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Today's News

NATIONAL NEWS

PHILADELPHIA — Federal authorities kept a close watch on the Liberty Bell on Thursday after receiving a "nonspecific" threat that someone planned to attack it. It was not being closed to tourists, though.

News Digest on Page 4

WASHINGTON — Women age 40 and older should get a mammogram every year or two, federal health officials said Thursday, reaffirming government backing of the breast cancer test even as European scientists have raised doubts about its effectiveness.

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OnCampus

U. Oklahoma student dies in shooting

NORMAN, Okla. (U-WIRE) — A man was in a Cleveland County Detention Center on Thursday after being arrested in connection with the murder of a University of Oklahoma student, Norman police said.

Norman police said Paul Lawrence Bruner III, 19, of 1325 W. Lindsey St., was arrested and questioned Wednesday morning about the murder of his girlfriend Cassandra Denise Derrick, 22, zoology senior.

Derrick worked as a facilities attendant at Physical Plant, and Bruner worked as a custodian at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History.

At 12:37 a.m., Norman police responded to a homicide call at 1325 W. Lindsey St., where Derrick, Bruner and Bruner's cousin, Brandon Jackson, lived. Brandon Jackson called police after he returned home and found Derrick with two gunshot wounds to the head, Norman Det. Ricky Jackson said.

Bruner and two other suspects were taken to the Norman Police Department for questioning. At first, Bruner told police that he and Derrick were approached by a gunman in the parking lot and Derrick was shot.

Early reports indicated that Jonathan Bates, a student at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, was a suspect. However, Jackson said that after questioning Bruner, Bates was no longer considered a suspect.

During interrogation, Bruner admitted to murdering Derrick, Jackson said. Bruner told police he shot Derrick, then went to the Duck Pond, threw the murder weapon into the water and then returned to his apartment.

Norman Police Lt. Glenn Dobry said the murder does not appear to be pre-meditated.

— Oklahoma Daily

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theWeather

SATURDAY

High: 80; Low: 45; Partly cloudy

SUNDAY

High: 70; Low: 36; Partly cloudy

LookingBack

1630 — Popcorn was introduced to English colonists

1860 — Organized baseball's first game was played in San Francisco, CA.

1879 — Frank W. Woolworth opened his first 5 and 10-cent store. Woolworth opened in Utica, New York. Sales were disappointing until he moved his operation to Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Revised CUE draft presented

Curricula changes seen as way to reach consensus

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
Staff Reporter

A revised Common Undergraduate Experience draft was presented Thursday by the Executive Committee to the Faculty Senate in what the document's framers called a major step toward reaching a consensus among faculty.

"We just took a big step I think today," said George Brown, chairman-elect of the Faculty Senate, after Thursday's meeting. The CUE is a major redesign of the university's core curriculum that has been underway for more than a year.

The revised document increases the original's total hours from 45 to 48; eliminates the Ethical Thought and Action rubric and replaces it with other ethics requirements; changes the language and eliminates some outcomes of all requirements; explicitly requires three hours of religion and six in the

humanities to be acquired by two different disciplines.

The draft, like the original, requires three hours of writing but could change depending upon input from the English Department.

Brown said the Executive Committee drafted the proposal from e-mails sent to members and comments from a Faculty Assembly Jan. 30. He said the revision was made in an effort "to at least find a document that we can begin discussions on."

The proposal was not free of criticism.

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Escort service sees increase



Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF

Mike Schrupa, a sophomore computer information science major, gives Becky Ades, a junior early elementary education major, a ride in a Froggie 5-0 golf cart. Froggie 5-0 provides safe rides for students during the evening hours.

BY ALISHA WASSENAAR

Staff Reporter

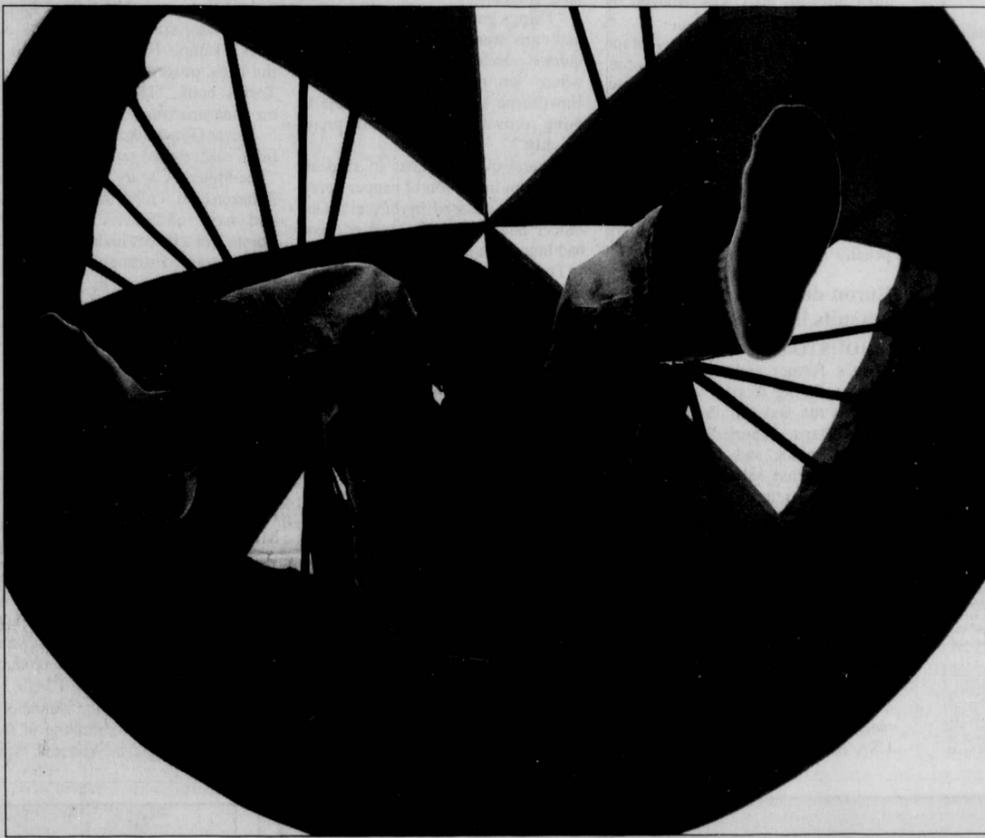
TCU police are on heightened alert since a sexual assault occurred Monday in the Bellaire Condominiums on Bellaire Drive, said Pam Christian, the university crime prevention officer.

"Heightened alert means we have blanket coverage, officers working at night to keep our community safe," Christian said.

She said there are different functions every night of the week and some weeks are busier than

(More on ESCORT, page 4)

Grand celebration



Daniela Munguia/SKIFF STAFF

Peter Thompson, a junior religion and economics major, takes a parachute ride during SuperFrog's birthday celebration. This event was part of SuperFrog's 43rd 21st birthday celebration Thursday.

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Birthday Bash



Daniela Munguia/SKIFF STAFF

Kelvin Stinyard, event coordinator, gives a temporary tattoo to Maya Pouncy, a sophomore sociology and Spanish major. The event was in front of Frog Fountain Thursday afternoon.

Prank under investigation

Skiff Staff

Campus Life officials have initiated university disciplinary procedures against seven students involved in an incident at Milton Daniel Residence Hall late Wednesday night, said Mike Russel, associate dean of Campus Life Thursday afternoon.

He said some members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and several student athletes are cooperating fully with the Campus Life investigation.

Police were dispatched to Milton Daniel Hall at 9:43 p.m. Wednesday following a report that residents were using a slingshot to launch water balloons from a second-floor window and had struck a disabled car parked between Milton Daniel and Moncrief Halls. According to the incident report, a group of male students were standing around the car trying to fix it when the incident occurred.

Other details of the incident have not been released in accordance with privacy laws guarding students at private universities, said Susan Adams, associate vice chancellor and dean of Campus Life.

Russel said he has no reason to believe alcohol or drugs were involved in the incident and he has no basis to judge whether or not the incident was racially motivated.

The athletes allege the residents, who have not been identified, used a racial slur during the incident. According to reports, the men who were standing around the car stormed into the residence hall angry about possible derogatory comments.

"We were sitting outside, and some (fraternity) guys threw some water balloons at us," said DeWayne Simmons, a sophomore business major. "That wasn't the (bad) thing. That's just college fun. But they called us 'niggers.' You can't go around making racial comments like that."

The other athletes would not comment, one saying he was afraid "of causing a riot."

Pi Kappa Phi officials would not comment on the details of the investigation, but fraternity president Brian Casebolt said Thursday that members are "fully cooperating with campus officials in hopes the investigation will be concluded in an expeditious and fair manner."

Casebolt also released a statement on behalf of the fraternity late Wednesday which stated in part that "...Pi Kappa Phi will act in a swift, decisive manner to hold all of its members to the highest quality of behavior, and it will accept nothing less..."

Russel said the investigation is in preliminary stages, but he anticipates it will be completed by next week.

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State Department says kidnapped Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl dead

BY MARCI KING
Staff Reporter

The death of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl should serve as a cautionary note to all journalists not to take things for granted or to assume things are proceeding normally, said journalism professor Anantha Babbili Thursday.

Babbili, a specialist in international communication, was reacting to The Associated Press reports from the State Department Thursday that Pearl is dead after being taken hostage a month ago by Islamic extremists in Pakistan.

