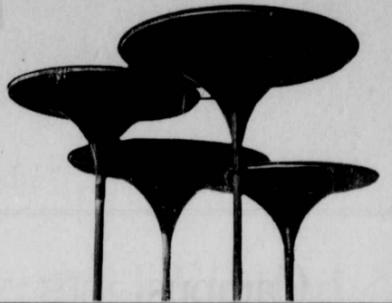


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## Today's News

### STATE NEWS

**GRANBURY** — Two North Texas jail escapees were sought Thursday after they cut their way to freedom.

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### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**SAN'A, Yemen** — Six Americans are among more than 100 Islamic religious students being sent home for visa violations, a Yemeni Interior Ministry official said in comments reported Thursday.

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## OnCampus

### TCU e-mail service to be disrupted this weekend

Students, faculty and staff will have limited access to their TCU e-mail accounts Friday, Saturday and Sunday as Information Services upgrades the Exchange 5.5 service to Exchange 2000, said Kim Weber, manager of User Services.

Weber said the updates will take place in shifts according to user last names. Service interruptions are expected to be approximately four hours, according to the e-mail login Web page.

Dave Edmondson, assistant provost for Information Services, said the upgrade was anticipated in the department's budget for this year.

—Kelly Howard

### Legal issues to blame for A&M bonfire cancellation

**COLLEGE STATION (U-WIRE)** — Harsh business and legal realities stemming from the 1999 Texas A&M University Bonfire collapse that killed 12 Aggies and injured 27 others may have doomed Bonfire 2002 before planning ever began.

A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen announced Monday Bonfire will not burn this fall because the safety firm for the project had withdrawn and because revised cost estimates put the price tag for Bonfire 2002 at \$2.5 million, about \$1 million more than originally estimated.

Dr. Bryan Cole, the coordinator of the Bonfire 2002 Steering Committee, said legal liability and the high-risk nature of the project drove away most insurance companies from underwriting the project.

Turner Construction, the New York-based firm contracted as safety consultants for Bonfire 2002, pulled out of the project Wednesday after it was unable to obtain liability insurance. Cole said the insurance firms Turner had worked with in the past dismissed the project without considering it.

—The Battalion

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## theWeather

### SATURDAY

High: 61; Low: 31; Mostly sunny

### SUNDAY

High: 53; Low: 31; Sunny

## LookingBack

**1910** — William D. Boyce of Chicago, Illinois incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on this day. He didn't, however, conceptualize the scouting movement, the Boy Scouts were originated by Englishman, Sir Robert S.S. Baden-Powell.

**1936** — The first National Football League draft was held. Jay Berwanger was the first to be selected. He went to the Philadelphia Eagles.

**1969** — The last issue of the Saturday Evening Post was published, ending a magazine tradition that began in 1821.

## University gets poor results in survey ranking academic challenge

BY KELLY MORRIS  
Staff Reporter

Faculty members expressed concerns about the university's poor results in the academic challenge category of the 2001 National Survey of Student Engagement to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills at the Faculty Senate meeting Thursday.

Mills said the university should be concerned about its performance.

"I think (the survey) gives us an opportunity to find out what the experience is like for our students," he said. "Students may not be viewing things the way the faculty is."

The survey, administered by the Indiana University Center for Post-Secondary

Research and Planning last spring, randomly polled approximately 210 freshmen and 245 seniors about their college experience, said Angie Taylor, director of alcohol and drug education, who is studying the survey's results.

The survey was divided into five categories: Level of academic challenge, (More on SURVEY, page 6)

## Faculty Senate discussion centers on CUE

BY BRANDON ORTIZ  
Staff Reporter

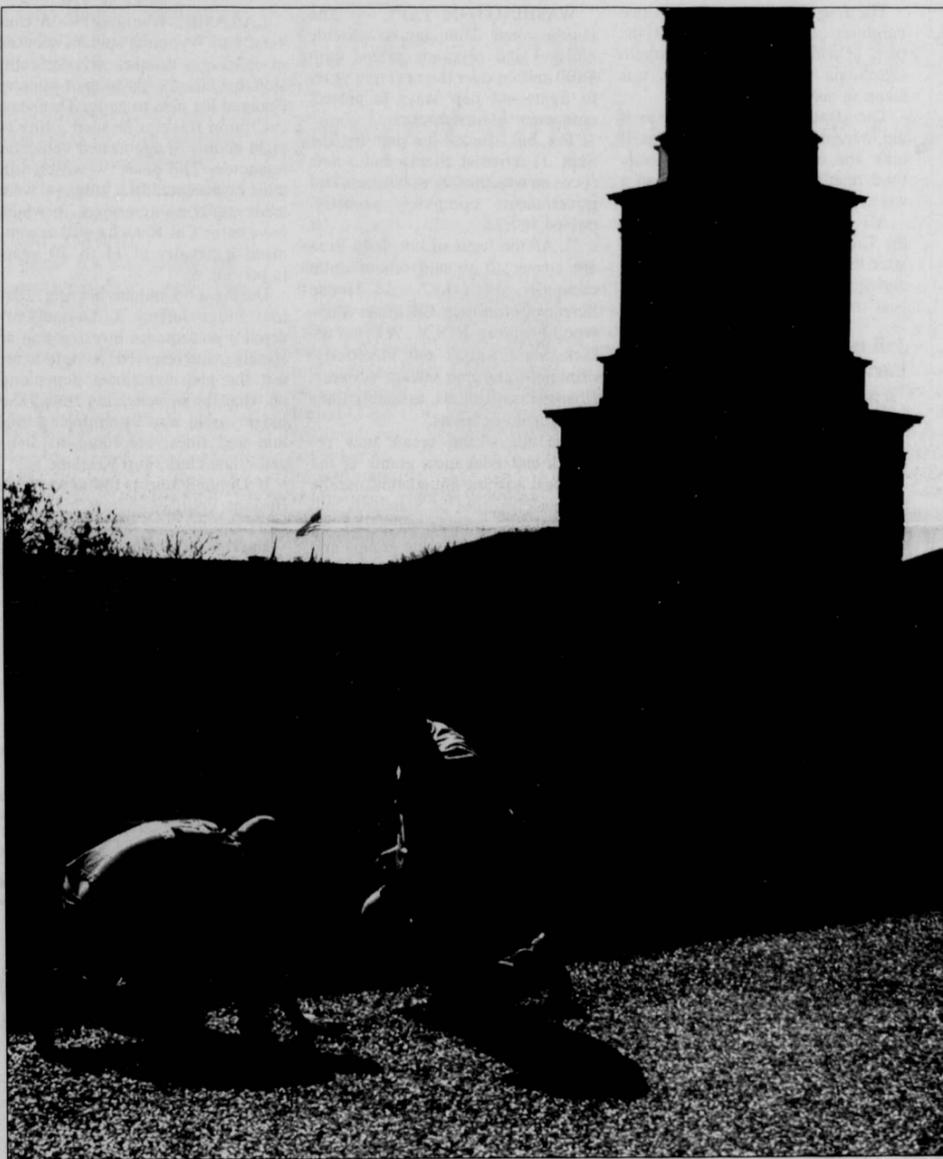
The Faculty Senate agreed Thursday to meet more often to discuss the controversial Common Undergraduate Experience in an attempt to expedite the process of modifying the proposed core curriculum.

The organization will now meet twice a month to try to reach a compromise on the CUE, a major overhaul of the university's curriculum that has been met with criticism from faculty campus-wide. Committee meetings, which normally meet on the second Thursday of every month, will be rescheduled. Some faculty raised the possibility of postponing the agendas of non-essential committees to focus solely on the CUE, but no decision was made.

George Brown, chairman elect, said the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate will agree upon the major topics and questions the body will debate in the

(More on SENATE, page 6)

## TOPPING IT OFF...



David Reese/STAFF REPORTER

Ricky Roop and Marty Roop, workers from Architectural Sheet Metal, Inc., fix the flashing on the roof of Beasley Hall Thursday.

## Video cameras help monitor employees, creates efficiency

BY KAMI LEWIS  
Staff Reporter

Video cameras in food service areas and kitchens across campus monitoring Sodexo Marriott Services employees have been helpful for supervisors to check on workers' professional hygiene, safety practices as well as training, said Rick Flores, general manager for Sodexo.

The cameras have allowed supervisors to peer into the work areas of employees to make sure they are verifying TCU ID's, washing their hands, handling food correctly and working efficiently, he said. No employees have been fired because of actions caught on camera, Flores said.

Last October, 38 cameras were installed by Sodexo School Services in The Main, Deco Deli, Frogbytes,

Eden's Greens, The Pond Street Grill and Sub Connection at a cost of approximately \$47,000 to Sodexo, Flores said. The cost will not affect student accounts and the cameras are not there to monitor students, he said.

The footage is randomly reviewed throughout the day, Flores said.

*"If a supervisor sees a congested area or a problem while it's happening we're able to move the personnel around or address the problem before it gets out of hand."*

— Rick Flores

problem before it gets out of hand," he said.

The images are also used in training sessions for specific procedures and security concerns.

"We've been able to figure out

(More on CAMERAS, page 6)

## Main break causes no harm to project

A minor irrigation main break occurred around noon Thursday in the Moudy Building atrium, but will have no effect on the reconstruction project, said Sprinkle 'n' Sprout employee Troy Earheart.

The break happened after Benito Martinez, a Sprinkle 'n' Sprout worker, was digging the ground to clear the overgrown bushes, Earheart said.

Earheart said Sprinkle 'n' Sprout is in charge of the atrium reconstruction. The company, based in Roanoke, does about 98 percent of TCU's ground work.

Improvements to the atrium began Monday. The completed project will include benches, a change of greenery, art sculptures and a better drainage system, organizers said.

The \$25,000 project is being funded by the university and Student Government Association. Completion is expected by the end of the month.



David Reese/STAFF REPORTER

Workers collaborate to fix a broken water main Thursday in the Atrium outside of the Moudy Building.

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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• **Information Services** will upgrade the campus e-mail system from Exchange 5.5 to Exchange 2000 this weekend. In order to complete the upgrade in a single weekend, it is necessary to limit access to the TCU e-mail system. You may be unable to access your TCU e-mail at various times between 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Saturday. For more details, see the Web page at <http://mail.tcu.edu>.

• **TCU Wind Symphony** will perform 7:30 p.m. Monday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium under the direction of Bobby Francis. For more information call (817)257-7602.

• **TCU Jazz Ensemble** will perform 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 with a TCU ID and \$10 for general admission. For more information call (817)257-7602.

