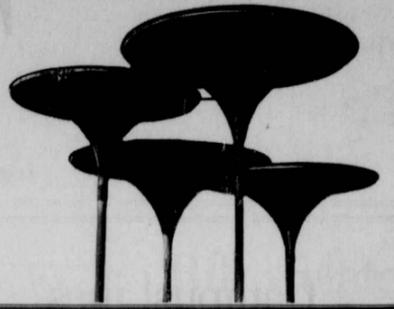


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NATIONAL NEWS

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Duke scientists find possible cancer vaccine

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Over the past five years, Dr. Johannes Vieweg and fellow immunotherapy researchers at Duke University have witnessed a fledgling prostate cancer vaccine become a clinical trial with recent, very positive patient responses: Vaccine acceptance and a decrease in tumor growth rate.

Thirteen patients in the advanced stages of prostate cancer have been involved in the trial over the past year. The patients are injected with a certain type of cell — known as dendritic cells — from their own bodies in an attempt to combat the cancer. These cells first are cultured for seven days outside the patient's body and at the same time recoded with the patient's RNA to provide genetic information about the tumor cells.

Once the dendritic cells are reintroduced into the patient's body, they stimulate an increase in the patient's T-cells, or "killer" cells, which then target and destroy the tumor.

"(The prostate cancer vaccine) is a very specific approach vs. traditional cancer treatment methods, such as chemotherapy," said Vieweg, assistant professor of urology at the Medical Center and lead author of the study.

A particularly positive result of this approach is the vaccine does not have serious side effects, in contrast to the often severe side effects of chemotherapy. Chemotherapy, radiation therapy and other current treatments take a shotgun approach; although many cancer cells are eradicated from the body, many healthy cells also are destroyed in the process, due to debilitating radiation or medicine.

The Phase 1 clinical trial judged the patients' physical responses to the cells' injection, which proved positive. The patients' cells come from their own bodies, so there is no risk their bodies will reject them and induce severe side effects.

— The Chronicle

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theWeather

FRIDAY

High: 66; Low: 38; Sunny

SATURDAY

High: 74; Low: 45; Mostly sunny

Correction

Wednesday's photograph of students, faculty and staff congregating outside Reed Hall because of a fire alarm occurred Tuesday not Monday.

Schools vying for more space

School of Education drafts proposal to allow expansion

BY COLLEEN CASEY
Staff Reporter

Insufficient space for the School of Education inspired a feasibility study in order to draft a plan to be proposed to officials to allow the school to expand or move, said

Sam Deitz, dean of education.

"It began because everybody agrees that the Bailey Building is not an adequate building for the School of Education," Deitz said. "It's small and it's not in very good shape."

Deitz said he took it upon himself to begin the feasibility study, currently in its middle stages, because he thinks the proposal will be welcomed by the university.

He said the study might propose to combine the School of Education and the Starpoint and Rise schools into one building or plan for expansions and improvements to

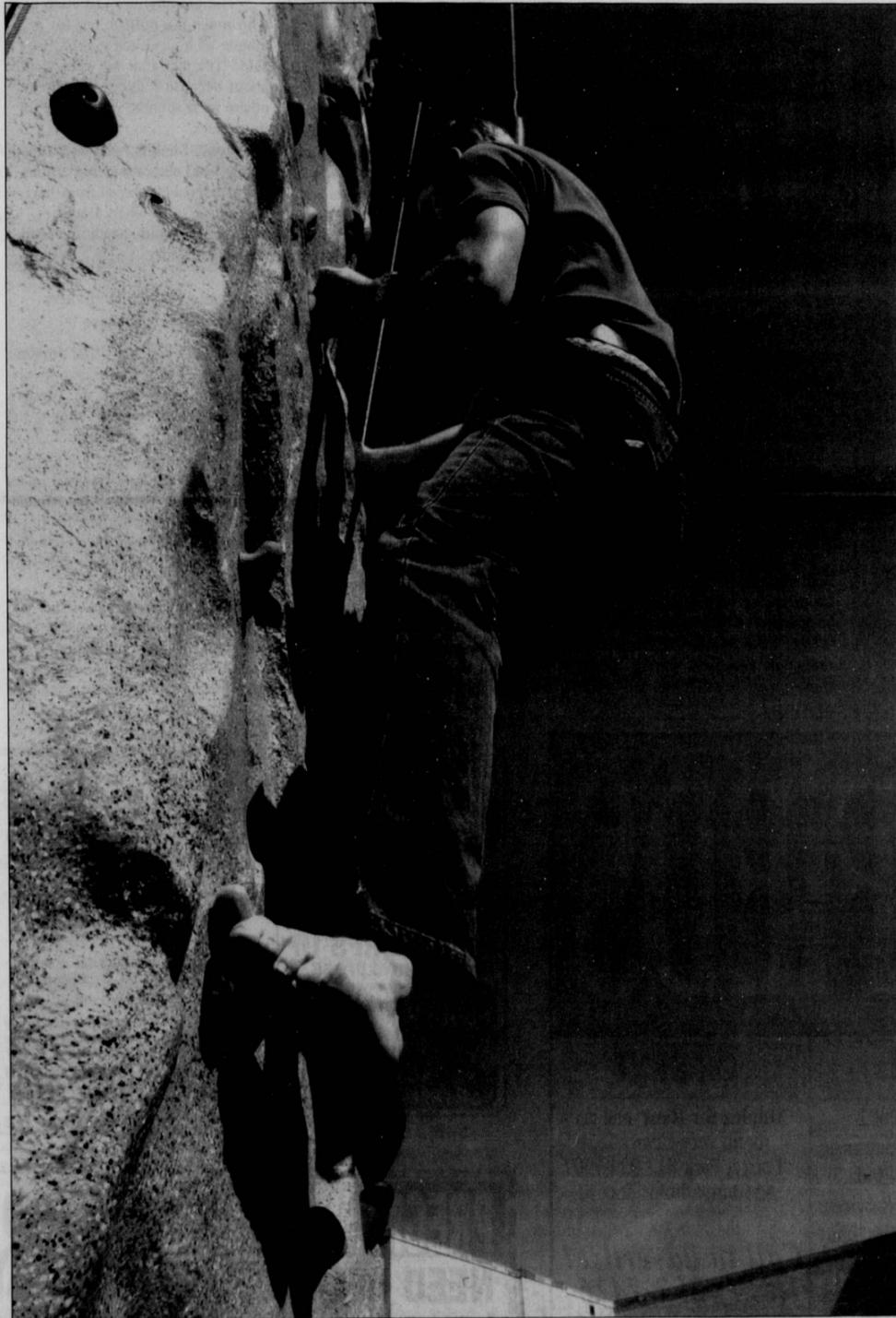
the existing locations. The study will hopefully be completed by March, he said.

Deitz said he wants more space for the Rise and Starpoint schools. Additional space at the Starpoint School would allow the enrollment of students up to the sixth grade, he said.

But the plan needs approval first, Deitz said. "Just because there's a feasibility study on this doesn't mean it will ever happen," Deitz said. "So we have a plan and we hope

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New heights



Brandon Hallmark, a prospective student from Whitney High School, takes advantage of a temporary climbing wall set up in front of the Student Center Wednesday. The event was sponsored by the Army.

David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER

Tenets say attempts at safety scarce



Hemi Ahluwalia/SKIFF STAFF

Adrian Garcia replaces broken and burned out lights at Bellaire Condominiums. This comes two days after a student was assaulted in her apartment.

BY ANTHONY KIRCHNER
Staff Reporter

Sarah Bledsoe said it's nice to finally see light outside of her Bellaire Condominium after months of living in the shadows.

Bledsoe, a junior nursing major, lives in the same complex where a TCU student was sexually assaulted Monday afternoon.

Steve Smith, manager of the Homeowner's Association at Bellaire Condominiums, and two workers replaced broken and burned out lights throughout the complex Wednesday evening.

"We come out here every month to check on the lights," said Smith, who is not a resident of the complex.

But Bledsoe and several other residents said they have never seen anyone replace lights at the condos.

"We've been without a front porch light since last December," Bledsoe said. "That's over 13 months ago."

Smith said, "That's all news to me," when again asked about the last time lights were replaced. "These lights get replaced all the time," he said.

Catalina Saldana, a senior psychology major and Bellaire resident, came outside as lights were being

(More on SAFETY, page 6)

Rise in fees impact benefits

BY KELLY MORRIS
Staff Reporter

Laurie Fetter has a master's degree and almost has earned a doctorate. She says she could have earned a larger paycheck, but she wanted her three children to attend TCU.

Fetter started working in the Registrar's Office in June 1998, so she could utilize the university's tuition remission benefit, which waives tuition and requires payment of the general university fee.

"You're not going to get rich working at TCU, but the combination of the salary and the tuition benefit makes it a very attractive package, especially when you have college-aged kids," said Fetter, the registrar's assistant for reporting, FrogNet and Web Support. "The tuition benefits provide an acceptable trade-off for that higher paying job elsewhere."

