoke marijuana, drink alcohol and possibly take LSD before shooting each other, according to police.

The students were arrested at their homes Saturday.

Bowman had stopped attending the school about a month before her arrest and had begun going to school in nearby Plymouth, Superintendent Joseph Silva said.

Her lawyer, Andrew Peppard, did not immediately return a call for comment.

Dozens of officers and five bomb-sniffing dogs had searched the school, but found nothing. Nearly half of the 3,300 students stayed home from school Monday, but 86 percent of students were in classes Tuesday, slightly lower than average.

Bush administration yet to respond to Iraqi defiance

By Ron Fournier
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Faced with fresh Iraqi defiance, the Bush administration kept mum Tuesday about what it will do about Baghdad's refusal to allow weapons inspectors into the country.

"The president left that for Saddam Hussein to figure out," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "If Iraq is not willing to let arms inspectors into their country, they continue to violate an agreement that they promised to keep."

Baghdad has refused to allow inspectors until U.N. sanctions are lifted. On Tuesday, Iraq said it is prepared to defend itself. Iraq "will not be terrified by any arrogant party," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted a government spokesman as saying.

The U.N. Security Council is expected to avoid overhauling sanctions against Saddam Hussein's government when it extends Iraq's U.N. humanitarian program later this week.

President Bush believes "we need to have a smarter sanctions policy that more tightly and narrowly defines the sanctions — the items that would be sanctionable — and to make certain that those sanctions are enforced," Fleischer said.

Bush says the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan is just the beginning of the fight against terrorism, and he warned Iraq and North Korea there would be consequences if they produce weapons of mass destruction.

The president, asked Monday about Iraq and about potential military targets beyond the Afghanistan war, expanded on the list of ways a country can get crosswise with the U.S.-led coalition against terrorism.

"If anybody harbors a terrorist, they're a terrorist," he said Monday. "If they fund a terrorist, they're a terrorist. If they house terrorists, they're terrorists. I mean, I can't make it any more clear to other nations around the world.

"If they develop weapons of mass destruction that will be used to terrorize nations, they will be held accountable," the president said. That remark spelled out a new condition for countries that want to avoid being labeled pro-terrorist.

The U.S. military announced on Tuesday that U.S. aircraft attacked a military command site in southern Iraq in response to "hostile Iraqi threats," which were not specified. It was the first U.S. attack in the southern "no-fly" zone over Iraq since Oct. 13. U.S. and British planes also patrol a "no-fly" zone over northern Iraq and frequently fire on military targets in response to provocations.

Aides fearing Bush's comments would upset U.S. allies who are reluctant to back action against Iraq said Saddam is not necessarily the next target after Afghanistan. Other countries that harbor terrorists, such as Somalia, or need help to curb terrorism in their countries, such as Yemen, are just as likely to receive Bush's attention once the Afghanistan campaign is complete, they said.

The president was asked whether he had a message for Saddam as the administration looks toward the next phase of the U.S. campaign.

"If you develop weapons of mass destruction that you want to terrorize the world, you'll be held accountable," Bush said

Some advisers are pushing Bush to make Iraq his next target. Many of those aides worked for Bush's father, who led the country through the Persian Gulf War that ended with Saddam's promise to stop producing weapons of mass destruction and to open his nation to inspectors.

In a Rose Garden news conference, Bush also:

- Urged the Senate to pass an economic revival bill by Christmas, his initial end-of-November deadline nearly passed.
- Criticized researchers in Massachusetts for cloning a six-cell human embryo in hopes of developing medical advances. "We should not as a society grow life to destroy it," he said.
- Welcomed Christian aid workers Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry to the White House, calling them "courageous souls" saved by prayer during three months in an Afghan prison.
- Left it to the Pentagon to announce the use of U.S. Marines to seize an airstrip in southern Afghanistan but said stepped-up military action may well lead to U.S. casualties.

"America must be prepared for loss of life," he said.

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agent did not specify how he learned of Atta's beliefs about America.

Budiman also was associated with Ramsi Binalshibh, who the FBI says was meant to be the 20th hijacker. Binalshibh twice tried unsuccessfully to use his association with Budiman as a means to enter the United States, Gomez said.

Binalshibh, a Yemeni citizen who had been living in Hamburg, is the subject of an international manhunt.