• **TCU London Centre** information sessions for students interested in fall or spring study in London will be held 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in Student Center, Room 204. Applications for Fall 2002 are due on March 15. Applications are available in the Office of International Education, Sadler Hall, Room 16. For more information visit the Web site at [www.iied.tcu.edu/london/index.htm](http://www.iied.tcu.edu/london/index.htm) or contact Susan Layne, TCU London Centre coordinator at [s.layne@tcu.edu](mailto:s.layne@tcu.edu).

• **All English majors and minors** who wish to apply for membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, are invited to pick up applications from the English department office in Reed Hall, Room 314. The deadline is Feb. 15.

• **MBA Information Session** will take place from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 23 in Tandy Hall. The session will provide information about the TCU MBA Program, an evening-only program that can be completed in 28 months. For more information go to [www.mba.tcu.edu/visit/openhouse.htm](http://www.mba.tcu.edu/visit/openhouse.htm) or call (817)257-7531.

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## Campus/State Roundup

### Escaped murderers surrender with hostage unharmed

ARDMORE, Okla. (AP) — Two convicted murderers who broke out of a Texas jail surrendered peacefully early Thursday, hours after seizing a hostage at an Oklahoma gas station. Two other fugitives who escaped with the pair last month were also captured.

The hostage-takers, Curtis Gambill and Joshua Bagwell, gave up at 4:30 a.m., FBI Special Agent Richard Marquise said. He said the fugitives' only request was to talk to relatives by telephone.

The hostage, store owner George West, 65, emerged unharmed.

Authorities arrested the other escaped inmates, Chrystal Gale Soto and Charles Jordan, outside the store at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday while Jordan was using a pay phone, said Kym Koch, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. Soto and Jordan are both murder suspects.

The four have been linked to two burglaries in recent days and the theft of a flatbed truck in southern Oklahoma. A .22-caliber rifle was taken in one of the burglaries.

The standoff lasted as long as it did because Gambill and Bagwell took the opportunity to eat more food than they had in more than a week, Marquise said.

All four fugitives were taken to the Carter County Jail in Ardmore after their arrests. It was not immediately known when they would appear in court.

### Jail escapees thought to be in Fort Worth

GRANBURY (AP) — Two North Texas jail escapees were sought Thursday after they cut their way to freedom.

Police said the Hood County jail inmates may be headed to Johnson or Tarrant counties, where they have ties. A truck stolen near the prison was found in the Fort Worth area after Wednesday's escape in which the pair crawled through an air conditioning vent in their cell to the roof.

Bars covering the vent were cut, officers said.

The fugitives were identified as

Michael Ray West, formerly held on a felony charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon; and James Michael Vick, held on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

Vick, 28, of Granbury had also been jailed on a parole violation. He was released from prison in 2000 after serving two years of a five-year sentence on a drug charge.

West, 32, of Lipan was additionally wanted for a parole violation, said police. Sentenced to 20 years for car theft, he was released from prison two years ago after serving 10 years.

Patrol Capt. Jerry East said three dozen law enforcement officers, along with tracking dogs, were searching the county.

The inmates were discovered missing sometime between 6 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, when a head count was conducted.

### House allots \$800 Million for hacking research

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Thursday to provide colleges and research groups with \$800 million over the next five years to figure out new ways to protect computers against hackers.

The bill, fueled in part by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and a new focus on weaknesses in business and government computer security, passed 400-12.

"...All the tools of our daily lives are connected to and reliant upon computer networks," said House Science Committee Chairman Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y. "A cyber attack could knock out electricity, drinking water and sewage systems, financial institutions, assembly lines and communications."

The bill would create new research and education grants at the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. It was endorsed by several technology trade groups and universities that have lamented the lack of college courses in computer security.

It now moves to the Senate, and Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., is considering whether to sponsor the measure there, spokesmen for Wyden and

Boehlert said.

Almost every federal agency has been criticized by government investigators for lax computer security.

Securing the nation's infrastructure — from the national power grid to individual computers — became more of a Bush administration priority after Sept. 11. Recently, Microsoft's top security guru, Howard Schmidt, joined White House technology adviser Richard Clarke's staff.

While current cyber attacks are usually confined to harassments and Web site graffiti, security experts predict the assaults will be more dangerous in the future. Last year, the CIA said it knew of three countries — the United States, China and Russia — that are training soldiers to attack and defend targets through the Internet.

### Wyoming student changes drunk driving plea to guilty

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — A University of Wyoming student accused of causing a drunken driving collision that killed eight student-athletes changed his plea to guilty Thursday.

Clinton Haskins pleaded guilty to eight counts of aggravated vehicular homicide. The pleas — which still must be accepted by a judge — were made under an agreement in which prosecutor Cal Rerucha will recommend a penalty of 14 to 20 years in prison.

During a 15-minute hearing, District Judge Jeffrey A. Donnell ordered a presentence investigation of Haskins, and reserved the right to reject the plea agreement depending on what the investigation finds. The judge would also determine restitution and fines, according to Donnell's law clerk, Tori Kricken.

If Donnell rejects the agreement, Haskins could withdraw his guilty pleas and the case could go to trial.

Haskins, a senior at UW and a rodeo athlete, was accused of being drunk when his pickup veered into the oncoming lane of U.S. 287 south of Laramie on Sept. 16. It collided head-on with a sport-utility vehicle carrying eight UW track and cross-country athletes. All eight were killed.

Police said Haskins' blood alcohol level was 0.16 percent. Wyoming's legal limit for drivers is 0.10.

The defense had fought unsuccessfully to prevent the blood evidence from being presented at trial. Defense attorney Michael Krampner had argued that Haskins did not consent to the blood test and that releasing the test result to investigators violated patient-doctor confidentiality.

The deaths stunned a campus already grieving over the horror of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon less than a week before.

### Discussion of Brown University Police carrying arms

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (U-WIRE) — Brown University President Ruth Simmons plans to hold a community forum next Tuesday to discuss arming Brown Police.

Members of the Undergraduate Council of Students told The Herald Tuesday night Simmons had come to a decision to arm Brown Police and would announce it at the forum next Tuesday, but Donald Reaves, executive vice president for finance and administration, denied both claims.

Since the inception of BUPs in 1970, it has been policy for Brown Police officers not to carry weapons. Officers have been armed only for special circumstances, such as during some commencement exercises and waves of campus assaults.

More than half of all campus police departments in the country are armed, according to the U.S. Department of Justice's Campus Law Enforcement Statistics.

While 81 percent of public universities have armed police, a mere 34 percent of private university police officers carry guns, according to a DOJ survey released in 1996.

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## The Skiff View

### DEBATABLE

#### WTC Flag should not be paraded

The International Olympic Committee announced the decision Wednesday to allow the tattered flag from Ground Zero, which was retrieved from the rubble of the World Trade Center collapse, to be paraded at tonight's opening ceremony for the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

The flag will be placed next to the symbolic Olympic flame and will serve as the official U.S. flag for the entire Winter Games.

The decision to display the flag sparked much debate and controversy within the IOC, as it should have.

When the U.S. flag is carried tonight by its hard-working athletes, who will be accompanied by New York policemen and firefighters, it will create an all-American show. But that is not the purpose of this event.

The Olympics is a display for all the nations to cherish and be proud of. Not for the United States to hog all the limelight, even despite the emotions resulting from the terrorist attacks.

If the United States is allowed to carry their symbolic flag, then other countries should be allowed to carry their own flags which have a token of their own symbolism. The Israelis should be allowed to carry flags that have stains of blood from the everyday fighting with Palestinians. The Afghan people should be allowed to carry their flag which is covered from dust and debris from the heavy U.S. bombing the past four months.

Rather than flaunting the delicate flag, the United States should keep the flag in a museum for safe care or use it as a commemorative piece for the American people.

There is an appropriate time and place for everything, but the Olympics is not the right time nor the right place for the United States to evoke emotions of Sept. 11.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

John Walker Lindh left his home, family and teenage innocence behind in America when he went to follow his newfound faith in Islam, and later in al Qaeda. The epitome of the rebellious teen, Walker — actually his parents and his defense team, rather — now is claiming he needs to be put under the custody of his family during his trial. Federal Judge W. Curtis Sewell saw through the fallacies in Walker's plea to be released when he denied Walker bail Wednesday without even deliberating.

Defenders of Walker are claiming he is nothing more than an incredulous, innocent young man who poses no danger — danger to America or danger of fleeing the country. We have yet to see if Walker truly is a dangerous individual; however, this is what his trial is for. And the prosecution had more than enough significant evidence upon which to indict him and to build a case to prosecute him.

Even if Walker does prove innocent on some accounts (he faces 10 counts of conspiring to kill Americans and aiding terrorists), it is likely he will not emerge from this case unscathed and, hence, has an incentive to flee.

In addition, Walker has expressed his general disdain for America.

"I don't really want to see America again," Walker wrote to his mother in an e-mail a year ago.

In another e-mail to his father, he claimed the U.S. government was responsible for the bombing of its own embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and expressed little sympathy for those Americans' deaths.

Without a doubt, Walker despises America. This in and of itself is enough to deny him bail. Given the opportunity, Walker surely would flee. He may even have connections that would make this easy for him.

The only appropriate time to release Walker would arise out of his acquittal on all accounts, which probably will not happen. In the case of innocence, let Walker go back to Afghanistan, or any other rogue state for that matter. It would be his decision.

But until it is proven that Walker is not dangerous and he did not intentionally harm Americans, he remains behind bars.

Walker's parents were trying to get their accused son released into their custody even though he ran away from home as a teenager.

Their son hates America. Let him hate it behind bars for now.

