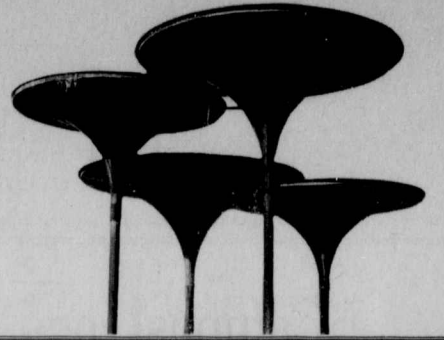


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Today's News

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — After lawmakers complained that they were kept in the dark, White House officials on Tuesday briefed top members of Congress about the "shadow government" that President Bush set up outside Washington as a safeguard against terrorism.

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NEW YORK — In his first public comments on ABC's effort to replace his program with David Letterman, "Nightline" host Ted Koppel said he hopes to stay with the network but criticized an ABC executive for questioning the show's relevance.

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Less scholarships awarded

Lack of funding affects Community Scholars Program

BY KELLY MORRIS
Staff Reporter

The Community Scholars Program, which awards scholarships to minorities from five area high schools, will decrease its number of participants next year because of a lack of outside fund-

ing, said Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community.

He said that despite having 64 high school seniors apply for the program next year, the university will only award approximately 12 scholarships.

"Sept. 11 changed everything," Thomas said. "We were actually hoping to double the number of participants to 24, but in order to do that, we would have needed more corporate funding. In the future we have to make (the program) more a partnership with TCU and the corporations."

Thomas said 12 students were awarded scholarships in the program's first year of existence in 2000-2001 and 19 students were awarded scholarships this year.

The Community Scholars Program, which provides full scholarships and an \$850 a semester book stipend for its participants, was created two years ago to help increase the minority population on campus, he said.

Thomas said the university adopted Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School, North

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Violent attack



KRT Campus

Palestinian rescue workers in the West Bank try to cut open a vehicle owned by a Hamas activist after it was hit by an Israeli tank shell killing his wife and children, but not the activist. See story page 8.

OnCampus

Fate of Colorado State yearbook still uncertain

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (U-WIRE) — While the fate of Silver Spruce, Colorado State University's yearbook, is still under review, a tradition more than a century long may be coming to an end due to a lack of sales.

The Board of Student Communications will meet after Spring Break to make a final decision on whether or not Silver Spruce will fold at the semester's end.

"We will most likely suspend publication and think about other options," Campus Media General Manager Larry Steward said.

The yearbook, first published in 1894, became an annual publication at the beginning of the 20th century.

As the State Agricultural College grew into what is now CSU, it became more difficult to represent the entire campus in one yearly publication, according to Silver Spruce's Web site. While the number of yearbooks sold increased because of the school's growing population, the percentage of students buying the yearbook decreased.

