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OnCampus

ATLANTA (U-WIRE)—When Georgia Tech students received their final grades online over the winter break, most assumed the fall semester was over and behind them. However, for almost 200 Tech students now under investigation by the Dean of Students office, this is not the case.

On Jan. 15, the Dean of Students office reported that 187 individuals were under investigation for honor code violations.

According to Associate Dean Karen Boyd, the students have been accused of cheating on projects in two introductory computer science classes.

The issue was brought forward after programs developed by Tech CS professors to detect cheating found many similarities among the works completed by different students.

Boyd told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that this is strictly prohibited under the Tech Honor Code.

The College of Computing makes it clear that students must work individually on all programming projects or homework assignments.

Collaboration among students is taken seriously in the Computer Science department, because, according to Boyd, the professors need to be able to use homework assignments to gauge how well an individual student understands the material.

The students who are being investigated will now have to meet with members of Tech staff as well as with members of the Dean's Office to explain their side of the story. Boyd and her staff will then make the decision as to whether each individual student should be charged.

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TODAY

High: 66; Low: 42; Mostly cloudy

THURSDAY

High: 51; Low: 28; Showers

LookingBack

1849—Elizabeth Blackwell became the first female officially recognized as a physician in U.S. history.

1968—The USS Pueblo was engaged in a routine surveillance of the North Korean coast when it was intercepted by North Korean patrol boats.

1997—The day after her unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate, Madeline Albright was sworn in as America's first female secretary of state by Vice President Al Gore at the White House.

Faculty e-mail criticizes proposed CUE

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
Staff Reporter

In an open e-mail to TCU faculty, 15 professors called for a reevaluation of the proposed Common Undergraduate Experience because they say it lacks emphasis in the areas of humanities.

The CUE, a complete overhaul of the university's core curriculum that has been underway for a more than a year, would eliminate requirements for religion and physical education, reduce the hours required for "writing workshop" courses from six to three, eliminate requirements for "writing emphasis" courses and place more emphasis on "Global Awareness," among other changes.

The humanities are classes engaged in critical thought. They include philosophy and literature courses.

"I think it will hurt students, and I think it will hurt TCU's reputation," said Claudia Camp, a religion professor and principle author of the e-mail. "I think other schools in the humanities across the nation would feel this is an embarrassment."

Phil Hartman, a member of the UCR Drafting Committee and a biology professor, said the humanities is not ignored in the CUE.

"I certainly understand the perspective that the humanities is a key component to the core experience," Hartman said. "The attempt of the committee was not to marginalize

the humanities. Because it is outcome driven, there is substantial opportunity for faculty to propose (humanities) curriculum.

"I am disappointed that would be the comment leveled."

The e-mail criticizes the CUE proposal as having a "strong social sciences bent" and fails to provide students with "exposure to the full intellectual scope of the ways of knowing represented by the humanities." The letter was sent out by professor Gregg Franzwa Jan. 18 because Camp was out of town, she said.

"While acknowledging the hard work of many persons in the development of the so-called CUE proposal, we find so many distressing features in the final product that we

urge complete re-consideration of it," the letter cites. "Most striking overall is the proposal's failure either to attend to or to understand the fundamental contributions of the humanities to a liberal arts education."

Hartman said humanities courses could fall under the rubrics of Human Experience and Endeavors, Ethical Thought and Action and Global Awareness within the CUE.

But in the letter, Camp writes that the "constraint and marginalization of the humanities is especially notable" in Human Experience and Endeavors.

Camp and Franzwa said the CUE was developing too fast and hoped the letter would delay the process of

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4 students remain to make payments

BY JAIME WALKER
Senior Reporter

Three students were dropped from classes by the Registrar's Office Saturday for failing to pay their minimum balances by Jan. 18 and have not made contact with the university, Controller Cheryl Wilson said Tuesday evening.

Seven undergraduate students, out of 600 students that had unpaid minimum balances Jan. 11, were withdrawn from classes Saturday after they failed to make payment arrangements with Student Financial Services, Wilson said. Three other students resolved their payments Tuesday, Wilson said. She would not release the students' names. She said TCU officials are working with one student who did not meet the deadline, but is trying to meet his/her financial obligations.

"We have made every effort to reach these students," she said. "If they would contact us we could make some kind of arrangement, but at this point it is our understanding they did not intend to return to TCU."

As of Friday morning, approximately 35 students remained on the non-payment list, Wilson said. Officials from Student Financial Services, Student Financial Aid, Campus Life and Residential Services called each student individually to remind them they would be withdrawn if their minimum balance was not received by 4 p.m., she said.

Wilson said all but the seven students had paid their minimum balance, been approved for a loan, had their classes canceled or canceled their classes by the 4 p.m. deadline.

"Those calls made a big difference," Wilson said. "It was our last opportunity to help them collect the funds. In many cases the students we spoke to Friday were desperately trying to get the money together. Understanding the circumstances gave us more flexibility."

Wilson said students who have been dropped from classes are eligible to collect 75 percent of their tuition if they contact officials to declare an intent to withdraw before Jan. 28. If their balance is not paid by the semester's final day to drop classes, March 20, students will be turned over to an independent collection agent, she said.

"It is costly for the university to do that and it's certainly not in the student's best interest," Wilson said. "We are really still hoping they will return our calls."

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Study abroad stays stable



Crystal Bennett, a sophomore Theater and English double major looks at the study abroad bulletin in the Sadler Hall basement Tuesday afternoon.

BY LAURA MCFARLAND
Staff Reporter

For a short time after Sept. 11, Sarah Hollabaugh, a sophomore business major, considered canceling her plans to study abroad at la Universidad de San Luis in Madrid, Spain. Then she started researching the program's safety measures and decided she wasn't going to let fear keep her from having a wonderful experience, Hollabaugh said.

"After talking with current students and teachers abroad, (my parents and I) decided that my

personal safety was not at an increased risk living in Spain," Hollabaugh said. "I had very little fears because of the fact that these terrorists are not after individual Americans."

The number of TCU students attending the TCU London Centre dropped by three students from spring 2001 while the number of TCU students studying abroad in other countries reached 30, one of the highest numbers in the last 12 years, said Tracy Williams, education abroad coordinator.

"I was really concerned people

would have a lot of fear about traveling — that people would become so pro-American that they had no interest in seeing anything other than their hometown and staying in the United States," Williams said.

Williams said she hopes Sept. 11 demonstrated to Americans that they need to know who their neighbors are.

"The United States has a huge presence in the world, for better or for worse, and we need to be aware of what that presence is," Williams said. "We need to know

how other people view us."

More than 30 countries have programs through TCU affiliations, but students travel to only 10 of those countries actively, Williams said. She said nationally, study abroad numbers remain high, but there has been a huge drop-off in Middle Eastern and North African countries. Many students are returning to more traditional countries of Europe and Australia because of safety issues, Williams said.

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New class has global setting

BY COLLEEN CASEY
STAFF REPORTER

A new geology class added to the curriculum Friday will teach students that learning about our planet goes way beyond the classroom to Scotland or Costa Rica, geology associate professor Mike Slattery said.

The class's goal is to approach environmental issues such as basic ecology, evolution, global warming, deforestation and energy depletion in a multi-disciplinary manner as well as develop a student's own environmental ethics, Slattery said.

"There is no course that will tackle the issues that this course will," Slattery said. "It will give students a sense on how to make responsible decisions in regard to our planet."

The class, Environmental Stewardship, will begin lectures March 20 and will be condensed into seven weeks.

The class will also include seven to ten day field experiences in either Costa Rica May 13 to 23 or on the Isle of Skye in Scotland July 27 to Aug. 3.

The class is also pending approval for University Curriculum Requirements in physical sciences with a lab and a writing emphasis. It will not have prerequisites.

The class will have 15 spaces in both the Costa Rica and Scotland sequences. Slattery said the number of students enrolled is flexible and a few more students might be able to register for the class.

Slattery said registration opened Tuesday. Students can enroll by picking up a class permit in the geology office. They are encouraged to visit the Web site at (www.geo.tcu.edu/envst).

Slattery said he and geology professor Nowell Donovan, developed

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Mittie signs multi-year deal



Women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie signed a multi-year contract Tuesday.

NATHAN LOEWEN
Assistant Sports Editor

In the midst of its best 17-game start in program history, TCU agreed to a multi-year contract extension for women's basketball head coach Jeff Mittie, athletics director Eric Hyman announced Tuesday. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

"The university has made a commitment to this program," said Hyman in a press release issuing the announcement. "Under Jeff's leadership and vision, TCU women's basketball has been elevated to heights never experienced in the history of our school."

The Frogs (14-3) stand alone at the top of the Conference-USA standings with a 4-0 mark. The Frogs are also one vote shy of cracking the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll Top 25. Such an accolade would be their first ever appearance for the women's basketball program.

"TCU has made a commitment to our women's basketball

program," said Mittie in a press release. "I appreciate the confidence the university and Hyman have shown by extending this agreement."

