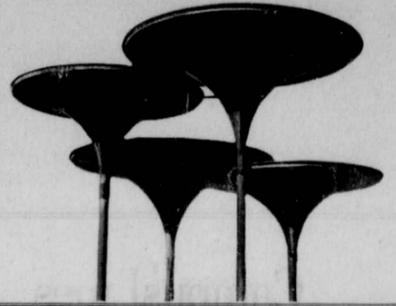


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On Campus

Sketch released of alleged sexual assaulter

Fort Worth police have released a sketch of the man who allegedly sexually assaulted a TCU student at the Bellaire Condominiums Feb. 18.

The sketch is based on information the victim gave police.

According to a Crime Stoppers notice, the man is between 28 and 33 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. He is described as having black hair, a "beer gut" and a noticeably lopsided smile.

Fort Worth Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 to anyone who calls with information that leads to the arrest of the person responsible for the crime.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (817) 469-TIPS or TCU police at (817) 257-7777.

—Anthony Kirchner

Investigation of alleged racial harassment continues

The investigation of students accused of throwing water balloons and yelling racial slurs at a group of student-athletes is ongoing and expected to be wrapped up by the end of this week, said Mike Russel, associate dean of Campus Life, Tuesday.

Russel said Campus Life still needs to interview people involved in the incident.

TCU police were dispatched to Milton Daniel Hall Feb. 20 following a report that residents shot water balloons from a second-floor window of the east wing at several athletes and a parked car.

Members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity live in that section of Milton Daniel Hall.

Russel said last week he has no reason to believe alcohol or drugs were involved and that fraternity members and student-athletes were cooperating fully. He said there is no basis to judge whether the incident was racially motivated.

—Brandon Ortiz

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the Weather

THURSDAY

High: 56; Low: 42; Mostly sunny

FRIDAY

High: 51; Low: 32; Showers

Correction

In Tuesday's paper Marjory Eisenman, an assistant director at Career Services, was incorrectly identified as Maria Eisenman.

Work-study funds may change

President's proposal may require community service

BY SAM EATON
Staff Reporter

TCU may face a shortage of funding for on-campus job wages if proposed changes in the work-study requirements go as planned, Financial Aid Advisor Melet Leafgreen said.

President Bush is calling for an increase in the required percentage of work that work-

study students must do in community service jobs, according to a recent article in *Newsweek*. Currently, the requirement is only 7 percent, and the proposed change would increase that figure to 50 percent.

Work-study is a program that makes it advantageous to hire students in financial need because the federal government pays 75 percent of the wages, Leafgreen said. The students receive the same pay, but it's less expensive for the employer.

Many universities, including TCU, try to use work-study students for as many on-campus positions as possible. Leafgreen said there are currently 486 students who are in work-study positions at TCU.

According to the article, the purpose of the increase was to allow students to spend more time in community service jobs rather than menial university jobs.

Mike Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid, said TCU students spend about 25 percent of their time on community service. He said some employment holes would

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Committee to look at inclusiveness

BY LAURA MCFARLAND
Staff Reporter

The Inclusiveness Task Force has been working to fulfill an action plan to unite all student organizations on campus since its creation in October, said ITF chairwoman Kellen Correia.

"Our goal is to tackle the diversity issues that we see and to make the TCU community a more close-knit community," Correia said. "We know that we can't fix everything, but we want to do our part in trying to make it a better place."

Terry James, an ITF member, said the task force is a student-led diversity group designed to ensure that TCU continues to grow and develop in the area of inclusiveness. The idea behind the task force is to back up talk with action, James said.

"We are really a concerned group of students who love TCU, and we want to work as hard as we can to make sure that it fulfills its (mission statement)," James said.

Correia said the first step in the process was to have the 12-person task force meet with the leaders of 12 minority organizations. The organizations include Students for Asian-Indian Cultural Awareness, Organization for Latino-American Students and International Student Association, she said.

"We are trying to start with the minority groups because it is such a small population on campus," Correia said. "Before we can bridge the gap between the majority and the minority, we have to bridge the gap between the minority organizations."

James said each member is equipped with a list of questions regarding TCU's diversity and has been assigned as a liaison to one of the minority groups to gather opinions on how diversity can be improved.

Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community, said each of the minority organizations is supposed to select a program, such as a dance, and try to make it more inclusive.

"They will try to invite groups of students that typically would not attend this particular program or activity," Thomas said. "The whole premise is that once people begin to interact with one another in social settings, they begin to see and know one another more and they can get beyond perceptual barriers."

In her three years at TCU, Jamie White, president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, said she has seen many unsuccessful attempts to make the TCU campus more united. As the leader of an organization approached by the task force, White, a junior marketing major, said she hopes it will make students aware that they are not as unified as they should be.

"It's so segregated right now," White said. "If we were together, we could get a lot more things accomplished."

Thomas said that the main goal of the task force over the next two semesters will be to broaden the perspectives of students and give them a platform to deal with the issues they want to influence.

"Students are the most powerful force on campus, and if we can empower them to do some things that they say they want done, then there is no better work that we can do," Thomas said.

Task force members will meet March 6 to discuss findings from their assigned organization and their plans for next semester, Thomas said.

The task force developed out of the Council on Diversity's annual Conference on Inclusiveness fall 2001.

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Cross-cultural communion



Orsi Trizna, a senior interior design major, looks at the Latin American exhibit. Various objects were displayed from Africa, Latin America and Asia during the International Week Cultural Exhibit in the Student Center Tuesday.

Daniela Munguia/SKIFF STAFF

Transfers to be wait-listed for housing

BY KAMI LEWIS
Staff Reporter

Housing deposits are no longer being accepted for transfer students because of last fall's housing crunch, said Karen Baker, assistant director of Residential Services. Instead, transfer students interested in on-campus housing are directed to a Web site for a housing waiting list.

"On-campus housing hasn't been guaranteed to transfers in recent years, but we've made an effort to fit those who wanted to live on campus in as soon as we could," Baker said. "Too often that was the second week in July, if at all, and many times it was just too late."

Baker said the decision not to offer on-campus housing for transfers was given

much consideration, and passed through the dean of admissions as well as the vice chancellor of student affairs.

Joel McMullen, director of transfer admissions, said she has routinely told incoming students for the past several years not to count on campus housing.

"Every year the likelihood of housing is minimal for these students," McMullen said.

"They are at the bottom of the totem pole for housing priority."

McMullen said that about two thirds of fall transfer students tend to be older adults, local residents or people eager to get apartments in the area, and approximately 117 students are sophomores from other colleges who likely want housing.

—Karen Baker

(More on TRANSFER, page 6)

Nursing school to offer online degree

BY MARCI KING
Staff Reporter

TCU's Harris School of Nursing will use a new grant and an online master's degree program to try and fill the need for more nursing faculty in rural areas, said Paulette Burns, director of the Harris School of Nursing.

TCU will use a \$166,000 grant from the Texas Coordinating Board of Higher Education to recruit and train nurses, according to a press release. Among the universities involved in the program are Tarleton State University, Vernon College, Angelina College, Kilgore College and Panola College.

—Paulette Burns

The program is designed to cater to the needs of each community, Burns said.

"A lot of schools don't offer this type of degree," Burns said. "This program provides an outlet for rural colleges to fill needed (faculty) positions."

The program is offered online which provides convenience and accessibility to nurses that may be geographically bound, Burns said.

"A lot of nurses have community ties and work extended hours," Burns said. "This way they can attend school without worrying about missing work."

Amy Comolli, a senior nursing major, said she thinks the pro-

gram offers a variety of educational options to students that they otherwise may not have. Although Comolli praised the program, she said because she is a TCU student she would not consider the program as an option for her upper level education.

"I think it is better to go to another university for your master's degree so you can diversify and broaden your horizons," Comolli said.

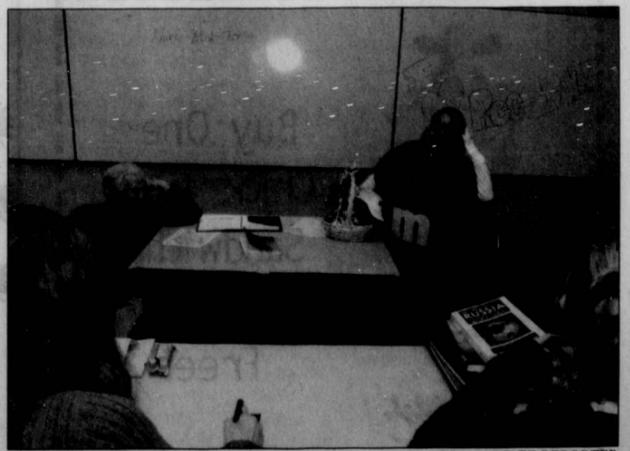
Elaine Evans, department head of nursing at Tarleton State University, said she hopes the program will increase the number of faculty available.