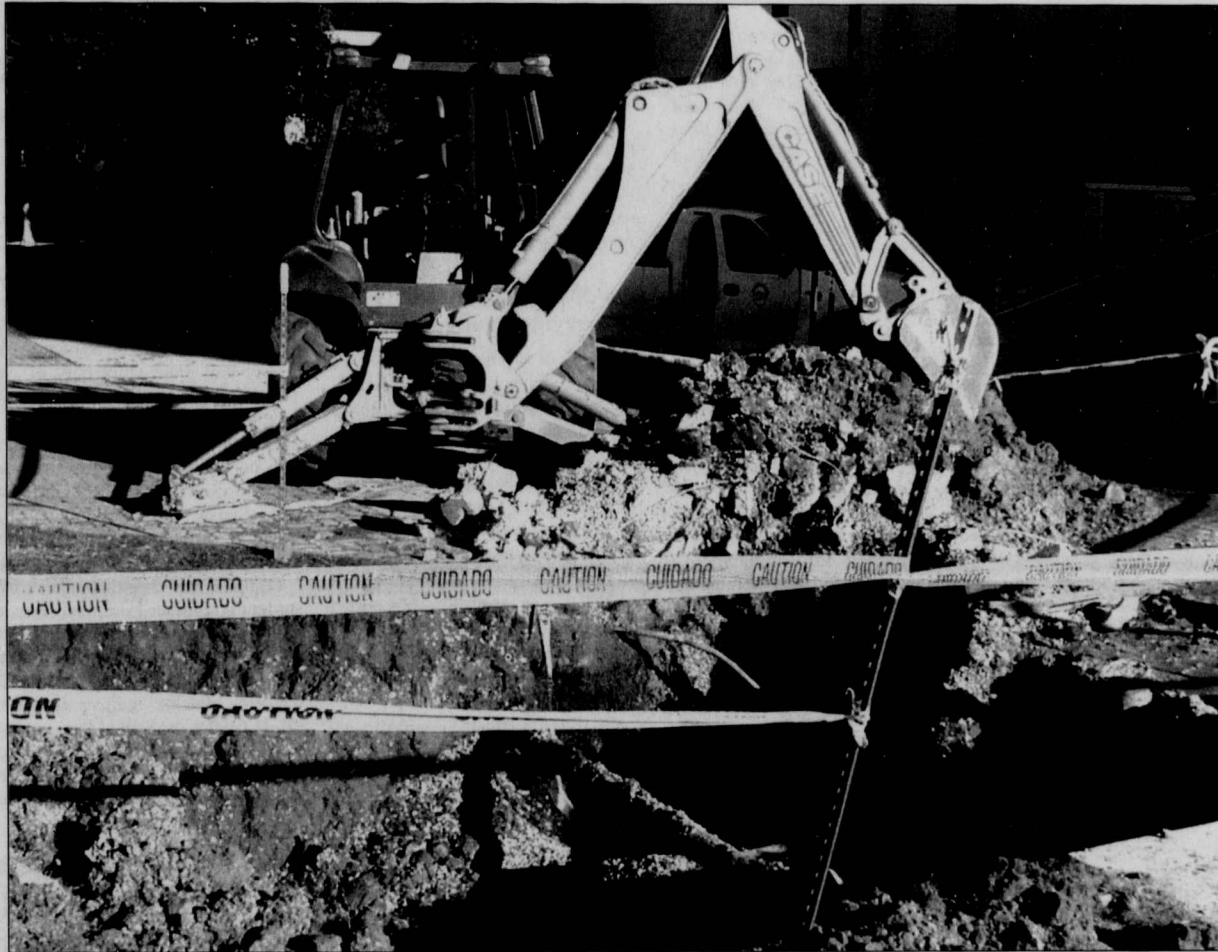
This year, with CSU's population at approximately 23,000 students, only about 1,830 students purchased the yearbook so far. To break even with production cost, at least 2,200 yearbooks need to be sold.

Despite increased marketing and the effort to get students excited about the publication, it has not seemed to work.

"It is hard to represent an entire campus in one book, and if a student is not in it, they don't see the value in purchasing it," said A.O. Carson, business manager of the Silver Spruce.

—Rocky Mountain Collegian

Taking care of business



Maria Adamczyk/PHOTO EDITOR

A bulldozer rests beside a ditch outside the Mary Coats Burnett Library and Sid W. Richardson Building. A fracture in the water line caused a brief overflow Monday night but was quickly fixed, said Rex Bell, Physical Plant mechanical manager.

Burglary suspect remains in custody

BY ANTHONY KIRCHNER
Staff Reporter

A suspect remains in custody by Fort Worth police nine days after being arrested for breaking into a vehicle at TCU, said Detective W.A. Hix of the Fort Worth police.

Hix said the suspect, who was taken into custody Feb. 25, is an illegal alien and has requested a lawyer before he talks to police.

"He'll probably end up getting deported for this one offense," Hix said.

The suspect in custody has not been connected to any of the other 22 reported vehicle burglaries that have occurred at TCU in the past month, he said.

"It can be speculated that the suspect is responsible for other burglaries at TCU, we just haven't been able to prove that yet," Hix said.

Vehicle burglaries did decrease from 14 during the week of Feb. 18 through Feb. 25 to one vehicle burglary in the past week since the arrest, according to TCU police reports.

Hix said the TCU police did a good job with the arrest Feb. 25 and that the investigation has been made much easier because of their help.

