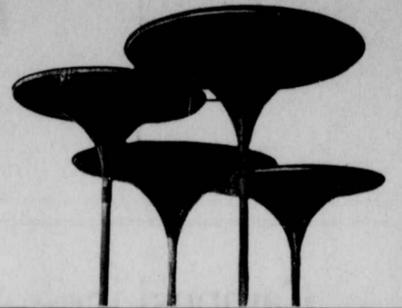


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## Today's News

### STATE NEWS

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### NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON (AP)—For the millions of Americans who fly, patience will be at a premium Friday as the airlines begin a more intrusive and time-consuming check-in. Delays are inevitable as luggage is scrutinized even more closely for explosives.

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### WORLD NEWS

GENEVA (AP)—Acting on fears of bioterrorism, the World Health Organization's governing body on Thursday reversed a long-standing order for the destruction of all smallpox virus stocks and recommended they be retained for research into new vaccines or treatment.

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## OnCampus

### U. Oklahoma student readmitted after threat of lawsuit

NORMAN, Okla. (U-WIRE)—A student forced out of University of Oklahoma in September after the president of the Pakistan Student Association accused him of a hate crime is back on campus. Chance Shipman started class Monday, but it is not yet known if he will be able to rejoin coach Jack Spates' wrestling team.

While Shipman has returned to school this semester, his friend Gary Frizzell, forced out of OU in November, has not. His father, Gary, said Frizzell decided not to come back to OU until the fall semester.

The Frizzells have hired an attorney who is looking into the matter. Frizzell's father said he felt he should not comment except to say: "Gary is in no way guilty."

Shipman's readmission is a complete turnaround from the university's stance just one month ago. The ongoing revelations about electrical engineering junior Mohammad Yaseen Haider, in jail since Nov. 8, prompted Shipman to threaten a lawsuit against the university.

The lawsuit would have sought to nullify a contract Shipman signed with OU the week after Haider accused him, Gary Frizzell and an unnamed student of hate crimes. Haider claimed the students beat him Sept. 16 in the racially charged aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

—Oklahoma Daily

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## theWeather

### TODAY

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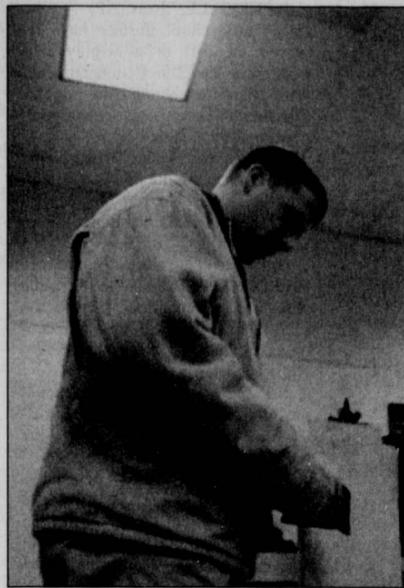
### SATURDAY

High: 52; Low: 30; Rain

## LookingBack

1778- The English explorer Captain James Cook becomes the first European to site the Hawaiian Islands when he sails past the island of Oahu.

# Outstanding student debt decreases



Maria Adamezyk/PHOTO EDITOR  
Jerod Womack, a first year graduate student, pays a bill in Financial Services Thursday afternoon. Today is the final deadline for students with unpaid minimum balances to pay off their accounts before they are dropped from classes.

## Deadline today for 60 students yet to pay bill

BY JAIME WALKER  
Senior Reporter

The university stands to collect more than \$5 million in student payments since Jan. 4, following its announcement that students with unpaid minimum balances would be dropped from classes today if they did not fulfill their financial obligations, said TCU Controller Cheryl Wilson.

Wilson said as of noon Thursday, 60 students, whose minimum balances total approximately \$200,000, are in danger of not being able to enroll in fall classes or return to TCU if they don't make payment arrangements by 5 p.m.

TCU expects to collect the payments in coming weeks based on guaranteed loans or other verifiable funds, Wilson said.

"It's overwhelming how much we have collected since Monday," she said. "It's a credit to the students for being responsible in their payments and to the staff who have been working with every student."

Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business, said TCU has not insti-

tuted a new, more-stringent policy but is instead enforcing payments in order to cover TCU's operating costs.

She said TCU relies on the \$68 million it collects in tuition revenue to pay a substantial portion of its \$155 million operation budget.

"It is unfair for the university to continue to allow students to attend TCU if they are not paying and are in essence asking other students to float them until the end of the semester," she said. "You wouldn't go to a restaurant, order a meal and then when the bill comes tell the waiter you only want to pay one third of it. The same concept applies here."

Campbell said university research indicates that 90 percent of TCU students wait to pay their bills. She said the motivation behind the university's enforcement is "not at all a way to punish students, but rather to collect as we should have been all along."

"We merely want the students here to meet their end of the contract they make with the university when they agree to attend TCU," she said. "We provide them with a great, well-balanced educational experience and resources, and in return they pay us the tuition we use to pay salaries and run the day-to-day operations."

Mike Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid, said he was astonished at the number of students with outstanding balances who had not ever capitalized on their

financial aid opportunities.

"Some of these students have been eligible for aid but had not come to us or followed through on the paper work," he said. "We have been working hard to ensure every student with a hold has looked at loans, grants — every option."

He said university staff has been working diligently with each student to ensure everyone who owes money understands where funds and assistance are available.

"When I first came to TCU (in the late 1980s) we, like almost any other institution required students to pay upfront or at least regularly," he said. "Over the years we got lax and students took advantage of that. Now things have snowballed."

Wilson said she anticipates that once this week's "payment frenzy" subsides, students and parents will understand regular payments will be collected.

Campbell said ultimately students and parents must decide whether their priorities make attending TCU possible.

"We don't want to deter students, but we don't want those here to accrue large debts either," she said. "At graduation you must settle your account — better to start settling now than wait until you find out you won't get a diploma."

Jaime Walker  
j.l.walker@student.tcu.edu

# Students return safely



Orsolya Trizna, a senior interior design major from Hungary, shows the U.S. student visa in her passport. All international students, who do not hold a U.S. passport or a green card, must have a valid passport, a student visa and a letter from the International Student Services to enter the country.

BY DAVID DUNAI  
Staff Reporter

For Tahira Hussain of Pakistan enjoying the holidays with loved ones during the winter break was different than in previous years.

Hussain, a junior international relations major, was one of many students who chose to leave the United States to go home for the winter break and made it back. However, on the way back she had noticed that security had become tighter at airports. She said when her plane from Pakistan landed in Frankfurt, Germany she saw

that other Pakistani nationals were being detained and questioned by authorities.

"They got stopped because they had a green passport instead of a blue one. It is unfortunate that some of us became subject of scrutiny for no reason," Hussain said.

John Singleton, director of International Student Services, said he hasn't received any notification about students who wanted to return having trouble getting back to the United States. He said he would have exact figures at the end of January.

Singleton said parents' worries for the security of their children were one of the most frequent issues he had to talk about on the telephone when parents called.

Hussain said her parents were scared for her safety in the United States.

"It is already a big thing for a parent to let a child go that far in the first place. Secondly, they feel that the place I was going to study is not the same any more," she said.

Singleton said two students from Middle

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## Government asks for help in locating terrorists

BY KAREN GULLO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government on Thursday released photos and video excerpts of five suspected al-Qaeda members delivering what Attorney General John Ashcroft described as "martyrdom messages from suicide terrorists."

Ashcroft called upon people worldwide to help "identify, locate and incapacitate terrorists who are suspected of planning additional attacks against innocent civilians."

"These men could be anywhere in the world," he said.

Ashcroft said five videotapes, shown without sound, had been recovered from the rubble of the home of Mohammad Atef, believed to have been Osama bin Laden's military chief. Officials say Atef was killed by a U.S. airstrike in November. The sound was left out to guard against the possibility that the messages contained signals for other terrorists.

Ashcroft said the videotapes "depict young men delivering what appear to be martyrdom messages from suicide terrorists." He added that an analysis of the audio suggests "the men may be trained and prepared to commit future suicide terrorist acts."

He said the government had tentatively identified four of the five men depicted in the video as: Abd Al-Rahim, Muhammad Sa'id Ali Hasan, Khalid Ibn Muhammad Al-Juhani and Ramzi Binalshibh. Ashcroft said not much is known about any of them except Binalshibh, a Yemeni whom officials allege was an associate of the Sept. 11 suicide hijacker Mohammed Atta.

In the indictment handed down in (More on GOVERNMENT, page 4)

# Account holds could affect 73 student housing placements

BY KAMI LEWIS  
Staff Reporter

Some students' housing contracts may be affected by the new Financial Services payment policy, while other students are moving into single rooms as the fall housing crunch lessens, said Karen Baker, associate director of Residential Services.

If students do not pay the minimum balance on their accounts by Jan. 18, they will no longer be enrolled in classes according to the current Financial Services policy. If students are not enrolled

in at least nine semester hours they will not be eligible for campus housing, Baker said.

"We are very willing to work with these students," Baker said. "We are working closely with Financial Services to make sure we do everything we can for them before the Friday deadline."

Of the 60 students with current holds on their accounts as of Thursday evening, 20 live on-campus, Baker said.