Budiman is facing document fraud charges unrelated to Sept. 11, but prosecutors suspect that the man Budiman allegedly helped to obtain a fake Virginia ID card, Mohammad Bin Nasser Belfas, is a contact for bin Laden, suspected of directing the terror attacks.

Budiman's court-appointed attorney disqualified himself after Gomez testified about the man's links to the terrorists. The lawyer, a retired Army officer, said he had friends who died Sept. 11 when hijackers crashed an American Airlines jet into the Pentagon.

Ivan Yacub, Budiman's immigration lawyer, said his client only knew Atta casually and had not seen Atta since he came to the United States in October 2000.

Most of the more than 1,100 people arrested or detained by federal or state authorities are being held on immigration violations; others are charged with unrelated criminal offenses or are being held as material witnesses.

Civil liberties groups and members of Congress have asked the Justice Department to disclose information about the detainees, where they are being held and whether they have been released. The department has demurred, citing grand jury rules, judges' orders and privacy concerns.

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Major airlines plan to keep fuel surcharges

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NEW YORK — Most major airlines plan to maintain a fuel surcharge of $20 on each one-way ticket even though the price of jet fuel has dropped by half during the past year.

The industry's reluctance to drop the charge contrasts with the nation's major hotel chains, which have eliminated the additional fees they put in place to help cover skyrocketing energy prices.

"Regardless of what fuel prices do, our costs continue to rise and, especially in today's market, we need every nickel we can get because we are still losing about $10 million a day," said John Hotard, a spokesman for American Airlines, the nation's largest carrier, said Tuesday.

Industrywide losses are projected at $10 billion for the year because of drastically lower demand attributable to the recession and the Sept. 11 attacks.

While airlines have cut fares to try to spur demand, they have stubbornly held on to the fuel surcharges, which now make up roughly 15 percent of the average domestic ticket price.

Most of the nation's largest airlines introduced a surcharge of $10 each way in February 2000 and then doubled the amount nine months later, when crude oil was more than $30 a barrel. Oil prices are now below $19.

A gallon of jet fuel costs roughly 52 cents today, compared with $1.06 a year ago.

The only major airline without a fuel surcharge is Dallas-based Southwest. For its part, Delta Air Lines said it has maintained a fuel surcharge of just $10 on each one-way ticket.

The surcharge is not necessarily apparent to travelers because it does not appear on airfare receipts.

Major hotel chains such as Marriott and Hilton have gradually dropped energy surcharges of $1.50 to $5 per night that were imposed earlier this year.

U.S. ground troops patrolling southern Afghanistan

By Greg Myre
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — More Marines poured into Afghanistan Tuesday, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said America was "tightening the noose" around Osama bin Laden and his Taliban allies. Taliban control in their southern stronghold appeared to be crumbling.

"We'll pursue them until they have nowhere else to run," Rumsfeld told reporters at the U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla.

He also said the Pentagon ordered airstrikes Tuesday against a compound southeast of Kandahar after learning that it was being used by senior leaders of the Taliban, al-Queda and Wafa, a Saudi humanitarian group that was among several groups named by the United States as aiding bin Laden and his network.

U.S. F-16 jets and B-1B bombers attacked two targets with precision-guided weapons, military officials said.

The anti-Taliban northern alliance said it crushed a bloody, three-day revolt by bin Laden's foreign fighters who had surrendered last weekend in the northern city of Kunduz.

However, U.S. Gen. Tommy Franks, who runs the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan, said 30 to 40 hard-core fighters were still holding out in the mud-walled fortress near Mazar-e-Sharif.

With the collapse of Taliban resistance in the north, attention has focused on the south, where the Islamic militia which protected bin Laden remains in control of the city of Kandahar and a handful of provinces.

President Bush launched military operations Oct. 7 in Afghanistan after the Taliban refused to surrender bin Laden, alleged architect of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

In Washington, U.S. officials said that of an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 members of bin Laden's al-Queda terrorist network in Afghanistan, several hundred have been killed, including seven considered to be leaders. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Franks said the hunt for bin Laden and his al-Queda followers was focusing on two areas: Kandahar in the south and a mountain base called Tora Bora south of Jalalabad in the east near the Pakistan border.