TCU police recorded the Feb. 25

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Faculty seminar will emphasize diversity

BY KELLY MORRIS
Staff Reporter

The fifth and final faculty enhancement seminar of the year Thursday will focus on the importance of bringing more inclusiveness into the classroom, said Cornell Thomas, special assistant to the chancellor for diversity and community.

He said the faculty enhancement seminars, that were approved by the Chancellor's Council on Diversity and began in August, help teach faculty members how to bring a broader perspective to their curriculum.

"The major purpose of these seminars is to show faculty members that they can bring diversity and inclusiveness into their class work without diminishing the content in their curriculum," Thomas said.

Thomas and University Minister John Butler host the seminars and nine faculty members are currently taking part in them, Thomas said.

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He said the seminar will serve as a wrap-up session for the first year of the seminars.

"The seminar will bring closure to the year," Thomas said. "We will address questions and concerns that faculty might have and see how those faculty, who have already implemented ideas presented in the seminars are doing."

To get the program underway, Thomas said the university received a \$10,000 grant last summer from the Burnett Foundation. A \$750 stipend was also given to each faculty member currently taking part in the program to purchase materials to enhance their understanding of inclusiveness, he said.

Butler said Susan Shaw, the co-director of Women's Studies and interim director of the Difference, Power and Discrimination Program at Oregon State University, was hired as

Majority of incentive awards passed for staff

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
Staff Reporter

The majority of incentive awards requested by staff members were approved by Chancellor Michael Ferrari, though monetary bonuses were not, said University Librarian and Staff Assembly Chairman Bob Seal Tuesday.

The Staff Assembly sent a letter to Ferrari Feb. 1 proposing awards staff members could receive in addition to regular compensation to "recognize good work, remember birthdays and anniversary dates."

Seal told the Staff Assembly that Ferrari approved the following requests: That an anniversary letter be sent from the Chancellor's office to staff members after they have worked at TCU for a year; vice chancellors create regular rewards for hard work or special achievements by employees in their division; a review and improvement of the service award system that recognizes staff members



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Karen Baker, associate director of residential services, writes down information from the agenda Tuesday at the Staff Assembly meeting.

at five year intervals; more periodic staff outings and events and an award for staff similar to the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching.

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theWeather

THURSDAY

High: 74; Low: 56; Cloudy and windy

FRIDAY

High: 73; Low: 47; Scattered thunderstorms

LookingBack

1475 — Italian artist Michelangelo Buonarroti is born.
1857 — The Supreme Court ruled that Dred Scott, a slave, had no right to request freedom from his master.
1923 — TV Announcer of Star Search and pitchman for the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes Ed McMahon is born.

CUE writing requirement under discussion by faculty

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles examining the Common Undergraduate Experience.

BY ALISHA WASSENAAR
Staff Reporter

Many faculty members feel the current core writing experience is not necessarily effective, but simply reducing the hours of required writing is not likely to improve the situation, said Don Nichols, professor of accounting.

"I consider reducing the writing requirement from two courses and two

writing-intensive courses to one writing course as a step backwards," Nichols said.

The current core requirements state that a student must have six hours of writing classes plus additional writing emphasis classes. The proposed Common Undergraduate Experience states there would only be three hours of required writing.

Mike Slattery, professor of environmental sciences, said he likes the CUE but is concerned about the three hours of writing.

"I think (the requirement) is under review, and I am sure there will be

considerably more writing, whether it's done under one roof (such as English) or whether it's across the curriculum and in the major," Slattery said.

Nichols said the best option is for a combination of professionals in English to teach writing and also have students write in a variety of courses across the curriculum.

David Vanderwerken, acting chairman of the English department, said

there is a devaluation of humanities and lowered emphasis on writing requirements in the new curriculum.

"A business professor and science scholar cannot teach writing," Vanderwerken said. "We're not arrogant to say that only we can teach writing, but it is important that there is a cross-section of writing on campus to focus on various audiences."

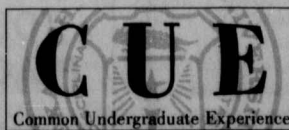
Gregory Stephens, chairman of the management department, said he

would like to see his students write for particular audiences. Stephens said his frustration is that his students "write for English class, not business."