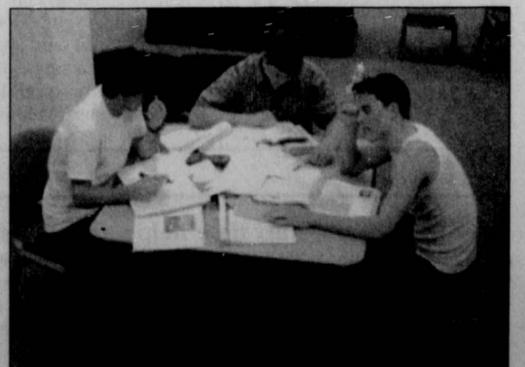
Erica Richardson, a senior finance major, said working to get her hold re-

moved was a frustrating experience.

"There didn't seem to be enough people over in Financial Services; my parents kept getting busy signals when they tried to call," she said. "It took me something like five days to get it taken care of, and I wasn't even aware of the housing situation."

Last fall, undergraduate space was so limited students were living in residence hall lobbies and in the Greek halls. Conditions this semester are

(More on HOUSING, page 4)



Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF  
Tyler Kirk, a freshman pre-major, Mike Stuart, a freshman business major, and Jonathan Frost, a freshman Radio-TV-Film major study in the Milton Daniel lounge Wednesday night.

# THE PULSE

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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• **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. tonight 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. tonight in the Student Center. Free food will be provided plus a performance by the band Naked Blue along with various activities.

• **Insights-faculty artists exhibit** will run Tuesday through Feb. 14 in the Moudy Building North foyer. The exhibit will feature the newest works of TCU faculty artists.

• **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. 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 p.m. in the Gauss Common Room 171.

• **RTVF film series** will present the 1946 film "Notorious" 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building, Room 164S. The film stars Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman.

## Texas December unemployment higher than last year

AUSTIN (AP) — Unemployment in Texas continued to rise in December, hitting 5.7 percent, sharply higher than the 3.7 percent rate of just a year ago, the Texas Workforce Commission said Thursday.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from November's 5.5 percent — the latter figure was revised upward from the commission's original November estimate of 5.4 percent.

The commission said the largest job losses, 4,800 positions, fell in transportation, communications and public utilities. That figure largely reflected layoffs at Enron Corp., the energy-trading giant that filed for bankruptcy in December.

Air transportation was down for the fourth straight month, with a loss of 700 jobs. Three major airlines are based in Texas, and all have been affected by the recession and a downturn in travel since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

While the official unemployment rate rose, there were actually 17,600 more people working in metropolitan areas because of seasonal hiring by retailers. The retail sector gained 19,900 jobs, the commission said.

In calculating the unemployment rate, the commission tries to exclude seasonal variations, such as holiday hiring and summer jobs. Most economists say these seasonally adjusted figures give a better reading of the job market.

The statewide jobless rate actually fell to 5.1 percent from 5.2 percent if seasonal trends are ignored, the commission said.

## City Council debates selling corporate sponsorships

HOUSTON (AP) — The nation's fourth-largest city could have municipal buildings and fire trucks with corporate sponsors' names on them as well as an official soft drink supported by Houston if the idea turns out to be a moneymaker.

City Council members voted 8-7 Wednesday over objections that Houston would be "prostituting" itself by approving a \$40,000 contract with a Denver-based sports and marketing

company which will study ways the city can make money by selling its name or allowing corporate sponsorships.

"I don't think we should be in the business of prostituting ourselves," Councilwoman Addie Wiseman said. "We need to be disciplined, not desperate."

However, other council members such as Gordon Quan say the study into ideas such as selling the right to put corporate names on golf balls at city golf courses to stuffing advertising inserts in city water bills could turn out to be beneficial. He says other cities have raised millions of dollars through similar deals.

Supporters point to it as a way to raise revenue without increasing taxes.

Houston Mayor Lee Brown says he will not support renaming public buildings but thinks some of the other ideas have a "potential for helping" and don't "do any damage."

Opponents, however, question the wisdom of allowing a company to do the study which stands to benefit from the city's decision.

## Inmates charged after pistol is found in their cell

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two Bexar County Jail inmates have been charged with possession of a deadly weapon in a penal institution after jail officials found an unloaded, .25-caliber semiautomatic pistol in their cell.

Benito Medina, 36, and Jeff Correlus, 36 are each being held on a \$50,000 bond. Possession of a deadly weapon in a penal institution is a third-degree felony, said Deputy Chief Amadeo Ortiz, the jail administrator.

Deputies found the weapon in the third-floor cell on Tuesday night after receiving a tip from the district attorney's office that the weapon might be there, Ortiz said.

Ortiz said jailers found a piece of string near a hole they discovered in the wall near a work yard, but he wouldn't speculate on how the weapon got inside the jail.

"We don't know how it came in," Ortiz said in Thursday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News. "It scared us to death."

Medina was being held at the jail on assault charges, with bond set at \$140,000. Correlus is serving a nine-month sentence for theft.

After a complete investigation of the incident, Ortiz said he plans to review search policies at the jail.

## School trustees reject Ten Commandments gift

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — Central Texas school trustees have rejected the gift of a display case containing the Ten Commandments, with board members fearing possible litigation or debate over separation of church and state.

Trustees voted 4-3 on Tuesday night against accepting the case that also included the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence.

But Joseph Fegenbush, the pastor of Faith Christian Church in Kerrville who had presented the gift to the school district, said efforts would continue for including the display at Tivy High School.

He said he and supporters would push for state legislation in 2003 to allow the display to be placed in the halls of schools throughout the state.

"I believe it will pass," Fegenbush told the Kerrville Daily Times in Thursday's online edition. "If the Ten Commandments had hung in the hall at Columbine High School, maybe the students would have read the commandment that said 'Thou shalt not murder' and the incident there wouldn't have happened. Who knows? We have to change a community and the nation one step at a time."

Debate over religion has occurred previously in the largely Christian town about 60 miles northwest of San Antonio.

Board president Rolinda Schmidt and trustees Virginia Graham, David Dozier and Lynn LeMeilleur voted against accepting the display case.

Board member Keith Williams, a supporter of accepting the gift, said before the vote that fear of litigation should not be a reason for the decision.

## New rule would allow in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Undocumented immigrants living in California could get a break in tuition at the University of California under a proposal to let many of them pay the

amount charged to in-state residents.

The university system's Board of Regents planned to consider the change Thursday in a meeting at the University of California, Los Angeles.

If approved, the proposal would allow all students who graduated from a California high school after three years of attendance to pay in-state tuition, regardless of immigration status. Undocumented immigrants must currently pay the higher out-of-state tuition even if they have lived in the state for years.

Immigrants would have to file for legalized status to qualify for the lower tuition.

Gov. Gray Davis and the state Legislature approved a bill last year implementing the same policy change at California State University campuses and community colleges.

On Wednesday, 300 students staged a demonstration backing the move. Waving signs reading "Knowledge not discrimination" and "Education is a human right," they rallied for an hour outside the building where the regents were meeting on the first day of a two-day session.

## U. Texas athletics may build indoor practice area

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas - After missing more than 15 days of practice this fall due to inclement weather, the University of Texas football team might practice in an air-conditioned, indoor facility next season, pending UT System Board of Regents approval.

Cleve Bryant, associate athletic director, said the \$4 million project proposed by UT President Larry Faulkner on Thursday will protect the players from conditions such as rain, lightning, heat and air quality risks created by the current field's proximity to Interstate 35. Such problems, Bryant said, prevent the team from practicing, which in turn hurts the team's performance.

"I think anytime you lose a practice opportunity, you lose a chance to win a game," he said. "It is a no-brainer from a coaches'/players' point of view."

The indoor facility will be temporary, covering part of the southern end of Denius fields with a rectangular tent, to allow for indoor and outdoor practice.

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## TheSkiff View

### REFLECT

Holiday time for remembrance

Only a week after classes started, students, faculty and staff will get a day off. For most college students, this will be a day to sleep in and extend the weekend as long as possible. However, it's important to remember the reason for the holiday and the man behind it.

Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, honoring the birthday of the man who devoted his life to ending segregation and achieving equality for all. King made tremendous strides in the civil rights battle and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

The national holiday Monday honors this man, his life, his work, his philosophy, his infamous "dream."

How many people will actually celebrate King's legacy this year? Many people take Martin Luther King, Jr. Day for granted, without giving a second thought to the significance of the day. They treat it as any other day off from work or school.

This year, especially, we should reflect on the meaning behind the holiday and remember the lessons of peace that King taught.

Sept. 11 brought war to the nation's focus. Religious and racial discrimination became more prevalent. People of Middle Eastern descent were labeled as possible terrorists. Followers of Islam were discriminated against for their faith.

King made amazing progress toward equality, promoting peace the whole while. He taught us that change can happen, and it doesn't require violence to bring it about. King showed us that passive resistance can be just as effective in instigating change.

While war and violence are on our minds, we should reflect on the life of a man who embraced love. This year we should try to learn something from King's life. We should apply his lessons of love and tolerance to our own lives. We shouldn't just sleep through the day again.

King's philosophy of equality and peace are as relevant and critical now as they were in the '60s. King's dream for the country has not been realized, so now it must be our dream.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal."

## TheOtherView

Opinions from around the country

When students come to the University of Oregon to study, they are expecting to receive an education that will prepare them for their careers and enrich their lives. To help with this effort, the University has set up several language requirements aimed at teaching different cultures, including languages, to produce well-rounded students. Unfortunately, the school's language requirement is merely a nuisance for most students.