In Mittie's first season at TCU he matched the school record for wins with a 16-14 record. Mittie then coached the Frogs to their first ever NCAA Tournament in 2000-01. The Frogs went on to upset sixth-seeded Penn State in the first round and lost to Louisiana Tech in the second round in Shreveport, La. After the Frogs' impressive season Mittie was named Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

Mittie continues to make strides for the program on the hardwood and in attendance figures. While once this program was known for recording dismal attendance numbers, this season TCU earned the mark in the conference for attendance. TCU

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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 Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

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

• **The Intensive English Program** has moved to the south part of the Student Center basement, Rooms B16 and B17. The phone number and the address are the same.

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

• **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.

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

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

• **Leadership Center** deadline to sign up for leadership classes is Friday. Sign up online at www.sds.tcu.edu.

• **Free movie passes** are available for "Kissing Jessica Stein" previewing 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 29 at AMC Palace 9. The passes can be picked up at the TCU Daily Skiff office, Moudy Building South, Room 291. The women of Mu Phi Epsilon are performing a recital of American music accompanied by Janet Pummill at 7:30 p.m. today in the Walsh Center for Performing Arts, PepsiCo Recital Hall. For more information call (817) 257-7602

Campaign launches to curb roadway litter in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The "Don't Mess with Texas" campaign is getting downright personal. The Texas Department of Transportation unveiled a new television campaign Tuesday that asks, "If someone you love were Texas, would you still litter?"

Four ads will look at the most prevalent trash types, according to TxDOT research: non-alcoholic beverage containers, fast food waste, personal/household litter and tobacco litter.

In one television spot, an 18-year-old man tosses a half-full soda cup on a woman standing in a field. The words "If your mother were Texas, would you still litter?" appear in black text on the screen.

"What kind of person would throw a soda on their mom? That's rude, crude and downright socially unacceptable. Obviously it isn't cool to dump a soda on your mom or your girlfriend or your grandpa or your daughter and likewise, it isn't cool to dump one on Texas," said Doris Howdeshell, travel division director for TxDOT.

In another public service announcement, a burly man splats a wrapper with a half-eaten burger on the dress of a 4-year-old girl. The theme: "If your daughter was Texas."

Another spot, "If your girlfriend were Texas," features a man dumping an ashtray full of cigarette butts on his girlfriend's head.

According to TxDOT research, Texans younger than 24 are the state's worst litterers.

While the amount of trash along Texas roadways has dropped 52 percent since 1995, research shows about one billion bits of debris still accumulates along Texas roadways each year.

Last year, \$37 million was spent cleaning up the mess, TxDOT said. The first television ads were scheduled to air Tuesday. Radio and billboard ads will start in the spring.

Ron Kirk begins campaign for Senate seat

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Dallas mayor Ron Kirk formally launched his race for the U.S. Senate on Tuesday with campaign stops across Texas.

Kirk, one of five Democrats in the race to fill the Senate seat being vacated by Republican Phil Gramm, emphasized his record as mayor of Dallas for six years. He said he brought together people of all races and both major political parties.

"We ended the blame game that had paralyzed our city," Kirk said. "By working together what we found is that our city grew."

That same sense of unity is needed on the national level working for Texas, he said.

Crucial issues facing the country are stability of the Social Security and Medicare systems and the rights of patients to have a say in their health care.

U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen of Houston, Austin lawyer Ed Cunningham, Crandal school teacher Victor Morales and frequent candidate Gene Kelly also are running in the Democratic race for Senate.

Mother pleads guilty to abuse while Father awaits trial

DALLAS (AP) — Locked in a dark, filthy closet and weighing just 25 pounds, an 8-year-old Hutchins girl was nearly dead when she was rescued by authorities last summer, prosecutors said Tuesday.

"Without medical attention, she would have died," prosecutor Patricia Hogue said during opening statements in the trial of Barbara Atkinson, who is charged with serious bodily injury to a child.

Atkinson, 30, has pleaded innocent to the first-degree felony. She faces life in prison if convicted of depriving her daughter of food and locking her in a closet for months at a time.

Defense attorney Brad Lollar said he will present opening statements after the state rests its case before the seven-man, five-woman jury in Dallas.

Prosecutors say the girl was kept in a lice-infested mobile home closet littered with human waste for months at a time.

Atkinson and her former husband, 34-year-old Kenneth Ray Atkinson, were arrested June 11 after neighbors alerted authorities.

Kenneth Ray Atkinson, who also faces a life sentence, is awaiting a new trial date after a judge agreed to a request for a separate trial last week. He

is charged with serious bodily injury to a child and also has been indicted on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child. In a police statement, Kenneth Atkinson said the girl's abuse began shortly after her mother lost a child during birth in January 1997.

"She deserves so much more, and I love her with all my heart and soul," Barbara Atkinson said in court documents.

However, police said she showed no remorse for her actions.

Other court documents show the girl was forced to watch her five siblings eat, remained naked for months at a time, was locked in the trunk of a car and forced or allowed to eat her own waste.

The girl is now living with Bill and Sabrina Kavanaugh, a Van Zandt County couple who had tried to adopt her when she was a baby.

Children's health care programs look for federal funds

AUSTIN (AP) — Health care programs for poor, disabled and severely ill children are facing funding shortfalls totaling millions of dollars, state lawmakers were told Tuesday.

The deficits already have resulted in some sick children being placed on waiting lists for state health care services.

Some members of the House Appropriations Committee blamed the shortfall on Gov. Rick Perry's veto of a bill last year that would have brought the state millions in additional federal funding.

Perry has said he believes the bill was unnecessary and the state can get the federal funding through other means.

Among the programs facing deficits is the Children With Special Health Care Needs, which provides government funded health care to critically ill children. The program is \$5.9 million short and can no longer accept new applicants, Debra Stabeno of the Texas Department of Health, told the committee.

As of Dec. 31, nearly 300 children were placed on a waiting list for the program, she said.

Health and human services commissioner Don Gilbert said that the agency plans to follow through on Perry's promise and is working on getting federal money to cover the program.

There is also a projected shortfall of \$29 million for the children's health insurance program.

Man dead after Syracuse apartment robbery

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Police continue to investigate Sunday night's robbery and shooting that ended in the death of one Syracuse University student.

The suspect was described as a black man in his early 20s, about 5-foot-10 and 170 pounds. The man wore a dark-colored mask and carried a silver handgun and a dark-colored gym bag with white lettering, said police spokesman Sgt. Dave Sackett.

SU spokesman Kevin Morrow said police told him the suspect entered the home of two SU students at about 7 p.m. through the unlocked front door. The suspect then asked all three men in the apartment -- one was a resident of the home, the other two were visiting from Westchester County -- to empty their pockets and give him all their money. The other resident of the apartment was not home during the incident, Morrow said.

Simeon Popov, a deliverer for Dorian's Gourmet Pizza and Deli on Westcott Street, came to the apartment to deliver food the occupants had ordered earlier that evening, Morrow said. The suspect asked Popov into the Campus Hill-owned apartment. Popov did not seem to know what was happening and tried to leave, Morrow said.

The suspect then spun Popov around and pointed the gun at his chest, Morrow said. When the suspect pulled the trigger, nothing happened. The suspect then pointed the gun at Popov's head and shot and killed him, Morrow said. The man then fled the apartment.

Rural Metro Ambulance transported Popov to University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, according to hospital officials.

Police roped off the area and still continue to watch the apartment, which is considered a crime scene. A patrol car is parked outside and detectives are still questioning residents who live in a two-to-three-block radius. During the questioning Sunday night, officers asked if students knew of any "dope" deals in the area.

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The Skiff View

CREDIT DUE

Lady Frogs need support from fans

The women's basketball program is about to enter an unprecedented era of success and it is the responsibility of the TCU students, faculty and staff to support the team.

Only about 2,200 spectators take in an average game, which fills only about one-fourth of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

TCU awarded women's basketball head coach Jeff Mittie with a multi-year contract extension Tuesday. Mittie's extension comes after earning a NCAA Tournament bid last year, a subsequent first round victory and a conference crown. All were firsts in the team's history.

This season the team is performing even better. They defeated last year's Conference USA champion Louisville, 57-50 Sunday. The Lady Frogs have the best record in C-USA (14-3, 4-0) and are on the verge of becoming a top-25 team.

In the latest Associated Press Top-25 Rankings they were just one point shy of No. 25 Minnesota. The women's basketball team has never been ranked in the top 25, but that is about to change.

Last year the largest crowd ever to witness a game in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum came against national powerhouse Tennessee. Those fans were not there to see men's head coach Billy Tubbs as they play other traditional teams at Southern Methodist University, Nevada-Las Vegas or Fresno State.

That enthusiasm for the women's program needs to be continued, because the team is on the verge of becoming a national power itself.

