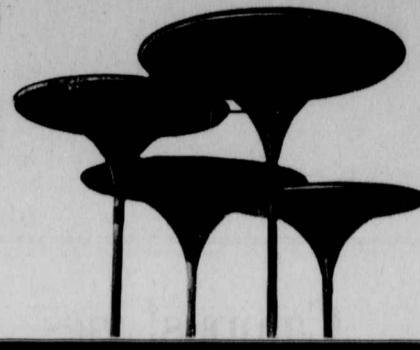


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## Today's News

### STATE NEWS

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### NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — A federal grand jury on Wednesday charged alleged shoe bomber Richard Reid with being an al Qaeda trained terrorist in an indictment. Attorney General John Ashcroft hailed as fresh proof of the government's ability to prosecute terrorists.

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## OnCampus

Student kills three people at a Virginia Law school

GRUNDY, Va. — A law school student upset about his grades went on a shooting spree Wednesday, killing three people and critically wounding three others before he was wrestled to the ground by students, officials said. The victims included the dean of the Appalachian School of Law and a professor who were gunned down in their offices. The third person slain was a student, said Ellen Qualls, a spokeswoman for Gov. Mark Warner.

"When I got there there were bodies laying everywhere," said Dr. Jack Briggs, who has a private practice a half-mile from the school in this tiny western Virginia community.

Briggs said he had treated the suspect in the past year. He described the gunman as a Nigerian in his early 40s who had flunked out last year and been allowed to return.

"I think they were getting ready to tell him that he had not made the grade this year," Briggs said.

Dean L. Anthony Sutin and the professor were "executed" in their offices, Briggs said.

Other details were not immediately available, but Qualls said the weapon used was a .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun.

The three wounded students were taken to Buchanan General Hospital, Qualls said. The governor said they were in critical condition. Sutin, a 1984 graduate of Harvard Law School, was also an associate professor at the school. He left the Justice Department to found the school after working for the Democratic National Committee and Bill Clinton's campaign in 1992, according to the Web site of Jurist, the Legal Education Network.

—Associated Press

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## the Weather

### TODAY

High: 54; Low: 37; Mostly cloudy in the early morning; partly cloudy by mid-morning into the afternoon

### FRIDAY

High: 50; Low: 40; Scattered showers

## Looking Back

1949 — The first Volkswagen Beetle, designed by Ferdinand Porsche, arrived in the U.S. from Germany.

1950 — A team of 11 thieves stole more than \$2 million from the Brinks Armored Car depot in Boston, Mass.

1984 — The Supreme Court ruled that private use of a home videocassette recorder did not violate copyright laws.

## Correction

In yesterday's paper Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletic director for internal relations, name was misspelled.

## Admissions not affected

### Economy has no effect on applications

BY DAVID REESE

Staff Reporter

Dean of Admissions Ray Brown said TCU admission applications have remained consistent with last year's numbers despite the economic downturn in recent months.

Brown said most universities can expect between a 1 to 5 percent increase in applications from year to year, but after a 17 percent increase in applications for the 2001-2002 school year it was unrealistic to expect the same type of increase any time soon.

He said the admissions department received about 4,600 applications since the beginning of this

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John Billingsley, a junior accounting major, helps prospective students to gain more knowledge about TCU during a campus tour.

## Perry backs prayer



High school students at University Baptist Church bow their heads in prayer at a weekly youth group meeting Wednesday night.

Ben Andrews/SKIFF STAFF

fault the governor's thinking. Even his Democratic opponent in 2002, Tony Sanchez, has voiced limited support of prayer in public schools.

"Texas tends to be a conservative state, both politically and religiously," strategist Brian Eppstein said. "Prayer in school is a popular issue among conservatives, so the governor shored up his base and started reaching deeper in East Texas. Even if he backs off the issue later, he has already increased his standing among a constituency that votes in high percentages."

Stephanie Klick, vice-chairwoman of the Tarrant County Republican Party, said public response to the governor's proposal has been positive.

"Our polling data shows that at this time in our history, people overwhelmingly support prayer in schools," Klick said. "The governor is standing up for what he believes."

Samantha Smoot, executive director of the Texas Freedom Network, said Perry's proposal could backfire on school-prayer advocates.

"They are opening a door and assuming the prayer will be Christian," said Smoot, whose organization monitors the activity of religious-based organizations. "What will they say if, one day, a prayer read in a school is not?"

Neither Perry, his spokespeople or Art Bender, chairman of the Tarrant County Democratic Party, returned interview requests.

Perry has revitalized an issue frequently and hotly debated across the nation. The question of school-sponsored prayer in public schools centers on con-

stitutional law and the interpretation of the intent of America's founders regarding the interplay of religion and the state. Some argue the role of religion in schools funded with taxpayer dollars, while others point to the decline of morals in America.

Those on both sides of the issue point to 1962, when the Supreme Court heard a case challenging the constitutionality of prayer in New York public schools. At that time, a state board of education ruling required the reading of a prayer at the start of each school day. Students would recite the Pledge of Allegiance and follow-up prayer: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence on thee, and we beg thy blessings on us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

In Engel v. Vitale (1962), the Supreme Court ordered that the ruling violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment. The First Amendment forbids any establishment of religion by the state.

Since that time, social and religious conservatives have fought to return prayer to school in a more tangible way.

The 1992 Equal Access Act requires that public schools allowing any non-curriculum, student-led club must offer access to all religions and beliefs. The act allowed voluntary student-led prayer groups to meet on-campus.

Ronald Flowers, professor of religion and holder of the Weatherly Chair, said no ruling by the Supreme Court or any law could remove God from schools.

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(More on PRAYER, page 6)

## Assoc. Neeley dean steps down to teach

BY ANTHONY KIRCHNER

Staff Reporter

Administrators in the M.J. Neeley School of Business said they will begin discussions about a search for a new associate dean for the school next week.

Robert Lusch, dean of the Neeley School, announced Tuesday that this will be Chuck Williams' last semester as associate dean for the business school.

Williams said he will not be leaving TCU but will become a full-time professor here in the fall.

Williams decided over the holiday break to return to full-time teaching and research at TCU in the fall of 2002.

"Being an administrator is an all-consuming full-time job," Williams said. "Department chairs and administrators are some of the hardest working people at this university."

Lusch said he will be in charge of the search for a new associate dean.

In an e-mail sent to faculty and administrators in the Neeley School, Lusch said that Williams' presence will be missed in the dean's office.

Williams said that being a member of the teaching faculty will allow him a more flexible schedule.

"For me this decision was about my family. I have a son at TCU, a daughter in high school and a son in junior high. I only have a few more years with them around so I want to spend as much time with them as possible," Williams said.

(More on WILLIAMS, page 6)

## RTVF buys state-of-the-art equipment

BY COLLEEN CASEY

Staff Reporter

This semester the radio-TV-film department purchased five state-of-the-art video editing machines, that will help the department become nationally known, radio-TV-film instructor Chuck LaMendola said.

The Avid digital editing technology is the pioneer of digital media, LaMendola said. Along with the new editing equipment, TCU will become an Avid Authorized Education Center, meaning anyone interested in training can come to TCU for a three-day certification program, he said.

"This is huge," LaMendola said. "This is one more thing TCU becomes known for."

In addition to buying new machines to replace the outdated equipment, LaMendola said he hopes that certifying TCU as an Avid education center would create an elite credential that should make the radio-TV-film department nationally recognized.

LaMendola said it was an easy decision to get the equipment, once he found out that the radio-TV-film department could receive discounted Avid equipment if they became a certified education center.

"Students are really going to get a leg up because this system is so advanced," LaMendola said.

The new non-linear editing machines digitally edit more efficiently because it is easier to make adjustments to the video without having to manually cut the film, and then rearrange linearly, he said.