But for some faculty and staff, a 14.6 percent increase in general university fees for the 2002-03 school year might impact the people currently using the benefit, Staff Assembly Chairman Bob Seal said.

Controller Cheryl Wilson said the current university fees are \$750 a semester and will increase to \$860 a semester for the next school year. She said part-time students currently pay \$65 an hour for university fees, but their hourly rate for next year has not been approved.

In January, the Board of Trustees approved the

(More on FEES, page 6)

Seminar teaches student athletes business etiquette

BY LAURA MCFARLAND
Staff Reporter

At a formally set table in Bistro le Frog, Mr. and Mrs. Right sit and quietly discuss the events of their day as they enjoy their meal.

One table over, Mrs. Wrong slips silverware and rolls into her backpack while Mr. Wrong spits into a plastic foam cup and then sucks a forkful of pasta into his mouth.

There's a lesson to be learned here — an etiquette lesson.

Both the Rights and the Wrongs were fake couples in role playing exercises used to teach student athletes the dos and don'ts of business eti-

quette, said Dennis Conner, a volunteer for athletic academic services.

"The things that we're teaching them are not just something they might use someday once or twice," Conner said. "These are things that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives."

The seminar, held Tuesday for junior athletes, is part of the CHAMPS Life Skills Program.

Pauline Hyman, coordinator of the CHAMPS Life Skills Etiquette Seminar, said the program is a series of nine programs sponsored by

(More on ETIQUETTE, page 6)

SuperFrog celebrates 21st birthday...again

BY KELLY HOWARD
Staff Reporter

SuperFrog has been turning 21 since 1949 and his party, from noon to 6 p.m. today by Frog Fountain, is for all TCU students and employees who want to celebrate his 53rd 21st birthday, said Stephanie Zimmer, a sophomore marketing major and vice president of Programming Council.

SuperFrog's birthday celebration will include bumper cars, wall climbing and an activity that includes a parachute and a giant fan to blow people into the air, said Shannon Eurich, a PC representative.

Jason Ruth, PC director of finances, said free pizza, soft drinks, cup cakes, birthday cake and musical

(More on SUPERFROG, page 6)



Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF

SuperFrog celebrates his 21st birthday today for the 53rd time. Events will take place from noon to 6 p.m. in front of Frog Fountain.

THE PULSE

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• **TCU Theatre presents "Red, Hot and Cole"** 8 p.m. Feb. 20-23 and 2 p.m. Feb. 23 and 24. The musical, directed by George Brown, celebrates the music of songwriter Cole Porter. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for staff, students and seniors. For reservations call (817) 257-5770.

• **RTVF film series** will present "Mildred Pierce" 7 p.m. today in Moody Building South, Room 164. The 1945 film stars Joan Crawford and Jack Carson. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

• **SuperFrog's birthday party** will be noon to 6 p.m. today at Frog Fountain. The festivities will include music and food. For more information call (817) 257-5233.

• **MBA information session** will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturday 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.

• **Miss Texas 2001 Stacy James** will speak 7 p.m. Sunday in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 2. The event, sponsored by Sigma Kappa, is open to everyone and admission is free. James will speak on her platform, Alzheimer's awareness.

• **Earn business internship credit** for your summer job. An informational meeting will be 4 to 4:30 p.m. Monday in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 272. For more information contact Dr. Chuck Williams at (817) 257-7216.

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

• **TCU Education Abroad Fair** will be 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 28. Learn about the many study abroad opportunities for credit through TCU and transfer programs.

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Campus/State Roundup

Condemned Texas inmate granted stay of execution

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday stayed Thursday's scheduled execution of Texas death row inmate Thomas Miller-El.

Miller-El, 50, who is black, was condemned for the 1985 robbery-slashing of Douglas Walker, a desk clerk at the Holiday Inn-South in Irving. Miller-El contends that prosecutors kept blacks off his jury.

Justice Antonin Scalia granted the stay for Miller-El, whose case could be used by the Supreme Court to clarify rules for claiming racial discrimination in the selection of a jury.

The high court said Friday it would hear Miller-El's appeal but did not stay the execution. It was up to the state to stay execution on its own, or for Miller-El's lawyers to ask the Supreme Court to do so separately. His lawyers filed such a request Tuesday.

Prosecutors used their power to challenge jurors to eliminate 10 out of 11 potential black jurors before Miller-El's trial, his lawyers claim. The only black juror chosen told prosecutors he regarded execution as "too quick" and painless a method of punishment.

Miller-El was convicted of killing Douglas Walker, 25. He was shot in the back as he lay bound and gagged on the floor of a Holiday Inn near the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Texas Democratic gubernatorial debates to be televised

AUSTIN (AP) — They were off. Now they're on again.

Televised debates in English and Spanish between leading Democratic gubernatorial candidates Tony Sanchez and Dan Morales have been agreed on, their campaigns said Wednesday.

The first one-hour debate will be in English, followed by a one-hour Spanish debate set to take place in Dallas on March 1, a Friday evening.

"We have agreed," said Sanchez campaign manager Glenn Smith. "Sometimes, negotiations are tough.

But we think this is working out best for the people of Texas."

Last weekend, Sanchez said he was abandoning plans for any debates. His campaign accused Morales' campaign of negotiating in bad faith and of launching personal attacks.

Morales urged the Sanchez campaign to reconsider.

Morales spokesman Jim Moore said Wednesday the agreement has been reached but that Morales still would like more than those two debates.

Both men are seeking to become Texas' first Hispanic governor.

Morales, a former state attorney general, is waging his campaign with far less money than Sanchez and wants televised debates to help spread his message. Sanchez, a multimillionaire from Laredo, is saturating the state with paid TV ads.

The debates are being organized by public television station KERA and other news media.

Former police officer pleads guilty to drug charges

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former San Antonio police officer and a relative, both accused of being part of a drug-trafficking scheme, pleaded guilty Wednesday to federal charges of conspiring to sell cocaine.

Conrad Fragozo Jr. and his uncle, Edward Fragozo, entered their pleas before U.S. District Judge Edward Prado. The judge did not set a sentencing date.

Eight of the 12 people swept up in the FBI undercover operation have now entered guilty pleas.

John Convery, lawyer for Conrad Fragozo, said afterward that his client had negotiated a sentencing cap of 20 years, while Albert Rodriguez, representing Edward Fragozo, said his client's cap was set at eight years.

Ten San Antonio law officers and two civilians were arrested in March 2001. Seven of them were accused of conspiring to protect what they believed were cocaine shipments in exchange for money. The shipments were supplied by FBI agents posing as drug smugglers.

Playboy.com names "College Bar of the Month"

EVANSTON, Ill. (U-WIRE) — Bar-hopping could have a whole new meaning for Northwestern University students, now that bunnies are involved.

Playboy.com named Nevin's Pub, 1450 Sherman Ave., "College Bar of the Month" for February.

"Thongs of sexy sorority girls from the nearby quad head down for cocktails after Monday night chapter," the article reads, "but on any given night you might find Northwestern's fashionably-clad theater majors, ultra-hip DJs from the campus radio station and Evanston townies all chilling over brews together."

Nevin's manager Jamie Fritz, 32, smiled when he read the article.

"(The patrons) are just students who make it a college bar for a couple of hours each night," Fritz said. "It's nice that we were written about because Playboy's great. As cliché as it sounds, it's known for its articles."

Antonia Simigis, who wrote the article, said she considered a number of bars she recalled from her time at NU. But when deadline came up, she said she chose Nevin's due to its history.

Supreme Court to review online copyright case

WACO (U-WIRE) — The Supreme Court agreed to review a case involving copyright protection on Tuesday, deciding when books, songs and movies are free to go online.

The outcome will determine whether the public's right to material, according to the First Amendment, has been violated, or if inventors and authors have exclusive rights to their works for a certain length of time.

A nonprofit Internet publisher and other plaintiffs argue that Congress sided too heavily with writers and other creators when it passed a law in 1998 that retroactively extended

copyright protection by 20 years.

As a result of the extension, older Disney movies and other works that had been expected to enter the public domain soon were prevented from becoming freely available on the Internet.

Baylor University's electronic libraries staff is also involved the debate about materials available through the university's servers. A new division of electronic libraries recently was created in an attempt to expand the resources of library computers.

The system's aim is to make research and studies done online at any of the Baylor libraries more complete and useful through easier-accessed resources, said Billie Peterson-Lugo, assistant director of electronic libraries. The new system of digital libraries will be available for access on the Baylor Web site.

Rutgers' students want input in hiring new president

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (U-WIRE) — Concerns about the ideals and qualities students want resigning University President Francis L. Lawrence's replacement to reflect are being raised amid mixed emotions in several of Rutgers University's student governing bodies.