Students like Emily Moss said writing should be implemented across curriculums.

"I think you should have both English writing classes and business writing classes," said Emily Moss, a senior management major. "This way students can be versatile and write for the correct audience."

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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• **Art Slam** will be on display through Friday in the Moudy Building Exhibition Hall. Art Slam is the 2nd Annual Exhibition of the TCU Honor Society of Artists and Designers.

• **KinoMonda film series** will present the French film "The Dream Life of Angels" 7 p.m. today in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

• **RTVF film series** will present "Destination Tokyo" 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The 1943 film stars Cary Grant, John Garfield and Alan Hale. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

• **International Women's Day Luncheon** will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in the Student Center, Room 205. The event is part of Women's Symposium. Seating is limited, and tickets are \$10 per person. For more information call (817) 257-7855.

• **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.

• **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshop** will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 11 and 12 and May 15 and 16 in the Student Center. The workshop is free for faculty and staff and \$100 for outside participants. Call (817) 257-7863 to reserve a space.

• **Faculty recital** will be 7:30 p.m. March 18 in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The recital will feature Harold Martina on piano. For more information call (817) 257-7602.

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Campus/State Roundup

McDonald's to use toll tags to pay in drive-throughs

DALLAS (AP) — Don't be surprised the next time you order a Big Mac with fries and an attendant asks, "Would you like to use your toll tag with that?"

It's the latest attempt to bring high technology to fast food.

McDonald's is beginning an experiment at two Dallas and three Plano locations. After a motorist registers, windshield-mounted tags used mostly to pay tolls in North Texas can be used to purchase that behind-the-wheel breakfast, lunch or dinner.

TransCore, a Dallas company that developed the electronic toll-collection systems used by the North Texas Tollway Authority, will make the tags and readers used in the fast-food drive-through lanes.

Equipment installed above a drive-through lane will scan a motorist's tag. An attendant will then ask the customer whether he wants to use the cashless system.

McDonald's owners hope to shorten drive-through waits by 15 to 20 seconds per transaction. They also hope to lure more customers who don't want to get out of their cars or who don't carry enough cash to buy a Happy Meal.

Toll tags, which can be obtained at no cost, have limited use beyond basic toll collection. PassKey technology, which costs \$1.50 a month, offers more uses. Toll tag users can activate a PassKey account for \$2.

Psychiatrist admits Yates knew killing was wrong

HOUSTON (AP) — A defense psychiatric expert acknowledged Tuesday that Andrea Yates knew killing her five children was legally wrong, but said under cross-examination the Houston woman saw it as her only solution.

Yates believed she was sacrificing her life in this world and eternity by sparing her children from hell fire after determining that she was not raising them "righteously," Phillip Resnick testified.

Much of her delusional thought process did not emerge until after the children were drowned in their bathtub on June 20, he said.

"She did not reveal much of her

psychotic thinking. She was afraid Satan would hear it and make it happen," Resnick said during cross-examination by prosecutor Joe Owmbly.

Resnick had testified Friday that Yates, charged with capital murder, suffers from schizophrenia and major depression that impairs her behavior. He was unavailable for court Monday.

Midland woman charged with killing her newborn baby

MIDLAND (AP) — A woman charged with killing her newborn baby and storing the body in her garage remained in the Midland jail Tuesday.

Stephanie Jo Durham, 20, has been charged with capital murder. She was arrested late Thursday after police said she confessed. She had concealed her pregnancy from her live-in boyfriend, police said.

Initially, Durham was not a suspect, and police said she seemed surprised to learn a dead baby was in her garage. But investigators said they found evidence on the property that resulted in Durham's questioning.

Durham, in the Midland County Jail on bail of \$100,000, was a stay-at-home mother.

The couple was in the process of moving when the boyfriend found the corpse near some trash. The baby was inside a duffel bag that was wrapped in a plastic grocery sack. Investigators said the baby was at or near full term.

Galveston teacher indicted for carrying handgun

GALVESTON (AP) — A Galveston-area schoolteacher has been indicted for allegedly carrying a .357-caliber Magnum handgun into her junior high classroom in November.

