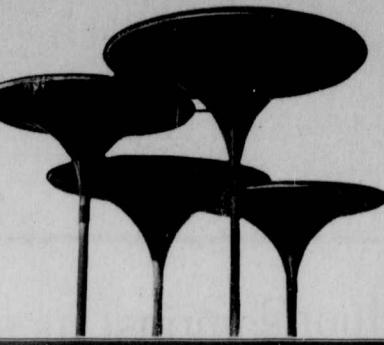


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Today's News

NATIONAL NEWS

DETROIT — The makers of the Jeep Grand Cherokee are recalling 1.6 million 1993-1998 model-year vehicles after complaints the vehicle may move even after the gear shift is in park.

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WASHINGTON — Leaders of the two congressional intelligence committees announced a wide-ranging inquiry Thursday into why the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies failed to learn of and prevent the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

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STATE NEWS

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OnCampus

Islamic Association to meet on Sunday

The Islamic Association of North Texas will host an open house at the Dallas Central Mosque 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The theme of the open house will be "Haji: A Journey of Equality, Peace and Sacrifice." Tours of the mosque and various classes about Islam and Muslims will be available. Bob Mong, president and general manager of the Dallas Morning News, will be the keynote speaker of the event.

The Dallas Central Mosque is located at 840 Abrams Road in Richardson. For further information visit (www.iant.com) or call (214) 564-8828.

— David Dunai

Asian Festival Banquet tonight in the SC Ballroom

To celebrate the 2002 Chinese New Year, an Asian Festival Banquet will be tonight in the Student Center Ballroom.

The celebration will include guest speaker Betty Nguyen from CBS 11, professional Asian performers and Chinese food catered by Chef Chen.

Student tickets are \$5 and are sold in Student Center Room 22.

The festival is presented by the Asian Student Association and Programming Council.

— Marci King

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the Weather

SATURDAY

High: 58; Low: 34; Partly cloudy

SUNDAY

High: 62; Low: 47; Partly cloudy

Looking Back

1804 — New Jersey becomes the last northern state to abolish slavery.

1903 — The first teddy bear was introduced in America. It was made by Morris & Rose Michtom.

1933 — President-elect Franklin Roosevelt survives an assassination attempt.

1998 — Tara Lipinski and Todd Eldridge win the female and male figure skating championships at the Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

Preparation underway for tech center

\$6.5 million still needed to meet building's fundraising goals

Skiff Staff

University Advancement officials will contact two corporations in the next two weeks to begin a push to raise funds among high-tech firms for the Tucker Technology Center, said Valerie DeSantis, director of corporate relations.

DeSantis said she hopes to contact 15 to 20 corporations to ask for donations by the end of the university's fiscal year in June.

But the \$6.5 million still needed to meet the building's fund-raising goal isn't likely to come from this drive, said Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement.

"If we raise \$250,000 from corporations, I will be

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Maria Adamczyk/PHOTO EDITOR

A construction worker welds part of the William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center building together Thursday. This view is from the hallway in the building.

Building expected to be completed by April

BY SAM EATON
Staff Reporter

Construction of the Tucker Technology Center, which will provide upgraded facilities for the College of Science and Engineering, is on schedule for completion in April, project manager Eric Lincoln said.

He said general contractor Austin Commercial anticipates finishing by the original April 19 target date. "We're pretty much on schedule as far as what the contractor has been given for their schedule," Lincoln said. "Everything we've heard from them is that they're planning on meeting that deadline," Lincoln said.

Once Austin Commercial finishes construction,

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Dolling up



Tori Kingrey, a Lancôme make-up artist, makes over Kaylee King, a junior interior design major, at the TCU Bookstore Thursday afternoon.

Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF

Enron Corp. executive testifies against Lay and board of directors

BY MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Enron Corp. executive Sherron Watkins accused two top company officials Thursday of duping then-Chairman Kenneth Lay and the board of directors about improper — and possibly illegal — partnerships that concealed over \$1 billion in debt.

Watkins said that when she told Lay of her concerns, the chief financial officer, Andrew Fastow, wanted her fired and her computer seized.

Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Skilling,

Fastow and other executives "did dupe Ken Lay and the board," she testified at a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce investigative subcommittee.

"There were swindlers in the emperor's new clothes discussing the fine material that they were weaving," said Watkins. "And I think Mr. Skilling and Mr. Fastow are highly intimidating, very smart individuals and I think they intimidated a number of people into accepting" questionable structures for the partnerships.

Self-assured as she answered lawmakers'

questions, Watkins spoke clearly and in detail and smiled when lawmakers praised her for sticking her neck out to the energy-trading company's top official.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., called Watkins "an extraordinary and courageous woman" and a "bright spot" in a company where executives turned a blind eye to abuses.

Skilling's attorney, Bruce Hiler, disputed Watkins' statements. "Everything she said about my client is based either on hearsay, rumor or opinion," he said. "She did not talk to my client."

She has no basis in fact for her views."

Watkins testified she was told last summer by an Enron personnel executive that Fastow — chief architect of the complex partnerships that eventually brought the company down — wanted her to be terminated for taking her concerns to Lay.

"I was not comfortable confronting ... Mr. Fastow with my concerns," Watkins said. "To do so, I believed, would have been a job-terminating move."

Watkins also placed blame on Enron's auditor,

(More on ENRON, page 6)

International Olympic Committee may award an additional gold medal to Canadian pair skaters

BY STEVE WILSTEIN
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Two gold medals?

The International Olympic Committee wouldn't rule out the possibility that a second gold medal could be awarded to the Canadian pairs skaters as a way to end the judging controversy that has marred the sport and dominated the Winter Games.

"The IOC will consider any request from the ISU," president Jacques Rogge said, referring to the International Skating Union.

IOC member Kevan Gosper said the committee hasn't discussed such a proposal, but added, "I'm not saying it can't happen."

The head of the skating union said it would be "very difficult, not impossible," to award the gold to

Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, who narrowly lost to the Russians in a questionable vote.

"Nothing is impossible," Ottavio Cinquanta told NBC Sports.

Earlier, he rebuffed pressure to speed up a review of the judging despite demands for action from the IOC and worries by skaters that the controversy might taint other events.

The union's meeting is scheduled for Monday.

"We do not understand why we should be deciding something so important as a medal in one day," Cinquanta said later Thursday while at the men's final. "We want to make the proper decision. It is not easy."

"We see no reason why the council of the ISU should not consider awarding a second gold medal."

— Michael Chambers

Canadian officials said they don't want Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sizharulidze stripped of the gold medal, but they believe Sale and Pelletier should be rewarded if any evidence of wrongdoing is uncovered.

"We are not here to pull someone down, we are here to pull somebody up," said Michael Chambers, president of the Canadian Olympic Association. "We see no reason why the council of the ISU should not consider awarding a second gold medal."

French judge Marie-Reine Gouge is at the center of the controversy in Salt Lake City.

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Future leaders



Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF

Russell Eleven, associate director for residential services, speaks to prospective resident assistants Thursday.

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• 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 today.

• An Asian Festival sponsored by Programming Council will be 6 to 9 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom. The event will feature Asian food and a fashion show. For more information call (817) 257-5233.

• Black History Poetry Contest will be noon to 2 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Lounge. Students may bring an original poem to be judged on the theme "Embracing Education, Expression and Culture." Winners will receive a prize and modern dancer Valena Brown will perform. For more information contact (817) 257-5233.

• Monday Night Music at Bistro Burnett will be 2 to 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Mary Couts Burnett Library. Musicians Nic Garcia, Jeremy Hull and Bryce Harp will perform.

• Mortar Board Senior Honor Society applications are now available to third-year students (Class of 2003) between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. this week in the Main or in Student Center, Room 220. Mortar Board is an honor society for college seniors that is based on leadership, scholarship and service.

• MBA Information Session will be 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) or call (817) 257-7531.

• The Neeley Student Resource Center is advising for summer and fall classes. Students are encouraged to come soon to beat the rush. To make an appointment call (817) 257-6772 or come during walk-in times, 8 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

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University known for racist image recruits minorities

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Bob Jones University, the fundamentalist Christian school that dropped a ban on interracial dating after a visit by then-candidate George W. Bush drew attention to the policy, is recruiting minorities and says it wants to shake its racist image.

The university is offering aid to minority students through two funds sponsored by private donations, school spokesman Jonathan Pait said Thursday.

"The primary reason was simply that there were students who wanted to come but couldn't afford it," Pait said. "Another reason is that we're so often pointed out as being so racist. We wanted to take a stab at least to overcome that stereotype."

The school of about 4,200 students was thrust into the national spotlight during a Bush campaign stop there two years ago.

Bush was criticized for not addressing the school's ban on interracial dating and statements by Jones that were perceived as anti-Catholic and anti-Mormon.

In the wake of the criticism, Bob Jones III, president of the university founded by his grandfather, announced that the school would drop its ban on interracial dating.

The school first admitted black students after the Internal Revenue Service moved to revoke its tax-exempt status in 1970, citing discrimination. The dating ban remained, however, and the university lost the tax exemption in 1983.

Regents approve mandatory \$150 fee for UT students

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas System regents on Thursday approved a \$150 per semester mandatory fee, to take effect next fall.

The regents, meeting in San Antonio, voted 8-1 to implement the fee.

The fee would grow annually by varying amounts. After six years, the fee will be capped at \$430 per semester for students taking seven hours of classes or more.

University president Larry Faulkner said the fees are needed to pay for building repairs and renovations.

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The lone dissenting vote came from Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez. The Laredo businessman said the money should come from the Legislature, not students.

Administrators originally proposed a \$230-per-semester fee, but opposition from students and some state lawmakers prompted the school to consider lowering the amount.