The Rutgers College Governing Association is attempting to ensure student concerns are heard by passing a resolution to present a bill to the Board of Governors that encourages student involvement in the selection of the University's new president.

The RCGA will request the BOG allow representatives from the New Brunswick, Camden and Newark, N.J., campuses to join the committee and have voting privileges in the selection of the new president. It also will ask the BOG to permit students from every college at the University to meet with presidential candidates and to allow each governing association to choose three members to represent their respective colleges on an advisory committee that would coordinate interviews between those members and the candidates.

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The Skiff View

LIFE SKILLS

Etiquette course needed for all

Athletes have quite a bit on their plate managing both their commitments to school and their respective sports. But after Tuesday, approximately 100 athletes will have something else to add to that.

They will be able to use the proper fork for their salad, main course and dessert. They will have an idea of how to act professionally at a job interview. They will learn skills that will prepare them after they graduate.

Pauline Hyman has coordinated the program called CHAMPS Life Skills Etiquette Seminar. The seminar is part of a series of events sponsored by Athletic Academic Services.

She said the program wants to focus on helping athletes with time management, academic and professional skills.

These skills are valuable and needed for all students, not just athletes.

The university should provide a required seminar so that all students can take part in an etiquette crash course.

Graduating seniors are offered a similar, optional seminar each January, but it is only offered to seniors and turnout is low because of a lack of publicity.

Students may remember the doctrines of Aristotle and Plato, they might even remember that a term paper needs a thesis sentence, but if an etiquette course was required, they would know how to properly eat a five-course meal or choose the right type of wine at a black-tie event.

The university is getting paid a substantial amount of money from students for its services, but a service that needs to be provided is an etiquette course.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

The American Red Cross needs to take a hard look at its functions and its broad purpose after it has come under fire for its handling of donations after Sept. 11.

Initially, the charity received criticism for announcing that it would use some of the \$850 million collected for its Liberty Fund, which was to aid victims of Sept. 11, for other, non-related projects. When, in fact, people specifically gave the money for a particular cause — to aid victims and families of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Add this problem to the fact that after record-breaking blood donations following Sept. 11, the organization had to destroy blood it was unable to use. Apparently the blood was not preserved soon enough to create a stockpile for future disasters. Hospitals are working with dangerously low blood banks on a daily basis, but the American Red Cross is destroying unusable blood.

There was nothing leaders could do regarding the blood fiasco except weather the storm. But, in response to the hail of complaints about the Liberty Fund, the organization changed its plan and promised to distribute the money only to Sept. 11 related projects.

That sounds simple enough — if only it were.

Even now that the American Red Cross has committed to giving away 90 percent of the Liberty Fund moneys by Sept. 11 of this year, it is still under the microscope. This week, the Better Business Bureau requested information from the charity as it investigated whether the organization still met bureau standards.

The American Red Cross is one of the country's largest and most respected charities. As such, it must hold itself to a higher standard. In dealing with these problems, the leadership of the organization should take a step back and reevaluate some of its practices.

Instead of rushing to spend money in record time just to make a political point, the organization should use the funds collected to create programs that will benefit those feeling the long-term effects of the Sept. 11 attacks. In a disaster as large-scale as this, it is inevitable that further assistance will be needed down the road.

The American Red Cross should learn from these mistakes and be better prepared in the future.

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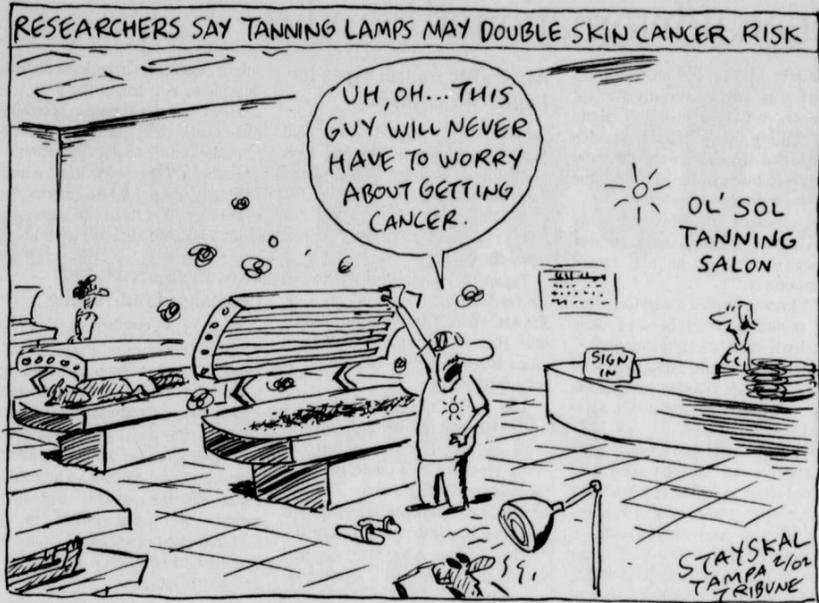
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Sentiments of post Sept. 11 reflect ignorance, hatred

Well the economy isn't so great. What's new?

People do not feel as safe as they once did, and many are held in self-imposed capsules of fear. Now, thanks to Enron, many people are worried about their retirements and employee morale is pretty low.

But not everything is suffering post Sept. 11 trauma! Oh no, ignorance is at one of its highest levels since Adolf Hitler was swept into power in Germany.

That's right. The message rings loud and clear from the White House to highway patrolmen: "If you aren't from here, and you don't agree with what we do here, then you are our enemy."

Actually, let me rephrase that: "If you look like you aren't from here, and you don't agree with everything we say and do here, then you are a terrorist."

Whatever happened to different? Whatever happened to the right to be a conscientious objector or to hold a different viewpoint?

No, I am not talking about gun-toting, box cutter-wielding or bomb-wearing lunatics who have a depraved indifference for human life. I am talking about anyone who does not fit what the U.S.

government regards as normal.

And I am not talking about half way across the world. All of a sudden people who considered themselves law-abiding, hardworking Americans are suffering the humiliations of racial and cultural profiling, false imprisonment and even physical and verbal attacks on themselves, their families and their property.

Before jumping on the bandwagon of empathy, let me state this to my unfortunate Asian-American and Arabic-American friend, "Misery likes company!"

For hundreds of years, and still today, black people in this country have endured these abuses. Quite often, attempts to present a united front as people of color have been shunned by these respective groups, seemingly because they viewed themselves as being of a different or, dare I say, superior class to blacks in America.

Quite often they found quicker acceptance and had an easier time assimilating into the Anglo-American subculture, undoubtedly leaving many to even identify with this group.

But since Sept. 11, you know how accepted you truly are, and are tasting what it's like to have your civil liberties sacrificed, without consent, for the "greater good of the nation."

But good for who? The world isn't a safer place with so much ignorance now floating around. Only

hatred, mistrust, segregation, partiality and alienation prospers when groups of people are sought out and marginalized. And out of these reactions arise sentiments of confusion, anger and isolation. That's the whole point of African-American Heritage month, to celebrate the contributions that one group has and continues to make to this nation.

If you listened to the news, press conferences and political rhetoric (or ignorance) regarding other minority groups making their home in America, we might mistake the director of "The Sixth Sense" and "Unbreakable" (M. Night Shyamalan), for an al Qaeda intelligence agent within our gates.

People of TCU, let's leave the intelligence gathering and snooping to the CIA and FBI. Don't automatically assume that you need to call the cops or do an impromptu investigation because the person sitting next to you is from another culture.

In fact, educate yourself. Attend the "Experience India" festivities this weekend here at TCU and learn about other cultures that exist and are thriving here in America. These are cultures of peace, cultures of family values and cultures seeking the same dream as everyone else whose boat or plane ended up here at some point in time.

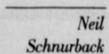
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U.S. media delivers gold medal

Back when I was in third grade, I used to pick fights with the other third graders because I knew my brother in sixth grade would back me up. Canada has always been like that pesky third grader with its American brother lurking in the background.

Think about it. Why aren't Canadians scared of nuclear war? Because the States will be there to protect us. What about Canadian foreign policy? In a nutshell, our foreign policy consists of blindly following the United States into whatever they are doing. Our economy is based on a free trade system with our big brothers. We even rely on the good ol' U.S. of A for our television programming. Could you imagine if we had to watch Canadian shows all the time?

Now, our big brother has helped us get a gold medal at the Olympic winter games.

Imagine these Olympics were being held in Nagano, Japan, like the 1998 games. Now imagine that a Bulgarian figure skating pair is in a heated battle with a Russian pair for supremacy and the Russian pair has a minor mishap but still manages to win the gold medal. Would there have been the same outcry from the American

media? I think not.

And even if the media had made such a stink, would the International Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union be forced to give the pair a gold medal? Once again, the answer is a resounding no way.

But this year, the Olympics are in Salt Lake City, where the almighty greenback and the almighty American media reign supreme.