The requirement is nothing more than a pointless bother — language programs might teach fundamentals, but they don't teach practical application in the workplace.

Language is counterproductive when students take language courses because they have to and not because they want to. The requirement is not essential for many majors and impedes the graduation process. Although students have a choice of pursuing a bachelor of arts versus a bachelor of science degree, many who seek the former are frustrated because the language requirement is not useful for their careers. Many won't even remember what was taught after graduation.

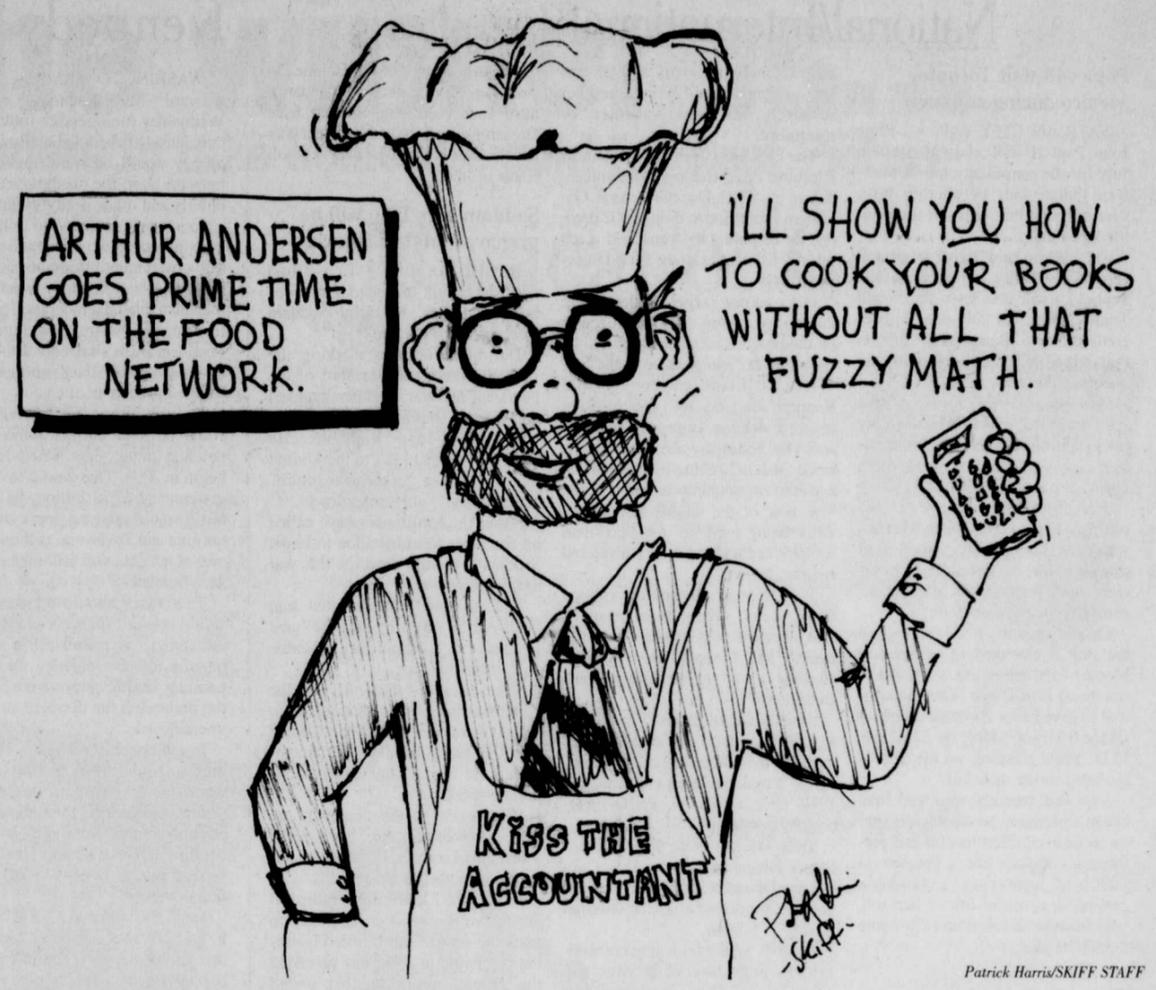
The University should create more useful curricula for students

who will need language experience for their majors, such as Japanese for business majors or Spanish for journalism students. This option would be more practical for students and it would help them prepare for their careers. Being bilingual is an asset in today's society, but it is not imperative, and many students have no practical use for learning another language.

If the University wants students to learn foreign languages, it should work on expanding its study abroad programs. Most language teachers would agree that immersion in the language and culture is the best way for students to learn, and more majors should be incorporated in the overseas curricula.

The bottom line is the language requirement is important, but only to those who plan on using it. Students who do not wish to study languages are free to pursue a bachelor of science. However, those students that are required to fulfill the language prerequisite should be given the option of doing so in accordance with their major.

*This editorial is from the Oregon Daily Emerald at the University of Oregon. This column was distributed by U-Wire.*



Patrick Harris/SKIFF STAFF

## Anger should be expressed through words not violence

### No excuse for law school shootings

A professor said in class this week that statistical demographics indicate that in the next 10 years it is projected there will be more lawyers than people in America.

She was joking, but the statistics really do indicate something very close to this apparently ludicrous comment.

Many people wish lawyers would just disappear, but unfortunately the latest act in a long string of school shootings worked to accomplish this very feat.

A disgruntled law school student at the Appalachian School of Law opened fire Wednesday afternoon leaving three dead and three others in critical condition.

The gunman, who had stress problems and was close to flunking out, somehow decided it would be

a good idea to shoot the dean of the law school and a professor both execution style at point blank range. He also managed to either kill or seriously wound four peer students as well before being tackled and disarmed.

Maybe there are too many lawyers and even law professors, but I'd rather see their numbers dwindle through career changes than through senseless acts of brutal murder.

When people start mentally snapping and going on killing sprees because they're not happy with their grades then we have to think there is something seriously wrong with the way in which our society operates.

We've all been upset with professors for their grading styles or disciplinary choices, and maybe we've even wished ill will upon them, but let's hope that we've never felt a serious urge to see any of them killed.

If so, please seek help now.

The physician who counseled the gunman for stress on a few occasions described him as "a time bomb waiting to go off." Shouldn't this have been enough to raise red flags?

People need to realize that one little setback in life isn't the end of civilization as we know it. I'm pretty sure getting a bad grade isn't one of the signs of the apocalypse. As the great Forrest Gump once said, "It happens." People need to learn their lives aren't

got to just deal with setbacks.

Fifteen-year-old high school students going on school shooting sprees is bad enough, but at least they can

argue that their ability to reason hadn't peaked yet, although many would disagree. But how many of you fellow college students can honestly look back four, five or six years and think you haven't grown significantly smarter, and especially wiser, since then? And if you haven't changed, then I

highly recommend dropping out of school because you're wasting your money.

On the other hand, those guilty of office building shootings can claim they were burnt out on life and had nothing else to live for, which is still a pretty awful excuse.

But those in graduate schools shouldn't have such excuses, and if students ready to go out into the "real world" in America are already sick of life, then there is definitely something gravely wrong.

In this case the gunman, Peter Odighizuwa, is a 43-year-old Nigerian immigrant. Even though older than the average law school student, one would think he would be excited about the potential of getting a degree in a new nation. Even if he was going to flunk out, how can a law student think he doesn't have any other options?

It's not like they let anyone into law school, it just seems that way.

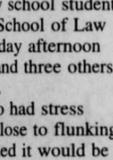
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## Child-like appearance pays off

I've always hated being told that I look young for my age. Not long ago, I was slightly offended when the Domino's pizza guy

usually when people say I look younger than I am, they also tell me that someday I'll appreciate looking young. I never used to believe them.

As children, the moment we understand the concept of birthdays, we eagerly anticipate our next one. It's partly for the presents, but more importantly because we want to be a year older.

As a child it always seemed like

older kids had all the fun. There was always something, some coveted privilege that was just a year or so away. At age 8, it was staying up an hour later. At 12, it was PG-13-rated movies. At 15, it was driving. At 16, it was R-rated movies.

The media bombards today's kids with messages telling them to grow up now. Children emulate young-adult pop stars who advertise their sexuality through clothes, dance and music. Kid's fashions are modeled from adults and even their stores are copies of adult stores, such as Limited TOO and Gap Kids.

As I enter the halfway point of my junior year, I'm beginning to realize that graduation is rapidly approaching. Adulthood is looming in the horizon — and it's a little scary.

Adults love to tell college stu-

dents that we should enjoy this time now because after college we'll be in the real world with real responsibilities. I'm starting to believe them when they say that.

It's not the responsibility of being an adult that concerns me (the majority of college students have plenty of responsibility already). I'm concerned that I'll no longer be a kid.

Despite all the time we spent during childhood wishing we were older, we were having a blast. Don't you ever miss recess? Drive by a school yard during recess and try not to feel sentimental. Kids laugh and yell, chase each other and play games — they have pure, simple fun.

I don't want to give up any of the freedoms that I've gained with each year of my life and I don't

want to give up the lessons that I've learned.

But I also don't want to stop being a kid. I don't want to lose that carefree attitude. I want to be able to find fun in everything I do and be able to act dumb without caring.