Enron's trouble finds its way onto college campuses

HOUSTON (AP) — There was a time when the University of Houston's Keith Poole knew he could dazzle simply by introducing himself as the Kenneth L. Lay Endowed Professor of Political Science.

These days, he's trying to keep that title to himself.

"(Lay) was the most important person in the city for a while," Poole said. "I could just say his name and people were impressed.

"It's not a real great way to do things anymore. I'm not going to change my stationery or anything, but I've stopped using it to try to impress people."

He's not the only one dealing with the implications of carrying on the tarnished Enron name.

At the University of Nebraska in Omaha, Mark Wohar was proud of the company that lent him its name when he accepted the Enron professorship in economics about five years ago.

He, too, has dropped the tag.

Their titles may be tainted, but Poole and Wohar are the lucky ones. Their academic chairs were fully funded and secured long before Enron's downward spiral into financial ruin.

Houston and Nebraska are in the company of many colleges and universities that benefited during brighter times from the philanthropic spirit of Enron and their chairman Kenneth Lay. But as details of Enron's participation in questionable accounting practices continue to unfold, some institutions are getting antsy — particularly those that haven't received promised financing.

At Houston's Rice University, where the former energy behemoth pledged \$5 million for two endowed professorships, school officials received word last month that installments from Enron

would cease. The unfilled positions were foiled before they started accepting applications.

Funding for the proposed Ken Lay Center for the Study of Markets in Transition, also at Rice, is not expected to be affected by Enron's woes, Shepard said. The center, financed with a \$3 million gift from the private Linda and Ken Lay Foundation, will serve as a research and teaching facility. The final \$1 million installment is expected as planned.

At the University of Missouri, officials still are searching for the right person to fill the Kenneth L. Lay endowed chair in international economics — someone who doesn't mind carrying Lay's name and all its baggage. Lay established the seat at his alma mater three years ago with a gift of Enron stock.

Baylor to take out loans to fund academic goals

WACO (U-WIRE) — In order to fund the goals outlined in the Baylor 2012 vision, including an estimated \$262 million in new construction projects, Baylor University will take out large-scale loans for the first time in school history, David Brooks, vice president for finance and administration, told a gathering of faculty and staff Wednesday afternoon.

Brooks said the borrowing would be in the form of bonded indebtedness, a process in which the university will sell debt to investors at a set interest rate. He added the borrowing is necessary now because the university is in a position where facilities must be updated so the university can reach its academic goals.

Brooks said additional funding sources for 10-year vision initiatives would come from Baylor's new flat-rate tuition structure and from an ongoing fund-raising campaign designed to increase the university's endowment to \$2 billion by 2012.

The largest component of the building plan, which will be discussed by the Baylor Board of Regents Feb. 22, is a proposed \$100 million science facility. It would be the largest single building project in Baylor's history. Brooks said ground-breaking for the 500,000-square-foot facility could begin as early as May

2003.

From High Island, the system will proceed with two 24-inch pipelines — one extending north to Port Arthur and another to Texas City. Construction is expected to begin this spring.

El Paso expects to fund the project through permanent project debt financing. The majority of the capital outlay for the project will occur in 2003 and 2004.

if it is approved. He said the university plans to open the building for classes fall semester 2004.

In addition to plans for a new science building, Brooks also provided more details about some general goals presented in the university's 10-year vision document, including lowering the student-faculty ratio, increasing on-campus housing and expanding parking facilities.

Pipeline to move oil from Gulf to Texas cities by 2004

HOUSTON (AP) — A \$450 million pipeline will be built to move crude oil from the deep-water Gulf of Mexico to refineries along the Texas coast, El Paso Energy Partners announced.

The Cameron Highway Oil Pipeline System will span 380 miles and be capable of moving 500,000 barrels of crude per day from oil fields in the western Gulf of Mexico areas to Port Arthur and Texas City.

El Paso Energy is a publicly traded limited partnership of which El Paso Corp. is the general partner. It already owns and operates five offshore natural gas and oil pipelines and six platforms handling production in the Gulf.

Although El Paso is seeking a partner, the company said it is confident the pipeline will be built. Company officials said the pipeline is expected to be in service by the third quarter of 2004.

In the past, new pipelines in the Gulf have faced competition for the same routes such as from Mobile Bay into Central Florida, but this system faces no competition, El Paso spokeswoman Kim Wallace said.

The pipeline will originate at El Paso's Ship Shoal 332 platform. El Paso will build a 30-inch diameter pipeline to one of its platforms in the western Gulf of Mexico and extend it to the High Island area.

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Judges should focus on performance

Once again the Olympic figure skating competition has stolen the spotlight at the Games. The complicated jumps and intricate footwork of the sport are overshadowed by scandal.

Of course controversy is nothing new to figure skating. Remember Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding? This year, however, it is the judges and not the skaters who are drawing the public's attention.

During the Pairs free skating contest Tuesday, the Canadian couple appeared to skate flawlessly. Therefore, spectators were shocked when the Russian couple was awarded the gold and the Canadian couple the silver.

Judging a figure skating competition is highly subjective, yet in this case, something more than subjectivity might have affected the results.

According to news reports, French judge Marie Reine Le Gouge said she voted for the Russians in the free skating competition because of pressure from the French figure skating association.

Bear in mind, the responsibility of the judges is to evaluate the performance of the athletes. They should judge the quality of skaters' performance without bias and outside influences.

The result of the pairs competition has been appealed and the Canadian Olympic Association has requested an investigation into the judging of figure skating. Regardless of the results of the appeal, however, trust has been lost. The judges have shown that their decisions are not infallible. Outside influences do influence judges decisions.

Athletes should be judged based on their performance, not based on the flag they represent. The Olympics are supposed to be a competition for the world's best athletes, not a dialogue between countries.

When the Olympic Games are concluded and all the awards handed out, the true spirit of the Games should be remembered, not the scandals and controversies caused by competing countries.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

It seems the war on terror might have claimed new casualties that strike very close to home.

In a Jan. 27 raid on a village north of Kandahar, Afghanistan, 15 people were killed, 27 were captured and allegations of U.S. soldiers beating residents surfaced.

Civilians, who were later released, told reporters they were beaten and kicked by members of our armed forces. If this is true, it is unacceptable.

As Americans, we purport ourselves to be enlightened and civilized. This type of behavior undermines this image and makes us petty thugs. Our armed forces should be better trained than this. It doesn't matter who these detainees are, it doesn't give us the right to treat them as less than human beings.

We have a right to expect the highest levels of professionalism from people who are acting as de-facto ambassadors for our country. They are our symbols, not representatives of our lowest form of life.

An inquiry has begun at the Pentagon into this alleged incident. Unfortunately, the Pentagon has a history of sweeping such scandals under the rug. One need only re-

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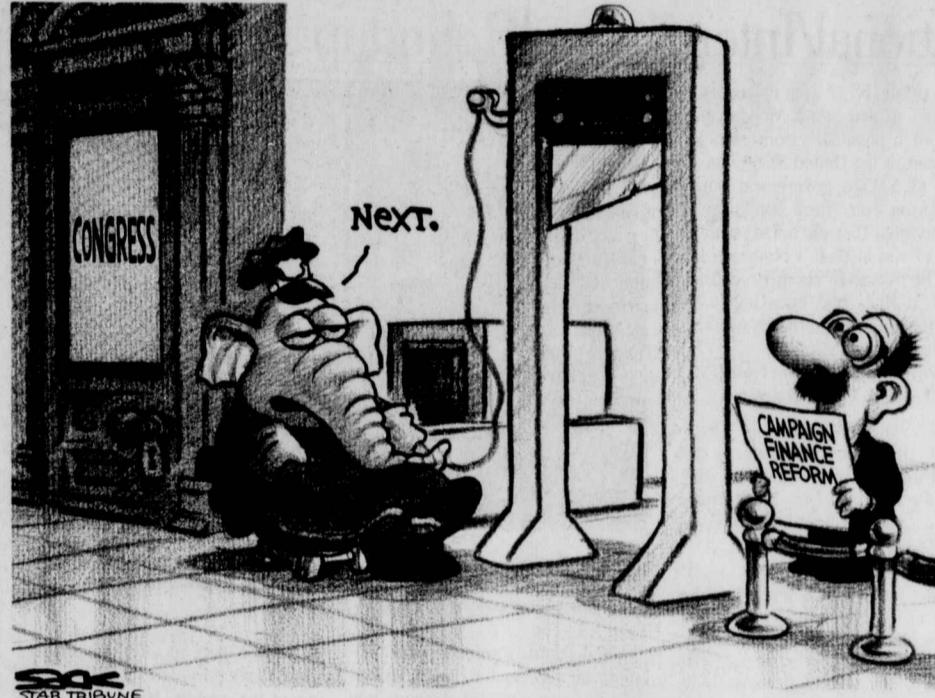
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Americans are poor hosts for the Olympic Winter Games

Two o'clock at night on NBC. Somewhere in this fabled land, a skeleton sledder is hurtling down an ice chute at 80 mph with his chin two inches above the surface. The mere suggestion that

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Erik Cassano

someone might get decapitated in the name of athletic competition makes for good viewing, but what's on the tube? "Days of Our Children," "All My Lives," "All My Days Of Our Children of Our General Hospital Lives." Whatever. Which seems to reflect the attitude of the host nation of the XIX Olympic Winter Games. We paraded our colors out Friday night. We got the entire 1980 U.S. hockey team to light the torch. We shoveled the pomp and circumstance as high as a Utah snow drift. Then, we fell asleep, got up Saturday morning, and poured over the comics at breakfast.

This isn't the first week of the Olympics. It's the first week of the football off-season. Most of our exposure to the Olympics is limited to snippets of ESPN's Trey Wingo and NBC's Bob Costas puttering on about the

day's events in wrap-up shows.