This editorial comes from the Technician at North Carolina State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

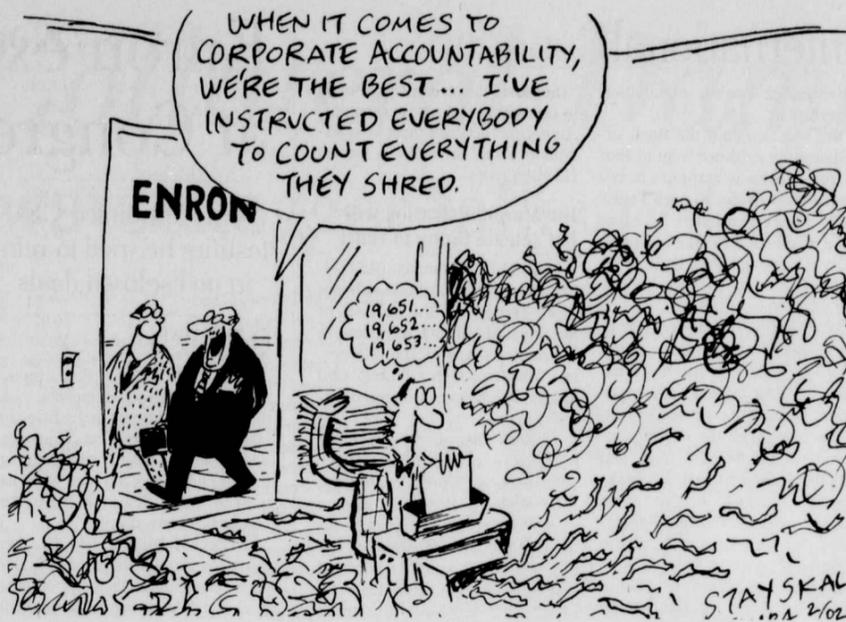
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## Liberal arts classes important preparation for future endeavors

"What the heck do you do with an English major?"

It's a question often asked of myself, and, presumably, of the other fifteen or so of us at TCU.

The truth is that I don't really know. All I know is that during the Major Mystery Period of my freshman year when I went through nutrition, international relations, political science and business in a rapid succession of trips to the Registrar's office, I finally thought I might give English a try.

My parents sighed and patiently nodded their heads. My friends tried to hold me back from visiting the Registrar's office again. Yet this major stuck. The moment I knew it would never change again was a sunny afternoon in March when my only homework for the day was to read Jane Austen's "Emma" for the third time and lay out on "Colby Beach" between Colby Hall and Sherley Hall.

This didn't feel anything like studying. Practical applications in the real world admittedly seem elusive. The abilities to quote entire speeches of William Shakespeare or to analyze the message of E.M.

Forster's "A Passage to India" are not highly sought after workplace skills, although perhaps useful if one was a "Jeopardy!" contestant.

Since Alex Trebek hasn't let me on the show, though, I'm stuck relying on the knowledge needed to structure thought, to form complex sentences, to convey the gravity of ideas and the levity of humor. I read with a cautious eye, gleaning details, grasping concepts, letting the words wash over me.

The value of this capability cannot be underestimated. Long after "David Copperfield" and "Uncle Tom" have been forgotten, I will still have these skills.

On the other hand, it's hard not to worry about those who slip through college without thorough preparation in the liberal arts.

Those who might be schooled in the new CUE (Common Undergraduate Experience) curriculum that only requires three hours of composition, as opposed to the current six hours of composition plus six hours of writing emphasis.

I had the privilege of attending a class on Monday taught by Dr. Louise S. Cowan, a distinguished professor from the University of Dallas. Around a small table of faculty, students, and other guests, her passionate arguments on behalf of a liberal education amazed me.

She spoke of the difference between vocational majors, in which a student is taught to do all they can to get ahead, and the liberal

arts, in which a student is taught the value of an orderly good for a whole community.

When she spoke, she spoke of what has been my Common Undergraduate Experience, which is something that is becoming altogether uncommon.

She pointed out the strengths of universities in areas of classic discipline, and the trend toward more "career-oriented" majors, which seem to prepare you for a job but are insufficient when you actually begin that career and must be trained more job specifically.

Jobs require specific on-site training and college fails at that. What a university succeeds in is giving a broad education that spurs the mind to think and prepares informed citizens.

The point of this column is not to tell you to become an English major, especially if you hate books, or writing papers makes you nauseous.

But, if the study and thought of world religions, or math equations, or abstract art fascinates you, you shouldn't avoid majoring in it because you want your fiscal future to be guaranteed.

Recognize the value of true education, as differentiated from job training.

Learn while you can, and worry about finding a job when it is time.

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## Enron collapse just part of capitalism

So why does it seem like the media is treating the Enron collapse as a business failure when really this is merely a part of the ebb and flow of capitalism?

Corporate death makes room for new corporate growth and the literal theft of the majority of the Enron pension plan, the common 401(k), gives other investors need capital for investment. Perhaps even a touch of Marxist ideology might escape the lips of Houstonians as they are counseled on the pain of being separated from the fruits of their labor. I must admit Ken Lay is in some trouble, but can that compare to those whose nest egg shrank by a factor of fifty and now worry about the house in which they live?

To those of us who can consider other economic systems without even a twang of unpatriotic guilt, this whole free market-based capitalism we have going is starting to collapse under the weight of corporate dominance.

First, our corporations are led by individuals who can escape the criminality of their actions behind a corporate shield. Secondly, these individuals and corporations donate so much money to our political system that they receive subsidies that pervert the system under which they claim to operate.

So when a company dumps toxic waste into a river it is the government, thus the taxpayers, that fund the clean up. This is simply explained because there is no profit in cleaning up your mess, just simple decency. Further, in a world dominated by corporations, is there any meaning to "market democracy" anymore?

While I cannot speak for local and state politics, even our minimalist forms of democracy, perhaps better explained as democratic tendencies, at the federal level were thoroughly skewered in the last election. Not only did the candidate, Al Gore, with the most votes nationwide lose, but two candidates, Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan, with representation in enough states to win the electoral college were denied access to the presidential debates.

Notice also that in the above phrase, market precedes democracy, which denotes the correct priority in the minds of our rulers. And if you happen to remember the few presidential debates, you can see our rulers are in agreement.

Another amazing tidbit from Bush is his admission that prenatal care is absolutely necessary. Which is followed with the condition that we must accept that life begins at conception to receive federal compensation.

But I digress and return to the Enron. Perhaps there is a fear among many of the corporations that run our mass media like General Electric, Westinghouse, Disney and AOL Time Warner of their own corporate mortality. Many of these corporations practiced some of the aggressive accounting practices Enron employed, though hardly on the same scale. The main reason for this was the position of Enron in lobbying for deregulating the energy market through Phil and Wendy Gramm among others. Removing itself from the over view of others allowed for the transition from pipeline-company to energy middleman without productive capacity.

Will Bush bust on his friend Ken Lay? Can Dick keep his dirty secrets? This personality-based drama is truly as meaningless and dull as a "Dawson's Creek" marathon. In a system designed to have winners and losers, Lay and the employees of Enron found which side they were on.

So sorry suckers, capitalism doesn't have room for bleeding hearts. When you give bosses, rulers and judges control, don't forget their lifestyle is so much more important than yours.

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## Elected deserve pay increase

Where'd all the good politicians go?

They're probably in a boardroom somewhere. Or maybe in court, arguing a high-profile case.

Wherever they are, they certainly aren't running for office. All the good ones were nowhere near the 2000 presidential election — all we could scrounge up were Al Gore and George W. Bush.

Who knows why losers seem to be so prevalent? There are a lot of reasons: huge corporate contributions, earlier primary seasons, you name it.

But there's one issue that doesn't get much thought — political salaries. One reason for our occasionally pathetic elections could be the terrible pay most of our elected officials earn.

No one's suggesting Tom Sawyer needs to start shopping at Gabriel Bros. or Bob Taft should take out a second mortgage, but most politicians make terrible money considering what they do.

Members of the Ohio General Assembly make \$51,674 a year, and U.S. congressmen earn \$150,000 a year. That's good pay, to be sure, but it pales in comparison to what people with similar responsibilities in the private sector earn.

Congress just got a 3.3 percent pay raise last month, an automatic cost-of-living increase. There was substantial dissent from anti-government types. But the pay raise was totally justified — elected officials at every level in the country could use the exact same raise right now.

Few professions are tougher to succeed in than politics. When we consider most politicians could walk away from honorable public service and multiply their income several times over in the private sector, we shouldn't be too upset about Congress' latest pay raise.

In fact, we should applaud it — maybe it means at some point down the road, a brilliant and ambitious young person will run for office instead of interviewing at Microsoft.

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## Your View

Letters to the Editor

Weather-related closings are pretty rare here at TCU. While they occur only once or twice a year, they are very disruptive. That's why we take great care to communicate changes in campus operations as quickly and accurately as possible.

When the decision is made to cancel classes or close campus, the office of communications distributes an all-campus e-mail outlining the changes, posts the information on the home page of the TCU Web site and records a message on the TCU information line (ext. 5604). We also notify the local news media, who generously run school closings/delays during newscasts. This system went into effect Tuesday when the snow that blanketed Fort Worth threatened to become more dangerous throughout the evening.

In the past, we've encouraged faculty, staff and students to watch and listen to local news reports. Unfortunately, we cannot control the timing or content of what they broadcast. This week, one of the local TV stations used an automated system that doesn't broadcast anything more specific than "closed" or "delayed hours." It misrepresented TCU, and I've shared my thoughts on the system's limitations with the news director.

The news media remains a valuable source for information on school closings. But I strongly encourage students, faculty and staff to turn to the mediums we can control — your TCU e-mail account, the home page of the TCU Web site, and the TCU information line — for the most accurate and current information on the state of campus.

—Kelli Horst  
Director of Communications

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## National/International Roundup

### Passenger tries to force way into United Airlines' cockpit

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — A passenger tried to force his way into the cockpit of a United Airlines plane carrying 157 people Thursday on a flight from Miami but was subdued after the co-pilot hit him over the head with a small ax.

Pablo Moreira, a banker from Uruguay, was restrained by the flight crew and later arrested by police after the flight landed as scheduled in Buenos Aires at 10:30 a.m. local time, said Judy Orihuela, an FBI spokeswoman in Miami.

United Airlines Flight 855 took off from Miami at midnight with 142 passengers and 15 crew members aboard. Moreira, 28, began kicking the cockpit door about five hours into the flight, as the jetliner flew over Brazil, Orihuela said.

The FBI spokeswoman said Moreira forced the door open, but United said he did not get inside the cockpit of the Boeing 777.

Orihuela said the co-pilot grabbed a small ax and hit Moreira in the head, subduing him.

Moreira did not appear drunk and was not armed, she said, adding that she was unaware of any threats or what prompted him to try to enter the cockpit.

Moreira was restrained for the remainder of the flight but was provided medical attention, the airline said. He was lucid and in stable condition, Orihuela said, adding that a flight attendant also received minor injuries in the struggle, Orihuela said.

Moreira was turned over to local authorities in Argentina. He will be charged with interfering with a flight crew and flown back to Miami sometime Thursday, Orihuela said.

United said flights to and from Argentina would continue as scheduled.

### Bush refuses to cut ties with Arafat despite Israeli wishes

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon expected a boost Thursday from President Bush in his struggle with terror attacks, but he also was due for a polite letdown on trying to isolate Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from the United States.