"There are people in the world who do not differentiate between American journalists and American foreign policy," Babbili said. "That makes American journalists highly vulnerable and easy targets."

"Decisions are to be carefully weighed, and journalists need to realize that they cannot trust people easily," he said.

Pearl was abducted Jan. 23 after arranging to interview the leader of a radical Muslim faction with purported ties to the al Qaeda terrorist network and terror suspect Richard C. Reid,

who was arrested in December on a Paris-Miami flight he allegedly boarded with explosives in his shoes. Pakistani officials said there were indications that Pearl had been lured into a trap by false information.

"On Thursday, a videotape was received which contained Daniel Pearl in captivity and the scene of his death," said Mukhtar Ahmad Sheikh, interior minister of the Sindh province, which includes Karachi. "The video appears to be correct."

(More on WALL ST., page 4)

A word of advice...



Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF

Will Pinnel, a TCU alumnus, spoke to students Thursday at Sophomore Spotlight. Pinnel gave advice about how to apply for jobs.

THE PULSE

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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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.

• **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.

• **"Experience India"** luncheon and show will be noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$10 for students and children and \$12 for adults. The annual event is sponsored by Students for Asian-Indian Cultural Awareness (SAICA) and proceeds from the event benefit charity organizations in India and New York. For more information call (817) 926-3949 or (817) 361-7629.

• **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

Photos of drowned children shown in Yates trial

HOUSTON (AP) — Andrea Yates sobbed in the courtroom during her capital murder trial Thursday as she and jurors saw a picture of four of her drowned children on a bed and a videotape of her fifth child floating face down in the family's bathtub.

The photo, taken June 20 by investigators after Yates summoned police to her southeast Houston home, was displayed on a large screen in the Houston courtroom, where testimony was in its fourth day. Images on the screen also were duplicated on monitors at the defense table.

After Yates began to cry, prosecutor Kaylynn Williford did not show other images of the dead youngsters on the screen and monitor. Instead she walked in front of the jury box to show the graphic pictures, including ones of 7-year-old Noah in the tub and on the floor after his body was removed by the medical examiner.

But as jurors watched a videotape of the outside and inside of the home, Yates sobbed again as Noah's body, his arms outstretched in the murky water, appeared on the tape.

Yates, who has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity, is taking powerful anti-psychotic drugs as she attends the trial, defense attorneys have said. She faces the death penalty if convicted.

Enron desires to end lawsuits in settlement

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp.'s former auditor Arthur Andersen, facing a slew of lawsuits filed in the wake of the energy giant's collapse, reportedly is trying to reach a quick and comprehensive settlement that will allow it to survive the debacle.

Lawyers for investors, creditors and employees are wary of a hasty resolution, an Oklahoma attorney involved in the case said Thursday.

The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that Arthur Andersen LLP offered a group representing Enron creditors between \$700 million and \$800 million during a meeting Tuesday in New York. The talks began a week ago and were first reported by USA Today.

But various class action lawsuits filed shortly after Enron imploded last year are still in their infancy, and lawyers have much to investigate before considering any figure, Federman said. He said he knew of no specific settlement offers.

Brawl at Arlington school leads to slight injuries

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ten students at Bowie High School and two police officers were slightly injured Thursday when a fight escalated into a brawl.

Ten students have been detained. Two face charges of assaulting a police officer, while eight face disorderly conduct charges, said Sgt. James Hawthorne of the Arlington Police Department.

The incident began when several students came out of the school's cafeteria to watch a fight between two female students.

"Things got out of control, bottles and cans were being thrown, and it quickly escalated into a situation where we needed officers here," Hawthorne said. "We were able to bring crowd under control pretty quickly."

Several of the injuries to students were from inhalation of pepper spray, which was released by officers. One officer had cuts to his hand and one had bumps on his head.

The school was back in session after being locked down Thursday morning.

Fraternity hazing suspected at Sam Houston State

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Officials at Sam Houston State University are investigating whether four pledges of a campus fraternity were hazed earlier this month.

The students, who were pledging the university chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, were allegedly beaten after being taken into Harris County on Feb. 10, said Jason Warren, a staff associate in the student life office who investigates disciplinary matters.

One of the pledges was treated at Huntsville Memorial Hospital the following day for his injuries. The campus police department was notified by hospital officials, Warren said.

Since the alleged incident occurred in Harris County, campus police turned the investigation over to the student life office. A separate investigation is being done by the Harris County Sheriff's Department, The Huntsville Item reported Thursday.

The fraternity is suspended from campus activities during the investigation.

If university officials determine hazing occurred, the fraternity could be permanently expelled, Warren said.

UT student admits to writing review out of spite

AUSTIN (U-WIRE) — A University of Texas student admitted Tuesday he posted an online review of a UT law professor's book out of spite for an incident that happened in his first-year law class.

The professor, Gerald Torres, took questions from an ExamPro study guide for a property law test in a required first-year course. In response to his dissatisfaction with Torres' action, Champe Fitzhugh, a student in the class, posted a one-star review of Torres' book, "The Miner's Canary," on Amazon.com.

Steven Goode, dean of academic affairs, said several scathing reviews of "The Miner's Canary" were posted on Amazon.com. Goode said the reviews had racist undertones and attacked Torres himself, not his book.

However, Fitzhugh denies any racist connotations in the review. Fitzhugh said the posting was an inappropriate way to express his dismay towards Torres, and it was just a momentary lapse in judgment.

Fitzhugh said he never intended the review to be posted. When he saw it was, he wrote Amazon.com asking them to take down the review. He said he went to the dean and confessed to having posted the review. Fitzhugh said he also apologized to Mann about the review.

Playboy to resurrect ranking of party colleges

PITTSBURGH (U-WIRE) — Playboy magazine is looking to make your weekend parties a little more productive.

The magazine recently announced the resurrection of its ranking of the top party colleges in America. Stu-

dents are encouraged to send the magazine their tales of rowdy campus parties, tailgates and kegs. The winning college will be featured in Playboy's annual college edition in October.

According to Allison Lundgren, associate editor of Playboy, the magazine chose to hold the contest for the first time since 1987 because of the urban legends about the magazine's alleged annual school rank.

Theresa Hennessey, a public relations representative for Playboy, confirmed that college students across the nation constantly call to find out where their school ranks.

For this year's ranking, students are asked to e-mail Playboy with reasons why their school is the best place to party. According to Lundgren, Playboy staffers will compile the submissions into a list of the most mentioned colleges.

UC readies curriculum-based SAT replacements

BERKELEY, Calif. (U-WIRE) — One year after University of California President Richard Atkinson's shattering bid to eliminate the SAT from UC admissions, the proposal continues to gather steam.

College hopefuls could face a new test by 2006, as UC works with both SAT and ACT to author a new standardized achievement exam that will test students specifically on curriculum learned in California high schools.

The joint effort comes in contrast to previous efforts to abandon using the SAT as admissions criteria completely.

But critics say the changes only will add to already existing standardized tests rather than take away "unfair" multiple-choice tests.

A recent proposal within a prominent university committee has asked UC applicants applying for admission in fall 2006 to take three exams: a three-hour multiple-choice "core" examination with a writing section and two one-hour subject exams based on UC-approved college preparatory courses. Students would be able to choose between subjects such as laboratory science and U.S. history.

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The Skiff View

GROW UP

Students should avoid childish behavior

Our generation has many names. They range from the slacker generation, to generation Y to the MTV generation and are regarded as an apathetic and uninformed segment of the citizenry that only cares about having a good time. And, this stereotype doesn't get erased when students come to college.

Movjes like "Animal House" depict fraternity members as beer-guzzling guys in search of a "good time" that pull off a few pranks along the way. "Road Trip" depicts college students hanging onto their few remaining brain cells, going cross-country, getting trashed and, again, pulling off a few pranks. But, kids will be kids right?

Residents of Milton Daniel Hall launched water balloons with a slingshot Wednesday night onto a disabled car parked between Milton Daniel and Moncrief Halls while students were trying to fix it. While it seems like a harmless prank, it instigated an incident between fraternity members and a few athletes that has caught the attention of Campus Life.

College is often considered a transition zone between high school and the real world. It is here that students will do much of their growing up, but some will need a little longer than that.

Wednesday's incident was caused by a few students but will reflect badly on the rest of the undergraduate population of TCU. College is a time when students struggle to mature and come to terms with the inevitable burden of responsibility. But, college shouldn't be a time to pull off childish shenanigans. If students want to be taken seriously after college, then more consideration should be taken to behaving like adults during their time here.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

If you're trying to eat as you read this, do yourself a favor: Put either the food or the newspaper down. It's about to get seriously gruesome.

The Tri-State Crematorium in Noble, Ga., was discovered last week to be no crematorium at all. Instead, it was a dead-body farm, where allegedly cremated corpses had been rotting for years. Customers who had been assured that a loved one's ashes were in the urns learned that their "ashes" were actually nothing more than potting soil or cement.

What a pleasant surprise for a person to find about their grandmother's body.

The operator of the Tri-State Crematorium, Brent Marsh, had an excuse, supposedly. He claimed his cremator was broken and he couldn't do anything about it.

For 10 years. Gee, that's a well thought out excuse.