Rebecca Wren, senior radio-TV-film major who is in an advanced post-production class, said she will get to use the new equipment once it is fully installed. She said it is important to be certified because Avid is the main editing system used professionally.

"Avid is pretty much an industry standard," Wren said. "It should help out a lot for students."

The department plans to train and certify approximately 50 TCU students and 100 outside people a year, LaMendola said.

In order to keep Avid certification, the department is required to offer training sessions to the public. This could include TCU graduates who LaMendola expects to return for certification, he said.

LaMendola said although the machines will be useful to outsiders, the most benefited will be radio-TV-film students.

"Anyone who is certified will be available to work as editors and those are real high paying jobs," he said.

Senior radio-TV-film major Kelly McKenzie, also in an advanced post-production class said she is thrilled to be able to work extensively with the Avid equipment later this semester since one of her specialties is film editing.

"It's great to learn on," McKenzie said. "It's also great to get attention of employers because I'll be able to say that I went to a school that offered me the training."

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# THE PULSE

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## CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moody Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

• **The Computer Help Desk** has moved to the new Information Commons area located in the Mary Couts Burnett Library. The phone number and e-mail address are the same. For more information call (817) 257-6855.

• **TCU Theatre** will present "Enigma," 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the Studio Theatre in Ed Landreth Hall. The original one-man show was created by TCU theatre students. Admission is free, but seating is limited. For reservations call (817) 923-3012.

• **Programming Council** will sponsor a Welcome Back Party 7 p.m. Friday in the Student Center. Free food will be provided plus a performance by the band Naked Blue along with various activities.

• A **Brite Divinity School Community Conversation** will be held 11 a.m. today in Weatherly Hall. Joseph L. Price, professor of religious studies at Whittier College will speak on "The Super Bowl as the Center of the American Pilgrimage." For more information call (817) 257-7575.

• **The West Point Band** will perform a guest clarinet recital 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23, in PepsiCo Recital Hall in the Walsh Center for Performing Arts. For information call (817) 257-7602.

• **Applications for Student Government Association House of Representatives** are available in residence halls and the SGA office starting Thursday, Jan. 17. The applications are due by Wednesday, Jan. 23 in the SGA office. If you have any questions call John Billingsley, VP of House (817) 257-5234.

• **TCU mathematics department** will present a lecture by Rice University professor Nathaniel Dean at 4 p.m. Jan. 22 in Winton-Scott Hall, Room 145. The talk is entitled "Network Optimization and Visualization." Refreshments will be served at 3:30 in the Gauss Common Room 171.

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UCLA answers feedback by continuing post-Sept. 11 seminars

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — The University of California-Los Angeles College of Letters & Science is continuing its one-unit Sept. 11 seminar series this winter after receiving positive feedback from students and faculty.

The seminars were created last quarter in response to Sept. 11, featuring topics from national security to international politics to stress management, to help students cope.

Due to the success last quarter, the seminars' basic format will remain the same. There are 37 seminars offered this quarter, 12 fewer than last quarter.

"This has been so successful that we are looking at a way of perpetuating this into the future," said Judith Smith, Vice Provost of undergraduate education.

The small seven- to 20-student class sizes and a pass/no pass grading system were among the most popular aspects of the series, Smith added.

The seminar series also gives administrators an opportunity to teach. Chancellor Albert Carnesale is teaching a seminar called "Rethinking National Security" for the second time this year.

The seminars have drawn national attention when they were the subject of Tom Kuntz's Nov. 4 New York Times column, and have also been featured in Newsweek and The London Sunday Times.

Alcohol sales permitted for the first time Univ. of Utah Union

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY — Among the many Olympic changes — parking disruptions, giant cauldrons and building size banners — one comes in liquid form.

Alcohol will be served in the University of Utah Union for "the first and last time," said Stayner Landward, dean of students.

"I believe the attorney general said that under this special circumstance, alcohol can be served, even though this is an alcohol-free campus," Landward said.

Because of this ruling, only certain entities can serve alcohol in the Union.

Landward feels serving alcohol

will make international guests feel more comfortable.

Corporations and entities involved with the Olympics are limited to serving only beer and wine, but only in specific areas.

Alcohol will be served during the Olympic break, and for any other Olympics-related activity, said Union director Whit Hollis.

Another factor playing into the serving of alcohol is the Olympic break.

"Students won't be on campus during February, so there will be more separation from the campus community," Hollis said.

Although the break will keep most students off campus, the Union will remain open.

Stanford tallies No. 1 nat'l ranking for community service

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With 22.3 percent of its students choosing to do community service to earn federal work-study funding, Stanford places above all the other schools in its bracket, the top 20 universities in the country as ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

Harvard and Yale took fifth and sixth place, while MIT took last place among the 20 universities, with 1.9 percent participation. All students eligible for the work-study program are given the option of spending their time doing community service.

Changes made in purchases of dogs for experimentation

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — After years of pressure from animal rights activists and some Colorado legislators to change policies related to University of Colorado's infamous "dog labs," administrators finally have buckled.

University officials said the Health Sciences Center in Denver has changed its policies on both the purchasing of dogs used in physiology labs and the requirements of medical students to attend those labs.

The purpose of the labs is to teach basic concepts of physiology to first-

year medical students. Specifically, the physiology lab requires dogs be anesthetized, examined and eventually killed by injection.

Prior to the change in policy, students were required to take all sequences of physiology labs but were able to opt out of specific vivisection exercises within those labs.

Dogs used in those exercises could be purchased from so-called "Class B" dealers: dealers who, traditionally, obtain their animals from a variety of sources including auctions, pounds and other dealers, and who, in some cases, have been linked to the black-market animal trade.

The new change in policy restricts the medical school's purchases to those from "Class A" dealers: dealers who raise, breed and sell their own animals specifically for medical research and education.

Sarah Ellis, spokeswoman for the Health and Sciences Center, said the changes in policy are a result of a variety of factors, including student input and pressure from the Colorado Legislature.

Essentially, Ellis said, the changes in curriculum policy will allow all students to sign up for all labs voluntarily.

New medication training required for Ohio bouncers

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio — Requirements for becoming a bouncer at an Ohio bar may soon include more than a muscular physique and being able to toss a person 15 feet if newly introduced legislation is enacted.

State Sen. David Goodman, R-Bexley, introduced a bill into the Ohio Senate that would require all bouncers, doormen and other security personnel at establishments serving alcohol to receive training in mediation techniques.

The proposal, Senate Bill 209, is a direct response to the Dec. 2 death of a patron after an altercation with a bouncer at Dick Clark's American Bandstand Grill on Hutchinson Avenue.

Vincent Darling, 41, died of neck trauma after a physical confrontation with a bouncer. Darling's blood-alcohol content was 0.27 percent, well

over twice the legal limit for driving in Ohio.

Columbus police have not filed any charges in response to Darling's death.

Goodman said most bouncers he has spoken to want more procedural guidelines and support the bill.

There is no Ohio law that specifically addresses bouncers and doormen at all. Most establishments do, however, already provide some form of training for their security personnel.

The law would be under the jurisdiction of the Liquor Control Commission. The commission would be responsible for determining the composition of the training as well.

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According to the group, 1,142 ineligible gun buyers were able to purchase firearms in Texas. The state has automated only 55 percent of its felony records, the report said.

The report studied gun sales from December 1998 to June 2001.

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Texas officials conduct background checks for concealed weapons licenses but not gun sales, Vinger said.

Under federal law, if a background check cannot be completed within three business days, a gun dealer may turn over the firearm to the buyer.

## Campus/State Roundup

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## The Skiff View BACK OFF

Religion, politics must be divided

Texas Gov. Rick Perry made his thoughts on prayer in public schools clear when he led a school prayer at Palestine Middle School on Oct. 18.

While there is no problem for Perry to support prayers in public schools during his campaign trip, there is a problem when he actually leads a school prayer during a school-wide assembly.