The 2001 recruiting class was considered to be one of the top five in the nation by various publications. The extension of Mittie's contract will help to ensure that the program will continue to rise to the top of the pack amongst women's basketball programs.

Mittie has also benefited from the hard work of his assistant coaches. Associate head coach Larry Tidwell has received credit for his recruiting skills. Assistant coaches Lonnette Hall and Tonya Benton also deserve credit for the team's success.

A noticeable trait of the team is its hustle. It is likely that they will continue to play hard. Something that remains to be seen is if the students, faculty and staff at TCU will continue to support the women on their rise to national prominence.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

While the tale of Enron's demise is indeed a terrible one, it will hopefully create awareness for an issue that has long been overlooked by the general public — campaign finance reform.

With 71 senators and 188 House members, nearly half of Congress, receiving money from Enron, it should be clearly evident that one particular corporation went to the cookie jar a few too many times. And now, pie is in the face of virtually everyone involved.

But this wouldn't be such a major fiasco if campaign finance laws were reformed, keeping soft money from large corporations from funding political campaigns. Congress should look at the recent case of Enron as further evidence of the need for controls on the huge amounts of money flowing into politics.

Campaign finance reform has made headlines before. Sen. John McCain and presidential candidate Ralph Nader are loudly in favor of the idea. But most Republicans and Democrats plug their ears when they realize how much money they could lose if such legislation were to actually be passed.

Enron didn't face the same scrutiny that California energy

producers faced during the "crisis" of 2001. This should raise some eyebrows, partly because Enron was a top financial donor to President Bush. Now, thousands of Enron employees have lost their life savings, while the Enron brass thought they would come out looking like gold.

Financial demands on those seeking office has grown steadily, forcing candidates to raise more money in hopes to earn the recognition and then trust of their constituents.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, during the 1996 election cycle, candidates in the House of Representatives who raised the most money won 92 percent of the time. In the Senate, 88 percent won. Given such a direct correlation between campaign spending and electoral success, it's not surprising that illegal fund-raising scandals have plagued both parties.

And this scandal proves just that. Both Republicans and Democrats will be victims of the soon to be infamous Enrongate. Now, we must trust them to fix the problem.

This editorial comes from the OSU Daily Barometer at Oregon State University. The editorial was distributed.

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Free speech must be protected in all forms

Flag burning fundamental freedom of expression

Flag burning is patriotic. Yeah that's right, I said it. In our recent rash of patriotism I have noticed talk of various "patriotic" laws has risen again. I believe the idea behind these laws is to solidify people's beliefs in their nation by consolidating and protecting its symbols (or something).

The word demagoguery doesn't even do justice to issues like English as the national language (whatever that's supposed to accomplish). The issue that particularly irks me is one that dies down and then springs to life like John Travolta's career. I'm talking, of course, about a flag burning amendment. Now before everyone berates me as being an unpatriotic fallout from the hippie generation, let me explain.

First off, I don't understand why this becomes an issue. Unless there's some large-scale epidemic of flag burning that I'm completely unaware of, this thing seems to come into focus every time Republicans scramble to divert attention from some bone-

head bill they've managed to pass to drop the budget back into the red. Or in this most recent case, people are scrambling to protect what they see as essential symbols of America.

It doesn't make sense why the largest amount of support on this issue comes from the Republican camp. I could be completely wrong, but I thought the Republican party was supposed to want to protect the rights of individuals to do whatever they want, so long as it doesn't adversely affect anyone else's ability to enjoy their freedom and rights — because that's really what we're really talking about here.

I fail to see any of the problems flag burning causes the American public. How are a group of protesters burning a flag stopping you from walking down the street, or eating corn flakes in the morning? It's understandable that some people very passionately dislike it, but plenty of people also dislike handguns and there isn't a big movement to abolish the Second Amendment. I understand it's a symbol, but one of the things it is a symbol of is the fundamental freedom of expression.

One of the major arguments we run into comes from people who say (with a large degree of confidence) that veterans didn't go fight a war so they could come back here and watch someone burn the flag. But maybe that should be exactly why they fought a war.

It is this freedom that is so ideologically essential to America. It is this kind of freedom that makes us so different, so special. The ability of a country's citizens to burn its flag is so core to what makes the United States unique. Not all countries allow for such a wide range of personal freedoms. In fact there is no other country in the world as deft at establishing individual liberty while protecting the safety of the group.

When I see a protester burning a flag I see someone disillusioned with government, yet fully believing in the principals that government stands for. You'll have to forgive me if I reject the notion that the best way to protect free speech is to limit it.

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Who do we really care for?

When God created the universe He must have spent more time making some human beings than making others. It is for this reason that an American life is worth at least 100 more points on the scale, the scale of human value, than other lives.

Now before you take out your pens and start writing the editor to protest this insanity, let me assure you that I am not at all serious.

The very serious and valid point that I do want to make is that many, if not most Americans, including some in our own government seem to ignore major tragedies or acts of terrorism unless they directly affect our own country. It seems to me that most of the blame for Sept. 11 has been addressed by accusing the Islamic religion of being divisive or promoting violence.

But how many times have you heard government officials question our foreign policy? How many times do we address the fact that every year we pump out more than 50 percent of the world's crude oil from nations where most of the citizens live in poverty?

And why, may I ask again, are we really going to Afghanistan? Is it to fight the most honorable "war on terror," a war in which more of our soldiers have been killed by friendly fire than by "the evil-doers," as President Bush so eloquently put it? Or, is it to ensure that we possess the trillions of dollars worth of oil located in that region?

I'm sure our beloved vice president and former CEO of Halliburton, a company which supplies equipment and other essentials to oil and gas companies for exploration, could give us an honest answer.

Quite honestly, I'm tired hearing the "bs" about how these "evil-doers," these "agents of terror," hate our country because of our prosperity or because of the religious freedom that we offer.

I think they hate us because we don't care whether they live or die as long as our businesses continue to bring in the dough.

We as Americans have for too long believed that the universe revolves around us. We need to wake up and realize that as human beings we can best ensure our preservation, not by excluding the rest of the world, but by recognizing that we all are equally important.

It's not as if the women in Afghanistan just started being oppressed after Sept. 11 or the people in that country weren't starving before then.

The reality is that before Sept. 11, we didn't really care.

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Time management worth a try

Have you ever read *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*?

Has a parent or other adult ever encouraged you to read this jewel of a self-help book?

Don't listen to them. They don't know what they're talking about.

I happened upon this monstrosity of productivity when sifting through old unwanted Christmas presents in a remote corner of my room at home.

The book is filled with encouraging tidbits of wisdom meant to help us all live more effective and productive lifestyles through a magical skill called time management. I find it insulting and shocking to imply that college students need help managing their time. Isn't college where one goes to dedicate oneself

completely to one's studies and the pursuit of a fitting career?

Anyway, back to the book. These "habits" that we're supposed to form have such titles as "Be Proactive," "Put First Things First" (aren't they already there?), "Sharpen the Saw" and, my personal favorite, "Synergize."

No, I don't know what we're supposed to "synergize" (it sounds like a title to a techno song), but apparently we will be more effective and responsible by doing just this. And believe you me, I would love to know what we are supposed to do with our newly sharpened saw.

Maybe what this book needs is a college adaptation. Time management may be a valuable skill, but Stephen R. Covey (the author) seems to leave out a lot of the time consuming, yet valuable, college activities that fill our days and nights.

We could be "proactive" towards

going out a minimum of three nights a week, in an effort to learn about our college surroundings. Aim higher than just playing that new Nintendo GameCube game. With enough mindless hours in front of it, you might just win it. Or go blind.

"Begin with the End in Mind" before you hit the bar. If in the past you discovered the "end" in your toilet, maybe you should effectively limit yourself. "Put First Things First" by procrastinating first, and then doing your work. Go to class, get your reading done, or else know someone who does and hope genius wears off.

"Synergize" your love of candy bars with a brisk walk to class to fulfill your exercise goals. See? This is easier than I thought.

Covey doesn't just stop with habits. He goes on to help improve our self-image, or "emotional bank account," as he refers to it. We should make positive deposits in our emotional bank accounts with encouraging, self-reinforcing statements along the lines of "They were laughing with you, not at you" in order to boost your account balance.

With a new twist, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* may turn out to be not so bad. Maybe I'll give it the ol' college try and actually read it. Then maybe I'll discover just how effective I can be at a variety of wasteful, yet entertaining activities.

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National/International Roundup

Judge delays ruling on terrorist suspects' treatment

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — The treatment of detained terrorist suspects from the Afghanistan war is getting more scrutiny from the international community.

A federal judge in Los Angeles, meanwhile, delayed ruling on a petition that alleges the prisoners are being held in violation of the Geneva Conventions and U.S. Constitution.

U.S. District Judge A. Howard Matz said he had "grave doubts" about his jurisdiction and gave federal prosecutors until Jan. 31 to file papers calling for dismissal of the petition on jurisdictional grounds. The judge said he will hold another hearing Feb. 14. Federal attorneys said they would file for dismissal of the case.