After Sept. 11, much of the world stood by us or at least voiced their support for us in our hour of need. It seems we are having a hard time repaying them in some small measure by being a courteous host for two weeks. By courteous, I don't mean putting a mint on their pillow before bed every night. I mean actually paying sincere attention to them, even in sports like curling that Americans, on the whole, don't care much about.

Incidentally, if you want to see things like curling and cross-country skiing, tune into a CBC station out of Canada. If you want to have a good chance of seeing the Olympics outside of prime time at all, check the CBC.

That's Canadian Broadcasting Company. As in not American. If you want a real flavor of these games as international competition and not just events that include American athletes, you have to go across the border to get back into this country.

It wouldn't be such a problem if the games were in Norway or Japan and most events were taking place in the middle of the

night local time. But these are right in our backyard.

The prevailing attitude seems to be to wake us up. If there isn't Tonya Harding dirt, or at least dirty girls in short skirts, Americans seem to yawn when it comes to Olympic competition.

These are athletes living their dreams. Maybe the action isn't always fast-paced, but the Olympics are two straight weeks of the culmination of athletic careers. Every night, somebody reaches the pinnacle, or somebody falls just short. The line between elation and tears is very thin, no matter the sport.

Look at the small sports, for your own benefit as much as the benefit of the rest of the world. Hockey will come. Downhill skiing has started. If it's team sports and Picabo Street you want, you'll get them soon enough. If you want another Tonya Harding-type scandal with back stabbing and betrayal, you might want to check NBC at about 2 p.m.

Erik Cassano is a columnist for The BG News at Bowling Green State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

United States hazy on its definitions of war terms

The U.S. government has had serious problems with definitions during the past few months. This is nothing new, but I will concentrate here on three definitions (mis)used in the last four months:

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Ethan Mills

war, prisoner of war and terrorism.

When the Sept. 11 attacks took place, our government officials and the media insisted that this was the beginning of a "war." Some people at that time questioned the application of this label.

My Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "war" as "a state or period of usually open and declared armed fighting between states or nations." It was not until there was direct fighting between U.S. armed forces and the armed forces of the Taliban government that this definition could sensibly be applied.

Still, there was a problem in that the U.S. government never recognized the Taliban as the official government of Afghanistan. How could it be a war between states when one state refused to recognize the other? Furthermore, Congress not only never formally declared war as outlined in the U.S. Constitution but gave disturbingly vast powers to the president to use at his personal whim.

Not only does the military action possibly violate our own laws, it most certainly violates international law, which calls for a meeting of the United Nations Security Council to endorse any breach of state sovereignty by military forces. Unfortunately, such pithy things as domestic or international laws have seldom stopped U.S. forces from invading

other countries in the past (Iraq, Sudan, Afghanistan).

There has been much written about the "prisoner of war" question. What you seldom hear about is what the Geneva Convention actually says. Groups that fit the definition of "prisoner of war" include everyone from regular uniformed soldiers to loosely organized militias to civilian support staff.

Article 4 (A)(4) says the definition includes "Members of the armed forces of a Party to the conflict as well as members of militias or volunteer corps forming part of such armed forces." Obviously, Taliban soldiers would fit this criteria since the main parties of the conflict are the U.S. and Taliban governments. Article 4 (A)(3) even stipulates that combatants are prisoners of war even if one party does not formally recognize the other.

The main inconsistency is that the same people who have been insisting that the United States is fighting a war with the Taliban and al Qaeda now refuse to follow the laws governing war. If it is a war, then the parties involved ought to be accorded the statuses that are part of this definition. You can't use a definition only when it is convenient for you. That is simply irresponsible politics.

I have noticed no definitions of terrorism in use by our government officials in the last few months. My dictionary defines terrorism as "the systematic use of terror especially as a means of coercion." The Sept. 11 attacks obviously fit this definition. But if this is so obvious, why have we not heard more about it? I have an answer, but before I

give it I would ask if the following situations fit the definition as well:

The systematic starvation and bombing of innocent people, the intentional use of military force on civilians and the use of atomic weapons on population centers. The reason I ask is that the party responsible for these things is the U.S. government in Iraq (currently), Vietnam (1960s and 1970s) and Japan (1945). There is a very practical reason our leaders don't talk about the definition of terrorism — they're afraid someone will apply it to them.

Also, it is much more politically useful to have a flexible definition that they can apply as best fits their goals. If John Ashcroft wants to get rid of you, he can simply call you a terrorist. The tragedy of Sept. 11 was horrifying; the fact that it is being used to justify old-fashioned murder and political power struggles sickens me further.

These scenarios may seem far-fetched, but how far away are they? The political point about definitions is that the people who control definitions control the realm of discourse attached to them, and as such, exert more control over other human beings. Our leaders have shown an alarming disinterest and even contempt for the definitions given by the United Nations and other countries.

The United States, last I checked, did not officially rule the world yet. It's time for our leaders to stop pretending they do.

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U.S. should examine its government

Since when did America become the great defender of democracy, morality and righteousness that our good Christian President George W. Bush so praises us for?

You would think, by the way our government officials speak, that this land in which we live was not stolen from the Native Americans whom the great European pilgrims all but wiped out with violence and disease.

You would think that this nation was not built upon the backs of African slaves for more than 400 years.

You would think that blacks, for decades after slavery was abolished, were not beaten, sprayed down with fire hoses in the street, lynched, hanged, raped, imprisoned, treated as third-class citizens and denied every right guaranteed by the Constitution and by God.

You would assume that America had some noble cause in Vietnam. You would assume that there was some just reason for America dropping the atomic bomb on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during WWII, destroying both of the cities and killing more than 300,000 civilians.

You would think that there was some valid reason why America, during the Reagan administration, sponsored violent, murderous forces that destabilized the government in Nicaragua and tortured and killed thousands of civilians.

You would think that the Gulf War was about anything other than the United States trying to control all of the oil in the Middle East.

You would think that there was a valid reason why America under the Clinton administration bombed a pharmaceutical company in Sudan which supplied most of the medicine for that country, resulting in tens of thousands of deaths.

And I don't even want to start on this current Bush administration. I wouldn't want to be labeled as a terrorist or an evil-doer for questioning the motives of our government — the defender of human rights around the world.

First of all, a war is defined as a conflict between states or nations, not a conflict between good and evil or America versus "terror." When examining the facts about this war, let us use common sense.

For instance, if this is a war, why are our detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba not labeled as prisoners of war, which under the Geneva Convention would protect them from inhumane treatment and torture?

If we have concrete evidence that proves Osama bin Laden orchestrated or ordered the Sept. 11 attacks, why have we not presented this evidence before the world court?

If we really care about helping the 7 to 8 million civilians in Afghanistan who are on the brink of starvation, why then did we order Pakistan to stop sending humanitarian relief in mid-September?

If this is a government for and by the people whose decisions are made with informed consent of the people, why has our government allowed such limited press coverage of the "battle scene" in Afghanistan or the detainees in Cuba?

Bush once stated that our government will not "discuss intelligence matters, how we gather intelligence, and what we know... When our government acts, you'll be informed." Sounds like democracy to me.

Since when did holding your government accountable for their actions become unpatriotic? Thomas Paine wrote that, "It is the duty of the patriot to protect his country from its government." It's not a crime to think for yourself. We don't need to assume that every action the government takes is always in the best interest of the American people.

Bush has declared that, "It is our responsibility to history... to rid the world of evil." He could start by cleaning out his cabinet.

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Milosevic protests charges from Western nations

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Launching his defense against war crimes charges, Slobodan Milosevic Thursday sought to justify his actions in the Balkans as a "struggle against terrorism," and said he was a victim of twisted facts and "terrible fabrication."

Pointing his finger and thumping his desk, Milosevic, the first head of state brought to trial before an international tribunal, accused Western nations of acting to break up Yugoslavia and making up atrocities blamed on him.

He also denied having known about prison camps in Bosnia where thousands of Muslims and Croats were tortured and killed and said he tried to stop Bosnian Serbs from targeting civilians.

It was the former Yugoslav leader's first response after the prosecution opened its case before the U.N. war crimes tribunal with an exhaustive two-day recital of horrors in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo. Milosevic stands accused of masterminding a ruthless campaign of murder and expulsion during a decade of wars in the Balkans in his quest to create a "Greater Serbia."

Suspected al-Qaida member accidentally kills himself

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — A suspected al-Qaida member who accidentally blew himself up after being cornered by security forces in a San'a suburb was related to one of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers, Yemeni security officials said Thursday.

Sameer Mohammed Ahmed al-Hada, who died in the confrontation with police Wednesday, was a brother-in-law of Khalid Almihdar, the officials said on condition of anonymity.

The FBI has identified Almihdar as a 26-year-old Saudi who was among five hijackers aboard the plane that crashed into the Pentagon. Almihdar also was caught on a surveillance video, shot in Malaysia, with one of the suspects in the October 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in a Yemeni port.

Al-Hada, 25, was also a brother-in-

law of one of 17 men named by the FBI in an alert issued Monday warning of a possible terrorist attack in Yemen or the United States, according to a U.S. government source, speaking on the condition of anonymity. They did not say which of the 17 was al-Hada's brother-in-law.

The Yemeni security officials said al-Hada had been under surveillance for more than a week.

President and First Lady exchange Valentines

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush went traditional, presenting his wife Laura with a bundle of tulips. Mrs. Bush, meanwhile, had the dogs do her Valentine's Day bidding.

In the middle of a "riveting" domestic policy briefing on Thursday, Mrs. Bush surprised her husband by sending dogs Barney and Spot into the room, presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer told romance-starved reporters in his daily press briefing.

Barney wore around his neck a ribbon dangling a heart-shaped cookie with "Mr. President" written in icing.