Some of the recently exhumed corpses have been found to be over a decade old, and more are on the way. Two hundred bodies and counting have been discovered, and the search is far from over.

Georgia's case has awakened Alabama's citizens — and legislature — to a problem with our existing regulations. Funeral homes are licensed and overseen by the state governments in both states,

but crematories operate without any sort of regulation.

Technically, they're supposed to be covered under funeral home rules, but freestanding crematories, such as Tri-State, are subject to no oversight because they aren't attached to a home.

It's a loophole that the Legislature would be wise to close.

Before Marsh's crematory illustrated exactly why it was needed, Rep. Terry Spicer (D-Elba) and Sen. Harri Ann Smith (R-Slocumb) proposed a crematory licensing bill that would bring facilities like Tri-State operating in Alabama under similar rules and regulations to those governing funeral homes. Under Spicer and Smith's bill, crematories would be licensed and inspected, while bodies going into and out of the buildings would be more stringently accounted for.

The Legislature should, and probably will, pass this law. It's sad that nothing can be done for the families victimized by Tri-State already, but the new legislation could hopefully go a long way toward preventing future funeral tragedies.

This editorial comes from The Crimson White at the University of Alabama. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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Contradiction in using war to spread democracy

One of the predominant missions of the United States since it became an imperialist power has been to proliferate democracy.

Understandably, this mission is inflexible, as global politics sometimes puts democracy on the backburner. Mysteriously, the rhetoric behind spreading democracy has been most profound during times of war. Indeed, it has been used consistently to justify war. The irony is that while democracy is based on transparency and open cooperation, war is a time for strategic secrecy and lies.

It is well known that the United States has supported countless authoritarian regimes for democracy. Because of the need for subtle population control and manipulation, the spreading of very blatant lies and disinformation has been an orthodox strategy of war makers since time immemorial. War makes lies necessary, but lies make democracy impossible. Thus wars for democracy are somewhat of a contradiction.

For years the United States has

been covertly telling strategic lies to reach political ends. Since the end of World War II this work has been relegated to the virtually unregulated CIA.

Occasionally, as in the Iran-Contra case, the CIA and FBI worked diligently to inundate U.S. media with lies and propaganda. Reagan created the Office of Public Diplomacy, run by the notorious Otto Reich, which bluntly shaped the media with an anti-Sandinista bias to support the covert war in Nicaragua. Reich's office was responsible for giving false information to the media while squashing journalists' quest for truth in Latin America.

That was the Cold War. This is the war on terror, and there is a new office to accompany the CIA in strategic lie spreading. It is the Pentagon's Office of Strategic Influence, created in response to the fear that the U.S. is losing support for the war on terror.

The new office, headed by a U.S. Air Force general and guided by the Rendon Group international consulting firm, has been given the task of creating U.S. support abroad

through overt and covert media campaigns. The basic idea is to supply foreign media with information — sometimes real, sometimes false — that will then dissuade anti-American sentiment while promoting U.S. political goals.

Several Pentagon officials have complained that the Office of Strategic Influence will damage the credibility of that institution. They would prefer the lie-spreading to remain the job of the CIA.

What is harder to justify is war for the sake of democracy, when clearly war also justifies great secrecy and blatant lies — that which is the greatest enemy of democracy.

Two weeks after the World Trade Center attacks, Donald Rumsfeld said he would never lie to reporters. Now telling lies has become official behavior. These lies may convince the world's people that the U.S. war on terror is fought for the sake of freedom and democracy, but by their nature they will impede any such reality.

Mike Wolff is a columnist for the Daily Lobo University of New Mexico. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Bush should practice what he preaches to other countries

One thing that amazes me about the man selected to serve as the president of our country is his ability to speak harshly of others while not considering his position at home.

He stated during his current trip to the Orient that the North Korean regime must improve its "transparency" and end its massive military buildup in favor of taking care of its population.

Does President Bush even follow domestic politics?

Currently there is a suit from the General Accounting Office of Congress to view the files relating to Vice President Dick Cheney's Energy Task Force. The main question involved is did our government know of Enron's shaky financial standing and plan around it. We already know that the access coming from the millions of dollars in bribery (campaign contributions) allowed Enron to not pay taxes for four of the last five years.

But how many people remember Dubya's announcement that the presidential papers from Reagan's terms available last year by law were hidden away presumably in an undisclosed location, maybe Cheney's location. These papers would illuminate the actions of the Great Communicator and Papa Bush in relation to Iran-Contra scandal, the funding of the Contra mercenary army and the extent of

their knowledge of international drug trading from their dealings with Manuel Noriega. Apparently, our government is immune from our leader's advice.

Secretary of War Donald Rumsfeld has also begun hyping the Office of Strategic Influence, an officially recognized office of misinformation for foreign audiences. Well, at least we can believe what they say to us because we are not foreigners.

Of course, I don't particularly care to whom one lies, it is the act of lying, and the act of misleading others for your own benefit that disgusts me and makes me distrust that entity. On the other hand, the CIA has been creating false stories for decades, maybe that is why others are willing to die to take a "punch" at this gargantuan beast, because they hate the actions of our government and not the lifestyles of the American people.

So while Bush levels these charges at others, where is our media leveling these charges at him? They are doing their best to distract you, the American public, with figure skating scandals, and a few hundred corpses in Georgia, which while despicable, does not merit any more than a brief mention in the national news. They remove any rational and meaningful commentary on our government by framing the debate in such narrow terms, essentially arguing nuances that people are happy to get wrapped up in the actions of a French judge.

Take a look historically at our government's treatment of the de-

scendants of African slaves and Native Americans. While some are fascinated by intrigue at the Olympics, I prefer to understand our government's operation known as COINTELPRO, a technically illegal domestic surveillance program that infiltrated minority empowerment groups, which theoretically, have to be around and should be supported in a democracy.

Furthermore, our government has still yet to define any objective standard for terrorism, because we can not rationally explain much of our foreign policy as anything but terrorism, and the supporting, training and arming of terrorists. The labeling of official enemies as terrorists now supplants the label "communist," and the charade continues.

Because of communists, we destroyed the southern half of Vietnam, Nicaragua, and launched Operation MONGOOSE, the most massive terrorist attack upon Cuba seen in this century. However, due to Bush's fetish for secrecy we might never know how many laws were broken, how many families destroyed and how many terror acts committed, not in the name of our safety, but in the interest of maintaining a hegemonic position of world dominance.

What is good for the kettle is good for the pot, and before we start dropping bombs again, we must demand our government's respect of the ideas our leaders propagate.

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Technology changes not necessarily a good thing

It's not that there's anything wrong with technology. It's just that sometimes, the modern way of doing things loses the magic of the old way.

It's like e-mail. I hate e-mail, even though I check mine about five times a day. Letters have such a personal quality about them, the feel of the paper, the loops and curves of the handwriting, the doodles in the margins.

E-mail is too fast. You write someone, and they get it immediately, and then they write you back, and then you feel guilty if you don't write them immediately back. But, you have nothing to say because you just wrote them, and the whole business is just too much.

E-books, too, are a disappointment. You can't curl up with a good e-book. They make obsolete the phrases, "You can't judge a book by its cover" and it's a real "page turner."

A real "screen scroller"? Not quite the same.

It seems like I might be getting old. Age, though, is something on its way to being remedied. There's been more cloning progress recently and, someday soon, aging itself might age and die.

Under the category of improvements that might not actually be improvements is the recent creation of CC, or Carbon Copy. This process recently created a "cat" in the cloning laboratory of Texas A&M University.

The idea of cloning itself is a problem. Until man can get simple paper copy machines to work, I will not trust the idea of making any other copies.

The case of Carbon Copy brought two issues to my mind. The first one is the possibility that pet owners will clone their pets so as to cushion their loss. Besides, having such an intense attachment to your pet that you would want to have it cloned is weird, why the necessity?

As CC proved, even exact genetic matches do not look or behave exactly like the original. CC's coat is missing the orange color that the coat of the original cat, Rainbow, had. And there is no indicator as to what sort of personality the new cat will have. "Carbon Copy" is a misnomer.

Basically, it's like a letter and an e-mail: The contents may be exactly the same, but the package is different.

The second complication that CC's creation brings up is that it is one step closer to the possibility of human cloning. Whenever considering the thought of human cloning, the science fiction novel, "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley, immediately comes to mind. A real screen-scroller, if you will.

If you aren't familiar with it, it's a frightening depiction of a society of artificially created human beings that has implemented a strict caste system based on genetic makeup.

I don't want to be part of a "Brave New World", nor do I ever want to Xerox myself. Also, I don't want to live to be a hundred and fifty. It's unnatural. If cloning is someday used to copy organs and prolong lives, there are too many implications to imagine.

What'll be cloned next? Angry grizzlies? Sheep and cats and bears, oh my. Just because we can, doesn't mean we should.

Change isn't always good. Sometimes it's just different.

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Federal authorities receive attack threat to Liberty Bell

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Federal authorities kept a close watch on the Liberty Bell on Thursday after receiving a "nonspecific" threat that someone planned to attack it. It was not being closed to tourists, though.

Security at the historic block that includes the Liberty Bell pavilion, Independence Hall and a federal courthouse, and the surrounding Old City neighborhood, was tightened after authorities issued a warning about the bell's safety Wednesday.

The bell opened for visitors as usual Thursday, and a handful of people lined up to get in.