Authorities say Kemah resident Norvella Susette Gibson fired a shot into her own classroom at Friendswood Junior High School before school started Nov. 30.

A few hours later, Gibson reported someone had fired three shots into her classroom. Nobody was injured, but the report led to a four-hour lockdown of the campus.

A Galveston County grand jury indicted the 54-year-old reading and language arts teacher on one count of carrying a weapon where possession is

prohibited, a third-degree felony.

Gibson, who is on administrative leave with pay, is innocent, say her husband, Paul Gibson, and her attorney, Anthony Griffin.

Georgetown and South Texas merge for nursing plan

McALLEN (AP) — Georgetown University and South Texas Community College may collaborate to train nursing students in migrant health care.

Officials from both schools are working on a training program that may include teleconference technology and online coursework.

A 2003 start is anticipated once funding is secured and both schools agree on a format.

Nursing students from Georgetown, located in Washington, D.C., would work with migrant workers and their families in the Rio Grande Valley as part of their internships, said Mary Lou de Leon Siantz of the Georgetown University School of Nursing. Many graduates would continue working with families, Siantz said.

Siantz said she has been working with U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Mercedes, to get federal moneys for the program.

Giuliani to present commencement address

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (U-WIRE) — Rudolph Giuliani, the former mayor of New York, will present this year's commencement address May 12 for graduating students of Syracuse University and State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Others considered included television personalities Conan O'Brien and Bob Costas, comedian Bill Cosby and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, a Democrat representing South Dakota.

Giuliani was chosen to speak by a student committee. He previously has received an honorary knighthood and was named Time's Person of the Year for the leadership he showed after the terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

"A lot of it had to do with people viewing him as a very powerful and symbolic figure in New York," said Jor-

dan Brophy-Hilton, a member of the selection committee. "A lot of it stemmed from Sept. 11 and people thinking he'd have something positive to say."

University of Michigan students face crime and cold

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — University of Michigan students were welcomed back to classes Monday with freezing temperatures and the increasing crime wave plaguing campus this year. Another peeping tom incident, the 12th since October 2001, happened in South Quad residence hall Monday morning.

An LSA freshman was showering when she heard someone come in the bathroom and saw her towel move.

"There was a shadow in the stall next to me," she said. "I looked down and there was someone's face."

Although she was not wearing her glasses, the victim described the victim as a young black male.

Last month University Housing in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety introduced new safety precautions in the residence halls after noticing a growing pattern of peeping tom incidents and home invasions. The precautions included locking all entrances 24 hours a day and increasing the presence of DPS officers. Still, there have been three incidents in the three weeks since the precautions were introduced.

Stanford graduate student receives three year sentence

STANFORD, Calif. (U-WIRE) — Alexander Simon, a 26-year-old Stanford University graduate student in cancer biology, received a three-year sentence last week for attempting to commit lewd and lascivious acts with a child. Simon lured a 10-year-old girl into an e-mail correspondence and set up a meeting with her at a hotel.

As reported in The Daily last spring, Simon was arrested May 17 on the charge of attempted lewd and lascivious acts with a child.

Simon met the girl while volunteering as a safety instructor at a Menlo Park, Calif., elementary school. He first e-mailed her a cartoon of rabbits mating, and the e-mails became more explicit as the relationship progressed, Stanford Magazine reported.

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The Skiff View

SUCCESS

Writing ability important for any career

Biology. Business. Engineering. These majors are vastly different, but the current Undergraduate Core Requirement system sticks every student in the same freshman and sophomore composition classes.

The proposed and ever-changing Common Undergraduate Experience attempts to solve the problem by slashing sophomore composition off the list and cutting the writing emphasis requirements as well.

Sure, it can be argued that all these English hours don't do any good for the premed major who went the route of science precisely so he or she would never have to write an essay again. However, people in these majors need to know how to write.

Now, the long-winded English style of writing may not always be appropriate for non-liberal arts majors (heck, even journalism writing is a far cry from English), but there is a definite need to be able to write, and to do it well.

After all, you can't succeed in virtually any prominent job today without a decent writing ability.

Taking one class the first semester of your freshman year in college isn't enough to prepare students for the "real world." The current system could use some modifications, but we can't take out essential writing requirements.