Sharon, who has imposed virtual house arrest on Arafat on the West Bank, wanted Bush to cut more than a decade of U.S. contact that followed the Palesti-

nian leader's public repudiation of terrorism.

But that is a door the Bush administration does not want to shut — yet — even as it applies heavy pressure on Arafat to curb Palestinian attacks on Israel, to make more arrests and to take responsibility for trying to smuggle in 50 tons of Iranian rockets, mortar and explosives.

Still, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said before the Thursday evening meeting that "the president believes Chairman Arafat knows what he needs to do to crack down on the terrorist activities in the Middle East, and that the United States was looking to Chairman Arafat to do more to demonstrate his opposition to terrorism and the concrete steps he'll take."

Bush also planned to tell Sharon that he had "deep concern about the plight of the Palestinian people, and he'll discuss what steps might be taken to ease the situation for the people," Fleischer said.

Also, the White House spokesman said, Bush's message was that "the United States will remain engaged in the region and remain engaged with the Palestinian Authority."

### Islamic religious students sent home for visa violations

**SAN'A, Yemen (AP)** — Six Americans are among more than 100 Islamic religious students being sent home for visa violations, a Yemeni Interior Ministry official said in comments reported Thursday.

Foreign students at independent religious schools like the one attended by American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh have come under scrutiny in Yemen as the government cracks down on extremists.

The military newspaper 26 September quoted Deputy Interior Minister Mutahar Rashid al-Masri as saying that in addition to the Americans, there are six Britons, one Dutch man, 22 Indonesians, six Pakistanis, four Libyans, two Egyptians and one Syrian.

Four Britons and the Dutch man have already been deported, according to the ministry.

Although al-Masri said there were 101 students, other Interior Ministry officials previously said the total was 115. The students also include French, Algerian, Sudanese and Somali citizens.

Some of the students have been in custody as long as four months. Authorities detained them for questioning about any links to radical Islamic groups.

### Bush administration will not release funds to Haiti

**NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)** — The Bush administration will not drop barriers to the release of hundreds of millions of dollars in international aid to Haiti, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday, citing continuing political unrest.

"I would like to do everything humanly possible to help Haiti," he said during a press conference following a meeting with leaders of the 14-nation Caribbean Community. But, he said, until that nation's political crisis is resolved and international confidence is restored, "we have questions about providing that kind of assistance."

Samuel Insanally, the foreign affairs minister of Guyana, pressed the United States to reconsider.

"The release of funds would assist in rebuilding democracy in Haiti," Insanally said. "Not doing this could lead to a deterioration of the situation."

Haiti has been mired in crisis since President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's party won 80 percent of seats in parliamentary elections last year that the opposition alleges were rigged. Hundreds of millions of dollars in international aid have been frozen until some results are revised.

### Navy helicopter crashes into Atlantic off Virginia coast

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A U.S. Navy helicopter crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Virginia on Thursday. The four crew members were rescued, and two suffered minor injuries, a Navy spokesman said.

The CH-46 helicopter was conducting a resupply operation with the ammunition ship USNS Mt. Baker about 100 miles off Virginia's coastline when it went down at 10:24 a.m. EST, said Cmdr. Tom Van Leunen, a spokesman at Navy headquarters in the Pentagon.

The four crew members were rescued by another Navy helicopter.

The CH-46 is assigned to the USS Seattle, an oil supply ship. The cause of the accident is under investigation, Van Leunen said.

## Enron executives keep quiet at Congressional hearings

### Newly-appointed CEO testifies he tried to rein in undisclosed deals

**BY PETE YOST**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Four current and former Enron executives took the Fifth Amendment and refused to testify to Congress on Thursday, while Enron's new chief operating officer said he was thwarted when he tried to rein in deals that led to the company's bankruptcy.

Jeffrey McMahon said he was transferred to a new job shortly after he complained about the deals in a 30-minute meeting in March 2000 with then-chief executive officer Jeffrey Skilling. McMahon was treasurer at the time of the meeting.

"His parting words to me were he understood all my concerns and he would remedy the situation," McMahon told a House subcommittee. McMahon said Skilling called shortly after the meeting and offered him a job elsewhere in the company.

McMahon was named Enron's president and chief operating officer last week.

His testimony followed the refusal by former Enron chief financial officer Andrew Fastow and ex-executive Michael Kopper to testify. The two are at the center of the partnerships which kept hundreds of millions of dollars in Enron debt off the company's books.

"On the advice of my counsel I respectfully decline to answer the questions," said Fastow.

After telling the committee that

would be his answer to all questions posed by the panel, Fastow was dismissed.

Kopper also invoked the constitutional protection against self-incrimination. Kopper saw an investment of \$125,000 become \$10.5 million in less than three years.

After Kopper departed, two current Enron executives, Richard Buy and Richard Causey, also declined to answer questions. Both had knowledge of the partnerships that Fastow and Kopper ran.

Fastow and Kopper collected \$40 million for their role in the partnerships — which investigators say involved self-dealing and conflicts of interest that eventually led to the energy trading company's collapse.

Fastow was sworn in by Rep. Jim Greenwood, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce oversight and investigations subcommittee. Greenwood was rebuffed when he asked the

witness two questions about his handling of company partnerships that hid hundreds of millions of dollars in Enron debt.

"You enriched yourself by tens of millions of dollars" through deals "with your own company," Greenwood said to him.

As the four current and former Enron executives sat silently in the crowded hearing room, lawmakers called those who drove the company into bankruptcy, "economic terrorists," "business cowboys" and "corporate thieves."

"This collapse was not brought about by isolated acts of rogue employees. It required the complicity of far more than a few bad apples," Greenwood said as he opened

Thursday's hearing.

"Was the selling of your morals ... of your souls, worth it?" asked Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., who said "millions of dreams" of people who lost retirement money were ruined by the Enron crash.

Arthur Andersen auditor David Duncan also has invoked his Fifth Amendment rights and refused to testify before Congress. Duncan was fired last month for his role in the shredding of Enron-related documents.

Among those expected to testify at Thursday's hearing were former CEO Skilling and former Enron attorney Jordan Mintz, who became so concerned about whether the off-the-books partnerships were proper that he tried to rein them in.

Mintz raised questions with Buy, the chief risk officer, and Causey, the chief accounting officer, about how the partnerships were being handled late in 2000, shortly after becoming general counsel for Enron Global Finance.

In memos, Mintz insisted Skilling sign off on one partnership arrangement before it could proceed. Six people signed an approval sheet, but the line next to Skilling's typed name is blank. Causey and Buy were among those who signed.

In a May 22 memo to Skilling, Mintz wrote: "I can send such approval sheets to you as a package and you can then sign at your convenience." Twelve days earlier, Mintz had gone to an outside law firm because of his concerns about whether the partnerships were proper.

Skilling's lawyers said his approval wasn't required. But "based on the documents it looks to us like Skilling wanted to keep his fingerprints off the partnerships," said Ken Johnson, the Commerce Committee's spokesman.

## U.S. attack may have killed 7 al Qaeda members; officials reaffirm intent to help form Afghan army

### War commander says much work remains

**BY MATT KELLEY**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — A missile fired by a CIA-operated drone aircraft in eastern Afghanistan killed seven suspected members of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda terror network, an Afghan leader said Thursday. Bin Laden was not among the dead, the official said.

A U.S. official acknowledged the attack but said it was uncertain whether it killed any leaders of al Qaeda.

No mention of the attack was made during an appearance before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday by the U.S. war commander, Gen. Tommy Franks. The general told panel members that much remains to be done in Afghanistan.

In eastern Afghanistan, Wazir Khan, a brother of regional warlord Bacha Khan, said bad weather in the mountainous region in Paktia province had hampered efforts to get to the attack site. He said seven people were killed in the attack Monday, but that "Osama is not among those people." A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least one person was killed — possibly a top al Qaeda figure.

The U.S. official said two Hellfire missiles were fired at people

at the site at different times on Monday. The official said the missiles probably came from the same Predator drone, which can carry two missiles.

In his Senate testimony, Franks said the U.S. military will play a role in creating an Afghan national army, but that does not mean American troops will become part of an international peacekeeping force there.

"We intend to help them form an Afghan national army. There is no question about that," Franks said.

Specifics on how U.S. forces will carry out that effort remain undetermined and under discussion, Franks said.

Franks said much work remains to be done by the U.S. military in Afghanistan, including the exploitation of documents and other evidence found at sites suspected of being involved in the development of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

Franks said he will not recommend to President Bush that U.S. military operations in Afghanistan be phased out "as long as there is a credible threat from puddles or pockets of al Qaeda or residual hard-core Taliban" forces.

Word of the Predator missile attack came Wednesday as CIA Director George Tenet came un-

der criticism in Congress for not penetrating Saudi-born fugitive bin Laden's network. Tenet said such accusations were not true but would not elaborate publicly.

U.S. officials have said seven top al Qaeda officials have been killed and three captured since military action began in Afghanistan Oct. 7. An additional 15 key al Qaeda leaders are unaccounted for, including bin Laden.

U.S. forces in Afghanistan were preparing Wednesday to take possession of as many as 60 more Taliban and al Qaeda prisoners held by Afghan forces, a senior U.S. defense official said. The number of prisoners in U.S. custody in Afghanistan has stood at 324 for more than a week; there also are 158 al Qaeda and Taliban prisoners held at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The transfer of al Qaeda and Taliban prisoners from Afghanistan to Guantanamo Bay resumed Wednesday with an Air Force C-17 transport plane taking off from Kandahar. It was due to arrive in Cuba on Thursday.

At the Pentagon, a senior defense official said about 30 prisoners were aboard the C-17, the first flight in a planned series of about five to Guantanamo Bay over the next 10 days to two weeks.



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## Success of action films still questionable

Guns, bombs and fighting draw viewers to movies. And it's with action films that the ideas and images of forceful destruction can take viewers hostage.

The action film genre is traditionally quite different from the horror genre. We don't watch a Jackie Chan movie to create internal fear. This sort of action film isn't likely to be the films that get inside your head and cause you to be disturbed. Granted, Hollywood produces both types of films: Action films that create fear and those that do not.

The upcoming film "Panic Room" starring Jodi Foster appears to be a film that might get inside your head as it appears to aim to thrill and suspend viewers' imagination into a state of wonderment.

After Sept. 11, action films intended to create a temporary theatrical adrenaline rush, suddenly had the potential of being a film that would scare or infuriate. For some films, untimely releases were scheduled, and movie posters needed to be taken down. For others, scenes needed to be re-edited.