The threat didn't say when an attack might occur but was considered serious enough to warrant increased patrols, said Linda Vizi, spokeswoman for the FBI in Philadelphia.

An area terrorism task force made up of the FBI, other federal agencies, Philadelphia police and Pennsylvania and New Jersey state police "is in the process of determining whether there is any veracity or substance to the threat," Vizi said.

Officials encourage routine mammograms for women

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women age 40 and older should get a mammogram every year or two, federal health officials said Thursday, reaffirming government backing of the breast cancer test even as European scientists have raised doubts about its effectiveness.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force reviewed eight major studies of mammography and concluded there is "fair evidence" that getting one regularly could reduce the chances of dying from breast cancer by about 20 percent over 10 years.

The evidence that mammograms save lives is strongest for older women — those ages 50 to 69 — but the task force decided some benefit likely will be gained by the younger women as well.

It's unclear if getting a clinical breast exam at the same time, or doing breast self exams, also helps reduce deaths, the panel said.

Thursday's decision updates the task force's last recommendation, in 1996, that set age 50 as the time for mammograms to start. Separately, the National Cancer Institute already had urged mammograms for 40-somethings.

Peace Corps interest rises among Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans seeking information about the Peace Corps has risen 39 percent since President Bush's State of the Union address rallied volunteers for the war against terrorism.

Bush called for all Americans to commit themselves to at least two years of volunteer service and announced an expansion of the Peace Corps, along with AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. The number of Peace Corps volunteers will double to about 15,000 over the next five years under Bush's planned expansion.

Last week, the president announced plans to send a team of Peace Corps veterans to Afghanistan to assess future aid efforts there.

Agency spokeswoman Ellen Field said Thursday, in light of the increased interest, agency officials are trying to shorten the application process, which typically takes three to six months. "We're trying to shorten it to between 90 and 120 days," Field said.

The Peace Corps hopes soon to return volunteers to three areas it pulled out of after the Sept. 11 attacks — Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.

Argentines must have visas to enter United States

WASHINGTON (AP) — Argentines must now obtain a visa in order to enter the United States, the Justice Department said Wednesday. The government cited an increase in the number of Argentines who are remaining illegally on U.S. soil to avoid the economic crisis in their homeland.

Argentina has been one of 29 countries whose citizens have not been required to obtain U.S. visas for entry into the United States. Citizens from these countries may remain in the United States for 90 days.

Argentines who intend to travel to the United States for business or pleasure will have to get a nonimmigrant visa. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the new rules affecting Argentines were to take effect Thursday.

A Justice Department statement said Argentina's participation in the visa waiver program "is no longer compatible with the enforcement of immigration laws of the United States. The decision follows Argentina's economic col-

lapse that has led to a 20 percent unemployment rate and economic uncertainty."

On Wednesday, long lines of Argentines angry and dismayed by the pending change formed outside the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires as they sought permission to travel to the United States.

Khamenei accuses U.S. of dominating other nations

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The United States' claim of fighting terrorism and promoting peace in the Middle East are a cover for its goal of dominating and controlling the wealth of other nations, Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said, state-run Iranian radio reported Thursday.

"The rhetoric of the U.S. administration in fighting against terrorism and defending the peace process in the Middle East are only a cover for the hegemonic plans of the United States to dominate and control the wealth and vital resources of other nations," Khamenei said.

His remarks were part of a statement issued Wednesday to mark the annual Muslim pilgrimage, or hajj.

"It is a shame that a country with a long record of sponsoring terrorist operations, a country that planned and undertook military coups in many parts of the world, a country with the largest arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, and a country that continues to support the most dangerous terrorists of the world is now going to take the lead in the war against terrorism," Khamenei said, referring to the United States.

Last month, President Bush said in his State of the Union address that Iran was part of an "axis of evil" — along with Iraq and North Korea — because it seeks weapons of mass destruction, an allegation Iran denies.

Peace prize committee receives record nominations

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A record 157 nominations ranging from President Bush to the Salvation Army have been made for this year's Nobel Peace Prize after the awards committee added six names Thursday at its first meeting of the year.

Olav Njoelstad, acting secretary of the awards committee, said the final list included 122 individuals and 35 organizations, the largest number ever nominated for the world's most coveted prize.

He also announced that this year's prize amount will be \$943,000.

The five-member committee keeps the nomination list secret, although other sources reveal some of the nominations — including those of Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair for fighting terrorism and trying to secure world peace following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

This year, those nominated include Bush, Blair, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, the Salvation Army, the Rome-based Catholic group Church of Sant'Egidio for peace and humanitarian efforts, the Mission of Mercy humanitarian group for work in Latin America, and the SOS Children's Villages aid group.

Njoelstad said the committee prepared a short list of its candidates for further study ahead of its next meeting on April 29, at which time the list will be trimmed further. The decision will be announced in mid-October, as usual.

Egypt train disaster kills near 370 in fire Wednesday

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Relatives looked through bodies burned beyond recognition in the capital's morgue Thursday, trying to identify loved ones killed in Egypt's worst train disaster, as investigators pledged to quickly uncover the cause of the fire that killed at least 370 people.

On the eve of one of the country's biggest family holidays, relatives traveled from villages of southern Egypt to converge on Cairo's main morgue, where bodies were brought from the train that caught fire Wednesday. Some brought coffins in which to take their dead home.

Some 170 bodies have been identified so far, the Middle East News Agency reported.

Most of the passengers on the crowded train were men who work in Cairo, traveling alone back to their home villages in the south to see family during the major Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, or the "Feast of the Sacrifice."

Stick-wielding riot police stood on the streets around the morgue in case grief and anger erupted into anti-government protests. The scene was calm.

The government announced \$665 compensation for families of the dead and \$222 for the injured.

SAICA banquet to benefit charity

BY MARCI KING
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Students for Asian-Indian Cultural Awareness will use food, dancing and fashion to promote awareness for Indian culture while raising money for leprosy and orphanages, said Ashish Bansal, vice president of SAICA.

Experience India, a charity banquet will be Saturday from noon to 2:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The banquet was originally started in 1994 by SAICA as a reaction to a devastating earthquake in India, Bansal said. The banquet was so well received that SAICA continued the event, he said.

Maliha Suleman, secretary of SAICA, said because of the tragedy of Sept. 11 a portion of the proceeds will go to relief efforts in New York, Suleman said.

"We feel it is only right with all that has happened that we share the proceeds," Suleman said.

The banquet will feature Indian dance acts, singing, a luncheon catered by Maha Indian Restaurant and a fashion show displaying traditional Indian clothes, Suleman said.

Many SAICA officers will be the models for the fashion show, Bansal said.

"This is a real chance for us to showcase our culture," Bansal said.

Tori Barlow, a sophomore business major, said she plans to attend the banquet and experience a taste of a different culture.

"The banquet is for a great cause and you have the opportunity to learn about another culture," Barlow said.

Experience India is the main event for SAICA and has dual importance to the organization, Bansal said.

"Raising money for the charities is very important but it also helps us spread Indian culture throughout the campus."

— Ashish Bansal

"Raising money for the charities is very important but it also helps us spread Indian culture throughout the campus," Bansal said. "There are not many Indian students at TCU so this is a real opportunity."

Bansal said the amount of money previously raised by the banquet was not disclosed to the organization.

Tickets for Experience India are for sale in the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Student tickets are being sold for \$5, all other tickets are \$12.

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Two U.S. officials said, however, the FBI had obtained a videotape purportedly showing Pearl either dead or being killed and was evaluating the tape's authenticity. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Sheikh refused to say whether he or other Pakistani officials had seen the videotape or what "the scene of his death" meant.

The *Journal* said it believed Pearl was dead.

"His murder is an act of barbarism that makes a mockery of everything Danny's kidnappers claimed to believe in," the newspaper said in a statement. "They claimed to be Pakistani nationalists, but their actions

must surely bring shame to all true Pakistani patriots."

Babbili said there are dangerous parts of the world for American journalist, especially during war time.

"This is a lesson that American journalists cannot afford to ignore," Babbili said. "Meetings with sources must take place in open, public places."

In an intensive sweep, Pakistani police seized several suspects, including Ahmad Omar Saeed Sheikh, an Islamic militant who admitted in a court hearing that he had engineered Pearl's abduction to protest Pakistan's alliance with the United States' post-Sept. 11 war on terrorism.

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others, but the numbers are up. "The numbers of Froggie-Five-O have definitely increased."

TCU Police Chief Steve McGee has approved allowing people to work overtime at night, so there is increased security at night, Christian said.

"I want to encourage females to utilize the escort program," she said. "The more demand there is for escorts, the more escorts we can send out."

Froggie-Five-O runs from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. seven days a week. If a female is out alone past 1 a.m. and feels threatened, she can call

the TCU Police for an escort, Christian said.

"Using some basic personal safety is what I would encourage females to do," she said.

Christian said she recommends having keys on hand when walking to the car or place of residence.

"Park in a lighted area, don't prop doors in dorms, don't let strangers in," Christian said.

She also encourages people to take the Rape Aggression Defense classes. The courses, sponsored by the TCU Police Department and the TCU Risk Management Department, are free to TCU students and staff. The next RAD class is Feb. 27-28 from 1 to 7 p.m.