"If we don't increase faculty we can't increase enrollment," Evans said.

The program calls for each

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Sweet idea



David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER

Phil Record, an instructor of media ethics, discusses advertisement principles with senior advertising and public relations major Mimi Storey in class Tuesday. Storey is working on a campaign to promote purple as the next M&M candy color.

THE PULSE

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

• **"Almost Legal"** will debut noon today in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The soap opera was written, directed and acted by radio-TV-film students. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

• **KinoMonda film series** presents "Eat Drink Man Woman" 7 p.m. today in Sid W. Richardson Building. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

• **The Family Weekend Team** is forming now. Meetings are 9 p.m. every Wednesday in the Student Center, Room 202. Come help plan the weekend, which will be Sept. 20-22. For more information, call (817) 257-5233.

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

• **2002 Creative Writing Awards ceremony** will be 4 p.m. Thursday in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. The event, sponsored by the department of English, will feature acclaimed novelist Donald Antrim as keynote speaker. For more information, call (817) 257-6537.

• **The William L. Adams Writing Center** announces its second spring semester workshop, Writing Reviews. Participants will discuss the purpose of reviews, consider the main characteristics of reviews of books and films, analyze examples of reviews and write a film review. The workshop will be 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center, Room 204. Sign-up in Student Center, Room B11A (next to Frog Prints) or e-mail Dr. Marie Schein at (m.schein@tcu.edu).

• **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.

Campus/State Roundup

Student soap opera "Almost Legal" to debut today

"Almost Legal," a television soap opera produced by students in the radio-TV-film department, will make its debut at noon today with a public screening of the first episode in Moudy Building South, Room 164.

In a Feb. 12 Skiff article, senior radio-TV-film major Kelly McKenzie said the plot revolves around teen-age girls from an all-girls private school in the Northeast who hang out with college fraternity men — thus the inspiration for the name, "Almost Legal."

Ten half-hour episodes are scheduled to be produced this semester. —Brandon Ortiz

School of Music hires new director

A former vice president of academic affairs at the University of Oklahoma was hired as director of the School of Music.

Richard Gipson, who is a former director of Oklahoma's school of music, served as interim provost and special assistant to the president while there. Additionally, he was the principal timpanist for the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra from 1989 to 1999, according to a TCU press release. He has served in the same role since 1983 for the Norman Chamber Orchestra.

"Dr. Gipson brings a superb record of administration experience to TCU, and we are excited about the School of Music under his leadership," said Scott Sullivan, dean of the College of Fine Arts, in a press release.

A Corpus Christi native, Gipson received a doctorate of education from Pennsylvania State University in 1978. He completed his undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

—Brandon Ortiz

Yates psychologist confirms schizophrenia in testimony

HOUSTON (AP) — Andrea Yates suffered from schizophrenia and didn't know right from wrong when she drowned her five children in the family bathtub last June, a psychologist testified Tuesday at the Houston mother's capital murder trial.

Ringholz, a neuropsychologist

from Baylor College of Medicine, said his determination was based on research culled from her medical and family history, tests he conducted on the 37-year-old stay-at-home mother and in line with the Texas legal standard on insanity.

The testimony of Ringholz is key to the defense, which must convince jurors Yates was insane when her children were drowned one by one last June 20.

Tuesday also marked what would have been the 8th birthday of Yates' first-born son, Noah.

On Monday, Ringholz said during tests he conducted, Yates was well within the range of those who test positive for schizophrenia.

He said he also discovered that Yates' father, sister and two brothers had a history of mental illness.

Six fake drug cases linked to Dallas Police dismissed

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors have dismissed six more narcotics cases linked to several fake drug cases handled by the Dallas Police Department.

Two officers have been suspended in connection with the series of questionable drug busts.

With the latest dismissals, the Dallas County district attorney's office has identified a total of 80 cases to dismiss against 53 defendants. By Monday, 63 cases against 43 defendants had been officially dismissed.

Senior Cpl. Mark Delapaz, Officer Eddie Herrera and at least four of their confidential informants are being questioned in the investigation.

The two officers were placed on administrative leave with pay on Jan. 15 by Police Chief Terrell Bolton.

The officers used at least one highly paid confidential informant, who took part in a series of major drug busts. Later lab tests showed the evidence to be finely ground gypsum or only trace amounts of illicit substances.

Environmental Protection Agency tests for pollution

EL PASO (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency will begin testing more than 400 sites on the city's west side for heavy metal contamination this week.

The \$300,000 project comes after

spot tests showed that soil in some isolated areas had levels of arsenic and lead that were in excess of EPA standards. That testing was limited to public schools and parks.

The EPA determined there was no health threat because the samples were isolated and because there is no evidence the contamination is being blown into the air where people could breathe it.

The new round of testing is more comprehensive, requiring soil samples from locations on a grid within a 3-mile radius from the point where the Mexico, Texas and New Mexico boundaries meet.

Near the center is the ASARCO copper smelter, which has been inactive for the past few years, but EPA officials have said they can't pinpoint the source of the contamination. They said other sources for the contamination could include automobile exhaust, metal plating operations, brick manufacturers, car crushing and tire shredding.

University of Mississippi students' cars vandalized

OXFORD, Miss. (U-WIRE) — An investigation by the University of Mississippi Police Department is ensuing after 28 cars were found vandalized, causing approximately \$5,000 worth of damage in the parking lot in front of the Kappa Sigma house early Sunday morning.

At 9:30 a.m., UPD Officer Mike Collins noticed the cars were keyed, their tires slashed and windows broken, with words written in soap on the windows. Bobby Black, UPD's captain of investigating, placed the time of the offenses between 1:30 and 2 a.m.

Twenty of the vandalized cars belonged to members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, who were out of town for a formal over the weekend.

"We think it was a group because of the amount of cars involved and the amount of damage," Black said. "It would take an individual a very long time to do this."

The remaining cars, one that was severely damaged, belonged to members of ROTC who also were gone for the weekend.

Black and Gary Morris, UPD investigators, visited the IFC meeting to inform members about the investigation and to ask them to ask for infor-

mation at their chapter meetings regarding the vandalism.

Memorial service given to Daniel Pearl at his alma mater

STANFORD, Calif. (U-WIRE) — A crowd of close to 400 people gathered in Memorial Church Monday afternoon to listen to tributes, prayers and music in remembrance of the life of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, who received a bachelor's in communications from Stanford University in 1985.

Pearl was researching a story for The Journal in Karachi, Pakistan, when a group of extremists kidnapped him. The U.S. State Department confirmed his death Thursday.

The memorial focused on Pearl as a person and the way he touched the lives of those with whom he came into contact. Several speakers, including his former professors and classmates, spoke fondly of Pearl's influence on their lives.

University President John Hennessy, who attended, did not know Pearl personally, like most members of the audience. Hennessy came to the event "to honor [Pearl]," he said.

To commemorate Pearl's life, the communication department at Stanford will begin an endowment for undergraduates in Pearl's name.

Legislators debate legality of UT infrastructure fee

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — Several Texas legislators are disputing the legality of the infrastructure fee a little more than a week after it was approved by the University of Texas System Board of Regents.

The initial words of dissent came from Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, in January, as he sought an official opinion from Attorney General John Cornyn on the University's ability to charge such a fee without the Legislature's approval.

Another round of debate about the fee started last week as a topic in the Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Excellence Funding. Several members of the committee questioned Don Brown, the commissioner of the Higher Education Coordinating Board, and UT President Larry Faulkner about the authority of the University to pass such a fee on its own.

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The Skiff View

PURPOSE

Work-study jobs should not reward for service

President Bush's proposed change of the work-study program would require students to complete 50 percent of work done in the program through community service jobs. The current requirement forces students to work a minimum of 7 percent of work-study in community service with the rest of the time spent working on-campus.

Bush's plan may provide a perk for students to get involved in helping others, but it also proposes an interesting dilemma. Work-study students, in Bush's proposal, will be getting paid for working at places where others are expected to volunteer.

Students should perform community service to help others and give to those who are less fortunate than they are? Community service for money defeats the purpose. Nevertheless, while working at on-campus jobs, student workers should be able to do more than answer phones and file forms.

