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Today's News

WORLD NEWS

LAGOS, Nigeria — As onlookers wept and wailed, hundreds of bodies were pulled out of a canal in Nigeria's largest city Monday after they drowned while trying to flee explosions at an army weapons depot.

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The International Bible Society said Monday that America's best-selling modern Bible is about to get an update using gender-neutral wording, despite past criticism of that idea from conservatives.

News Digest on Page 4

OnCampus

No harm caused to campus system by e-mail

No harm was caused to any TCU e-mail accounts after some received messages with an attached virus-containing file with the subject, "new photos from my party!," said Josh Harmon, spokesman for Information Services.

As of 11 a.m. Monday the virus file in the e-mails sent to TCU accounts were deleted from the system before they could affect anyone, he said.

If someone with a TCU account opens the e-mail, the file will have been deleted and won't affect their computer, Harmon said.

If the file was opened, the most damage it would do is copy the entire e-mail and send it to every e-mail address in its receiv-Windows Address Book or Outlook Express inboxes and folders, Harmon said. Colleen Casey

SGA cabinet inauguration today

The Student Government Association will inaugurate their new executive members at 5 p.m. today in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center.

The new SGA cabinet will introduce the theme, "Your vision, our focus" with the main goal of constantly improving the college experience, said SGA President Chelsea Hudson.

Hudson said the first goal of SGA is to increase attendance at athletic events. SGA cabinet members would like to consider and resolve why students don't attend games and why they don't wear purple, she said.

Hudson said SGA is trying to make the "global community" sec-tion in TCU's mission statement part of reality by targeting diversity by looking at students from different ages, majors and life experiences as well as race and ethnicity.

"The main things we have set in sight is to review how we can serve our purpose and better use our resources," said John Billingsley, vice president of the House of Student Representatives.

Alisha Wassenaar

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the Weather

TOMORROW

High: 64; Low: 38; chance of

THURSDAY

High: 44; Low: 21; cloudy in the morning, sunny in the afternoon

LookingBack

1845 — Edgar Allen Poe's famous poem "The Raven," beginning "Once upon a midnight dreary," was published in the New York Evening Mirror.

1861 — Kansas was admitted to the Union as the 35th state.

1989 — Global Motors, the American company that imported the Yugo, filed for bankruptcy.

Board of Trustees approve tuition, minimum wage increase

BY KELLY MORRIS

The Board of Trustees approved an 8.7 percent tuition increase, a \$213 million budget and increased minimum wages for university staff for 2002-03 at its second meeting of the year Friday, said Clarence Scharbauer III, chairman of the TCU Board

of Trustees Student Relations Committee. Scharbauer said the tuition hike, which

will take effect May 13, will increase the flat rate fee from \$15,000 to \$16,300 a year. Students paying by credit hour will pay \$455 an hour instead of \$420 an hour, he said.

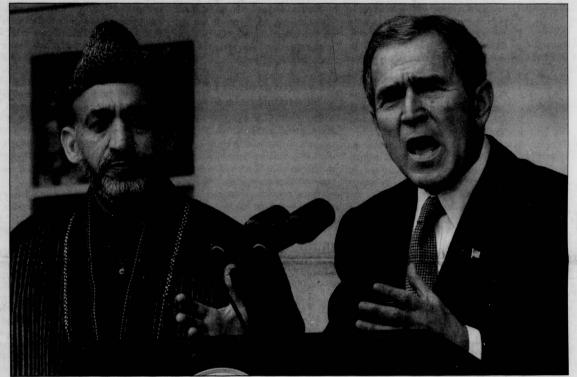
Scharbauer said even with the increase, "TCU is still a great value." He said TCU's tuition is less expensive than about half of the private institutions in the United States.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said a separate \$100 fee for the new \$30 million University Recreation Center was considered for all students but was later rejected. He said the total flat rate and hourly rate tuition covers basic instructional costs and related student life fees for the Recreation Center, Student Center and Brown-Lupton Health Center.

The Recreation Center's left wing is scheduled to open for classes in August, and

(More on INCREASE, page 6)

Monumental Meeting



President Bush talks to reporters as Interim Afghan Prime Minister Hamid Karzai looks on during a press conference in the Rose Garden at the White House Monday.

Bush pledges support to Afghanistan

BY SANDRA SOBIERAJ

WASHINGTON - President Bush promised Afghan leader Hamid Karzai a 'lasting partnership" including economic aid and training for a national military on Monday but turned aside a request for U.S. troops as part of a peacekeeping force. Americans will help build a new and free from want," Bush told Karzai as the tri-colored flag of the visitor flew in the White House Rose Garden for the first time in nearly four decades.

The president said the United States have Afghanistan have her own military,"

would help train a national military and police force for the central Asian nation that has weathered Soviet invasion, warlords, the terrorist-harboring Taliban and, most recently, battering U.S. military strikes.

Bush was not receptive to Karzai's interest in having U.S. forces remain in Afghanistan as part of a multinational peacekeeping force.

the United States will support the international security force and stands ready to help if its "troops get in trouble."

"Better yet than peacekeepers ... let's

He pledged a \$50 million loan to help Afghanistan attract U.S. business investment and \$3 million from the Labor Department to create jobs.

In their joint appearance under an unseasonably warm sun, Karzai thanked the United States for its help in driving the Taliban from power and defeating Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida forces in Afghanistan.

Karzai said the goal of his impoverished country is to remain "a good partner" and never let terrorists re-infest Afghan lands.

(More on AFGHANISTAN, page 6)

From the bottom up



David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER

workers measure the base for the Smith Entrepreneur Hall in the spot of the ng lot of the M.J. Neeley School of Business Monday afternoon. The new facild to be finished by early 2003.

President to address the nation

BY ALISHA WASSENAAR

President Bush will address a country fighting a war and battling a recession in his State of the Union speech at 8 p.m. tonight.

His speech is the first for a wartime chief executive since Pearl Harbor 60 years ago. The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, targeting Americans on American soil, lend Bush's prosecution of the war a degree of popular support denied to Harry Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower in Korea and Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard M. Nixon in Vietnam.

Even Bush's father, President George H. W. Bush, faced division and dissent at the beginning of his effort to stop Iraqi aggression in the Persian Gulf.

Paul Boller, an emeritus professor of history, said the address will be a well-constructed speech delivered with ease, to challenge the terrorists.

Bush's speaking skills have been the subject of criticism since he took office, Boller said. It took a few months, but Bush's speech writers have figured out his style.

"He has skillful speech writers," Boller said. (More on ADDRESS, page 6)

Lectures to aid awareness of Islam

BY SAM EATON

The Department of Extended Education is cosponsoring a lectureship series called, "A Closer Look...Islam," that will bring experts to speak on Islamic religion, culture and politics because of the growing interest in the topic, said David Grebel, director of Extended Education.

We realized early on that the community had an interest in the faith itself, but we also wanted to stream some topics that showed some other facets of Islam," Grebel said. "We want people to realize that Islam, like any other faith, is not monolithic. It has a variety of expressions and a wide variety of influences.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers is also sponsoring the event, and hosts the lectures at 7p.m. at 1615 S. University Dr. on the third Wednesday of every month from January through April.

The spring lectureship on Islam is the first in a series that the Department of Extended Education plans to continue with different topics each semester.

The first speaker on Islam was Yushau Sodiq, associate professor of religion, who spoke Jan. 16 on the many facets of Islam.

Sodiq said his speech provided an overview of

Islam and he was pleased with the turn-out of 75 people at his lecture. I talked about what Islam is all about and how Muslims felt after Sept. 11," Sodiq said. "In order

for all of us to live together, we have to be tolerant of one another." Ahmad Karimi Hakak, a professor of Persian literature and civilization at the University of Washington, gave a speech on modern Persian po-

etry Sunday. Manochehr Dorraj, associate professor of polit-

ical science, will give the next lecture about Islamic culture on Feb. 20. Dorraj said a common understanding of differ-

ing cultures is the way to free the world of hate. When bridges of understanding are built, when our common humanity is discovered and recognized, it's more likely that we may be able to reach a peaceful resolution of conflict," Dorraj said.

Dorraj said his presentation will focus on the political attributes of Islamic culture.

"I'm interested in how the political systems project themselves in international relations, including the relation of the Muslim world with the West," Dorraj said.