Now as the spring movie season hits, some of those films are beginning to revisit us. It raises curiosity to whether, nearly five months later, we have adjusted and are ready to return to a state where we can watch these films for enjoyment alone.

Feb. 8 will bring us the release of Arnold Schwarzenegger's most recent brainless explosion spree, "Collateral Damage."

Schwarzenegger plays a firefighter who witnesses a bomb blast kill his wife and son. The film then goes on to show Schwarzenegger's attempt to find the terrorist and bring him to justice.

Certainly, this is not an untypical story for Schwarzenegger to star in. Yet "Collateral Damage" hits a new nerve with society that, had this film been released a year earlier, would have lost a great deal of its controversial edge.

Other films were moved around and nudged to other places on the release calendar. The comedy "Big Trouble" was slated to be released Sept. 21. This film is directed by Barry Sonnenfeld who also directed "Men In Black," "Wild Wild West" and "The Addams Family."

Almost a year ago, before the film entered production, *Variety* reported that the film is "an ensemble comedy about how a bomb in a suitcase changes the lives of a divorced dad, an unhappy housewife, two teenagers, two hit men, two street thugs, two FBI men and a toad."

Yet this family friendly film wasn't appropriate for families all of a sudden. Bombs in suitcases were not a matter for comedy, but a matter of tragedy.

Columbia pictures has made efforts to be sensitive with their release of the film "Spider-Man," slated for an early May release. After the tragedy, all posters and trailers were pulled from theaters, even the Web site for the film changed the day of the terrorist attacks. This comic-book-turned-movie had the unfortunate luck to be running a film campaign that showed images of Spider-Man scaling tall buildings and a trailer with the World Trade Center reflecting in the eyes of the super hero.

Yet now, time has passed. Film companies have done whatever possible to run these films, yet not be insensitive in light of tragedy. These businesses surely do not think America has become callous to the tragedy that devastated the world. Yet, they also are banking that America is less sensitive than they were a couple months ago.

Yet, perhaps the fear should not be America's sensitivity to images of the ultra-violent films such as "Resident Evil," "Blade 2" and "Collateral Damage." Rather, a greater fear should be people's desire to see the artificial blood and guts on the screen, when their mind already visits these images when they read the newspaper and watch the nightly news.

Or then again, the film climate may not really have changed at all, and in time we simply returned to the same equilibrium that we sat at before.

America was shaken Sept. 11. Maybe the terrorist attacks had no long-term effects on what movies we see, or how we give to other the way we live our lives everyday.

Will "Collateral Damage" make the huge box office gains that Warner Brothers desire? Surely, it would have raked in dough had we never seen smoke filled skies, burning buildings and crying children. Now that we've seen all that, the success of this movie and others slated for the next couple of months are in question.

The money made by these films will tell us a great deal about ourselves. They will serve as a barometer, measuring whether we've really changed at all.

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### COMMENTARY



Ryan Eloie

# "Collateral Damage"

## Schwarzenegger talks politics, movies

BY MIKE SZYMANSKI  
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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't afraid to talk politics. The man who's toyed with the idea of running for governor of California (in real life), has hunted down invisible aliens (in "Predator"), has had a baby on the big screen ("Junior") — and has played the Terminator, for gosh sakes — isn't really afraid of any topic.

But sitting in a hotel room full of Internet journalists in Beverly Hills, Calif., he knows that the events of the day are going to be discussed — including terrorism — and especially because he's been directly affected now.

His Warner Bros. movie, "Collateral Damage" was held back the week it was going to open last September because it was simply too close to the events of Sept. 11. Schwarzenegger plays a quiet family man, a gentle fire fighter named Gordy Brewer who watches his wife and son get blown up in a downtown Los Angeles skyscraper by a terrorist.

The 54-year-old Austrian-born Schwarzenegger, father of four children, who is wearing an American flag pin on his lapel, has some pretty strong thoughts about that.

"It's not a movie about terrorism, it's much more a movie about collateral damage, about the innocent people, what happens, the innocent victims that get hit by that," Schwarzenegger said.

Schwarzenegger has not been consulted by the Bush administration, nor does he have criticism for how things have been handled so far. He does believe Osama bin Laden is still alive.

"I think that the big challenge is our follow-up to that, because (Taliban leader Mohammed) Omar and bin Laden are somewhere, obviously in hiding," said the actor, who has considered running as the Republican gubernatorial candidate in California.

"I believe very strongly they are in Pakistan, because I think that they may be playing the two sides there a little bit, and so I think they are around," he adds. "I think they will be around probably for a while, but it's really the question what do we do, because there's obviously a fundamental problem in the beliefs of those who have and those who don't have, and there's a huge problem in Saudi Arabia."

Wearing a black jacket, black shirt and black jeans, opening his arms dramatically to the journalists, Schwarzenegger said he worries about the sensitive timing of such a violent film, which has an R rating.

"I think we have seen now several action movies since then that have done extremely well," he said. "We have seen other movies released that have done well, and then other movies that haven't

done so well. I think that a lot of people were concerned about 'Blackhawk Down,' as too topical a movie too soon after, and sure enough when they opened it at the first theater, it went through the roof, and did well. I think that also after the terrorist attack we have seen the video sales and the video rentals skyrocket, especially movies that dealt with terrorism."

Schwarzenegger's local video stores were out of copies of "True Lies" (which he starred in) and of "Die Hard," the Bruce Willis action film, he said.

"So it became very clear that people want to see positive movies," Schwarzenegger said.

"They want to see movies where the terrorists get their ass kicked in the end, where there's a positive outcome of good over evil, because in real life it's not as clear cut."

Director Andrew Davis, whose signature work is "The Fugitive," said he thinks it's appropriate the film was held from being released.

"I think it's got more resonance now, more significance now, than if it had come out either before the events of Sept. 11 or immediately thereafter," Davis said.

"I think that people can see this film and be sort of surprised at how close some of the images and events are to what happened," said Davis. "And if we'd waited longer, it would have seemed like we'd made this film because of those events. Now it seems like it's just a sort of parallel story that happened to coincide with events."

Known for his emotionless action hero roles, Schwarzenegger said now that he's older, it's easier to get more tearful in his parts, as he does in "Collateral Damage."

"I'm more in touch with my emotions than 20 years ago," the actor admitted. "I'd have to say, I don't know when I was 30 years old if I could have related as much."

It's tougher too, because now he has children of his own, and also a lot more is expected of him as a performer.

And, it's a lot tougher when you're supposed to replace Harrison Ford, who originally was signed to the project, but dropped out. Then, Schwarzenegger's



Francesca Neri and Arnold Schwarzenegger star in the action thriller "Collateral Damage."

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wife, TV news journalist Maria Shriver, heard about the project and convinced him to go for it.

"My wife, when she hears someone else is attached, it becomes a very competitive thing," Schwarzenegger laughed. "She started tracking the script down like a greyhound, and talked to me every day. We couldn't sit down one single time that she didn't say 'You should read this script.'"

He trusted his wife when she raved about the script, telling him it's "terrific," and when the writers changed his character from a basketball coach to a firefighter, Schwarzenegger grew more interested.

"So the more we talked about how they wanted to change it, the more I started falling in love with the project, and then one of my things didn't become a reality, one of my projects that I wanted to do, and then I said, 'Let's shoot this in the summer,'" he said, and that's how the project happened.

Studio execs didn't think firefighters were heroic enough at the time and they wanted to change him into a CIA agent or something exciting, but the actor said, "I've done that a hundred thousand times before, and I didn't want to do that." Of course, Schwarzenegger laughed at how the same execs now try to take credit for making him a fireman.

"I think it's very clear that firefighters are heroic guys," he said.

Ultimately, the director said that although the film was delayed, not a frame

was changed after Sept. 11.

Davis has a lot of respect for his star, who not only underwent heart surgery just before production, but had a motorcycle accident while the film was being shot.

"He's the real Horatio Alger. He started with nothing and he married the queen of the Kennedys. And so he cares about the little guy trying to make it, even though he's become Mister Establishment. So there's a heart there, and a consciousness of working hard and making it, which I tried to pull out of him, and he was very responsive as an actor," Davis said. "For example, I said, 'Arnold, you don't have to act tough. You are just strong and tough being who you are. You don't have to make big facial expressions. Less is more.' And he understood that."

Among his co-stars are Elias Koteas, Francesca Neri, John Leguizamo and John Turturro.

"They're very intense with their acting. They work very hard with their rehearsals and stuff like that," Arnold said of the two Johns. "They were really the first ones on the set early in the morning, rehearsing the scene with themselves, and all that stuff, and so I had a great, great time working with them."

Has he stopped saying his signature "Terminator" line: "I'll be back" in movies?

As the Hollywood business entrepreneur he's known to be, he smiles. "I have not stopped saying that. As long as it makes money, I would not stop saying it."

# Bottleneck rocks on with songs, covers

BY JACK BULLION  
Skiff Staff

Early in their headlining show Feb. 1 at the Aardvark, Barrett Shipp, the lead singer and guitarist of TCU band Bottleneck, educated his audience on what to expect from his four-piece rock outfit.

They should prepare themselves to not only hear some original material, but also, Shipp mused: "Something

else. Oh yeah — covers!"

The band's set, performed in two halves with a brief 20-minute interlude to give lead guitarist and part-time vocalist Brett Yates enough time to nurse his beaten guitar back to full-strength (he broke a string during the furious solo of "Something Like Home"), didn't disappoint on that pledge.

While it's true Bottleneck has an ex-

tensive amount of covers in their repertoire, it's hard to quibble with them — especially when they're played so effortlessly and, often, innovatively. The band navigated two distinctly different entries in the Radiohead canon, "High and Dry" and "The National Anthem," as well as making sure that the Pixies ("Where Is My Mind") and Tonic ("Open Up Your Eyes") didn't get their feelings hurt.

Even cheeseball rap standard "Bust A Move" was reinvented with drenching funk courtesy of Yates, who also provided a crowd-pleasing rap flow as accompaniment.

The covers also testify to Bottleneck's disparate influences. While based in the catchy pop-rock of Third Eye Blind, the Goo Goo Dolls and the Counting Crows, what truly separates Bottleneck from about a million other sound-alikes is a fierce, very accomplished musicianship that stands front and center at the band's live performances. Songs like "Something Like Home" and the serpentine opener "2 Way Street" wrap themselves around the complex guitar arrangements laid down by guitarist and vocalist Barrett Shipp and lead guitarist Brett Yates, who is clearly the band's centerpiece.