The president's plan is well intentioned (he wants to help the community organizations), but he is essentially doing so through the federal government. The government pays 75 percent of the wages for those in work-study. Currently the university pays the remaining 25 percent. The proposed plan raises questions about who will now foot the bill for the remaining 25 percent. Can we really expect a non-profit organization to cover the remaining costs?

By having students work in service jobs, the president is extending the reach of the federal government. Work-study should give students who qualify the opportunity to make money by working on-campus. The new plan simply provides government support for community service organizations.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

As surprising as it may seem to anyone reading this, not everyone in the state of Iowa can speak and understand English. Many immigrants to the state arrive knowing little or no English at all. They come here looking for a new life in a new land, and they hope to pick up the language after they move.

Unfortunately, a new bill introduced in the Iowa Legislature seems to send the message that these immigrants are neither wanted nor welcome in Iowa. The bill, if it passes, will make English the state's official language and require that all official communications be printed exclusively in English. Surely our legislators have better things to do than to argue over a bill that accomplishes nothing besides alienating our immigrant population.

Although we still lag behind the rest of the nation, Iowa is becoming progressively more diverse, especially when it comes to Latinos. In 1990, Latinos made up 1.2 percent of the total population. In 2000, by contrast, this had more than doubled to 2.8 percent, and Latinos now make up Iowa's largest minority population.

For many of these people, English is an unfamiliar second language that they are learning to speak while they live, work, and

go to school. Sponsors of the new bill assert that by passing the bill, we will be sending these people the message that learning English is necessary to live in Iowa.

While it is, in fact, vitally important that immigrants learn to speak English, it is of equal importance that Iowans recognize and make allowances for the hard-working immigrants who have come here to find a better life. If the state government truly wants to help immigrants learn English, then perhaps it could increase funding to English as a Second Language programs, rather than passing pointless laws.

Passing this bill would send the wrong message concerning Iowa's commitment to increasing diversity. Rather than forcing immigrants to learn English in order to read official state documents, the state should instead encourage them to learn while at the same time accepting and aiding those who do not yet speak English.

By showing that Iowa is sympathetic to the needs and concerns of its immigrant population, we can continue the trend towards diversity that has gotten us this far.

This editorial comes from The Daily Iowan at the University of Iowa. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

BEELER '02
The Eagle



Campaign finance reform doesn't hurt free speech

Last Thursday an editorial appeared in this paper charging that the Congress had just violated the U.S. Constitution and "launched an assault that is far more damaging to our great republic than the terrorist attack on Sept. 11." Well, needless inflammatory rhetoric and poor taste aside (personally I don't think a bill that limits soft money and "attack/issues ads" is comparable to an event that cost several thousand people their lives) and despite his obvious bias, I thought Mr. Tom Daniels made a few assertions worth refuting.

COMMENTARY



Tim Draggia

First off, only someone completely unfamiliar with the last 85 years of Supreme Court precedent would make the assertion that our government's policy on the First Amendment is unchanging. It can't be said that the First Amendment is a granite stone, completely non-negotiable and the Constitution, a historical document that doesn't live and breathe with the times and people it serves. But this becomes a moot point when it comes to the Shays-Meehan Bill, because money isn't speech.

It's worth repeating again because it's a very important point to make: Money isn't speech. Just because you inherit a Fortune 500 company from your father or you receive a genetic endowment that leads you to become a cardiologist doesn't entitle you to any greater influence over a public

election than someone who does pro bono work for the American Civil Liberties Union or is employed at the local fire station. We live in a democracy, not an Oligarchy. One vote. One voice.

The campaign finance reform bill doesn't stop a person from attending a rally or even from organizing one. It doesn't prevent you from shouting from a roof top about whatever issue you feel needs a voice. In no way does this bill prevent you from enjoying the rights of free speech as outlined by the Supreme Court.

What it does stop is people and corporations, whose motives tend to be vastly different from people without several hundred thousand dollars to spend, from unduly using their wealth to influence election outcomes. The attempt here is to return to a time when candidates engaged in a dialogue with the country. To return to a time when it was one's stance on political issues and the strength of one's ideas that got a candidate elected. A time when the size of their war chest and how many affluent friends they could garner to run "issues ads" didn't matter. Speech won't be silenced just because it's being prevented from being bought.

Daniels writes that, "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." And, "the voice of the common citizen will be silenced if

the Senate passes this legislation." One can't be sure of his definition of "the common citizen," but mine doesn't entail someone capable of purchasing advertising time during the World Series or putting up \$100,000 in soft money donations.

The routes of the common citizen are still open and strengthened by this bill. You can still write your congressman, and you can still attend a town meeting. The very reason the common citizen doesn't appear to have much of a voice in modern politics is because of people like Mr. Daniels, who hold the mentality that speech is something that can be bought and is a right primarily of those who can afford it. Of course politicians won't pay much attention to average citizens when special interest groups and wealthy business men can run third party "attack ads" and make huge campaign donations to them. Removing the distinction of wealthy campaign finance reform helps the electoral process more fully realize the intention of its creators. This is a democracy where everyone is given equal weight and equal say in the election of public officials.

Mr. Daniels ended his editorial by suggesting that you write your congressman to protest the Shays-Meehan Bill. But it's only because of campaign finance reform that your letter will have a chance for equal footing with soft money interests and that your congressman will pay attention.

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United States should not be under United Nations' control

At the surface, the United Nations can appear to be a benevolent entity. Representatives of nations should come together and discuss international issues in order to work toward solving the many problems of this world, so having an organization such as the United Nations can seem like a good idea.

COMMENTARY

James Watkins

However, the perception that many people have of the United Nations is not an accurate one. The United Nations is a fascistic regime and every single American should be united in opposition to this international organization. The United Nations has one goal: Complete control over every nation of this world.

The United Nations wants our weapons. They do not just want guns; they want all forms of weapons of mass destruction. In U.S. Department of State Publication proposed in 1961 that the United States and all other nations relinquish their war-making capabilities to the United Nations, so that the United Nations can effectively settle disputes and work toward making this world a peaceful one. The document advocates the use of a U.N. "Peace

Force" to maintain order. "As states relinquish their arms, the United Nations must be progressively strengthened in order to improve its capacity to assure international security and the peaceful settlement of disputes," says the proposal.

On the United Nation's own Web site, one can find a handbook that explains how to destroy small arms, light weapons, ammunition and explosives. In the foreword to the handbook, Undersecretary General for Disarmament Affairs Jayantha Dhanapala claims that weapons must be seized and destroyed in order to prevent armed conflicts in the future. It is easy to conclude that the United Nations wants to be the one that confiscates and destroys these weapons.

At first, one might conclude that this proposal makes sense. However, the truth is that if the United Nations controls the weapons of this country, the people of the United States will become the United Nations' slaves. The United Nations would have an enormous power over us, because we would be unable to defend ourselves from those who wish us harm. The reason our Constitution has a Second Amendment is so law-abiding citi-

zens can defend themselves. Not surprisingly, the United Nations doesn't promote this right.

Another little-known fact about the United Nations is that they participate with the Chinese government in performing abortions upon women forcibly. China only allows women to bear one child, and those that become pregnant a second time are forced to undergo an abortion. The U.N. Population Fund participates with China in these cruel and de-humanizing acts. The fund has received tens of millions of dollars of U.S. support in the past. The U.S. government should stop funding this program now.

The United Nations has a set of standards that they want to impose on every nation of this world. The people of this nation must wake up to the fact that the United Nations must be opposed at all costs. The U.S. government should immediately stop funding this organization, and oppose the U.N. efforts to take away the sovereignty of this nation and others throughout the world.

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Empty complaints don't help

People love to complain about anything. College students are anything but an exception to the rule, and the main complaint heard around campus hasn't changed much for several decades.

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Not only that, but it seems to be the same at every college and university campus across the country.

The issue I'm talking about? Parking, plain and simple. But I'm not here to complain about parking (or lack thereof) on campus. I'm complaining about the complaining on the parking issue.

I'll be honest. Almost all the complaints regarding parking seem to be a waste of words even when I didn't have a car for two years. In the two years I have had a car, it is almost always parked in a coliseum row far, far away from Jarvis Hall. One can't help but resent the six or seven-minute walk back and forth. It is too much of a walk. It ruins my day and hurts my feet. (Yes, that is sarcasm.)

So many people say there isn't enough parking. Maybe it would be more accurate to say there isn't enough convenient parking. I love being able to walk out the door five minutes before class starts and still be on time. I live on campus and I pay for the privilege. If I lived off campus, I'd plan to spend more time in the car and more time walking. It doesn't make much sense to expect a front-row parking spot when arriving five or 10 minutes before the start of class or the start of the workday.