Grebel said the speaker for March will be religion faculty member Brent Plate who will discuss Islam in the arts. He said April's speaker has not yet been determined, but the topic will have something to do with social issues within the Islam community.

The Department of Extended Education exists to provide non-credit programming to the community and provide faculty resources to the community, Grebel said.

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TCU security guard killed Saturday

Edward Carson, 68, was "full of energy everyday" while he worked as a TCU security guard, said TCU Police Chief Steve McGee.

Carson died Saturday while heading south on his bike in the 3100th block of Odessa Avenue when he was struck by a motorist going northbound, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Fort Worth Police are currently investigating

Members of the TCU Police Department say they are still shocked and grieving the loss of Carson.

Carson had worked at TCU as an officer and was the first police chief from 1971 to 1984, but then went to work for the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

Carson was hired as a security guard for TCU

Ervey Garcia, a TCU police officer, was hired to work at TCU by Carson in 1982.

"All the administration, faculty and staff liked Carson," Garcia said. "He was very easy going." Garcia said that almost everyone knew Carson and that "Carson never met a stranger at

Carson was a security officer at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History for 10 years and was loved by everyone at the museum said Bobby Hayes, security director at

(More on CARSON, page 6)

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). Dead-line 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 Writing Center has moved to the Student Center basement. Drop in or call (817) 257-7221 for an appointment.
- · Berry Street Initiative Panel will take place noon today in the Student Center lounge.
- The International Conversation Partner Program with Intensive English Students invites all students to participate. Make friends with an international student and possibly win a \$100 American Airline voucher. Send your name and contact information by today to Erika Delgado at (e.delgado@stu-
- KinoMonda film series will present "Amores Perros" 7 p.m. tomorrow in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. For more information call (817) 257-7292.
- · Writing for an American Audience workshop will take place 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday in Student Center, Room 204. The workshop will consider the expectations, requirements, and strategies for developing effective papers in various disciplines. International students learning to write papers for an American academic audience are particularly invited. Register at the Writing Center in the Student Center basement.
- The TCU Graduate Student Council invites all graduate students to an informational meeting 5 p.m. Feb. 4 in Reed Hall, Room 312. Contact Lisa A. Cooper at (l.a.cooper@student.tcu.edu) with any questions.
- · "In a New York Minute" art-show will run through Feb. 8 in the Student Center.
- 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.

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Three killed, two wounded in **East Texas shooting**

ORANGE, Texas (AP) -- Three people were killed, two of them children, in a series of shootings early Monday in East Texas, and an intense search was under way for a gunman. Two people were severely wounded.

Authorities believed the shootings in Orange and Newton counties along the Louisiana state line were related, and investigators suspected the gunman was carrying rifles, shotguns and a pistol.

State and local police searched the woods of the two counties and officers escorted school buses through the area.

In the first attack, a man shot and killed a woman in Orange, set fire to the house where the killing occurred and stole a car from a nearby home, said Trooper Richard Vasser of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The man then apparently traveled about 40 miles north to the area of Kirbyville, where he tried to break into a home but was driven away by an exchange of gunfire with the occupants, said DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange.

Next, several people were shot at a home at nearby Call in Newton County. Mange said. A 13-year-old and another child, about 3 or 4, were killed, and a 2year-old and the children's mother were wounded, she said.

After fleeing in another stolen car, the gunman was stopped by police along U.S. 96 and fled into a wooded area, Vasser said.

Police gave no immediate details on how or where the suspect was stopped.

A spokeswoman at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont would not give details about the wounded woman and child.

Campus/StateRoundup

Jury selected Monday for Andrea Yates' murder trial

HOUSTON (AP) - A jury of eight women and four men was picked Monday for the murder trial of Andrea Yates, the mother who claims she was suffering from postpartum depression when she drowned her five children in the bathtub.

Yates, 37, has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. She is charged in three of the drownings, which took place last June. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Jury selection began Jan. 7.

"It can either be that there is something wrong with her or that she is a really bad person," the unidentified woman who became the 12th and final juror said during questioning Monday. "I don't know what the problem is."

Seven jurors indicated they have children. Two women said they had psychology degrees.

Two alternate jurors must still be selected. Testimony is expected to begin in mid-February.

Yates is charged in the deaths of her 7-year-old son, her 5-year-old son and her 6-month-old daughter. She has yet to be charged in the deaths of the two other youngsters, ages 2 and 3.

School receives money for counter terrorist education

BATON ROUGE, La. (U-WIRE) -The Academy of Counter Terrorist Education, a division of Continuing Education at Louisiana State University, recently received \$11.5 million to continue and develop new training programs educating emergency personnel on responding to terrorist attacks.

The program, which runs entirely on federal dollars, received \$3.5 million shortly after Sept. 11. According to David Hess, public affairs specialist in the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, that funding was part of the Department of Justice's budgeted appropriations for the 2002 fiscal year and was not a result of the terrorist attacks.

However, the recent award of \$11.5 million is part of a defense bill President Bush signed on Jan. 10, Hess said.

Daniel Walsh, dean of Continuing Education, said ACE has trained emergency personnel for five years on responding to terrorist attacks involving weapons of mass destruction and biological incidents.

Student sues university for sexual harassment

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (U-WIRE) - It was the job of her dreams; until it started.

University of Miami sophomore Nicole Pytel, 19, is suing the school for alleged sexual discrimination and harassment on the job while she worked as equipment manager for the football team from August 2000 until February 2001.

Pytel was removed from her job last February nearly one hour after filing a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission [EEOC].

According to the suit, several attempts to ask her former boss, Bobby Revilla, to stop coworkers' "disgusting and offensive" behavior went unheard.

Revilla told the Hurricane there's more to the story than the 51-page lawsuit illustrates, but declined to comment further.

University spokeswoman Margot Winick said Pytel was offered another

job shortly after losing her job at the equipment room.

As far as the charges against the school, "we don't discuss pending litigation," said Winick.

Enron collapse causes university to lose millions

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The University of California was among the biggest victims of the implosion of Enron Corp., losing almost \$145 million in retirement and endowment funds when the Houston company collapsed amid allegations of fraudulent accounting.

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In mid-November, while many shareholders continued to hope that Enron's merger with Dynegy Inc. would save the troubled company, the University of California treasurer's office had its doubts - and started liquidating the 1.75 million shares that the university's retirement and endowment funds actively managed.

The quick-thinking saved millions.

"The UC staff was in regular conversations with a variety of analysts," said Trey Davis, a University of California spokesman. "We also called Enron directly a number of times, but the calls were often returned late and were not forthcoming on the more important issues.'

As a result, the University of California sold all its Enron stock, at an average price of \$5.33 a share. By the time Dynegy called off the deal on Nov. 28, the liquidation was complete and the University of California had saved almost \$8.7 million that it most certainly would have lost if it held on until Enron filed for bankruptcy and was thrown off the stock exchange.

President Bush's

proposal will set aside ?

PoliceBlotter

Reports compiled by Anthony Kirchner, Staff Reporter

Property Crime

Martin-Moore Hall/Sigma Alpha Epsilon House Jan. 19 — In Martin-Moore Hall a complainant said they found that someone had thrown beer cans on the floor and had broken the "Exit" sign and the

Burglary Ed Landreth Hall

Jan. 23- In Ed Landreth Hall room 201 D., a DVD player was taken out of a cabinet. The cabinet door that holds a media system was opened and the lock on the inside was bent.

Property Crime

Jan. 26 — At Leibrock Village a disturbance of loud talking and someone unknown streaking naked outside the building was reported. The complainant could not recognize the alleged streaker.

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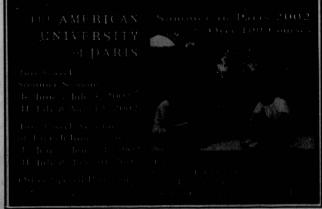
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Students pay more, receive nothing

The Board of Trustees has raised tuition for the upcoming school year yet again.

Surprise, surprise. Students will have the joy of paying 8.7 percent more for tuition starting with the fall semester. This is an increase of \$1,300 a year for flat-rate students and \$1,050 a year for hourly rate students taking 15 hours a semester.