With Perry's current actions, a new debate on an old subject has been re-opened. It's a subject that has a history dating back to 1962 when the Supreme Court heard one of the first cases of the constitutionality of prayer in public schools.

After 50 years Americans are still fighting about whether or not to allow state-sponsored prayers in the classroom.

The only problem is will it be a mandatory prayer, or will students be allowed to pray voluntarily?

Many opponents to prayer in the classroom say that when a big deal is made about school prayer than you are moving closer to establishing forced religion in schools, which is exactly something that seems to be happening.

"They are opening a door and assuming the prayer will be Christian," said Samantha Smoot, executive director of the Texas Freedom Network. "What will they say if, one day, a prayer in a school is not?"

And this is a question that supporters of prayer in public schools may have not thought of yet, but maybe one that should be asked before they take it back to court.

Ronald Flowers, professor of religion, said no ruling by the Supreme Court or any law could remove God from schools.

"I've always said as long as there are math tests, there will be prayer in schools," he said. "If a student wants to pray before a math test, that's fine. As long as it is not disruptive to others or forcing others to participate."

Samuel Duncan, pastor of First Calvary Church in Fort Worth agrees that allowing a brief prayer or a moment of silence before the beginning of a school day, does not establish a religion.

"There is a difference between allowing students to pray, voluntarily, in a school and the government endorsing a religion," Duncan said.

EXACTLY.

This topic is not likely to die down anytime soon. While Perry kicked off his campaign for his first election bid for governor, he said that he will make returning organized prayer to public schools a campaign issue.

"Why can't we say a prayer at a football game or a patriotic event?" Perry asked. "I don't understand the logic of that."

Well maybe the problem is that not understanding the logic is the problem.

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WHICH COLOR TIE LOOKS  
BETTER WITH ALBATROSS?....



## Wanted: Passionate Professor

Each Sunday night, in addition to being sure I watch "The Practice" (9 p.m. on ABC, Channel 8), I have become addicted to a show that focuses on a topic that I would usually avoid listening to ... a college professor.



Aaron Chimbrel

"The Education of Max Bickford" (7 p.m. CBS, Channel 11) focuses on the life of the title character, a 50-something history professor portrayed by Academy Award-winning actor Richard Dreyfuss.

Bickford is a single father and a widower, leaving him to care for his 11-year-old son Lester (Eric Ian Goldberg) and his daughter Nell (Katee Sackhoff) who is a freshman at the all-female college at which Bickford teaches.

Perhaps the most enjoyable interaction in the show is the way Bickford deals with fellow professors.

Like sugar plums on Christmas Eve, the professor-student relationship here is advertised as an interactive learning experience, with

when Haskell was an undergraduate at the college, Bickford was her mentor and the couple had an affair.

Another enjoyable aspect of the show is the way the professors interact with their students. Despite Haskell's and Bickford's contrasting teaching styles they both affect their students' lives.

I'm sure most of you haven't seen the show, and I am sure you would rather not be bored by every last detail of the show, so I will get to my point. The enthusiasm that the professors show is something that should be prominent on this campus as well, and, in many cases, it is.

On the show there are professors depicted who are not in tune with their students and probably would rather be somewhere else, but the professors on whom the show focuses are the two who go out of their way to enlighten and educate their students.

TCU paints a picture that the faculty here is much the same way. Like sugar plums on Christmas Eve, the professor-student relationship here is advertised as an interactive learning experience, with

faculty and students hand in hand in their education.

In some instances that may be so. In many others that is not the case. Is sitting in a lecture hall with 200 other students a way to get that connection with a professor?

As we embark on a new semester some students will find themselves in cramped lecture halls, with others having to sit on the stairs before likely dropping the class. Although the professors in those classes will certainly give it the old college try in educating them, it is unlikely that the professor will know many of their students' names by the end of the semester.

Now that I am a senior, I am fortunate enough to be in classes that have around 15 students. The professors in the classes I have had in these past few semesters can tell you who I am and would recognize me if I walked by.

But even more important than the small class sizes, and something that is constantly shown in "Max Bickford," are classes where students and teachers discuss topics. The professors in the show don't simply stand at a chalkboard

and spout out facts and figures.

There are few things in life that I find more pointless than a multiple choice exam. What is the point of cramming all night before an exam to merely bubble a Scantron and by the next class have no idea what you were tested about just a couple of days prior?

Education is much more effective if you have the give-and-take relationship between instructors and students. It is important for students to learn why a discipline's concepts have been established as a standard. Talking about those concepts with an expert in the field is far more valuable for students than deciding whether you should bubble "b" or "c."

I would encourage TCU administrators to seek out professors who are passionate about teaching in a manner that encourages students to think critically and not simply regurgitate information.

If administrators would like an example of what I am talking about, tune in on Sunday nights.

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## Enron collapse hits close to home

Despite what political pundits might say, the collapse of Houston-based energy giant Enron Corp. is not a political scandal.

It does not really matter that Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay called Commerce Secretary Don Evans in late October to warn him the company might be going belly up. It doesn't really matter that Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill heard the news in November. Andrew Card, White House chief of staff, knew too.

President Bush, who received enormous campaign contributions from Enron and its executives, denies knowing anything about the company's imminent demise, but who cares. In the end, telephone tag aside, their knowledge and their possible conflicts of interest miss the point.

The only reason Bush is important

in this scenario is because he should be the one most outraged by this theft in the name of capitalism. He should be reaching out to the families affected by this atrocity. He should request aide for them or offer help instead of silence, but his hands are tied by purse strings. He is going to sit idly by while his colleagues investigate this mess to death.

Enron's Dec. 2 bankruptcy, the largest in U.S. history, is a tragedy of monumental human scope for the company's loyal employees and their families.

By the time the company filed bankruptcy, its stock plummeted from \$83 a share to less than \$1. Early investigations indicate that executives sold their stock, but Enron employees were barred from doing so by a clause in their 401(k) retirement funds.

Men and women who once trusted their employers are now coping with the ultimate betrayal. Retirement homes gone. Nest eggs destroyed.

Hopes dashed. Employees were left with nothing to show for their years of service but a pink slip. While they worked day-in-day-out for a company that many didn't even know

was in trouble, executives were lining their pockets. While they saved for a rainy day, their bosses were filing their private war chests with enough money to build the Ark.

The demise of Enron over the years was so systematic, so well hidden by Arthur Andersen LLP, one of the nation's leading accounting firms, that it is mind-boggling. The Senate committee investigating the collapse of Enron has reason to believe Arthur Andersen officials may have directed Enron documents be destroyed. Representatives on the House Commerce Committee say they are looking into

whether insider trading paid off big for executives.

To describe the Enron executives who stole from and lied to their employees as deceptive crooks is simply not adequate. People like them are the worst kind of evil.

The bankruptcy of Enron will certainly keep those on Capitol Hill busy with committee meetings and hearings galore, but it is not the officials we should be concerned about. It is the citizens, our neighbors, loved ones and friends who have been left holding nothing but the pieces of their shattered American dreams.

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## National/International Roundup

### Some Afghans granted shelter in Pakistan refugee

GENEVA (AP) — Some of more than 13,000 Afghans who have fled to Pakistan in recent weeks have obtained permission to seek shelter at a camp for refugees, a U.N. agency said Wednesday.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees had appealed to Pakistan on behalf of refugees, obtaining permission to bring about 600 of them to Kili Faiso, a camp near the Pakistani border town of Chaman.

Many of the refugees are from the Afghan town of Spin Boldak, south of Kandahar, an area "teeming with gunmen and bandits" following the collapse of the country's Taliban regime, the agency said.

"Many of the refugees are spending their third week in the open with little or no protection from the harsh winter, as the Pakistani government has refused UNHCR permission to register new arrivals," the agency said in a written statement. "The recent heavy rains sweeping the region have made their lives more miserable."