Instead, the university should adopt a system in which there is still the basic freshman composition class, but rather than doing away with the three hours of sophomore composition, the CUE could adopt a major-specific writing class. Business majors could take a class in terse, report style writing and Biology majors could learn the style of writing that will help them in their future pursuits.

After all, learning how to write a persuasive paper is good, but building on a broad writing foundation with useful specifics is even better.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

In yet another ugly demonstration of our biased justice system, a U.S. federal appeals court Thursday overturned the conviction of three New York police officers in the case of the violent assault and torture of Haitian native Abner Louima.

Citing insufficient evidence that the officers obstructed justice, the court continues a trend of acquitting violent police officers on suspect grounds. One might recall that the two so-called onlookers in the Rodney King case were also initially acquitted of any wrongdoing.

As a result, officers Thomas Bruder and Thomas Wiese, who had earlier been convicted of attempting to conceal evidence, will most likely walk. The case of the third officer, Charles Schwartz, who was serving a 15-year sentence for aiding another officer in sodomizing Louima in a police station bathroom with a broken broom, was also overturned on similar grounds but may return to a lower court.

What message is the legal system in this country sending when it says it's acceptable for police officers to watch while a fellow officer violently sodomizes a subdued, handcuffed man in a house of the law? So what if there is "insufficient evidence" that the officers actually concealed evidence

against the principal offender?

By acquitting Schwartz, the courts assert that Officer Justin Volpe single-handedly subdued, handcuffed and sodomized Louima — a task that is undoubtedly physically impossible. There is a dead rat somewhere, and it behooves the New York police department to find it before New York City explodes with Rodney King-like riots. Rulings such as this, coupled with the recent controversial shootings in Philadelphia and New York of unarmed African Americans, threaten to undermine recent efforts at racial conciliation between the police and an understandably concerned community.

Is there a rule in our legal system that says police officers can get away with violating civil rights?

Hopefully, New York prosecutors can effectively retry Schwartz in a lower court. With the new evidence, airtight civil cases should be brought against Bruder, Wiese and anyone else involved in this disgusting assault. Maybe then Louima can get a taste of the same justice afforded to those who would abuse their badges to violate his civil rights.

This editorial comes from the Daily Texan at the University of Texas-Austin. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

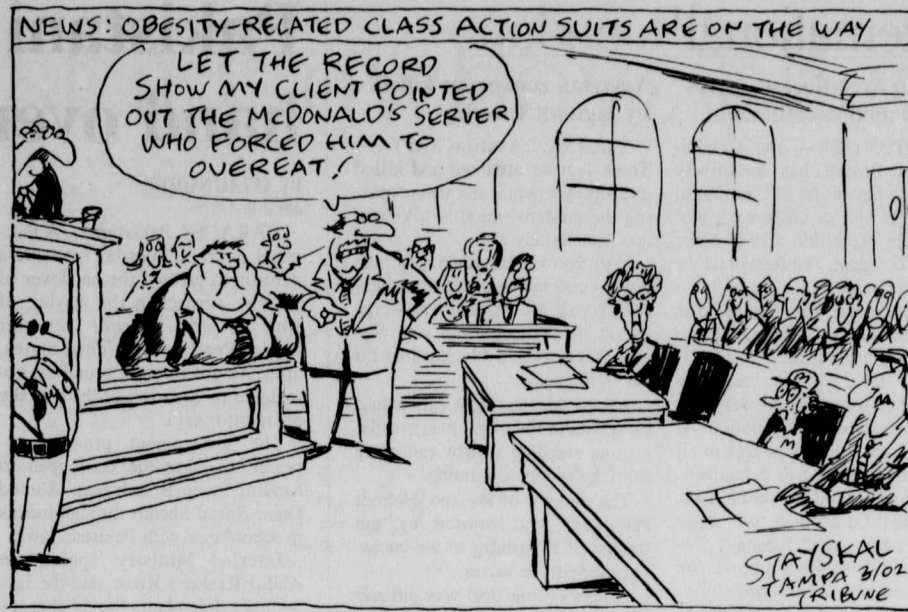
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Alcohol education should expand beyond extremes

We hear it all the time.