Of course the increase is a surprise to no one, but most were not expecting such a significant increase in tuition after the financially hefty flat-rate plan was introduced last year.

One can only hope this money will go towards benefiting current students, rather than being tucked away in projects where current students will never see the results.

Plans for a new University Recreation Center and possibly a new Student Center sound great, but very few of the current students paying increases will ever be able to take advantage of such costly proj-

The United States has been in an economic downturn long before Sept. 11, so economic prognosticators at TCU shouldn't be able to blame terrorism for a weakening endowment. We should have started planning for this a year ago.

Students want smaller classes and more professors, and an enrollment cap may be necessary to achieve this. However, fewer students shouldn't account for tuition increases.

Granted, all of these things are important, but why not give the students a greater say as to where their money goes? The Student Government Association shouldn't be the only voice the students have. They represent the student body, but their influence is far less than that of the chancellor's or any other of the various administra-

The Board of Trustees does a lot of good for students, but too often their priorities seem to be inconsistent with those of the students. Now, more than ever, compromise between students and administrators should be seen as a key goal that needs to be reached.

TheOtherView

Opinions from around the country

President Bush's new welfare proposal will set aside \$100 million for programs intended to get single mothers on welfare to marry. While the exact nature of the programs is not specified, the possibilities for economically motivated marriages are frightening.

Two-parent families may be beneficial for welfare families, but there are other areas of welfare in need of reform. If the welfare system can help impoverished women receive better education and job training early in life, they are less likely to have children out of wedlock in the first place. Rather than trying to deal with the effects of single welfare parents, the government should try to handle the causes.

According to The Associated Press "...the Bush plan will offer a pot of money ... for experiments aimed at getting poor people to marry."

It is entirely possible that the wording is unintentionally pejora-tive, but these "experiments" soun like they could easily cross the line and begin to interfere with people's private lives. Studies and even sociological experiments may be appropriate in other problem areas within the welfare system, but marriage, if reduced to a simple economic-familial device, would threaten to

make these people less than people in the minds of policy makers and taxpayers.

This isn't the first time conservative values have clashed with small government values, but it is strange to see a Republican president in favor of tax cuts and increased military spending pushing to keep welfare spending steady and not cut

programs. The program might be questionable, but Bush deserves credit for not caving in to conservatives who want to push nuclear families who just want economic assistance and job training. His stance on the issue, relatively moderate compared to some conservatives, presents him as something more than just a party

Bush has also refused to force states to include marriage in their welfare programs. The needs of poverty-stricken communities vary greatly from states, and attempts to federalize the process could easily create the big-government miasma that conservatives routinely blast on morning talk shows. Kudos to Bush for staying true to the positions he was elected on, even if they are being reflected in an unusual way.

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Board of Trustees value student wishes

It started with hello.

I walked into the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center all alone into a room full of adults.

COMMENTARY

Chelsea Hudson

These adults were not just anyone off the street. They are decision makers and action takers. On one hand I was extremely intimidated. But then again, a part of

me felt excited to be in the midst of

such an impressive crowd. The TCU Board of Trustees is a stellar group of individuals. It was quite an experience to meet them face to face. What a discovery it

I think students feel separated from the Board of Trustees, but that is only natural because our generations and life experiences have mostly created this gap. Yet, we share a common thread.

Sometimes I get the feeling that students think the administration and the Board of Trustees don't care about us, the students. We

scream about parking and food and think no one is listening.

But, ears are wide open to our

When I said "hello" to the first TCU trustee I met, he asked me, "Chelsea, what do you, as a voice for the students, think about park-

My jaw dropped.

Before I went to this dinner I assumed it would be just an evening with polite conversation. I was greatly mistaken. After I shared the

ed from the Board of

and life experiences have

Trustees, but that is only nat-

concerns I hear from students, this same trustee looked me straight in the eyes and said, We really got a problem (about

mostly created this gap." parking), but we are determined to get to the bottom of it." Before I could take another bite of dinner, another trustee posed a

new question. "Chelsea, if you could have anything at TCU what would it be?" I could hear the "Jeopardy" mu-

sic playing in my head. The first

massive thing I could think of was a new Student Center.

Immediately after I made that remark another trustee at the table said, "Young lady, you got a point there, why that Student Center is the same one I had when I went to TCU."

A thought hit me.

The Board of Trustees are just like you and me, they want TCU to be better than it has ever been. This should be obvious, but at times I think we, as students, don't

realize how much we share "I think students feel separatin common with

We may not ural because our generations get to visit with our Board of Trustees very often, but you can be assured of two things. They

have a great love of and place much value in young people. And even though we don't always see them, they are listening to us.

Chelsea Hudson is a junior political science major from Plano. Chelsea's column can be seen every Tuesday and she can be contacted at (c.n.hudson@student.tcu.edu).

Airport rules

While I realize this may be a tad on the unpatriotic side, I have two words to say about the current extent of airport security: Good grief.

COMMENTARY

I understand the need for heightened security, and I appreciate efforts to keep planes safe. But some measures are becoming a little ludicrous

For example, I was waiting for my Sandy Stafford aunt at Hobby Air-

port in Houston over Christmas break, and I was watching for her among the passengers entering and exiting the gate area. Airport security guards checked the Southwestern Airlines wheelchairs for safety as an armed National Guardsman looked on. Up to that point, I was completely satisfied.

But then an elderly woman passed through the metal detector, having obvious difficulty walking with her cane. She sat in the wheelchair, smiling and waiting to be wheeled to her plane. So far so good, right?

I was caught completely off-guard when the airport security official made this benign, aging lady raise her arms and then proceeded to pat her down. Has our nation become so paranoid that we take this 80-yearold woman in a thoroughly-inspected wheelchair to be a serious security threat?

On another note, the most recent additional airport security measure is matching passengers to their bags as they board planes. While this is a good idea in theory, it does nothing to protect would-be terrorists from hopping on a connecting flight, and it cannot stop suicide bombers.

Although this is a dismal reality, determined terrorists will probably be able to succeed. Even if they can't strike through planes, then attackers will strike through trains or cars or any other route to achieve their objectives. As much as school shooters could not be stopped by countless gun control laws, so will terrorists find ways around heightened airport security measures

I suppose the next step in airline security will be requiring all passengers to walk around the nation's airports in our skivvies. At least that way elderly, artificial-hipped U.S. senators won't be holding up the metal detector lines.

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USF actions incited by pol

If Bill O'Reilly had not opened his big mouth there would be no need for this column.

COMMENTARY

Jaime Walker

Students at the University of South Florida in Tampa would not be gathered in the campus' common areas calling for a faculty strike. USF faculty would not be enlisting the aid of the American

Federation of Teachers and the National Education

Association, and accusing USF President Judy Genshaft and their Board of Trustees of bowing to political pressure. If Bill O'Reilly, host of Fox

News Channel's popular, often controversial show "The O'Reilly Factor," had not quizzed Palestinian professor Sami Al-Arian Sept. 26 about statements he made 14 years ago and about his association with known terrorists, Al-Arian would not be in the midst of a political firestorm so intense the university fired him Dec. 19.

University officials say they dismissed the tenured professor of computer science because he did not make it clear in his television appearance he was not representing the University of South Florida. Truthfully, they fired him because

he was a liability.

Following his initial appearance on "The O'Reilly Factor," USF's administrative offices were flooded with calls and e-mails. Major contributors threatened to pull their funding if Al-Arian was not dismissed. Their alumni offices received tons of e-mails that read "I am taking my diploma off the wall," and "I am ashamed of USF."

Al-Arian received death threats. The USF College of Science and Engineering was shut down for hours. So. on Sept. 28, officials agreed Al-Arian be placed on a paid leave of absence until the case could be reviewed

In wartime, Al-Arian's presence on campus and his willingness to express unpopular views is too dangerous. His television appearance cost the university too greatly. They simply cannot afford him anymore.

Genshaft told The Associated Press, "This man has been on campus for more than 10 years and 15 percent of time he has gotten paid to do nothing.'

But Al-Arian is known for his knowledge and research in computer science. The USF student newspaper is full of letters to the editor showing support for their teacher. One reads, "If we can't afford to tolerate Professor Al-Arian's views now, then we do not deserve to call ourselves an American institution of higher learning. We are simply running on fear and he is the scapegoat.'