U.S. Marines, who established a base in southern Afghanistan late Sunday, sent out armed patrols Tuesday as part of the American effort to bring the fight to the Taliban's southern homeland.

Less than three days after first landing in southern Afghanistan, more than 600 Marines were on the ground, with at least 400 more on their way. Pentagon officials said they would help choke off escape routes for Taliban leaders and fighters loyal to bin Laden.

Rumsfeld said U.S. efforts "will be shifting from cities at some point to hunting down and rooting out terrorists where they hide."

Franks described the situation inside Kandahar, the dusty backwater city were the Taliban took shape in the early 1990s, as "very confused" — an observation borne out by reports from residents and travelers reaching Pakistan.

Kandahar residents reached by telephone said Taliban fighters were positioning anti-aircraft guns and mortars on hilltops surrounding the city. But the center of the city appeared largely deserted.

"Taliban morale seems low. They're not as active or alert as they used to be," said Mohammed Asan, who traveled Tuesday from Kandahar to the Pakistani border town of Chaman in search of work.

He said people in Kandahar were aware of the Marines' presence from foreign radio reports.

Ghulam Mahmood, another traveler from Kandahar, said residents were afraid for themselves. "Will civilians get killed in the cross fire? They don't know what to expect."

The Taliban have vowed to defend Kandahar rather than abandon it as they did Kabul, the capital and other cities. However, the South Asian Dispatch Agency, a private Pakistani news service with a correspondent in Kandahar, quoted unidentified Taliban fighters in the city as saying they had been ordered to prepare to leave on short notice.

Taliban authority appeared under strain elsewhere in the south.

In the town of Spinboldak, nine miles from the Pakistani border, witnesses said Afghan refugees in a Taliban-administered camp raided two warehouses and looted blankets and food which had been delivered from Pakistan.

In Spinboldak itself, few Taliban soldiers patrolled the streets and their main checkpoint was vacant, according to a local farmer, Ghoar Noorzai. Taliban guards could not be seen on the Afghan side of the border at Chaman.

Pashtun tribesmen opposed to the Taliban claim they have cut the main road leading from Spinboldak to Kandahar. The Taliban admitted Tuesday the highway had been closed for three days but would not say why.

With Taliban power waning, representatives of four Afghan factions opened a U.N.-sponsored meeting near Bonn, Germany, to map plans for a new, multi-ethnic government after two decades of war and civil strife.

UT Austin hoping to host the Bush library

By Rachel Yates
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS-AUSTIN)

AUSTIN (U-WIRE) — University of Texas President Larry Faulkner wants the University to be the first in the country to house two presidential libraries.

This summer, Faulkner wrote President Bush to present him with the University's proposal for housing the George W. Bush Presidential Library. He received a letter of acknowledgment in return, which said the Bush administration will seriously consider the proposal.

Faulkner said a second presidential library would benefit the University immeasurably.

"Presidential libraries are very valuable assets to universities," Faulkner said. "They're valuable to scholars who are interested in history, culture and public affairs, and the impact on the university can be very beneficial."

There is little doubt that the Bush library will find its home somewhere in Texas. Aside from serving as governor of the state, Bush owned an oil and gas company in Midland and part of the Texas Rangers baseball team. First lady Laura Bush was born and raised in Midland and attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas. To top it off, Texas A&M University is home to his father's presidential library.

The real question is which Texas university Bush will choose for his library.

The United States has 12 presidential libraries, and the University is home to one of them already — the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, located at the northeast corner of the main campus.

Faulkner said the University is a logical choice for the Bush library considering the president's relationship to Austin.

"It makes sense for the president for it to be in Austin because of his prior public service here as governor," Faulkner said.

Additionally, Bush's daughter Jenna currently attends the University as an undergraduate student, his nephew, George P. Bush, attends the UT School of Law and his brother Jeb is a graduate.

Faulkner proposed two sites for the library — one west of the Pickle Research Campus in Northwest Austin, and the other directly across from the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

The northwest Austin site would provide a convenient location for visitors near State Loop 1 (Mopac) and Highway 183, he said.

Logically, Bush could consider other Texas schools, including SMU, where his wife is an alumna, Texas Tech University, near his childhood home of Midland and Baylor University, near his permanent home in Crawford.