UNHCR officials were trying to resolve the standoff in talks with Pakistan's local military and civilian authorities.

Pakistan has been wary of letting refugees across the border since U.S.-led attacks on Afghanistan began in October. The country has said international aid organizations should try to help Afghans in their own country and not in Pakistan, where already more than 3 million refugees live after two decades or war and drought.

Many refugees have returned home to Afghanistan since the collapse of the Taliban, though often to more desperate circumstances.

The agency said it believed there were at least 60,000 people in southern Afghanistan in need of aid, most of whom have received no supplies since September. Hundreds of thousands more people are displaced across the rest of the country.

### Report on Concorde crash suggests audit of Continental

PARIS (AP) — An official French report released Wednesday said one factor in the crash of an Air France Concorde jet was maintenance that "did not conform to the regulations" at Continental Airlines, whose DC-10 shed a piece of stray metal on the runway.

The report by French investigators suggested that the Federal Aviation Administration audit Continental's maintenance operations.

Continental rejected the allegations, called an audit unnecessary and blamed the "inherently unsafe design" of the supersonic Concorde

for the July 25, 2000 crash outside Paris that killed 113 people.

The report confirmed a long-held theory that the Concorde's tire was punctured during takeoff by a piece of metal on the runway from the DC-10, which took off five minutes before the Concorde at Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport.

The 400-page report by France's Accident Investigation Bureau, known by its French initials BEA, said Air France also showed deficiencies in maintenance, but said those deficiencies did not contribute to the crash.

A legal investigation aimed at determining responsibility is still under way.

Concorde in the fleets of Air France and British Airways — the only two carriers to fly the supersonic jet — were grounded after the accident as changes were made to its design.

Engineers say those changes have now made the Concorde safer.

### Powell meets with Pakistani president, promotes peace

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell, on a South Asia peace mission, met Wednesday night with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and said dialogue with India is the only way to resolve the month-long standoff over Kashmir.

Powell said he will carry new ideas to India on Thursday when he meets with Indian officials.

Appearing with Powell at a news conference, Pakistani Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar did not indicate a willingness to take new steps to ease tensions, suggesting that the next move is India's.

But, he said Pakistan will "respond immediately" to any positive gesture on India's part.

Powell once again praised the steps Musharraf has taken to ease tensions, and he invited the Pakistani leader to visit Washington for the first time since he took office more than two years ago.

Earlier, Powell said in an interview with Pakistani television that any effort to achieve peace in Kashmir must take into account the wishes of people in the disputed region.

He said his goal on his two-day peace mission is to "bridge whatever outstanding differences there are that will keep us from de-escalating as soon as possible."

On Wednesday, India said it was open to dialogue with Pakistan and said that Musharraf's speech Saturday condemning terrorism was "path-breaking." India initially gave the speech a lukewarm response.

Powell said the key issue now is not a troop pullback but progress on diplomatic and political fronts.

### Russia condemns U.S. for withdrawal from 1972 treaty

MOSCOW (AP) — The lower house of Russia's parliament on Wednesday condemned the U.S. withdrawal from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and urged President Vladimir Putin to consult lawmakers on Moscow's response.

The State Duma voted 326-3 for a non-binding resolution assailing last month's decision by President Bush to withdraw from the ABM treaty in six months to deploy a national missile defense.

The U.S. move was "mistaken and destabilizing since it effectively ruins the existing highly efficient system of ensuring strategic stability and paves ground for a new round of the arms race," the resolution said.

The vote came as a Russian military delegation was holding talks in Washington with Pentagon officials on cooperation in fighting terrorism, a new military relationship and arms cuts to pave the way for Bush's trip to Russia in late May or early June.

The Duma asked Putin to hold urgent consultations with parliament on ways to "ensure national security and preserve strategic stability," including future development of Russia's nuclear forces.

Putin has called Bush's ABM withdrawal notice a mistake but not a threat to Russia.

The U.S. withdrawal from the ABM treaty freed Russia from the ban on land-based missiles with multiple warheads, Putin has said, but it had no plans to take advantage of the fact "in the close, foreseeable future."

Under the START II agreement, both countries would cut their arsenals to 3,000 warheads from the current 6,000 each is allowed under the START I treaty. Last November, Bush pledged to slash U.S. nuclear arsenals to 1,700 to 2,200, while Putin has said that Russia could go as low as 1,500 warheads.

### AIDS infected monkey given experimental vaccine dies

In a study that illustrates how cunning a foe AIDS is, a monkey that was given an experimental AIDS vaccine died after the virus changed just one of its genes.

HIV, which causes AIDS, already is known to mutate and grow impervious to standard AIDS drugs in at least half of all Americans being treated for the infection.

Now researchers have seen a similar outcome with an experimental vaccine that tries to stop the virus from multiplying. The mutation occurred in one of eight vaccinated rhesus monkeys in a Harvard experiment.

## Enron accounting firm sued by energy company

### BY ALAN CLENDENNING

Associated Press

A Tulsa, Okla.-based energy company has sued Arthur Andersen LLP, the accounting firm that issued audits for Enron Corp., and experts predict that Andersen will soon face a rash of similar lawsuits accusing it of complicity in Enron's spectacular collapse.

With so much money at stake and potential victims including shareholders, employees and clients of Enron, most experts believe the anticipated avalanche lawsuits will be lumped together into a few cases and granted class action status.

Lawyers for Samson Investment Co. filed a suit against Chicago-based Andersen on Tuesday, claiming it "recklessly disregarded evidence of questionable financial transactions between Enron and its insiders."

The lawsuit was filed the same day that Andersen fired a senior auditor who organized a mass destruction of Enron documents last fall after federal regulators had requested information about the failing energy company. Andersen also said that four partners in its Houston office would be stripped of management responsibilities and that three

auditors had been put on administrative leave.

Andersen's exposure to litigation could be the largest ever for an accounting firm because Enron's bankruptcy was among the largest in history, said Mark Cheffers, chief executive of AccountingMalpractice.com, which helps accountants reduce their liability exposure.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has been investigating Andersen's role in Enron's complex accounting, including questionable partnerships that kept billions of dollars in debt off the energy company's books and allowed Enron executives to profit from the arrangements.

"This is unique and extraordinary and you haven't even seen the beginning of it," said Cheffers.

According to the lawsuit filed in Tulsa, Samson and other companies "justifiably relied on the financial audits of Enron" for their natural gas purchase contracts with Enron. It called the audits "grossly misleading."

The lawsuit requests class-action status on behalf of more than 100 unnamed companies and seeks unspecified damages.

Officials with Andersen didn't

immediately respond to a telephone message seeking comment on the firm's exposure to litigation related to Enron, or what defenses it may employ to contest the lawsuits.

Andersen is already named in more than 30 lawsuits filed in Arkansas, New York and Texas against Enron on behalf of shareholders who saw their holdings plummet in value after Enron's stock plunged to below \$1 in December. It had traded above \$80 in the last year.

Andersen's firing of the auditor was probably a move aimed at "pre-empting these lawsuits by pointing out a handful of people they claim were totally responsible," said Per Stromberg a finance professor at the University of Chicago.

But Cheffers doubted that Andersen would argue in court that problems with the Enron audits were caused by rogue employees acting on their own. Lawyers suing Andersen would only have to find a few examples of requests for advice on Enron from the accounting firm's national offices to poke holes in that defense, he said.

"Then it makes you look like you were trying to create scapegoats," Cheffers said.

## Shoe-Bomber indicted

### Alleged terrorist charged on nine federal counts

BY KAREN GULLO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal grand jury on Wednesday charged alleged shoe bomber Richard Reid with being an al Qaeda trained terrorist in an indictment.

Attorney General John Ashcroft hailed as fresh proof of the government's ability to prosecute terrorists.