"Binge-drinking is up 13.73 percent in the first month of this fiscal quarter compared to the third week of the second quarter last year," or, "One student was killed from alcohol poisoning related to binge-drinking in an initiation (hazing) ritual!"

COMMENTARY



Jeff Dennis

Well what exactly is binge-drinking? Does your best friend call you up Friday night and see if you feel like going binge-drinking somewhere?

Do you hold off from that fifth drink because you know five drinks in a row is a binge, whereas four is perfectly acceptable? You're probably glad you just got in the car and drove home after number four before things got out of hand.

The point here is that there is no connection between the binge-drinking statistics we hear about on the news and the actual real-life action of drinking alcohol.

Avoiding the judgments about whether drinking alcohol is morally right or wrong, or sometimes acceptable or sometimes not,

we are completely missing the target in our efforts to make young people drink more responsibly.

Sure there are warnings that binge drinking is dangerous, even deadly, but these warnings are traveling a road parallel to the one most of America's youth is on. That is, they just don't meet up. The average 21-year-old drinker doesn't connect the drinking of his eighth beer of the night with the statistics of binge-drinking.

We are losing touch with the connection needed for educating young people about the dangers of drinking by using tedious definitions such as "the consumption of X amount of drinks in Y hours," which only makes young people further ignore the issue.

The media presents our youth and young adults with the problem of binge-drinking just as it presents the AIDS epidemic in Africa. It is just another seemingly distant problem that doesn't directly affect them. Binge-drinking statistics clearly arouse concern among parents, but to young people they are just more useless numbers that are as meaningless as the equations in their calculus books.

By using the term "binge" drinking, we continue to label

this problem with a definition that allows certain people to dismiss it as irrelevant to their drinking habits. Few people would want to be labeled a "binge-drinker," and those who really are at risk of harming themselves are likely to ignore binge-drinking statistics and warnings. Excessive drinkers don't need to be treated like they are lepers, they just need to be told the facts.

There is no need to hear about the dangers of binge-drinking, but rather to hear about the dangers associated with all levels of drinking. There is plenty of room to teach our youth about how alcohol can be used responsibly while also telling them the dangers and risks that accompany the consumption of large amounts of alcohol.

We don't need to repeal the 21st Amendment (would that un-repeal the 18th Amendment?). We just need to educate people about alcohol without using vague and scientific terms that confuse everyone and make them ignore the facts.

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Gender biased language slows advancement of gender equality

It was pointed out to me, and quite correctly so, that in the end of my last editorial I committed an obvious gender bias by referring to roles in our society with the male connotation and not in a non-gender specific form. I used the words "businessmen" and "congressman" as opposed to "congressperson."

COMMENTARY



Tim Dragma

My initial reaction is to be defensive when it comes to matters of political correctness because they usually wind up obscuring the issue at hand.

Suddenly the discussion isn't about the legitimacy of campaign finance reform or the constitutionality of banning same sex marriages or what have you. Instead it becomes about semantics and word choice. So real issues get clouded and in some cases set aside to deal with seemingly superficial matters of public relations.

However, the more I considered it the less my word choice seemed like a simple semantic faux pas and more an example of a very subtle form of sexism still imbedded in the language. In many cases, particularly positions of societal power (like politicians, business professionals, etc.) the default connotation is male.

The assertion here is not that the word "congressman" carries with it an implication that women are less qualified for positions in the U.S. House of Representatives

than men. Rather, it might be better to think that at this point our collective consciousness and values as a nation have moved past that silly, misguided and ultimately faulty preconception.

The difference here has become much more understated than that. It has to do with the direct perception, not with who is qualified but with who is expected to hold these positions. Referring to U.S. representatives as being by default male brings to bear an expectation of what the "norm" is supposed to be. This is harmful because when anything becomes the default connotation then whatever doesn't fall under that default is perceived as abnormal. Under this perception equality becomes much harder to attain because one party is constantly coming from the immediately disadvantaged position of being the exception to what is accepted.

