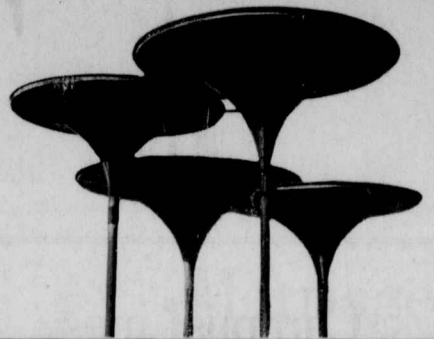


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CAMPUS NEWS

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NATIONAL NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO — Thousands of passengers were evacuated from San Francisco International Airport for more than two hours Wednesday after security guards detected explosives residue on the shoes of a man who then disappeared into the crowd.

News Digest on Page 4

WASHINGTON — Amid signs the worst of the recession may be over, the Federal Reserve left a key interest rate unchanged Wednesday, ending a yearlong stretch of uninterrupted credit easing.

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OnCampus

CEO to discuss survival of company following Sept. 11

The president and CEO of Travelocity.com Inc. will discuss the survival of his company in the wake of the events of Sept. 11 and the dot-com crash, at 5 p.m. today in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 134, said Scott McCray, Delta Sigma Pi vice president.

Terry Jones is expected to speak to students and faculty about the restructuring his company had to do in order to keep making a profit, said McCray, a senior finance and accounting major.

"We feel that what he's speaking about is very timely and it's something students can get a lot out of," McCray said.

Jones' speech about Travelocity.com, whose headquarters are in Fort Worth, will be followed by a question and answer session. A reception will follow in the Dan Rogers Hall, Room 140.

—Laura McFarland

Nokia award applications due Thursday

Applications for the Nokia Research Award are due by 5 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center, Room 220. The award grants \$500 to an undergraduate student, a graduate student and a faculty member for their work on women's issues.

Marcy Paul, program coordinator of the Women's Resource Center, said award applicants must turn in a 1,500 word proposal describing their research project, which can include dance, religion, medicine and art; a one page bibliography and two letters of recommendations from faculty.

After the awards are presented at this year's Women's Symposium Women and Community Dinner March 5, the recipients will have one year to complete their research.

Applications can be found in the Student Center, rooms 213 and 220 and in the Student Center Ballroom.

— Kelly Howard

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FRIDAY

High: 48; Low: 27; Mostly sunny

SATURDAY

High: 53; Low: 34; Partly cloudy

LookingBack

1904 — The first international distress code, the "CQD" call (which preceded the "SOS" distress signal), went into effect.

1937 — The prototype of the Rolls-Royce Wraith made its first test run on this day.

1958 — Elvis Presley records his last single, "Wear My Ring Around Your Neck," before joining the army.

Approval of the CUE delayed

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
Staff Reporter

Faculty decided to put the brakes on the Common Undergraduate Experience in a meeting Wednesday after reaching a consensus that approval for the proposed core curriculum was going too fast.

The Faculty Assembly decided to slow down the approval process of the CUE Wednesday, said those who attended the meeting. Many faculty members have criticized the CUE as being hastily assembled with little relevant input from professors.

Members of the TCU Daily Skiff were asked to leave at the beginning of the forum, which was open only to faculty — but at least one student did attend.

In a meeting today, the Faculty Senate will try to create a process that will allow for more input and give faculty "more time," said George Brown, chair-elect of Faculty Senate.

"There is no time frame on this," Brown said. "But this has to move forward. We can't sit on this."

Plans called for the CUE to be approved by April, but biology professor Phil Hartman said after the meeting that it is not likely to happen now. Hartman was a member of the UCR Drafting Committee which built upon the work of four other committees to create the CUE.

Hartman said major issues were "absolutely not" resolved

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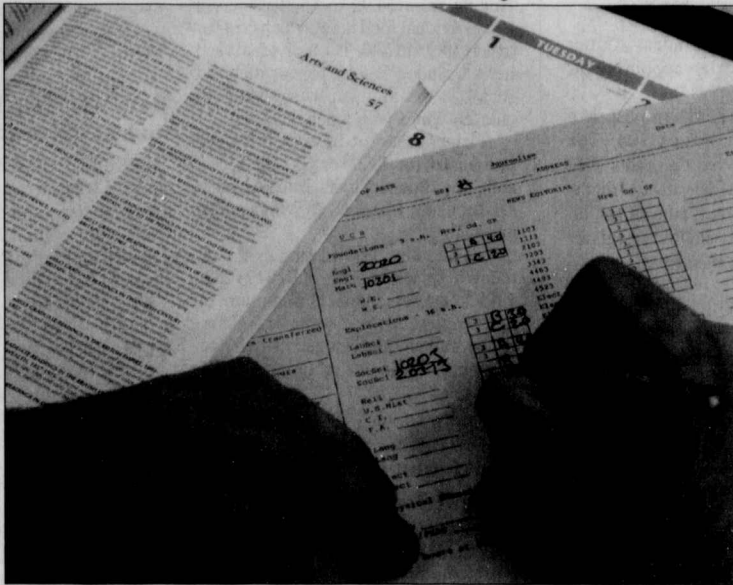


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Congress backs Bush

BY DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is expressing solidarity with President Bush on his call to press the war on terrorism on new fronts, even if it means ultimately confronting the states Bush named as the "axis of evil."

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said Wednesday that Democrats are inclined to endorse whatever military action Bush might deem necessary against Iraq, Iran or North Korea as long as he works with Congress.

"If it takes pre-emptive strikes, if it takes pre-emptive action, I think the Congress is prepared to support it," the South Dakota Democrat said

(More on CONGRESS, page 4)

In Memory



David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER

Flowers mark the place where security guard Edward Carson once worked. Carson was struck and killed Saturday while riding his bicycle on Odessa Avenue. A memorial service will be held 4 p.m. Friday in Robert Carr Chapel. The accident is currently under investigation.

Details on wages to be discussed

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
Staff Reporter

Staff members are pleased with the salary and benefits increases passed last week by the Board of Trustees, but a decision is still pending on exactly how long-term non-exempt staff will be compensated.

"I am delighted, absolutely thrilled," said Bob Seal, chairman of Staff Assembly. "We knew (Chancellor Michael Ferrari) would do everything he could, but you never know until you see it."

The Board of Trustees approved an increase Friday in the base wage for non-exempt staff to \$8 an hour from \$7.25 an hour and in the university's contribution to retirement benefits increased to 10.5 percent from 9.5 percent. Also approved at the meeting were pay raises for non-exempt staff who have worked at TCU for several years, increased funding for health insurance premiums and the university's tuition remission benefit. The details of the plans have not been finalized.

Non-exempt employees are paid an hourly wage as opposed to a salary exempt staff receive.

Ferrari said staff compensation was a top priority.

"Compensation for non-exempt staff has been a key priority for two major reasons: (One) the wages and benefits for staff in the non-exempt category were substantially below the prevailing market conditions and there were inequities among staff that needed

attention," Ferrari said. "And (two) the staff make enormous contributions to the health and vitality of the university and the compensation program should be aligned with the value and contributions they make to students, faculty, professional staff and visitors."

The base wage increase was the second approved in three years. It has increased from \$5.73 an hour to \$8 in that time frame, a 39.6 percent increase.

"I was very pleased with the base wage increase," said Tara Pope, a grounds keeper and member of Staff Assembly. "I think it is a big step toward a living wage. I think it is commendable of Chancellor Ferrari and the Board they made such a step in a tight budget year."

Exactly how pay raises for long term employees will be allocated — and how much money will be distributed — has not been determined, said Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for business and finance. She said Human Resources will develop a compensation plan by the end of February.

"I think people curious about what (exactly) is going to happen to long term employees," Pope said.

Campbell said letters will go out near the end of the semester to staff who received pay increases. Compensation changes go into effect June 1, she said.

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Golf tournament scholarship money donated to athletics

Scholarship fund to increase \$25,000

BY RAUL MARTINEZ IV
Staff Reporter

A \$25,000 check was presented to TCU Wednesday from Greenwood Office Outfitters for last November's sponsorship of the Horned Frog Classic golf tournament.

Mark Mourer, assistant director of the TCU Frog Club, said the money will go toward an athletic scholarship for the men and women golf programs.

"We do not receive a lot of money for the golf program," Mourer said. "This is a huge donation, which gives another student-athlete the opportunity to come to TCU."

Frog Club is a group that raises money for athletic scholarships.

Davis Babb, associate athletic di-

rector for development, said this is the second year Greenwood Office Outfitters has sponsored the tournament. "Greenwood has really helped us raise donations," Babb said. "They are trying to get more involved with the school and have already built a lot of great relationships here at TCU."

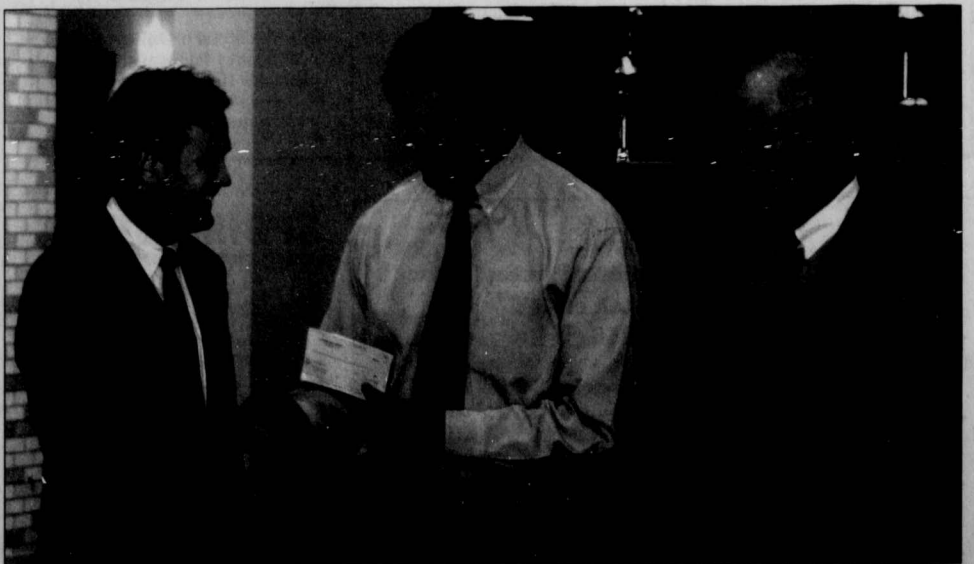
Bob Wood, co-owner of Greenwood Office Outfitters, said he and his partner, Raleigh Green, are honored to be a part of TCU.