For White House aides who don't like dog fur with their snacks, the first lady sent in a separate plate of cookies and chocolates.

Bahrain declared a constitutional monarchy

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Bahrain's ruler proclaimed himself king and his tiny Gulf island state a constitutional monarchy Thursday, and called for legislative and local elections in line with a promise to make Bahrain a democracy.

Sheik Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa — who had been an emir — gave his royal assent to constitutional amendments at a ceremony at the palace that was broadcast nationwide. With the stroke of a pen, he became king and this state of 600,000 was declared the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Saudi Arabia is the only other Gulf kingdom. Other Gulf rulers hold the titles of emir or sultan. Sheik Hamad did not say why he was switching his title to king, but he may have been influenced by the tradition of constitutional monarchs in the West.



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John Guth, president of the Seattle Star Wars Society, continues his marathon wait in front of the Cinerama theater, in his tent, for the next film, "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones," not opening until May.

Sheik Hamad said he was "fulfilling his promise" to bring democracy to Bahrain and immediately called national elections for a legislative body in October and municipal elections in May. Sheik Hamad would still have the final say on most matters.

Although a tiny country in the oil-rich Gulf, Bahrain's political stability is significant for the West. The country is a close U.S. ally and home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet.

Joint investigation into Sept. 11 intelligence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leaders of the two congressional intelligence committees announced a wide-ranging inquiry Thursday into why the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies failed to learn of and prevent the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The joint inquiry will include the membership of both the House and Senate intelligence committees.

L. Britt Snider, a former CIA inspector general, will be the senior appointed official in the investigation. Snider left the agency's chief oversight position last year.

Hearings are expected to begin in April. Some will be public; others will be closed to protect classified information. The inquiry will have subpoena powers.

U.S. officials say they have found

no missed piece of intelligence that would have provided specific warning of the attacks. But the inquiry will look at whether the intelligence community is structured, funded and led in such a way that leaves the United States open to further major terrorist attacks.

The joint investigation avoids the potential for dueling hearings, and possibly disparate conclusions, by the Democratic-controlled Senate committee and the Republican House panel. The Bush administration has agreed to provide documents and officials to testify.

1.6 million Jeeps recalled for gear shift defect

DETROIT (AP) — The makers of the Jeep Grand Cherokee are recalling 1.6 million 1993-1998 model-year vehicles after complaints the vehicle may move even after the gear shift is in park.

At least 59 injuries have been blamed on the problem, Daimler-Chrysler AG spokeswoman Angela Spencer Ford said Thursday.

She said there had been at least 200 complaints.

The automaker said no defect was found during an investigation, but it will install an additional system in the floor shifter mechanism.

Owners will receive recall notices by mail.

Military attack on Iraq possible option

Bush says Iraqi president needs to see he's serious

BY BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Wednesday left open the option of a military attack on Iraq to oust Saddam Hussein. Bush said the Iraqi president "needs to understand I am serious."

A senior U.S. official told The Associated Press that Bush's top advisers and agencies of the government had been directed to develop and refine a full range of options.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the recommendations would then be circulated "I will keep them close to my vest. President Saddam Hussein needs to understand I am serious about defending our country."

George W. Bush

a prudence, we should be examining options with respect to all these countries, but in the first instance, diplomatic and political means."

Powell has taken the lead in making the public case for ousting Saddam, telling Congress last week that the United States might have to act unilaterally to bring about a "regime change" in Baghdad. He frequently cites the Iraqi president's refusal to expose suspect weapons sites to U.N. inspection. And Powell says the Iraqi people deserve a better government.

Most of Saddam's senior advisers and his military commanders are considered to be loyal to him. He has executed others suspected of plotting a palace coup.

Bush linked North Korea, Iran and Iraq in an "axis of evil" in his State of the Union speech last month. But Powell said "he has no plan on his desk right now to begin a war with any nation."

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Sheikh admits to kidnapping, says journalist is dead

BY KATHY GANNON

Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — A British-born Muslim militant admitted Thursday to kidnapping Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl and said he believed the journalist is dead. Officials dismissed the militant's claim, and the Journal said it remained confident Pearl is alive.

"As far as I understand, he's dead," Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh said in a courthouse in the southern Pakistani city of Karachi, where Pearl disappeared on Jan. 23 while investigating a story on Islamic militants. Sheikh said he carried out the

kidnapping of "my own free will," adding: "I don't want to defend this case. I did this."

The 27-year-old Saeed has a history of kidnapping Westerners. He appeared in court Thursday sullen, bespectacled and surrounded by police with machine guns, helmets and bulletproof vests.

He was formally charged with kidnapping and ordered jailed for two more weeks.

Officials quickly cast doubt on Saeed's statement about Pearl's death. He gave no details on where or when the 38-year-old journalist was allegedly killed, and just a day

earlier, police said, he had told them Pearl was still alive.

In Washington, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said his government does not believe Saeed because he has been "saying something one day and another thing on the other day."

"We are putting all kinds of pressure," Musharraf said after a meeting Thursday with U.S. lawmakers.

He said intelligence agencies in Pakistan and the FBI are doing their "utmost" to secure Pearl's release.

Interior Minister Moinuddin Haider also dismissed Saeed's claim. "Until the body is found we can-

not believe what Omar is saying," Haider said. "We need proof or evidence. We will continue to work on him, grind him, ask him 'where was Pearl kept? Where is his body?' Omar himself admitted he master-minded and planned this crime."

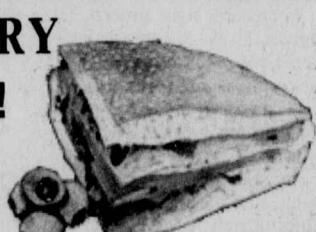
Pearl's wife, Mariane, who is six months pregnant with the couple's first child, pleaded for her husband's release in a letter to his captors.

"As you know, Danny is an innocent man, a journalist who has come to you as a guest with an open mind and the sole objective of writing about your views for a global audience," she wrote.

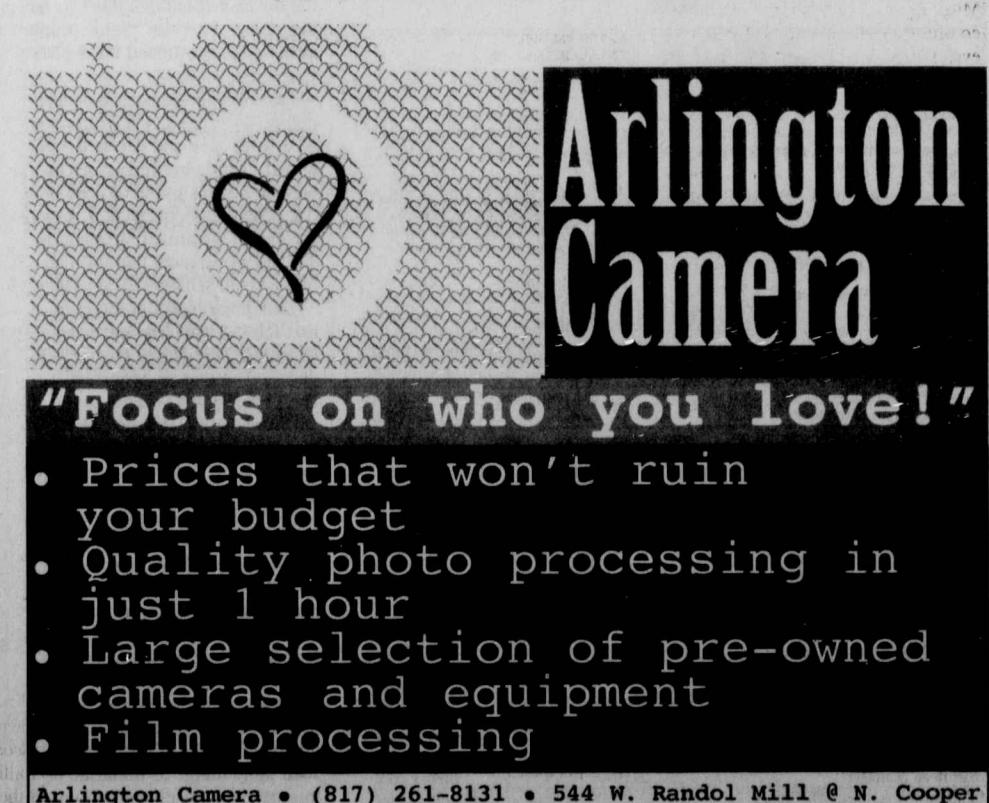
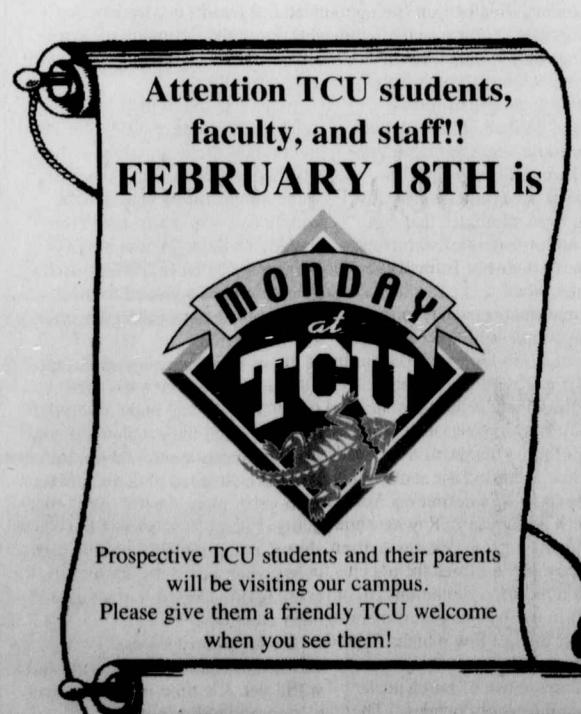
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Britney Spears' newest pop exploit

I hate when you jostle a can of soda and when it opens it explodes all over the place creating a sticky fiasco.