And lo and behold, a Canadian pair with movie star good looks and moxie to boot are beaten out of a gold medal in a close and controversial decision. NBC, USA Today and CNN sense a story and come running to the rescue.

Instead of focusing on athletic achievement, these media pundits focus on the injustice of the games. The story becomes so big that there is no choice but to give David Pelletier and Jamie Sale of Canada a gold medal.

Did Sale and Pelletier deserve the gold medal? Maybe, but that's not even the point. The folks at NBC are not figure skating experts, and even those who are experts have an obvious Cold War bias. Those Russians couldn't possibly have won, they're the hated Russians. But who knows? Maybe the Russians skated a more difficult program. Maybe that slip on Anton Sikhrulidze's double axel was minor enough that they still

could have and should have won the gold medal. I don't know. But neither do Paula Zahn or Tom Brokaw.

The point is that for years figure skating has been a sport full of injustices. That is what happens when judges decide the winners and the losers.

In the 1984 Winter Olympics, Scott Hamilton of the United States won a suspect gold medal over Brian Orser of Canada. Did our American brothers make a big deal over that call? The answer to that one is obvious.

As long as there are figure skating competitions, there will be controversial decisions. Maybe the IOC and the ISU got this one right, but if the situation were reversed, no one would have cared. So we as Canadians have to sit back and thank our American media friends for this gold medal. Without you this couldn't have been possible. Perhaps, the IOC shouldn't have only awarded gold medals to Sale and Pelletier. I think Dick Ebersol from NBC and Bernard Shaw of CNN should have gotten one too.

This wouldn't have been possible without you.

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Bill violates freedom of speech right

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." — First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution was violated last week as 198 Democrats, 41 Republicans and one independent joined to pass the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act, also known as H.R. 2356 and the Shays-Meehan bill.

These are the same elected representatives who took an oath to, "Support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic."

By passing this bill, they launched an assault that is far more damaging to our great republic than the terrorist attack on Sept. 11.

The Shays-Meehan bill passed by the House of Representatives eliminates a citizen's right to freedom of speech by preventing them from using "any broadcast, cable or satellite communication that refers to a clearly identified federal candidate, made within 60 days of a general, special or runoff election."

What does that mean? Well it means that within 60 days on an election a citizen of the United States will be unable to take part in the election process by purchasing advertisement time to give views that either support or attempt to block the election of a federal political candidate. This in no way limits the left-leaning media's ability to endorse a candidate or broadcast an interview with a candidate that they support.

The media will be given carte blanche to influence federal elections to a degree that will devastate the American political process as we know it. The voice of the common citizen will be silenced if the Senate passes this legislation.

Organizations that have been created so the individual citizen may have a collective voice will be silenced 60 days before an election. Organizations such as the National Rifle Association, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Sierra Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Association for Retired Persons will lose a major ability to help the press forward the views of the people they represent.

The Shays-Meehan bill contains things that would be good for the unimportant issue of campaign finance reform. But, the portion of the bill that concerns me and should concern you would require nothing short of a Constitutional amendment to be legalized.

The actions of every representative who voted "Aye" for the approval of the Shays-Meehan bill is in direct violation to their oath of office. These 240 members of Congress should be registering for unemployment after the next election.

I am asking each of you not to remain silent on this issue. We all need to stand up now and prevent this from passing in the Senate. How can I make a difference you ask? Write your senator now. You can access the e-mail address for every senator at the U.S. Senate Web site (www.senate.gov).

They may not listen to just one voice but they will listen to thousands.

God bless the United States of America.

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Left-handed

in a right-handed world

For centuries, being left-handed was more than just inconvenient

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You could call it the quiet handicap: Most people don't notice it, and those who have it rarely mention it. But given the history of lefties, it's little wonder.

For eons, being a lefty was far more than just inconvenient: It was enough to make you suspect. It meant you were different — only about one in 10 people is a lefty — and in human terms, different often equals bad. In the case of lefties, very bad.

"For centuries, and in many countries today, left-handedness has been like the negative sign in electricity ... the weaker side, the second best, indeed morally the evil side," writes Michael Barsley in "A Social History of Left-Handedness."

"The prejudice pervades every sphere of life, and the more primitive and superstitious the environment, the greater the prejudice."

Satan himself has long been viewed as a lefty — perhaps the first. During the days of witch hunts, women were condemned as witches if they bore the "mark of the Satan," that is, had moles or blemishes on their left side. People believed the devil marked his followers — using his left talon, of course — during fiendish ceremonies.

This deeply rooted belief that our left side is wayward is so ancient, it's even embedded in our language: In Latin, the word for left is "sinister," in French, it's "gauche." And the English word "left" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lyft," which means weak or broken.

These days, we usually know better than to label all Southpaws as evil, though there are still lapses. A famous one occurred in 1978, when the Ayatollah Khomeini, a key player in crushing the Shah of Iran, claimed he could prove Allah had cursed the Shah. The proof: The Shah's firstborn son was left-handed.

Rather than a curse, however, modern researchers say being a lefty is actually a matter of brain development. And although scientists certainly don't have all the answers, it does appear at least some people are hard-wired to be southpaws because of an early trauma.

"The idea that the Devil is sinister, in hand use as well as in his other behaviors, has been institutionalized in many ways," researcher and University of British Columbia psychology professor Stanley Coren says in his book, "The Left-Hander Syndrome."

Even the evil one's name has connections to all things left: The Hebrew word for left, "se'mol," is clearly associated with the Hebrew name for the devil, Samael, who sat on God's left side, Coren says. In the Zohar, the Jewish book of mysticism, the name of the serpent that lured Eve into sin is likewise Samael, another derivative of the Hebrew word for left.

"We are even told," Coren writes, "that this serpent Samael represents the personification of evil, the other or left side."

Even as late as the 1950s, some elementary-school teachers persisted in trying to stop their young charges from being southpaws. (We get the term southpaw, by the way, from baseball. In an old Chicago ball park, the pitcher faced west, and therefore a left-handed pitching arm was south.)

Scott Maddox, a southpaw and the mayor of Tallahassee, Fla., said his left-handed dad told him stories of having his left hand smacked with a ruler and tied to his body during attempts to make him right-handed. (It didn't work.) And though no one tried to pull that on the mayor, he and others can still recall the problems they had as kindergartners, struggling to learn the fine art of snipping paper with right-handed scissors. Later, little left-handers have problems with messy writing.

"You end up dragging your hand across what you've written," says southpaw Scott Roberts, a 28-year-old musician and Cabos Tacos employee. That's the reason some lefties hitch their arm up over their paper when writing, so they don't smear the ink as their

hand moves across the page.

Given those and other types of daily living disadvantages — watching their left elbow to prevent collisions with right-handers when eating or taking lecture notes; needing special golf clubs and baseball mitts; learning to drive a stick-shift right-handed — it would seem that the easiest thing for a left-hander to do would be to become right-handed.

And some do learn to do many things right-handed. But for many, it's just not that easy to switch.

The brain being the multi-faceted jewel that it is, still holds myriad secrets. But scientists have gathered some evidence to support several reasons for being left-handed.

First, there is evidence that some lefties inherit their hand preference. There is also research that indicates that some are left-handed because of brain trauma during birth or in utero, perhaps when the fetal brain is developing distinct cerebral hemispheres. (Multiple births also increase the chance of left-handedness: All that sibling poking and jabbing in utero.)

Researchers have uncovered a strong correlation between a mother's age and the rate of left-handedness: The older the mom, the more likely she'll take home a lefty. According to Coren, if the mother is 40 or older, the likelihood of having a southpaw is 128 percent higher than if she had been in her early twenties.

For southpaws who are left-handed as a result of extreme prenatal or birth trauma, there may occasionally be other difficulties as well.

According to Coren, "among the mentally retarded, left-handers are two and a half times more common" and "an unusually large number of left-handers get into trouble with the law." Also, as a group, some researchers have done studies that show lefties don't live as long.

On the other hand (and you knew that phrase would show up here somewhere, didn't you?), there are lots of lefties who live long, healthy and productive lives — as the accompanying list of famous lefties attests. Some people also contend that left-handers are more original and creative as a result of their different brain wiring. And certainly there are plenty of lefty leaders: In 1992, voters had to elect a lefty for president — George Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot are all southpaws.

One of the most interesting tidbits researchers have unearthed is that humans appear to be unique in their species' preference for being right-handed.

While individual cats, dogs, apes, chimps and other creatures may show a preference for one paw or hand over another, nearly as many will prefer their left as their right. And for some animals, there may be an advantage to being ambidextrous.

Animals need to be able to respond quickly when a predator — or prey — appears. To greatly favor one side over the other might cause them to lose a tasty dinner — or perhaps become one.

The whole right vs. left debate, however, misses the entire point, according to some Greek philosophers. To them, the very preference of one hand or foot over the other — be it right or left — was evidence of human imperfection.