Al-Arian, 43, who is paid more than \$67,000, is no stranger to controversy. In 1991, Al-Arian, who has never been detained or charged with any crime, founded the World and Islamic Studies Enterprise, Inc., a now-defunct Islamic think tank that was shut down after the FBI froze its assets in 1995. As part of a lecture series agreement with USF, the charity held conferences and

speakers forums that drew people later identified as terrorists, such as Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, the Muslim cleric later convicted of a plot to blow up New York landmarks, and Ramadan Abdulah Shallah, who left the university in 1995 to head the terrorist group the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Al-Arian says he knew the men as academics and told O'Reilly he had no connection

to their terrorist activities.

Ours is a country founded not only on the principles of academic freedom and freedom of speech, but also on the necessity of due process. The case of Al-Arian is one that incorporates all three freedoms in a politically explosive combination. Just as Bill O'Reilly had a right to pose hard-hitting questions to the professor about his past association, Al-Arian is entitled to express his unpopular views in a public forum. The USF community has a right to be appalled by Al-Arian's stance. Officials should, and perhaps did, take appropriate steps to suspend him for the remainder of the fall semester.

However, firing him was a hasty and politically motivated judgment. Instead of calculating how much money their institution has lost as a result of Al-Arian's public appearance, they should have been investigating whether his associations with terrorists or allegations that his charity funded terrorism hold true.

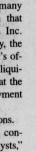
O'Reilly recently did a followup to Al-Arian's story in which he asked the university's attorney whether the professor's conduct was to blame for the dismissal or his own conduct was the culprit.

The attorney's reply: "This is simply a reaction to recent events."

The situation at USF was a time bomb, the professor and the university are to blame for their questionable association, but O'Reilly was the match.

If only we were not so scared to let opinions be debated, or to allow for thorough review. If only we did not live in a culture where the words that flow from Bill O'Reilly's confrontational big mouth are the gospel.

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National/InternationalRoundup

Bodies of drowned victims recovered from canal

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — As onlookers wept and wailed, hundreds of bodies were pulled out of a canal in Nigeria's largest city Monday after they drowned while trying to flee explosions at an army weapons depot.

Many victims apparently didn't realize how deep the water was and drowned when they ran and drove vehicles into the Oke Afa drainage canal in Lagos, witnesses said. They were fleeing explosions at the city's Ikeja military base, which propelled shrapnel and shock waves for miles Sunday night.

Rescue volunteer Ben Nwachukwu said more than 200 bodies were pulled from just one part of the canal. Other volunteers said the death toll could be much higher, but getting an accurate count was difficult — in part because the current was carrying bodies downstream. Authorities issued no official death count.

Many children were separated from their families during Sunday night's panic, said Lagos State Police Commissioner Mike Okiro. He said some children were being cared for at police stations until their families could be located.

Army spokesman Col. Felix Chukwumah said the explosions began when a fire spread to the depot, which is surrounded by crowded slums and working-class neighborhoods. He did not know how the fire started, but a police officer said Sunday it began at a nearby gas station.

State and military officials said the fire was accidental and not an indication of military unrest.

Dozens of blasts sent fireballs towering over this city of 12 million and shattered windows six miles away at the international airport. The explosions continued into the

early morning Monday

Ecuadorean jetliner still not found after crash

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — An Ecuadorean jetliner carrying 92 people crashed Monday in the fogbound mountains of the Andes across the border in Colombia, an airline spokesman said.

The Boeing 727-100 from Ecuador's TAME airline lost radio contact at 10:23 a.m., the Civil Aviation department said in a statement. It was carrying 83 passengers and nine crew members, the statement said.

A TAME spokesman told The Associated Press that the plane, which originated in Quito, crashed in Colombian territory near Ipiales, a city just across the border from the plane's destination, the Ecuadorean city of Tulcan. "We don't have any more information at this time."

Colombia offered to help locate the aircraft, Colombian Civil Aviation director Juan Carlos Velez said, but he added that he could not confirm that the plane went down in Colombian territory.

The plane's planned flight path took it into Colombian airspace and over Ipiales as it headed to Tulcan, 110 miles northeast of Quito, the TAME spokesman said. The mayor's office of Ipiales, located six miles northeast of Tulcan, said the city's airport was closed because of fog.

It was the second crash this month in the jungle-covered border region.

A plane from Ecuador's stateowned oil company with 26 people on board crashed in Colombian territory Jan. 17 while heading from Quito to Lago Agrio, an oil outpost in the Amazon jungle 110 miles northeast of the capital.

Six days later, searchers found the wreckage of the twin-engine propeller plane on a hillside a few miles across

the border. All 21 passengers and five crew members on board died.

Tulcan is about 30 miles northwest of where the oil company plane crashed.

Bible to be updated with gender-neutral wording

(AP) — The International Bible Society said Monday that America's best-selling modern Bible is about to get an update using gender-neutral wording, despite past criticism of that idea from conservatives.

The revision will be called "Today's New International Version," or TNIV. The original "New International Version," which has sold more than 150 million copies worldwide since 1978, will remain on the market.

The New Testament of the latest version goes on sale in April with the full Bible including Old Testament books expected by 2005.

The older version's gender usage became hotly disputed in 1997 when World magazine, a conservative weekly, reported that the Bible society was working on an inclusive-language revision. The society had already published such an edition with a British publisher.

Examples of some changes from 1978 to 2002: "Sons of God" to "children of God" in Matthew 5:9, and "a man is justified by faith" to "a person is justified by faith" in Romans 3:28. Terms referring to God and Jesus Christ have not been altered.

Like the 1978 Bible, the new version is aimed at Protestants, and will not appear in an edition with the extra biblical books recognized by Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches.

The major U.S. sales competitor for the NIV has been the venerable King James Version. All or part of the Bible is currently available in some 70 English translations'

Guantanamo Bay detainees not POWs

BY ROBERT BURNS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Monday he is weighing legal questions on whether the Geneva Convention applies to the 158 suspected terrorists detained at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. He pledged to treat them humanely, but said: "These are killers."

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Bush and his national security advisers failed to resolve the issue at a Monday morning meeting, but said they agree that the detainees will not be considered prisoners of war, which could confer on them an array of rights.

"We are not going to call them prisoners of war," said Bush, who three times called them "prisoners" and then corrected himself to refer to them as "detainees."

"And the reason why is al-Qaida is not a known military," Bush said at a Rose Garden news conference with Afghan interim leader Hamid Karzai. "These are killers, these are terrorists, they know no countries. The only thing they know about country is when they find a country that's been weakened and they want to occupy it like a parasite."

Bush said he will listen to "all the legalisms, and announce my decision when I make it."

Some in the administration argue that the convention should apply. Others, including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, believe that whether it applies is irrelevant because the al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners are "unlawful combat-

ants" and therefore not deserving of prisoner-of-war status. their sleeping conditions are probably better than anything they've

Regardless of the outcome of the debate over the Geneva Convention, the president and his national security aides agree that the prisoners are not POWs.

Victoria Clarke, chief spokeswoman for Rumsfeld, said Monday after Bush's National Security Council meeting that she could provide no details on the discussion. Whatever the outcome of that meeting, she said, the American public should know that the prisoners are being treated humanely.

"We are in very unconventional times," she said. "We're in a very unconventional war. So every aspect of it, including the Geneva Convention and how it might be applied should be looked at with new eyes and new thoughts as to what we're experiencing right now."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush's team agrees that the "core principles" of the convention should be observed, including providing food and medicine to the detainees. However, the national security team is split on whether the detainees are covered under the full weight of the Geneva Conventions, Fleischer said.

He said the conventions must be "interpreted in a modern light," now that the country is at war with terrorists. He added that the detainees were "lucky to be in the custody of our military because they're receiving three square meals a day."

"They're receiving health care

"They're receiving health care no that they've never received before, Ru

ably better than anything they've had in Afghanistan, and they're being treated well because they're in the hands of the men and women of our military, and they're being treated well because that's what Americans do," Fleischer said.

On Sunday, Rumsfeld got a firsthand look at the prisoner camp at Guantanamo Bay.

Guantanamo Bay.

Rumsfeld, joined by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,
Gen. Richard Myers, and four senators, strolled within several feet of
the 8-foot-by-8-foot cells with seethrough walls of chain-link fence.