I don't know what makes us officially grown up. I used to try to pinpoint the age so I could tell my parents, "I'm an adult now. You can't tell me what to do." I never found the age though, and I'm done looking.

The next time someone confuses me for a high school student I'm going to tell them "Thank you" and mean it.

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## National/International Roundup

### Pope will visit Toronto, Mexico during summer

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II will visit Mexico in July for the canonization of a Mexican Indian, part of another busy year of travel that will test the pontiff's health.

The Vatican said a visit to ground zero in New York City, the site of the Sept. 11 terror attack on the World Trade Center, was not under consideration, despite Italian press reports that suggested the pope had expressed a desire to see it.

The Vatican said Thursday that John Paul will fly to Mexico City from Canada, after he attends the Roman Catholic Church's World Youth Day celebrations in Toronto.

John Paul always receives a particularly warm reception in Mexico, which he has already visited four times and was the site of his first foreign trip a few months after he assumed the papacy in 1978.

Details are still in the works, but the stop is expected to be brief in Mexico City, where he will raise to sainthood Juan Diego. The Indian is said to have had a vision of an olive-skinned Virgin Mary on Dec. 12, 1531, while standing on the site of an Aztec shrine on a hill.

John Paul recently approved Juan Diego's elevation to sainthood after the Vatican certified that he had performed a miracle for a believer in 1990 by answering a mother's prayers to save the life of her son, who fractured his skull after jumping from a building.

### Order to destroy smallpox virus stocks reversed

GENEVA (AP) — Acting on fears of bioterrorism, the World Health Organization's governing body on Thursday reversed a long-standing order for the destruction

of all smallpox virus stocks and recommended they be retained for research into new vaccines or treatment.

The U.N. health agency's 32-member Executive Board endorsed a recommendation by WHO Director-General Gro Harlem Brundtland to drop a 2002 deadline for destroying the virus, held at top security laboratories in the United States and Russia.

It set no new target for destroying the stocks, saying only that a report on the progress of research should be drawn up in "two to three years."

U.S. assistant surgeon general Kenneth Bernard told the meeting that research into improved vaccines was vital following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States and the subsequent anthrax scare. The risk of the highly contagious virus being used as a bioterrorism weapon can no longer be considered remote, he said.

The Russian delegation echoed those views, saying more research was needed to create vaccines against new forms of the virus, including one produced through gene technology.

Smallpox used to kill 3 million to 4 million people per year and left millions more hideously scarred and blind. It was declared eradicated in 1979 after a massive WHO-spearheaded campaign.

Virus samples were placed in two secure laboratories at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and a similar Russian facility in Siberia.

In 1996, WHO set a target of mid-1999 for destruction of the virus. But after U.S. and Russian resistance, it extended the deadline to "not later than 2002." This will now be dropped if the executive board's recommendation is adopted — as expected — by the full World Health Assembly in May.

Although international teams carry

out regular checks of the facilities to ensure maximum security standards, there have been long-standing fears that samples may have found their way into the hands of nations such as North Korea or Iraq.

### Saddam says Iraq will be prepared for U.S. attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq won't be caught off guard if attacked by U.S. forces, President Saddam Hussein said Thursday.

During an address marking the 11th anniversary of the start of the Persian Gulf War, Saddam accused the United States of resorting to war rather than dialogue. He warned it would lead to the United States' collapse "in the near future" as the world's sole superpower.

Some U.S. politicians have called on the Bush administration to target Saddam's regime next in the war against terrorism.

Saddam said Thursday that Iraq "will not be taken by surprise" and is ready to confront any possible U.S. attack on Iraq.

"The events of Sept. 11 and the American reaction to them came to reveal extensively how the United States is going headlong in antagonizing the world," he said in a 30-minute speech.

"The ascent to the summit is not achieved by brutal force. But it needs a strength of mind and a sensitive human conscience," Saddam said.

More than 12,000 Iraqis rallied in downtown Baghdad on Thursday to mark the start of the U.S.-led bombing campaign in 1991 that preceded the ground operation that ended Iraq's seven-month occupation of neighboring Kuwait.

President Bush has warned Saddam that his government must allow the return of U.N. arms inspectors who have been barred from Iraq since 1998.

## Kennedy says tax cuts not needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy called Wednesday for an end to future tax cuts already scheduled and said the money would be spent instead to help the poor, the unemployed, the elderly and other needy groups.

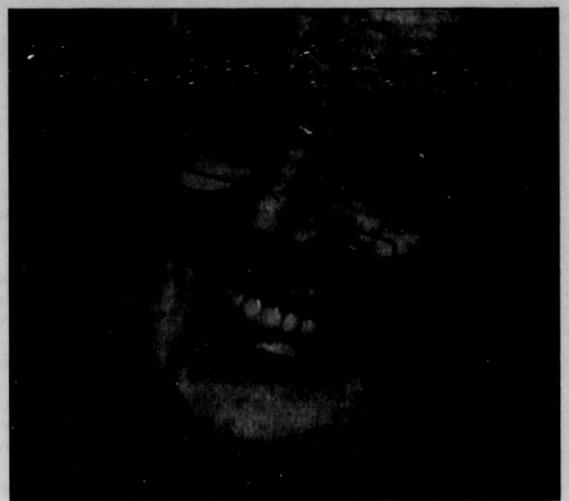
In a speech intended to rally liberals at a time when supporters of big government programs are on the defensive, Kennedy went further than other Democratic leaders in Congress. Many have criticized President Bush's tax cuts. But only Kennedy said they should be stopped in their tracks.

Kennedy proposed to freeze income taxes at current rates, suspending future cuts scheduled to begin in 2004. That would save the government \$350 billion, he said, but it would raise no one's current tax rate and "over one trillion dollars of tax cuts will still take effect as scheduled."

The money should be spent instead, he said, on early-childhood education, a prescription drug benefit for the elderly, and expanding health care coverage for the uninsured, the disabled and the unemployed.

In addition, Kennedy said, Washington should raise the minimum wage, protect pensions, pass hate-crimes legislation, strengthen gun control, tighten immigration laws against terrorists, and make a "global war on poverty" a new national priority.

Kennedy, who will turn 70 on Feb. 22, is the surviving head of the nation's most celebrated political family. He has been a highly influential leader of his party since he first won election to the Senate in 1962. With control of both houses of Congress up for grabs in November's elections, his speech at the National Press Club was intended to place



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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) talks about the upcoming Congressional session at the National Press Club Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002.

the liberal agenda before the nation in advance of President Bush's State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Jan. 29.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer portrayed Kennedy as effectively favoring a tax increase.

"The president thinks that the last thing you should do, and the worst thing you should do in the middle of a recession, is raise taxes on the American people," Fleischer said. Tax cuts can "get the economy growing again" by giving consumers more money to spend, he added.

Kennedy argued that his proposed suspension would not raise taxes because rates would be frozen at 2002 levels, which are lower than in 2001.

Fleischer said that Democrats could not seem to agree on the is-

since 12 of 50 Senate Democrats voted for it — six of whom are up for re-election in November. Those senators are likely to be reluctant to back a tax-cut freeze lest they be seen as flip-flopers. Without their support, any freeze proposal is unlikely to prevail.

Though it is early in the year, leaders of both parties are focused on congressional elections in November, which decide who controls the Senate and the House of Representatives for the next two years.

There are 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans and one independent, James Jeffords of Vermont, in the Senate where 34 seats are up for election. A net gain of six House seats by Democrats among 435 up for election would shift control there to them.

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December against Zacarias Mousaoui, Binalshibh was named along with Atta and the 18 other hijackers as an undicted co-conspirator.

At a news conference, Ashcroft showed 30-second videos of Hasan, Al-Rahim and Al-Juhani.

Ashcroft said investigators were still translating the tapes; a decision about releasing the sound or a translation would be made after weighing security concerns, he said, adding that the department may decide not to release the sound.

"The portions we released today we felt were safe for release and we didn't believe they contained any surreptitious messages or coded signals that would be designed to alert parts of the terrorist network," Ashcroft said.

In the tapes, Hasan spoke, eyes cast down; he appeared to be reading but only his face was shown. He wore a

black and white scarf around his head.

Al-Rahim was shown seated, talking and gesturing rapidly, at one point holding fingers up as if listing off various points.

In a disturbing video, Al-Juhani was shown seated in front of a colorful curtain taking a red and white scarf off his head and burying his head in his arms.

In a new setting with a plain background, Al-Juhani was shown hugging a rifle with a leather strap that had Arabic writing on it.

Al-Juhani held the rifle close, not speaking, and at one point put his lips close to it, eyes closed. He then looked up and smiled.

Ashcroft said the public release of the video footage and photos was part of an effort to help "freedom-loving people become the best line of self-defense."

As for the attack that he said was called for in the video, Ashcroft said: "Whether or not the attack would be imminent or not is something we can't determine."

FBI Director Robert Mueller said the videos came "from a trove of valuable information" discovered within Afghanistan. He said the tapes are still being analyzed to determine when they were made. He said there was no evidence any of the men had entered the United States, although at least one had tried.

"Every piece of information is potentially valuable," he said. "The principle is simple: An informed and enlightened public works."

Mueller said that as the U.S. military action goes forward, "it continues in ways that I think supports what we, and the CIA, are engaged in, which is identifying terrorists and preventing future attacks."

Ashcroft said officials believe progress is being made in combating terrorism but added: "We have a long way to go."