Baylor officials think their campus is also a promising candidate for the library. The school's proximity to Interstate 35 and the Bush's permanent home makes the school attractive, said Jerome Laughridge, chief of staff for Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr.

"We have established committees across the campus ... and we are well along the way in developing a formal proposal for the Bushes," Laughridge said. "Our plan is to have a plan ready for ... when the president is ready to consider it."

The president is unlikely to decide on a site for his library any time soon, considering he has more pressing issues immediately at hand, Faulkner said.

"Because of what happened Sept. 11, this is not a front-burner issue for (the Bush Administration)," he said.

Presidents choose the sites for their libraries, and the National Archivist usually plays an advisory role in their administration. Construction of the libraries is paid for by private funds.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) - You're getting stronger, more confident, more difficult to push around, more determined to get what you want, more certain of what that is. You won't get it all, but you'll do fine. Hang tough.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Settle down and do the planning. True, there's a lot to be done. That's why you must set priorities. If you don't, you'll get squashed. You can't be everything for everybody.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - There's not much time to meet with friends, but you can fit it in. Lunch at a favorite place, with a few favorite people, will tune you right up. Then, back into the fray. You can't do everything, but you can sure accomplish a lot.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Look sharp and stand at attention. If your conscience is clear, you'll have nothing to hide. It's a good idea to have the facts at your fingertips. Better memorize the most important ones.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You'd better start out by spending some time on scheduling. Otherwise, you'll never get everything done. And don't concentrate entirely on work. There are a couple of important personal matters you also need to fit in.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - This is a good day to save money, which means it's a good day to go shopping. You'll be less interested in splurging on every pretty thing you see - unless it's on sale, of course.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - You're attractive, and the other person is attracted, but that's not enough. There's something keeping you apart, and it may be a very good reason. Show good judgment, integrity and restraint. If this person really is your soul mate, waiting will just make getting together (when the time is right) sweeter.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - There's a lot more work now and a few more problems. You're running into new difficulties because you've expanded into new territory. It's forcing you to learn.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Better check your schedule. Are you scheduled to be in two places at once? It might be time to shuffle things in your date book.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Some sort of breakdown or mess at home diverts your attention. You don't have time to deal with it now, but it's hard to ignore. You may have to try several things before you find one that works. Be patient.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - **Today is a 7** - If you just took on new responsibilities, you may be a tad apprehensive. It may seem as if there's too much material to learn in too little time. Luckily, you'll be able to concentrate once you settle down. Reschedule an outing for next week.

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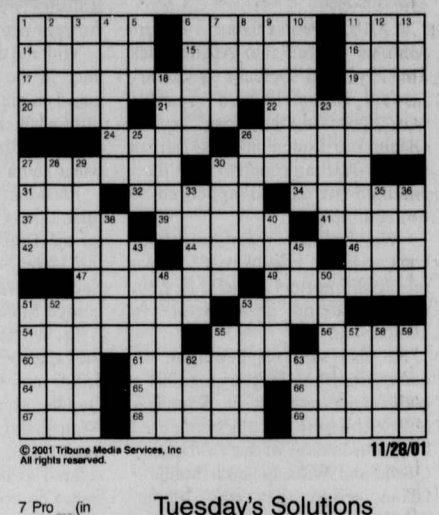

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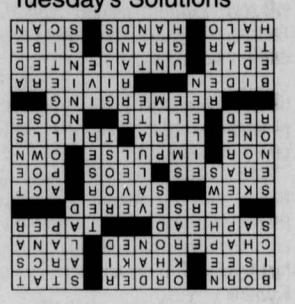

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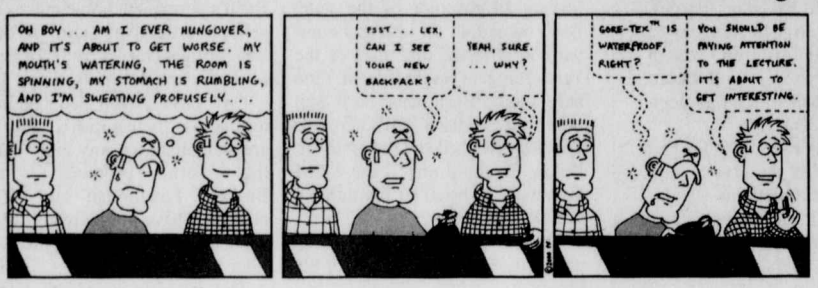