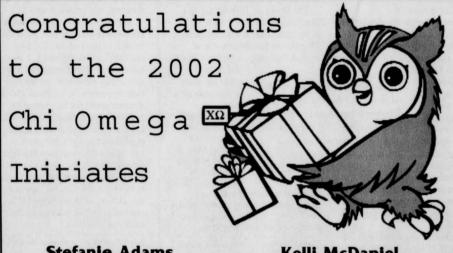
None of the prisoners, clad in bright orange jump suits, appeared to respond to Rumsfeld's presence. In remarks to reporters later, he made a point of saying he was less interested in the prisoners than in thanking the U.S. troops who are guarding and caring for them.

"I came down to say thank you," Rumsfeld told a small group of military personnel.

The secretary ruled out any possibility of granting prisonerof-war status to the captured fighters, whom he has described as among the most hard-core al-Qaida terrorists and Taliban fighters. They were captured in Afghanistan and Pakistan and flown here aboard Air Force transport planes between Jan. 11 and Jan. 21 to be interrogated and possibly prosecuted.

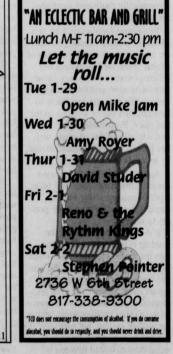
"They are not POWs. They will not be determined to be POWs," Rumsfeld said.

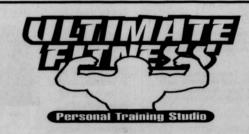
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Last Thursday, the Web site Milkandcookies.com celebrated "Mullet Day." Nothing special about that. On the Net, every day is Mullet Day.

The haircut dissed by some (not us) as the Canadian Passport or the Kentucky Waterfall or, well, Ugly Hair is more than a lamentable, 1980s-era fashion statement.

Online, it's an obsession.

Hundreds of sites are devoted to mullet hair and the so-called mullet lifestyle. There are sites about mullet art (velvet is a key medium) and mullet poetry. Naturally, there are oodles of pictures of adults engaged in adult activities wearing little more than their "business in the front, party in the back" haircuts.

Mullet mania on the Net simply mirrors off-line mullet love

"Go sit on a bench at Disneyland for an hour and just watch," mullet-hunter Jim Muhic says. "They're everywhere.

Muhic, 31, who insists he never embraced his own inner mullet ("My friends all had 'em. But not me. I swear," he whines), owns a mullet calendar and has even snapped photos of those the world calls "the mulleted."



A haircut short in front, long in back. Typically doesn't cover ears but does cover the neck. Men, women and kids of all ages and races can wear mullets

Last year, the mullet was so far out it was in. A few semiknown runway models went mullet. A couple of nonhit movies featured mullets. A documentary was out about the mulleted among us. Vogue magazine, the arbiter of such things, declared the mullet "chic."

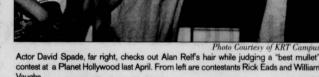
Except it wasn't. Not here anyway.

"Nobody ever asked us for one," says Carlos Gallegos, a barber at Hank's Barbershop in Orange, Calif. "People ask us © 2001 Colombia Pictures, Inc. for flat-tops and buzz cuts and just short hair. But no mullets.

History of mullets:

Mullets were rare before the early 1980s. Cro-Magnon man wore a mullet (if you trust the Smithsonian). The term "mullet" popped up in the 1967 film "Cool Hand Luke." David Bowie, in Ziggy Stardust dress, was mulleted. Jane Fonda, in "Klute," wore what some might call a protomullet. But the 1979 hit movie "Mad Max" — featuring a post-apocalyptic world dominated by mullets (and a few mohawks) - really kicked things off. Soon, Rod Stewart, much of the American South, the Inland Empire and every human in Canada was mulleted. Country crooner Billy Ray Cyrus popularized the current version of the mullet in the early '90s. Cyrus reportedly is no longer mulleted.





Every major male actor who worked in the 1980s or '90s wore a mullet at least once. Kevin Costner, Mel Gibson, Arnold, Tom Cruise. All of them. They'll deny it, maybe even threaten to sue, but they're lying. Current mullets include the guy who runs "Lord of the Dance" and, maybe, Kid Rock.

Mullet poetry:

"It's not a trailer./ Angry mullet man insists./ Manufactured home." So reads a haiku about mullets. More are found on (kendalljones.com/haiku.html).

Check your chicness: Test your sartorial sensibilities with this quiz

BY JACKIE WHITE

Knight Ridder Newspapers

What's the deal with fashion today? The world of chic has been decidedly chaotic since the millennium turned the corner, and the events of recent months have added to the con-

Are celebrities setting the pace of style in America? Or does personal taste win out over Britney Spears? Is low-key (not low-riding) fashion still the more appropriate approach

1. You want to update your wardrobe with one item that will go from work to dinner. Consider:

a. A peasant blouse.

b. A gypsy blouse.c. A soft silky blouse with a subtle ruffle.

d. Motorcycle boots.

2. You're planning your spring wardrobe and you want to invest in something that fits the current moment in world events. The best color to add is:

a. Green. b. Chartreuse.

d. Black.

3. The best place to look for fashion guidance is: a. HBO's "Sex and the City."

b. Katie Couric.

c. Magazines.
d. Your own research and a full-length mirror.

4. The most attractive way to wear today's trendy stuff is: a. Pile on as many hot looks at one time as possible.
b. Wear everything with rock-style motorcycle boots.

c. Pair a new item such as a ruffled blouse, flared skirt or even low-slung belt and tone it

down with other, more classic looks.

d. With a new hair cut with chopped and/or spiked ends.

5. If a man wants to look professional and credible in this new world, he should consider: 15. You're all dressed up this winter in your current designer jodhpurs, riding boots and

a. A pinstriped suit with open shirt.

b. A dark suit with a novelty tie that shows you have a sense of humor.

c. A sports jacket with crew neck sweater.

d. A dark suit with a pale blue tie.

6. They were designers' vision for hip for spring, but they're not likely to fly high in

warmer parts of the country. They are: a. White leather motorcycle boots.

b. Wide heavy belts. c. Spring coats.

7. Marked-down apparel has been almost the rule in retail stores in recent weeks. If it's on sale you should:

b. Buy it if it fits.

c. Buy it if you need to wear it tonight.

d. Pass unless it goes with other things in your wardrobe, fits perfectly and suits your lifestyle.

8. You're a woman going to the upcoming Golden Globe awards. To fit in with everyone

b. A stunning designer gown that's going to set off the cameras.
c. Something under the business dress category.

d. A short miniskirt.

9. Your budget is tight in this economy. You want one new thing to cheer you up. It could

a. A long-term accessory such as a silver cuff, a soft classic leather bag in a color such as

b. A classic such as a tartan plaid skirt, black dress, a print silk scarf.
c. Something unique enough to make you feel special, ranging from a new red lipstick, lace-trimmed flared skirt or floral print dress.

d. Any of the above.

10. The fashion faux pas of the moment is wearing:

a. Fishnet stockings.b. Camouflage print.c. Stiletto heels.

over flambovance in these times?

The eclectic selection of clothing in stores and magazines only adds to the confusion. Compelling have-to-have items are decidedly absent. Role models run a wide gamut from Spears to Laura Bush. But in a world of chic where we give lip service to no rules, we still make judgments about what's right and wrong. And every day we witness fashion victims

If you think you are up to speed on today's ins and outs, take the following quiz.

The fashion image most likely to stick around through the year is:

a. Peasant blouses

b. Lace-up boots.

12. It's a garment that's been around for years. It's in fashion now and so versatile you may wear it with jeans or flannel trousers. You can buy it at vintage stores, discounters or with a designer label at upscale specialty stores. It is:

a. Lace top.

b. A peacoat. c. A beret.

13. The current fashion item, loved by Britney Spears and Jennifer Lopez, but most hazardous for many women to wear is:

a. Denim jeans.

b. Lycra anything.

c. Low-rise pants.

d. Cropped tops.