There isn't an obvious way to add more convenient parking. I wouldn't want a parking structure in front of the Student Center, or anywhere else near the center of campus, and everywhere else seems too far to walk for some people.

Of course, some people say safety is an issue when it comes to parking by the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, Amos Carter Stadium or Robert Carr Chapel. Some have even said that only females should be allowed to park on main campus. Never mind the near impossibility of enforcing such a rule, but how does limiting main campus parking according to sex help? (Is it just me, or does complaining about being viewed as the "weaker sex" and yet demanding differential treatment seem counterproductive?)

If safety is the concern, address additional lighting needs or the need for additional emergency phones in parking lots, not the fact that there are not enough spaces in front of every building.

Or try using what is already offered to students. I returned to campus at midnight Feb. 18, the day after the sexual assault off-campus. I called Froggie-Five-O, and they picked me up at my car. Although Froggie-Five-O only runs until 1 a.m., calling the same number after that time will get you a TCU police escort to or from your destination. If you're not willing to occasionally wait for an escort, don't complain about safety concerns.

Of course, there are valid complaints about parking. Some people have amazing luck in avoiding tickets and park in the 30-minute or visitor parking lot for days at a time without penalty. Some people aren't so lucky and get a ticket after 30 minutes. Several residents in the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Community have a valid grievance when faculty and staff park in the lot behind the apartments, since the lot is supposedly meant just for students.

Sometimes complaints can change things for the better, but don't waste your time and the time of people within hearing range by complaining about things that you have no intention of trying to fix. Complain and offer feasible suggestions. Constructive criticism is helpful. Angry complaining doesn't help anyone.

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National/International Roundup

Austria freight train crash kills at least seven people

WAMPERSDORF, Austria (AP) — Two freight trains collided near a village station south of Vienna on Tuesday, killing at least seven people and injuring more than a dozen, some critically, railway officials said.

Six bodies had been recovered by early evening, and the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said rescue crews could see another trapped by twisted metal. One survivor pinned by the wreckage was freed after about three hours and taken to hospital.

Railway officials said 15 people were believed hurt, including four in comas.

One of the trains was not supposed to be on the track, railway officials said without providing more details.

Building collapse kills at least 22 in Egypt Tuesday

DAMIETTA, Egypt (AP) — Rescue workers searched through the rubble of a four-story building on Tuesday after it collapsed and killed at least 22 people, including brides and attendants who had been in a beauty salon preparing for weddings.

At least 25 people were injured when the aging Nile-front building toppled Monday in Damietta, 105 miles north of Cairo, officials at Damietta Specialist Hospital said.

All but one of those killed were women — and at least two were brides. Some of the victims had been in a popular women-only hairdressing salon inside the building preparing for weddings later that day, family members and witnesses said.

Hundreds of relatives and townspeople converged on local mosques to pray over coffins bearing the victims.

Funerals for some of the victims were expected to be held following noon prayers.

It wasn't clear what caused the building to collapse, but local council official Sameer Abu Hussein said there had been a demolition order on it for five years and that he didn't know why it had not been torn down.

Angry residents said ambulance and rescue crews took more than an hour to arrive at the accident scene, by which time locals had found bulldozers and begun their own ad-hoc rescue.

Neighbor charged with murder of 7-year-old girl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A neighbor of 7-year-old girl who vanished from her bedroom was charged with murder, kidnapping and possession of child pornography Tuesday.

David Westerfield, 50, was to be arraigned Tuesday afternoon in the death of Danielle van Dam, the subject of an intense search since she was reported missing more than three weeks ago.

The three-page complaint against Westerfield did not provide specific dates for the alleged kidnapping and murder.

The single count of murder includes a so-called special circumstance — murder during kidnapping — that carries the possibility of the death penalty or life in prison if Westerfield is convicted. Pfingst said no decision has been made on whether to seek the death penalty.

Westerfield's attorney, Steven Feldman, promised a "vigorous defense."

Westerfield, who lives two doors from the van Dam home, was arrested Friday on investigation of kidnapping and jailed without bail.

Authorities have said they found

traces of Danielle's blood in Westerfield's motor home and on an article of his clothing.

The absence of a body creates a legal challenge, but the district attorney's office has successfully prosecuted four such cases, the most recent in August.

Catholic priest sentenced for molesting teenage boys

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest was sentenced to 18 months in jail and 20 years probation after pleading guilty to molesting and exposing himself to teen-age boys under his care at two churches.

The Rev. Timothy E. Svea, 39, was convicted Monday of second-degree sexual assault of a child under 16 and several counts of exposing himself to a child. Svea also pleaded guilty to charges of false imprisonment.

"I've hurt these young men and I've hurt their families," Svea told Marathon County Circuit Judge Patrick Brady. "I've hurt the church and I've offended my God."

District Attorney Jill Falstad said Svea had shown remorse and cooperated with authorities, but he abused his position as a religious leader, abusing the boys and giving them sleeping pills and alcohol.

Ceremony honors soldiers killed in helicopter crash

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — Eight members of an elite Army regiment who died when their helicopter crashed in the Philippines were remembered Tuesday as heroes who followed their unit's motto: "Night Stalkers don't quit."

In honor of the soldiers, dark green flight helmets sat atop assault rifles placed next to black combat boots. The soldiers' dog tags were attached to the rifles. Be-

low were portraits of each soldier. A 21-gun salute followed the ceremony.

The 160th, based at Fort Campbell, is an elite group trained to slip special forces commandos behind enemy lines aboard Black Hawk and Chinook helicopters. The regiment earned the nickname "Night Stalkers" because of its ability to strike undetected in the darkness.

The regiment was recently depicted in the film "Black Hawk Down."

The eight soldiers died while on a counterterrorism training exercise in the southern Philippines. Two Air Force para-rescuemen, assigned to a base in Japan, also died in the crash. Three of the bodies have been recovered.

Missing tugboat crew members presumed dead

PORT HERMAN, Md. (AP) — Four crew members missing from a tugboat that sank after colliding with a cargo ship were presumed dead Tuesday as crews assembled equipment to raise the vessel from a busy inland waterway.

Five other crew members were rescued after the tug Swift sank in the Elk River, about 40 miles north of Baltimore.

The Coast Guard suspended its search Monday evening for the four missing crewmen and officials said Tuesday that water temperatures in the low 40s made it doubtful the crewmen were still alive.

"All reasonable chances of finding them alive have passed," said Coast Guard spokesman Patrick Montgomery. "This has switched from a search-and-rescue to a salvage operation."

The Elk River remained closed Tuesday, along with a 14-mile-long canal connecting the Chesapeake and Delaware bays that connects to the river.

Crematory operator faces more charges

BY ERIN MCCLAM
Associated Press

LaFAYETTE, Ga. — Authorities filed 100 more criminal charges Tuesday against the operator of a crematory where hundreds of corpses have been discovered.

Ray Brent Marsh already faced 16 counts of theft by deception for allegedly taking money for cremations he never performed at Tri-State Crematory.

The 100 additional theft by deception charges were filed by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and issued in a warrant by Walker County Magistrate Judge Shelia Thompson.

The new counts were connected to 50 of the corpses found at Tri-State. For each body, one count was filed for taking money from the families and another for failing to give the ashes to the families, officials said.

So far, 331 corpses have been found on the crematory grounds. Only 70 of the bodies have been identified.

The latest charges were filed just hours after a separate judge ruled Marsh could leave jail on \$100,000 bond on the original 16 theft charges. Marsh was still in jail Tuesday afternoon and could be arrested again if he makes bail.

Meanwhile, recovery workers began another day of clear-cutting the 16-acre crematory grounds.

Authorities have said it could be

late summer before all the bodies are identified. Some workers are growing weary and occasionally sick as the emotional toll mounts.

"Everybody involved in this process, from the word go, is suffering some kind of emotional strain," said David Ashburn, the Walker County emergency director. "It's things that you and I were never meant to be exposed to."

Officials estimated they had searched only three or four acres of the Tri-State grounds, which comprise at least eight acres, excluding buildings and a small lake. Authorities are working on a plan to drain the lake.

Family members lined up Monday to give blood samples, hoping their DNA would help investigators identify more bodies.

Donating blood for a DNA test meant fresh grief for Elaine Bray of Chattanooga, Tenn., who arrived at the county civic center down the road from Tri-State with a mug of small pebbles — part of which she thought were the remains of her brother, who died four years ago.

"All I wanted to do is give him a proper death," she said. "This is what I got."