"We're further down the road than we were before, but this is no time for us to take our foot off the accelerator," he said.

Ashcroft said the release of specific photos allows the American people to be a "constructive part" of the investigation.

The al-Qaeda video was found by U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan.

The videos retrieved by U.S. special forces provide first-time images of a raft of suspected terrorists.

The video is among a mountain of items found in Afghanistan and elsewhere that U.S. investigators are combing through for clues about al-Qaeda, Osama bin Laden and potential new terrorist attacks.

Documents and a videotape found in Afghanistan and passed to authorities in Singapore foiled a planned terrorist attack and resulted in the breakup of an al-Qaeda cell there.

In Australia, a tape from Afghanistan showing al-Qaeda militants practicing a mass assassination of world leaders at a golf tournament and plans for an attack on a motorcade in Washington was analyzed by U.S. defense officials.

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Eastern countries decided to stay home because of the wishes of their families.

He said a few students of Middle Eastern origin decided to transfer to Purdue University and the University of North Texas because those campuses have a much larger Middle Eastern community, which would make them feel more comfortable.

Singleton said that a couple of former international students, who have graduated from TCU within the past four years, have been interviewed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, but no current students have been questioned.

Manochehr Dorraj, a political science professor, said foreign exchange students should be considered ambassadors of good will,

instead of being treated as scapegoats for the tragic events of September 11th.

In the age of globalization, the United States' financial and cultural influence is overwhelming around the world, he said.

"As the United States, being the greatest profiteer of globalization, we cannot close America to certain parts of the world," Dorraj said.

Hussain said she has noticed that people have become more conscious of the ethnic characteristics of others. However, such a differentiation is awkward in the United States she said because being American doesn't mean being a particular ethnicity.

Rather she said the appearance of new forms of prejudices raise a threat for peace because they lead to hatred and hatred is what caused the events of Sept. 11.

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## HOUSING

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much different, said Baker.

Karin Lewis, coordinator of housing assignments, said all requests for single dorm rooms were met this semester, and that many residence halls still have empty double-occupancy rooms.

"Since we've completed the initial consolidation process for the semester, it's pretty late to switch to a single room," Lewis said. "But if a student is living in a dorm room now and is willing to move to another dorm they ought to talk to their hall director to find out if a switch is an option in the next few days." Twenty-four undergraduate women are still living in the graduate apartments because of the fall housing shortage, Baker said. The

women applied for the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residence Complex last spring, but were offered off-campus apartments for the year instead.

Despite on-campus availability in many of the undergraduate residence halls this semester, all the women decided to remain in the apartments, she said.

"When we offered the apartments to them, we decided it would not be fair to make them move at the semester break," Baker said.

Lewis said there is a traditional decrease in occupancy rates for on-campus residence halls most spring semesters. Additionally, a lull in dorm renovations until December 2002 means all dorms are open for business this semester.

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## Baggage checks may mean flight delays

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WASHINGTON (AP) — For the millions of Americans who fly, patience will be at a premium Friday as the airlines begin a more intrusive and time-consuming check-in. Delays are inevitable as luggage is scrutinized even more closely for explosives.

Travelers are being urged by the airlines to call before leaving home and ask what time they need to arrive; some airlines are advising customers to be there at least two hours early. And Continental Airlines said all bags must be checked at least a half-hour before flight time.

The airlines had until Friday to meet a deadline set in law for checking all bags for dangerous materials. Passengers could anticipate seeing their belongings put through detection machines or passed by bomb-sniffing dogs. In some instances, luggage was to be searched by hand.

The new undersecretary for transportation security, John Magaw, said on PBS' "Newshour with Jim Lehrer" that airlines would send as many bags as possible through explosive detection machines.

"Wherever the machines are,

they will be used as close to full-time as possible," Magaw said Thursday night. Because of a shortage of explosive-detection equipment — there are only 161 machines and 453 commercial airports — airlines also planned to match baggage with passengers so that no bag would be loaded that isn't accompanied by a passenger.

"Hope for the best, plan for the worst," advised David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, an advocacy group.

"And I don't think the worst is going to be so bad. We're not predicting the huge lines we were worried about."

On the eve of the changeover, airline security experts said they thought the length of lines at airports would depend at least in part on how many passengers decide to check their luggage. Carryon luggage, already inspected at check-in, is not affected by the new security changes.

"We're very hopeful we will not see chaos," said Carol Hallett,

president of the Air Transport Association, the trade group for the major airlines.

The Bush administration, acknowledging the transition could be difficult, asked passengers to be patient.

"I'm not sure that anyone really has a crystal ball that can determine how long those delays will be, but I think today passengers are willing to accept a modicum of inconvenience given the safety and security of the air travel," Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said on CBS' "The Early Show."

"And I think in today's world, patience is a new form of patriotism," he said.

Concern over additional delays was not welcome news to the airline industry, which is struggling to get passengers back in the air.

Major U.S. airlines carried 39.5 million passengers last month, down 14.2 percent from the 46.1 million carried during December 2000, the ATA said Thursday.

Still, there were signs that travelers were returning to the skies. In November, the airlines carried 38.7 million passengers, down 19.9 percent from the same month in 2000, when they carried 48.3 million passengers.

Templar said the threat of major delays likely was avoided when airlines were told they only needed to match bags with a passenger on the first leg of a flight. A second match is not required if the passenger connects to a new plane.

That provision was denounced by Democrats in Congress, among others, with Rep. Jim Oberstar of Minnesota, top Democrat on the House Transportation Committee, saying it amounts to "an Achilles' heel in the security system."

There may be other delays at boarding gates, however. If a passenger fails to show up after checking luggage, a plane's takeoff might be postponed while airline employees remove the bag from the cargo hold.

It's not unusual to be delayed 20 or 30 minutes for a variety of reasons," Stempler said. "I don't think passengers will experience anything extraordinary."

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## And the winner is...

The top 10 contenders to take home the gold for Best Picture

### Drama

#### "A Beautiful Mind"

**Other nominations:** Ron Howard, Best Director; Russell Crowe, Best Actor, Drama; Jennifer Connelly, Best Supporting Actress; Akiva Goldsman, Best Screenplay; James Horner, Best Original Score

**Other key players:** Ed Harris; Christopher Plummer; Paul Bettany  
Biographical films tend to be about war heroes, government leaders and rock stars. Not this film. "A Beautiful Mind" is about a more obscure individual: John Nash (Russell Crowe).

John Nash, a mathematician notable for some of his work in economic theory, received a Noble Prize in 1994. Now, that's the stuff that good movies are made of!

Director Ron Howard presents an engrossing story of this man's life and takes audience members along for the journey. Howard makes sure everyone's performance is at their best, and the technical aspects are not distracting but add to the wonderful performances by Crowe and other actors. Crowe has continually done a remarkable job at portraying unique characters, and this is the third year he has been honored for his acting.

Howard is also at the top of his game. This is the best thing he has directed since "Apollo 13." This is a fascinating movie, which will become one of this year's prime award caliber productions.

#### "In the Bedroom"

**Other nominations:** Sissy Spacek, Best Actress, Drama; Marisa Tomei, Best Supporting Actress

**Other key players:** Todd Field, Director; Tom Wilkinson; Nick Stahl; William Mopther

The title of this film makes it sound like it is a steamy story of lust and passion. The initial premise agrees.

It is a story of a college-aged boy (Nick Stahl) having a summer fling with a married woman (Marisa Tomei) 10 years older than he is. The boy's parents (Tom Wilkinson and Sissy Spacek) have different feelings about their relationship their son is having.

This movie is not a movie about love and sex. Its title, "In the Bedroom" is a term used by lobstermen. This title eventually becomes a metaphor about some of the more dramatic events that occur in this movie.

The film is well directed by Todd Field, who makes his directorial debut. What really makes this film work is the role that the amazing characterization done by Wilkinson and Spacek. We see these two actors change and become more detailed and engrossing with each passing scene. They push this film over the top.

#### "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings"

**Other nominations:** Peter Jackson, Best Director; Howard Shore, Best Original Score; "May It Be", Best Original Song

**Other key players:** Elijah Wood; Billy Boyd; Sean Astin; Ian McKellen; Ian Holm; Viggo Mortensen; Orlando Bloom; Liv Tyler; Cate Blanchett

At this point it's a little too early to tell, but it would not be unforeseen if, when all is said and done, this adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's classic book reigns over "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" for the year 2001. Director Peter Jackson takes his audience into a new world, as he turns the landscapes of New Zealand into the fascinating places of wizards, elves, gnomes and hobbits. Yes, hobbits.

Yet the fascinating story deals with more than just a fantasy adventure. Tolkien's tale deals with greater truths about life and people. Jackson's magic comes with transferring these grander ideas onto the screen in palpable ways. The story deals with power, humility, honesty, friendship and will. Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood), a hobbit, by a twist of fate finds himself leaving his home on a dangerous adventure to destroy a ring which could allow undefeatable evil to creep into the world.

At about three hours long, some people may get a little squirmy, but the majority of viewers will be eager to see the rest of trilogy unfold over the next two years.

Jackson and his crew has taken a number of risks in taking on this massive production, and with the faithfulness to the story, and the great deal of energy put into the technical production of the piece, this film has found success that should transcend this year and carry itself into the future.