14. You may wear this look to work more frequently in the coming year. It is:

b. A tailored professional suit c. Lace

equestrian cape and you look stunning. You'll wear them to: a. A luncheon

b. To work

c. The barn d. A cocktail party

16. The hot spring accessory that definitely doesn't go with everything is:

b. A lace camisole c. A patriotic pin

d. A wide, low-slung belt

17. You want to feel hip and modern. While shopping, you spot sunglasses that have silly dangles and an important designer label. What do you do?

a. Put them down and walk away.

b. Buy them so you can sport the name. c. Look for others with a hot designer name.

d. Look for copies.

18. You love, love, love fashion. You save up your money to:

a. Buy a high-priced designer handbag.

b. Purchase high-heeled ankle-wrap sandals. c. Give yourself a shopping trip in a big city.

d Donate to charity

19. The worst mistake you make with clothing is: a. To look simple and boring.

b. Opt for a uniform that everyone else wears.

c. Be too trendy.

d. Have too much going on with your clothing — a wrap jacket, a heavy belt, several mixed prints and a strong color.

20. If you were old enough to vote when George Bush Sr. was first elected president, you should think long about:a. Miniskirts (without tights) so short you can't bend over.

b. Low-cut pants that reveal too much when you sit down.
c. Clothing and accessories decorated with Winnie the Pooh.
d. All of the above.

Answers...

Give yourself five points for every correct answer. A score of 75 or above indicates you're fashion-savvy.

1. C is correct, of course. Even in a dress-down business environment, a soft, unobtrusive femininity is preferred over blatantly trendy clothes.

2. C. White was a very popular color for spring before the world changed in September.

3. D is our pick. You can check out magazines and even celebrities, but do not think just because they

wear something, you can. 4. C again. Don't try to overwhelm anyone by looking like a fashion run-

5. D is the answer. The professional uniforming is beginning to shift to a dressier look. Pale blue ties, a favorite with George W. Bush, carry

a message of sincerity. 6. A. We can't see boots, much less white boots, as the temperatures

7. D of course. The temptation is always to take a bargain and run with it. Unless you're in resales, don't buy it if you don't have a plan for it.

8. B. As of this writing, the Globes are expected to signal a return to Hollywood glamour. It's a relief to designers hoping for credits on the Oscars' red carpet in late March.

9. D is the correct answer. But with the economy still sputtering, it makes sense to have a good reason

10. B. Camouflage prints were last year's hit and this year's bad taste

11. D. The flag motif may have been overdone. You may cry exploitation at too many patriotic Tshirts, but the idea isn't going to go 12. B. The peacoat is a classic

back for a romp.

13. C. Unless you have a long overshirt, you have to have a flat tummy and small hips to carry off the look.

14. B. It may not be dress-for-success, but a more serious professional look is returning to some work envi-

15. C. The fall equestrian clothes looked great on the runways but short of wearing them for carpools, movies and stable time, their appropriateness may be limited. Beware of looking as if you're in costume.

16. D. Be careful how you pair the season's wide, low-riding belt with soft, swishy skirts and silk dresses. Stay simple

17. A. Don't get caught up in the designer cachet. It's like The Emperor's New Clothes.

18. D. Buy anything in your budget that you love, but it's not the time to splurge on high-priced status

19. D. You never want to eclipse yourself with style details.

20. D. Bare legs under micro

miniskirts and styles your children love are neither elegant nor attrac-

passion not only for police work

but also for philosophy. While working at TCU, Carson took

courses in philosophy.

Ted Klein, a retired TCU philos-

ophy professor, said he had Carson

Klein said he and Carson were

"Carson was serious about

studying philosophy," Klein said. "I

used to talk to Carson for hours

good friends and even went to

Paschal High School together.

AFGHANISTAN

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"I assure you, Mr. President, that Afghanistan - with your help, and the help of other countries, friends will be strong and will stand eventually on its own feet, and it will be a country that will defend its borders and not allow terrorism to return to it or bother it or trouble it." Karzai said.

A business-suited delegation of 15 Afghan officials, including one woman, accompanied Karzai on his historic trip to the White House the first visit to Washington by an Afghan leader since King Mohammad Zahir Shah was invited by President Kennedy in 1963.

A breeze played with the folds of the green, red and black Afghan flag standing near the Oval Office where

Bush and Karzai met

With a long, striped green robe draped over his sport coat, Karzai stood at Bush's right arm and spoke easily in English.

The Afghan people know better than most the horror Americans suffered on Sept. 11, Karzai said.

The Afghans have suffered exactly in the same way. We have sympathy. We know that pain."

The Afghan leader was succinct - when a reporter asked about the failure to capture bin Laden so far. "We are looking for him. He's a fugitive. If we find him, we'll catch him. Thank you very much," Karzai said, turning on his heel and ending the joint news conference.

Earlier, Karzai presided over a flag-raising ceremony at the Afghan Embassy, which was shuttered five years ago after the Taliban militia seized power in Afghanistan and the

United States refused relations

A world away from the rubble in his homeland, Karzai lunched with Vice President Dick Cheney, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of State Colin Powell in Cheney's ceremonial office.

Karzai was also meeting with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld after attending a reception with Washington's diplomatic community.

The business development loan comes on top of the \$297 million first-year installment that Powell pledged last week for Afghanistan's long-term development. Together, the United States, European Union, Japan, China, Saudi Arabia and other donor nations pledged \$4.5 billion to Afghanistan over five years

On Monday, the White House released details of how the U.S. money will be spent.

The largest chunk, \$84 million,

will be given through the U.S. Agency for International Development to rehabilitate local agricul ture and develop a public health system. Nearly \$53 million will be spent resettling some of the millions of Afghan refugees who fled their homes in recent years. Some \$7 million will go toward the removal of land mines.

The White House also aims to print and deliver 10 million science, reading and math textbooks in time for the start of the Afghan school year in March.

Karzai continues his Washington rounds on Tuesday, meeting with congressional leaders and appearing with first lady Laura Bush at the USAID offices. He is also expected to be at the first lady's side in the VIP gallery for the president's State of the Union address

CARSON

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the museum. Haves said Carson was still a regular visitor to the museum even though he didn't work there anymore.

"It was a shock for everyone here at the museum to hear about Carson's death." Haves said.

Hayes said one could always see the sparkle in Carson's eyes when he talked about TCU.

'Carson was a thinker," Hayes said. "He loved to think." Many people said Carson had a

in several classes.

about philosophy."

Funeral arrangements are pending.

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INCREASE

the rest of it will open in October, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

'The (recreational) fee was increased, but it is not a separate fee," Mills said. "As we were putting the tuition structure together, it became quite clear that a big part of the budget was going to be this recreational facility. We needed to put something in the fee recognizing that this was an additional \$30 million facility that we are borrowing money for."

To compensate for the tuition increase, Mills said financial aid will increase from \$29.1 million to \$31.4 million.

Scharbauer said that next year freshmen and sophomores will pay the flat rate, and juniors and seniors will continue to pay by credit hour. This will continue for two years until the hourly fee is phased out and every student is paying the flat rate, Scharbauer said.

Ferrari said the tuition increase last year for new students under the flat fee model was 15 percent. The tuition increase last year for students on the credit hour model was 7.7 percent, an increase from \$390 to \$420 an hour, he said.

Mills said it is important for TCU to stop depending on the endowment to provide revenue for what the university wants to do.

Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business, said the endowment was its highest during March 2000 at \$1 billion. As of Sept. 30, the most recent quarterly figures available, the endowment was about \$850 million, down 15 percent, she said

Scharbauer said TCU's expenses for 2002-03 will be \$213 million, and its revenue will be \$214 million. The budget for 2001-02 is \$199 million, Ferrari said.

"While we are spending quite a bit more money next year, a lot of it was the (economic) environment in a sense that demanded that we do that," Mills said.

Mills said included in the expenses is a .75-cent increase in TCU's minimum wage for staff to \$8 an hour and \$1.5 million for hiring new faculty and instructional support staff.

Also discussed at the meeting was the university's need to cap enrollment, Scharbauer said.

Scharbauer said the 7,400 students currently at TCU represent a 2.4 percent increase in the number of students from the spring of last year.

He said 1,511 of those students are the current freshman class. which is the university's largest freshman class ever.

'We're going to shoot for 1,475 (freshmen) in the fall because we felt we were a little bit stressed with the 1,511 (freshmen)," Scharbauer said. Mills said the university admin-

istrators plan on having an enrollment of about 6,800 students in the next three years. Scharbauer said the addition of a

women's softball team was also discussed at the meeting. It is only a recommendation at this point, and the athletics committee will present a report to the trustees in the spring.