Ashcroft said the charges "alert us to a clear, unmistakable threat that al Qaeda could attack the United States again."

The attorney general discussed the charges shortly after a federal grand jury in Boston handed up a nine-count indictment, saying, "We must be prepared. We must be ready. We must be vigilant."

The indictment alleges that Reid attempted to kill the passengers on American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris to Miami on Dec. 22.

"Richard Reid did attempt to use a weapon of mass destruction, consisting of an explosive bomb placed in each of his shoes," against Americans, said the 12-page indictment.

Ashcroft credited passengers and crew on that flight with stopping Reid from detonating the shoe bomb and bringing down the plane.

"Our trust in the common sense of people who act in the face of terrorism was vindicated," he said.

He said Wednesday's indictment showed the wisdom of national alerts the government issued on three occasions prior to the Flight 13 incident.



REID

Wednesday's indictment said Reid "received training from al Qaeda in Afghanistan."

In addition to attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and attempted murder and attempted homicide, Reid was charged with placing an explosive device on an aircraft, interfering with a flight crew, using a destructive device during a crime of violence and attempted wrecking of a mass transportation vehicle.

He also was charged with attempted wrecking of a mass transportation vehicle, a new charge created by Congress in an anti-terrorism bill enacted in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

"Our ability to prosecute terrorists has been greatly enhanced by the U.S.A. Patriot Act," Ashcroft said.

Reid "did place on that aircraft explosive devices contained in the footwear he was then wearing," the indictment said, referring to the American flight.

Ashcroft said if convicted on the charges brought against him, Reid could be sentenced to five life terms.

There were 183 passengers and 14 crew members on the flight, which was escorted into Boston's Logan Airport.

On the charge of interfering with the flight crew, the indictment said Reid assaulted and intimidated flight attendants Hermis Moutardier and Christina Jones.

Reid's court-appointed defense attorney, Tamar Birckhead, did not immediately return a call for comment.

Reid has been held since Dec. 22 in Plymouth, Mass.

A U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity had said earlier that Reid may be an al Qaeda target scout known as "Abdul Ra'uff."

Reid's travels match those of an al Qaeda operative known as Abdul Ra'uff, which are listed in a computer obtained in Afghanistan by a Wall Street Journal reporter. The similarities in the two's movements in Europe and the Middle East have led investigators to suspect they are the same person.

Reid is accused of trying to blow up the American Airlines flight on Dec. 22. He was overpowered by flight attendants and passengers as he allegedly tried to light a fuse protruding from his sneakers.

Reid converted to Islam while in prison for petty crimes. He later worshipped at the same south London mosque as Zacarias Moussaoui, charged with conspiracy in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

An Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was possible that Reid was gathering intelligence for large-scale terrorist attacks in Tel Aviv and other cities and was working for al Qaeda.

Israeli officials have generally been tightlipped about Reid since he was arrested and accused of trying to blow up the American Airlines flight. Earlier this week, a U.S. military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said one of the al Qaeda prisoners at Guantanamo Bay had identified Reid as someone he had trained with at camp run by al Qaeda.

Reid had boarded an El Al flight to Tel Aviv on July 7. He spent five days in Israel, before traveling to Egypt via the Rafah border crossing at the southern end of the Gaza Strip. From Egypt, Reid apparently returned to Europe on a commercial flight, Israeli reports said.

## U.S. extends war on terrorism to the Pacific

BY MATT KELLEY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Extending the war on terrorism to the Philippines, the Pentagon has sent more than 200 U.S. troops to help local forces fighting an extremist group linked to al-Qaeda. And more are on the way.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Wednesday that 240 or 250 American military personnel are now divided among several locations in the Philippines.

"More are going in," he told a Pentagon press conference. "They are there for training purposes. They are there for logistics purposes. They are there for an exercise with the Philippine government."

He said some of those already on the ground are on Basilan Island, where Filipino soldiers have been fighting Abu Sayyaf guerrillas holding an American couple and a Filipina nurse hostage.

"I think the important thing about what's taking place in the Philippines is that this is a global problem, that we are addressing globally not just in Afghanistan," he said.

to time," the defense secretary said.

Philippine officials have said the American contingent would total about 600, including 160 U.S. Army Special Forces.

At an army camp in the southern city of Zamboanga, workers were rushing to complete training and billeting facilities for the U.S. troops.

The Abu Sayyaf is holding missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham from Wichita, Kan., and Filipina nurse Deborah Yap after abducting them with scores of others in a kidnapping spree that began in

May.

Several hostages, including Corona, Calif., resident Guillermo Sobero, were killed in captivity. Others escaped or were freed for ransom.

The comments followed Rumsfeld's statement Tuesday — in an interview with AP Radio and other radio reporters — that the United States also has had discussions with dozens of other countries that have a problem with terrorists.

Rumsfeld said there are conflicting reports about where the two might be hiding, but he believes they remain in Afghanistan.

"We still believe they're in the country. We're still working on that basis, although we are looking at some other places as well, from time to time," he said.

The proposal is a subject of controversy because Filipino left-wing groups say the islands could be targeted by U.S. enemies if the Philippines becomes a part of the U.S. international defense network. One part of the proposal would allow the United States to store in the Philippines spare parts and supplies not readily available in the country.

In the interview, Rumsfeld defended his decision not to send a large number of U.S. ground troops to search for al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in the Tora Bora and Zawar Kili areas of eastern Afghanistan. American forces ended their search in Zawar Kili on Tuesday after airstrikes flattened all buildings in the area and sealed 50 cave entrances.

Critics of the Pentagon's approach in Afghanistan have questioned the wisdom of relying on local Afghan forces to chase bin Laden's al-Qaeda fighters. Even some in the Pentagon favored sending several hundred Marines to Tora Bora in mid-December in hopes of getting bin Laden before his trail went cold.

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## Not just another award show

BY RYAN ELOE

Skiff Staff

With a name like the Golden Globe it would be easy to suspect that it is Hollywood's most coveted prize. Yet the reality of how the prize is viewed fails to reach this conclusion.

On Sunday the 59th annual Golden Globe ceremony will award Hollywood elite with this honor from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association at 7 p.m. on NBC KXAS Channel 5. The ceremony will award Hollywood elite with this honor that is given by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. What separates the Golden Globes from all other awards is the award show itself. The Golden Globes ceremony allows for more spontaneity than any other show. The ceremony begins with a dinner, and even as the show airs on national television and in 125 countries around the world, guests eat, talk and mingle.

This year's Hollywood Foreign Press Association is made up of 93 journalists that represent 55 countries and a combined readership of more than 250 million people, according to the HFPA Web site.

The award was first given out in 1944 when movie stars met for lunch at the 20th Century Fox Studios. The award winners did not receive a golden statuette, but rather a scroll declaring their achievement.

According to the Web site, the members of HFPA have an advantage of viewing movies unbiasedly because they are not immersed in the Hollywood culture.

The HFPA decided to give the awards out soon after the year ended so that the awards could be impartial. Their drive to announce nominations and present awards before Academy

Award nominations has had a reverse effect in which the Golden Globes serve as a strong precursor for Oscar nominees and winners.

The 4,263 members of the Academy will need to turn their ballots into PricewaterhouseCoopers by Feb. 1. The nominees will be announced Feb. 12. This time frame allows the Golden Globes to effect Academy Award nominations.

Rick Lyman of the *New York Times* said this year top contenders for awards are unclear.

"The current Oscar race is in a muddle because little consensus among critics, audiences and industry professionals about what the best efforts were in what is widely perceived as a lackluster year for mainstream moviemaking," Lyman said.

At this point last year, many people were convinced that certain nominations were guaranteed, such as Julia Roberts' performance in "Erin Brokovich." But this year, similar guarantees have not come so easily, and the Golden Globes are a good precursor to this year's Oscar race.