The court challenge of the detention of al Qaeda suspects at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base demanded that the U.S. government bring the suspects before a court and define the charges against them. A coalition that includes former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and other prominent civil rights advocates brought the suit.

The European Union and Germany on Tuesday joined a chorus of protests from the Netherlands, British legislators, Amnesty International and the International Committee of the Red Cross demanding that the detainees be given prisoner-of-war status subject to the Geneva Conventions.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday the United States is treating the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay "humanely," and in accordance with Geneva Conventions.

The detainees are receiving "warm showers, toiletries, water, clean clothes, blankets, regular, culturally appropriate meals, prayer mats, and the right to practice their religions," in addition to medical care, writing materials and visits

from the International Red Cross, Rumsfeld said.

Rumsfeld said critics were not taking into account the danger detainees pose to military guards. He said that one detainee at Guantanamo has threatened to kill Americans, and another has bitten a U.S. military guard.

The West risks losing support in the fight against terrorism if it mistreats the prisoners or subjects them to the death penalty, said EU External Relations Commissioner Chris Patten.

Rumsfeld said the United States has not decided if the detainees should be treated as prisoners of war, and for now calls them battlefield detainees. He said the Geneva Conventions call for so-called "unlawful combatants" to be treated humanely, and the United States military is treating them humanely.

Under the Geneva Conventions, POWs would have to be tried by the same courts and procedures as American soldiers, not by military tribunals.

Recognizing the detainees as prisoners of war would mean trying them under the same procedures as U.S. soldiers — by court-martial or civilian courts, not military tribunals.

The number of detainees at the base in remote Cuba rose to 158 with Monday's arrival of 14 battle-scarred fighters on stretchers, including two amputees and three with infections requiring surgery.

Thousands apply for aid after volcanic eruption

GOMA, Congo (AP) — Trucks loaded with blankets and plastic sheeting flowed into Goma on Tuesday, and tens of thousands of Congolese left homeless or destitute by a volcanic eruption last week lined up to register to receive food and water in their devastated city.

More than 90 percent of the 300,000 people who fled lava from Mount Nyiragongo, 12 miles

north of Goma, have already returned home. Thousands more waited in neighboring Gisenyi, Rwanda, for boats to take them across Lake Kivu to other Congolese cities.

Jacques Durieux, a volcanologist at the French Group for the Study of Active Volcanoes, said there were no indications another eruption of the volcano was imminent, and no more lava was flowing. He said it was now safe for the United Nations to deliver aid directly to Goma and for the refugees to return home.

Durieux said continuing earth tremors caused by the settling of the area following the Jan. 17 eruption were the only remaining threat. He said most of the buildings in Congo were simple structures, and therefore resistant to earthquakes.

Laura Melo, spokeswoman for the U.N. World Food Program, said the agency would begin distributing food Tuesday outside Goma and planned to deliver food to Goma itself no later than Wednesday.

Fresh water was trucked into Goma on Tuesday, and water distribution points were being set up throughout the town where pipes were cut, said Michael Despines, head of the International Rescue Committee in Goma.

Electricity has been restored to much of Goma, and one of the water treatment plants was now operating, though officials were still checking the mineral content to make sure it is completely safe.

Residents struggled Monday to recover from the devastating volcanic eruption that destroyed their city, scavenging for building materials and for ways to make money. But that effort turned lethal when more than 30 people died while trying to siphon fuel from a burned-out gas station.

There have been unconfirmed reports that as many as 40 people died in Thursday's eruption, but Congolese and U.N. officials admit that

no one has any firm information about casualties.

AOL Time Warner sues Microsoft regarding Netscape Internet browser

WASHINGTON (AP) — AOL Time Warner sued Microsoft in federal court Tuesday over AOL's Netscape Internet browser, which ruled computer desktops until Microsoft began giving its competing browser away.

Many of Microsoft's business practices, including ones in which the company encouraged computer manufacturers and Internet providers to distribute its Web browser instead of Netscape, were found to be anticompetitive by a federal appeals court last year. AOL, which now owns Netscape, wants Microsoft to cease its contested business practices and pay damages.

AOL filed the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Under federal law, AOL would be entitled to triple any actual damages found by the court.

One possible option, if a judge rules in favor of AOL, would be to force Microsoft to sell a stripped-down version of its Windows operating system so computer manufacturers could choose which Internet browser to offer. That has also been requested by nine state attorneys general suing Microsoft in federal court.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who heard the federal government's case against Microsoft in the Netscape matter, found that Microsoft tried to keep consumers from being able to choose Netscape.

The federal government and nine other states settled their landmark antitrust suit with Microsoft last year, and that settlement is under consideration by a federal judge. AOL has been a longtime critic of Microsoft and has talked frequently with prosecutors throughout the case.

India site of terrorist attack

BY SUJOY DHAR
Associated Press Writer

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Heavily armed gunmen killed four Indian police officers Tuesday at a U.S. government cultural center, and Indian officials called the slayings a "terrorist attack," saying a Pakistan-based Islamic militant group claimed responsibility.

Eighteen officers, one pedestrian and one private security guard were wounded, said state Home Secretary Amit Kiran Deb. No Americans were injured and no consulate staffers were in the building, which was closed for the day. Deb initially said five officers had died, but later said the fifth was in critical condition.

The bloody assault compounds tension between India and Pakistan, which are already on a war footing with troops massed on their common border. The United States has sought to mediate the conflict to keep efforts in the region focused on the U.S.-led campaign against terrorism in Afghanistan.

Russia condemned the attack, calling it a terrorist act "aimed at further aggravation of the situation in South Asia."

Draped in shawls, four attackers on two motorcycles drove up to the American Center in the heart of populous Calcutta at 6:30 a.m., shot at officers and fled, said the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi.

The attack comes more than a month after an assault on the Indian Parliament left nine government workers and five attackers dead in New Delhi. India blamed two Pakistan-based Islamic militant groups for the attack, which prompted the threat of war between the South Asian rivals.

A pool of blood could be seen outside the American Center. Spent AK-47 bullets littered the street.

FBI Director Robert Mueller, who was in India meeting officials, sug-

gested it was too soon to label the shooting a terrorist attack.

"I think I will describe it as a horrible tragedy and an assault on police officers," Mueller told reporters. "But categorizing it beyond that, in the absence of the facts ... would be inappropriate at this time."

In Washington, a U.S. official said on condition of anonymity that American officials do not believe it was a terrorist attack or that it was aimed at the United States. He said the target was thought to be the Indian police, since there were no Americans at the center at the time of the attack. The assault also took place during a police shift change.

Still, India's home minister, Lal Kishna Advani, called it a "terrorist attack" against U.S. and Indian interests.

Armed forces were quickly deployed to guard bus and railway stations, bridges and other key facilities throughout the state.

In the Indian capital of New Delhi, a security cabinet held an emergency meeting and a high alert was issued at the U.S. Embassy and other American institutions.

Joint Commissioner of Police Suresh Roy said there were intelligence reports of a possible strike against U.S. establishments in India as part of an "unprecedented threat" during India's Republic Day celebrations this coming Saturday.

"We have tightened the entire security arrangement at the U.S. Embassy and all U.S. establishments. A general alert has been sounded," Roy said in New Delhi.

Security has been tightened in recent months at the American Embassy in New Delhi, consulate buildings and other offices across the country to prevent possible attacks by Islamic guerrillas fighting to separate the Himalayan region of Kashmir from Indian control.

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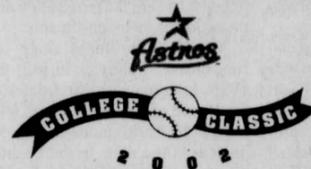
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Not traditional but Not alone

Whether seeking a second degree or starting college for the first time, more and more adults are entering the world of higher-education, and at TCU it's no exception.

TCU seems to represent the typical college life: a residential campus with lush green lawns, classical-looking buildings, fresh-faced students experiencing typical college life. But in the middle of this idyllic stereotype, there are some students who don't fit the "mold."

The Association for Nontraditional Students in Higher Education considers all students over the age of 25 to be nontraditional. In 2001, 7 percent of the 6,069 full time students at TCU were nontraditional students, according to the Office of Admissions.

Whether they are seeking a second degree or starting college for the first time, more and more adults are entering the world of higher-education.

Debra Benditz, a 44 year-old student, said the worst thing about being a nontraditional student is being mistaken for an instructor or a parent. Currently a junior art history major at TCU, Benditz started her college career at Stephen F. Austin State University but left shortly after getting married. What appeared to be the end of her college career turned out to be the beginning of an exciting life.

At the age of 26, Benditz started her own steel supply business and in 1989 became one of *Glamour* magazine's "Top 10 Working Women In America." She then sold her company to travel for two years.

"Then I decided I wanted a culinary degree, so I went to culinary school and became a certified chef," Benditz said.