Because in the beginning, according to Aristophanes, we were created as spherical beings. We had no front, no back, no left, no right. We were perfectly symmetrical.

But — and here's where the story starts sounding familiar — we perfect human spheres screwed up. We became so haughty and arrogant that Zeus got fed up with us and ripped us in half. He tossed our sorry parts to the god Apollo, who kindly fashioned our faces (and whatnot) to face forward in the hopes that maybe that would help us pay better attention to the gods.

And while there's no research on whether Apollo's redesign has helped our attention, if the Greeks were correct, then one thing seems certain: Right- or left-handed, we're all imperfect beings.

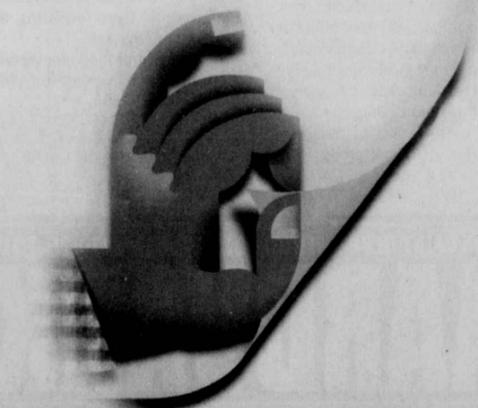
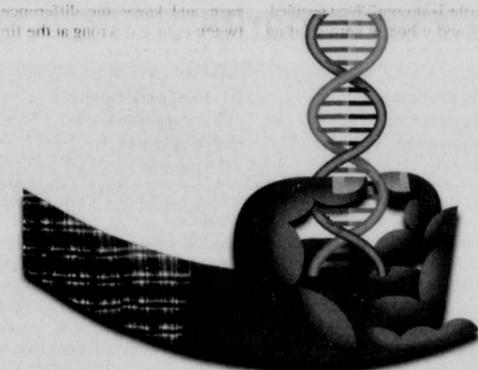


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Living the laborious leftie life

Being a white male from a middle-class suburban family, it's always been hard to distinguish myself from the norm — to really be able to stand out in some way.

My left-handedness has always put me in a small minority of less than 10 percent of the population and given me some sense of identity. Coming from a family where I was the only left-handed person added to this unique quality I was born with.

First of all, my predominant arm

has given me my career path. Fifty percent of the world is considered creative and 40 percent of that creative half is, as if you hadn't figured it out, left handed.

As a journalism major, one can only assume my inclinations toward creative writing are directly related to my right brain, and left hand. Who wants to be a boring business major and earn lots more money (no offense to half the guys on campus) when you can have fun with your career and have the freedom of self-expression.

Of course, growing up in a minority has its share of difficulties as well. The worst part has to be trying to use scissors. Sure, it looks simple enough,

but watch me try to cut paper with a regular pair of scissors if you want a good laugh. It seems like God's own little personal practical joke on lefties.

Also, sitting at the dinner table is always a chore as well. It gets pretty repetitious throwing elbows at people every time a right-handed person sits directly to my left. This is especially difficult when trying to eat foods like pasta (wait for the visual).

On another note, being a lefty helps in the sporting world. In basketball, people are less ready for you to dribble drive to the left, and in baseball, southpaw pitchers are always at a premium. Personally, being a lefty helped me learn to switch

hit just as well as I could hit from the right side of the plate. Of course I only batted .200 as a lefty anyway, but it helped me confuse the pitcher and secure a few more walks.

So, as a whole being a lefty is definitely a virtue. Sure you right-handed people can laugh it off, but all of you know you're secretly jealous of the left minority.

Now if we can only get rid of those annoying left-handed desks that not even us lefties like because we grew up sitting in the regular ones.

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Web sites about lefties

<http://www.rosemarywest.com/left/index.html>

This site is loaded with resources, shopping, articles, humor and a comprehensive list of lefty links. A fun stop.

<http://www.left-handed.com>

A list of nearly 50 questions about being a lefty, most with answers. From here, you can also click onto the site's storefront, which sells lots of left-handed products. For more southpaw shopping, also check out: <http://www.leftyportside.com/>.

<http://www.indiana.edu/~primate/index.html>

A Web site on "Primate Handedness and Brain Lateralization Research" maintained by researcher M.K. Holder. It also includes a lengthy list of famous left-handers; info and photos of primate studies; "gauche!" a compendium of tips for parents and teachers; lefty stories and insights; and other interesting stuff.

Paid time off to be discussed

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
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Human Resources officials will meet today to approve options for a paid time off program for staff members before handing it off to a focus group to draft a final proposal, said John Weis, assistant vice chancellor for human resources.

Though specific details have not been laid out, a paid time off program for exempt and non-exempt staff would combine vacation and sick leave into one pool, Weis said. Currently, employees have separate leave for vacation and illness, he said.

"The individual would simply request time from the pool for any reason," Weis said. "A staff member would have the leave combined

and could use it as they wish with appropriate supervisory approval." Under the current policy, sick leave for staff members accrues at eight hours a month for a full-time employee, with a maximum of 60 days accrual, Weis said.

Weis said he hopes to have a focus group of eight or nine employees within the next two weeks. It would look into various options and alternatives and submit a proposal, Weis said.

He said the group would specifically examine which leaves to include in the pool, accrual limits for leaves, how to treat catastrophic situations, the program's structure and options related to the transitional period of the current system and the proposal.

Weis said Human Resources will

put together the focus group as soon as he hears from the Staff Assembly, which will appoint four members — two from Staff Assembly and two representing staff at large — to the group.

Rebecca Glass, chair of the Committee on Committees, said the Staff Assembly has already made recommendations to the committee and is waiting to hear back from them to see if they accept those recommendations.

"We want to make sure there are different representatives from each of the vice chancellor groups," she said.

Weis said the focus group will probably meet three to four times and have a proposal by the April or May Staff Assembly meeting.

If the Staff Assembly approves it, it will be submitted to the administration for final passage.

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Bush thanks China for aid toward war on terrorism; work on nuclear tech deal

BY RON FOURNIER
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BEIJING — On the final leg of his Asian trip, President Bush thanked Chinese President Jiang Zemin on Thursday for lending "strong support" to the U.S.-led war on terrorism. The two countries worked toward striking a deal on controlling the flow of nuclear technology.

Bush and Jiang, both accompanied by aides, ate lunch at a horseshoe-shaped cherrywood table in a Cabinet room in China's Great Hall. The president, sipping a glass of milk, told Jiang that the United States is grateful "for your strong support in our war on terrorism."

He said he hoped to talk with Jiang about energy policy, fighting the spread of AIDS and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Reporters were ushered out of the cavernous meeting room before Bush finished speaking.

Jiang greeted Bush inside the Great Hall of the People, on Tiananmen Square. A ceremonial contin-

gent of 200 Chinese soldiers stood at attention with bayonet-tipped rifles raised as Bush and Jiang reviewed them, then went behind closed doors for their talks.

High on Bush's agenda is preventing the sale of missile and nuclear technology to nations such as Iran and Pakistan. The two leaders hoped to complete an agreement during their meetings in Beijing, a senior White House official said Thursday on condition of anonymity.

Under the potential nuclear deal, China would meet U.S. demands to publish a list of items prohibited from export and enforce the ban if the administration agreed to lift sanctions barring U.S. companies from launching satellites on Chinese rockets.

The meetings between Bush and Jiang were unlikely to be contentious, in part because of their new alliance against terrorism. China has provided the United States intelligence and other help that has gone a long way toward muting differences, and Bush also was extending an in-

vention for Jiang to visit Washington next fall.

But there are also sticking points. Bush wants to encourage Jiang to respect religious freedoms and consider the Vatican's plea to free Catholic bishops. He said he hoped that Jiang "would understand the important role of religion in an individual's life."

In addition to human rights, Bush and Jiang are at odds over U.S. missile defense plans, the fate of Taiwan, trade and Bush's claim that North Korea, Iran and Iraq form "an axis of evil." Bush intended to raise World Trade Organization requirements that China allow U.S. soybean shipments, a \$1 billion-a-year market for American growers, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

Before leaving South Korea, Bush told troops at Osan Air Base that despite their regional differences, the three Asian leaders he has met on his six-day tour are united in backing his coalition against the al Qaeda network and other terrorist groups.

SAFETY

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replaced and said thank you to one worker for finally fixing the lights.

When asked about security at Bellaire Condominiums, Bledsoe and her roommates complained about no lighting, non-working locks, and lack of security guards at the complex.

"I just don't feel safe at my apartment anymore," Bledsoe said. "We pay so much money to live here. Where is this money going?"

In addition to lights being re-

placed, fliers were put on every door at Bellaire Condominiums alerting residents about a Hispanic male attempting to gain access to units on the property.

Smith said the Homeowner's Association approaches him whenever they want something done at the complex.

"The association wanted us to put up fliers so the residents would be careful," Smith said.