Britney Spears, like an over-shaken can of Pepsi, has unfortunately spewed her artificial sweeteness, making a huge mess that no one wants to deal with.

Spears' saga began in 1999 with a cute and innocent girl-next-door attitude. The top 20 stations asked for pop, and she gave it to them in the form of a big, pink wad of gum that the stations could definitely chew on. In fact, the stations brought listeners the joy of Britney strategically every 45 minutes, squeezing her in 32 times a day.

With songs like "Baby One More Time" and "Crazy," Carson Daly and his Total Request Live cronies had not heard the last of this sweetheart from Louisiana. In fact, she "did it again" almost one year later, and she proved she wasn't "that innocent" as age caused her to lose a layer of clothes and any remaining respect.

In 2001, Spears wanted to remind her over-active listeners that when it comes to pop-idol, it's all about her. She named her third album "Britney."

Yet, that wasn't enough. And when the paycheck was offered to become a Pepsi songbird, she apparently jumped, as the huge beverage maker decided that it was time to sell the product, complete with sex appeal.

Some people might suggest Spears sold out by going along with Pepsi's attempt to sell more pop (the fizzy type, not the musical type). In reality, Spears probably sold out long before she joined forces with Pepsi.

Now, Spears is going to make her debut onto the big screen with her upcoming movie "Crossroads." This job shouldn't be too hard for her; her whole life has been one big acting career. Forget the music, that's just a vehicle to get her in the public's eye. Ever since she was on the Mickey Mouse Club, she's been trying to figure out ways to get herself in front of the camera and doing a feature length film seems like a logical idea.

Why not? Will Smith did it. Jennifer Lopez did it. Mark Whalberg did it. She's joining the ranks of Madonna, Whitney Houston, Ice Cube, Janet Jackson, Cher and Courtney Love. I hope she feels special.

Yet the film could do well for its producers, MTV and Paramount, but not by any great talent on their part beyond finding an easy, seducible target to exploit. Miss Spears is a prime exploit commodity these days. She is even supposed to have a small part playing herself in the next Austin Powers movie.

"Crossroads" is the story of three childhood friends, Lucy (Spears), Kit (Zoe Saldana) and Mimi (Taryn Manning), who after eight years apart rediscover their friendship on a cross-country trip. What's interesting is that Saldana plays the beauty queen, while Manning plays the bad girl, and Spears plays the straight-A student. Seems to me that Spears' role goes back to her Mickey Mouse Club days, unless of course the movie features her breaking her perfect-girl mode. Oh yeah, this isn't a biography.

Maybe years from now we will still be hearing about the new adventures of Britney Spears. Or maybe she will find her niche. However, at this rate, she's no different than an exploded can of Pepsi whose presence has made her unpalatable.

Some one better wipe her off the floor before she gets much flatter.

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Ryan Eloe

Isn't she lucky

Spears stars on the big screen in "Crossroads"

BY TERRY LAWSON
KRT Campus

NEW ORLEANS - Britney Spears doesn't want to be Britney Spears. At least for a couple of hours.

"My biggest wish is that people would just go see this movie and forget about who I am and just see Lucy," Spears says of the stifled small-town teen-ager she plays in her first film, "Crossroads," which will open nationwide today. "But I know that's very hard because it's hard to separate the two, because I am who I am."

Who she is is the biggest solo pop star in North America. This means Britney can get a movie made just because she is Britney. She is the first female pop singer in history to have her first three albums debut at No. 1. If her latest album, "Britney," has failed to reach the stratospheric heights of her first two sets of sex-drenched bubblegum, it is not, she reminds us, ready for the cutout bins yet.

"I'm still working the second single," Spears says in a baby-doll drawl, "and three of the songs are in the movie, so it will be around awhile, I hope."

So she hopes, will Britney Spears. "Crossroads" is in her words, the attempt to "take it to the next level."

Ever since she hit the jukebox jackpot at age 17 with "... Baby One More Time," she has been inundated with offers to make a movie, but she says her first priority was to establish herself as a singer.

Critics would argue over whether she has in fact done that, but few would deny that she's worked every attribute she has to the max or that she's created an image — sweet virgin playing sexy dress-up, or sexy undressed-up — that has inspired a million fantasies, in teen-age girls and boys alike, not to mention a few older fans who, uh, like to keep up with kids today.

On this day, Spears isn't exactly projecting

power, but she does seem as natural as any 20-year-old can curled up on a couch in an expensive hotel suite, with a protective publicist hovering within hearing distance.

Though she has been "plained down," as she puts it, for her role as a small-town honor student in "Crossroads," today she's full-bore Britney. She's dressed in a sheer top and lower-than-low-rise jeans cut to show a lot of belly — a lot rounder and softer than the one displayed in her videos.

When she is asked any question beyond "Is making movies harder than making records?" she looks at the interviewer as if he's speaking Croatian and says, sweetly but blankly, "I don't understand what you mean." And you can almost believe her.

At 20, she has been in show business more than half her life, having starred in an off-Broadway show at age 9 and joined "The All-New Mickey Mouse Club" at 11.

By her own admission, she has nearly all her needs taken care of, by her mother, Lynne Spears; a cadre of managers, record producers and minders, and her "sweeter-than-anything" boyfriend Justin Timberlake, the 'N Sync heart-throb.

Still, it's difficult to know whether she's really stumped by the questions or savvy enough to stonewall politely.

For example, she says "Crossroads" was the result of her "brainstorming about a movie," having been unimpressed by all the scripts she had been offered. She was inspired by the fact that "to this day, I still have the same three best friends I've known forever. Then I started to think of different story lines where I could go, and that's where the writer came in and really helped me."

Britney plays Lucy, who, after graduating from high school, defies her overprotective father (Dan Aykroyd) by going off with her grade-school best friends Kit (Zoe Saldana) and Mimi

(Taryn Manning) on a road trip.



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(Top, left to right) Britney Spears as Lucy, Zoë Saldana as Kit and Taryn Manning as Mimi in "Crossroads".

(Taryn Manning) on a road trip. Mimi, who is pregnant, is going to Los Angeles to audition for a record contract, while Zoë wants to visit her fiancé there. Lucy wants to be dropped off in Phoenix, to visit the mother (Kim Cattrall) who abandoned the family when Lucy was a baby. Their driver is a handsome guitarist (Anson Mount) who, rumor has it, was in jail for murder.

In the film's first 10 minutes, Lucy is seen in her underwear twice. The first time, she's miming to a Madonna song, which Spears says "is my little tribute." The second time, she's disrobing for a planned deflowering that she's going through with Lucy, it turns out, is a virgin.

"It's a little embarrassing, because when we made the movie, none of that stuff was being talked about," says Spears. "That stuff" is British tabloid reports that Spears is no longer the proud

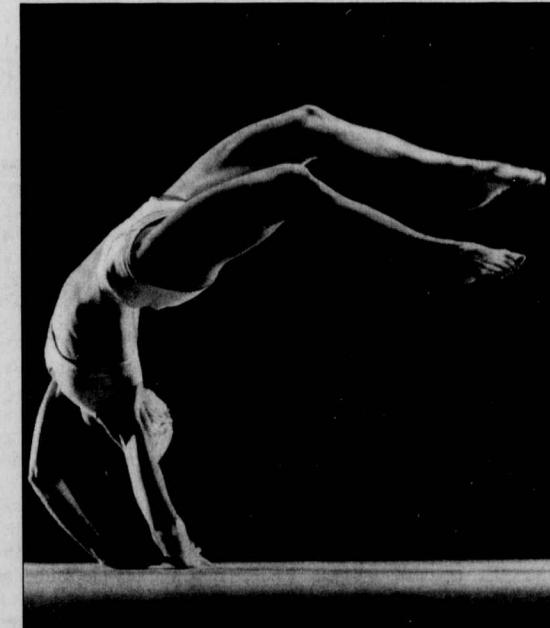
virgin she has told various interviewers she was. Spears makes it clear she doesn't want to reopen that can of worms. But she does say she can't live up to her fans' expectations, "because I have no idea what those expectations are."

Asked how she feels about having the most private areas of her life invaded, she retreats to the boilerplate: "It's all part of it, and I have to accept that. I'm blessed to be here right now, and if that's the worst I have to deal with, I'm really, really lucky."

A lot of musicians would agree with her there, and undoubtedly, so will a lot of actors when "Crossroads" hits the screen.

She says an album every two years, a movie every two years and "a lot of really good vacations in between" sounds like "a pretty good plan." Her goal, she says, is to become a better performer and a good actress.

Guest dancers perform tonight, Saturday



Carrie Hanson, from galaxy 33 company, will be performing with others from Clancy Works and Jin-Wen Yu Dance companies tonight and Saturday in the Studio B Theatre in the Ballet Building.

BY COLLEEN CASEY
Staff Reporter

Professional dancers are real people too.

Three guest artists in residency will connect on a personal level with dance students during classes and then take to the stage for a performance. "They're gorgeous dancers, but in class it's good to see that they can make mistakes just like the rest of us," said Julianne Williams, a sophomore ballet and modern dance major.

The ballet and modern dance department will present the Triple Feature at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday in the Studio B Theatre in the Ballet Building. It will include the work from three dance companies, Clancy Works, galaxy 33 and Jin-Wen Yu Dance.

Susan Douglas Roberts, associate professor in modern dance, said she hopes experiencing the remarkable physical energy of dance from the close quarters of the studio will inspire the audience.

The artists were all invited to TCU because they are good examples of respected professionals, Roberts said.

"The dance world is very small," Roberts said. "If you're at all involved then you know who is active, and you know about them."