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Search for missing bodies could last eight months

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NOBLE, Ga. (AP) — The operation to recover discarded human remains from pits, sheds, metal vaults and even a shallow lake near a crematory could last at least eight months, and the cost could top earlier estimates of \$10 million, officials said Thursday.

The 3-acre lake, which has already yielded two bodies, will be drained as part of the search, officials said.

"There's just no way to even guess at a cost until we stop finding bodies. And we're finding them everywhere," said Gary McConnell, director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

Since Friday, 242 bodies have been discovered at Tri-State Crematory in Noble, about 20 miles south of Chattanooga, Tenn. That count was expected to rise as authorities begin examining six

newly opened vaults; state medical examiner Dr. Kris Sperry said the vaults could hold as many as 20 corpses each.

Crematory operator Ray Brent Marsh, 28, remained jailed Thursday for allegedly accepting payment for cremations he did not intend to perform.

Forensics experts are testing the contents of urns returned to families and funeral homes by Tri-State and have determined that roughly one in eight is filled with a mixture of dirt or cement dust.

Investigators have subpoenaed natural gas records and planned to inspect the incinerator to determine the last time it had been used.

They also turned their attention to possible employees of the crematory, although they had not found any personnel or tax records, Coroner DeWayne Wilson said.

McConnell estimated the state has already spent \$5 million searching for

bodies, and the state said it now wants to lease land and set up temporary facilities because the operation likely will last eight months or more.

Among the expenses was \$500,000 a week for a temporary morgue in a 14,000-square-foot tent, with 50 pathologists working to identify remains.

In addition, more than 10,000 pieces of human remains had been sent for DNA tests since Monday, and the state has about 450 workers on site, along with dozens of FBI and federal mortuary workers, McConnell said.

The tricky job of draining the lake will likely involve trucking or pumping the water out slowly so bodies won't wash away, he said.

The project won't begin until two more tests show whether the

water is safe. Nearby residents have already been cleared to drink well water, McConnell said.

Thirty-five bodies have been identified. Wilson said his office receives about 600 phone calls a day from families as far away as Canada about the whereabouts of their loved ones.

Marsh faces 16 counts of theft by deception. More charges, including possible federal charges, were pending. A bond hearing was postponed until he has a

lawyer, district attorney Buzz Franklin said.

McConnell met with Gov. Roy Barnes and state senators to ask for more money for the investigation. The case doesn't qualify for federal emergency funds because it is not a natural disaster, state Sen. George Hooks said.

the CUE's outcomes would be assessed, saying the document did nothing to address that.

But geology professor Nowell Donovan said developing an assessment plan is the next step after agreeing on the core. Brown said the faculty was charged with creating basic outcomes and criteria for the new core, and an assessment plan will be designed by the Assessment Office and departments.

Carolyn Spence Cagle, chairwoman of Faculty Senate, said fears of not being able to assess outcomes should not impede approval.

"If we are really dedicated to

these outcomes, we will figure out how to assess them," Cagle said.

Executive Committee members called the draft a major and positive change to the CUE, but some professors said the proposal looks more like the University Curriculum Requirements with outcomes added on.

"What is it about this particular document, and I thought this about the previous one, that is innovative?" philosophy professor Gregg Franzwa said. "It looks a lot like the present core. We have come down a fairly long road, and it is curving back around, it seems."

Brown said the CUE provides

more chances for faculty to develop interdisciplinary courses.

"The thing that this document does, in the general sense of the word, is liberate the faculty to be innovative and create creative courses," Brown said.

Before the draft was presented, Chancellor Michael Ferrari outlined the document's path through the five previous committees that worked on it and answered criticism that the process has been rushed and not open to faculty input.

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"It seems like we are implicitly assuming the CUE document is something we want to go with as opposed to something like the old core with modifications," said accounting professor Donald Nichols. "It doesn't seem like we give equal opportunity for (discussing) the old core vs. the CUE."

"I think we are automatically saying this is what we want if we go down this line. I don't think I want the new one at this point."

Other professors questioned how

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Future reality collides with supernatural

I hope to get married in the near future. My wife and I will have children, get a house and make a life for ourselves. I will make sure my kids are taken care of. My kids will be healthy. They'll get braces. Wear nice clean clothes. Celebrate birthdays with streamers, cake and presents. I will make sure my kids take swimming lessons. I'll encourage them in their basketball practices, clarinet lessons and math homework. I will send them off to college, and hope they don't start doing drugs and dating the wrong type of people.



Ryan Elloe

I'll work to support my family. I will deal with the stresses the work environment presents. I will make sure I can pay the bills. I will drive through rough traffic day in and day out. I will work at least 40 hours every week to provide for my wife and children in every way possible. I hope to enjoy work, but some days going to work could be the last thing I hope to do.

Someday, I am also going to die. What will all of it amount to? Who cares if I sacrificed my 80-odd years on earth trying to understand economic graphs, paying the Visa bill, buying new cars or even if I attended my children's sporting events?

This brings up one of the questions of the ages: "What will happen when I die?"

Looking at our world through a lens, society explores what seem to be unlimited possibilities to this question.

Tom Shadyac ("Patch Adams," "The Nutty Professor," "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective") tries to bring audiences a new supernatural drama "Dragonfly" which appears extremely different from his usual slapstick comedy fare.

The over spiritually sensational Web site for "Dragonfly" includes a list of how different religions view the afterlife.

The site begins its synopsis of the film asking the question, "When someone you love dies are they gone forever?"

The movie stars Kevin Costner as a doctor at Chicago Memorial Hospital. After his wife (Susanna Thompson) dies in Venezuela, he begins to believe that she is trying to contact him through the near death experience of his patients and the dragonflies he sees that remind him of her.

The explanations for what happens when people die seem to be getting a little more far-fetched. But why not throw out some more possibilities?

Another interesting movie, which is an adaptation of the third book in Anne Rice's "The Vampire Chronicles," is being released this weekend. The movie, "Queen of the Damned" is about a Vampire rock star (Stuart Townsend) whose music awakens a 6000 year old Egyptian vampire.

This of course alone raises a number of questions about different ways of viewing death with a supernatural slant.

However, the issue of death in the film became increasingly interesting just a couple months before its initial October 2001 release date. The awakened Egyptian vampire, Queen Akasha is played by former R&B star Aaliyah, who died in a tragic plane crash in the Bahamas on August 25, 2001.

Yet it appears that the filming was done and is going to come out in theaters despite the death of its title star. The trailer, Web site, and posters all seem tasteless and this 22-year-old deceased star stands with backgrounds of flames and destruction.

The new releases make us stop and think about how we view death and some very serious spiritual questions. Yet, the films seem to stretch so far in the realm of the supernatural that in the presence of the actual death of someone like Aaliyah, we realize that the explanations we are producing are not helpful in our quest for real answers. Rather, these films are just attempts to entertain at the whims of our most serious questions.

So after I raise a family, in an attempt to live out the American dream in some form or another, I rest assured that all of this isn't futile.

I am not looking for explanations in near death experiences, dragonfly tokens left by the lost or vampires returning from the dead. And although I do not understand every aspect of my personal beliefs, I find confidence in the knowledge that there is a living active God that cares for me, and has a plan for me, and that even in death, I have a hope for eternity.

Different people have different views, but as a society we seem to be searching for spiritual things. Our search has led us all over the map. I think we realize that the answer for what happens in death does not rely on corruptible things like money and possessions. Yet, it may be easy to be discouraged or distracted by movies like "Dragonfly" or "Queen of the Damned."

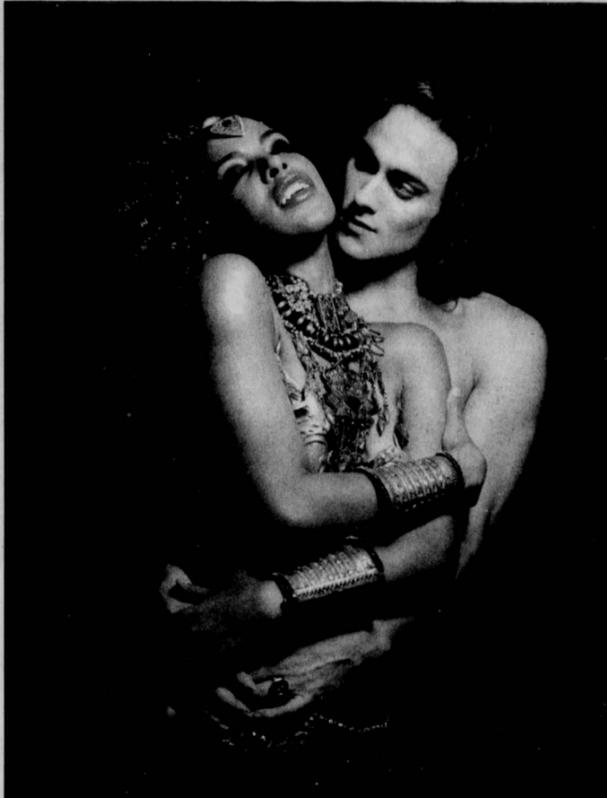
Some people seem to think that ideas of God, heaven and hell and the Bible are crazy beliefs, but I trust these to be the truth. Perhaps instead of seeking to find more possible answers, we should focus on finding more truth.

The truth could potentially be right under our noses all along.