As of Wednesday night, however, no fliers had been put up at the complex identifying the incident as a sexual assault.

"I do what the association tells

me to do, and they haven't told me to do anything else about this situation," Smith said.

Off-duty police officers have been and will continue to patrol the complex every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night for years, Smith said. It will be up to the Homeowner's Association if off-duty police officers will intensify their patrolling now, he said.

No members of the Homeowner's Association at the Bellaire Condominiums could be contacted.

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SUPERFROG

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performances by the bands Drum, Chomsky, Voight and Trout Fishing in America will be provided.

SuperFrog's birthday is a tradition, but his afternoon party didn't start until 10 or 12 years ago when students wanted a school spirit celebration during the day to replace the PC late night parties that wouldn't end until early morning, said Glenn Pfenninger, a PC representative.

Dale Young, former TCU cheerleading sponsor and director of student teaching in the School of Education, said "Addy the Frog" was the original name of the mascot, after co-founder Addison Clark Jr., and was

not changed to SuperFrog until 1979 when John Grace, former athletic promotions director, decided the mascot needed a new look.

The first woman to tryout for mascot, Alicia Golson, made it in 1967 by vote of the student government after writing an essay about why she wanted to be the mascot, the way mascots were originally chosen when there was only one person playing the role, Young said.

Aubrey Monk, a senior radio-TV-film major and former SuperFrog, said SuperFrog tryouts are different now and there is more than one person who puts on the mascot suit.

"When I tried out for SuperFrog, all of us had to make up a routine and perform it with the costume on for a group of judges," Monk said.

"When (SuperFrog) began to appear at many events, it became too much for one person. When I was SuperFrog, I think there were about six of us."

Chelsea Hudson, Student Government Association president and former SuperFrog, said the mascot serves more purposes than just going to games. She said he also participates in celebrations, such as alumni birthday parties and weddings and he helps in welcoming new students.

"When I was a prospective student, the SuperFrog walked up several flights of stairs at a football game just to say, 'Hello,'" Hudson said. "I felt so welcomed and I know I shall never forget that moment."

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increase for next year.

Michael Scott, director of financial aid, said 85 employees, 222 dependents of TCU employees and 26 spouses of TCU employees are currently participating in the benefit this year.

But Seal said it is too early to know the exact number of people that will be affected by the increase in university general fees.

"It might become a problem in the future, and at that point, the Staff Assembly will take action," he said.

Paula Vasquez, a single mother and housekeeper in Milton Daniel Hall who lives on a minimum wage salary, started her job in April 1998 to help pay for her son to attend TCU.

But with the increase in general

university fees, Vasquez said she is going to have to reevaluate her situation.

"I am very shocked to hear about the fee increase," Vasquez said. "I can barely pay for what I have to pay now. I love the benefit, but with the increase, finding another job is the only other option I have."

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the increase in fees is due in part to the additional costs for the operations of the new \$30 million University Recreation Center.

Ferrari said despite the increase for next year the benefit has been helpful for many TCU faculty and staff.

"The tuition rebate benefit is one of the strongest in the country and has enabled hundreds of faculty and staff to have their children receive educations at TCU," Ferrari said.

Carol Campbell, vice chancellor for finance and business, said \$1 mil-

lion of next year's \$213 million budget will help pay for the waived tuition. She said the university general fee increase is due to the increase in the tuition rate and the number of staff making use of the benefit.

Scott said there has been a dramatic increase in the number of people utilizing the benefit. In 2001, Scott said 310 people took part in the benefit and 291 people used the benefit in 2000.

To qualify for the tuition remission benefit, employees who are part-time students must have their job for at least six months and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. Employees seeking the benefit for their children must be employees for a year, and their children must be 24 years old or younger and must be studying for their undergraduate degree.

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Rebate Participants

2002	2001	2000
333 total participants	310 total participants	291 total participants
• 222 dependents	• 202 dependents	• 172 dependents
• 85 employees	• 81 employees	• 89 employees
• 26 spouses	• 27 spouses	• 30 spouses

ETIQUETTE

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Athletic Academic Services this year. The program focuses on helping student athletes with time management, academic skills and professional skills, she said.

"Our goal for our student athletes is that when they finish TCU, not only do they have an education, but they are prepared to be good citizens in our community," Hyman said.

In a presentation that combined role playing and instruction, Ann Loudon, director of the principal gifts department of University Advancement, coached the students through a five-course meal on the proper behavior in business situations.

"So much of what we do in getting and securing a job is how we behave

in a dining setting," Loudon said.

The evening's lesson, which was free, included subjects such as how to make introductions, how to behave in a job interview and how to properly eat a meal.

"The best way to learn how to behave in business situations is now, before they are forced into these situations," Loudon said.

Athletic administrators helped illustrate each of Loudon's points by modeling the right and wrong way to act in each situation.

For the seminar's second year, Ross Bailey, associate athletic director for operations, was the waiter who serves the two couples. Bailey said he thinks the program is a great opportunity for student athletes to gain an overall awareness of etiquette.

"They're not going to remember everything — I'm not going to re-

member everything — but it will make for some interesting meals for the next few days," Bailey said.

Nicole Carman, a junior international marketing major, said she thought the seminar would be more serious.

"It was more entertaining than I thought," Carman said. "I didn't expect there to be actors. I think that having the actors got the point across better."

Hyman said there is a booklet that reviews the seminar's material and introduces additional etiquette subjects. The booklet is designed to keep students from forgetting these new lessons, she said.

The program was videotaped for those athletes who were not able to attend, Hyman said.

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SCHOOLS

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the plan is approved."

Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services, said the need for room is a relevant concern for most schools and departments, but he said most want more classrooms and offices.

Bivin, also a member of the School of Education's feasibility study committee, said the College of Communications, the Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Fine Arts have all said they want space, but haven't officially expressed their needs.

"I think it could be something that eventually puts the School of Education, Starpoint School and Rise School on the map," Deitz said.

The Bailey Building was built around 1915 and renovated extensively in 1958, but the it hasn't had any significant improvements since then, Deitz said.

Joe Self, an interior design instructor, said the design, merchandising and textiles department lacks space as well.

"Compared to the top 15 interior design schools, TCU is on the short end of the stick," he said. "We're trying to position ourselves to get back on the list."

Self said the department prepared a proposal a year ago that

would allow it to occupy a larger space located near campus on West Berry Street, but the proposal was officially turned down because of security issues.

"What we need is more teaching space that will make it easier for students," Self said. "This space limits what you can ask of the students."

Bivin said that fulfilling everyone's request for more space is a matter of accommodating.

"Generally we all need more space," Bivin said. "Let's not let people make it political. It's about how real the need is."

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- Corn bread

DINNER

- Spaghetti/rotini
- Vegetable sauté
- Asian station
- General Tso pork
- Vegetable stir fry
- Fried or white rice
- Onion rings
- Popcorn chicken
- Rotisserie chicken
- Harvard beets
- Vegetable blend

Tomorrow's menu
LUNCH

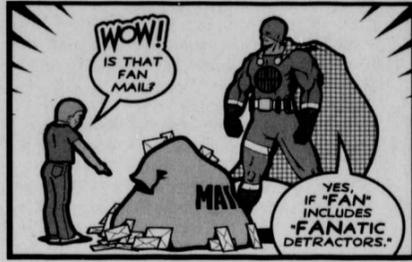
- Self-serve pasta bar
- Baked stuffed fish Florentine
- Roasted vegetables with kidney beans
- Parsley-buttered rice
- Yellow squash
- Vegetable blend
- Onion rings
- Seasoned fries
- Carved baked ham
- Oven-roast potatoes
- Peas and mushrooms
- Vegetable blend
- Corn bread

DINNER

- Fried catfish
- Pasta casserole
- Hush puppies
- Vegetable blend
- Teriyaki chicken strips
- Onion rings

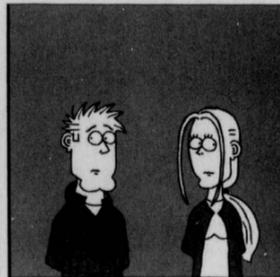
Today's Funnies

Captain Ribman



Sprengelmeyer & Davis

Lex



Phil Flickinger

Lewis



Thomas & Peter Madey

PurplePoll



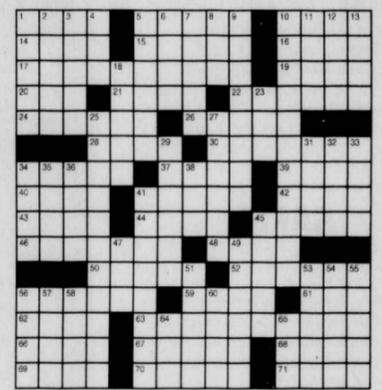
Q: Would you take an etiquette seminar if it was offered?