Not content to stop there, Benditz bought and sold another business and attended the University of Saint Thomas at the University of Houston.

"Starting businesses is easy, going back to school is a challenge," said Benditz.

Recently, she moved from Houston to Fort Worth to attend TCU and study art history. "I love going to museums and looking at art and architecture. I wanted to have a greater appreciation and understanding of what I was viewing," she said.

Benditz also began working as a substitute teacher and plans to seek certification to teach junior or senior high school after she graduates.

Benditz is just one of many adult students from all walks of life who attend TCU. Some, like Benditz, transferred from other schools. Others are attending college for the first time. Andie Piehl, assistant to the dean in the College of Fine Arts, obtained her position after starting to college when she was in her mid-40s.

When Piehl's youngest son left for college, she decided it was a good opportunity to embark on a career change. Piehl said she hadn't planned to work toward her bachelor's degree, and lacked the funds to pay for a private four-year college. However, the honors program at Tarrant County College paid for her education there.

"My first college class started in August of 1994," Piehl said. "I was more scared than any young person ever could be."

Once Piehl overcame her initial fears her college career took off. After two years, she transferred to TCU on a full academic scholarship and was admitted into the honors program.

"I love TCU," she said. "I had a cousin who graduated from here in the '60s and it was always a dream of mine to come to TCU."

Even though her children were grown and moved away, Piehl said her family had to make quite a few adjustments to her new life.

"It was very stressful on the family because I quit working from a full-time job to

go to college full-time," Piehl said. "My husband had to learn how to cook, he had to learn to do the laundry, learn how to turn on the vacuum sweeper. They were accustomed to me taking care of the house and taking care of things, but when I went to college I had the college experience."

Though Piehl was older than the average TCU student, she was very active in campus activities such as the House of Student Representatives.

In 1998 Piehl graduated with a major in English and a minor in history.

"The reason I chose history and English," Piehl said, "is because I love to read, I love to write and I love history."

While being a nontraditional student is not always easy, both Piehl and Benditz agree that the benefits far outweigh the disadvantages.

"When you're an adult student you're more settled, you're not going out to parties," Benditz said. "At this point in life, you spend time and go to class instead of making excuses. (And) you're usually the one paying (tuition)."

Though many adults may fear going back to school, Benditz said she believes people are never too old to learn. She said the older people get, the more people realize they don't know.

Piehl agreed and said people are smarter when they are older.

"You know how to apply yourself to a task, you have perspective on how to organize your time how to prioritize things," Piehl said. "As an adult, you understand more what to expect from professors."

Piehl said being the same age as many of her professors helped her to better relate to them.

For all the nontraditional students who still feel slightly discouraged, there is a new organization called the Nontraditional Student's Organization.

"We wanted the name to be self-explanatory at first," explained Mary Cunningham, the organization's founder.

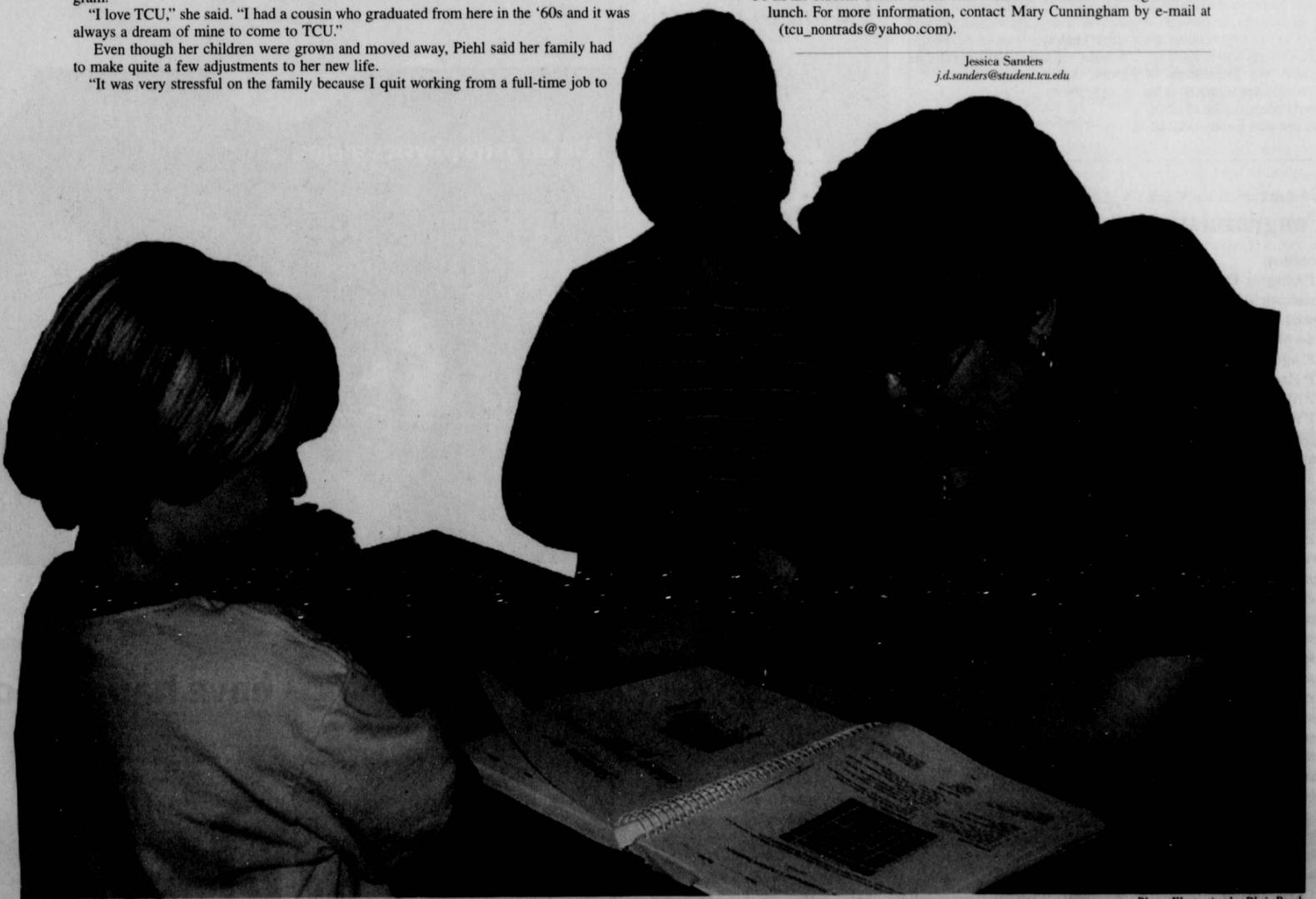
Cunningham, a nontraditional student herself, wanted to form a group that would provide nontraditional students with mutual support and friendship. The Nontraditional Student's Organization will meet mostly online because it is difficult to find a time that is convenient for all the interested students.

Cunningham said the organization does plan to meet for some organized family gatherings, as well as community service projects such as Habitat for Humanity and community fundraisers.

The Nontraditional Student's Organization stretches the definition of nontraditional students to include married students and students who have children. Currently there are about 25 interested students and 15 actively involved. This includes both graduate and undergraduate students, TCU employees who attend class part-time, single parents, business students and Brite Divinity School students.

The first meeting of the Nontraditional Student's Organization will be 12:10 p.m. Jan. 30 in the Student Center Room 222. Students are asked to bring their own lunch. For more information, contact Mary Cunningham by e-mail at (tcu_nontrads@yahoo.com).

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Brandi Smith, a 28-year-old junior elementary education major, finds time to study even with the responsibilities of a wife and mother of two, 6 year-old Kara (left) and 7-year-old Kayla (middle). "I have trained my body to function on little sleep," Smith said. "I usually don't even attempt to study until about 10 p.m."

Photo Illustration by Blair Busch

Lindh on his way to U.S., faces charges

Californian could receive life for conspiracy allegations

BY PAULINE JELINEK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two months after his capture in Afghanistan, John Walker Lindh began the journey back to the United States Tuesday to face charges he conspired to kill his countrymen.

A Californian who took up the cause of Islamic radicals, Lindh was airlifted off the Navy assault ship USS Bataan in the Arabian Sea, where he was being held, a defense official said on condition of anonymity.

Lindh made a stop at the U.S. military base in Kandahar, Afghanistan, before continuing on an airplane bound for the U.S. mainland, another U.S. official said on condition of anonymity.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said Lindh has been turned over to the Department of Justice and will not be sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where other prisoners from the campaign in Afghanistan are being held. "He will go where they want him," Rumsfeld said.

Lindh was expected to arrive in the Washington area Wednesday.

Rumsfeld said Lindh would be brought into the Northern District of Virginia court system. His comment came during an hour-long news conference he devoted largely to defending U.S. treatment of other prisoners: foreign fighters held in Afghanistan and at Guantanamo Naval Base.