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The vampire queen "Queen of the Damned" needs more muscle

BY AL BRUMLEY
KRT Campus



Aaliyah, left, and Stuart Townsend star in the supernatural adventure "Queen of the Damned."

It's gotta be rock 'n' roll music, if you wanna dance with the Queen of the Damned.

And nothing gets Akasha's sexy belly shakin' like Lestat's meager attempt at debbil music.

That's Lestat as in the band, led by - who else? - the Vampire Lestat, who has been rattled from a 100-year slumber by the wailing of amplified guitars and the promise of god-like worship.

If you're seeing a pattern here, well, director Michael Rymer seems determined to use "Queen of the Damned" to make some kind of statement about rock, pop culture and celebrity worship.

Exactly what that statement is gets lost in a gloppy miasma of goo, blood and annoying sound effects. But fans of Anne Rice, upon whose work, of course, the film is based, will no doubt leave happy, sated by a few clever lines and enough retro, Goth-oh-golly-oh-gee sets to outfit every hotel lobby in Soho.

And, as cold as it sounds, the film has the death of Aaliyah in its corner. The promising young singer - cast as Akasha, the titular queen - died shortly after the movie wrapped. No doubt legions of fans will flock to theaters to see her final film performance.

Unfortunately, she was not quite ready to take on the role of the Mother of All Vampires. Sure, she looks great strutting around in that neo-Liz Taylor wig and skimpy Egyptian evening wear. But she also looks like the youngster that she is.

You want a Queen of the Damned? Try Tina Turner. Or even Tina's on-screen double, Angela Bassett. "The Queen of the Damned" needs a little more muscle, a little more life experience, than Aaliyah could muster.

Nevertheless, she's the queen, she's been awakened - somehow - by Lestat's music, and now she wants him for her king. Lestat is played by Stuart Townsend, who often looks more like Edward Scissorhands than the evil vampire he is.

Upon becoming a rock star, Lestat breaks the ultimate vampire code by "outing" himself and his brethren. In this jaded age, though, the only ones who seem upset by this are other vampires. Journalists and groupies flock to Lestat as if he were the second coming.

Meanwhile, another even more muddled story line involves Jesse (Marguerite Moreau), who works at an abnormal-psych institute and finds herself helplessly drawn into Lestat's world.

By the time the big showdown comes - during which, of course, Akasha decides to temporarily stop demonstrating how quickly she can cook up a dish of vampire flambé - the only thing you might care about is why it is that every time a vampire appears, it sounds as though someone is cleaning his glasses.

"Dragonfly" doesn't evoke emotions

BY ROGER MOORE
KRT Campus

"Dragonfly" is a weirdly off-putting romantic ghost story that never finds that magical, love-that-transcends-death tone it is aiming for.

But it gives Kevin Costner another chance to tear-up, choke up and narrate his grief over a dead spouse in the worst "Message in a Bottle" fashion.

Costner plays Joe Darrow, a Chicago emergency-room physician whose wife dies in the film's opening scenes. Or does she?

Joe doesn't easily give up the search for Emily, who was lost when her bus is washed away in a Venezuelan mudslide. And after the no-body funeral, the cynical doctor is faced with evidence of supernatural visits. Is Emily (Susanna Thompson) trying to get in touch with him?

His colleagues (Joe Morton, Ron Rifkin) think he's nuts. His lesbian-lawyer neighbor (Kathy Bates) is sympathetic, but also thinks he's cracked.

But Emily's long-silent parrot starts talking as if she's returned. Children in the cancer ward who go through near-death experiences tell Joe they've seen her.

And Joe keeps seeing dragonflies, which Emily used

as a "totem" the way some folks decorate their houses with unicorns or angels.

Oscar winner Linda Hunt makes a brief but effective appearance as a curious nun who explains it all to us, and Joe.

The director, Tom Shadyac, has unleashed many a comedy ("Ace Ventura: Pet Detective," "Liar Liar") but has nary a romance on his résumé. So he turns this one into something of a thriller. Granted, the non ghost-believers among us would certainly feel the hairs on the back of our necks rise if confronted with proof of a ghostly visitation.

But Emily is supposed to be Joe's great love, this benign but insistent spirit. And every time she shows up, she scares the willies out of Joe, and the audience. There's a hint of the menacing tone of "What Lies Beneath" here, but Shadyac would have been better served stealing from "Ghost" than from the Harrison Ford thriller.

We never get a sense of who Emily was. She's just this saintly, curly-haired beauty who marches off, while very pregnant, to the Third World as part of a Doctors Without Borders program.

And after letting his film meander along, shocking us with cheap scares and tiny revelations, Shadyac and the screenwriters jam way too many plot



Kevin Costner plays a grieving doc who tries to contact his late wife courtesy of his patients' near-death experiences in "Dragonfly."

twists into its final act.

Costner has made getting choked up something of a career move of late. Mel Gibson plays crazy well and Russell Crowe has the sullen market cornered.

But nobody chokes up like Costner. He even does it in the Hallmark card voice-over narration.

The whole movie rests on his

shoulders, and the character just isn't deep enough to support it.

"Dragonfly" is "Message in a Bottle" sappy, but the sap feels unearned, here. The great, undying love is declared, but never felt.

In the end, when we should be reaching for our hankies, he has us checking our watches and wondering where the evening went.



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Performer's life revisited on stage

BY JOHN-MARK DAY
Skiff Staff

Theatre TCU's performance of "Red, Hot, and Cole" opens unpretentiously enough, with Jason Lovelady's waiter escorting pianist Charles Whitehead into a society apartment. Whitehead takes the keys and begins to play the show's overture as the rest of the cast enters for a party celebrating Cole Porter.

Thus begins a casual evening retelling Porter's career and most well-known music. The cast moves through monologue, song and dance in a biographical and historical perspective on the famous songwriter.

A good portion of the production belongs to freshman newcomer Felecia B. Benton as Actress 5. Benton takes command of the stage, giving strong performances in her featured moments and stealing much of the attention in the group scenes. Several times in the show even the rest of the cast seems to bow to Benton's dominant presence.

The drama-heavy second act works thanks to Michael Chase's well-acted performance as Cole. Chase turns in a consistently strong performance, portraying Porter's charming comedic moments just as well as his heavily dramatic ones. Chase and Shauna McLean as Linda have good

chemistry in the second act.

Emili Panian's turn as Actress 1 is also noteworthy. Panian's voice is big enough to take a stab at Ethel Merman, who she portrays in the show.

The set, designed by Kelly Williams and Dana Campbell, is well suited for the show and helps in pushing the story. The set is well complimented by Chad Jung's lighting design.

As is usually the case in a revue, the show's highest moments occur during song. The device of having narration from characters directly to the audience feels wooden and disrupts the party flow. Some of the cast seems more preoccupied with watching the

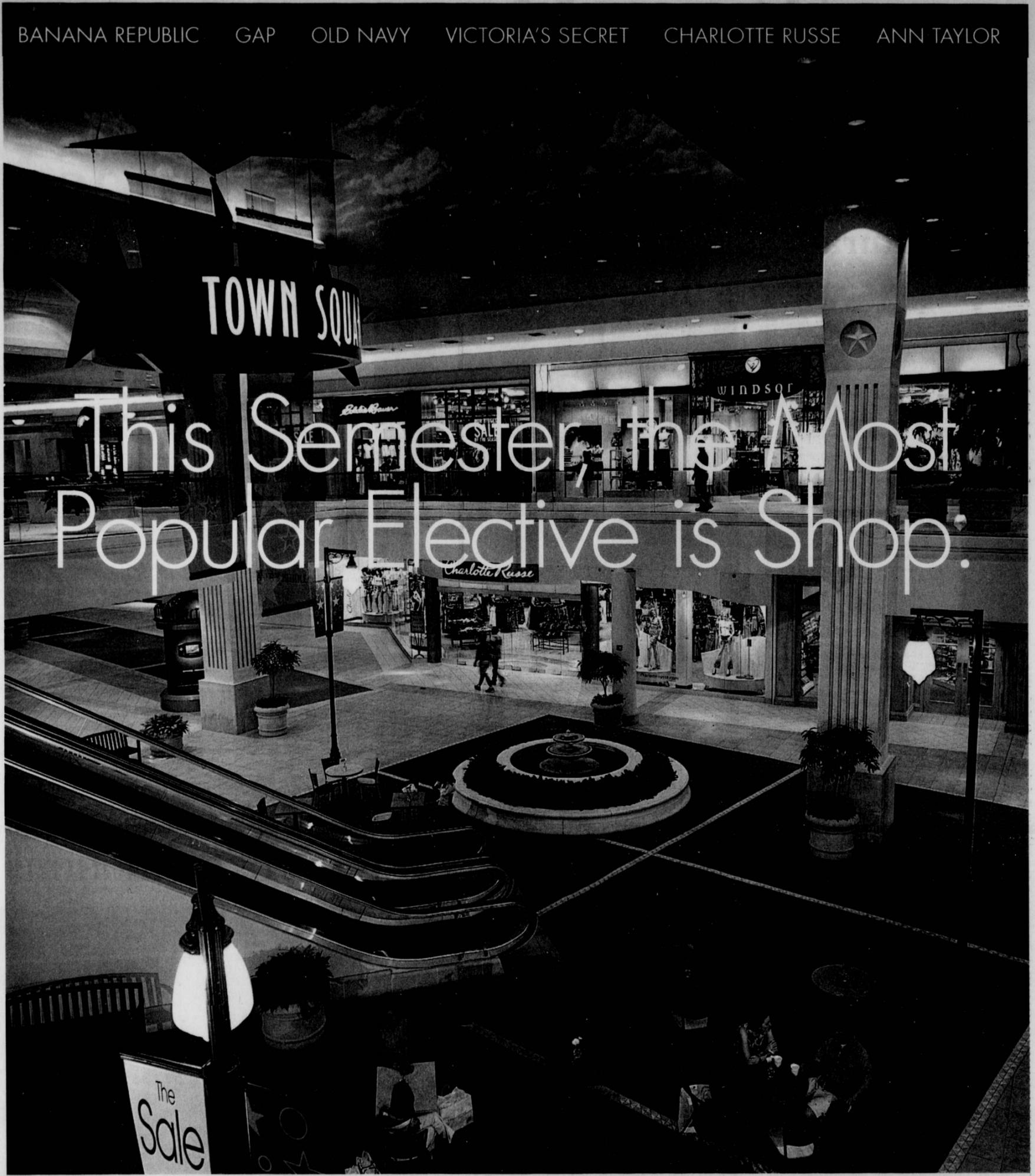
other stronger performers than acting themselves. And be prepared for a long night, as the first act alone runs an hour and a half.