A: YES 37 NO 63

Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

Today's Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Hair division
 - 5 Evans and Carnegie
 - 10 Field measure
 - 14 Margarine
 - 15 Discompose
 - 16 Snow mover
 - 17 Golden State capital
 - 19 Long (for)
 - 20 Ostrich cousin
 - 21 Org. of court players
 - 22 Noisy disturbance
 - 24 Southern constellation
 - 26 Icy abode
 - 28 Sound of a small bell
 - 30 Took on as one's own
 - 34 Carlo
 - 37 Irritate
 - 39 Make over
 - 40 Inspiration
 - 41 Alma
 - 42 Shakespearean villain
 - 43 File-drawer label
 - 44 Stratford's river
 - 45 Available buyer
 - 46 Coming toward the coast
 - 48 Premed class
 - 50 Uses the postal system
 - 52 French students
 - 56 Sunflower State capital
 - 59 & others
 - 61 Mine deposit
 - 62 Ajar
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 - 66 Ex-QB Starr
 - 67 Twangy
 - 68 LSD, to users
 - 69 Part of BPOE
 - 70 Foe
 - 71 Buzz bugs



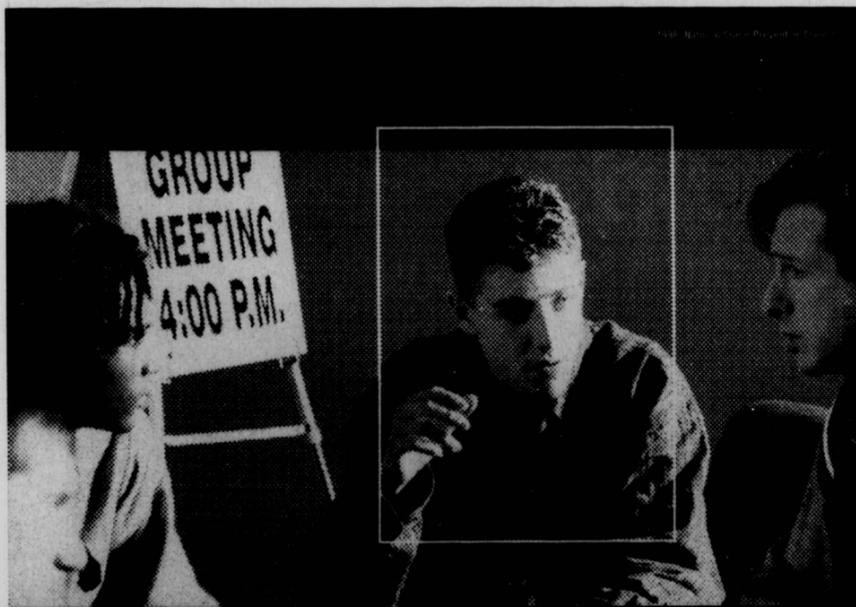
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Wednesday's Solutions



- 5 Eurasian plum
- 6 Aid in wrongdoing
- 7 Oahu porch
- 8 Erhard's group
- 9 Roadside margin
- 10 Filling
- 11 Muse of history
- 12 Gossipy Barrett
- 13 Water pitcher
- 18 WWII hero
- 23 Cutesy ending?
- 25 E-mail additions
- 27 Load-bearing mineral
- 29 Mixture of pebbles
- 31 Deck timber
- 32 Boundary
- 33 Way in
- 34 "La Boheme" heroine
- 45 Score
- 47 Acorn's tree
- 49 In good order
- 51 Intuit
- 53 Verbalize
- 54 Ets of golf
- 55 Kernels
- 56 Option for Hamlet
- 57 Indescent gem
- 58 Fringe benefit
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The Sideline

Abreu signs richest contract in Phillies history

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Outfielder Bobby Abreu signed the richest contract in Philadelphia Phillies history, agreeing Wednesday to a \$64 million, five-year extension with a team option that could make the deal worth \$78 million.

The contract was announced five days after third baseman Scott Rolen publicly criticized Phillies management for what he called a lack of commitment to winning.

General manager Ed Wade brushed aside those criticisms.

"Our stated objective has been to keep the core of this club together for a long time. Signing Bobby is a clear indication that what we say is what we mean," Wade said.

"Phillies fans should clearly view this as a statement as to how committed we are to our core players."

Abreu, 27, is getting \$6 million in 2002, the final season of a \$14.25 million, three-year contract, and was eligible for free agency after the 2003 season. The new deal calls for a \$3 million signing bonus and salaries of \$8.5 million in 2003, \$10 million in 2004, \$12.5 million in 2005, \$13 million in 2006 and \$15 million in 2007.

Minnesota Twins owner prepares to sell team

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Twins owner Carl Pohlad announced Wednesday a procedure to sell the team and said he will require a new owner to keep it in Minnesota.

"I believe that our fans in the Upper Midwest want the Twins to continue to play here," Pohlad said. He added that "may best be achieved" by a sale.

While Pohlad has been open to selling the team in the past, its future was thrown into doubt when baseball owners voted Nov. 6 to eliminate two teams. Their labor negotiators later told the players' association that the Twins and Expos were the intended targets.

Pohlad, a Minneapolis banker who has owned the team since 1984, has been sharply criticized for going along with the contraction plan, or at least not opposing it publicly.

After the contraction plan was announced, doubts grew about the ability of potential bidders to match price — perhaps \$150 million or more — Pohlad was expected to get.

Two bidders have emerged for the Twins: Alabama businessman Donald Watkins and a group of Twin Cities lawyers and businessmen.

In his statement Wednesday, Pohlad said offers for the team would be reviewed by Minneapolis lawyer Ralph Strangis. Pohlad said his objective is to receive "fair value under circumstances that include a satisfactory new stadium resolution."

"The controversial process of deciding whether Minnesota should keep a major league baseball team has been complicated by the public's perceptions of recent MLB decisions," Pohlad said.

The establishment of the sale process Wednesday isn't the first time Pohlad has appeared close to selling the team.

In 1999, then-St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman put together a proposal to build a ballpark in St. Paul that included Pohlad selling the Twins to Glen Taylor, owner of the NBA's Timberwolves, and Bob Naegele, managing partner of the NHL's Wild.

But St. Paul voters rejected a sales tax increase to pay for part of the stadium and the sale never happened.

Gooden arrested on drunk driving charges

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Former star pitcher Dwight Gooden was arrested on drunken driving charges Wednesday after police officers said they spotted his car swerving on an expressway.

Police said the 37-year-old Gooden — now an assistant to New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner — was charged with intoxication, having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle and driving with a suspended license.

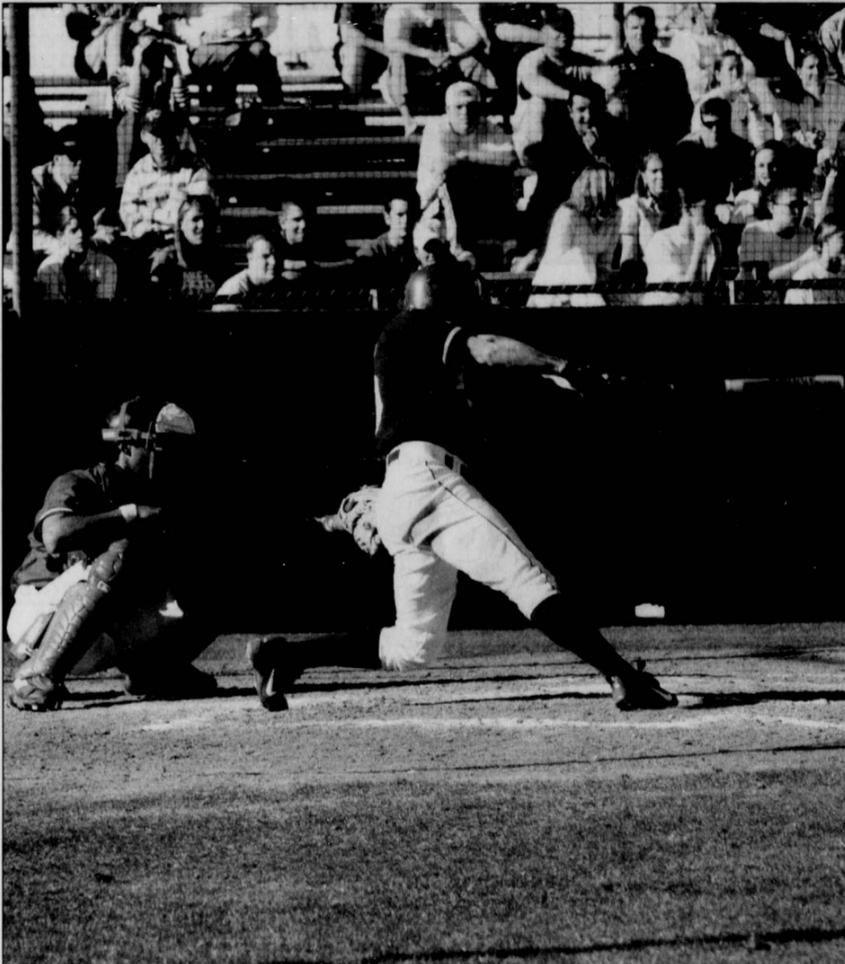
Gooden was released from Hillsborough County Jail on \$500 bond.