TCU has had a hard time with Title IX," Scharbauer said. "Our numbers are out of whack compared to other schools. We're constantly looking at what we can do to sure up Title IX."

Title IX is a federal law that requires equal opportunities for men and women to participate in sports. The ratio of male to female athletes should be proportional to the ratio of male to female undergraduate students, according to the NCAA's Web site.

Kelly Morris

Information being withheld in Enron case

BY MARCY GORDON

WASHINGTON (AP) - Vice President Dick Cheney says the Bush administration's refusal to identify business executives who met with him and his aides concerning energy policy probably will end up in court.

Amid the Enron Corp. scandal, Cheney on Sunday defended President Bush's right to withhold the information, prompting accusations by some Democrats of White House stonewalling

The head of the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, said he will decide this week whether to sue to force the White House to turn over documents on the meetings last year with representatives of energy companies. They included the now-collapsed Enron, a Houston-based concern with deep ties to Bush.

On television interview shows, Cheney acknowledged that the dispute "probably will get resolved in court." Last week, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer had left open the possibility of a compromise, but he said Monday that Bush was determined to maintain the right of a president to seek advice without fear of the talks becoming public.

"I think it is to stop the decline

of the power of the presidency that have taken place the last 35 years or so," Fleischer said. The stance cemented a standoff between Bush and the GAO.

Asked directly whether the administration is taking any steps to avert the lawsuit, Fleischer offered none. He seemed to firmly close the door on negotiations by repeating the White House stance on the issue and declaring: "Only GAO can decide if they're going to sue."
"The ball is in the White House's

court," Comptroller General David Walker, who heads the GAO, said Sunday in a telephone interview.

The White House said recently that representatives of Enron, an energy trader that was ranked as the seventh-largest U.S. corporation, met six times on energy issues last year with Cheney or his aides.

"Who were these Enron officials? What did they discuss? And what role did they have in shaping national energy policy?," asked Scott Harshbarger, president of the private group Common Cause. The public deserves answers to these questions. Keeping this information secret only fosters suspicion

In a letter, Harshbarger urged Walker to sue if necessary to persuade the administration to disclose the identities of all participants in the energy task force meetings. "Disclosure of this information has become even more crucial to the public interest in the light of the Enron scandal," he wrote.

Thousands of employees and big and small investors nationwide lost fortunes in Enron's plunging stock as the company spiraled into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2.

The Justice Department is pursuing a criminal investigation of Enron and its longtime auditor, the accounting firm Arthur Andersen. The Securities and Exchange Commission has been investigating since Oct. 31. Eleven congressional panels also have opened inquiries.

Asked whether anything in the energy plan was included specifically for Enron or at its urging, Cheney replied: "I can't say. I'm sure they supported many parts of it. .. I can't say a particular proposal came from them.'

Cheney also defended the conduct of Army Secretary Thomas White, a former vice chairman of Enron's energy services division, which reportedly was one of the units used to conceal the company's huge losses. Enron overstated its total profits by more than \$580 million since 1997.

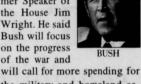
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He said Bush's address will have a political overtone since this is a congressional election year. He said he does not expect Bush to include anything about Enron in his speech.

Like his father, the current president can report that the nation is "on course," having rolled up the Taliban in Afghanistan and put terrorism on the defensive around the

But the 43rd president also must lay the foundation for a lengthy contest with an elusive

This is exactly what is on the mind of former Speaker of the House Jim Wright. He said Bush will focus on the progress of the war and



the military and homeland security, along with defending his economic stimulus plan and tax breaks. "He will say it is going well

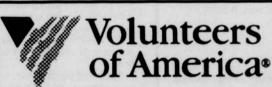
and spell out objectives of war on terrorism," Wright said.

The address will air on all major networks.

Alisha Wassenaa

The Associated Press contributed to this story.





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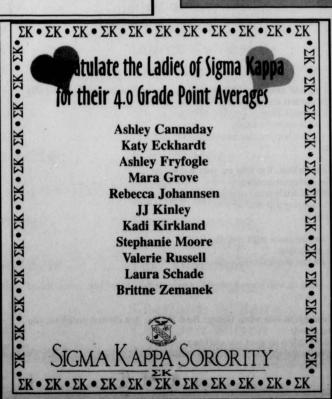
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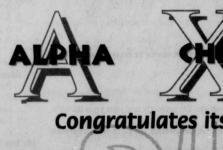
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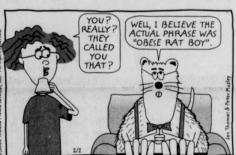
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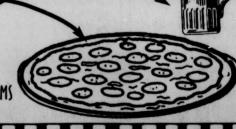
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Bush applauds Lakers in front of audience

WASHINGTON (AP) -Kobe Bryant gave a team jersey, and President Bush gave it the old college try - a quick tiptoe to bring himself somewhere near eye level with the Los Angeles Lakers' star guard.

"We can use him," Bryant joked afterward. "We can use another shooting guard."

Bush welcomed 13 Lakers plus coach Phil Jackson to the White House Monday, a belated congratulations for the NBA championships they won in 2000 and 2001. He thanked the team before an audience that included NBA commissioner David Stern and children from Boys and Girls Clubs.

The president challenged the players to carry themselves as champions off the court, too, for the sake of children who want to be like them.

"I want to thank the players who understand that with victory comes huge responsibility to encourage people to make the right choices in life," Bush said. "To me that's the true sign of a champ."

"This group showed the country and NBA basketball how to work together as a group," Jackson told the president. "And I only hope that you and the Congress can do as much and the same."

Texas Tech basketball back in Top 25

Lubbock, (AP) -Knight's first season at Texas Tech has the Red Raiders where they haven't been in five years — the Top 25.

While the top six teams in the AP college basketball poll held their places from last week. Texas Tech joined the ranks of

the ranked Monday. The Red Raiders (15-3), who finished tied for last in the Big 12 last season with a 3-13 record, entered the poll at No. 20 following a seven-day period in which they beat two Top 10 teams - Oklahoma State and

Oklahoma. Knight last had a team ranked in 1999-2000, his 29th and final season at Indiana. Texas Tech was last ranked in the 1996-97 season when it was in the poll for 10 weeks, reaching as high as 18th.

Duke (18-1), which beat Boston College and Virginia last week to extend its winning streak to six games, was a unanimous No. 1 again, receiving all 71 first-place votes from the national media panel.

Kansas, Maryland, Cincinnati, Florida and Oklahoma held second through sixth, but a week that saw 16 ranked teams lose — including six in the Top - caused plenty of movement throughout the rest of the

Constantine to replace Robinson as Devils coach

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP) - Larry Robinson was fired as coach of the struggling New Jersey Devils on Monday despite leading them to the 2000 Stanley Cup and within a victory of another title last year.

He was replaced by former Pittsburgh Penguins coach Kevin Constantine, who ran an afternoon practice. His first game will be Tuesday night at the New York Islanders.

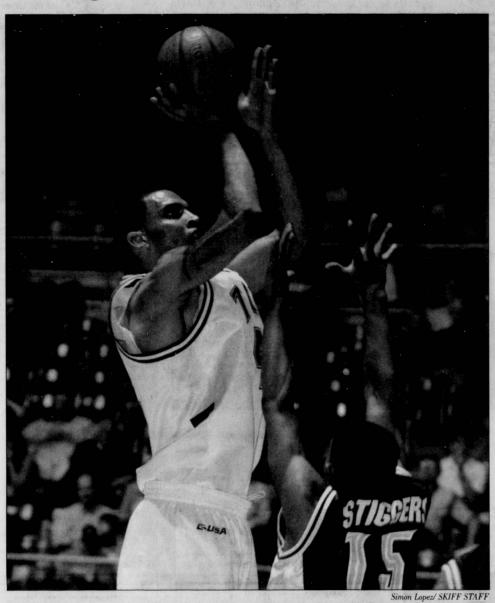
General manager Lou Lamoriello said the dismissal was "the players' fault," and the team will be better served with a coach who is more of a disciplinarian.