Fans of Cole Porter will enjoy the show and retelling of Porter's life. Others may want to catch a few of Porter's shows before tackling this revue.

"Red, Hot, and Cole" is at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the University Theatre. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, and free for TCU students. For tickets, call (817) 257-5770.

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

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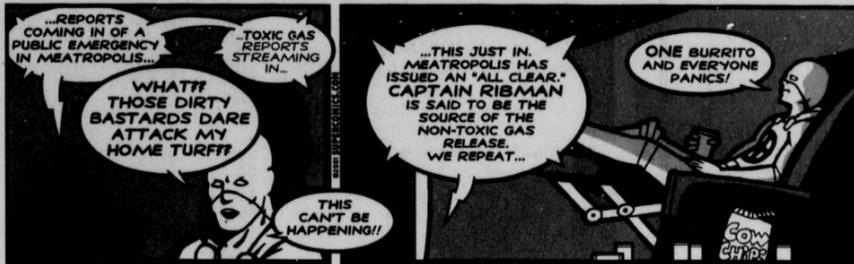
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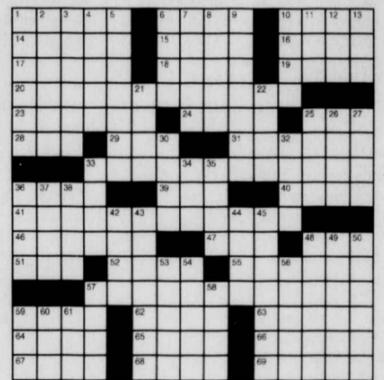
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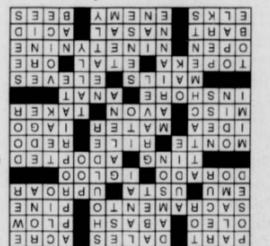
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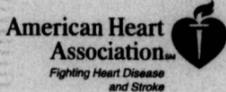
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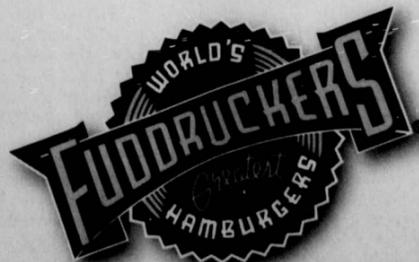
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The Sideline

Time changed for weekend home baseball games

TCU baseball has changed the starting times of this weekend's games against Sam Houston State. On both Saturday and Sunday, the Frogs will play the Bearkats at 2:05 p.m. The time was originally set for 1:05 p.m.

The Horned Frogs (3-6) will look to snap a two-game losing skid when they host the Bearkats in the first weekend series of the year at the TCU Diamond.

Flyin' Frogs set for C-USA Indoor Championship meet

The men's and women's track and field teams are in Bloomington, Ind. this weekend, participating in the Conference USA Indoor Championships.

The men's team, currently ranked No. 14 in the nation, appears to be the favorite in the meet. The men and women will look to build off their strong performances in the Houston Indoor Invitational two weeks ago. The Frogs finished first and third, respectively.

Mavs get Van Exel, LaFrentz before trading deadline

Denver (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks acquired Nick Van Exel, Raef LaFrentz, Avery Johnson and Tarik Abdul-Wahid from the Denver Nuggets for Juwan Howard, Tim Hardaway, Donnell Harvey, Dallas' 2002 first-round pick and \$1 million.

All three of the Mavs players had their lockers cleaned out and their nameplates removed from above their stalls prior to Dallas' Thursday night game against Boston.

Calls to Denver Nuggets officials were not immediately returned.

"He's ecstatic," said Tony Dutt, Van Exel's agent. "Avery Johnson is being moved as well. He and Avery are very close."

"I think it couldn't have worked out any better," Dutt said.

Van Exel, the Nuggets' leading scorer, went public with his demand to be traded Dec. 8.

Dutt said Van Exel agreed to some deferrals in his current contract. He declined to provide details.

Nuggets general manager Kiki Vandeweghe said Wednesday the team was working around the clock to trade Van Exel.

Van Exel, in his ninth NBA season, is scheduled to earn \$26.5 million in the remaining two years of his contract through 2005-06.

Van Exel, 30, was averaging 21.4 points and 3.8 rebounds this season. He has missed the past five games because of an inflamed elbow.

LaFrentz, 25, the Nuggets' No. 2 scorer, averaged 14.9 points and 7.4 rebounds. Johnson, 36, averaged 9.4 points and 1.3 rebounds.

Nevada won't charge Tyson on sexual assault charges

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will not be charged with sexual assault in two separate cases in Las Vegas, prosecutors said Thursday.

"It was simply unclear whether the sexual interaction between each of the two alleged victims and Mr. Tyson was consensual or forced," Clark County prosecutors wrote in a Thursday letter to Las Vegas police.

Prosecutors said there was no question sexual relations occurred between the women and Tyson but said there was "no possibility whatsoever" to successfully prosecute Tyson in either case.

Ten prosecutors reviewed the evidence. They said the police investigation was so thorough that there was nothing more police could have done, or do in the future, that would warrant charges.

Police sought arrest warrants from prosecutors for Tyson on multiple counts of sexual assault in each case.

In the first case, police began investigating Iron Mike in mid-September, after a Las Vegas woman went to a hospital with injuries that she said were suffered when the boxer raped her at his home.

Last month, the Nevada Athletic Commission voted to refuse Tyson a license to challenge heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis on April 6 at the MGM Grand hotel-casino.

Frogs need one win for C-USA title

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Skiff Staff

The TCU women's basketball team has two games this weekend in what may be their biggest weekend of the season.

The Lady Frogs (20-5, 10-2 Conference USA) can clinch at least a tie for the C-USA regular season championship with a victory today against DePaul (15-9, 8-4 C-USA), with a 1 p.m. tip-off at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

TCU will also be in action at 1 p.m. Sunday taking on Marquette at home.

With the regular season title and top seed in next week's conference tournament in reach, head coach Jeff Mittie said his team has put itself in a very favorable position.

"We're in a position to clinch a tie for the conference championship, and you work all year to get to this point," Mittie said. "I think these are the fun games, and these are the games that big-time players step up and play in. I think that these are the games that our players came here to play in."

A factor that could play an important part in the games is the fact that they are being played at home.

The Lady Frogs are 13-2 at home and will be looking to use

some of that home cooking to their advantage this weekend.

"I think it is always great if you can win it (conference title) in front of your home fans," Mittie said. "I think it makes it special, because they have been a big part of our year. I think our growing fan base has been special. They were special at the end of last year, and I think this year can have that same feeling."

However, the conference goals are not the only things that the team can achieve. With pre-season expectations of making the Top 25, the Lady Frogs have threatened cracking all season and were No. 24 in the polls for one week.

They currently stand No. 26 in the ESPN/USA Today Poll and No. 28 in the Associated Press poll.

Mittie says that despite the acknowledgment, the team is totally focused on the C-USA title.

"I think it was nice to get in it, and then we fell back out," Mittie said. "Now we are right on the edge of it again. However, the conference takes precedence over that. You know in our conference that if you take care of business, you'll have the opportunity to be ranked."

The team has had some trouble at times with offensive production

this season but has more than made up the difference on defense, Mittie said.

The Lady Frogs head into this weekend No. 14 in the nation for points allowed, giving up only 57.2 ppg.