"The first thing I do is worry," said David Cone, Gooden's teammate with the New York Mets and Yankees. "I'm worried about a friend. I certainly support Doc. I'm always going to be behind him."

Gooden declined comment as he left the jail, telling reporters he would release a statement in coming days.

Gooden's attorney, Joseph Ficarrotta, did not immediately return calls for comment.

Frogs drop two in a row to Texas Tech



Junior designated hitter Chris Meeks hits the ball Tuesday in TCU's loss to Texas Tech 10-9. Meeks hit 2 of 5 on the day and had one RBI and one run scored.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Skiff Staff

When it comes to this season, the Red Raiders have the Frogs number, said sophomore rightfielder Jake Duncan.

In their fourth meeting this season, the TCU baseball team lost to Texas Tech 10-9, in front of 366 fans at the TCU Diamond.

For the second consecutive day, the Frogs struggled early, staged a late game comeback, and fell short. This was the third time in the four losses against Tech that the margin has been only one run.

With limited pitchers for the game, head coach Lance Brown said Wednesday's game didn't allow certain moves that could be made with a more available pitching staff.

"You just don't have the moves that you do in a weekend series where you can go to five or six relievers whenever you want to," Brown said. "We had to use some people in Round Rock, and when we got here, we kind of ran out of people."

Junior pitcher Tim Collinsworth got his first start of the season on Tuesday and struggled throughout the performance. Collinsworth went 3 2/3 innings, giving up 6 runs on 7 hits, walked 3 and struck out 4.

The Red Raiders jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead when Tech catcher Willie Durazo hit into a fielder's choice, scoring centerfielder Jon Slack. The Red Raiders then added two more in the second off a solo home run by third basemen Will Blankenship, and a RBI single by first basemen Byron Smith.

In the fourth inning, Texas Tech sent nine men to the plate, and scored three runs on three hits. Collinsworth was pulled after two outs and giving up two runs in the inning. He was replaced by freshman Chris White, who after walking home a run, finally ended the inning by striking out pinch hitter Cody Fuller.

After Texas Tech scored two more runs in the top of the fifth making the score 6-0, TCU scored when designated hitter Chris Meeks sin-

gled home shortstop Levi Robinson.

The Red Raiders answered back in the sixth when Durazo doubled home outfielder Brent Fossum. Then TCU centerfielder Marshall Wilson dropped what would have been the third out of the inning, allowing Durazo to score.

In the bottom half of the frame, the Frogs began to crawl back into the contest. Duncan walked to start the inning. Tech then pulled starting pitcher Dusty Buck for relief pitcher J.D. Seger. With one out, first basemen Walter Olmstead singled to left field, advancing Duncan to third. Wilson was then hit by a pitch. TCU scored when Red Raider second basemen Joel Buchenauer misfielded junior second baseman Will Lewis' ground ball, allowing two runs to score. Lewis was then thrown out trying to reach second base. Levi Robinson's infield single scored Wilson. After junior leftfielder Trey Trofholz grounded out, the score was 10-4.

Texas Tech would not score for the rest of the contest, as freshman Ryan Nelsoney and senior Josh Gardner pitched two and one innings off scoreless relief respectively.

In the bottom of the eighth, the Frogs came alive. Olmstead walked to lead off the inning. After a pitching change, Olmstead advanced to third on an error.

With two runners on, Lewis hit a monstrous home run, to cut Tech's lead to 10-7. Lewis would finish 3-for-4 with the home run and 5 RBI's.

With two outs, Meeks hit a single to center. Then junior third basemen Mike Settle hit his second home run in as many games cutting the lead to just one run.

"I'm just seeing the ball real well right now," Settle said.

Despite the eighth-inning rally, the Frogs fell short when Tech reliever J.J. Newman retired the side in the bottom of the ninth.

Up next for the Horned Frogs is a Saturday-Sunday matchup at home with Sam Houston State. Both games start at 2:05 p.m.

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Pitching troubles continue

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
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The Frogs aren't any closer to settling on a fourth starter to the rotation after giving up 24 runs in two days, but nobody is in panic mode.

At least for the time being. "We thought it would take 20 games or so before we find out exactly who can pitch in what situations," said assistant coach Donnie Watson. "I don't think it is time to panic. Some of these kids haven't pitched at this level. It will take them some time to get their feet on the ground. They'll be fine."

Frogs hurlers got hit hard for the second day in a row Wednesday, allowing 10 runs on 12 hits to Texas Tech in a 10-9 loss at the TCU Diamond. Tuesday, the Frogs (3-6) allowed 14 runs to the Red Raiders (10-4).

In that span, the team's ERA has shot up to 5.33 from 3.62.

Still trying to decide on a fourth starter for the pitching rotation, the Frogs got to evaluate eight different pitchers the past two days — and saw five of them get shelled. Of the lone exceptions was junior college transfer Ryan Grafe, who pitched a

sparkling 5 1/3 innings in relief Tuesday and only allowed one unearned run.

Starter Tim Collinsworth, struggling with control, only pitched into the fourth inning Wednesday and gave up seven hits and six runs.

His replacement, freshman southpaw Chris White, didn't fair much better, giving up four runs in 2 1/3 innings. White said his performance didn't help his chances of earning a spot in the rotation.

"I wasn't throwing strikes and I was getting behind in the count so I had to come back over the plate," White said. "It was just one of those days. I couldn't find the strike zone."

The Frogs only have two returning pitchers who pitched more than 30 innings last season, sophomore Clayton Jerome and junior Patrick Newburn, neither of whom had an ERA below 5.50. Combined, the Frogs eight returning pitchers had a 6.33 ERA last season.

But injuries have hurt as much as inexperience.

Head coach Lance Brown said only one of the Frogs new additions to the pitching staff was healthy last fall — robbing coaches valuable

examination time. (Brown said junior transfer Kyle Shoemaker was the lone injury-free newcomer, who has been the Frogs most effective new face thus far with a 2.45 ERA.)

"We came into this spring not knowing what they could or couldn't do," Brown said. "Instead of finding out those things in the fall, unfortunately we are finding out in the middle of the season. That's a problem, but I am glad we are doing it now before we start (conference play)."

The conference schedule starts March 15, in exactly 22 days. Brown said if no one emerges as the fourth starter, the team will take a committee approach to the job, starting relievers for two or three innings and letting the bullpen take over the rest of the way.

"We have done years of just taking the relievers on Tuesday," Brown said.

Unless somebody emerges between now and the next three weeks, this might be another one of those years.

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Belarus upsets Sweden in quarterfinals

Swedes stunned in one of the greatest upsets in Olympic history

BY ALAN ROBINSON
Associated Press

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — The shot couldn't possibly go in, but it did. Sweden couldn't possibly lose, but it did. And the kind of upset that couldn't possibly happen with NHL players now dominating the Olympics is a reality.

Vladimir Kopat scored on a 70-foot shot that bounced wildly off goalie Tommy Salo's head with only 2:24 remaining and Belarus scored one of the greatest upsets in Olympic history Wednesday, beating Sweden 4-3 in the hockey quarterfinals.

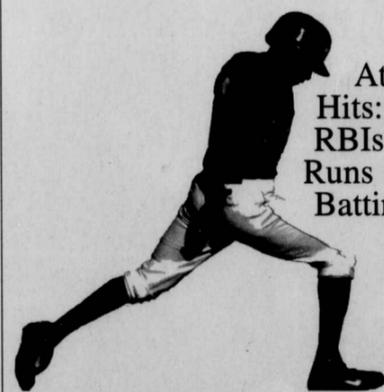
"It's unbelievable. It happened accidentally. Our last goal was lucky," said Belarusian forward Vladimir Tsyplakov. "Then again, our team played pretty well too. We deserved to win."

"I don't understand how we could lose today against this team. We give away three of their four goals and you can't win that way, it doesn't matter who you're playing."

— Mats Sundin

But Belarus, as improbable a semifinalist as there as ever been in Olympic hockey, will play the winner of Wednesday's Canada-Finland game on Friday.

Top Frog 2nd Baseman, Will Lewis



At bats: 4
Hits: 3
RBIs: 5
Runs scored: 1
Batting Avg: .290

Photo by Simon Lopez



Belarus' Oleg Romanov trips up Sweden's Marcus Ragnarsson in the first period as Belarus beat Sweden 4-3 Wednesday at the E Center in Salt Lake City.

Olympic Medal Count

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Germany	9	15	7	31
USA	8	9	8	25
Norway	11	6	2	19
Austria	1	4	9	14
Russia	5	4	3	12