"(Green) and I both went to TCU and we really wanted to give something back to this university," Wood said.

Wood said Greenwood is also planning to sponsor the next Horned Frog Classic golf tournament which will be held in October.

"We haven't finalized anything yet on paper," he said. "But we do want to continue to sponsor next year's tournament."

Mick Ashwood, tournament director and co-founder of the Horned Frog Classic Golf Tournament Wednesday. Mick Ashwood, tournament director, right, joins them.



David Dunai/SKIFF REPORTER

Raleigh Green, co-owner of Greenwood Office Outfitters, middle, presents Athletics Director Eric Hyman with a sponsorship check for the Horned Frog Classic Golf Tournament Wednesday. Mick Ashwood, tournament director, right, joins them.

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 Writing Center** has moved to the Student Center basement. Drop in or call (817)257-7221 for an appointment.
- **Writing for an American Audience workshop** will take place 2 to 3 p.m. today 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.
- **RTVF film series** will present "The Miracle Worker" 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The 1962 film stars Annie Sullivan, Patty Duke and Anne Bancroft.
- **The TCU Graduate Student Council** invites all graduate students to an informational meeting 5 p.m. Monday in Reed Hall, Room 312. Contact Lisa A. Cooper at (l.a.cooper@student.tcu.edu) with any questions.
- **The TCU Symphony Orchestra** will perform a concerto concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information call (817)257-7602.
- **The Leadership Center** and M.J. Neeley School of Business will present "Making Our Lives Count" 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in PepsiCo Recital Hall. Bliss Browne, president of Imagine Chicago, will speak. The event is open to the public. For more information call (817)257-7855.
- **"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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Campus/State Roundup

Dining services to offer Super Bowl catering services

Dining Services is offering Super Bowl food packages for Sunday. There are three packages available with prices ranging from \$4.99 to \$5.99 a person and individual food items which cost between \$9.95 to \$40. The individual food items include a 16-inch pizza with bread sticks, a six-foot super sub and 40 chicken wings with ranch dressing. A super order for 10 students can be purchased for \$125 or \$12.50 a person. The order includes four pizzas, a six-foot sub, 120 chicken wings, chips and soda. The deadline for ordering is 5 p.m. today. To place an order, call (817) 257-7999. Orders require a minimum of five people, and the cost can be split between students and charged to their dining plans. Delivery is limited to on campus only.

- Kelly Morris

Search continues for two escaped convicts

MONTAGUE (AP)—As the search continued Wednesday for two convicted killers and two murder suspects on the lam, some crime victim advocacy groups urged law officers to find out why Texas had more than 100 jail breaks in the past 12 months. Since the four inmates broke out of the Montague County Jail on Monday night, more than 200 law enforcement officers from numerous local jurisdictions, the Texas Rangers and FBI were helping search on the ground and by helicopter. Authorities have been alerted in Oklahoma, Missouri, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and other states where the escapees have relatives and friends. Groups concerned about Texas jailbreaks say that unless the state solves the problem, even more criminals will escape because they are becoming more brazen and feed off one another's successes.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards listed more than 100 separate escapes in 2001, including five Grayson County Jail inmates who tunneled their way out, setting up a stand-off three days later with law officers in Montague County, where the latest inmates escaped. Curtis Allen Gambill of Terral, Okla., and Joshua Luke Bagwell of Waurika,

Okla., were serving life sentences for killing a 16-year-old Oklahoma cheerleader Heather Rose Rich in Montague County in 1996.

Chrystal Gale Soto, 22, and Charles William Jordan, 30, both of Bowie, are charged with two counts of capital murder in the November deaths of James Christmas, 76, and Ullain Christmas, 79.

Texas A&M University student still missing

COLLEGE STATION (AP)—Hundreds of volunteers canvassed roads between Midland and College Station on Wednesday, optimistic they would find a Texas A&M University student who vanished four days ago.

Midland native Catherine Page Price, an 18-year-old freshman at A&M, was last seen by her roommate at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Authorities said Price left her dormitory and planned to drive her blue 1998 Ford Explorer to visit her brother, a junior at Texas A&M, and then attend a Bible study group.

Bob Wiatt, director of security with the Texas A&M University Police Department, said Price's roommate came home about 9:30 p.m. and tried to contact Price at both places, only to discover that she never showed up.

Jennifer Sise, director of youth ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Midland, said hundreds of volunteers had been dispatched from Midland and College Station on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

They were driving every possible route between the two towns, about 350 miles apart, distributing fliers and notifying local police departments about Price along the way, she said.

Sise said a volunteer command post in College Station was coordinating the search.

Wiatt said he did not believe foul play was involved.

Student files lawsuit for free speech restriction

LUBBOCK — A West Texas high school student has filed a lawsuit against the district's superintendent alleging he tried to keep the 16-year-old from writing letters to the local newspaper.

The conflict began shortly after Sept. 11, when Justin Latimer wrote a letter to the editor of the Crosby County News and Chronicle voicing his disappoint-

ment that plans were canceled for the school band to play "Amazing Grace."

Latimer claims in a lawsuit filed last week that after the letter appeared, superintendent Larry Morris told him he could not write other letters to the editor without permission from Morris or the band director.

Latimer was called out of class to meet with Morris and the band director, the lawsuit said. Morris told Latimer that the letter had hurt the school, the band and Morris personally, the lawsuit said.

Morris was out of town Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

Latimer argues that his letters to the editor are a form of free speech protected by the Constitution.

An attorney representing Latimer, Stephen Crampton of Tupelo, Miss., said he's asking the judge for a temporary order preventing Morris from restraining Latimer's speech.

Student dies in dormitory bathroom after giving birth

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP)—A 19-year-old student died after giving birth in a dormitory bathroom as other students came and went, believing she was only sick, officials at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire said Wednesday. The baby survived but was in critical condition.

Karen Marie Hubbard wasn't breathing when a resident assistant found her in a bathroom stall Tuesday night, said Charles Major, director of housing and residence. She was pronounced dead at an Eau Claire hospital.

Major said emergency medical technicians found the newborn girl when they removed Hubbard from the bathroom stall.

The baby was listed in critical condition Wednesday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, spokeswoman Carla David said. David said she couldn't reveal whether the baby was born full-term.

"From everything we understand, her roommate did not know she was pregnant. We're not sure whether the girl herself knew she was pregnant," Major said.

Major said other students in the all-women dorm were coming and going in the bathroom, heard noises and asked Hubbard if she was OK. She reportedly replied that she thought she was just sick, he said.

Hubbard was a freshman prepa-

macy major from Withee, a small town about 40 miles east of Eau Claire, Major said.

Student newspaper prints apology for racist cartoon

COLLEGE STATION (U-WIRE) - The public uproar over a cartoon called racist published in the Jan. 14 edition of The Battalion, subsided after the Texas A&M University student newspaper printed an apology.

The African-American Student Coalition went ahead with planned protests outside The Battalion, and said the long-overdue apology on Monday was only the first step in correcting what they consider to be the publication's pattern of insensitivity toward minorities.

"The Battalion, in its obstinance, made a huge miscalculation by refusing to apologize for so long," said Bereket Bisrat, spokesperson for the African-American Student Coalition and a sophomore international studies major.

Bisrat said black students welcomed the apology, but were disappointed that it only came after mounting pressure on The Battalion staff from students, administrators and the media.

In a note to readers published Monday, Editor in Chief Mariano Castillo said the cartoon was insensitive and should not have run. The cartoon portrayed a black mother, wearing an apron and curlers, scolding her son for receiving a bad grade, saying "If you ain't careful, you gonna end up doing airport security."

"The Uncartoonist," the pen name of the student who drew the cartoon, will continue to work at The Battalion, Castillo said, but his often controversial work will have to avoid the ethnic and religious stereotypes that may overshadow the intended message and have caused controversy in the past.

Castillo met Monday afternoon with A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen, AASC officers and representatives from the Houston and Bryan-College Station chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Bowen has said that The Battalion enjoys First Amendment protections and that University administrators cannot interfere in editorial decisions.

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The Skiff View

KEEP OUT

Students deserve to be informed

Tuesday afternoon the Faculty Senate held forum to discuss the Common Undergraduate Experience — a meeting that *TCU Daily Skiff* reporters would normally be allowed to attend.

But before the forum even started, *Skiff* staff members were singled out and asked to leave.

The *Skiff* takes pride in being the information outlet for the campus. Students need to be informed about the decisions the Faculty Senate is making. And the *Skiff* is in the perfect position to keep them informed.

The *Skiff* has been allowed to attend all other major meetings of the Faculty Senate and Staff Assembly.

But this meeting was different. Is there something the Faculty Assembly does not want students to hear? What went on behind those doors Wednesday? Even if it was a heated debate over the CUE, doesn't the TCU community have a right to know about it?

Students have a right to know what decisions will be made with the CUE. The CUE may not affect which classes current students take, but it will still affect them directly.

The reputation and credibility of the university is resting on the decisions made by the Faculty Assembly. Years from now, students want the university that their degree came from to be known as a prestigious school — competitive with other universities across the nation and world.

Today another forum will be held to discuss these issues further. Students need to show the faculty that this is an issue that matters to them. The Faculty Senate will meet at 3:30 p.m. today in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center. The *Skiff* might be asked to leave again. Students should attempt to go and make their presence known.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Vice President Dick Cheney and other members of the Bush administration may have something to hide, and it is time they fessed up.

Members of Congress are urging Cheney to release information from his meetings with Enron and other energy industry executives in crafting the administrations energy policy. But, Cheney says he is standing firm on the issue.

Cheney insists that his releasing the information would inhibit his chance to receive "unvarnished advice" without the meddling of Congress. Apparently this "advice" is much more important than allowing the supposedly insignificant truth to be made public.

But Cheney is an elected official and is meant to be a servant of the people. This is information people have a right to know. Congress, but more importantly the citizens of the United States, have the right to know who Cheney spoke with and what they spoke about.