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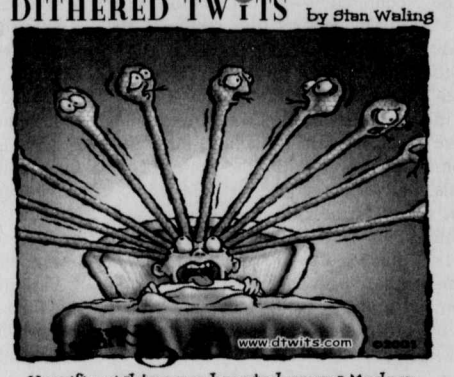

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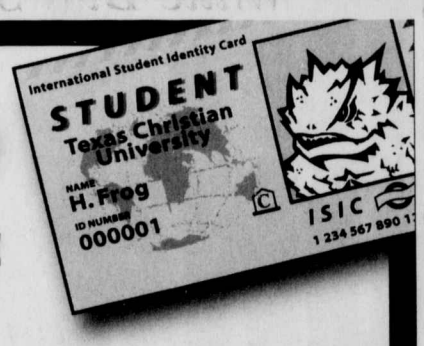

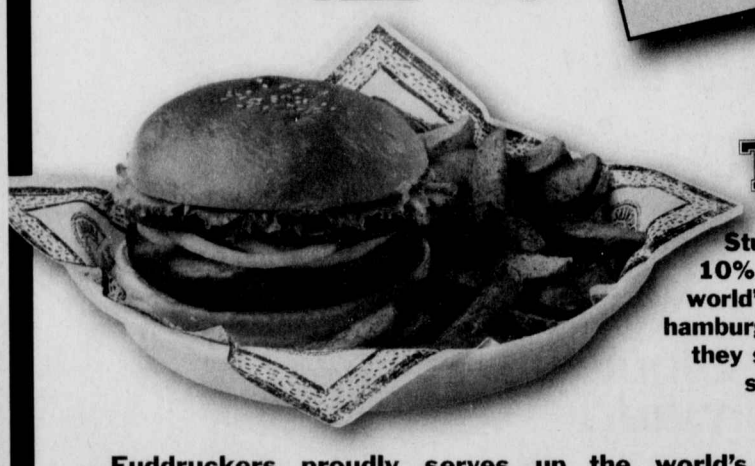

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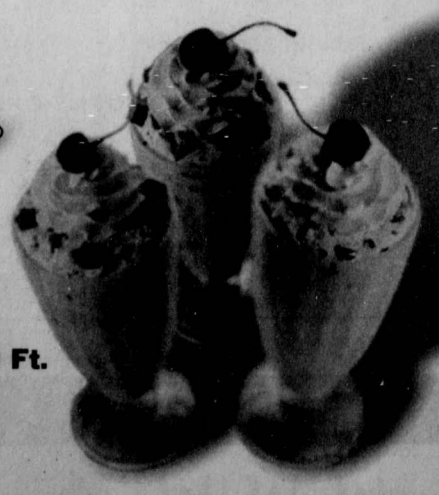

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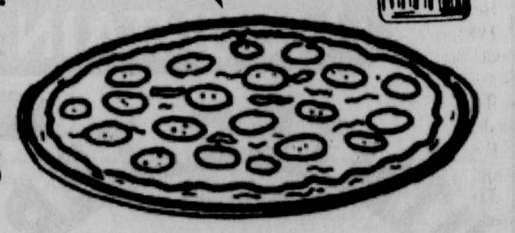

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Stacey Dales had 21 points and 11 rebounds as Oklahoma (6-0) won its home opener. She also set school and Big 12 career records with five assists.

Jamie Talbert added 13 points for Oklahoma.

Junior-transfer Grace Gantt led TCU (2-2) with 14 points, while sophomore Ebony Shaw added 10 points and nine rebounds for the Lady Frogs.

Oklahoma led 41-29 at halftime and gradually pulled away.

TCU shot just 33.9 percent from the field and hit only 4-of-24 3-point attempts.