Lamoriello would not discuss contract terms but said Constantine is not an interim

Robinson's dismissal comes after a 1-2-1 road trip that included losses to Atlanta and Tampa Bay. The Devils tied Minnesota 2-2 on Saturday.

The Devils, perennially one of the NHL's strongest teams, are fourth in the Atlantic Division with a record of 21-20-7-3 and are 16 points behind first-place Philadelphia.

Frogs aim for second conference win



Senior forward Marlon Dumont makes a jumpshot in the lane over Southern Miss defenders Saturday night. Dumont scored 10 points and made 12 rebounds in the Frogs 75-61 win over the Eagles. The win ended a six-game losing streak and marked the first win in Conference USA play.

Brady was still waiting for his turn

to hoist the AFC Championship tro-

phy when someone asked him how

"Feeling good, feeling good," he

replied, "and that's all coach wants us

But that won't be the last word.

the biggest game there is and every-

body wants to play in it. It's going to

too: Both Brady, a sixth-round pick

just two seasons removed from an-

other quarterback controversy at

Michigan, and Bledsoe, whose 10-

year, \$103 million deal before this

season cemented his reputation as a

franchise quarterback, have been as

cooperative as two men with hyper-

competitive egos can be.
"It wasn't Tom's fault they chose

go with him the rest of the year,

Milloy said. "A lot of us definitely

felt any competitor that loses his job

due to injury, you have to feel his

pain. But the way Drew handled the situation all year is the reason we

were able to do the things we're do-

plenty of practice handling it.

The good news is Belichick has

got this going for him

"Obviously," Bledsoe said, "that's

the ankle felt.

to say about it."

be a tough situation."

BY RAM LUTHRA

The main question about the men's basketball team before this past weekend was whether the Horned Frogs could win their first Conference USA

That was answered when TCU defeated Southern Miss, 75-61, Saturday night.

Now the main question for the team is if it can build off that victory and continue to garner wins in C-USA play. TCU (11-10, 1-6 C-USA) will have its first opportunity to figure that out as it faces Alabama-Birmingham (9-11, 2-5 C-USA) 7:05 p.m. tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Head coach Billy Tubbs said the victory over Southern Miss will be a boost for a team that has been victim of a early tough conference schedule.

"I think we are through the toughest part of our schedule," Tubbs said after the game. "We've got tough games ahead of us. Every game is tough, but I don't think it can be any more brutal than what we started with.

The thing that can happen to you is you can get beat down to the point where you have no confidence and you give up, and I think that's the good thing about our team; they never have given up this year," Tubbs said. "They've never given up on a game, never given up on themselves."

Junior-transfer guard Junior Blount said he felt a conference win was coming sooner or later. Blount scored a team-high 25 points and shot 5 of 9 from the three-point arc.

"Coach Tubbs has been preaching every game that he felt like something good was going to happen to our bas-ketball team," Blount said. "Tonight was the night for us as we were playing at home in front of a good crowd. We jumped out to a good lead and we upheld to that lead.'

Leads will be tough to find against the UAB Blazers. UAB is in fifthplace in the National Division, one of two divisions in the conference, and is coming off a coming off a 80-63 win over Tulane on Saturday. The Frogs lost to Tulane at home 87-82 in overtime Jan. 19.

"UAB is down there where we are," Blount said. "We are just going into Tuesday's game with the same game plan we had tonight and hopefully we can carry out with another win.

UAB is third in the league in threepoint percentage, making 37.3 percent of their shots from downtown. They are second in three-pointers made in the conference, averaging more than seven per contest.

In Saturday's game Tubbs saw his team play better both at the offensive and defensive ends. As a team, TCU recorded more steals and block shots against the Eagles. Offensively, TCU found production from freshman guard Cory Santee (17 points, 6 as-sists) who made 3 of 8 shots from

three-point range. Tubbs said the win will give his team some confidence against UAB and the rest of its conference oppo-

"Our goal is to regain momentum," Tubbs said. "Hopefully, we can sweep our home games. Maybe we can pick up a couple of games on the road and then maybe become a team that has little bit of fire going into the C-USA tournament"

The tournament will be March 6-9 at Cincinnati. The top 12 teams in the 14-team conference, regardless of whether a team is in the American or National brackets, will advance to the tournament. TCU is currently tied for last in the standings with Southern Miss, East Carolina and DePaul.

"If we take care of business we will and then you never know what can happen in the tournament," Tubbs

Ram Luthra

Patriots' quarterback question: Who will play?

PITTSBURGH - It's a predicament most coaches would love to have. Some other week.

"I like our chances, whoever we throw out there," Patriots safety Lawyer Milloy said. "And that's all

I'm going to say about it." If only that were an option for Bill Belichick

Picking a starting quarterback is not supposed to be this hard. Not when you're headed to the Super Bowl, and especially not when team is on the hook for \$900,000 to one guy and \$103 million to the

But no sooner had New England put away the Steelers 24-17 Sunday than a full-blown quarterback controversy was again staring the Patriots coach in the face.

It began when Tom Brady, the bargain-basement passer who stepped in when Pro Bowl veteran Drew Bledsoe was injured after the second game of the regular season, rolled his ankle just before half-time. For the first time since a vicious hit by the Jets' Mo Lewis four months ago sheared a blood vessel in his chest, Bledsoe stepped onto a field with something on the line.

To no one's surprise, he was mas-

"You don't give a guy \$100 million if you don't think he can be a championship quarterback," Pitts-burgh safety Lee Flowers said. "Nobody on our sideline was celebrating when Brady went out."

Which explains why, compared to all the manufactured controversies in Super Bowl weeks past, this one is a 24-carat conundrum.

One can run with the ball, the other probably shouldn't.

One has almost a decade of experience, the other the better part of a

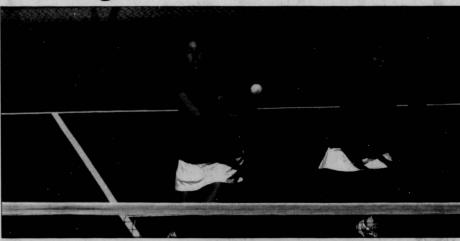
One throws the deep ball better, the other throws a better-timed slant. And both have proven themselves stone-cold winners 'We'll take a look at Tom's situa-

tion and we'll make an evaluation

about it and make the decision later

New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe (11) scrambles against Pittsburgh in the Patriots' 24-17 victory Sunday, Jan. 27, to qualify for the Super Bowl XXXVI.

On target



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Junior Brenna Shackelford (left) and sophomore Ivonne Andrade (right) play Middle Tennesse State, Saturday afternoon at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. The No. 22-ranked Frogs edged the Blue Raiders, 5-2, to open up the spring season. TCU's next match comes against No. 19-ranked Texas A&M Feb. 3.

Lady Frogs record some firsts against C-USA foes

TCU splits weekend road conference games

NATHAN LOEWEN

The Frogs split the Conference USA games this weekend, losing Friday to UNC-Charlotte and winning Sunday against East Car-

The weekend included some firsts for the Frogs (15-4, 5-1 C-

The loss against the 49ers was the Frogs' first loss in C-USA. In the loss they allowed 81 points to a team averaging 57 points a game. This was also the first time they have allowed an opponent to score 80-plus points in a single

Head coach Jeff Mittie said in a post game press conference that the 49ers got out to a good start and stayed ahead. "We played poorly (Friday),"

said Mittie. "It's terribly disappointing."

Junior Grace Gantt recorded a team high 20 points in the loss to the 49ers. The Frogs were also

bounded in the contest 36-27.

allowing the

opponent 70-

It's terribly disappointing .. Offensively we weren't able to TCU get much done" now 0-4 this season when

plus points. The Frogs bounced back after the loss with a 58-42 win over

ECU (3-15, 1-5 C-USA). Senior Kati Safaritova led the team in scoring with 12 points.

She was the only Frog to reach double figures in the scoring col-"Offensively we weren't able

to get much done,"Mittie said in a post game press conference. Mittie said he feels that the de-

fense staying strong has really been the key when they win. The Frogs led at half-time by

18 points outscor-"We played poorly (Friday).

ing the Pirates 32-14. The two teams combined for 50 turnovers in the

The Frogs continue their C-USA road trip 7p.m. Friday when they face South Florida (12-7, 2-4 C-USA) at the

USF Sun Dome.