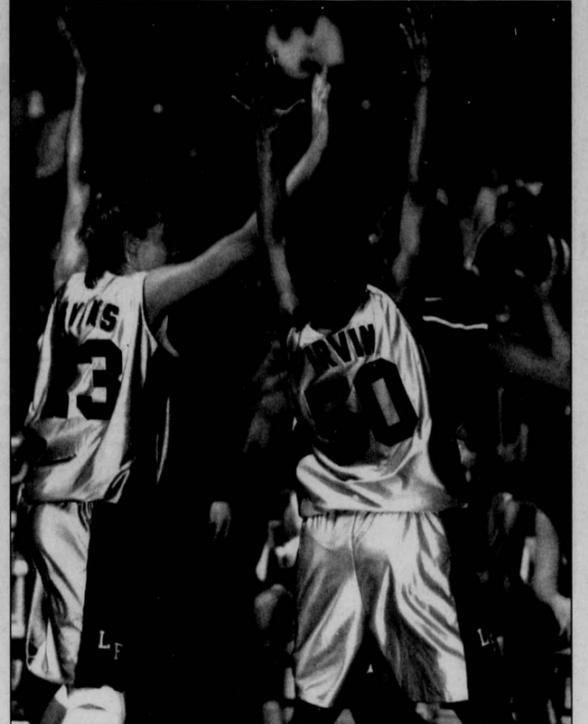
Mittie says it is good to know that the defense will show up every night. However, he feels the offense is making strides heading into the most critical part of the season.

For the Lady Frogs, the inside presence of team is what makes their offense go. Starting 6-foot-2-inch Tiffany Evans (sophomore), 6-foot-2-inch Kati Safaritova (senior), and 6-foot-4-inch Sandora Irvin (freshman) inside, the team will look to build momentum off the production in the paint.

"We'd like to make it a low post game," Mittie said. "We feel like we have players that can score down there."

Mittie said the players coming off the bench are a large factor and will bring a lot to the offensive mix.

"We have had good scoring, and we've had players that can make plays come off the bench," Mittie said. "So I think this weekend will be no different than any other weekend."



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Freshman Sandora Irvin and sophomore Tiffany Evans will be looked upon to provide some interior defense for the Frogs' final two home games of the season.

Tubbs prepares for final games

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Billy Tubbs says he won't miss coaching — if indeed this is his last season.

After 593 wins and 12 NCAA tournament appearances with four schools over 28 seasons as a head coach, Tubbs is down to his final handful of games at TCU. He said before the season that this would be his last with the Horned Frogs.

"To be perfectly blunt, I don't think I will miss anything about coaching," Tubbs said. "The things that you do really enjoy are counterbalanced by the things that you don't."

Such as the long practice sessions, the losses and the constant pressure coaches are under even when they're winning.

"The longer you coach, the highs don't get any higher, but the lows get lower," Tubbs said. "You would think that the longer you coach, the easier it would be to take losses. But for me, it isn't."

The Horned Frogs (14-13, 4-9 C-USA) have three regular season games left, and would have to win the Conference USA tournament to send Tubbs out with one more NCAA tournament appearance. If not, there is still a chance to get into the expanded NIT field.

Any postseason berth would be an accomplishment for his young team — there's just one senior — that has struggled while adjusting to its new league. The Frogs lost their first six games in C-USA.

"We were beaten down bad enough that this team could have folded and could very well have been 1-15 in the league," Tubbs said. "The players deserve credit for not giving up."

But Tubbs, who says he's been able to enjoy the season more knowing he won't be around 10 or 15 more years, didn't give any sentimental speeches.

"That's not really a big issue for him," said Junior Blount, a junior guard.



David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER
Senior Marlon Dumont grabs a ball against DePaul Feb. 6. Dumont and the Frogs hit the road to face Southern Miss Saturday night. TCU has only three more regular season games left under the guidance of head coach Billy Tubbs.

"We want to win for him, but he doesn't want us to look at it like that. He's not doing anything different than what he's done in the past."

No matter what happens these last few games, starting Saturday at Southern Miss, Tubbs is a content man looking forward to his uncertain future.

"I don't really want to do nothing, but I don't have to do anything," said Tubbs, who turns 67 next month. "I've got time to decide if, when and what I want to do. There's no rush."

While he won't shut the door on coaching again, he said it would have to be the right situation.

"What is most relaxing is if the right coaching situation came up, I'm not

burned out on coaching and could still coach some more," Tubbs said. "Deep down, I know I'll be better if nothing comes up. I'd like to know how I'd do in doing nothing."

The Frogs, who won just 13 games the two seasons before Tubbs arrived, are going for their eighth straight winning season.

TCU athletics director Eric Hyman was privately preparing for the search by doing background checks and cross-references over the past few months. The search, and the interviewing of candidates, begins right after the season.

Hyman won't disclose possible candidates but said he is "keeping an open door to every possibility."

Women netters continue slump at home

BY QUINTEN BOYD
Staff Reporter

The past two home matches for the TCU women's tennis team have been dramatic, but both ended in defeat.

The Frogs came home hoping that their three-match win streak would increase to four. However, they would fall to No. 61-ranked Oklahoma, 4-3.

The loss dropped their record to 6-3. The Sooners improve to 6-0.

For the third consecutive home match, the Frogs could not capture the doubles point, winning only one of the three doubles matches.

The team of Paty Aburto and Rosa Perez defeated Bethany Griffin and Heather Saluri of Oklahoma, 8-3. Aburto and Perez won their fourth straight doubles match, a streak that includes wins over two teams ranked in the Top 20.

"Paty and Rosa played well in their match," head coach Roland Ingram said. "Our second team (Saber Pierce and Leoni Weirich) came close, but their comeback started just a little too late. We've got to perform consistently in doubles."

In singles play, the Frogs were victorious in three matches.

Pierce defeated Saluri in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, and freshman Karla Mancinas claimed victory over Jessica Braver, 6-2, 6-3. Senior Katrin Gaber, ranked No. 60, closed out the scoring for the Frogs with her 6-2, 7-6 (11-9) victory over Elena Jirnova. Gaber's win tied the match score at 3-3.

However, Aburto, ranked No. 98, was defeated by Anda Perianu, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, to clinch the match for the Sooners.

Although Perianu's win gave the victory to the Sooners, Ingram felt the de-

ciding match was between Perez and Annette Bryntesson. Bryntesson went on to win the match, 6-3, 6-3.

"I felt we still could have won the whole thing," Ingram said. "I thought that Rosa could win her match, but Bryntesson played very well. Oklahoma has a great team."

Ingram said the key to preparation for their next match was to get all of the team members healthy.

"We have to keep everyone in good playing condition," Ingram said. "Leoni's hurt, and we need to have her healthy. She's a strong player, and we need that strength."

The Frogs travel to Houston on Saturday to take on Rice. The match begins at 2 p.m.

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Men's tennis hosts Shootout

BY QUINTEN BOYD
Skiff Staff

TCU men's tennis head coach Joey Rive said he sees last Saturday's loss to Tulsa as a part of the season that all teams go through.

"Every team goes through an ugly part of the schedule when they don't play at their best," Rive said. "We hit that on Saturday, but this is a strong team. We'll make it through the ugly part."

Making it through the ugly part begins today, as the Frogs host the Conference USA Shootout at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. Conference rivals Tulane, South Florida and Charlotte will also take part in the event.

The day will begin with South Florida taking on Tulane at 9:30 a.m. Then, the Frogs take on Charlotte at 1:30 p.m. Saturday the losers of the two matches will meet, followed by a meeting between the winners of Friday's matches.

The Frogs are looking to get back on track after falling to Tulsa, 5-2. The Frogs won their points at singles, when freshman Fabrizio Sestini pulled off an upset victory over No. 79-ranked Dane McGregor, 7-5, 7-5. Fellow freshman Daniel Scholten kept his spring record perfect with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Dustin Taylor. However, Tulsa won the other four singles matches and all three doubles matches to claim victory.

"That wasn't our best tennis," Rive said. "Fabrizio and Daniel played well, though, and I know that this loss will be motivation for the guys. We can't take anyone lightly."

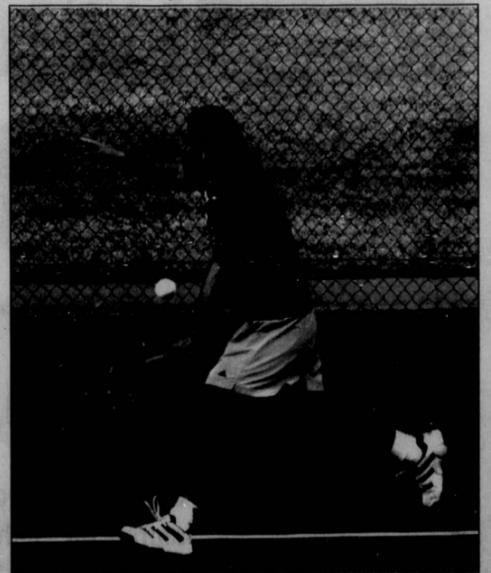
South Florida is ranked No. 30 in the Omni Hotels Collegiate Tennis Rankings. The Bulls are 5-1 on the season.

Tulane, ranked No. 41, is currently 5-1 on the season. The Green Wave defeated Tulsa earlier in the season, and won their last match 5-2 over New Orleans. They have the No. 4-ranked player in the nation, Michael Kogan, and the No. 33-ranked player, Victor Romero.

Charlotte, ranked No. 64, comes into the C-USA Shootout with a record of 1-2.

"We have to play good tennis this weekend," Rive said. "We want to set the early tone for conference play. We have a lot of ability, but so does everyone else here. This weekend will help this team to find itself and compete in Conference USA."

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David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER
Junior Toni Gordon hits a ball in practice at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. The No. 20-ranked men's tennis team is hosting the Conference USA Shootout this weekend. Teams in the tournament include Tulane, South Florida and Charlotte.