UTA reacts to inquiry about former employee

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas has hired an attorney to investigate NCAA allegations regarding the outside employment record of a former volunteer baseball coach.

In a statement, the school said Trip Couch, who joined the Texas staff in January 2000, quit in October after they learned that his employment record was suspect.

Under NCAA rules a volunteer coach can't be on the athletics department payroll.

School officials refused to comment further pending an investigation by the attorney.

Buffalo fans eager for Big 12 Championship

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Colorado's 8,245 allotted seats for the Big 12 championship game in Irving at Texas Stadium have been sold, and eager fans are snapping up travel packages to get there.

The University of Colorado earned a berth at the title game against the Texas Longhorns with a convincing 62-36 win over Nebraska on Friday.

The tickets for the game were sold Monday.

Fans began calling travel agencies Friday to book trips.

"The optimistic people started calling before the game," said Toni Barnett, manager of James Travelpoints. "We got really bombarded on Saturday and have been busy ever since."

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Frogs hope not to be schooled by Bobcats

By Matt Stiver
SKIFF STAFF

Advancing to the final of the Las Vegas Invitational and losing to Division I-AA Louisana-Monroe made one thing clear to the men's basketball coaching staff: there is much they have to learn.

The education of the Frogs continues against Southwest Texas State at 7 p.m. tonight in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Entering the season, the Frogs counted on veterans to lead the new players on the court. Injuries to junior Bingo Merriex and sophomore Nucleus Smith have forced TCU's younger players to assume larger-than-expected roles. Three-consecutive wins masked mistakes made clear in losses to No. 18 Oklahoma State and Louisana-Monroe.

Coaches said the Frogs are on a definite learning curve. Breakdowns on offense, defense and rebounding have become more pronounced with each game.

Head coach Billy Tubbs said the losses have exposed weaknesses in TCU's game.

"We're going to see if we can correct the mechanical errors," Tubbs said. "It's been brought to the players' attention, and now it's up to them to make the adjustments."

Freshman Corey Santee said his toughest adjustment has been on defense. The All-Michigan point guard stepped in as TCU's starting point guard this year.

"It's my job to step up on defense and keep the team fired up," Santee said.

Basketball tonight

Southwest Texas State at TCU

7 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

TV: none

Radio: KTCU 88.7 FM

Records: TCU (3-2), Southwest Texas State (3-1)

About TCU: A win tonight moves the Frogs to 4-2. They must resolve rebounding and defensive issues before Conference USA play begins in January. Memphis and Louisville will not be as forgiving as the Bobcats.

About Southwest Texas State: The Bobcats are 3-1 after a 99-89 win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Sunday.

Lapses also occurred on the boards, as the Frogs were out-rebounded in all four regular season games to date. Both players and coaches said the team is placing emphasis on better rebounding.

Tubbs said only so much of rebounding can be taught.

"Either you are a natural rebounder, or you aren't," Tubbs said. "In a way it has been better. But after a point, there is nothing you can do."

Valsin said rebounding has always been a strong point of his game. Against Louisana-Monroe, Valsin led the Frogs in points (20) and rebounds (12).

"That's where I get most of my points," Valsin said. "I've just been going to the boards harder."

Unlike Santee, Valsin has had to adapt to a new position. Tubbs has used Valsin as a three guard, playing mainly on the perimeter. While earning All-State honors at Port Author Lincoln, Valsin said he played primarily at the post position. Though he did switch to the perimeter his senior year, Valsin said, a redshirt year helped his transition.

"The three (position) handles the ball a lot more here, which is something I really didn't do in high school," Valsin said

A slow-healing ankle has limited Merriex's effectiveness. He has been limited to mainly spot-up jumpers. Tubbs said Smith will be ready to play in 10 days and will not be at 100 percent for three weeks.

With upcoming games against revitalized Texas Tech and perennial NCAA Tournament team Creighton, the Frogs had best learn quick, Tubbs said.

"We'll see," Tubbs said. "These next few games will have our hands full."