The collapse of Enron has left the country with mixed feelings over how much the Bush administration knew about the corporation and how much influence it may have had with the administration. A new poll released by CBS and The New York Times found that more than half of people surveyed be-

lieve that the Bush administration was either hiding something or lying. Of course, his stance of staying as quiet as possible on the subject isn't helping his cause either.

If the administration is hiding something then it is essential that the people know. The effect that the energy policy has on all Americans is extraordinary. By not releasing the information, Cheney is only shedding a strange light on himself that will prove to hurt him in the end. The information he may have is not so much a matter of national security as it is a security blanket for the vice president and the administration.

The checks and balances set up by the founders of our nation are in place to ensure that power is equal and not absolute. We think that Cheney must recognize Congress' initiative to uncover what, if anything, the Bush administration knew about the Enron collapse. But also, Congress must learn how this information is integrated into the building of the energy policy. Otherwise, Cheney's secrecy is only helping the economy along its current downturn.

This editorial is from the Daily Forty-Niner at California State University-Long Beach. This column was distributed by U-Wire.



Student experiences homeless life on street

Filled with shame and humiliation, holding a cardboard sign with the words, "Will work for food" written in black grease pencil, I stand on a street corner specially selected for the high traffic volume leaving the Kroger market parking lot.

I'm dressed in an old, worn pair of camouflage pants and a faded black moth-eaten T-shirt. Topping off my ridiculous ensemble is my "Desert Storm Veteran" cap. I'm here to experience first-hand what street beggars endure during their attempts to secure their next meal.

I stand here as the rain dampens my clothing, carefully observing everyone around me. When they think I'm not looking, people trapped by the red traffic light stare at the poor fool who is too inept or lazy to find a job. But when I glance up to look them in the eye, they hastily turn their heads as if to hide their embarrassment from this blemish on society. They sit in their steel shelters looking anxious, wanting to be freed from the close proximity of the city's scum, waiting to escape and yearning to secure the freedom the green light will bring.

Other people are not so caught up in their own vulnerability. I'm particularly impressed with the courage displayed by a group of teen-agers as they shout obscenities from their moving vehicle, informing me of the hiring status at McDonald's. Out of one BMW, a handful of pennies, nickels and dimes is dropped in the street. Bending down to claim my new-

found wealth, I can hear the occupants laughing hysterically, as a pack of hyenas might sound after a successful kill.

"Here," one lady yells from her Mercedes as she flashes a one-dollar bill from her partially cracked window. I say, "thank you," as I accept the alms, but I'm dismissed with a wave of her hand, so I retreat back to my curb. I watch her sit in her \$60,000 car, with a smug expression of arrogance on her face, as if to say "I just single-handedly saved the world and now I will go to heaven."

The money continues to trickle in and I continue my pessimistic observations. After about 2 1/2 hours of humbling myself to the public, a man approaches me dressed much the same as myself, holding a sign of his own that says, "Hungry with family of 3, please help." He politely asks me if I am finished because he needs his corner back.

Feeling ashamed, I apologize and relinquish command of the plebeian's sympathy to him.

As I watch this new addition to the street corner I begin to ask myself how many times have I been the lady in the Mercedes or the person who longed for the green light to take me away. I start to fill with self-loathing. I wonder what I can do to help those who stand on their corners, with their signs, showing the world their shame. I begin to ponder what drives people in today's America to be reduced to having to beg to support themselves and their families.

The current social welfare system provides food stamps, cash assistance and medical vouchers to needy families, but the homeless don't qualify for these programs. Much of the money allotted to state and federal public assistance programs is wasted on the many bureaucrats required to administer the complicated over-regulated system. Every year the federal government gives billions of dollars to foreign countries to strengthen their economies, build shelters for their poor, provide medical attention and feed their starving. Yet today you can't pick up a newspaper without seeing a public interest story about the homeless in our own country.

There are many stories about those who make the signs and stand on the corners just for the money and are not really needy at all. But these scam artists are the minority, or at least I would like to believe they are. We may never know which of these citizens are dishonest and which are truly in need, but as a civilized culture we cannot continue to ignore the plight of the poor in our own nation.

Each person in his or her own way can make a difference, whether it is through volunteer work, voting, offering yard work for pay or donations to charities that will help a person get back on his feet. I can't help but note that not once during my experience did someone offer me a job.

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COMMENTARY



Tom Daniels

"I'm here to experience first-hand what street beggars endure during their attempts to secure their next meal."

Marriage cannot be forced

You're poor, so you should find a man?

At least that's what President Bush is saying.

A recent USA Today article reported that Bush will ask Congress to set aside at least \$100 million for experimental programs aimed at getting single welfare women to marry.

The administration will also suggest that states be required to explain what they are doing to promote marriage, forcing them to at least consider the issue.

Bush is a wonderful leader. He is handling the war well and he has been a great president thus far. So why is he suggesting something that is going to make the already high divorce rate skyrocket?

This proposal rushes single mothers on welfare and suggests they jump into marriage with the first eligible bachelor to come along. This idea basically promises divorce. Such a high percentage of marriages currently end in divorce so why would President Bush push these mothers into even more trouble down the road? Either a marriage ending in divorce or a miserable life with the husband they thought they loved is liable to happen.

However, these women already have the pressure of supporting a family, so why should they be encouraged to worry about finding a father for their children? These women have enough stress in their everyday life trying to locate that perfect someone. It is only natural for these women to be searching already. And we all know how much time and energy this type of search requires. With children, hitting the singles bars is probably not their first priority.

These women probably understand that finding a husband would potentially take them off of welfare and into a stable life. However, finding a mate does not necessarily guarantee that these single mothers would be out of the woods financially. It would benefit most mothers, but what if the man is in a similar situation and cannot work for some reason. What would Bush say then? Should he put restrictions on his suggestion and tell single welfare mothers to find a "wealthy" love?

President Bush usually has good ideas, but why would he want to enact this one? In his support, urging women to marry may take many women and children off of welfare and it is beneficial for children to have a father figure, but this obviously isn't a well thought out idea.

I hate to say I'm disappointed in our president, but maybe he should stick to protecting our nation.

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'Innocent until proven guilty' applies to all

No, no, a thousand times no. "The Secretary of Defense practicing his Shakespeare?" you ask.

Not exactly. That's Donald Rumsfeld telling us that the Taliban and al Qaeda prisoners the United States is keeping in cages in Cuba are not prisoners of war.

You see, if they were prisoners of war, they'd be covered by the Geneva Convention, which means that America couldn't do whatever it damn well pleases with them. Right now, what America seems to want to do with them is wait for the next hurricane to blow them all into the Bermuda Triangle, where they can join the Florida ballots.

You see, these guys are evil incarnate. They're the most evil people in the world, Rummy says. So, they were in on the Sept. 11 attacks?

Not exactly. The bombing of the USS Cole or the embassies in Africa?

No one has alleged that, either. But they're evil, make no mistake. And they have no respect for fundamental human rights, unlike our

allies in Afghanistan, the Northern Alliance and Afghan warlords, who have a long, unblemished record of standing up for human rights.

Say, didn't the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese stick American POWs in cages?

Yes, they did, and they violated the Geneva Convention in doing so. That's why the al Qaeda and Taliban guys in Cuba are not POWs. Even though King George and the rest of the administration have spent the last four months declaring that we're at war, we weren't really at war. Therefore, we don't have POWs. Understand?

You see, sometimes defending the homeland gets even trickier than squeezing the books at Enron. Wait a minute, you say. Why are we stashing prisoners in Cuba anyway?

First of all, they're not prisoners, they're just not free to go, and second of all, so we can demonstrate to Castro how dismal his record on human rights is.

The great bearded one has this tendency to throw people he doesn't like into a Cuban prison and forget about them.

We, on the other hand, being a freedom-loving people, take people we don't like and throw them into chainlink-fence cages in Cuba. Without the benefit of a trial.

Well, Rummy says, a cage in Cuba is warmer than a cave in Afghanistan.

Of course, he's never been in an Afghan cave so it's not as if he knows what he's talking about.

But then, that's never stopped him before.

This whole thing smacks of the kind of arrogance that has made America famous around the world. Go back to the weeks immediately following Sept. 11 and see what King George had to say about Osama bin Laden: This isn't a question of guilt or innocence. We know he's guilty.

Well, if you're so damn sure people are guilty, put them on trial and prove it to the world. But don't play totalitarian games. It makes people think we're back in the U.S.S.R.

Or in Israel. Of course, as opposed to the bad guys in Cuba, you can be sure that the King George/Stealth President

Cheney administration is going to insist on fair, impartial trials for any Enron executives who might be brought up on charges.

Because when a God-fearing American business executive is accused of wrongdoing, as opposed to a bearded Muslim, that exec is probably simply being misunderstood, and most likely liberals looking for a witch hunt are at the root of the misunderstanding — which includes the leftist propensity to not quite comprehend the finer points of the parallel universe of economics.

That would be the cosmos in which losses become profits made by "partnerships," such as the one the current secretary of the Army ran back when he was an Enron exec.

Of course, with all this off-the-books stuff, you do have to wonder at what point an auditor ceases to be an auditor and becomes a bookie.

No, no, a thousand times no. *Beau Elliot is an editorialist for The Daily Iowan at the University of Iowa. This column was distributed by U-Wire.*

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National/International Roundup

Federal Reserve keeps federal funds rate unchanged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid signs the worst of the recession may be over, the Federal Reserve left a key interest rate unchanged Wednesday, ending a yearlong stretch of uninterrupted credit easing.

After 11 consecutive rate reductions last year, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues opted to keep the federal funds rate — the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans — at 1.75 percent, the lowest level in 40 years. The decision was announced after a two-day closed-door meeting.

"Signs that weakness in demand is abating and economic activity is beginning to firm have become more prevalent," the Fed said in a statement explaining its decision. "With the forces restraining the economy starting to diminish ... the outlook for economic recovery has become more promising."

Blue chip stocks rallied after the Fed's announcement, with the Dow Jones industrial average gaining back part of Tuesday's big loss.

Even though the Fed opted to hold rates steady Wednesday, it left the door open to further rate reductions if necessary.

Still, many economists, believing the economy is on the mend, are not forecasting additional rate reductions.