Beginning in 1955, The Golden Globes did not just limit their scope to movies, but also began to honor television as well.

Past memorable examples of spontaneity include 1999 when Jack Nicholson mooned the crowd or in 1998 when Ving Rhames gave the statuette to his idol Jack Lemmon. This spontaneity goes back to the famous in 1958 when Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr. stormed the stage and took over the show.

Beyond fun and games, winning is still an honor, and the winners of this year's awards are still up in the air. The only award that is guaranteed is the honorary Cecil B. DeMille award that will be presented to Harrison Ford.

## And the Nominees are...

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Robert Linebaugh, a worker for Sanders Group Inc., adjusts desks in Moudy Building South Tuesday. Jim Weller, associate director of major project, said the alterations, which began over the holiday break, will give students more leg room and comfort in class. Larry Sanders, president of Sanders Group Inc., said 1,653 desks are being adjusted across campus following complaints from students.

- Kelly Morris

## PRAYER

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math tests, there will be prayer in public schools," Flowers said. "If a student wants to pray before a math test, that's fine. As long as it is not disruptive to others or forcing others to participate."

Kenneth Stevens, associate professor of history at TCU, said state-sponsored prayer in public schools violates the Constitution.

"When you allow sponsored prayer, you're moving toward establishment," Stevens said. "One of the things that makes this country exceptional and keeps us from having the kinds of problems they have in other countries is that we have religious freedom. When you make a big deal about school prayer, you are moving toward establishing a religion."

That belief, however, has been contested.

"Allowing a brief prayer or a moment of silence before the school day begins does not in any way constitute an established religion," said Samuel Duncan, pastor of First Calvary Church in Fort Worth. "There is a difference between allowing students to pray, voluntarily, in a school and the government endorsing a religion."

While Flowers agreed with the decline in American morality since World War II, he would not place it on lack of prayer in public schools.

A lack of state-sponsored religion and organized school prayer has done little to hinder religious belief in America, Flowers said.

"There is more overt religious expression in the United States than in any other country," Flowers said. "I would say that is because the government stays out of religion. On any given Sunday in England, which has the state-spon-

sored Anglican Church, only 10 percent of the population attends a church service. In America that number is close to 35 percent."

Proponents of the organized prayer in school seek an inclusive, non-denominational prayer. Duncan said a prayer addressing all faiths, with careful crafting, is possible.

Flowers said the pluralism of American society prevents such a prayer.

Catholics, Jews, Muslims and those outside the Protestant mainstream would just not buy it," Flowers said. "What you would get is a prayer so watered down that it would not have any theological content. That is something, I think, most would find offensive."

"It's hard for students in elementary and middle school to say they don't want to participate," Stevens said.

Supporters on both sides of the issue also claim the support of America's founders.

Stevens said the founders, weary of experiences during the Colonial Period, specifically meant for religion to be separate from public institutions.

"During the Colonial Period, people in Virginia had to support the Anglican Church whether they wanted to or not," Stevens said. "It is not a matter of driving God from public schools. It's a matter of not forcing people to recognize a particular view of God."

Those on both sides of the school prayer issue said the debate will continue whether or not Perry wins.

"It's been 220 years, and honestly I think people will always talk about the role of God and religion in school," Duncan said. "But there will not be a war about it, and that is what is great about America."

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## WILLIAMS

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He said people need to understand that it's common for faculty members to work in administration and then go back to being a faculty member.

Williams has been associate dean for three years and has been at TCU since 1991.

Williams said he was instrumental in initiating *The Wall Street Journal* program at TCU. The newspaper is used as a teaching tool in every business class and TCU was the first school in the nation to enter into an educational partnership with *The Wall Street Journal*, he said.

Williams said that everyone at the Neely School agrees there must be a dean in the school whose sole responsibility is to focus on the undergraduate education at TCU.

Bill Moncrief, senior associate dean for the Neely School, has worked with Williams since 1999. He said William's performance has been beneficial.

"Williams did a great job and the Neely School owes him a debt of gratitude for his time as associate dean," Moncrief said. "Fortunately he's not moving away, just changing responsibilities."

Brian P. Barker, junior marketing major, has had a course with Williams and said he has a lot of respect for him.

"Dr. Williams presents students with challenging scenarios to get them thinking outside the box," Barker said.

Barker said Williams interacts with students very well and he always has his door open to students.

Williams said he is excited that he will be able to share with students about his experiences in the administration at TCU.

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## ADMISSIONS

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academic year compared to 4,650 by the middle of January 2001.

Brown said the number of applications at this point will possibly increase slightly compared to last year's numbers.

He does not believe the recent national economic problems will affect the application process but does think it may come into effect later in the spring when potential students will decide if they will attend TCU, he said.

Brown said online applications have dramatically increased.

Last year was the first time the TCU application was available on

line, Brown said. TCU received approximately 50 online applications last year, he said. So far this year, the Office of Admissions received nearly 400 online applications. This is nearly an 800 percent increase from the previous year. Brown said the online applications have been quite successful considering little information about online applications have been sent to prospective students.

Ben Alexander, director of admissions marketing, said the only information made aware to potential students about online applications was the prominent link on the TCU Web site. Also, about 1,000 to 1,200 e-mails were sent to students who had previously visited the campus but had not yet applied, Alexander said.

Brown said he believes within seven years, 90 percent of all applications will be electronic and eventually all of them will be received over the Internet.

Alexander said that TCU is also trying to increase communication of all the admission's information such as pamphlets and booklets available on the Web through newsletters and e-mails.

He said besides the online application process, the Office of Admissions is trying to coordinate its printed information with their online material. Its intent was to have a Web page for every page of printed material.

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## King's dream of peace lives on

### Unity, peace should be observed daily

BY MARCI KING

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The Rev. Martin Harris told a small congregation Wednesday at Robert Carr Chapel that everyone needs to live with Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of unity and peace daily.

"We, as a people, must continue to fight, hope and give God a chance in our lives," Harris said. "Everyone could be a hero if they take the time."

The celebration of King's life and contributions were sponsored by University Ministries and organized by Chris Stillwell, a worship intern for University Ministries. Stillwell said he worked in collaboration with University Minister John Butler.

Harris, from Cooper Missionary Baptist Church, presided over the

ceremony in place of the Rev. Roy West who was unable to attend the ceremony due to family matters.

Harris said a prayer for West to start the ceremony. Harris continued by leading the congregation in a speech about dreamers, making references to King.

He said Americans are still struggling with the problems King dealt with during his time. Harris said as long as there are dreamers, like King, there will always be people opposing those dreamers.

Danny Dixon, a university minister for West Berry University Ministries, said he was pleased with the presentation itself, but was confused by the small attendance.

Less than 20 people attended Wednesday's celebration.

"You always wonder why there is such small attendance," Dixon said. "You always want more people to be involved."

Andy Walker, a sophomore engineering major, said he had never attended church but thought today

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The Rev. Mark Harris, pastor of Cooper Missionary Baptist Church, spoke on Wednesday in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is observed by the university on Monday.

## Prof. makes cocaine, quail connection

LEXINGTON, Ky. (U-WIRE) -- While cocaine and quails might not seem compatible, they make a good match for one University of Kentucky professor's research study.

Chana Akins, an associate professor of psychology, is investigating the effects cocaine has on quails' behavior.

Akins received a \$480,000 grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse to conduct her project, which started in June, 2001 and will continue for four years.

Although similar studies on cocaine reward, a drug-seeking behavior, have been done, Akins said her project is unique because it focuses solely on visual stimuli in an environment that can contribute to a quail's desire for cocaine. Examining the effects of visual stimuli on quails may help to explain why many human cocaine addicts relapse even after detoxification, Akins said.

"A contributing factor to the high

relapse rate could be the environmental stimuli that may become associated with previous drug use," she said. "Studies suggest that cocaine addicts respond differently to cocaine-related objects compared to neutral objects."