Four choreographers of the three companies in the show are teaching residency classes in the department, which consist of about a week of taking over the teaching of regular session classes, which include modern dance technique, choreography and dance history.

"The residency has a really open feeling to it," Roberts said.

"They're going into these classes and offering what they have."

Roberts said Clancy Works' Adrienne Clancy has a won-

derful reputation in the dance world, and will be choreographing a piece for the students that will be featured in the spring dance concert in April.

Clancy Works will perform two company works, *Back to the Wall*, and her solo *Syrenantes y Silencio*.

Another guest artist, Carrie Hanson, a 1990 modern dance graduate of TCU and 1/2 of Chicago-based galaxy 33, will also be making contributions to students.

"(Hanson) has done beautiful work in Chicago and internationally," Roberts said. "We invited her because we support our graduates, but also to show our students what's possible for them."

Hanson also will perform a solo, *Exit*, and a duet with Chicago dancer Susan Hoffman entitled *doors, windows through I see*.

Hanson will also show *Refuge*, a cinedance, a dance for video that will be screened later this year at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Jin-Wen Yu, another returning guest artist, taught some graduate dance classes at TCU in 1998, and said he's excited to come back.

"The interaction with students is good for everyone," Yu said. "I'm really enjoying them and not surprisingly, they're really good."

Yu will perform his solo *Off-Joint* and a duet, *Duet #4*, with Roberts.

The concert is free, but donations will be accepted.

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"Summons" similar to other Grisham books

BY JEFF GUINN
KRT Campus

In the two years since he published "The Brethren," his last legal-themed whodunit, John Grisham has stretched his writing wings.

"A Painted House," a coming-of-age yarn, gave Grisham the chance to evoke his boyhood without involving a courtroom or attorneys. "Skipping Christmas," still near the top of best-seller lists, was a new take on "A Christmas Carol" and "It's a Wonderful Life."

Both "A Painted House" and "Skipping Christmas" were well-written. Grisham-haters among book critics had to admit that the guy was more than a one-trick pony. But Grisham built his mega-career on thrillers featuring lawyers in peril, and that's still what his fans want. "The Summons" fits nicely into that oeuvre.

Even though it presents only sporadic, secondary courtroom scenes, it's all about those who interpret the law and those who can't escape it.

Ray Atlee teaches law at the University of Vir-

ginia. His life is far less than perfect. His wife has left him to become the trophy spouse of a local billionaire. He's laboring to complete a boring textbook. He sees a plane he'd love to buy but can't afford.

And his father, a retired mossback Mississippi judge, is dying.

Toss in a brother addicted to alcohol and drugs, and ol' Ray is often sorry to see the sun come up on a new day.

But in life and Grisham novels, things have a way of changing fast. Summoned home to small-town Mississippi by his father, Atlee arrives to discover Dad is dead and, by the way, about \$3 million in \$100 bills is stashed in boxes around the old homestead.

This is especially odd because Reuben V.

Atlee was in the habit of giving away the few bucks he had; Ray and prodigal brother Forrest were long ago informed there would be very little coming their way via inheritance.

Three-fourths of the book involves Ray and the money. If the IRS doesn't find out about it, he's got the kind of windfall that could involve a fancy plane, a trophy wife of his own, and freedom from academia. But soon enough it turns out some unknown bad guys know about the money, too, and intend to have it for themselves.

Ray desperately tries to find out where the loot came from, sometimes deluding himself that the impetus for his frantic search is a desire to "do the right thing" rather than scam the \$3 mil.

Grisham holds true to previous whodunit form by tossing in all sorts of colorful peripheral characters. Carpers claim Grisham is less interested in crafting good literature than in churning out movie blueprints that masquerade as novels.

And it's true that certain "Summons" scenes have, shall we say, a cinematic bent — particu-

larly one dinner scene aboard a yacht when Ray lets a progressively drunk lawyer tell him where the money REALLY came from.

One of Grisham's gifts as a writer has always been an ability to pull story threads together in the last few chapters. In "The Summons," he's not as successful at this as he has been in the past.

There's a semi-surprise ending that will astonish readers who haven't been paying close attention, and it's nice that, in the last few pages, there isn't a tidy conclusion. But there's never the sense that a powerful story has marched toward a proper resolution. Ray has bumbled through 341 pages, and it's hard to feel sorry that things don't turn out quite as he'd hoped.

But "The Summons" means things turned out the way most Grisham fans have hoped. Sure, Grisham will undoubtedly veer off into REAL fiction every now and then, but what the author's devotees REALLY want are more lawyers on the run. And if ever there's been a literary example of giving the people what they want, "The Summons" is it.

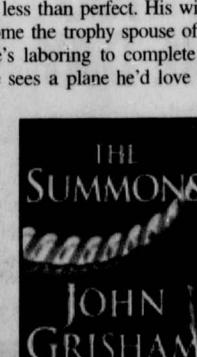


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INS detains possible George Washington U. student

WASHINGTON (U-WIRE) — A man identified as a possible George Washington University student was arrested Monday night at the Pentagon for falsely identifying himself and is being held for immigration violations, according to court records.

The man, whose United Arab Emirates passport identifies him as 23-year-old Sultan Rashed Sultan Jasmon Alzaabi, was riding in a tow truck on an off-limits road near the Pentagon on Monday night, according to a court affidavit. The driver of the truck, identified as Imad Abdel-Fattah Hamed, was also arrested and is being held without bond.

Alzaabi and Hamed carried several forms of false identification and were taken into custody after Virginia state troopers arrested them for driving on Route 110, which runs east of the Pentagon. Trucks have been prohibited there since Sept. 11, according to the affidavit.

GW officials cannot confirm

whether the passenger, whose real name is still in doubt, is a student. The University has records of two former students with similar names to those found on two different licenses Alzaabi had.

According to the University, a man listed as Sultan R. Al-Zaabi took classes in 1998. One license found in the truck with Alzaabi's picture lists him as Sultan Rasheed Al-Zaabi.

The University also has record of a 2001 graduate named Abdulla R. Al-Zaabi. The other Virginia license found on the passenger's person with a photo resembling him lists the man as Abdulla Rashed Al-Zaabi.

Virginia State Trooper Robert Hindenlang stopped the truck at about 10:30 p.m. Monday. According to court documents, both men "appeared to be Middle Eastern males in their late 20s or early 30s."

The driver said he had not seen signs warning that trucks were prohibited and gave the officer a Vir-

ginia license with the name Imad Abdel-Fattah Hamed and an address in Manassas, Va.

Police found the first license, with an Arlington, Va., address, on a rear tire of the truck. When asked how the license got there, Alzaabi said he threw it there because it was suspended.

Officers ran a background check on the license and found the man "might be wanted" by the police, according to the affidavit.

Hindenlang searched the passenger and found the second Virginia driver's license, a Virginia state identification card, a GW phone card, a United Arab Emirates passport and a British Airways Executive Club card. He also had two student visas.

In a statement released Wednesday, University officials said Abdulla R. Al-Zaabi graduated with a B.S. in electrical engineering in August 2001. He last attended classes in summer 2001.

Senate readies for soft money ban

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Moving swiftly, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle pledged Thursday to seek passage of sweeping legislation to rewrite campaign spending rules "the minute we receive it" from the House. He said any filibuster was doomed.

"This is the year we're finally going to pass campaign finance reform," Daschle, D-S.D., said at a combination news conference and celebration arranged by jubilant supporters of the measure less than eight hours after the House ap-

proved it. "The minute we receive it from the House, we will move forward with the Senate bill," Daschle said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer did not respond directly when asked whether President Bush would sign

the bill designed to reduce the influence of money in political campaigns. "The president will wait to be declarative until he sees what the final bill is," Fleischer said, although supporters and opponents alike have predicted for days that Bush's approval was assured.

The developments unfolded as the Senate's principal opponent of the measure, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said he wanted to study the House-passed bill before deciding on a strategy. Either way, he seemed resigned to passage, telling reporters he would be the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit to be filed if the bill became law.

At one point, Daschle and McConnell participated in few moments of scripted Senate theater during the day. The majority leaders sought formal permission to be-

gin work on the bill as soon as the papers arrived in the chamber. McConnell, noting the legislation had cleared the House after 2 a.m. Thursday, objected.

An earlier version of the campaign finance bill, backed by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz. and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., passed the Senate last year on a vote of 59-41. One lawmaker who voted in opposition then, Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., issued a statement indicating he would support it when it came to the floor. At the same time, Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, disclosed he was with-

drawing his support — meaning it was not clear whether supporters had

60 votes to overcome a filibuster. "If I were a Republican up for re-election in the Senate, I'd ask myself, 'Do you want to be part of a continuing filibuster?'" McCain said.

Supporters say the legislation would help clean up the nation's political campaigns by banning soft money, the unlimited donations that unions, corporations and individuals make to political parties. The bill also would curtail late-campaign "attack ads" that have proliferated in recent years, by prohibiting the use of soft money to pay for them to be broadcast.

Critics of the bill say that a soft money ban to the national parties is futile, and that outside interests would find another avenue for exerting their influence on campaigns.

MEDALS

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Didier Gailhaguet, head of the French Olympic committee and the country's figure skating federation, told an Associated Press reporter she was pressured before she voted for the Russians on Monday night.

During an interview in French, he said she was "somewhat manipulated," but he denied any wrongdoing by his federation.

"Some people close to the judge have acted badly and have put someone who is honest and upright but emotionally fragile under pressure," Gailhaguet said Wednesday night. "We cannot continue to let our judge be lambasted in this way. What is true is that Marie-Reine has been put under pressure, which pushed her to act in a certain way."

But on Thursday, Gailhaguet said his remarks had been misinterpreted.

"I totally reject the interpretation placed on words attributed to me," Gailhaguet said in a statement released by the French National Olympic Committee. He did not elaborate.