Airport evacuated after explosive residue detected

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Thousands of passengers were evacuated from San Francisco International Airport for more than two hours Wednesday after security guards detected explosives residue on the shoes of a man who then disappeared into the crowd.

A search of the United Airlines terminal failed to find the man, and the terminal was reopened mid-morning, with all passengers being rescreened, said airport spokesman Ron Wilson.

"We've searched the terminal. It's safe and secure," Wilson said. "It's unfortunate that one individual can cause this madness."

About a quarter of the airport was evacuated around 7 a.m., the peak of the morning travel rush, after the residue was detected on the man's shoes at a checkpoint, said airport spokesman Mike McCarron. "When

they went to stop him, he didn't stop," McCarron said.

The explosive material could be anything from fireworks residue to nitroglycerin tablets, McCarron said. It was detected after a gauze-like material was wiped across the man's shoes, then put through a machine.

McCarron didn't know whether the residue was discovered in a random check or if the man raised suspicion. The passenger was described as a white male in his 40s. Airport officials were unsure if video cameras at the checkpoint captured the man's image.

The incident forced officials to hold all 27 outgoing flights from the area and affected at least 20 inbound flights, Wilson said. United is the airport's largest carrier.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Laura Brown said passengers were taken off planes at the same of the gates as a precaution.

At least 3,000 people were evacuated from the terminal, many of them left standing outside the building on an unusually cold San Francisco day, with temperatures in the 30s.

Clues sought into the cause of crashed airliner

CUMBAL, Colombia (AP) — Relatives of some of the 92 people aboard a crashed Ecuadorean airliner began hiking to the wreckage high on a fog-shrouded volcano in the Andes, as investigators sought clues into the cause. Authorities said there were no survivors.

Cloud cover and steep terrain prevented helicopters from reaching the crash site, and officials said the remains of the dead would have to be carried down the flanks of the 15,721-foot Nevado del Cumbal volcano by hand and on horseback.

The TAME airlines Boeing 727-100 crashed Monday near the mountain's windy, freezing summit. Rescuers who reached the wreckage Tuesday found shards of metal, tattered clothing, photographs and burned money, but no sign of life.

Before dawn, a few relatives of passengers, working with a local guide, departed a base camp set up by rescuers for the three-hour journey up the volcano.

Colombian officials later said they did not want families going up the mountain.

In addition to looking for bodies, authorities said they were also trying

to locate the plane's flight data recorder. Colombia's air force chief, Gen. Hector Velasco, said the plane exploded upon impact and a large rock broke off from the volcano and landed on the wreckage.

The plane was carrying 83 passengers, including seven children, and nine crew members, TAME said. In addition to Colombians and Ecuadoreans, there two Spaniards, two Italians, a Mexican and a Cuban aboard, the airline said.

Suicide bomber wounds two Israel security agents

TAIBE, Israel (AP) — A Palestinian suicide bomber threw himself on an Israeli vehicle parked close to the West Bank border Wednesday, wounding two members of Israel's Shin Bet security service who were sitting inside, police said.

A statement from Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office, which is responsible for Shin Bet, said the injured agents were on "an operational mission" when they were attacked.

Palestinian security sources and Israeli radio reports identified the bomber as Murad Abu Asal, 23, and said he had worked as a collaborator with Israel. He apparently lured the two agents to a rendezvous near the Israeli city of Taibe, about 100 yards from a checkpoint that separates Israel from the Palestinian town of Tulkarem in the West Bank.

Palestinian security sources said collaborators regularly meet with Israeli security agents in that area.

Israel's security forces have a wide network of Palestinian collaborators who provide intelligence. In one instance last year, a Palestinian informant shot and killed his Israeli handler and was then shot dead himself.

The militant Islamic Jihad group claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement faxed to the Associated Press.

"We will continue with our jihad, and operations and more strikes in the Zionist depth are coming, God willing," the statement said.

Wednesday's bombing came a day after Israeli security officials presented Sharon with a plan aimed at tightening security in Jerusalem, the scene of two deadly Palestinian attacks in the past week, but there was no immediate decision whether to adopt the measures.

General Accounting Office to sue for document access

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The General Accounting Office has decided to sue the White House for access to documents from President Bush's energy task force, a congressional source told The Associated Press Wednesday.

The GAO's plan to take the White House to court sets up a political battle over executive privilege. Bush on Monday flatly refused to hand over the documents, saying to do so would encroach on his ability to freely seek outside views.

A decision had been expected all week from Comptroller General David Walker, leader of GAO, Congress' investigative arm. The GAO wants to force Vice President Dick Cheney, who ran the task force, to turn over documents on the meetings held last year with business executives as the Bush administration crafted a national energy policy.

Some of the meetings included officials from the now-collapsed Enron Corp., a Houston-based energy trader with deep ties to Bush.

"We have been notified that they will be announcing their decision today and that their decision is that they will be moving forward," said the Senate source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

It would be the first time in the GAO's 80-year existence that it sued the executive branch. The lawsuit would be filed in the U.S. District Court in Washington.

The White House said it had not

received notification of the GAO lawsuit. "The president will stand on principle and for the right of presidents and this president to receive candid advice without it being turned into a news release," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

White House officials, fearing political fallout from the legal action, scrambled to raise questions about the GAO's actions.

GAO officials were calling congressional leaders Wednesday to tell them of the decision. An official announcement was expected later in the day.

The White House said Kenneth Lay, then chairman of Enron, gave Cheney a three-page document in April arguing for federal authorities to refrain from imposing price caps or other measures sought by California officials to stabilize electricity prices. Lay was one of Bush's biggest political supporters.

"Events in California and in other parts of the country demonstrated that the benefits of competition have yet to be realized and have not reached consumers," the memo said.

Cheney spokeswoman Mary Matalin dismissed the significance of the memo first reported by the San Francisco Chronicle. Nine of Lay's 11 suggestions were not included in the White House energy plan — and the two that made the report were noncontroversial, she said.

On Tuesday, an energy consultant suggested to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee that Enron may have been using largely

secret trades to manipulate energy markets.

Robert McCullough, a consultant whose clients include several Northwest utilities, testified that in the week after Enron announced its bankruptcy, the "forward price" of electricity in the West fell sharply. Enron had been a key trader in this market, which is used as a hedge against future power price changes and is unregulated.

"That certainly raises the question about whether Enron was manipulating the West Coast market" by keeping prices artificially high, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said in response to the consultant's testimony.

McCullough said "the clear implication is that Enron may have been using its market dominance to set forward prices."

Other energy experts said other reasons may have been behind the price decline. Lawrence Makovich, a power industry expert at Cambridge Energy Research Associates, said it would be impossible to determine simply from the decline in price whether prices were manipulated.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission told the Senate panel it would investigate Enron's influence on wholesale electricity prices.

In resisting the GAO's demands, Cheney insists that providing the list of industry executives would harm his ability to receive advice in the future and that the congressional investigators are overstepping their bounds. GAO, as a congressional agency, insists it has the authority to request the information.

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on ABC's "Good Morning America" when asked about targeting those three states.

"But obviously we want more details, we want to be included, we want to be consulted and we want to work with the administration."

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt was supportive as well, if guarded. "Ultimately you might have to use military action," he said on NBC's "Today" show. Right now, he said, that would be premature.

Bush summoned Congress in his State of the Union speech Tuesday night to fight the "grave and growing danger" of terrorism. Democrats joined Republicans in rallying behind that call while parting ways on the economy.

Since Sept. 11, "there has been no daylight between us in this war on terrorism," Gephardt said in his party's response to Bush's speech.

When it comes to joblessness, the Missouri Democrat said, "Our values call for helping the unemployed, not just large corporations and the most fortunate."

And when it comes to health care, he added, "our values call for helping patients and older Americans, not just big HMOs and pharmaceutical companies."

Both sides set out to dramatize

their own priorities on the morning after the president's speech before a joint session of Congress and a nationwide television audience counted in the millions.

Bush was embarking on a two-day tour to three Southern states to promote his proposals, including economic stimulus legislation.

Democrats arranged a meeting in the Capitol with former Enron Corp. employees.

Bush got a welcome fit for a hero Tuesday night as he entered a packed House chamber to deliver his speech. Amid the applause, lawmakers gravitated to the center aisle to shake his hand as he made his way to the podium.

"Our nation is at war, our economy is in recession, and the civilized world faces unprecedented dangers," he said. Then, making a fist and tapping lightly on the podium for emphasis, he quickly added — "Yet the state of our union has never been stronger."

Moments later, to more applause, he added, "We will prevail in the war, and we will defeat this recession."

Daschle gave the address a good review. "The president is very popular and he probably got more popular last night," he said.

The president used his speech to recount accomplishments since terrorists struck on Sept. 11 and to sketch the challenge ahead in com-

bating terrorism abroad and the recession at home.

"Our war on terror is well begun, but it is only begun," he said. "We cannot stop short."

He said all nations should work to "eliminate the terrorist parasites who threaten their countries, and our own." And yet, he added, "some governments will be timid in the face of terror. And make no mistake: If they do not act, America will."

He listed three nations in particular, North Korea, Iran and Iraq, as members of an "axis of evil. ... By seeking weapons of mass destruction, these regimes pose a grave and growing danger," he said.

Public opinion surveys show support for Bush in the 80 percent range, and his stewardship of the economy gets high marks, as well.

And few Democrats seemed eager to speak dismissively of the president. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., was one, declaring, "basically, he's played the war for whatever it's worth."

Others challenged him directly on the economy. "We need a recovery package that is a real stimulus, not just another round of irresponsible tax breaks for special interests and the wealthy," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

Gephardt's tempered remarks set the tone for most members of his party.

Journalists given 3 days to leave Pakistan

BY ZAHID HUSSEIN
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — An e-mail purportedly sent Wednesday by kidnappers holding *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl threatened to kill him within 24 hours. It also warned American journalists to leave the country within three days.

There was no way to authenticate the e-mail, which was sent to both Western and Pakistani news organizations.

The e-mail claimed that Pearl, the *Journal's* South Asian bureau chief who disappeared a week ago in Karachi, was an agent for the Israeli intelligence service, the Mossad.