If, for example, a recovering

addict is presented with a crack pipe, merely seeing the object can motivate the person to think of the drug, resulting in craving for it. This craving is what often causes relapse, Akins said.

Although animal research is imperative to medical advances, Akins understands that some people question the ethics of using animals in laboratory experiments.

"We use animals because we can't do studies like this on humans," she said. "Laboratory trials allow us to

control for things like eating habits and other factors that we can't control in humans."

Japanese quail, the type Akins uses in her experiments, are bred in the lab and hatch within 17 days. She said

that because they are ground-dwelling birds, they usually only survive for a year in the wild, and they are often kept that long in the lab for experimental purposes.

UK's Division of Lab Resources is responsible for euthanizing the excess birds. Akins said they follow the government's regulated guidelines.

The developmental research being conducted is important because, like other animal research studies, it could help develop effective treatments for cocaine or other drug addictions, Akins said.

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Today's menu

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Calzones  
Barbecue chicken  
Vegetarian barley  
Buffalo wings  
Smoked brisket

## DINNER

Fresh fruit display  
Mango jalapeno Cornish hen  
Red beans and rice  
Jerky chicken strips  
Caribbean burgers  
Caribbean grilled chicken breast  
Caribbean jerk flank steak  
Cuban roast vegetable mojo  
Caribbean spiced pot roast  
Chef choice salad

## Tomorrow's Menu

## THE MAIN

## LUNCH

Spaghetti and meatballs  
Stromboli  
Fried fantailed shrimp  
Baked macaroni and cheese  
Hush puppies  
Popcorn chicken  
Rotisserie chicken  
Steamed mixed vegetables  
Chef choice salad

## DINNER

Chowder bar  
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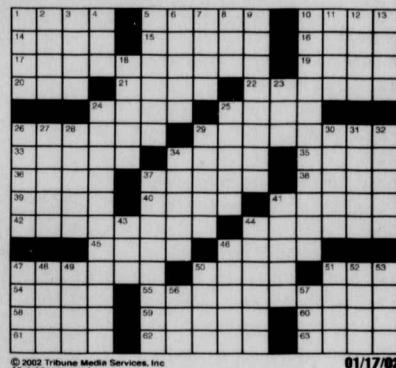


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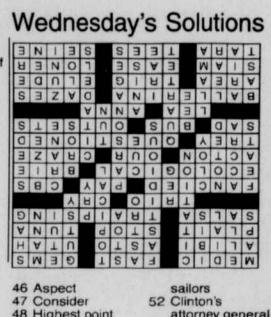
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## The Sideline

Lobos coach won't elaborate on "Sept. 11" comment

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)** — New Mexico coach Fran Fraschilla, apparently frustrated over five early Lobo fouls during a game against Air Force, made a cryptic reference to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks while complaining to an official.

"I don't care what happened on September 11th. That's two, Lonnie," Fraschilla yelled to referee Lonnie Dixon of the Mountain West Conference after freshman Chad Bell was called for a foul during a scramble for a loose ball.

Fraschilla has refused to answer a reporter's question about his remark, which was made during a late Monday night game at The Pit and could be heard at the scorer's table.

The Lobos were favorites against Air Force but had to rally for a 50-47 victory.

New Mexico athletic director Rudy Dávalos said he didn't hear the comment and no one has said anything to him about it, including fans or the university president, who has court-side seats near the Lobo bench.

"If he made it, he made it to an official during the heat of battle," Dávalos said. "What he said or meant, you'd have to ask him."

### Strahan beats Urlacher for Defensive Player honors

The sack has become the most glorified defensive play in the NFL, a major reason why Michael Strahan is The Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year.

Strahan, who set an NFL record with 22 sacks for the New York Giants, earned a seven-vote margin over Chicago linebacker Brian Urlacher in balloting announced Wednesday.

"Only seven," Strahan said with a huge smile that showed off his famous gap-tooth look. "I'm disappointed, but I'll take it."

Nothing was disappointing about the defensive end's performance this season.

Strahan, one of the league's most popular players for his outgoing, entertaining yet humble manner, always has been a fearsome pass rusher. He was a force against the run this season, too, and, with linebacker Jessie Armstead and the rest of New York's defense plagued by inconsistency, Strahan was Mr. Reliable.

Charlotte Hornets negotiating move to New Orleans

**BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)** — State officials and the owners of the Charlotte Hornets appeared to be on the verge of completing a deal to bring the NBA team to New Orleans.

"We are a perfect fit. We love New Orleans. We're bringing a very good team here," Ray Wooldridge, co-owner of the team with George Shinn, said after a Wednesday afternoon meeting with Gov. Mike Foster.

Wooldridge and Foster said a deal could be announced Thursday or Friday. However, Foster also urged reporters to listen to his Thursday afternoon radio show for a possible announcement, and officials at the New Orleans Arena called a news conference for Thursday.

Wooldridge said discussions included improvements to the 18,500-seat arena, which is already close to NBA standards, and state help in the sale of luxury box suites and season tickets.

### Baseball Owners OK \$660 Million Red Sox Sale

**PHOENIX (AP)** — The \$660 million sale of the Boston Red Sox to a group led by Florida Marlins owner John Henry was approved Wednesday by baseball owners.

Acting with a speed seldom seen in the sport, owners approved the controversial deal less than one month after the team agreed to it with Henry's group.

Because the Red Sox spurned higher offers — \$755 million from New York lawyer Miles Prentice and \$750 million from Cablevision Systems Corp. chairman Charles Dolan — Boston CEO John Harrington and baseball commissioner Bud Selig have been accused of steering the deal to Henry's group, filled with connected baseball veterans.

## Spanish 'Bull' set to lead Horned Frogs

**BY JESSICA SANDERS**

Skiff Staff

When TCU junior men's tennis player Antonio "Toni" Gordon first came to the United States from his native Barcelona, Spain, he spoke little English and did not know many people. But he tried not to let that be a factor as he quickly established a reputation for himself in his new home.

"I was always studying or practicing (tennis)," said Gordon. "One day Coach Santos (the former tennis coach) came up to me and said the way I study and practice is like a bull."

The nickname "The Bull" stuck with Gordon because of his tough and hard-working approach to the sport.

"We call Toni 'The Bull' because he is a tough and hard worker on the court," said TCU men's tennis coach Joey Rive. "He is never out on a match and is hard to put down."

Gordon is currently ranked No. 69 in the preseason Intercollegiate Tennis Association polls, making him TCU's highest ranked player this year. Gordon is cited for his impressive backhand and forehand, and he is also known as a

great receiver, Rive said.

Gordon is known as a very emotional player, whose fiery temperament can be both a blessing and a curse to his game. He often finds himself in a match screaming and shouting at himself and often at his opponents. Gordon has been seen screaming expletives, mainly in his native tongue — Spanish.

"Sometimes it doesn't help at all," said Gordon. "It can help if I can control it, but I think it helps to play with a lot of emotion in competitive sports."

Gordon is no stranger to competitive sports. He competed professionally as a teenager on the Spanish National team.

"When I was in Spain, I was trying to be pro. I was only 16 (years old) at the time and the competition was tough."

Now Gordon, a 23-year-old physical education major, is a more experienced player, but he finds the competition in the United States equally challenging. In Spain tennis is played on a clay court instead of hard courts used in the United States.

"On clay, if you are better than the other guy, you will win," Gordon said. "On hard court, your game can be affected by other things, like the serve."

Last year, TCU's tennis team

was ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation, but lost in the semifinals NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga. This year they have fallen to No. 19 due in part to the loss of eight seniors on the team.

Now it is up to Gordon and teammate junior Daniel Wajnberg to fill the leadership positions on the team. Gordon and Wajnberg have played on the TCU team together for the last two years and both are excited to step up to this new challenge.