In his hands the guitar becomes a limbitlessly galvanic instrument, and to hear him alternately coax, tease and punish his six-string is to feel the sudden urge to

spray-paint "Brett Yates is God" on campus landmarks.

Thursday's show was more than a Brett Yates expo, however; Bottleneck's set also provided ample evidence that the rest of the band has caught up with its formidable guitarist. Of all the band's many influences, a monumentally propulsive tinge of Zeppelin-esque rhythm burbles noticeably beneath the accommodating pop-rock.

Drummer Andy Rice and bassist Johnny Ferraro lay the foundation for such towering displays, anchoring a song like "Not Just a Glance" with an insistent, churning backbeat that billowed into full-fledged sonic explosions by the time the powerhouse chorus rolled around. Shipp miraculously managed not to drown amidst the turmoil all around him, keeping the band tethered to earth with the playful, starry-eyed romanticism of his lyrics and his breezily unpretentious on-stage attitude.

These elements converged spectacularly on the fiery closing number "Well Lit Girl," which held the audience in thrall for nearly 15 minutes, as Yates gave everyone at the Aardvark a reason to believe that Bottleneck will deservedly be headlining more than a few shows in the future.



The band Bottleneck performs at the Aardvark February 1.

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# Bush compromising on religious aid to charities

BY LAURA MECKLER  
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WASHINGTON— President Bush is embracing compromise legislation to help religious charities, although supporters have yet to resolve how they will pay for the scaled-back initiative.

The compromise would give new tax breaks to individuals and corporations, while abandoning the contentious effort to open new government programs to religious groups.

Bush was unveiling the deal at the White House on Thursday with key backers, Sens. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., and Rick Santorum, R-Pa., who began writing the revised legislation after a partisan fight in the House last summer.

Earlier Thursday, the president spoke of the power of faith in helping the nation recover from the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Millions of Americans have been led to prayer," he said at the National Prayer Breakfast. "They have prayed for comfort in time of grief, for understanding in a time of anger, for protection in a time of uncertainty. Many, including me, have been on bended knee."

The legislative compromise includes new social spending that was added to attract Democratic support. Until late Wednesday, the bill included \$10 billion over 10 years for a social services grant program. But the White House balked, and Lieberman agreed to limit the spending boost to two years, for a total of just \$1.3 billion.

The bill also provides people who do not itemize on their tax forms a new break for giving to charity, though it, too, would expire after two years. The expiration was included to keep down the initial cost of the package, though sponsors know that politically popular tax breaks often are extended when they expire.

The total package is now estimated

at about \$10 billion over two years.

Negotiators have yet to figure out how to pay for it. A similar compromise was on the table late last year, but did not advance because supporters could not find the money for the plan.

The most contested provision in the House bill would have opened new government programs to churches and other religious groups. It would have allowed these groups to maintain their exemption from civil rights laws and make hiring and firing decisions based on religion, even if they got government money. It also would have let them continue to skirt local laws guaranteeing rights for gays and lesbians.

The Senate bill eliminates this provision, known as charitable choice. In its place, the bill makes it clear that a religious group cannot be denied a government contract simply because it has a religious name or because it has religious art, icons, scripture or symbols on display.

The compromise is likely to anger people on both sides of this issue.

Supporters of the House bill believe religious groups often are the most effective in providing social services, and want legislation that allows such groups to incorporate religious teachings into their programming for willing participants. They say churches often want to hire people of their faith, and that should not disqualify them from getting a government contract.

Opponents worry the legislation does not make clear that religious groups that discriminate in hiring will not be eligible. Rather, it will be up to the Bush administration to interpret the law, said Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va.

"Anything that passes anywhere close will give the administration moral authority to go ahead and start discriminating," he said.

Congressional aides provided details of the package Wednesday

on condition of anonymity. Among the provisions:

—A new tax break for the 70 percent of tax filers who claim the standard deduction, rather than itemizing their deductions. Individuals could deduct up to \$400 a year (couples \$800) from their income in calculating how much they owe in taxes. The tax break is scheduled to disappear in 2004.

Donations to groups that help the poor — as well as to other charitable organizations such as schools or symphonies — would qualify.

—An increase for the Social Services Block Grant, which states use to provide child care, child welfare and a variety of other services to vulnerable families. Cut substantially a few years ago, it gets \$1.7 billion this year. That would rise to nearly \$2 billion next year, and to \$2.8 billion the year after that. This program is funded automatically, meaning it does not have to compete with others during the budget process.

In agreeing to limit the increased funding to just two years, Lieberman said he expected the White House to support more money for the program next year even if the legislation is not approved, said Dan Gerstein, Lieberman's spokesman. If the president does not support the increased funding, Lieberman will pull his support for the "faith-based" legislation, Gerstein said.

White House spokeswoman Anne Womack said the administration will work with Congress on the issue but said there was no agreement on increasing the funding.

—A larger tax break for corporate charitable donations, which also expires in 2004.

—Tax breaks to encourage banks to offer individual development accounts, which match the savings of low-income people to help them save for education, a home or business.

# Lawsuits may surface after Sept. 11

Business owners, rescue workers may sue New York

BY MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — From rescue workers who say they have lung problems to business owners who say their shops were damaged, 1,300 people have given notice they may sue the city for a total of \$7.18 billion over the aftermath of the World Trade Center attack.

The claims involve injuries or damage caused not by the attack itself but by the alleged negligence of the city during the recovery and cleanup.

The vast majority are from firefighters who say the city gave them inadequate respiratory protection at the smoldering trade center site.

Not all of those who served notice will sue. Some, for example, may instead seek money from the federal victims compensation fund. But the

notices preserve their right to bring a lawsuit.

The notices show the extent of the health complaints being lodged by hundreds of firefighters, police officers and other recovery workers who fear cancer or other ailments.

Asbestos, benzene, dioxin, PCBs and other contaminants have been detected in the twin towers' ruins. In the first few days after the attack, as many as 150 firefighters and police officers were at the scene 24 hours a day.

Firefighter Palmer Doyle said he worked two 12-hour days without a respirator at the site. He filed notice of a \$10 million claim.

"You run up a couple flights of stairs, which I used to do with no problem, and you find yourself sucking in the air," he said. "What if, five years down the road, we develop lung cancer or something like that?"

Most other notices are from property owners near the trade center.

Police officers commandeered Murray's Deli, about four blocks from the twin towers, on the day of the attack, according to Brian Rap-

port, the owners' lawyer. They allege the shop was left open by police, robbed and vandalized.

The city is self-insured and awards from successful lawsuits would be paid out of the city's general fund.

"We don't believe the city is liable. But we'll obviously have to take a look at the complaints if and when they come in," said Corporation Counsel Michael Cardozo, the city's chief lawyer.

Notices to sue have to be filed within 90 days, though people can go to court and obtain a waiver of the deadline.

An additional 111 notices have been filed with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the owner of the World Trade Center complex.

Some city workers could be eligible for benefits from the federal victims' compensation fund. Kenneth Feinberg, the fund's administrator, said workers would have to waive their right to sue if they sought federal compensation, but would get money more quickly and easily through the fund.

# Geneva Convention does not apply to al Qaeda

BY RON FOURNIER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush has determined that the Geneva Convention applies to the conflict in Afghanistan and Taliban soldiers, but not al Qaeda fighters and other terrorists, the White House announced Thursday.

"Al Qaeda is an international terrorist group and cannot be considered a state party to the Geneva Convention," said presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer.

Fleischer said that despite the administration's decision on designation, there will be no difference in how the two groups of prisoners are treated.

"It will not change their material life on a day to day basis. They will continue to be treated well, because that's what the United States does,"

Fleischer said.

Fleischer said the Taliban fighters who are being held are covered by the 1949 Geneva Convention because Afghanistan was one of the signers of that treaty.

The war on terrorism was not the kind of war that was envisioned when the convention was signed, Fleischer said.

The decision has significant legal implications for the more than 150 detainees held at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba.

The convention sets universal international standards for the humane treatment of prisoners of war. Under the agreement, such prisoners cannot be compelled to give more than their name, rank and serial number.

The United States has refused to

consider those detained at Guantanamo as prisoners, provoking an international storm of controversy.

U.S. officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the decision was designed to ensure that U.S. soldiers would be afforded protections covered by the Geneva Convention in the event they are captured.

The administration has said the Guantanamo Bay detainees are being treated humanely regardless of their legal designation. Bush does not consider them prisoners of war, but still believes the Geneva Convention applies to some, said the officials. They said the decision resolves a legal question involving the detainees, but does not substantially change how the U.S. had decided to treat them.

## SURVEY

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active and collaborative learning, student interactions with faculty members, enriching educational experiences and supportive campus environment.

Mills said the NSSE, which evaluates the students' class assignments, campus involvement and interaction with others on campus, provides different information than the other national surveys in which TCU normally participates.

"It's different from other surveys because it does not measure attitudes or satisfaction," Mills said. "It measures what students actually do."

According to "The College Student Report," released in early fall 2001, freshmen scored 49.9 points in the academic challenge category, three points below the national average.

Taylor said of the freshmen surveyed nationwide in that category, 80 percent of them performed better than TCU freshmen, while TCU seniors scored 55.4 points, 1.2 points below the national average in the same category.

According to "The College Student Report," freshmen scored 4.7

points below the national average in the active and collaborative learning category while seniors finished one point above the national average.

Mills said the overall college experience cannot be determined by just one category's results.

"I want us to recognize that a truly great university is going to have better scores in all five implementations," Mills said. "The quality of the college experience depends on academics, opportunities in the community and with internships. Scales are not usually exclusive from each other."

Mills said TCU did well in sections dealing with enriching educational experiences and supportive campus environment.

"Seniors had more interaction with faculty than freshmen as would be expected because of more focus in major," he said.

In the remaining three survey categories, TCU ranged at or above the national averages according to "The College Student Report."

Taylor said 470 different schools across the United States participated in the survey last year including some schools often compared to TCU, such as the University of Tulsa, Tulane University, Baylor University and Rice University.

"While it would be nice to compare to specific Texas schools, we see ourselves as a national university, so comparing to other schools like us on a national basis certainly provides us with good comparative data," Mills said. "Ultimately we will compare ourselves to ourselves."

Mills said it is this comparison that makes participation in the survey over time important.

He said TCU, which participated in the survey for the first time last year, will participate in the survey again this spring.

Mills said it costs the university \$6,000 to \$7,000 to participate in the survey.