Eddie Young of Crystal River, Fla., said he hoped DNA testing might tell him for sure whether the body of his mother, who died in November, was left to decompose on the grounds of the crematory.

Report finds high number of high school student binge drinkers

BY JANELLE CARTER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly a third of high school students say they binge drink at least once a month, according to a report that says underage drinkers now account for 25 percent of the alcohol consumed in this country.

"Underage drinking has reached epidemic proportions in America," said Joseph Califano Jr., president of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, which issued the report Tuesday.

The report, which analyzes two years' research, "is a clarion call for national mobilization to curb underage drinking," said Califano, a former U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare.

The percentage of teens who drink on binges — 31 percent among high school students — was obtained by using the Youth Risk Behavior Survey of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, published in 2000. The conclusion that underage drinkers accounted for 25 percent of alcohol consumption was based on the 1998 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse. The number of drinks consumed by underage drinkers in a month was divided by the total number of drinks in the

same period for the sample.

"Alcohol is far and away the top drug of abuse for American kids," said Susan Foster, the center's vice president and director of policy research and analysis. "The college binge-drinking problem starts with children and teens, and that's where our prevention and education efforts must be focused."

A spokesman for the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States called the group's analysis "flat-out wrong."

"Under its flawed interpretation, each American teen-ager and young adult who illegally drinks alcohol would have to consume 120 drinks per month," to make up the 25 percent consumption figure, said spokesman Frank Coleman.

Phil Lynch, a spokesman for Brown-Forman Corp., whose products include Jack Daniel's Tennessee whiskey, said, "It looks like Mr. Califano and CASA have adopted Enron's accounting practices."

Binge drinking often is described as four consecutive drinks for a female or five drinks for a male. According to an American Medical Association survey last year, binge drinking is among parents' top worries. Around 44 percent of college students admit to binge drinking, and nearly a fourth of those binge frequently.

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Grabbing the Grammy



Nick McPherson/SKIFF STAFF

BY DAVID REESE
Staff Reporter

In the 44-year tradition of the Grammy awards, the awards have not always been known as the most hip or coolest award show out there. This year, the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences has tried to move in the right direction by nominating some lesser known

artists like India.Arie and Ryan Adams as well as well known unconventional artists like Outkast and Linkin Park. The Grammy awards will be broadcast 7 p.m. Feb. 27 on CBS (Channel 11). Again, comedian Jon Stewart of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" will host the award show.

Below are some of the major awards along with my predictions.

Album of the Year

Nominees:

- India.Arie "Acoustic Soul"
- Bob Dylan "Love and Theft"
- Outkast "Stankonia"
- U2 "All That You Can't Leave Behind"
- Various Artists "O Brother Where Art Thou?"

Should Win: U2 "All That You Can't Leave Behind"
Will Win: U2 "All That You Can't Leave Behind"

Outkast and India.Arie are automatically out of the race considering the heavy hitters Bob Dylan and U2. The Grammys like to give this award to acts that make a resurgence like Dylan in 1997. U2 should win because they were the highest nominated artists this year and they are well respected throughout many genres of music.



India.Arie © 2000 Motown Record Co., LP

Song of the Year

Nominees:

- India.Arie "Video"
- Nelly Furtado "I'm Like a Bird"
- Alicia Keys "Fallin'"
- Train "Drops of Jupiter"
- U2 "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of"

Should Win: Alicia Keys "Fallin'"
Will Win: U2 "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of"

These are all nice songs. I think Furtado's chances are hurt because she is not nominated for Record of the Year. "Drops of Jupiter" is a clever song but have you actually ever listened to the words except for "na na na na na na"? Keys should be the favorite and most deserving, but since Sept. 11, U2's song has a stronger meaning.



Nelly Furtado © 2002 Nelly Furtado

Best New Artist



Alicia Keys © 2001 Alicia Keys

Nominees:

- India.Arie
- Nelly Furtado
- David Gray
- Alicia Keys
- Linkin Park

Should Win: Alicia Keys
Will Win: Alicia Keys

If Alicia Keys does not win this award, I will never understand the Grammys, although stranger things have happened in this category. Let me just mention a few names: Paula Cole, Hootie and the Blowfish and Arrested Development. Yeah, they won this award.

Record of the Year



Outkast © 2000 Outkast Inc.

Nominees:

- India.Arie "Video"
- Alicia Keys "Fallin'"
- Outkast "Ms. Jackson"
- Train "Drops of Jupiter"
- U2 "Walk On"

Should Win: Alicia Keys "Fallin'"
Will Win: Alicia Keys "Fallin'"

There was no song in the year 2001 that was more brilliantly written, produced and performed. Keys brought "real" rhythm and blues to the mass audience. The other nominees are less exciting. Arie, Outkast and Train are unique but not Record of the Year type winners. U2 won this award last year, which could hurt their chances.

Best Pop Album

Nominees:

- Nelly Furtado "Whoa, Nelly!"
- Janet Jackson "All for You"
- Elton John "Songs from the West Coast"
- 'N Sync "Celebrity"
- Sade "Lovers Rock"

Should Win: Nelly Furtado "Whoa, Nelly!"
Will Win: Elton John "Songs from the West Coast"

This is a great category yet the Grammys has rarely given the award to a pop act. Janet Jackson and 'N Sync have the natural "pop music" stigmatism. In the past, Joni Mitchell, James Taylor, Sting and Steely Dan have won this category. For this reason, I think Elton John will win over the voters with his most critically acclaimed album in years although Furtado is the most original and delightful.



Janet Jackson KRT Campus

Best Country Album

Nominees:

- Diamond Rio "One More Day"
- Tim McGraw "Set This Circus Down"
- Willie Nelson "Rainbow Connection"
- Various Artists "Timeless - Hank Williams Tribute"
- Trisha Yearwood "Inside Out"

Should Win: Tim McGraw "Set This Circus Down"
Will Win: Various Artists "Timeless - Hank Williams Tribute"

I thought the Best Country Album of the year was definitely the "O Brother Where Art Thou?" soundtrack, which garnered an album of the year nomination. It did not even make the cut in this category. Tim McGraw has been overlooked for many years due to his wife Faith Hill's successes and this should be his moment to shine. Instead, a collection of remakes of Hank Williams' classics will pull the heartstrings of Grammy voters.



Willie Nelson KRT Campus

Best R&B Album



Destiny's Child KRT Campus

Nominees:

- Aaliyah "Aaliyah"
- India.Arie "Acoustic Soul"
- Mary J. Blige "No More Drama"
- Alicia Keys "Songs in A Minor"
- Destiny's Child "Survivor"

Should Win: Alicia Keys "Songs in A Minor"
Will Win: India.Arie "Acoustic Soul"

One of the toughest categories during the evening, there could be a point to be made for each of these albums to why they should take Grammy gold. In a different year, Destiny's Child would take this category without a blink of an eye, but India.Arie and Alicia Keys will fight for the award. I think Keys will sweep many of the awards, but India.Arie should have her best chances here.

Best Rock Album



U2 © 2002 U2

Nominees:

- Ryan Adams "Gold"
- Aerosmith "Just Push Play"
- PJ Harvey "Stories from the City, Stories from the Sea"
- Linkin Park "Hybrid Theory"
- U2 "All That You Can't Leave Behind"

Should Win: Linkin Park "Hybrid Theory"
Will Win: U2 "All That You Can't Leave Behind"

Not the most exciting category. This category features two virtually unknown artists Ryan Adams and PJ Harvey as well as Aerosmith and U2 that are both old timers. The best rock album is no doubt Linkin Park's "Hybrid Theory" but the Grammys will show their love to U2 which it has done 10 previous times.

Ambassador wants U.S. trial for Saeed

Islamic militant believed to be behind journalist's death

BY STEVEN GUTKIN
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The U.S. ambassador spoke to Pakistan's president Tuesday about handing over detained Islamic militant Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, believed to be the mastermind behind the abduction and slaying of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin told The Associated Press she was "not disappointed" by the talks with President Pervez Musharraf, though she would not give details

and indicated no resolution was imminent.

Pakistan believes it is necessary to keep Saeed in Pakistan for the time being to facilitate efforts to recover Pearl's body and the weapons used to kill him, a senior Pakistani Interior Ministry official said on condition of anonymity.

The White House said it has made clear to Pakistan that it wants to try Saeed. "The United States would very much like to get our hands on Omar Sheikh and the others who are responsible," spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters in Washington.

Chamberlin said she had spoken several times with Musharraf in the past few months about the British-born Saeed.