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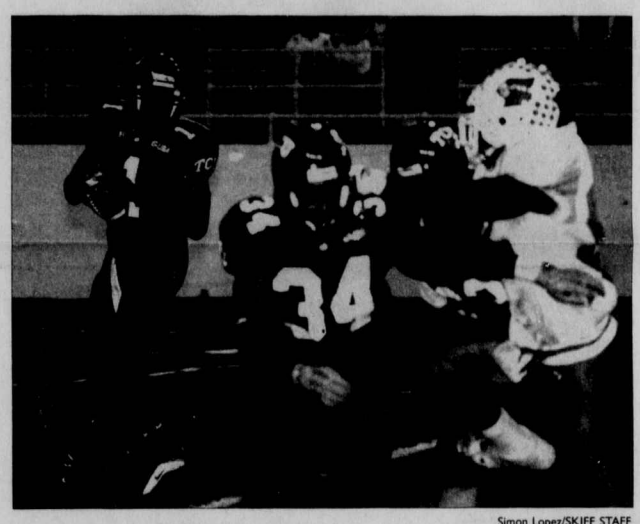
The Frogs got off to a fast start with their win over Northwestern State (La.) to begin a three-game winning streak. Their youthfullness showed in two subsequent losses. The education of the Frogs continues tonight when they take on Southwest Texas State,



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Junior quarterback Casey Printers (1) drops back to pass against Louisville. The Cardinals' loss was their first conference one of the season.

C-USA roundup

Football

	C-USA games			All games					
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Hm.	Rd.	Neutral
Louisville	6	1	.857	10	2	.833	6-0	4-2	0-0
Cincinnati	5	2	.714	6	4	.600	2-3	4-1	0-0
UAB	5	2	.714	6	4	.600	4-1	2-3	0-0
East Carolina	5	2	.714	6	5	.545	2-3	4-2	0-0
Southern Miss	4	2	.667	6	3	.667	4-0	2-3	0-0
TCU	**3**	**3**	**.500**	**5**	**5**	**.500**	**2-2**	**3-3**	**0-0**
Memphis	3	4	.429	5	6	.455	4-2	1-4	0-0
Army	2	5	.286	2	8	.200	2-3	0-5	0-0
Tulane	1	6	.143	3	9	.250	2-3	1-6	0-0
Houston	0	7	.000	0	10	.000	0-6	0-4	0-0

Last week's results

Southern Miss **28**
East Carolina 21

Louisville 22
TCU **37**

Cincinnati **36**
Memphis 34

Friday's game

Southern Miss at Alabama, 7 p.m.

Saturday's games

Louisiana-Monroe at Cincinnati, noon.
Houston at Georgia, noon.
Navy vs. Army in Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
UAB at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.

Last week's players of the week

Special teams — TCU kicker Nick Browne; scored 13 points in the Horned Frogs' 37-22 win over Louisville. He converted four extra points and three field goals, including a 50 yarder, a new career long.

Offensive — Cincinnati wide receiver Jon Olinger ; caught six passes for a career-high 144 yards and two touchdowns in the Bearcats' 36-34 win over Memphis. He caught three passes for 70 yards and the game winning touchdown in the final minute of the game.

Defensive — TCU linebacker LaMarcus McDonald, had eight tackles, including five solo tackles and three and a half sacks in the Horned Frogs' victory over Louisville. Of his eight tackles, six were for a loss of 48 yards.

ON HOLD

MLB antitrust exemption in jeopardy, while Bud Selig's term extends

By Ronald Blum
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — With contraction on hold and owners focused on extending Bud Selig's term as commissioner, the House Judiciary Committee announced Tuesday it will hold a hearing next week on baseball's antitrust exemption.

Selig, union head Donald Fehr and Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura are among the possible witnesses who may testify at the Dec. 6 session in Washington.

Following the decision by baseball owners to eliminate two teams before the start of next season, legislation was introduced to strip baseball of its exemption from antitrust laws, granted by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1922.

That legislation has enabled baseball owners to prevent franchise moves, and no team has relocated since the expansion Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season.

Committee spokeswoman Dena Graziano said the witness list will not be finalized until later this week.

While the committee announced the hearing, baseball owners were gathering for the second time in three weeks.

Selig, whose family has controlled the Milwaukee Brewers since 1970, was expected to get at least another three years on his term as commissioner, according to a high-ranking team official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Little or no opposition to the move is expected from owners, many indebted to Selig for his past assistance with team problems. He was elected to a five-year term in July 1998.