#### "Mulholland Dr."

**Other nominations:** David Lynch, Best Director; David Lynch, Best Screenplay; Andrew Badalamenti, Best Original Score

**Other key players:** Naomi Watts; Laura Elena Harring; Justin Theroux; Ann Miller; Dan Hedaya

This film has the potential of being one of the top movies for coffee shop talk of the year. Pull up a chair, sip some latte, and maybe, if you're lucky you may even walk away having an understanding of one of the strangest movies of the year. However, chances are you missed it and never saw this film. It was released in October and never went to wide release, and only recently with award season has it received greater recognition.

The film comes from director David Lynch, and is actually a collection of scenes that were regionally made as a pilot for a television show to air on ABC. So needless to say, the movie was not filmed with the intentions of which it was packaged.

The movie is the story of a woman (Laura Harring) who is abandoned on Mulholland Dr. with amnesia after her limousine gets in a head on collision with a drag racer, but this saves her from being murdered. She can't even remember her name, so upon entering a house and meeting Betty (Naomi Watts), she says that her name is Rita seeing a poster of Rita Hayworth.

Yet, the movie is dreamlike, strange and really reaches no conclusion, as audience members ask about what is and isn't real. This movie scored big at the Sundance film festival and with critics, but with average movie audiences, the same results are not so likely.

#### "The Man who Wasn't There"

**Other nominations:** Billy Bob Thornton, Best Actor, Drama; Joel and Ethan Coen, Best Screenplay

**Other key players:** Joel Coen, Director; Frances McDormand; James Gandolfini; Michael Badalucco; Tony Shalhoub

No one can expect the Coen brothers to tell a typical story or tell it in a typical way. While this may not be a musical like "O Brother Where Art Thou?" it is told as film noir — literally a "black film" — and to accomplish this the Coen brothers present their story in black and white. Film noir does not try to glorify society, rather it tries to show its dirty underbelly.

Such is the case in this film. This is the story of Ed Crane (Billy Bob Thornton), a barber who is shy and is willing to do some things in life differently, even at the expense of others. Crane realizes that his wife Dorris (Frances McDormand) is having an affair with her boss (James Gandolfini). Crane gets a strange opportunity to creatively add some change to his boring Santa Rosa, Calif. life. He decides to blackmail Dorris' boss in hopes of investing in a new process called "dry cleaning."

The story is somewhat fun, and it has its moments of excitement and interest. Yet just as it has its high points it has its low points as well. The acting and cinematography is great, but the screenplay is a little weak (which makes me curious why it has received some of its more recent nominations).

If you only see one movie this year, this is certainly one you can do without seeing, but someone who is looking for something a little different and unique should not be afraid to check this film out. It's creative and is a beautiful technical film to watch.

### Musical or Comedy

#### "Moulin Rouge!"

**Other nominations:** Baz Luhrmann, Best Director; Nicole Kidman, Best Actress, Musical or Comedy; Ewan McGregor, Best Actor, Musical or Comedy; Craig Armstrong, Best Original Score; "Come What May," Best Original Song

**Other key players:** John Leguizamo, Jim Broadbent, Richard Roxburgh  
Most critics loved it. Audiences ranted while some complained. Yet everyone agrees this film is different from anything else in 2001. The story is simple, and almost typical. A young starving artist (Ewan McGregor) falls for a woman (Nicole Kidman) it would appear he can't have.

What makes this film different? It's a musical. But wait, it's not like "Sound of Music" or "South Pacific." Not this one. It takes place primarily in a burlesque house.

And as far as musicals go, this one only has one original song. The rest of it is pilfered and revised. The songs range from Madonna's "Like a Virgin" to Nat King Coles' "Nature Boy."

So maybe to find the roots of this film we need to try to look toward some of Australian director, Baz Luhrmann's past productions. Two seem very important. The first is his popular modernized take of the classic tale of "Romeo + Juliet." The second is his musical where he rearranged "Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream" to take place in India.

Yet the honors bestowed on this film belong to everyone involved. Nicole Kidman is amazing, who knew she could sing? This is definitely shaping itself up to Kidman's year. In addition, the technical opportunities this film provided allowed art directors, set designers and other film artists take on a once-in-a-lifetime project. And without a doubt, they did it well.

#### "Gosford Park"

**Other nominations:** Robert Altman, Best Director; Helen Mirren, Best Supporting Actress; Maggie Smith, Best Supporting Actress; Julian Fellowes, Best Screenplay

**Other key players:** Michael Gambon; Eileen Atkins; Bob Balaban; Alan Bates; Stephen Fry; Derek Jacobi; Kelly Macdonald; Jeremy Northam; Clive Owen; Ryan Phillippe; Kristin Scott Thomas; Emily Watson

Mr. Green, in the conservatory, with a lead pipe.

Okay, well the story isn't quiet the same as the board game "Clue", but this large British ensemble piece has a pretty similar premise. Sir William McCordle (Michael Gambon) and Lady Sylvia McCordle (Kristin Scott Thomas) invite some very well-to-do people to their home for a party. A slew of characters are presented and when everything seems in place with the wealthy upstairs and the servants downstairs, there is a murder.

Who did it? That is the question everyone's asking and the detective (Stephen Fry) is there to help. It appears there could be two guilty parties as the murdered person is both stabbed and poisoned. This unforeseen circumstance of course turns the house upside down, as it seems that there are plenty of motives.

Veteran director Robert Altman, adds a new film to his collection of well regarded films, from "Mash" to "Short Cuts." Critics applaud his effort as he takes so many characters and intricately interlaces them into this enjoyable film.

The challenges don't necessarily bring out the best qualities of the characters in the film, but the challenges certainly bring out some great performances by the actors playing these characters.

#### "Legally Blonde"

**Other nomination:** Reese Witherspoon, Best Actress, Musical or Comedy

**Other key players:** Luke Wilson; Matthew Davis; Selma Blair

The submission of this film running as a best picture candidate may make you laugh. But then again, this is the comedy category and this film fits the bill wonderfully.

In the tradition of movies like "Clueless," this film tells the story of the beautiful, popular, sorority girl Elle Woods (Reese Witherspoon).

Elle Woods was convinced that her boyfriend Warner Hutchington III (Matthew Davis) was going to propose to her, but instead he dumps her because she's not the right type of girl to fulfill his goals and dreams in the world of public politics. Elle Woods is the type of girl that gets what she wants, so she dedicates herself to becoming Warner's perfect match, at any cost.

This leads Elle to pursue admittance into Harvard, thinking that will win Warner over. During the course of the film we see a little luck and little strength of will can lead a girl through any series of obstacles.

And when push comes to shove, it's clear that it all comes down to a little bit of heart. Well, a little bit of heart, and the perfect outfit (duh!). Witherspoon gets critical praise for everything she does, despite the fact it's usually not typical award fodder. Nevertheless, she was amazing and succeeded in this role.

It's a formula film where everything happens exactly as you might expect it to, but some how, in this film it's okay. In a time when so few movies play to their audiences, and they all try to spice things up with a surprise end.

#### "Bridget Jones's Diary"

**Other nominations:** Renée Zellweger, Best Actress, Musical or Comedy;

**Other key players:** Colin Firth; Hugh Grant; Gemma Jones; Jim Broadbent  
With its British feel, Bridget Jones's Diary strives off the acting of Zellweger, a Texan who excels at a British accent. This movie comes from a popular book by Helen Fielding who wrote a fictional diary of a woman named Bridget Jones (Zellweger).

In this story, Bridget Jones records her thoughts in a diary after she turns 32 and realizes that her life is nothing like she would choose it to be. She records in her diary how much she eats, drinks and smokes, as her love life takes interesting twists as two men enter and re-enter her life. The first man is Mark Darcy (Colin Firth) who her mother tries to set her up with at a Christmas party. The second man is Daniel Clever (Hugh Grant), her boss, who she begins to get a little frisky with, starting with some office e-mails.

The movie gives us a chance to laugh at some funny, yet sad, situations that Zellweger's character falls into. Everything from her playboy bunny costume at a child's party, to her debate over the appropriate underwear to wear on a date. The story has its cute turns, and doesn't fail to create its share of giggles and surprises. Who knows, there may be even more with a sequel currently in discussion?

#### "Shrek"

**Other nomination:** none

**Key players:** Mike Myers; Eddie Murphy; Cameron Diaz; John Lithgow

The popular success story of a children's movie that entertains adults has struck again. This time in the story of a funny green ogre named Shrek (voice of Mike Myers). The film takes the newest innovations in animation and some of pop culture's comedy icons and send the jokes flying, while Robin Hood roams, the merry men sing and the gingerbread man is tortured. For different people, the magic of the film seems to come from different places. Is it the Smash Mouth rendition of the Monkees' classic "I'm a Believer"? Or then again, maybe it's the love story that reminds viewers of "Beauty and the Beast."

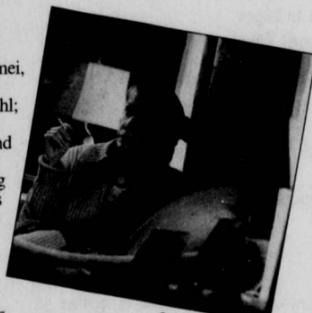
Yet, it seems to me that the success comes primarily from the attention to detail on behalf of everyone's part. Mike Myers re-recorded the lines after he decided the script might work better with a Scottish accent.