U.S. officials say they had re-

quested Saeed's extradition even before his name came up in connection with Pearl's murder. A U.S. federal grand jury secretly indicted him in the 1994 kidnaping of four Westerners in India, including an American.

On Tuesday, Saeed was taken to the city court building in the southern port city of Karachi where a witness in the Pearl case was asked to identify him, said Manzoor Mughal, a senior investigator. During the closed-door proceeding in a judge's chamber, Saeed was not able to see the witness, whose identity has not been revealed, Mughal said.

Saeed arrived at the court in a convoy of about eight vehicles with dozens of policemen toting AK-47 assault rifles. It was not immedi-

ately known if the witness made a positive identification.

Saeed was already in police custody by the time U.S. and Pakistani authorities revealed the contents of a videotape Friday that confirmed Pearl's death at the hands of militants.

Pakistan has extradited suspects to the United States before, but the issue is complicated — in part because there is no clear extradition treaty between Washington and Pakistan.

Chamberlin said she had discussed "rendering" Saeed to the United States — avoiding the word "extradition," which is a more complicated legal procedure.

Fleischer said there was a 1931 extradition treaty signed between the United States and Britain's colonial administration in South Asia — which included the region that be-

came India and Pakistan after independence in 1947. He suggested that treaty might be applicable.

But "even without this ... it does not change the United States' fundamental determination to bring justice" to Pearl's killers, Fleischer said Monday.

When asked whether the United States hopes to extradite Saeed, President Bush said Monday: "Yes, we're always interested in dealing with people who have harmed American citizens."

Saeed is among about a dozen suspects in the abduction and murder of the 38-year-old journalist, whose body has not been found. Pakistani authorities say they are still searching for four suspects they believe were key figures in the crime.

Hands off



Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF
Matt Hawthorne, a senior photography major and Mary Emma Kruse, a sophomore studio art major, look at an art exhibit Tuesday. The piece was created by Julie Hamer and is called "plaster and clay."

TRANSFER

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the whole TCU experience," McMullen said. "I would love to be able to see it offered to these students, but I don't see that happening any time soon."

McMullen said the only way she believes transfers could be guaranteed a space on campus would be if another dorm was built to ease the housing congestion.

Glen Pfenninger said he managed to get into the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Apartment Community when he transferred in fall 2001.

"Being off campus would be one of the worst things possible for a transfer student," Pfenninger said. "It is so hard to get connected to the TCU community when you're a transfer and you're put off campus."

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NURSING

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school to recruit two or three students from around their respective communities, preferably their graduates, Evans said.

The program will enroll its first 10 students in the fall 2002, Burns said.

"Our number one goal is to help nurses get their master's degree so they can get back out there and fill

nursing faculty positions," Burns said.

Nurses already holding associate degrees will receive their master's degree in three years, while nurses holding bachelor degrees will receive their master's degree in two years, according to the press release. The Harris School of Nursing will continue to admit students on a yearly basis and work to expand the program to other rural universities, according to the press release.

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Former Enron chief executive testifies

BY MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling told senators Tuesday "I didn't lie to Congress or anyone else" in denying he was aware of the company's precarious finances or its use of complex partnerships to hide debt.

Addressing skeptical lawmakers, Skilling also said, "I never duped Ken Lay," disputing previous statements by Sherron Watkins, a company vice president who said Skilling had manipulated Enron's former chairman.

"I heard Ms. Watkins testify as to her opinion," Skilling said. "I have no idea what the basis was for this opinion."

Watkins, who appeared with Skilling, was more critical of Lay's role than she had been in her Feb. 14 testimony to another congressional panel. She told the Senate Commerce Committee on Tuesday she was "incredibly frustrated" with Lay's inaction after she warned him in August of potentially serious accounting

problems involving the partnerships.

"I believe that Enron had a brief window to salvage itself this past fall and we missed that opportunity because of Mr. Lay's failure to recognize or accept that the company had manipulated its financial statements," Watkins said.

Skilling became more self-assured, and almost cocky, as the hearing went on, at one point wagging his finger at Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and telling him "back up, back up," in reading a document, and lecturing senators about the complex financial instruments called derivatives.

Skilling repeatedly said, "I'm not an accountant" when asked about Watkins' warnings to Lay.

Watkins testified she was afraid to take her concerns to Skilling because he might fire her. She said she

finds it "hard to believe that Mr. Skilling was not aware that something was amiss."

Jeffrey McMahon, Enron's current president and chief operating officer, told the senators that Watkins' warnings "were concerning to me and I encouraged her, as others did, to see Mr. Lay about it."

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., whose Commerce subcommittee is investigating Enron's collapse, told Skilling that some of his statements were "unbelievable."

He asked Skilling about the \$66 million in Enron stock he sold between February 1999 and June 2001, contrasting it with the retirement savings of Enron employees that were wiped out as the stock plunged last fall. The employees'

and retirees' 401(k) accounts were loaded with Enron stock.

"You still have most of your \$66 million; that family's life savings is wiped out," Dorgan told Skilling, referring to a family in North Dakota that told him it lost nearly all its \$330,000.

Watkins said she believed that former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow "would not have put his hands in the Enron cookie jar" without Skilling's approval. Fastow personally made more than \$30 million from running the partnerships.

Skilling said, "I relied on our accountants," when asked about Watkins' warnings that Enron stock was improperly being used as the foundation of the web of partnerships that eventually brought the company down.

"I have nothing to hide," Skilling said, explaining why he had decided to testify rather than take the Fifth Amendment like "other innocents" called before congressional committees.



Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF
Louisa Lawless, a senior theatre/TV major, Deven Murphy, a junior radio-TV-film major, and Israel Guzman, a TCU postal worker, handle packages in the mailroom.

WORK

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need filling if that number had to double.

"It's certainly a worthwhile thing to say we want to do more community service," Scott said. "But unless (the government) gives us more money, we would do it to the detriment of the university work-study students."

Some work-study students, including junior history major Todd Rings, say the increase will have little effect on the value of the program to students, and more of an effect on the university.

"If you get paid, it doesn't really matter, as long as (the job) is accessible for students," said Rings, who works in the theatre department. He said the question for most work-

study students is how to get transportation to the community service site.

Leafgreen said 69 students participated in community service jobs through work-study.

Leafgreen said increasing community service is a good idea, but says she feels the proposed change is too drastic and could hurt many universities.

"Not only would it mean a great deal more work from the human resources, financial aid, and payroll standpoint, our campus would lose a huge number of the student employees it counts on to operate efficiently," Leafgreen said. "Community service positions must be off-campus, and that would mean a major, sudden shortage of work-study funds that our on-campus offices could use."

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Welfare access may increase

BY LAURA MECKLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush wants to stiffen work requirements for welfare recipients, spend up to \$300 million to encourage single mothers to get married and open the door to job training, as Congress opens debate on what changes are needed to a landmark 1996 overhaul.

"We are encouraged by the initial result of welfare reform, but we are not content," Bush said in remarks prepared for delivery at a church Tuesday. "Child poverty is still too high, too many families are strained and fragile and broken, too many Americans have not found work and the purpose it brings."

Bush also wants to maintain the five-year ban on benefits for legal immigrants.

The biggest change would be a sharp increase in work requirements facing states.

Under current law, states are required to have 50 percent of their welfare populations engaged in a work activity for at least 30 hours a week. The Bush plan would increase the required hours per week from 30 to 40, and it would slowly increase the percentage of people who must be working to 70 percent by 2007.

The plan also makes it considerably harder for states to meet these targets. For the last five years, the 50 percent minimum has been almost meaningless, because states have largely met the requirement by reducing the number of people on welfare at all, meaning it didn't matter how many people were officially meeting the work requirement.

The Bush plan would eliminate this caseload reduction credit.

At the same time, Bush would allow states to put recipients in education, training and other programs for up to two days a week, or 16 hours, administration officials said.

Liberal advocates were sharply critical.

"The Bush welfare reauthorization proposal runs counter to everything we have learned in the past five years about what helps poor families survive," said Deepak Bhargava, director of the National Campaign for Jobs and Income Support. "The plan calls for a massive increase in the number of people required to work, an unrealistic proposal in the best of economic times, but truly bizarre in the middle of a recession. It represents a huge step backwards."