"The concern that the Department of Defense has had ... has been to do everything humanely possible to stop terrorists from killing people and to gather as much intelligence information as we can," he said. "And that is pure, simple self-defense of the

United States of America," he said. He said repeatedly that the prisoners were being treated humanely and in accordance with international rules.

"No detainee has been harmed. No detainee has been mistreated in any way," Rumsfeld said of the prisoners, mostly suspected al Qaeda fighters flown to Cuba after being captured in Afghanistan.

"These people are committed terrorists," he said. "We are keeping them off the street and out of the airlines and out of nuclear power plants and out of ports across this country and across other countries, and it seems to me a perfectly reasonable thing to do."

Lindh was coming to the United States — not Guantanamo — because he is an American citizen.

A 20-year-old who converted to Islam four years ago, he is alleged to have trained at an al Qaeda camp in Afghanistan. He was captured in November in the siege of Kunduz and survived a prison uprising near Mazar-e-Sharif.

The conspiracy charge against him can carry a life sentence.

Also Tuesday, the Pentagon said another unmanned Predator spy plane crashed, at least the third U.S. drone lost in the anti-terror campaign started after the Sept. 11 attacks on America.

There was no indication the crash resulted from hostile fire, said Cmdr. Frank Merriman of U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla.

Rumsfeld said in November that two had been lost in bad weather.

The drone can take pictures and listen to enemy communications, flying at 25,000 feet. An entire Predator system, including a ground control station and four aircraft, costs about \$25 million.

Predators have seen heavy use in Afghanistan, including by the CIA, which has flown some armed with missiles on their wings to attack Taliban and al Qaeda targets.

Judge to investigate Enron shredding allegations

BY KRISTEN HAYS
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge prodded parties in a lawsuit against Enron Corp. on Tuesday to work out a plan to halt the destruction of documents. FBI agents, meanwhile, were dispatched to Enron headquarters to investigate new allegations of document shredding.

"This is the shredded evidence that we got out of Enron," attorney William Lerach said as he hurried into the downtown Houston court-house. He asked U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon to ban any shredding by Enron's former auditor, Arthur Andersen.

Harmon did not issue an immediate ruling, instead asking plaintiffs and Andersen to discuss the problem and get back to her Wednesday. As for Enron, Lerach said he wants to depose company chairman and chief executive Kenneth Lay and others about new allegations of shredding at Enron headquarters.

Enron bankruptcy attorney Melanie Gray countered that any rulings on taking custody of Enron's own documents must come from the New York bankruptcy court handling the company's Chapter 11 filing.

Lerach represents shareholders

suings 29 current and former Enron Corp. executives and directors in the collapse of the company.

A state judge's order already prohibits Andersen's Houston office from shredding Enron-related documents. Chicago-based Andersen acknowledged earlier this month its Houston office had destroyed a significant but undetermined amount of audit-related work.

Andersen lawyer Rusty Hardin told Harmon the accounting firm has about 20 million Enron documents in its possession.

While attorneys argued in court, FBI agents were a few blocks away inside Enron's 50-story headquarters building looking into the latest allegations of shredding. Company spokesman Mark Palmer said they were on site at the request of Enron's lawyers.

"We proactively offered our full cooperation in any investigation the Department of Justice might wish to conduct," Palmer said. He said the company thinks "such an investigation is properly done by federal authorities, not plaintiffs' counsel for

benefit of a lawsuit."

Late Monday, Lerach's law partner, Paul Howes, released a court brief in which a former Enron executive saw staffers in the accounting and finance department review and shred thousands of documents.

Maureen Raymond Castaneda, who was laid off as Enron's director of foreign exchange and sovereign risk, told Howes the "gather-review-shred" process started Oct. 31, when the Securities and Exchange Commission announced a formal investigation into Enron finances, and continued through at least Jan. 14.

In a statement released Monday, Enron reiterated that it has had a strict anti-shredding policy in place since last autumn.

"Since Oct. 25, Enron has notified employees in no uncertain terms that they are to preserve all documents and materials. The company has sent out four e-mails to that effect from Oct. 25, 2001, through Jan. 14, 2002," said the statement.

Castaneda confirmed she saw at

least two such e-mails from Enron general counsel James Derrick.

Houston-based Enron cited Andersen's shredding issues when it fired the venerable accounting firm last week.

ABC News was the first to report Enron's own alleged destruction of documents, interviewing Castaneda on Monday.

Neil Rothstein, attorney for another plaintiff, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Support Fund, said Tuesday morning that justice can be served only with intact evidence.

"We are entitled to see what they have," Rothstein said, referring to anyone with pertinent Enron documentation. "No one should have destroyed documents."

Lerach said Castaneda took some boxes of shredded documents home, intending to use them as packing material as she moved to a more affordable house. She gave Lerach's team the spindly documents, which Howes said were clearly marked as related to debt-laden partnerships that fueled the company's downfall.

"Enron's communications with its employees were very clear on the destruction of documents, and any breach of the company's policy will be dealt with swiftly and severely," the company said.

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Kmart Corp. files for bankruptcy protection

BY ALEXANDRA R. MOSES
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Kmart Corp., known for its BlueLight Special and discount prices, filed for bankruptcy protection Tuesday, becoming the largest retailer to seek shelter from creditors under Chapter 11.

Kmart has struggled in the fiercely competitive discount market against rivals like Wal-Mart and Target. Debt rating agencies, including Standard & Poor's, have in recent weeks lowered their credit ratings for Kmart.

The filing comes a day after a major food distributor, Fleming Cos., said it had cut off most shipments to Kmart because the discounter failed to make its regular weekly payment for deliveries. Fleming said Kmart, its largest customer, owes \$78 million.

Other suppliers have delayed or stopped shipments to Kmart in recent days, but the Fleming situation posed perhaps the biggest crisis yet, because grocery offerings often drive traffic.

Fleming said Tuesday it intends to resume deliveries to Kmart "upon receiving satisfactory assurances from Kmart, via the bankruptcy court."

In afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Kmart shares were down 55 percent, or 95 cents a share, to 79 cents. It had traded as high as \$13.55 a share last summer.

Kmart, based in Troy, Mich., made the filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago.

The company said that it will reorganize on a fast-track basis and hopes to emerge from Chapter 11 in 2003. Kmart said in its release that it would keep its 2,114 Kmart stores open.

"We are determined to complete our reorganization as quickly and smoothly as possible, while taking full advantage of this chance to make a fresh start and reposition Kmart for the future," Kmart CEO Chuck Conaway said in a statement.

Kmart's bankruptcy declaration is the largest in the retail business since

Federated Department Stores Inc. filed for Chapter 11 in 1990 and emerged two years later.

Federated Department Stores at the time had assets of \$11.4 billion when it filed in January 1990. Kmart's assets in its latest SEC filing were just over \$17 billion.

Kmart said in a release it had secured a \$2 billion senior secured debtor-in-possession financing facility from Credit Suisse First Boston, Fleet Retail Finance Inc., General Electric Capital Corp. and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank.

Since the beginning of the year, Kmart's stock has plummeted and the company was removed from S&P's benchmark index of 500 leading stocks. Last week, Kmart named a new chairman,

turnaround expert James B. Adamson, to replace Conaway, who remains as chief executive. The company's president, Mark S. Schwartz, left the company.

On Tuesday, Kmart named Ronald B. Hutchison as chief restructuring officer, a new position, effective immediately.

Hutchison, 51, was most recently chief financial officer of Advantica Restaurant Group Inc., where he and Adamson were instrumental in the company's successful reorganization.

Kmart officials on Jan. 10 announced that the company would not meet Wall Street's consensus expectation for earnings of a penny a share for fiscal 2001, and suggested it may seek additional financing.

The holiday shopping period didn't help Kmart rebound. The company said that for the five-week period ended Jan. 2, 2002, the close of its fiscal year, net sales slipped 1 percent on a same-store basis from

the previous year.

Total net sales for the period were \$5.52 billion, down slightly from \$5.54 billion for the same period last year, Kmart said.

Kmart said its decision to seek bankruptcy protection was based on a combination of factors, including its below-plan sales and earnings performance in the fourth quarter.

Standard & Poor's lowered Kmart's corporate credit rating from a BB to a B- and its preferred stock rating dropped from a B to a CCC-. It also said the retailer was on its list of companies to watch for possible additional ratings reductions.

Moody's Investors Service, the other major credit ratings service, lowered Kmart's debt two notches, citing the company's poor sales and doubts about its recent turnaround efforts.

Wayne Hood, retail analyst with Prudential Securities Inc., said Kmart has to restructure its debt, close unproduc-

tive stores and streamline at the corporate level.

At a Kmart store in Greenville, Mich., Carl Rittersdorf said he would feel bad if his local Kmart closed. He and four friends meet for breakfast at the Kmart cafeteria every Tuesday.

"I like it here. I like the people," Rittersdorf said.

Since Conaway became Kmart's CEO in May 2000, he has closed unproductive stores, reintroduced the BlueLight Special, and made other changes to help the discount retailer become more productive and more efficient.