Computer animation moved from capturing opaque objects like toys and bugs, and moved to fleshy objects like this shiny green guy (who even offers an occasional blush). The writing team was as creative as they come, offering jokes on every level and even being so creative as to name their title character Shrek in the first place. Few know it, but the word shrek actually means monster in Yiddish.

This film is all about entertainment, in whatever way you want to enjoy it. But it's a pretty sure bet that you won't go home disappointed. Unless, of course, you're a heartless midget king.



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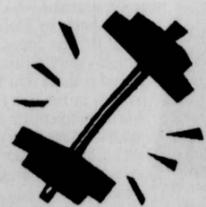
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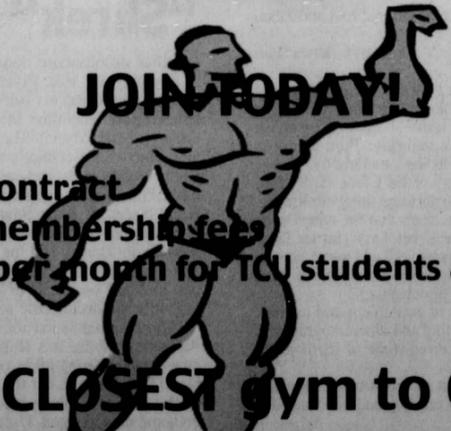
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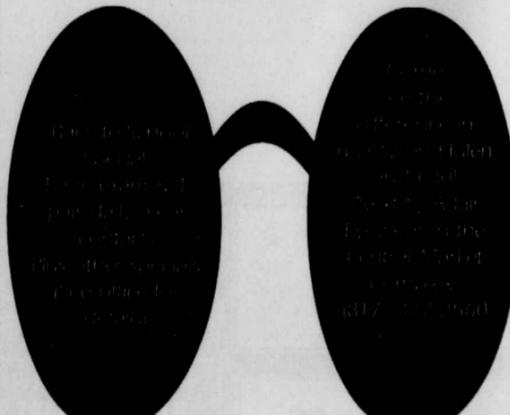
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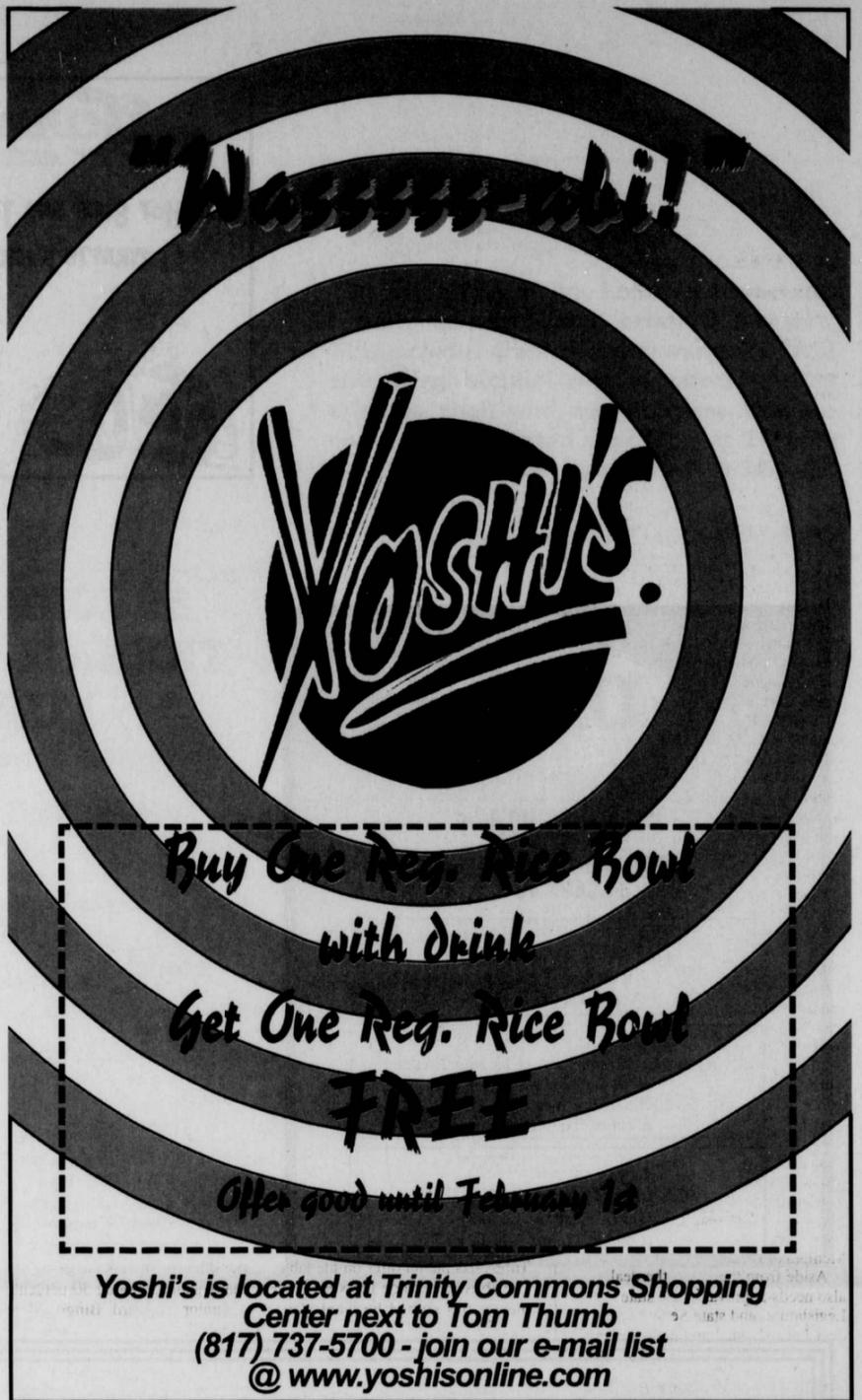
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## The Sideline

### Hornets file application to move to New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Charlotte Hornets filed an application with the NBA on Thursday to move to New Orleans, and Louisiana Gov. Mike Foster said he was certain league owners will approve the move.

"The whole deal is complete. We've worked out all the details. We have no reason to believe that the last stage of this, which is approval of the league, won't be in place," Foster said on his weekly radio show.

The relocation must be approved by a majority of the 29 NBA owners, who have 10 days to appoint a committee to examine the proposed move. The committee would then have up to 120 days to issue a recommendation, and the league's Board of Governors would have 30 days to vote.

"Our preference would be for the team to stay in Charlotte in a beautiful new arena, but the reality is that may not be possible," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said, adding that he hopes the vote will take place by late April.

Local political figures joined Hornets officials for a news conference at the 2 1/2-year-old New Orleans Arena, which would be the team's new home if the deal goes through.

Charlotte voters have turned down referendums for a new publicly funded arena, and Hornets owners Ray Wooldridge and George Shinn believe their team can prosper in a smaller, less-affluent market than Charlotte.

It is the city's third attempt to land an NBA team since 1979, when the Jazz moved to Utah. The NBA blocked an attempt to bring the Minnesota Timberwolves to New Orleans in 1994, and the city made a major effort last year to land the Vancouver Grizzlies, who moved to Memphis instead.

Aside from the NBA, the deal also needs approval in the state Legislature, and state Senate president John Hainkel predicted success.

### Faulk beats Warner for The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player award

The contributions of Marshall Faulk and Kurt Warner to the St. Louis Rams' overpowering offense are barely distinguishable.

Appropriately, Faulk edged Warner by just one vote Thursday for The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player award.

Faulk won the honor for the third straight year with a typically spectacular season: rushing for 1,382 yards, gaining 765 yards receiving on 83 catches — best among NFL running backs — scoring 21 touchdowns and going over 2,000 yards from scrimmage (2,147) for the fourth consecutive season, an NFL record.

Those numbers and his versatility and leadership for the Rams earned Faulk 23 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the NFL.

Last week, Warner beat Faulk for the Most Valuable Player award. Both were voted to the All-Pro Team, with Faulk a unanimous choice.

Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre, whose team plays the Rams on Sunday in St. Louis, drew three votes. Kansas City running back Priest Holmes, the league leader in rushing and total yards from scrimmage, got two votes.

## Working this weekend



Sophomore forward Tiffany Evans leads the Frogs into conference play over the weekend. TCU will play Cincinnati at 7 p.m. Friday night and matchup against Louisville at 1 p.m. Sunday. Both games will be played at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

## Swim teams adjust to move

BY QUINTEN BOYD  
Skiff Staff

The TCU men's and women's swim team will not swim at home for the rest of the year due to the renovation of the Rickel Building. Actually the team has not had a home swim meet since Nov. 10.

However, head coach Richard Sybesma knows his team must continue to improve and compete in order to perform in Conference-USA.

The Frogs have held practices at the Panther Boys' Club and will do so until the renovation is completed.

"It's like starting a meal in the kitchen in your house, then moving to another kitchen two miles away," Sybesma said. "It's been tough on us all, but everyone's adjusting well to this year."

The adjustment has not taken away from the Frogs' intensity. In their meet last Saturday against Delta State and Louisiana-Monroe in Cleveland, Miss., the Frogs set eight new facility records on their way to victory. Adding to their momentum, the men's team has won seven straight meets and the women's team has been victorious in eight consecutive meets.

The Frogs look to continue the momentum as they travel to take on North Carolina-Wilmington 7 p.m. Friday night.