"Every survey no matter what it is, is a snapshot in history," Mills said. "We can make even better decisions after we have taken part in the survey two to five more years."

With that time, Taylor said she hopes the university will offer an even better student experience.

"The information isn't supposed to be critical," Taylor said. "It's meant to be helpful. I think we all want to make this the best possible experience for students that we can, and this is just part of that process."

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## CAMERAS

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who was the last employee to leave when a door was left unlocked one night," he said. "And I've been reassured when I've been able to see procedures adhered to."

Flores said a red flag was raised in his mind when he watched a worker on the monitors in his office help take out the trash and then return to his work station. Flores said he was relieved to see the worker

wash up and change gloves before handling food again.

Odessa Kennedy has worked in dining services at TCU for four months, but she's been employed by Sodexo at other locations for five years. She said this is the first time she's worked under video surveillance.

"When I first started working here I thought, 'Well, my goodness,'" she said. "But after a little bit it got to where I didn't even notice them anymore, and I can understand why they're up there: For (our) protection, for the students and for Sodexo."

## SENATE

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coming months before next week's meeting at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. He said the committee will have to sort through hundreds of concerns e-mailed by other faculty to members.

The Faculty Senate also agreed to create a threaded discussion board on the Internet to allow faculty to post comments on specific concerns facing the CUE.

"We are trying to give the faculty opportunities to discuss the CUE electronically as well as in face-to-face settings," Brown said.

A speech from the Co-curricular Task Force was postponed so Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, could give a presentation on the results of the National Survey of Student Engagement and answer faculty questions. But it was the CUE that was the

center of discussion Thursday.

Some faculty were worried about targeting a specific date for approval, fearing it would create a rushed and inadequate product.

But Joseph Bobich, professor of chemistry, said a timeline, even if it is a flexible one, needs to insure timely approval of the CUE.

"I think we need a timeline because otherwise we could spend the rest of our lives whining about the process so far, complaining whose various interest is more important and go on and on in circles about this," Bobich said. "We need to wrap it up. We need to accomplish something. That is what a timeline helps you to do."

Other faculty were concerned the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools would take an unfavorable view of the university if little progress is made on the CUE.

"I think we need to make some progress," said William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for aca-

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democratic affairs. "Does that mean we have to have everything in place? No. But it seems to me, between now and next February, perhaps we can make some progress. Whether that is building an assessment mechanism and accepting the core, or developing a new core, I think we need to do something."

"My concern is that an awful lot of people have done an awful lot. There has been quite a bit of thinking by some of our best colleagues, and it seems to me we should not just start over."

In other business, the Faculty Senate approved the creation of the University Safety and Environmental Committee. The committee will examine campus environmental and safety issues.

Also, Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business, gave a brief presentation of the budget approved by the Board of Trustees last month.

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- Hush puppies
- Steamed green beans
- Popcorn chicken
- Rotisserie chicken
- Black eyed peas
- Collard greens
- Steamed mixed vegetables
- Sweet cornbread
- Chef choice salad

#### DINNER

- Baked cajun catfish
- Broccoli and rice casserole
- Pasta and marinara
- Glazed carrots
- Swiss steak
- Baked potato
- Onion rings
- Chef choice salad

#### Tomorrow's menu

#### LUNCH

- Breakfast bar
- Hamburgers
- Grilled chicken sandwich
- Fries
- Onion rings
- Buffalo wings
- hot cobbler

#### DINNER

- Chicken strips
- Teriyaki grilled strips
- Hamburgers
- Grilled chicken sandwich
- Fries
- Onion rings

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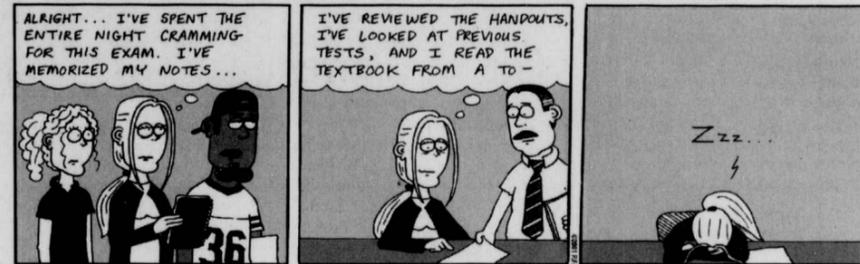
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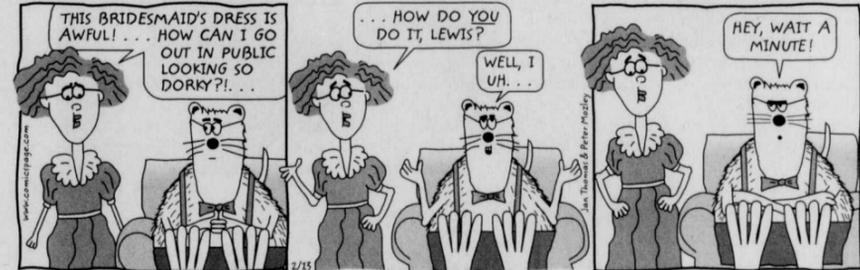
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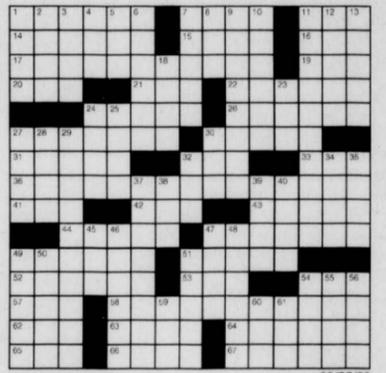
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  - Fortress wall
  - Memorial site
  - Ambulance warning
  - Short fuse
  - Take as given
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  - Belief
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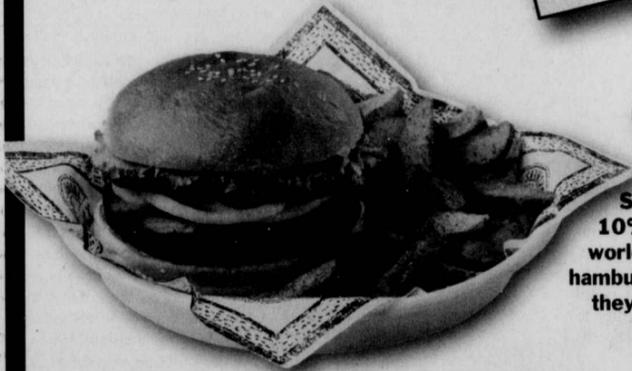
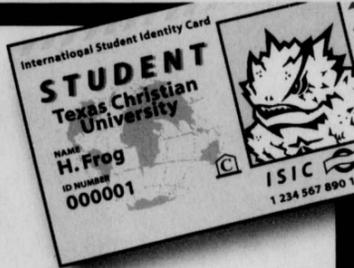
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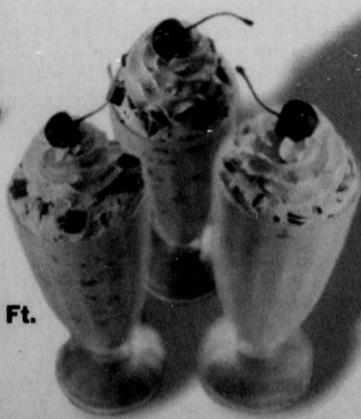
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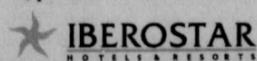
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## The Sideline

### Blue Devils come back for victory on Florida State

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — No. 1 Duke looked like an average team against Florida State for almost 30 minutes again Thursday night.

This time, the Blue Devils closed with a vengeance for an 80-49 victory.

Many believed the Blue Devils (21-1, 9-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) would roll over a team that gave them their only loss a month ago. But that was far from the case as the Seminoles (10-11, 3-7) made Duke look more like an NCAA tournament bubble team than contender to defend its national title most of the night.

One Florida State fan even brought a broom to Cameron Indoor Stadium in case the Seminoles knocked off the nation's top team for the second time. But that may have been asking too much from a .500 club that shot 29 percent in the second half.

After its worst half of the season, Duke, which won its ninth straight by double figures since the 77-76 road loss on Jan. 6, got its first 10-point lead with 13:57 left.

Then the Blue Devils got some additional breathing room minutes later as Mike Dunleavy hit a baseline jumper, a 3-pointer and a driving slam in a 12-0 run for a 56-38 lead and the route was on.

Florida State changed defenses and used its athletic ability to turn Duke's powerful offense into a walking turnover. Many Duke players shook their heads and showed frustration as an offense that averages 91.5 points a game bogged down until a closing 36-11 run over the final 12:39.

While Dunleavy finished with 20 points, All-American guard Jason Williams had one of his worst games of the season. The ACC scoring leader came in averaging 21.9, but had seven points on 3-for-13 shooting.

Duke's outside game was also off. The Blue Devils hit 15 3-pointers against Florida State in the first meeting, but was 8-for-24 Thursday.

### Buccaneers and Lewis discussing contract

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers moved closer to making Baltimore defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis their coach Thursday, discussing a contract and working to assemble an offensive staff.

While there was no official word from the club on the status of the search, a formal announcement likely will come early next week.

That would give general manager Rich McKay and Lewis time to hammer out details of a contract and make several important decisions, including who will become Tampa Bay's fourth offensive coordinator in as many seasons.

Lewis, the Ravens' defensive coordinator since 1996, emerged as the prime candidate after McKay made an unsuccessful pitch to get Oakland's Jon Gruden.

Tampa Bay contacted the Raiders this week about the possibility of hiring Gruden, who has one year remaining on his contract. The Bucs offered draft picks and perhaps cash as compensation but abandoned hope of making a trade because Oakland's asking price was too high.

Lewis, Pittsburgh Steelers offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey and former Washington Redskins coach Norv Turner interviewed for the Tampa Bay opening last week.

Turner dropped out of the running Monday, a day before accepting a position as the Miami Dolphins' offensive coordinator.

This is the third NFL job for which Lewis has been a candidate since Baltimore set a record for the fewest points allowed in a 16-game season and won last year's Super Bowl.

### Green Bay signs former Oklahoma quarterback

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Former Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel signed with the Green Bay Packers on Thursday.

Heupel, 6-foot-2 and 215 pounds, was a sixth-round draft selection of the Miami Dolphins last year after leading Oklahoma to the national championship. He was waived Sept. 18.

The Packers also said Thursday that they had allocated running back Herbert "Whisper" Goodman to NFL Europe along with guards Tim Stuber and Ed Kehl, cornerback Hurley Tarver, linebackers Paris Lenon and Cornell Menafee, safety Emile White and punter Cory Sargent.