"This is our first year as (upperclassmen) on the team. The freshmen will probably look up to us a lot," said Wajnberg, a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Rive is also confident that they are up to the job.

"I think both (Gordon and Wajnberg) experienced a tremendous team last season," Rive said. "This will put them in a position to help the new guys."

He cites Gordon in particular for his "silent leadership through his actions."

The true test, however, may be the upcoming game against No. 7 SMU on Jan. 30.

"The SMU game is a good way to get started," Rive said. "We can see where we are quickly and get to the

meat of the season."

SMU has also undergone some changes in the team roster, which Gordon thinks could help TCU's chances to win.

"It will be weird. It is the first game of the season, so it's just the beginning," Gordon said. "I'm feeling excited, but I don't know much about their team since they lost some players. I am interested to see who they recruited."

As for the rest of the season, Gordon and Wajnberg have high expectations. They hope that the SMU game will help move TCU up from their preseason ranking.

"I think we have a lot of potential, we can do it with time and luck," said Wajnberg. "We are practicing hard and have a great coach. I think he can take us all the way."

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*Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF*  
Junior Toni Gordon is ranked No. 69 in the preseason Intercollegiate Tennis Association polls. When "The Bull," Gordon's nickname, came to TCU he was unfamiliar with the language, but he overcame those problems and now finds himself the leader of the team.

## Frogs open coach's first 'real' season at Rice

**BY RAM LUTHRA**

Sports Editor

Men's tennis head coach Joey Rive has already led last year's team to the semifinal round of the NCAA Championships.

But Rive said he feels that this year will be his first "real" season for him as head coach.

After recruiting and bringing six new players of his choice, Rive said he has an arsenal set for the spring season that starts Friday as the Frogs travel down to Houston to play at the Rice Indoor Championships.

"When I got here last year there were so many seniors (six) and I just wanted to keep the success they had going," Rive said. "I felt that I just needed to keep the ship running. I didn't want to rock the boat too much."

"Now with guys that I brought in, I can have some leverage in my coaching style," he said. "I know what to expect out of them and they know what to expect from me."

The second-year head coach said the tournament will be a good chance for the team to prepare for the dual-match season.

"Getting a couple of matches under our belt will be the biggest thing from this tournament," Rive said. "It will also give me a sense on how to set the line-up for the regular season."

Rive said with so many new players it is difficult to set any goals and expectations.

"Opening the season you usually have a good indication of how a team will perform," Rive said. "But with some new guys it is hard to tell what this team is going to do this year."

The plus from having so many inexperienced players is that there will be competition resulting in better play, Rive said.

"Fighting for spot in the line-up will be huge for the (new) players," Rive said. "When you have a group that wants a spot they will have to play at an optimal level to earn a spot."

Junior Toni Gordon said he is looking forward to get better both individually and as a team. The tournament will be a way for him to do that.

"Personally I want to play as many matches as I can to get ready for the regular season,"

Gordon said. "For the team it will be a good opportunity to see some of the new players against some other competition."

Gordon, who finished in the semifinals in this tournament the past two years, said he hopes reach at least the finals this year. But he wants the to fine-tune all the rough edges during the tournament.

"The beginning of the season is hard to start for me because you are coming a long break," Gordon said. "The weather has made it difficult to practice."

Freshman Fabrizio Sestini said the tournament will be advantageous for the new players that need to get some experience.

"I don't have a chance to play much, but I can get some experience," Sestini said. "I and the other players can get better at the serve and volley game. At the same time I can get some wins against some good players."

The tournament will have two singles flights and two 16-team doubles flights. Participants include members from regional teams as SMU, Texas A&M, Baylor, Texas and host-school Rice.

The team opens the dual-match season Jan. 30 against former conference rival SMU at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

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Freshman Fabrizio Sestini practices his forehand for the upcoming Met/Rice Indoor Tournament. Sestini is an international student from Italy.

## Title IX harms low-profile collegiate sports for males

**BY JENNIFER LOVEN**

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — A federal law credited with transforming women's athletics causes discrimination against men in lower-profile college sports such as wrestling and track, coaches and athletes allege in a lawsuit against the government.

The suit filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia largely blames a 1996 rule clarifying the 1972 statute known as Title IX, which prohibits any school or college that receives federal funding from discriminating based on sex in sports or academics.

Because nearly all the nation's schools receive some federal aid, the law has had a dramatic impact, particularly on women's athletics.

Federal regulations say schools can comply with Title IX's guarantee of equal treatment for female athletes in a number of

ways: by showing that opportunities for women are "substantially proportionate" to their enrollment, that opportunities correspond to the level of students' interest, or that new teams are being added. A 1996 clarification of those rules said, in part, that actual athletes would be counted rather than simply spots allotted to teams.

The suit against the Education Department, financed by the National Wrestling Coaches Association, contends that as a result of those rules and court decisions interpreting them, many colleges and universities have come to see trimming men's sports — rather than adding women's teams — as the only way to achieve equality. Over the last decade, 350 men's programs have been cut, said Eric Pearson, an NWCA co-chairman. Those losses have come mostly in sports that don't bring in revenue, such as swimming, wrestling, track-and-field and gymnastics

and have prevailed in some cases despite offers from alumni and parents to take over funding of the sports, Pearson said.

Numerous lawsuits have been filed against individual schools for such decisions, all unsuccessful.

But the NWCA suit challenges the rules themselves, arguing they were adopted illegally. It asks the court to force the department to write new ones defining compliance as providing opportunities for female athletes based on interest instead of enrollment.

Capping a male athlete off a team or cutting an entire men's team solely because not enough female students have an interest in athletics is gender discrimination per se — with absolutely no corresponding benefit to women," the suit says.

The Education Department, through a spokesman, said it could not comment on pending litigation.

But Marcia Greenberger, co-president of the National Women's Law Center, said the law's requirements are not as rigid as the NWCA claims. Several studies, in fact, have shown that the majority of schools come into compliance without cutting men's teams or relying on comparisons to enrollment, and that men's participation in athletics has increased as well.

Greenberger suggested the blame lies not with Title IX as the suit argues, but with schools' decisions to place a priority on popular moneymaking sports like football and basketball.

"There has been a concerted effort to weaken Title IX ... since the very day it was passed," she said. "This is part of a longtime effort that fortunately has never borne fruit."

The government has 60 days to respond.

## Cuban puts a 'Q' on ice cream cone

**BY JAIME ARON**

Associated Press

**COPPELL** — Hundreds of people surrounded a suburban Dallas Dairy Queen on Wednesday to be served lunch by billionaire Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban.

Wearing a navy blue denim shirt and a manager's badge with the name Tony printed in it, Cuban took orders, made change and pumped his own soft-serve ice cream cones.

"It might not be pretty, but it works," Cuban said with a smile and a wink as he handed the treat to a happy customer.

Cuban was making good on a promise to the fast-food chain to manage one of its restaurants for a day to see how hard the job is. The company's challenge came in response to Cuban's criticism of the NBA's head of officiating: "I wouldn't hire him to manage a Dairy Queen."

The league fined Cuban \$500,000 for the comment, the largest against an individual in NBA history.

He left the high-level work, such as making the company's trademark Blizzard, to more experienced employees.

"This is the best thing to happen to Dairy Queen since the invention of the Blizzard 16 years ago," said Dean Peters, the company's head spokesman, who traveled from the Minneapolis headquarters to be part of the event.

Fans and customers began lining up hours in advance. A carnival atmosphere surrounded the store, with inflatable play areas for children, portable basketball games and more than a dozen television and radio stations broadcast live. One TV station even flew its helicopter for an overhead view. The store was handing out free ice cream.

The first customer ordered a strawberry blizzard. "I came here to join in on the festivities," said James Kelly, who had Cuban autograph a \$1 million bill.