"There was no misinterpretation on our part," AP sports editor Terry Taylor said. "Our reporter called Gailhaguet on his cell phone, identified himself and conducted an interview entirely in French for at least five minutes."

Le Gouge is one of five judges who favored the Russians despite the couple's obvious technical error. That was enough for a 5-4 decision.

She voted along with majority, which included former Eastern bloc members Russia, Poland, Ukraine and China.

International Skating Union rules prevent judges from commenting publicly about decisions. Le Gouge refused to accept calls to her hotel.

for 50 faculty members and a professional development center for meetings and conferences.

Senior computer science major Awais Mazhar said he is looking forward to the new facilities and larger classrooms and labs.

"It (will have) better labs than what we have right now in the computer science labs," Mazhar said. "If you go to the (current) labs, you'll notice it'll be cramped and you've got only five to six machines per lab."

Lincoln said wiring will be visible in parts of the building to give it an electrical feel.

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TUCKER

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TCU will carpet the facility and move in furniture. Lincoln said faculty will be able to move into offices by June and classes will start in the building this fall.

Lincoln said the center was built to ease the current space constraints on the college.

"The amount of space (will be) much larger for engineering professors," Lincoln said. "They'll be in one central location, and they (will have) an awful lot of lab space."

The center includes 10 teaching labs, seven classrooms, offices

Arthur Andersen — where she had worked for eight years before going to Enron — and Vinson & Elkins, a law firm representing Enron.

Asked whether she believed Andersen was culpable in Enron's collapse, she replied, "I think so because they're charged with auditing the results."

She spoke as Enron announced from Houston that two top Enron executives at the center of the drama, accused of failing to help control the partnerships, were fired. Chief accounting officer Rick Causey was among those named by Watkins as mistakenly trusted by Lay "to manage the details." Chief risk officer Rick Buy also was dismissed.

Watkins said she told Lay in August that an entity involved with the partnerships, known as "Rapport," owed Enron more than \$700 million and urged Lay "to find out who lost that money."

Watkins said she continued to ask questions and seek answers from colleagues who may have known about the complex partnerships. "I never heard reassuring explanations," she said.

And, she said, when it appeared that Fastow was being considered for promotion to chief executive, she decided to go directly to Lay in hopes that the financial improprieties would be corrected.

After meeting with Lay on Aug. 22 and spelling out her concerns in detail, Watkins said, "Mr. Lay assured me that he would look into my concerns."

However, in response, Lay only asked Vinson & Elkins to investigate, Watkins said.

"I was highly alarmed by the information I was receiving," Watkins said.

Watkins warned Lay and several other executives that the company was engaging in "outright manipulations of Enron's income statements, booking fictitious income and hiding actual losses," said Rep. Jim Greenwood, R-Pa., the subcommittee chairman.

Watkins appeared before Congress as a willing and knowledgeable witness following a parade of top Enron officials who have refused to answer questions. She testified under a "friendly subpoena" because she is still an Enron employee.

"Ms. Watkins took her concerns right to the top," said Greenwood. He said she is "a loyal company employee, who sought valiantly and sadly, in vain, to get the people in charge to face the facts and make the hard choices needed to save the company."

Watkins said she also spoke with others inside and outside the company, including Jeffrey McMahon, then the Enron treasurer; Associate General Counsel Rex Rogers; Cindy Olson, vice president for human resources; Arthur Andersen auditor James Hecker and outside company attorney Joe Dilg.

Watkins told Lay she worried about the fate of the company and her own career as word spread in Enron's glass tower in Houston about financial improprieties that ultimately pushed the huge energy trading company into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2.

Members of the House panel want to know whether Watkins was brushed off after she alerted Lay and others that the company was mired in questionable accounting practices. Lay resigned Jan. 23.

She questioned Enron's complex web of partnerships that kept hundreds of millions of dollars in debt off the company's balance sheet and hidden from investors and federal regulators.

FINANCE

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students understand what we're here to do, and at this point I think many students don't know why we are here."

Intercom will present their ideas April 11 to the board's Student Affairs Committee, which will in turn present those ideas to the entire board. The board as a whole will provide feedback and decisions based on Intercom's proposals.

Intercom suggestions that have been implemented include freshman seminar courses, the Diversity Council and faculty member increases. Hudson said the suggestions cannot be credited solely to

Intercom, but did represent the student voice.

"We are in the process of boiling down our objectives this semester until we can present just five well-thought points to [the board]," Hudson said. "(W)e come in knowing our ideas probably won't come to fruition for five to 10 years in some cases."

In addition to the board presentation, Intercom is considering adding the Residence Hall Association to their group. Hudson said RHA will make their case for inclusion in April.

"RHA is a relatively young organization, but they represent the student population living on campus, and that's a valid audience that needs

to be heard," Hudson said. "If they can present a strong case for why they need to be involved in Intercom, then I can see that happening."

RHA president Laura McFarland said she is looking forward to the opportunity to present.

"We're looking toward the future and working to be a voice on campus," McFarland said. "Intercom is a great chance to broaden our efforts to make a difference."

Intercom meets once every two weeks over a working dinner. Members break into groups of two or three to research and brainstorm suggestion ideas, Hudson said.

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unlikely the university will raise \$6.5 million by the time the building opens. They cite the poor economy as a reason why.

DeSantis said the bear market, a struggling economy, has left high-tech corporations with little money to donate.

"It is probably not the best time to raise money," DeSantis said.

DeSantis said she is optimistic the fund-raising drive will raise a substantial sum of money despite the bad economy.

"Some of our companies are doing well, and earnings are up," she said. "That makes it a little more plausible."

Carefully researched donation requests will be tailored to the finan-

cial circumstances of each firm, DeSantis said. Several firms in financial distress that were originally on the university's list of donors were removed as others in better circumstances were added, she said.

This is all in an attempt to raise more funds in shaky financial times, she said.

"We want qualified asks," DeSantis said. "If you are reading news they are having financial issues, it probably isn't the time (to ask for money)."

DeSantis said she can't release the names of companies to be solicited for donations.

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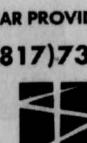
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- Green beans
- Steamed squash
- Onion rings
- Grilled cheese sandwiches
- Carved roast beef
- Mashed potatoes
- Glazed carrots
- Sweet corn bread

DINNER

- Lemon pepper cod
- Spinach tortellini casserole
- Wild rice
- Green beans
- Chicken wings
- Onion rings

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

- Breakfast bar
- Hot cobbler
- Hamburger
- Grilled chicken breast
- French fries
- Onion rings
- Chicken strips

DINNER

- Hamburger
- Grilled chicken breast
- French fries
- Chicken strips

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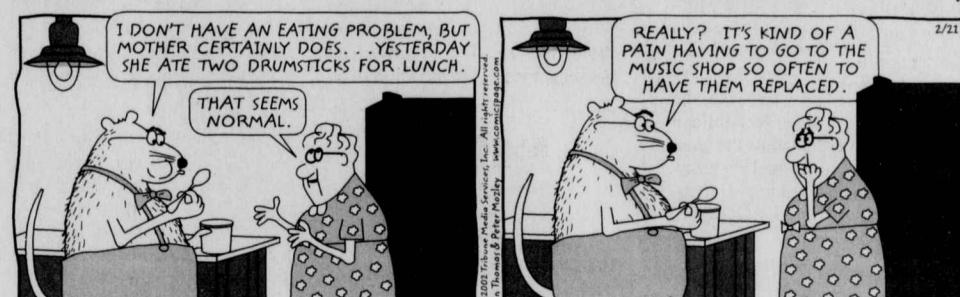
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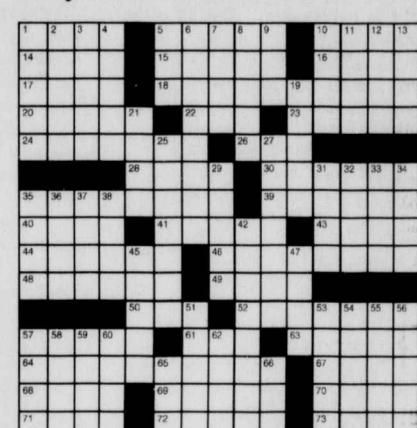


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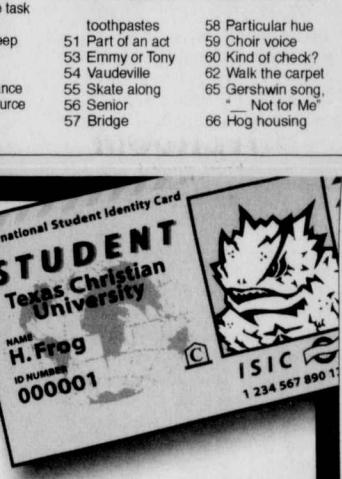
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Today's Crossword



Thursday's Solutions



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The Sideline

First postwar international soccer match for Afghans

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Where gallows once stood, there now are goalposts. Where the Taliban once conducted public executions and amputations, a stadium is prepared for a sporting event.

It is a sign of normalcy returning to Afghanistan, which will stage its first international soccer game in seven years on Friday.

The 30,000-seat stadium is already sold out. Interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai is expected to open the game, which pits Kabul's top players against a team of peacekeepers.

"The fact that there is now a football game in a place where there were once executions is proof that the Taliban reign of terror is finally over," said Lt. Col. Dietmar Jersich of the German peacekeeping force. "It's a good idea to have this game now and show people that these times are over."

Afghanistan was suspended from the International Olympic Committee in 1999, in part because the Taliban prohibited women from competing in sports. The Taliban, which discouraged sports, also severed ties with FIFA, international soccer's governing body.