"Therefore we will execute him within 24 hours unless Amreka (America) fulfills our demands," said the e-mail. The message also criticized the United States for not providing lawyers and trials for Pakistanis de-

tained on terrorism-related charges.

The e-mail accused U.S. journalists of working for intelligence agencies and warned "all Amreekan journalists" working in Pakistan to leave the country within three days.

"Anyone remaining after that will be targeted," it said.

The message was unsigned, but had similar phrases as e-mails sent over the weekend by the group claiming to hold Pearl, which called itself the National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty.

The Dow Jones news agency published news that a threat had been made against Pearl.

In a statement Wednesday, *The Wall Street Journal* denied that Pearl was an agent of any government. "He is a reporter for us — nothing more or less," the statement said. "He cannot affect the policy of the U.S. or Pakistani government. Nor can we."

The newspaper, which is owned by Dow Jones, also called for the reporter's release, saying: "Nothing will be served by continuing to hold him. Killing or harming Danny would only discredit the cause of the people holding him."


Earlier Wednesday, police said they had arrested Sheik Mubarak Ali Shah Gilani, an Islamic leader with whom Pearl was trying to arrange an interview when he disappeared.

Gilani, head of the small militant group Tanzimul Fuqra, was apprehended in the northern city of Rawalpindi and transported to Karachi, police official Mazoor Mughal said.

There was still no word on where Pearl was being held by his captors, but police said raids were carried out Wednesday in several Pakistani cities in connection with the investigation.

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Thursday Night Fever

Despite Friday classes, students shut their books and hit the clubs to get an early start on their weekends

BY JOHN-MARK DAY
Skiff Staff

It's well past midnight Thursday, any Thursday really, and freshman education major Leanna Gilles has just hit the dance floor at Billy Bob's Texas for another round of two-stepping. She and the four or five women who came with her will close the club, then head home and to sleep, hopefully by 2 a.m. She really should get to bed as soon as she can. After all, class starts at 8 a.m.

Many TCU students choose to take advantage of Thursday night, despite class Friday morning.

"In college, the weekend starts on Thursday nights," Gilles said.

Gilles said she usually gets ready at about 10 p.m. and doesn't even hit the clubs until 11 p.m. She leaves about 1:30 a.m., giving her enough time to catch some sleep before hitting her 8 a.m. Spanish class.

"I'm a little tired (Friday morning), but it's not horrible," Gilles said.

Billy Bob's on Thursday nights has become a tradition for Gilles and her friends, who said she started going to the club the second week she was on campus and has gone every week since.

"There are lots of college students there (on Thursday nights)," Gilles said. "Friday and Saturday have more adults."

Thursdays, college night at Billy Bob's, has one particular attraction for college students.

"It's free," Gilles said. "There are quite a few people there from TCU of all ages. I've met a lot of people there."

Other clubs around Fort Worth find other ways to attract college students on Thursday nights.

"I usually stay up late if I don't go out," Godley said. "I only have one class at 10 a.m. on Fridays."

Godley said Thursday nights were an especially big draw to him as a freshman.

"At first I went out every Thursday, but then it started to lose its luster," he said.

Gilles said she used to think of Thursdays as another week-night, a time to do homework and wind down from the week.

"I thought, 'Thursday nights? Why would people go out on Thursday nights?'" Gilles said.

After trying it out the first time, Gilles said she has gone back every week.

A community has grown up around the clubs, she said.

"You see people you know, but you also get to meet some new people," she said.

Gilles said she's also learned some new moves.

"I knew a basic line dance (my first time) but I've learned some more advanced dances since then," she said.

Godley said he started going out on Thursday nights because that's what everyone else did.

"When in Rome, do as the Romans do," Godley said. "You're supposed to go out Thursday night."

Senior religion major Kiera Sammis said Thursday nights are a big time to get ready for the weekend.

"It seems as though a lot of people from TCU go out on Thursday nights," Sammis said. "We're all excited for the weekend to come."

Sammis said Thursdays are a particularly good time for her to go out because she hasn't had a Friday class for the past three semesters.

A typical Thursday night for her starts about 9:30 or 10 p.m., when she'll meet up with friends and go downtown.

"We go hang out and dance a little," she said.

She then moves on to The Pub, where she runs into more TCU people. Sammis said she usually goes home around 2 a.m.

Sammis said she tries out many different places. The Library, a new club at 8th and Commerce streets, is particularly popular, she said.

"It's new right now, and everyone wants to go there," she said. Sammis said Thursday nights are an important way for her to relax after the school week.

"We're in college, and we only live once," she said.

Senior fashion merchandising major Melissa Styles said there is one big reason for college students to go out on Thursday nights.

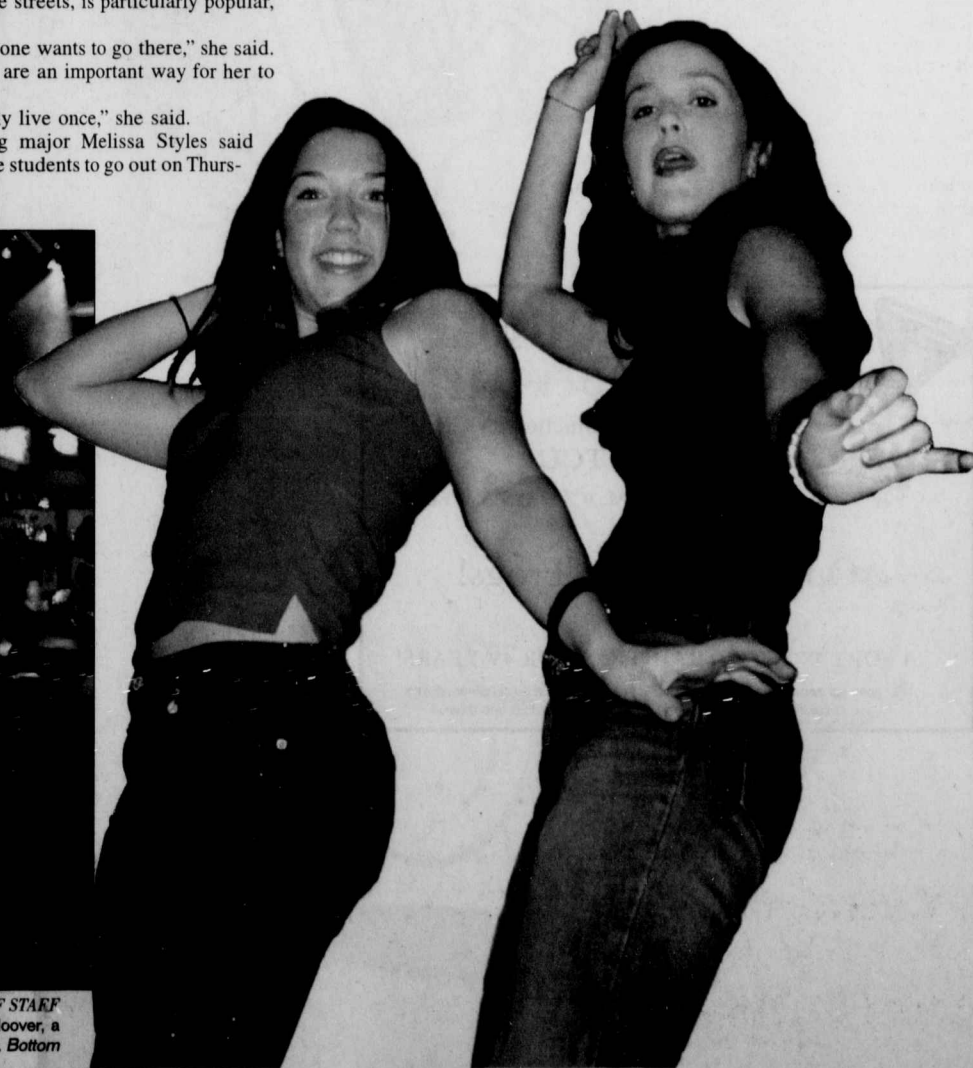


"So we don't run into the high school kids like on Friday or Saturday night," Styles said.

For Godley, avoiding high school students isn't the only reason to go out on Thursdays. Fear is a pretty good motivating factor also.

"You don't want to be the dude who doesn't go out Thursday nights," Godley said.

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Photos by Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF
Students dance Thursday at Cowboy's in Arlington. Top left: Reeves Dalton, a freshman premajor, Top right: Melinda Hoover, a freshman business major, Emily Tanner, a freshman fashion merchandising major and Sarah Woolsey, a freshman premajor. Bottom right: Kat Clayton, a freshman premajor and Kristen Barnes, a freshman advertising/public relations major.

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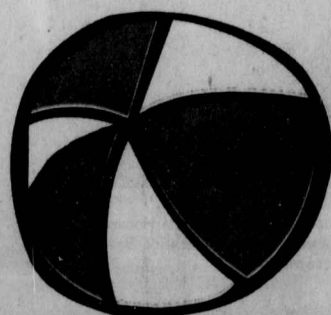
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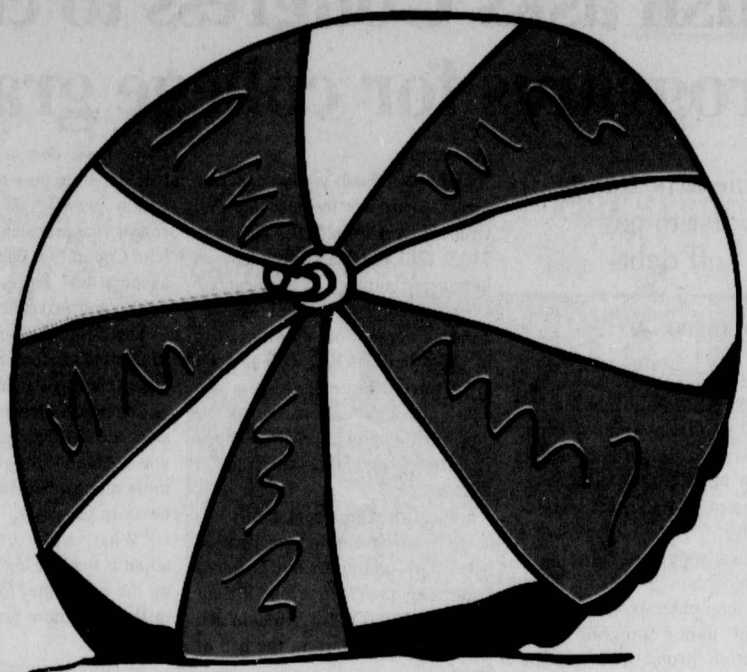
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Israeli Soldiers refuse Service

BY YOAV APPEL
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — More than 80 Israeli reserve soldiers are refusing to serve in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, signing a petition they say is meant to force Israel to withdraw from Palestinian areas and remove Jewish settlers.