## Expectations higher for weekend track meet

BY DANNY GILLHAM  
Skiff Staff

The Flyin' Frogs travel to Houston this weekend as they compete at the Houston Indoor Invitational on Friday and Saturday at Yeoman Fieldhouse.

The TCU track and field team is currently ranked No. 10 in the nation, according to the latest Trackwire Top 25 poll.

With this being the last meet before the Conference-USA Indoor Championships, head coach Monte Stratton said that the goals of the team are being increased with each meet.

"Really it's no different than the first meet except our expectations increase a little bit with each meet," Stratton said. "We should be a little

more prepared as we go into the season. We are expecting to be a little bit sharper, a little more polished with all of our performances. And there is also the ever-present concern of staying healthy and uninjured."

Coming into this meet, the Frogs have six members on the team who have made the NCAA provisional marks: Demario Wesley and Michael Frater in the 60-Meter Dash, Eliud Njubi in the 800-Meter Run, Brandal Lawrence in the Triple Jump, Cleavon Dillon in the Long Jump, and Monica Twum in the 55-Meter Dash.

Frater, a sophomore sprinter, said the team is looking to improve on those marks.

"There are a couple of guys un-

derneath, so we need to get them higher on the list," said Frater. "It would be really good if we can get some automatic times."

Despite the possibility of a few conference foes participating in the meet, Stratton says that scouting is not a priority.

"Nobody really shows everything that they have at every meet," Stratton said. "Its kind of pick and choose, and putting the puzzle together through a four or five week season for the complete picture at the conference meet."

Another key to this meet is the track at Houston. Stratton said the track is exactly the same as the track in Bloomington, Ind., the site of the C-USA Indoor Championships.

"It is a flat track, and not all flat tracks are the same," Frater said. "This one is exactly like the one we will run on in conference so it will be a good warm-up."

After this weekend's meet, the

Frogs will have two weeks to prepare for the conference meet.

"The first week after the Houston meet will be a work week," Stratton said. "We will work three, if not four of those days."

The team will then take it lightly the second week before heading to Bloomington for the C-USA Indoor Championships on Feb. 22, Stratton said.

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Junior Brandal Lawrence practices his triple jump for today's meet at Houston. Lawrence was named Conference USA Track and Field Co-Male Athlete of the Week.

## Horns' new class hikes expectations

BY BILL BUCHALTER  
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — The eyes of the BCS will be upon them for the next four years, as Texas has been declared the consensus national recruiting champion.

Now Longhorns fans are going to demand a BCS championship and Sears trophy to accompany the anointed symbolic title.

Student Sports Magazine describes the class as one of the best in the past decade and one of the best defensive lines in the past five years.

Brown, Florida State's Bobby Bowden and Tennessee's Phil Fulmer were recognized recently in a publication as the best "losers" among college football coaches. All three helped their teams earn Top 10 classes. But with the recognition also comes expectations and those expectations are translated into winning - and not just winning, but winning big.

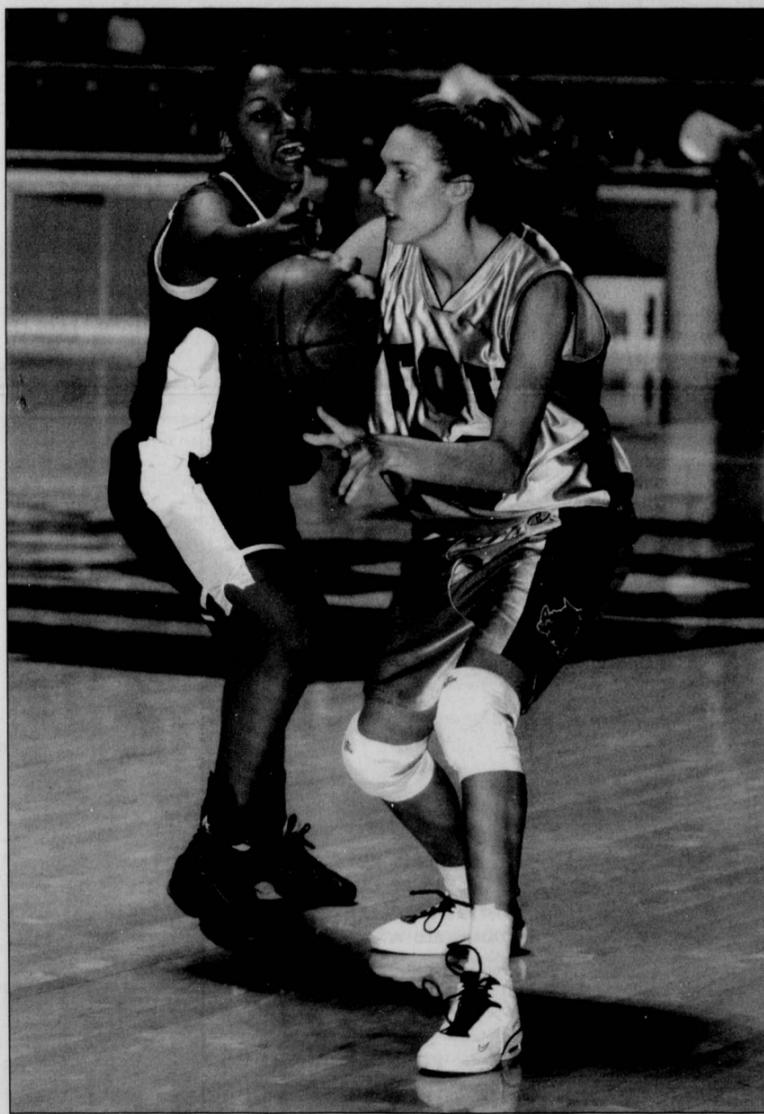
The past two national champions, Miami and Oklahoma, won titles with unranked recruiting classes. But the pressure will be on Brown and his Longhorns to win a "real" on-field title as well as the mythical recruiting title.

Florida State, finishing fast as it has in previous years, emerged with another skill-laden group that met needs on the defensive line and at linebacker, running back and receiver.

But most talk centered on Texas' unprecedented success at keeping the best players home in a state with the reputation for producing many of the nation's elite. But the classes at Miami and Florida State demonstrated once again that future BCS championships could come through the state of Florida.

Texas has heard the recruiting talk before, but has not been to a BCS bowl. Longhorns fans are expecting this class of highly touted players to get them there.

## Trying to stay on top



David Duna/STAFF REPORTER  
Sophomore forward Tiffany Evans passes the ball to her teammates against Cincinnati. Evans and the No. 24-ranked Frogs return to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Friday against Southern Mississippi.

## Shaq to sit out All-Star game again

Associated press

LOS ANGELES — Shaquille O'Neal went on the injured list Thursday because of pain in his arthritic right big toe and he will sit out the NBA All-Star game for the second straight year.

O'Neal was put on the injured list retroactive to Wednesday — before he missed the Lakers' 97-89 loss to the Chicago Bulls — meaning he'll sit out at least four more games before being eligible to return Feb. 19 against Boston.

O'Neal, who missed last year's All-Star game with an inflamed arch on his right foot, received the second-most votes of any player, 1,247,438, in fan balloting for this year's game, which will be played Sunday in Philadelphia.

He was replaced on the Western Conference team by Elton Brand of the Los Angeles Clippers. Brand, who turns 23 next month, will be making his first All-Star appearance and will be the first Clippers player in the midseason game since Danny Manning in 1994.

Brand, the first overall selection in the 1999 draft, was averaging 18.9 points, 11.2 rebounds and 2.0 blocked shots entering Thursday night's game in Detroit.

"It's not getting better," Black said. "Our concern obviously is in the long run, having him be as healthy as possible for the playoffs. For him to play every game the rest of the season and jeopardize his availability for the playoffs would be stupid on our part. I'm sure he would like to play all 82 games of the season. He recognizes what's best for him in the long run is to take time off."

O'Neal is averaging 26.1 points, 10.8 rebounds and 2.35 blocked shots.

## Winter Games begin Friday with patriotic flare

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — They're back, amid snow-covered peaks and streets ringing with chants for the home team. They're back, in a country desperate for another "miracle," ready to wave the red, white and blue.

They're back, this time in the land of American Indians and Mormons, rodeos and the Rockies.

Two decades after some college hockey players wrapped the nation in Olympic glory at the Lake Placid Games, the Winter Olympics have returned to America.

Only this time, they're draped in the sentiment, celebration and drama of a nation rattled by terror and ready to show the world it has recovered.

The 2002 Winter Games begin Friday night, and Utah, one local said, is "WAY more than ready."

For that matter, so is America. "The anticipation is exciting, but now it's like, 'Whoa!'" said Patricia

Haslam of Bountiful, Utah. "Now, it's just awesome."

The Olympic torch arrived Thursday in Salt Lake City, the last leg of a 13,500-mile, 46-state journey toward its final destination: the opening ceremony at Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium.

The celebration that raises the curtain on 17 days of skiing, sliding and skating takes place under a cloak of security. With America still on high alert after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, an unprecedented 16,000-member security force has been deployed to patrol Olympic grounds and the skies above.

The security program is "far more thoroughly planned and comprehensive" than any other at a U.S. Olympic Games, said Salt Lake City organizing chief Mitt Romney.

Authorities quickly dispensed with one possible threat on Olympic eve. Police detonated a suspicious

package — a plastic grocery bag filled with fuses and electrical wire — found in a parking garage three blocks from the Olympic media center. Construction workers spotted the bag near a support beam and alerted authorities.

Despite security concerns, 55,000 spectators will attend the opening extravaganza, enduring long waits in frigid temperatures to pass through metal detectors and have their belongings searched.

Tickets were going for anywhere from \$400 on the street to \$885 from organizers.

President Bush and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan were scheduled to attend the event, which promises to be sentimental and celebratory — juggling American patriotism and Olympic protocol.

The International Olympic Committee agreed Wednesday to let Americans carry into the stadium

the flag recovered from the rubble of the World Trade Center. Eight U.S. athletes, joined by New York police and firefighters, will carry the stars and stripes in a solemn tribute before the parade of nations.

Organizers had planned for the flag to fly at the ceremony but determined it was too delicate. Speedskater Amy Peterson, a three-time Olympic medalist, will carry another flag on behalf of the U.S. team.



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Angel Pumpalov, of Bulgaria, turns into the final hill in the men's downhill training run Thursday Feb. 7 at Snow Basin.