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- Broccoli rice and cheese bake
- Roasted red potatoes
- Steamed mixed vegetables
- Onion rings
- Curly fries
- Roasted turkey with gravy
- Steamed green beans
- Glazed carrots

DINNER

- Pasta du jour
- Beef and veggie linguine
- Chicken teriyaki stir fry
- Szechuan veggie stir fry
- Fried and steamed rice
- Buttered Lo Mein noodles
- Pork/veggie eggrolls
- Teriyaki grilled beef strips
- Smoked beef ribs
- Lyonnais potatoes
- Mexi-corn

Tomorrow's menu
LUNCH

- Italian sausage
- Linguine/penne pasta
- Traditional calzones
- Chicken and rice casserole
- Vegetarian barley
- Scalloped potatoes
- Corn cobbettes
- Onion rings
- Hot wings
- Smoked barbecue brisket
- Steamed peas and onions

DINNER

- Pasta du jour
- Stewed eggplant
- Chicken tortellini with veggies
- Chipped beef steak with gravy
- Roasted vegetable paelle
- Macaroni and cheese
- Onion rings
- Rotisserie chicken
- Buttered noodles
- Steamed green beans

Today's Funnies

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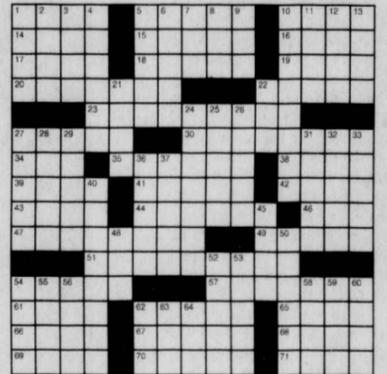
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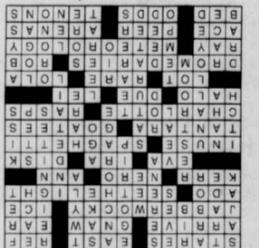
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- 47 Backtracks
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- 51 In a refuge
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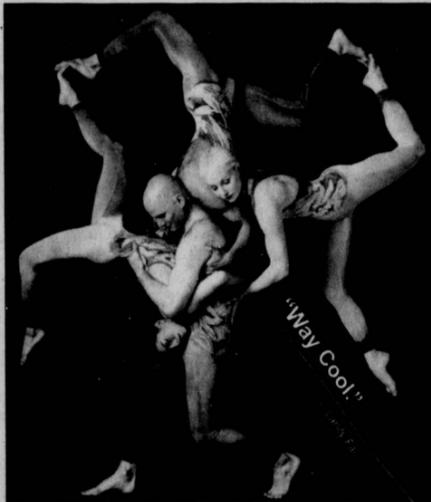
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- 21 Fiddler or hermit
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- 24 Most honorable
- 25 More ironic
- 28 French notions
- 27 Lyricist Carol Bayer
- 28 Substitute for soap
- 29 Letter-shaped fastener
- 31 Fuming
- 32 Saltpeper
- 33 Crystal-lined rock
- 36 Swiftly
- 37 Whoop it up
- 40 Lasts
- 45 Utopia
- 48 Eureka!
- 50 Fit for
- 52 Famous fair lady author
- 53 Coty and Clair
- 54 ___ of Dogs
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The Sideline

Volleyball coach Lewis finalizes coaching staff

Volleyball head coach Prentice Lewis completed her staff selections Monday. Prentice announced that Jason Tanaka and Barbara Kovacs will be next season's assistant volleyball coaches.

Tanaka, who spent the past two seasons at the University of Pittsburgh, has worked at volleyball camps throughout the country.

Kovacs has been part of the TCU volleyball program as an assistant coach since 1998. She joined the VolleyFrogs staff after a successful four-year playing career at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

During her collegiate career, the Hungarian-born Kovacs led the Patriots to four NCAA tournaments. She was a three-time All-Colonial Athletic Association selection and finished her career as one of the top statistical performers in Patriots' history.

"Barbara Kovacs' biggest attribute is her work ethic. She displays it in everything she does. I'm pleased to have her with her international connections working with the program," Lewis said. "Jason Tanaka is an incredible technical trainer and has a great reputation as a great recruiter. He brings energy, consistency and experience to our program."

Sestini named C-USA Player of the Week

Freshman tennis player Fabrizio Sestini was named the Conference USA Player of the Week Monday by the conference office.

Sestini, ranked No. 74 in the ITA singles poll, finished undefeated in singles action last week. He captured wins over No. 10-ranked Michael Kogan of Tulane in three sets, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5. Sestini also defeated Ola Jonsson of Charlotte in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4.

Sestini, from Italy, is 8-3 overall this season and 3-2 against ranked opponents. He has played all his singles matches at the No. 1 position in dual-match play.

Pierce earns C-USA Player of the Week honors

Sophomore tennis player Saber Pierce earned Conference USA Player of the Week for her performance last week, announced by the conference office Monday.

Pierce, who played at the No. 3 singles position, picked up three wins against opponents from Oklahoma, Houston and Rice. Pierce, ranked No. 108 in the ITA singles polls, is currently in the midst of a six-match straight set winning streak.

She is undefeated in singles play during the spring season with an 11-0 mark.

UT running back to play baseball this summer

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Standout Texas running back Cedric Benson is ready for some baseball.

Benson, awarded the Big 12 Conference offensive freshman of the year last season when he gained 1,053 yards on 223 carries and scored 12 touchdowns, will play in the Los Angeles Dodgers' organization as a minor leaguer this summer.

"He'll come in here mid-March, whenever Spring Break is, just spend a couple days, maybe suit up," Bill Bavasi, the Dodgers' director of player development, said Tuesday. "He'll be back to play in mid-May, whenever school's out." Bavasi said he's uncertain where Benson will play.

Wuerffel, Spurrier to team up once again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Danny Wuerffel and Steve Spurrier are about to be reunited with the Washington Redskins.

A source close to Wuerffel, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the journeyman quarterback was told by the Houston Texans, who took him in the expansion draft, that a trade with Washington is a "done deal."

Separately, an NFL club source, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the deal wasn't final but he would be surprised if it didn't happen.

A long way from home

Dumont conquers physical and geographical boundaries to play ball

BY BLAIR BUSCH

Skiff Staff

When senior post player Marlon Dumont, 25, started his collegiate basketball career, he spent more time in the hospital than he did on the

court where he longed to be.

Dumont suffered from a blood clot in his left arm that eventually resulted in the removal of one of his ribs. He still currently endures side effects from the blood clot.

"I had to get my rib removed because my shoulder bone and first rib were pinching my vein," Dumont said. "The blood clot is still there, but it's not as bad."

Even with a serious medical ailment, Dumont has fought back to be on the hardwood. But the road to get back to playing basketball has taken him from his home in Jamaica to Oklahoma and led him further south to Fort Worth.

Dumont's blood clot did not bother him at Gaynsstead High School in Kingston, Jamaica, where he served as the team captain for three years. He attended the University of the West Indies and while playing for the Jamaican International team for four years.

Dumont played on the International Championship Jamaican Amateur Basketball Association team in 1998. He was the

leading rebounder and shot blocker for the team.

He moved to the United States in 1998 to attend Seminole State Junior College in Oklahoma, where he encountered more problems.

Dumont couldn't play as a freshman because his grades couldn't transfer from the University of the West Indies. He only played six games his sophomore season, but in those six games he averaged 12.1 points a game and 6.9 rebounds, both team highs. He also led the team with 55 blocked shots and earned a spot on the West Division All-Conference team and on the All-Region 11 squad.

That's where head coach Billy Tubbs heard about Dumont. TCU has had three players from Seminole State Junior College including former TCU basketball player Estell Laster. Laster was the first person who told Dumont about TCU and encouraged him to consider playing for TCU.

Dumont said Tubbs' coaching tradition and reputation played a large role in his decision. Dumont said he liked the way Tubbs ran his run and gun offense and heard about him when he coached the Oklahoma Sooners (1980-94) to the Final Four and a NCAA National Championship game in 1988.

Once at TCU in 2001, he found himself in a new position as a col-

lege basketball player. Dumont played his first full season of basketball last year. He played in 30 games, starting seven of them, and averaged 6.0 points and 4.3 rebounds a game. He finished third on the team with 33 blocked shots and posted a double-double against Grambling. He scored season-high 17 points and 11 rebounds in that contest and reached double figures in points in 10 games.

Dumont played in 15 of the 16 Western Athletic Conference games and averaged 14.1 points against WAC teams.

"I think his athletic ability is his biggest asset," Tubbs said. "He runs well, he jumps well, athletically he's above average."

Dumont has started in 22 of the 27 games he has played this season, averaging 18.9 minutes a game. He scored 227 points and has 172 rebounds for the season. He scored an individual-high 19 points on Jan. 9 against Memphis.

Dumont felt that the team played well this season and still has hopes for the team to get to the Conference USA Tournament in Cincinnati March 6-9 and even further to the NCAA or NIT tournaments.