The BlueLight Special marketing tool, first introduced in 1965 and retired in the 1990s, offers customers lowered everyday prices on more than 30,000 items.

"We are determined to complete our reorganization as quickly and smoothly as possible, while taking full advantage of this chance to make a fresh start and reposition Kmart for the future."

— Chuck Conaway

Roe v. Wade 29th anniversary

Legendary Supreme Court case continues to surface debate

BY LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the 29th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, President Bush said the nation should set "a great goal — that unborn children should be welcomed in life and protected in law."

Both supporters and opponents of the landmark Roe v. Wade decision gathered in the nation's capital Tuesday to press their arguments.

Abortion rights activists used the anniversary decision to call anew for the election of officials who support their stand, while opponents said they would hold candidates to account on this volatile issue.

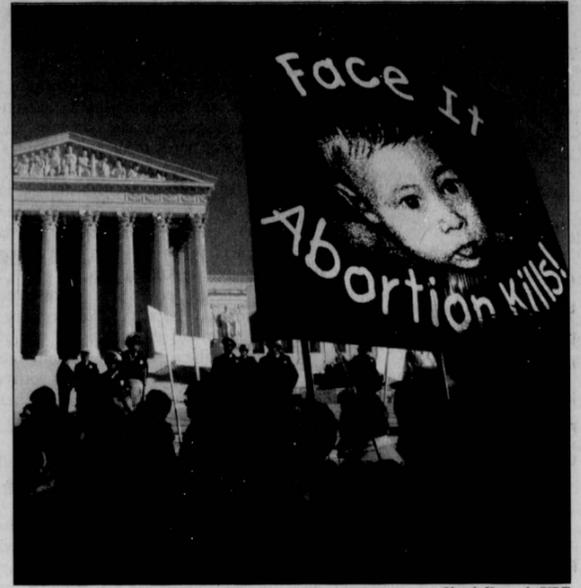
"When the administration is so anti-choice, it becomes increasingly important for Congress to balance," said Gloria Feldt, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which supports abortion rights.

Bush, who was in West Virginia promoting his economic and free-trade agenda, telephoned anti-abortion activists at their Washington rally. It was the first White House support for the group since the last Bush administration. Bush's father, former President Bush, regularly addressed the annual march by telephone.

"This march is an example of an inspiring commitment and of deep human compassion," Bush said over a loudspeaker.

"Everybody there believes, as I do, that every life is valuable, that our society has a responsibility to defend the vulnerable and weak, the imperfect and even the unwanted; and that our nation should set a great goal — that unborn children should be welcomed in life and protected in law."

Bush called for abortion-rights supporters to be treated "with respect and civility," but also said he



Chuck Kennedy/KRT
Anti-abortion protestors march in front of the Supreme Court Tuesday, January 22, 2002, the anniversary of the court's Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

will continue to speak out "on behalf of the most vulnerable members of our society."

"We do so because we believe the promises of the Declaration of Independence are the common code of American life," he said. "They should apply to everyone, not just the healthy or the strong or the powerful."

The president reiterated his support for bans on human cloning, public funding of abortion and the late-term procedure that opponents call partial-birth abortion. Bush said he favors teen abstinence and crisis pregnancy programs.

He also voiced support for laws requiring parental notification for teens seeking abortion services, but he did not call for outlawing abortion outright.

Both sides said the issue has taken on new importance since Bush gained the White House. Earlier, Bush proclaimed Sunday as "National Sanctity of Life Day"

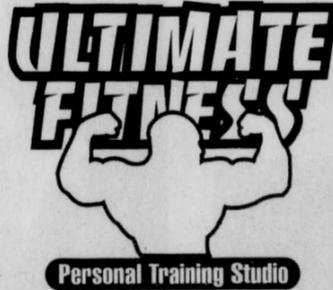
and said "the right to life itself" is chief among the values upon which the nation was founded.

All 435 House seats and 34 Senate seats are up for grabs in November.

The elections could alter the narrow Democratic majority in the Senate or the slender GOP edge in the House. Of particular importance is the Senate, which would have to confirm any Supreme Court nomination by Bush.

Abortion opponents hope that if there is an opening on the high court, Bush will nominate someone sympathetic to their cause. But Bush has said he would not use the issue as a "litmus test" for making judicial nominations.

For the anti-abortion movement, the November elections are about trying to maintain gains made in the past year as Bush backed elements of the anti-abortion agenda, after eight years of Democratic White House support for abortion rights.



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- General Tso's chicken sauté
- Pork/vegetable eggrolls
- Teriyaki grilled beef strips
- Rotisserie chicken
- Chef choice salad

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- Tri-color bowties/shells
- Sausage calzones
- Salisbury steak
- Eggplant cacciatore
- Rotisserie chicken
- Chef choice salad

DINNER

- Chicken Parmesan
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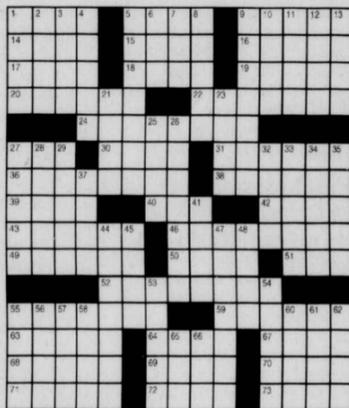
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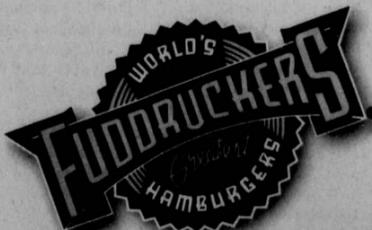


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Daniel-Meyer Coliseum open to students for basketball

Students wishing to play basketball on campus now have the opportunity as the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum was opened for recreational basketball play Tuesday, according to an all-campus e-mail sent Tuesday by Steve Kintigh, director of recreational sports.

A schedule for open-gym will be released at the beginning of every month. January will have only three days, Tuesday being one of them.

A valid TCU identification card must be presented for entrance, and no guests will be allowed because of lack of space, the e-mail cited.

Dates that Daniel-Meyer Coliseum will be open for students:

8 p.m. - 10 p.m., today
6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 28

Horned Frog swimmers extend winning streak to nine

After this weekend's Horned Frog men extended their winning streak to nine meets, while the women's team failed to extend their winning streak to 10.

The swim teams cruised to victory Friday against UNC-Wilmington. The women posted a 135-97 victory and the men won 135-107 victory as the Frogs won their ninth and eighth straight matches respectively.

The women's loss came Saturday against East Carolina 135-102 snapping their nine-meet winning streak.

The men won their match against ECU 140-101. The men have not lost a meet since the beginning of the season when they were defeated by nationally ranked Texas A&M and SMU.

Wesley, Frater lead indoor track team in first meet

Junior transfer Demario Wesley and sophomore Michael Frater earned provisional NCAA honors in the 60-meter dash in the first indoor meet of the Oklahoma Indoor Classic Saturday.

Frater ran the race a career-best 672 seconds, and Wesley notched a team-best 6.64 seconds in the dash. Only a 6.72-mark is needed to qualify for the NCAA meet.

"It was not a bad first meet," said TCU head coach Monte Stratton. "We came through it healthy, but understand that we have some work to do. Getting Demario and Michael with a provisional time in the first meet of the season is great."

The women's team was led by the performance of Perhona Tomlin. Tomlin captured the best time in the 600-yard dash in a mark of 1:22.96.

Colts hire Dungy a week after he was fired from Bucs

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tony Dungy was hired to coach the Indianapolis Colts on Tuesday, a week after he was fired by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The team hopes Dungy, regarded as a defensive specialist, will overhaul a Colts defense that allowed an NFL-high 486 points this season.

He replaces Jim Mora, who was fired Jan. 8.

Dungy, along with the Jets' Herman Edwards, one of two black NFL coaches now, was the most successful coach in Buccaneers history, going 54-42 in six seasons and leading the team to the playoffs four times. The Bucs were 9-8 this season, including a loss to the Philadelphia Eagles in the wild-card round.

Dungy led Tampa Bay to the 1999 NFC championship game.

Before joining Tampa Bay, Dungy was the Vikings' defensive coordinator for four seasons, the Chiefs' defensive backs coach for three, and spent eight seasons as a Steelers' assistant.

Brawl breaks out at Tyson-Lewis news conference

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis finally went at it Tuesday — at a news conference, not in a ring.

Tyson charged the WBC and IBF heavyweight champion right after the start of a conference called to announce their April 6 bout, and a brawl broke out on stage at the Hudson Theater.

Neither fighter hit the other, but Tyson had a cut on his hairline after the swarm of bodies was pulled apart.

WBC president Jose Sulaiman was knocked down during the melee.

The news conference for Lewis' defense of his two belts against Tyson in the MGM Grand in Las Vegas was called off.

Lewis was supposed to meet reporters later Tuesday, but instead business agent Adrian Ogun read a statement from the champion.