During the Taliban's rule, athletes were forced to wear beards and pants that reached down below their knees. They were also forbidden to train after 4 p.m., which was prayer time. "Now we are free players," said Sharif, an Afghan defector.

Buccaneers' search for coach turns up no leads

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers will hire a coach, eventually.

The sons of owner Malcolm Glazer have promised as much, and presumably, the NFL will not allow them to start the 2002 season without a coach.

But the search for a replacement to Tony Dungy has turned into a disaster.

The Glazers denied any interest in Bill Parcells, curiously pulled the plug on Marvin Lewis' candidacy, and have nearly driven general manager Rich McKay out of the organization.

"I have teammates calling me and asking if we can trust these owners," Pro Bowl linebacker Derrick Brooks said after the Glazers refused to sign off on McKay's plan to fill the month-old vacancy with Lewis.

"Our credibility is being hurt," Brooks added. "I don't know if they know that."

Mckay is one of the NFL's most respected executives. With Dungy, he helped turn a team that had 12 straight seasons of double-digit losses into a regular participant in the playoffs. McKay also is co-chairman of the league's competition committee.

Kentucky appeals NCAA's ban on postseason play

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky will appeal the NCAA's decision to include a one-year ban from postseason play among its penalties for the violations committed by the football program.

The school notified the governing body on Feb. 13 of its intention.

The NCAA levied its penalties against Kentucky on Jan. 31. They also included three years of probation, a reduction in scholarships and a show-cause order against former recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett, which effectively bans him from coaching at another NCAA institution for eight years.

Bassett was at the center of most of the more than three dozen violations the school admitted occurred between 1998 to 2000.

University president Lee Todd reiterated Thursday that he would not contest the findings of the NCAA's Committee on Infractions, which conducted its own investigation into the program.

"However, we are exercising our right to ask the Infractions Appeals Committee to set aside a postseason ban imposed by the Committee on Infractions," Todd said.

The bowl ban was the first of the infractions committee has levied against a Division I program since Miami was kept from the postseason seven years ago.

Frogs hope to rebound over weekend tourney

Women's tennis team tries to get back on the winning track

By QUINTEN BOYD
Skiff Staff

After dropping two consecutive matches at home, the TCU's women's tennis team hopes that a change of scenery will get them back on a winning track.

The Frogs travel to Lubbock to take part in the Texas Tech Tournament.

The tournament, which starts today, will conclude on Sunday. The No. 24-ranked Frogs take on the Red Raiders today, No. 66 New Mexico on Saturday and No. 26 Florida International on Sunday.

Head coach Roland Ingram is confident that his team will perform well in the tournament, as long as they are not overconfident.

"All of the teams that we'll face this weekend are good," Ingram said. "They're very capable of winning. We can't afford to be overconfident."

Texas Tech is 1-0 on the year, after defeating Texas-Arlington last week, 5-2.

The Red Raiders' Irina Tereschenko is ranked No. 64 in the Omni Hotels Collegiate Tennis Rankings, and the doubles team of Tereschenko and Beverly Dawson is currently No. 17 in the nation.

"Tereschenko is one of the best players here this weekend," Ingram said. "She's a strong all-around player."

New Mexico is 2-3 and ranked No. 66 in the nation. They have no players ranked in the individual rankings. In their last match, the Lobos defeated Texas-El Paso 7-0.

Florida International is ranked No. 26 in the Omni Hotels Collegiate Tennis Rankings, and have the nation's No. 94 ranked player, Amelie Rose. Rose and teammate Christina Compton are ranked No. 18 in the doubles polls.

In their last match, the Golden Panthers fell to No. 28 Miami, 6-1.

Before that match, two Golden Panthers were deemed ineligible and the team had to forfeit three matches. It is unknown whether those two players will return.

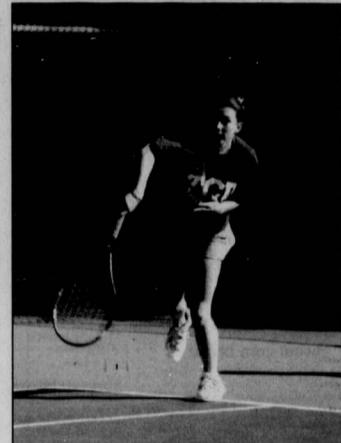
"We'll have to see how many players that they have," Ingram

said. "We still have to go out there and win over them, though, no matter how many people they have."

Ingram said he believes that his team played well in their last match against Baylor but fell just short of the victory. However, he believes that any improvement is good and vital for his team.

"I'm happy with what I saw against Baylor," Ingram said. "We're playing very well at singles, and we keep getting better at doubles. I was not disappointed at all losing to Baylor because we played well. If we improve 1 percent every time we play a match, I'll be happy."

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Special to the Skiff
Senior Katrin Gaber hopes to rebound from her singles loss against Baylor Wednesday.

Coach wants consistent play



Special to the Skiff

TCU senior infielder Levi Robinson attempts to tag out UTA's Robby Deever as he dives back to second. Deever went on to score on a single by Matt Lindenmeyer in the bottom of the fifth.

TCU wants to concentrate on pitching, defense this weekend

By DANNY GILLHAM
Skiff Staff

The TCU baseball team will be in action this weekend as they play three games in three days at Dell Diamond in Round Rock.

After victories over ranked opponents Texas and Baylor, the Frogs lost Tuesday to The University of Texas at Arlington, evening TCU's record at 2-2 on the young season.

"Starting off at Enron Field (home to Major League Baseball's Houston Astros), everybody was pumped," said junior infielder Mike Settle. "And then we went to UTA and didn't have the same enthusiasm."

Head coach Lance Brown said the team is looking for identity and consistency in this early portion of the schedule.

"We're just trying to get a feel of what team is going to show up

and which day we can depend on them," Brown said. "So hopefully in the next couple of weeks we will play enough games to know where we stand."

The Frogs are logging many miles on the road in these first weeks, a move that Brown said was planned.

"In our conference, the top four or five teams we all play on the road," Brown said. "So our schedule is designed that we will play a lot of games on the road against fairly tough competition to get us ready."

The Frogs open the weekend at 1 p.m. Friday against Southwest

Texas. At noon Saturday they take on Texas Tech and finish the weekend with a 4 p.m. match-up Sunday against Southwest Texas.

Brown said the Frogs will face a "solid" baseball team in Southwest Texas. He said that excluding depth, the Bearcats are comparable to Conference USA teams.

The Frogs will be looking for revenge Saturday. The team lost the year opener to the Red Raiders, 2-1. The two teams will also meet twice next week and twice later in the season.

"They always have a good ball-club," Brown said of Texas Tech.

"They always end up in the (NCAA) Regionals ever year. It will be a good test for us. We'll have six quality ball games against Top 25 teams to see how we do."

Brown said that the match-ups against the Red Raiders should help the team with the competition that awaits them in C-USA.

Settle said players will gain an advantage of familiarity by facing the same teams throughout the season but must avoid complacency.

He said that pitching and defense will be the main keys for victory this weekend.

"We're going to score runs off and on," Settle said. "But as long as our pitching and defense stay strong, we can win the games."

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Pitchers start spring workouts

Associated Press

Roger Clemens climbed back on the mound and began throwing beneath the Florida sun. On a beautiful day in Arizona, Curt Schilling was getting ready, too.

Ah, the sweet sounds and sights of spring training.

After an offseason filled with bickering, baseball returned Thursday to where it does best: the field.

So only 102 days after Clemens and Schilling started against each other in Game 7 of the World Series, they were warming for a new season.

Clemens threw in the bullpen Tampa, Fla., on the first morning of workouts for the New York Yankees. Tossing right next to him were pitchers Mike Mussina, Andy Pettitte, Orlando Hernandez and Sterling Hitchcock.

"It's a wonderful feeling," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "When you watch those guys go out to the mound, you realize how much you rely on those people."

Schilling checked into camp in Tucson, Ariz., with the rest of the Arizona Diamondbacks' pitchers and catchers. The World Series champions will practice for the first time Friday.

Schilling, co-MVP of the Series with Randy Johnson, said his approach will be even better this season.

At Vero Beach, Fla., first-year Los Angeles general manager Dan Evans said he expected Kevin Brown and newly acquired Kazuhisa Ishii to arrive at Dodger town "sometime next week."

That should give them plenty of time to get ready. The Grapefruit and Cactus leagues exhibition season begins Feb. 27 and the regular season opener comes March 31 when Cleveland visits Anaheim.

A dozen teams already have opened camp. The Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos weren't on the field — but not because they were eliminated, as baseball tried to do during the offseason.

Instead, the Expos will open camp Friday and the Twins will report Sunday.

Croatian wins downhill event, American drops out of race

Associated Press

SNOWBASIN, Utah — Caroline Lalive's hopes of joining Bode Miller as an American medalist in the combined event disappeared when she fell in the slalom and dropped out of the event, won by Croatia's Janica Kostelic.

Kostelic, 20, became the first member of her family to win a medal at the Salt Lake City Games. Her

older brother, Ivica, will be a favorite in the men's slalom next week.

Kostelic skied the race with the letters I-V-I-C-A painted on the nails of her left hand.

She completed the two slalom runs and the downhill that make up the combined event in 2 minutes, 43.28 seconds. She won by nearly 1 second over Renate Goetschl of Austria, who captured her second

medal in three days — she won bronze in Tuesday's downhill.

The bronze medal went to Martina Ertl of Germany. Lindsey Kildow, 17, of Vail, Colo., was sixth in her first Olympic race.

Kostelic, who won the World Cup slalom and overall titles last season, is coming back from September knee surgery that kept her off the World Cup circuit until late December.



KRT Campus
Germany's Martina Ertl tries to navigate a gate during the 2nd slalom run of the Women's Combined Thursday at Snowbasin, Utah.