The petition — which had 52 signatories when it was published in Israeli newspapers Friday and 87 by Wednesday on a Web site run by the reservists — has prompted a sharp backlash and heated debate in Israel amid a wave of Palestinian militant attacks.

The aim is to attract the support of at least 500 reserve combat soldiers, said Amit Moshiah, a spokesman for the group that organized the petition. "The moment the resistance achieves critical mass there will be no choice but ... to end the occupation and evacuate the settlements," Moshiah said. "We feel the occupation is corrupting the country we love."

Some 200 reserve officers from elite army units responded with a letter stressing their "strong reservations regarding the dangerous and undemocratic initiative of refusing to serve," the Maariv daily reported.

"As a human, a citizen and as a Zionist, I feel that there are certain things that I can't take part in."

— Itay Sviresky

1967 Mideast war. Israel has established nearly 150 Jewish settlements, and large numbers of soldiers are deployed to protect the more than 200,000 people living in them.

The Palestinians want the land for a future state.

The petitioners are reserve soldiers who serve in front-line units — the paratroopers, the infantry, and the armored and artillery corps. They said they would carry out any mission in Israel's defense but that "the missions of occupation and oppression do not serve this purpose."

"We shall not continue to fight beyond the 1967 borders in order to dominate, expel, starve and humiliate an entire people," they said.

Yehoshua Mor-Yosef, a spokesman for Israel's Settler Council, branded the petitioners as "cowards who identify with the enemy."

While acknowledging that "differences of opinion are allowed," Israel's defense minister, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, chastised them for airing their views in public instead of to their military superiors, as army doctrine instructs.

The military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz, said the reasons for the soldiers' refusal to serve must be investigated, but that "we must declare unequivocally that there is no place in the army for such occurrences."

Since the current Israeli-Palestinian violence broke out in September 2000, Israel has barred almost all Palestinians from entering Israel to work, previously a major source of income for the impoverished Palestinian population.

In an effort to halt Palestinian at-

tacks, the army has erected checkpoints that often prevent or restrict Palestinian movement, including travel from one Palestinian town to another.

Israel says the security measures are necessary to keep Palestinian militants out of Israel and away from settlements. The Palestinians say the restrictions amount to collective punishment.

Most Israeli men and women are conscripted into military service at age 18 — men for three years, women for 21 months. Most Israeli men also serve about one month of reserve duty a year until their mid-40s.

Itay Sviresky, a lieutenant in a reserve paratrooper unit, said he signed the petition.

"As a human, a citizen and as a Zionist, I feel that there are certain things that I can't take part in," Sviresky said on Channel 2 television.

He said he had served in the Palestinian territories at times during his four years of full-time army service and later during reserve duty.

"You have to be an occupier — you can't be an enlightened occupier, you have to be ... a cruel occupier," he said. "People are always saying, 'This is the situation, there is no way to progress,' ... I say there are things we can do, there is a choice; it's our country."

Another reservist, Ariel Shatil, said he was court-martialed after refusing to fire a heavy machine gun toward a civilian area in response to mortar fire at his outpost in the Gaza Strip.

"The bullets penetrate thin walls and windows and kill people, and you don't know who you're killing," Yediot Ahronot quoted Shatil as saying.

Bush asks Congress to cut Programs for college grants

Fine arts among list to pay off debts

BY GREG TOPPO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking for \$1.3 billion to pay for college grants, the Bush administration will ask Congress to scrap hundreds of small programs it considers unnecessary or ineffective.

Bush has suggested doing away with after-school programs, literacy and computer programs, theater and dance programs and construction projects on government property. Among the more unusual projects he wants Congress to trim is an education program at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

The effort, to be included in the president's 2003 budget that is released Monday, could set up a battle among lawmakers, who fight for such projects for their constituents.

Education Secretary Rod Paige told reporters Wednesday that hundreds of programs should be sacrificed, with the money going toward paying off a deficit in the 30-year-old Pell Grant program.

Because the program does not turn away eligible students, it has had to give out more than its budget allowed. The result is the \$1.3 billion shortfall Bush wants to eliminate. Savings from the programs he wants cut would erase

the deficit. For 2003, Bush is also expected to ask Congress to raise the Pell Grant budget from \$10.3 billion to \$10.9 billion to accommodate an increasing number of applicants.

Eighty-five percent of Pell recipients come from families with incomes below \$30,000. The grant often pays a large share of a student's college expenses, but its purchasing power has dropped steadily over the past three decades.

Education Department officials at first offered few specifics of what they would like to see cut. Later, they provided a long list, including \$200,000 for "Rockin' the Schools," a program at the hall of fame.

On the hall's Web site, the program is described as a set of interdisciplinary workshops for students in grades 6 through 12 that offers "the opportunity to learn about the history, poetry, and culture of rock and roll music."

Terry Stewart, the museum's president, said the program has been taught to thousands of school children from Northeast Ohio over the past two years.

"Given that education is a significant part of our mission statement, we will be very disappointed if this program becomes a casualty of budget reduction," Stewart said.

The Pell program deficit grew because of an increase in the number of students entering college last year.

"When the economy started to

slow down over a year ago, enrollments in post-secondary education grew," said Terry Hartle, senior vice president for the American Council on Education, a trade association representing 1,800 public and private colleges.

The \$10.3 billion program has run deficits before, Hartle said, but none this large since 1992.

Education Department officials said the \$4,000 maximum grant was at stake if they did not ask for more money, but Hartle said it was never in jeopardy.

"What we're really worried about is that the big deficit will eat up the possibility for any increase in the maximum grant next year," he said.

A congressional commission last year recommended raising the maximum grant, with one member suggesting a rise to \$6,600. The commission said low-income students could soon be shut out because of rising costs and a financial aid system that favors middle class students.

More than 4.4 million students receive the grants, which average about \$2,400. The grant has risen steadily for most of the past 30 years, but rising college costs have reduced its purchasing power.

According to Education Department figures, in 1974 the maximum \$1,050 grant covered 31 percent of tuition and fees at a private, four-year college and 60 percent at a public college. This year, the maximum \$4,000 covered only 17 percent of private college costs and 40 percent at a public college.

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Frog Classic, said he always enjoys this tournament.

"Ever since I have started this tournament, I have always looked forward to it each year," Ashwood said.

Babb said Ashwood plays a big role in putting the event together.

"(Ashwood) does a great job when it comes to selling sponsorships and he is always there to help organize this tournament."

Mourer said the first Horned Frog Classic tournament started in 1979 with the same intention it has today.

"We are always going with the intention of offsetting the cost of scholarship and providing scholarship support for the golf program,"

Mourer said.

Mourer said this tournament has become very big over the past few years.

"We now have about 200 golfers at this tournament who pay a \$500 entry fee to play at the Colonial Country Club," he said. "There is a great prestige when it comes to playing at that course. You play where the greatest golfers in the world play."

Babb said Greenwood has really helped the golf program and he hopes they will sponsor the tournament again.

"What TCU wants to let Greenwood know is that the university really appreciates their support," Babb said. "This all goes directly back to the student-athlete scholars."

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APPROVAL

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in the forum. The need for more time was about the only thing everyone agreed on, Hartman said.

Professors said the forum was surprisingly civil. The proposed core has drawn sharp criticism from several faculty members, and some were worried the meeting would get out of hand.

The proposal has been met by crit-

icism from professors in the humanities through e-mails to faculty, which has triggered rebuttals and similar responses from other departments.

"There were some tense moments, but that happens when people are passionate about something," Brown said.

Faculty Senate meets at 3:30 p.m. today in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

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California Woman to seek biological father

BY BRIAN BERGSTEIN
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — In 1983, the Sperm Bank of California became the first in the nation to ask donors whether they would be willing to be contacted by their offspring after the children reached adulthood.

Now, the first of those meetings is about to happen.

A San Francisco Bay-area woman who turned 18 on Tuesday plans to contact her biological father sometime in the next few months to thank the stranger and to learn more about their shared genetic history.

Claire, who asked that her last name and hometown be withheld for now, hopes to answer questions she has had her whole life. Among them: Why is she taller than most of her mother's family? Why is her sense of humor so different from her mother's?

"I really have a bond to him. I have always felt that," Claire said this week. "I cannot recall a time when I didn't think about it."

The meeting will take place after the sperm bank determines how the man — who still lives in California and has known this day might come — wants to be contacted.

It will be a big moment for the field of artificial insemination, which is slowly becoming more

open after being shrouded in secrets and lies for more than a century.

"It just all seems to be happening in a timely manner, parallel with the open adoption movement, people wanting to know their identity," said Maura Riordan, the Sperm Bank of California's executive director.

Estimates of the number of American children born each year through artificial insemination range from 30,000 to 75,000.

Before the advent in the 1970s of sperm banks that maintain a collection of frozen donations, the sperm used for artificial insemination was often provided on the spot by medical students or doctors, and was given only to married couples in which the men were sterile. The couples generally were advised to keep it a secret, leading to some awkward and painful experiences.

"I suspected my father wasn't my father — we suspect early on," said Bill Cordray, a 56-year-old architect in Salt Lake City who learned when he was 37 that he was conceived through artificial insemination. "I worried my mom had had an affair."

Cordray has determined that the sperm donor is almost certainly one of 30 medical students who graduated from the University of Utah in 1945. He has been building up the courage for years to write letters to

them.

The nonprofit Sperm Bank of California sought to demystify the process — and expand it to serve single women and lesbian couples — when it was founded in 1982 by the Oakland Feminist Women's Health Center.

From the beginning, the sperm bank asked donors if their offspring could someday contact them. Men who say no can still donate. Those who say yes cannot reverse the decision later. Eighty percent of the bank's clients now request a donor willing to release his identity.

In that first year, several men agreed; about 10 of their offspring are turning 18 this year.