Lady Frogs continue Conference USA play undefeated

Sophomore Ebony Shaw scores a career-high 22 points in win

BY KELLY MORRIS
Staff Reporter

After this weekend's games against Cincinnati and Louisville, the TCU women's basketball team is off to its best 17-game start in program history.

Head women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie said he wanted to use the two games to determine where the Frogs (14-3, 4-0 C-USA) stood in the new Conference USA.

"We thought before the weekend that we would get a good measuring stick of where we are at," Mittie said. "It was an important weekend to establish ourselves. Hopefully, this will give us momentum in the league."

After beating Cincinnati 73-57 Friday and Louisville 57-50 Sunday, the Frogs are atop the conference standings and are the only

team undefeated in C-USA.

TCU has won 12 of its last 13 games. It held then-No. 26 ranked Cincinnati, who was the best shooting team in C-USA coming into Friday's game (47.9 percent), to just 28.1 percent shooting. Before Louisville played against TCU Sunday, it was averaging 75.2 points a game.

Mittie said he likes how this year's team, who has held seven opponents to 50 points or less this season, plays defense.

"This is two straight games where two very good offensive teams have come in here," Mittie said. "Two teams that score 70 (points) plus that we have held in the 50s."

The Frogs might have held Louisville to 50 points Sunday, but they struggled on the other end of the court. They shot only 20 percent (6 of 30) from the field in the first half and were down at halftime for



Senior guard Ashanti Nix passes the ball to a teammate Sunday as the Frogs defeated Louisville 57-50. Nix had a two points and five rebounds against the Cardinals.

only the third time this season, 21-29. Fourteen of the Frogs' 30 attempts in the first half were from behind the arc where they were only shooting 21.4 percent.

"It would be different if we were hitting the shots, but we weren't," sophomore guard Ebony Shaw said. "We should have penetrated some and maybe kick out because we were hitting a lot of guarded shots in the first half. Second half we adjusted and moved the ball more."

Shaw shot two early three-pointers in the second half to cut the Frogs' deficit to two points.

Mittie said it was just the kind of start the team needed.

"It was almost a weight off your shoulder to come out and have someone step up," Mittie said. "I liked our perseverance. We still didn't shoot the ball great in the second half, but yet I saw a difference in the look in our eyes."

Even after scoring a career-

high 22 points against the Cardinals, Shaw said she prefers playing defense.

"I just play regular defense like anybody else," Shaw said. "The main thing with me is I don't like somebody to score on me. I don't like anybody to hit me up for 20 (points) one night. That's really why I play defense. I'd rather shut them down than score on the other end."

According to the USA TODAY/ESPN Coaches Top 25 college basketball coaches' poll, the Frogs are currently 26th and only one vote shy of breaking the Top 25 for the first time ever.

Shaw said it is that fact that will keep TCU's C-USA opponents watching out for them.

"It helps a lot being the new team in the conference," Shaw said. "Right now we're making a statement. I'm sure we can't sneak up on anybody too much now. They'll probably be ready for us."

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Frogs in need of consistent play

BY JORDAN BLUM
Opinion Editor

Forty minutes. The Horned Frogs have yet to put together 40 minutes of consistent play in a game.

Sure, they can play well in spurts. But, half the time they coast up and down the court trying to make the SportsCenter highlights rather than caring about actually winning a game, unless it starts to look like they might get blown out.

Saturday's 87-82 overtime loss against Tulane gave an exaggerated look at this style of play as the Frogs got 26 points behind in the first half and then proceeded to go on a 19-2 tear that put them back in the game midway through the second half. Then they again proceeded to lose their composure and the game in overtime.

Men's basketball head coach Billy Tubbs said the Frogs have been playing this way since the second exhibition game against Athlete's First when they had to come from behind for a narrow victory.

"We get in that comfort zone when we're 10 plus points down, then we get in a comfort zone and decide to play hard," Tubbs said. "We don't decide to play hard to get to that point."

Tubbs said he had even a bad feeling about the game before it was played.

"I knew we were in trouble (Saturday morning) in a team meeting when one guy said at (7 a.m.), 'Let's get this over with,'" Tubbs said.

So, obviously team chemistry is a problem. A big problem.

The Frogs seemed to be at their best when junior-transfer guard Junior Blount took to improvisation and put the team on his back with his

somewhat unorthodox, but often highlight-worthy, drives to the basket. Blount also aided the Frogs with his team-high seven assists, but he also nullified those with a game-high seven turnovers.

The problem for the Frogs is not athleticism. At the very worst, the Frogs and the Green Wave were evenly matched in terms of talent. This game should have been a win for the Frogs, especially when playing at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

However, throughout this season Tubbs' famed run-and-gun, Billy Ball style of play has more resembled a pick-up game at the local YMCA than a well-coached college team.

Sure, the games still provide a great deal of excitement for the fans. But when two teams combine for 37 turnovers (19 by TCU), you're hardly watching quality basketball.

This team obviously has some quality talent, but they lack chemistry and good fundamental play. When a team combines for 46.4 percent free throw shooting, as the Frogs did Saturday, they might as well have 12 Shaquille O'Neal clones to shoot for them at the charity strip.

With a few exceptions, such as the 17 rebounds provided by freshman forward Jamal Brown, the Frogs have played as soft as a San Antonio Spurs center lately and seem rather apathetic at times. They just don't always look like they want to be on the same team.

But if they really want to take it easy and win a few easy games, I hear the YMCA's spring league is just about to start up.

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Senior Marlon Dumont scores over a Tulane defender Saturday. Dumont saw only 17 minutes of action, but scored four points and grabbed five rebounds in TCU's overtime loss to Tulane, 87-82. The Frogs have lost their fourth consecutive Conference USA game.

Freshman wins singles title at Rice Indoor tourney

Skiff Staff

True freshman Daniel Scholten captured the Flight B singles crown Sunday at the Met/Rice Indoor Championships in Houston.

Scholten, who entered the tournament unseeded, upset second-seeded Roger Gubser of Texas in three sets. After dropping the first set, 6-3, Scholten made a comeback by capturing the next two sets in close tiebreakers. With the victory, Scholten remains undefeated on the season with a 5-0 mark.

Head coach Joey Rive said he was impressed with Scholten's play, but he was pleased with the team's overall finish.

"I was quite pleased with our level of play as we competed against some other teams," Rive said. "These guys did a good job. This tournament made me feel that this

team will be strong again this year."

Another bright spot for the Frogs came from freshman Fabrizio Sestini. He reached the semifinals in the Flight A division before falling to second-seeded Travis Parrott, 6-2, 6-2.

Rive said the only concerns that arose from the tournament came in doubles play.

"We need to settle down with our doubles teams," Rive said. "Our doubles was one thing we needed to work on coming in and we did, but we still need to continue to work on it."

Junior Toni Gordon, TCU's only player seeded in the Flight A division (No. 5), withdrew from the tournament after suffering an illness in the quarterfinal round.

Rive said Gordon should not miss any time because of the illness.

Summerall-Madden team parting ways

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NEW YORK — Pat Summerall and John Madden are parting ways after 21 years in which they became the standard by which NFL announcing teams are judged.

Summerall announced Tuesday that he will leave his longtime NFL broadcasting partner after they call the Super Bowl for Fox Sports.

But the 71-year-old former New York Giants star kicker, who played football at Arkansas, said he won't rule out doing more TV work. He's been associated with the NFL for 50 years as a player or announcer.

Asked if he's set on retiring, Summerall said: "Absolutely not. I still want to do games. I still want to work with the NFL. I'd love to get back involved in golf in some way. I'd love to do tennis again."

While Summerall called those

sports when he was at CBS, he is best known as half of the longest-paired NFL TV duo ever.

Summerall's play-by-play and Madden's color analysis have complemented each other since they were paired at CBS in 1981. They moved together to Fox in 1994 after that network bought NFL rights.

Their Feb. 3 swan song will be Summerall's 17th Super Bowl broadcast.

"I'll miss standing next to John during the course of a broadcast and watching his antics and enjoying his commentary and trying to react to his commentary," Summerall said.

Summerall, whose Fox contract expires at the end of this season, said he decided two weeks ago to move on. He wanted to make the announcement now so as not to be a distraction during the buildup to the NFL's championship game.

Mittie

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game. "I have high expectations for all aspects of our program," Mittie said. "We have made progress both on the court and in the stands (attendance), but there is still work to do."

Hyman said that the future of women's basketball could not be any better.

"This is a great time to be associated with the Lady Frogs."

Mittie began his head coaching career in 1992 at Missouri Western with a 76-17 record in his three years there. After he led Missouri Western to the NCAA Division II Final Four in 1995, he went on to become the head coach at Arkansas State in 1995. He posted a 75-42 record while at ASU before arriving at TCU in 1999. Mittie owns a .710 career winning percentage and a .688 win percentage in his two and a half seasons at TCU.