The Seahawk men (4-2) won 120-77 and the women (4-4) notched a 137-91 victory over the College of Charleston this past weekend.

"UNC-Wilmington has a great program," Sybesma said. "They've shown a lot of strength in the past few meets."

The Frogs travel Saturday to Greenville, N.C. to take on East Carolina in their first ever C-USA meet. The meet is scheduled for 1 p.m.

The ECU Pirates host TCU in their home finale. It is the first ever meeting between the two squads. The Pirate women defeated Georgia Southern last weekend, 130-87, to improve their record 7-1. However, the men (5-2) have not participated in a meet since Dec. 1, when they defeated Duke 127-85.

"It's the first conference meet for us both," Sybesma said. "They're excited, so we'll have to be on our game and keep performing well. We're ready to rumble."

Sybesma said he believes a strong showing against the Pirates will give the Frogs a strong opportunity to win

the conference championship.

"It's been a long year, but an awesome year," Sybesma said. "The victories have improved the entire team's morale, and the records that we've set recently have given us momentum. Through everything that has happened this year, we have performed well, and we have a chance to win the conference."

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Senior Scott Adkins comes up for a breath of air while practicing his breaststroke. The Frogs travel to North Carolina for two meets over the holiday weekend.

## Tubbs dares students to fill stands

BY RAM LUTHRA  
Sports Editor

Men's basketball head coach Billy Tubbs has put an offer on the table.

Tubbs said since the spring semester has started he wants fans, mainly students, to come to the game Saturday morning and help the Frogs snap their four-game losing streak.

"I would love for our students to come out," Tubbs said. "I'd like to see them fill our student section. And I willing to put some premium on it."

The premium is that if the students fill the student center in the 11 a.m. contest against Tulane and TCU loses, it will be the students fault, but if the students fill the stands and TCU loses it will be Tubbs' fault.

"We want to see how our crowd is going to support us, especially our student body," he said. "All I want is for them to come and help us. So if the students don't fill up the student section and we lose it is going to be their (students) fault. If they do fill it up and we lose everybody can blame it on me. Simple as that."

But Tubbs said his team has more to worry about than encouraging fans to games. He wants for the Frogs to step it up a notch on the offensive end. TCU (10-8, 0-4 Conference USA) shot less than 37 percent from the field, and only made one three-pointer in the overtime loss against Houston Wednesday night.

"Defensively, I think we played all right against Houston," Tubbs said. "We just didn't get anything from our offense. You not are going to win many game shooting 30 percent."

Junior forward Bingo Merriex scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds against the Cougars. Merriex opened the overtime period with two quick points from the free throw line after blocking Houston's Louis Truscott shot. He said TCU lost the game because of poor decision-making down the stretch.

"Basically we played good for 40 minutes," he said. "In overtime

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we played good for the first minute. In the last three minutes we fell apart. Even though we played good defense, our offense broke down because we took made shots."

Tubbs agreed that one of the major reasons for the loss was bad shots.

"When we got down in the last five minutes of the game, our shots selection was horrendous," Tubbs said. "This is something I have already told the team."

Tubbs said he is not too disappointed with the team's play because the mistakes made can be fixed.

"We have corrected as best we can our mistakes, we try to learn from our mistakes and build from correcting our mistakes," Tubbs said. "If we are learning from our mistakes, we will get better and the wins will come."

A bright spot in the Houston game was the play of junior center Rebel Paulk. Paulk scored a season-high 11 points and grabbed four rebounds in 29 minutes of action against the Cougars. Paulk got extra playing time after senior Marlon Dumont picked up three quick fouls in less than two minutes into the game. Dumont, who did not score in the game, fouled out of the game in only three minutes of action.

"Rebel stepped up real big when Marlon (Dumont) got into foul trouble and that was a plus for us," Merriex said. "In Saturday's game we can use Rebel more often. He is going to be a bigger part for us against Tulane."

Tulane is more athletic and quicker than TCU, Merriex said.

"But that should be OK," Merriex said. "If we play hard and stick to our gameplan and help each other out on offense and defense. We will win the game."

The game will be played in the morning because it will be televised on ESPN Regional. The first 500 fans at the game will receive free Horned Frog bobbleheads, Tubbs said.

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## Boxers break publicist's leg at press conference

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A publicist for Bob Arum's Top Rank Inc. broke his right leg while trying to break up a scuffle between Oscar De La Hoya and Fernando Vargas at a news conference Wednesday.

Ricardo Jimenez got caught in the middle when handlers for both fighters rushed in to break up the fight, Top Rank's Bill Caplan said Thursday.

Jimenez was on Vargas' side of the podium at a news conference called to formally announce the fighters will meet for De La Hoya's WBC super welterweight title May 4 in Las Vegas when Vargas shoved De La Hoya, according to Caplan.

"Ricardo was trying to hold back the crush of people and used his right leg as a supporting wedge," Caplan said.

Caplan said Jimenez didn't tell anyone about the injury until after the news conference ended — more than an hour after the scuffle.

"He was taken to the emergency room, where he found out the tibia snapped where it joins the kneecap," Caplan said.

Jimenez, 45, will be examined again Monday to determine if surgery is necessary. The examination has to be put off because of the swelling in Jimenez's right leg, Caplan said.

Jimenez was fitted with a soft cast before being discharged from the hospital late Wednesday. He was the

sports editor for the Spanish language newspaper La Opinion before joining Top Rank two years ago.

When Vargas reached the dais, he exchanged words with De La Hoya. The two shoved each other, and Vargas put his hands around De La Hoya's throat before they were separated.

No punches were exchanged and a measure of calm was quickly restored.

Members of Vargas' camp later shouted an obscenity in Spanish when Arum referred to De La Hoya as a "true gentleman" during his introduction, and Vargas used an obscene phrase while declaring himself a "real Mexican."

When asked later why he used the obscenity, Vargas said he did not remember using it.

De La Hoya's trainer, Floyd Mayweather Sr., directed angry words toward Vargas, saying the fighter was under "house arrest." Vargas is wearing an electronic monitoring device to fulfill a 90-day jail sentence following a no-contest plea to one felony charge of conspiracy to commit assault in connection with a 1999 incident near Santa Barbara.

Arum said security was heavier than for any other boxing news conference he has been ever involved in. Reporters were required to wear credentials, and organizers took the rare step of barring individuals from the news conference who were not the news media.

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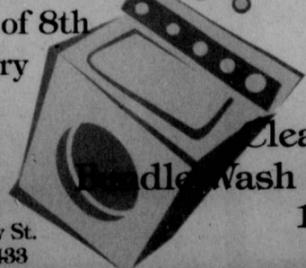
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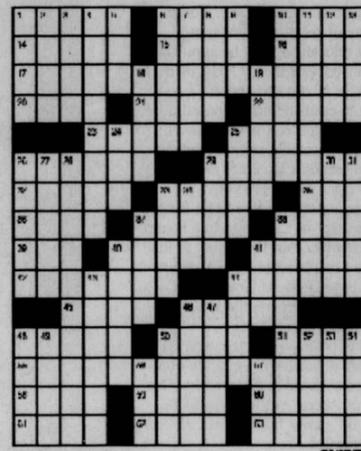
Q: Are you going to watch the Golden Globes?

A: YES 34 NO 66

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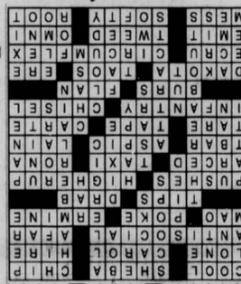
## Today's Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Like the best
  - 6 Oven setting
  - 10 Yearn
  - 14 In flames
  - 15 Sign
  - 16 Yummy
  - 17 One's son's son's son
  - 18 Dish using stick
  - 21 Resilient
  - 22 Readily available
  - 23 rehearsal
  - 25 Phonograph record
  - 26 Zoo attraction
  - 29 Lights out
  - 32 Permit
  - 33 Hive worker
  - 35 Port \_\_ NJ
  - 36 Disparaging remark
  - 37 Combat between knights
  - 38 Chap
  - 39 Point
  - 40 May or June
  - 41 Monterey misle
  - 42 Surround
  - 44 Cm. for one
  - 45 Talk on
  - 46 Paged or Pamlico
  - 48 Right side
  - 50 Thaw
  - 51 Place one's stake
  - 55 Tailor's requirement
  - 58 Combat
  - 59 Crisping tool
  - 60 In the company of
  - 61 Tiny feathered friend
  - 62 1 second dist
  - 63 Thick



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### Thursday's Solutions



- 11 Simultaneous
- 12 Embarras
- 13 Miniature whirlpool
- 18 Narrow, secluded valley
- 19 Skold militly
- 24 Historical linkup
- 25 Gender flow
- 26 Moisturizer
- 27 Worm out
- 28 Solid dressing
- 29 Populoude
- 30 Bach's 'Mass in B'
- 31 Newsboy's shout
- 34 Completed
- 34 Not a groovy groove?
- 37 Balplayer
- 38 Canseco
- 38 French police officer
- 40 Upright
- 41 Japanese honoric
- 43 Time limit
- 44 Mixed breed
- 45 heel
- 47 Angout
- 48 Once mom
- 49 Backbeat
- 50 Cause: health
- 52 Sign gas
- 53 Soaks up rays
- 54 Ham
- 56 Marie Saint
- 57 Ownerd

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