"I always thought if I was looking at the world through the eyes of a woman, I would want to know where the genetic material came from," said technology consultant Mike Smith, 49, a married father of two who has been told that a child conceived with his donated sperm will contact him after turning 18 in May. "I was surprised that secrecy was the norm."

Since 1983, a few other sperm banks have also begun releasing donor identities. Some banks provide photographs of their donors; others offer to ask the men years after their donation whether an offspring can reach out to them.

In some countries, such as Sweden, donors are now required to release their identities.

As more children reach out to their mothers' sperm donors, it raises legal questions such as whether they can seek inheritance and child support. But laws in most states would prohibit such moves, said David Towles, spokesman for Xytex Corp., a Georgia-based sperm bank with some open-identity donors.

Claire's mother, Irene, who was single and 40 when she sought out the Sperm Bank of California, has since married. She supports her daughter's plans. Claire's mother was honest with her about how she was conceived, and the young woman was similarly open about it with her friends.

Claire calls the man "my dad" (sperm banks prefer "donor" or other clinical terms) but said she is not looking for a father figure. She does hope he becomes a friend, perhaps someone to exchange Christmas cards with.

Claire, an only child, knows the donor also provided offspring to other families, meaning she has half-siblings somewhere out there.

"It's kind of scary," she said with a laugh, "to think how small my family is now and how potentially large it could be."

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- Vegetable blend

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Chef choice salad

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- Self-serve pasta bar
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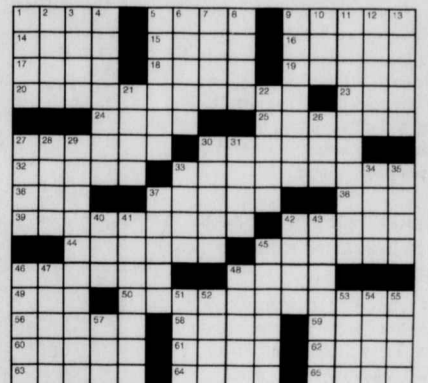
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- ACROSS
- 1 Programming repetition
 - 5 Earthly paradise
 - 9 Hires actors
 - 14 BMW competitor
 - 15 Strauss
 - 16 Thus far
 - 17 Edinburg resident
 - 18 First murder victim
 - 19 Experimental jazz pianist
 - 20 Frugality
 - 23 Dent starter?
 - 24 Banjo feature
 - 25 Gave ten percent
 - 27 Permeates
 - 30 Animals
 - 32 Holmes creator
 - 33 Cola container
 - 36 Pre-CD collection
 - 37 Immoral habits
 - 38 O.T. book
 - 39 Death duty
 - 42 Fam. sports centers
 - 44 Neither right nor wrong
 - 45 Spunky
 - 46 Posters
 - 48 Lady's address
 - 49 Also
 - 50 Epistolary afterthoughts
 - 56 Make off with
 - 58 California city
 - 59 Muse of history
 - 60 Metal roofing material
 - 61 Graven image
 - 62 Rod attachment
 - 63 Maxwell and Schiaparelli
 - 64 Strike a stance
 - 65 Unit of length



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Wednesday's Solutions



- DOWN
- 1 ... but not least...
 - 2 Painful exclamation
 - 3 Olfactory stimulator
 - 4 Pathetic
 - 5 Makes happy
 - 6 Accounting entry
 - 7 All tied
 - 8 Egypt's river
 - 9 City between Roma and Napoli
 - 10 Tempe sch.
 - 11 Man-made compounds
 - 12 Haute, IN
 - 13 Far from flighty material
 - 21 At no cost
 - 22 Torn tickets
 - 26 Make lace
 - 27 Between jobs
 - 28 Cleaning tools
 - 29 Nonparticipants
 - 30 ... point (center of activity)
 - 31 Topmost point
 - 33 Pocket bread
 - 34 Would-be atty's exam
 - 35 A piece of cake
 - 37 Left-hand page
 - 40 Darya River
 - 41 Overthrows
 - 42 Twelvemonth
 - 43 Apery
 - 45 Easy
 - 46 Cheap jewelry
 - 47 Pentium manufacturers
 - 48 IBM feature from 1981
 - 51 Lingerie item
 - 52 Commotion
 - 53 Supplication
 - 54 Stadium level
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The Sideline

Kings' Webber suspended for one game and fined

NEW YORK (AP) — Sacramento Kings forward Chris Webber was suspended Wednesday for one game and fined \$7,500 for deliberately throwing an elbow to the head of Utah's Jarron Collins last week.

Webber will miss the Kings' game Thursday against Seattle. He was called for a flagrant foul for hitting Collins last Saturday, and the NBA imposed the suspension.

On Tuesday, Webber was picked as a reserve to the West All-Star team. Webber, limited to just 20 games so far this season because of an injured left ankle, is averaging 24.6 points per game.

Orlando Pace sits out practice to heal knee injury

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — St. Louis Rams All-Pro offensive tackle Orlando Pace won't practice until Friday due to a knee injury from the NFC championship game.

Pace also will wear a brace in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

"I'm going to take a couple days off and rest the leg," Pace said. "I'll be ready to go on Friday and I'll definitely be ready to go on Sunday."

"It's pretty precautionary, just to keep the swelling down."

Pace strained a ligament in his right knee in the first half of the Rams' victory over the Philadelphia Eagles. He missed only a series, surprising coaches by insisting on finishing the game.

On Wednesday, Martz gave Pace the offensive game ball.

Pace, the first overall pick of the 1997 draft, said it was never a question whether he'd play the second half against the Eagles. He neutralized Hugh Douglas before and after the injury.

"I really couldn't miss that game," Pace said. "I've never really been hurt in my career, so I don't even know how to handle this whole situation."

"I just wanted to contribute." Pace was wearing the brace at a news conference Wednesday.

"It's a huge brace," he said. "But it'll give me some stability."

NFL legend 'Night Train' Lane dies at 73

AUSTIN (AP) — Dick "Night Train" Lane, who went from Army soldier to record-setting rookie defensive back with the Los Angeles Rams in 1952, has died of a heart attack. He was 73.

Lane, a member of the Hall of Fame, died Tuesday night at the Five-Star Personal Care assisted living facility.

A member of the NFL's All-Time Team for its first 75 years, Lane was an aggressive tackler whose ferocious signature hit — a clothes-line-type move dubbed the "Night Train Necktie" — was banned by the league as too dangerous.

He had 14 interceptions in a 12-game season as a rookie, a mark that has stood for 50 years despite the schedule increasing to 16 games. His 68 career interceptions remain among the most in league history, and he returned them for 1,207 yards and five touchdowns.

Lane spent four years in the Army after junior college, then played 14 years with the Rams, Chicago Cardinals and Detroit Lions. He made the Pro Bowl six times.

He was selected the all-time NFL cornerback in 1969 and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1974.

He didn't get the nickname "Night Train" until he was a pro. He would stop by a teammate's dorm room when the Buddy Morrow song "Night Train" was playing on the phonograph.

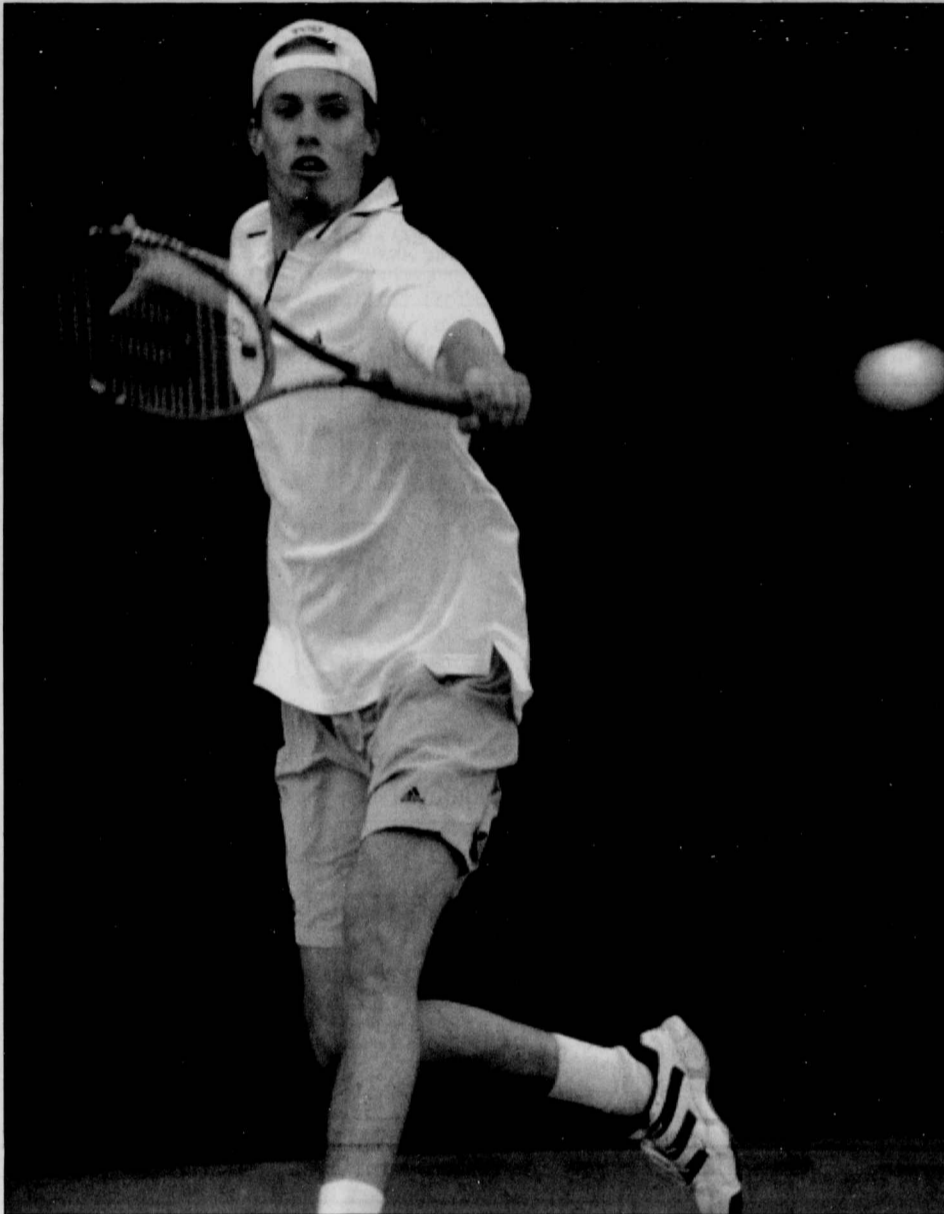
Lane is survived by two sons, Richard Lane of St. Louis, and Richard Walker of Detroit. Funeral services were planned for Saturday.