When owners voted Nov. 6 to eliminate two teams, they didn't select them. While the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos are the most likely candidates, according to many owners, contraction ground to a halt 10 days after the vote when a Minnesota judge issued a temporary injunction that forced the Twins to fulfill their lease next season at the Metrodome.

Selig did not want to ask owners to make any decisions on contraction at this meeting because the injunction was in place, a high-ranking baseball official said Monday on the condition he not be identified.

The Twins and baseball have asked the Minnesota Supreme Court for a speedy review of their request to lift the injunction, requesting a hearing no later than Dec. 7. The Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, which operates the Metrodome, must file its response by Wednesday.

Owners want to eliminate the Expos, who averaged just 7,648 fans a game at Olympic Stadium this year.

Twins owner Carl Pohlad, frustrated at the Minnesota government's refusal to fund a new ballpark, is willing to have his team eliminated in exchange for a contraction payment, even though his team has been profitable in recent years and raised its average attendance from 13,083 in 2000 to 22,287 this year.

Meanwhile, no decisions have been made on the possible sales of the Florida Marlins or Anaheim Angels. Expos owner Jeffrey Loria has talked to Florida owner John Henry about buying the Marlins, but has not reached an agreement, the baseball official said.

Henry has expressed interest in buying the Angels from The Walt Disney Co., but those talks haven't progressed, and Henry has said he is willing to become a minority investor in Tom Werner's bid to buy control of the Boston Red Sox.

Meanwhile, the players and owners still were unable to agree on dates for arbitrator Shyam Das to hear the grievance the union filed to stop contraction. Players claim the Nov. 6 decision violates the terms of their expired labor agreement, and that owners can't eliminate clubs without the union's consent.

Das probably will have to arbitrate the timing of the arbitration when he speaks with the sides Wednesday.

"Assuming we haven't reached an agreement, we're going to go to him and ask for some help," said Gene Orza, the union's No. 2 official.

Partly because of the contraction debate, there has been little negotiation between owners and players on a labor contract to replace the one that expired Nov. 7.

Some Twins fans planned to attend the owners' meeting at O'Hare International Airport with the intent of giving Selig petitions with more than 110,000 signatures urging the team be saved.

Paul Ridgeway, one of the organizers, and former-Twin Frank Quilici said their caravan planned to stop in Selig's hometown of Milwaukee.

"Here's a message to you and the owners: Think twice about doing this to the Minnesota Twins," Quilici said.

Ridgeway said if Selig refused to meet them in Chicago, they'll park a motor home outside his office in Milwaukee on Wednesday.

Former TCU assistant rumored for head coaching position at SMU, KU

By Frank Flaton

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Kansas State defensive coordinator Phil Bennett isn't hiding his intentions of being a head coach, but he won't say if his decision has been made or where he would like to go.

Bennett, a former TCU assistant coach, rumored to be a candidate for head coaching positions at Southern Methodist and Kansas, says he's been contacted by "more than a couple" schools. He wouldn't name the schools, but said interviews are pending.

"It's just that time of the year," he said. "I've been down this road before and you just have to keep your options open and your mouth shut."

Bennett, finishing his third year as Kansas State's defensive coordinator, said he's ready to pursue the next stage of his career. He didn't rule out staying at Kansas State, but said he's looking for the right situation for him.

Bennett, 45, has been planning to be a head coach since he played at Texas A&M in the late 70's.

"I used to tell my teammates that I was going to come back and be the head coach at Texas," he said. "I've tried to prepare myself to be a head coach. There are some situations I am interested in. If the right opportunity arises, I think I could be a great head coach. But I just don't know right now."

Bennett did say that he wanted to coach at a competitive school and that his home state of Texas is appealing.

"I've run the gamut," he said. "I've been everywhere and could live a lot of places."

Bennett has coached at nine schools in 23 years. He's been an assistant at Texas A&M, TCU, LSU and Oklahoma. And he's been a defensive coordinator at LSU, Iowa State, Purdue, Texas A&M and TCU.

Bennett has had several head coaching offers since coming to Kansas State in 1999. He was close to accepting an offer at LSU after that season, but chose to stay in Manhattan, where he and his two children, Maddie and Sam, have been happy.

Since his arrival, Kansas State's defense has finished in the top five in total defense each season.

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