"We played good this year, we had our ups and downs," Dumont said. "We are getting better and are trying to make it to any type of tournament."

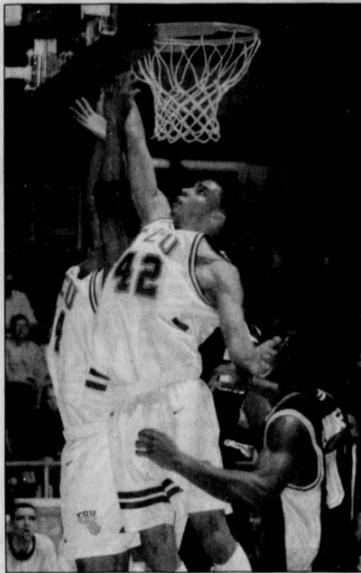
Dumont has an advantage over other college players for his future. His birthplace of Jamaica gives him an advantage over American players when it comes down to playing on an international team, because international teams have a limited number of U.S. born players that can make the roster. But with a Jamaican citizenship, Dumont has an up-and-coming advantage playing overseas.

"The International League is always looking for guys his size with his athletic ability," Tubbs said. "He has a chance to play above the college level."

If he doesn't play international, Dumont wants to come back to TCU and complete his education in speech language pathology.

"I hope he finishes this semester and that should put him pretty close to graduation," Tubbs said. "He's the type of guy that would like to get his degree."

Photo by Simon Lopez



Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF

Senior post player Marlon Dumont is one of two seniors on the men's basketball team. Dumont, a native of Jamaica, has endured quite a bit since he started playing collegiate basketball.

Blount paces TCU in win over Tulane

Horned Frogs clinch Conference USA tournament bid with win

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Junior Blount scored 42 points, Corey Santee scored 25 and Marlon Dumont had 15 points and 13 rebounds as TCU beat Tulane 106-87 on Tuesday night.

The Horned Frogs (15-14, 5-10 Conference USA) led 47-41 at the half despite shooting 56 percent from the field to 63 percent by Tulane (13-13, 5-10 C-USA). Tulane shot 43 percent in the second half and TCU hit 21-of-33 from the field, or 64 percent, including 6-of-10 3-pointers.

With the win, TCU has clinched a berth in the C-USA Tournament in Cincinnati March 4-8. The exact pairings have not been determined yet, but will be finalized after the regular season ends this weekend.

Blount was 15-of-22 from the field in the game and hit 6-of-10 3-pointers. Blount's 42 points are both a season and career high for the junior-transfer guard.

Santee, a freshman guard, hit 10-of-16 from the floor and hit 3-of-6 three-point shots.

Redshirt-freshman Corey Valsin scored 14 points for the Frogs and had seven rebounds. Junior forward Bingo Merriex pulled down eight rebounds and Santee dished eight assists in the win.

Tulane's Waitari Marsh scored 19 points for the Green Wave, and Brandon Brown scored 14 and had nine rebounds.

TCU only used seven players in the win. With the starters notching the majority of the minutes, the Horned Frogs got production off the bench from junior forward Jamal Brown and senior forward Colin Boddicker. Brown, who only played five minutes, scored two points and grabbed one steal. Boddicker, who saw 15 minutes of action, scored three points on a lone three-point field goal and had three fouls in the victory.

The win evens TCU's record against Tulane. The Frogs lost to the Green Wave 87-82 in the previous meeting at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on Jan. 19.

TCU returned to a style of play that it wanted to play all season long by scoring 100 points. This game marked the first time the Frogs have reached the 100-point mark since Jan. 5 when TCU lost to South Florida 117-108. Overall in the season, TCU is 2-1 when it scores 100 points in a game.

With the Frogs winning their own game, fellow C-USA team East Carolina was on its way of pulling off the upset of the night in collegiate basketball.

The Pirates defeated No. 9-ranked Marquette 51-46 at Greenville, N.C.

East Carolina will face the Frogs 7:05 p.m. Saturday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The game marks the last game of the regular season and the final home contest for head coach Billy Tubbs.



Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF

Junior forward Bingo Merriex leans into a Tulane defender in the game against the Green Wave on Jan. 19. TCU defeated Tulane Tuesday night 106-87.

MJ to have knee surgery, future unknown

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan will have surgery on his injured right knee and his status for the rest of the season is uncertain, Washington Wizards coach Doug Collins said Tuesday.

Jordan was placed on the injured list for only the second time in his career, meaning he will miss at least five games, starting with Wednesday night's home game against Portland.

"Michael has decided to have an arthroscopic procedure. It will be done in the next couple of days," Collins said. "Michael is very disappointed."

As Collins spoke, Jordan was meeting with team physician Dr. Stephen Haas, who will operate. "He's got to go in there and just find out what's causing the irritation and why his knee is continuing to swell," Collins said. "And depending on how much work he has to do, that will be the deciding factor in how long Michael will be out."

Jordan's only previous major injury came in 1985, when he broke his left foot and missed 64 games in his second season with the Chicago Bulls. Other than his two retire-

ments, he has not missed more than four games in a season since, and he didn't miss any during his final three years in Chicago.

Kwame Brown, the overall No. 1 pick in the NBA draft straight out of high school last June, was activated to take the 39-year-old Jordan's spot on the roster. Brown went on the injured list two weeks ago with a pulled hamstring and strained left calf.

Jordan's knee has been giving him problems since he began workouts in preparation for his second comeback. The injury initially was diagnosed as tendinitis, and he had fluid drained from the knee at least three times, most recently before a game at Miami on Saturday. He also banged the knee in a collision with teammate Etan Thomas 2 weeks ago.

Team officials are now concerned there might be a more chronic, arthritic condition in the knee.

"I think (the surgery) would give him hope for next year," Collins said. "I think he knows that if he didn't have this done, he wouldn't be able to continue to play. More and more, the swelling is coming back.

There's something in there that's irritating his knee to make him have the swelling."

The injury has caused Jordan to miss two games already this season — at San Antonio on Dec. 4, and at Detroit last Wednesday.

Jordan was not available for comment, but his remarks and his one-dimensional play in recent days made it clear that his knee was hurting. He has been unable to drive to the basket with his usual vigor, and he took himself out of Saturday's game against the Heat with 6:27 to go — and the outcome still in doubt.

"I'm getting old," he said after the game. "It's a sign that this might be coming to a closure as to where my career is heading. The body sends you messages, and tonight my body won."

Jordan had to overcome broken ribs, back spasms and tendinitis in his wrist to make this comeback. He also lost about 30 pounds.

Jordan's surgery couldn't come at worse time for the Wizards, who have lost five straight and seven of eight since the All-Star break, dropping to 27-28.



KRT Campus Eastern Conference All-Star Michael Jordan dunks during the NBA All-Star game Sunday in Philadelphia. Jordan will be placed on the injured list by the Washington Wizards and may be out for the entire season with a knee injury.

Williams won't be on NBC

BY SHEILA HOTCHKIN

Associated Press

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Jayson Williams won't be appearing on NBC's NBA coverage while manslaughter charges are pending against him in the shooting death of a limousine driver at his mansion.

Williams surrendered to state police Monday, nearly two weeks after the death of Costas Christofi. The former NBA star was charged with second-degree manslaughter and freed on \$250,000 cash bail. If convicted, he could be sentenced to five to 15 years in prison.

NBC's first comment on his future as an NBA analyst for the network came Tuesday.

"NBC Sports and Jayson Williams have reached mutual agreement that it's best for Jayson to focus on his personal issues and to not be on the air until those issues are resolved," the network said in a statement.

This was his first season with NBC. He was next scheduled to appear on the network Sunday.

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Steven C. Lember said Williams was charged with manslaughter because of "the way the weapon was being handled, or mishandled."

"I agree it was tragic and it may even have been an accident. But at base, every reckless manslaughter is an accident," Lember said.

Williams' lawyer, Joseph Hayden, made a brief statement outside the police barracks Monday, but answered no questions.

"The death of Mr. Christofi was a tragic accident, but it was an accident," Hayden said.

He said once the facts come out, "it will be clear that Mr. Williams is innocent of recklessness and innocent of any criminal conduct."

A court appearance is scheduled for Monday. Williams does not have to enter a plea unless a grand jury hands down an indictment, Lember said.

Christofi, 55, of Washington Borough, was hired to drive several of Williams' friends from a Bethlehem, Pa., charity event featuring the Harlem Globetrotters to a restaurant, and then to the NBA All-Star's home about 30 miles northwest of Trenton.