Coslet hired as Cowboys' new offensive coordinator

IRVING (AP) — Bruce Coslet has just what the Dallas Cowboys were looking for: A vast knowledge of the West Coast offense.

Coslet, the former Cincinnati Bengals and New York Jets head coach, was hired Wednesday as the Cowboys' new offensive coordinator. The announcement ended a three-week search to replace Jack Reilly, who was reassigned two days after Dallas finished 5-11 for the second straight season.

Frogs open season with loss to SMU



Freshman Fabrizio Sestini hits a forehand Wednesday afternoon in the indoor courts of the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. The Frogs dropped their first dual match season of the season to SMU, 4-3.

Freshman Scholten remains undefeated on the season

BY QUINTE BOYD
Skiff Staff

The "brand new rivalry" that men's tennis head coach Joey Rive used to describe yesterday's TCU and SMU match looked a lot like the old rivalry.

SMU 4 The Frogs, ranked No. 19 in the nation, played a hard-fought match, but in the end, fell short against the No. 9-ranked Mustangs (2-0), 4-3. The match was moved indoors due to inclement weather.

The meet, which lasted approximately 4 1/2 hours, was marked by intense play by both teams.

"It was a long match, but we gave a strong performance," Rive said. "The guys showed a lot of ability. In truth, we were one point from winning the meet."

In NCAA dual tennis meets, a team scores one point for winning a singles match and one point for winning the majority of three doubles matches. There are six singles matches in a meet.

The Mustangs swept the doubles matches, including a 9-8 victory by No. 4-ranked Johan Brunstrom and Eric Cohn over freshmen Fabrizio Sestini and Daniel Scholten.

"The team isn't really used to playing aggressively indoors," Rive said. "However, you get better playing tough matches in new conditions."

The Frogs (0-1) picked up three points in the singles matches, but could not pull off the victory.

Scholten, a freshman, picked up his sixth consecutive victory in as many matches, defeating SMU's Gwinyai Chingoka in three sets, while freshman Jacob Martin defeated Ryan Mauck, 3-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-1. Junior Toni Gordon, ranked No. 69, rounded out the scoring with his 6-4, 7-5 victory over No. 97 ranked Johan Brunstrom.

The Frogs' only other ranked player, senior Daniel Wajnberg (No. 82 in the nation), lost in straight sets against Alexis Rudzinski, 7-6, 7-5.

In what many fans described as the match of the day, Sestini took on SMU's Krystian Pfeiffer in a three-set thriller. Sestini fell short in his comeback bid, falling to Pfeiffer, 7-6, 2-6, 7-5.

"The two were like gladiators in battle," Rive said after the match. "It was a close match. Fabrizio can win matches like that, but today he fell just a little short."

During the match, Rive and Mustang head coach Carl Neufeld approached the line judge to argue close calls. Sestini and Pfeiffer even got into the act, pleading their cases.

"It's natural in tennis to miss some calls sometimes," Rive said. "Both Fabrizio and Pfeiffer were serving huge and hitting hard, and sometimes, calls will be missed. We discovered a lot of new things about ourselves in every match."

The Frogs will try to get back on a winning track Saturday when they take on the No. 23-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide. The match starts at noon at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

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Football recruitment looks good for Frogs

BY JORDAN BLUM
Opinion Editor

Head football coach Gary Patterson is in the midst of his first full recruiting season since the departure of Dennis Franchione, and recruiting experts say this class of recruits is already shaping up better than most years.

As the Feb. 6 signing day draws rapidly closer, coaches are working nonstop to secure those last few recruits, and the 2002 Horned Frog class is nearing completion with 16 current commitments.

Jerry Hill, an assistant sports editor for the *Waco Tribune-Herald* who covers high school recruiting, said Patterson is doing pretty well in recruiting, considering he is still a new head coach and TCU is a small school by Division I standards.

"Almost everyone else in the state is in the Big XII, and they can sell the crowds, stadiums and competition to recruits," Hill said. "But TCU has to sell recruits on TCU,

because Conference USA doesn't give TCU that same draw.

"However, when you have success and continue to go to bowl games as TCU has, then it becomes a much easier sell," Hill said.

He said TCU has to target a lot of "second-tier" players to be successful. "(Patterson) might try to get a visit from some of the top 30 players in the state, but a lot of these players are set on going to Texas, (Texas A&M) or Oklahoma," Hill said. "TCU has to go after the next tier of real quality players to avoid going head-to-head with schools like Texas."

Dave Campbell, of Dave Campbell's *Texas Football* magazine, said TCU is doing well in recruiting, even though they have a lot of competition and the Texas Longhorns have the highest rated class in the nation.

Campbell said talent evaluation is the key to TCU's continued recruiting success.

"Coach Patterson and the for-

mer coach (Franchione) got a lot of players that weren't necessarily high on a lot of recruiting lists, but turned out to be really good," Campbell said. "Newspapers and magazines aren't the only things to go by. To compete, a coach has to do a great job of evaluating and Patterson seems to be doing just that."

According to the recruiting site Rivals100.com, the Horned Frog class is currently ranked 64, but Hill said that since the TCU classes usually end under the 25-player maximum they usually end up unfairly ranked lower.

Hill said TCU has secured commitments from a few "big-name" players like RB Robert Merrill (5'11" 200 pounds) from San Antonio; DT Earl Anderson (6'3" 270 pounds) from San Marcos; OG Herbert Taylor (6'4" 250 pounds) from Houston; and QB Jeff Ballard (6'1" 195 pounds) from Friendswood.

TCU COMMITMENTS FROM HIGH SCHOOL RECRUITS

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TE	CHAD ANDRUS	(6'4" 220)	KELLER
QB	JEFF BALLARD	(6'1" 195)	FRIENDSWOOD
TE	MAURICE BOULDWIN	(6'4" 250)	LAGRANGE
WR	MICHAEL DEPRIEST	(6'2" 180)	KELLER
WR/DB	WILL FULLER	(6'1" 175)	ARLINGTON
ATH	ELVIS GALLEGOS	(6'2" 175)	RICHLAND
DB	JEREMY HARPER	(6'2" 190)	ATLANTA, TX
LB	MATT HINES	(6'4" 235)	IRVING
RB	LONTA HOBBS	(6'210")	CLARKSVILLE
RB/DL	TERRANCE JAMES	(6'2" 260)	CHAPEL HILL
RB/LB	REGGIE LAMOTHE	(6'1" 230)	CHANNELVIEW
RB	ROBERT MERRILL	(5'11" 200)	SAN ANTONIO
TE/DE	JARED RETOFSKY	(6'6" 225)	JUSTIN
QB/ATH	DACOR RODGERS	(6'1" 180)	FORT BEND
OG	HERBERT TAYLOR	(6'4" 245)	HOUSTON

Pats name Brady starter in Super Bowl

Associated Press

New England head coach Bill Belichick delayed naming his starter until he and his assistant coaches had a chance to watch tapes of the afternoon workout at Tulane University.

He went so far as to ask a pool reporter not to identify who took the most snaps in practice; the starter usually takes almost all off the practice snaps with the offense.

"They both worked, and I was satisfied with how they worked," Belichick said in the pool report.

Bledsoe was the Patriots' starter until a crunching hit sheared a blood ves-

sel in his chest in the second game of the season. Brady went 11-3 as a starter to help New England win the AFC East title.

Brady led the Patriots to a 16-13 overtime victory over Oakland in the playoffs, but he was hurt in the first half of the AFC title game against Pittsburgh.

Playing for the first time in 126 days, Bledsoe came in with 1:40 left in the first half, threw a touchdown pass to David Patten for a 14-3 halftime lead and led the Patriots to a 24-17 victory.

That sparked the big question of Super Bowl week: Would Brady or Bledsoe start on Sunday?

Bledsoe, the first

player drafted in 1993? Or Brady, the No. 199 pick two years ago who threw just three passes last year but jumped from fourth on the depth chart to bring New England back to New Orleans?

Tackle Matt Light, who has a sore ankle and was the only Patriot besides Brady listed on the injury report, also took part in the full practice and was expected to play on Sunday. Punter Ken Walter, who left the team for two days to be with his wife for the birth of their son, practiced with the special teams.

Belichick's decision, though, may not settle the quarterback controversy for long.

There's always next season. Questions could linger long into the off-season as coaches and club officials consider their options: Dump Bledsoe's big salary, explore a deal for the younger Brady, or keep both.

Tyson and Lewis fight, not final yet

Associated Press

LONDON — Lennox Lewis says he still has Mike Tyson's teeth marks in his thigh after a news conference brawl. The Nevada boxing commission won't let Tyson fight in Las Vegas, and the former undisputed world champion reportedly faces two possible rape charges.

Yet Lewis is confident the two will still get together in the ring.

Lewis says he required a tetanus shot after Tyson bit a chunk of flesh out of his left thigh in New York last week. But the champion described the fracas and the Nevada ruling as "minor setbacks" and hopes a venue for the fight can be found.

"He took a bit of me and I want to take a bit of him," the WBC and IBF champion said at a news con-

ference in London on Wednesday, the day after the Nevada commissioners' ruling.

"All the young cats want to do is get a chance at Lennox Lewis," the British heavyweight said. "But I would rather go after a guy in my era (and someone) the public wants to see me fight."

"My main aim for staying around is Mike Tyson. It's the last notch on my belt, the icing on my cake," Lewis added. "I would love it to happen before I retire."

The question is, where will they meet?

If the fight doesn't happen in the United States, Danish promoters Mogens and Bettina Palles said they would be happy to stage it in Copenhagen — where Tyson defeated Brian Nielsen in October.



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New England quarterback Tom Brady was named the starter of the Super Bowl by head coach Bill Belichick.