I'm not trying to say that changing "policeman" to "police officer" is going to eliminate the hundreds of years of gender bias based on thousands of year of female repression. One of the problems with political correctness and the reasons that it's received such a backlash is that it's seen purely as superficial. But the gender roles that we apply to words, no matter how subtle, have long lasting effects on our preconception of what function members of different sexes should have in society.

When one considers that we stereotype politicians and business executives as being older Caucasian males, then that stereotype can't be entirely exempt as a contributing factor when in a popula-

tion made up by 52 percent women. There are only 13 female representatives in the Senate and there have only been 31 since the Senate's inception.

This kind of bias doesn't exclusively affect women. Men suffer from similar stereotypes that keep them from being kindergarten teachers or staying at home to take care of children for fear of being associated or stereotyped with some sort of pedophilic tendency or lack of masculinity.

The ultimate problem that this sort of profiling creates is not only that it limits women (or whoever the stereotyped group is), but it limits the profession itself. This is because it eliminates or dissuades people from undertaking a job for reasons having nothing to do with characteristics germane to the functions the specific job requires that person to perform.

This only limits society because candidates or professionals that could have been outstanding in respective fields are disqualified by a society not yet comfortable with the idea that a woman can be president or that a kindergarten school teacher can be a gay man.

It would seem that in order for a society to progress it should work to foster and accept the talent of all its members no matter where that talent should happen to lay. And that can start by removing the prejudice (no matter how subtle) from the language.

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Growing older doesn't mean the end of fun

Remember when birthdays used to be the highlight of the year?

My birthday is this weekend, the big 2-0 that precedes the even bigger 2-1. Somehow, no matter how many people I remind of/annoy about this wonderful event, or how many plans I make to have a blast, the joy that once filled me every year in early March seems to be running low.

COMMENTARY



Lauren Cates

I've figured out the source of the problem. Things move too fast now, the anticipation of turning a year older is gone. I remember my last birthday like it was yesterday, even though an entire year has passed.

A year ago I broke things off with the high school boyfriend, received some cute little presents from my parents, a call from my brother the next day (thanks for remembering) and went to a theme party as a crackwhore (it was funny, I swear).

Even when I consider all the things that have changed, it seems to have moved by so fast, too fast. My mom says this happens more when you get older. I'm ready to take a knee for the team.

It seems I'm asking, why have birthdays lost their magic, and why do we now dread getting older? Remember the fanfare that accompanied your childhood parties? The party regalia, celebrated with 30 of your closest playmates, was unforgettable. Now those cheesy cards reminding us that another year has passed are beginning to have a little more significance. No wonder Hallmark has banked in on the greeting card industry.

I already find myself as a sophomore regaling our sorority pledges with tales of lore from the past. "Watch out for that punch. Boy, don't I have more than a few stories about punch," and "You think these bathrooms are bad? Back in my day, we didn't have bathrooms at parties, we had bushes," precede my stories.

My friends and I have tried to relive our past days as high school sports heroes (our memories are a little fuzzy, but hey). We bought a soccer ball and played in intramurals. After wheezing asthmatically up and down half a field for about five minutes and eating more than our share of grass, we were ready to call it quits. Complaints of knee injuries and lower back pain filled the walk home.

Another friend suggested that the older people at parties be roped off into their own area, complete with rocking chairs and pipes to smoke. The finishing touch would be a plaque in front of us with our name and a date of establishment (Lauren Cates est. 1982). This is not comforting.

What people seem to be forgetting is that college is not about dreading getting older. We are not on some kind of limited time span of immaturity that suddenly ends and takes the fun out of all these parties and other major outings. I'm revolting against getting older.

There's still so much to do, things get better every year. Before I know it, I'm going to be 25 and able to drive a rental car. Turning 65 and being eligible for social security is another high point awaiting me around the bend. Anyone who is an avid "Sex and the City" or "Friends" fan knows that life does not end when you get your diploma.

This year is going to be different. This year on my birthday I'll be in Panama City, Fla. with 11 of my sorority sisters in two rooms. Eleven girls in a confined living space should be just great. There will be fights, minor injuries, photo ops and don't forget the "beer tears" that are always inevitable. And don't worry, I am reinstating the birthday regalia and fanfare of my past.

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National/International Roundup

Cruise ship crew member recovered from ocean

MIAMI (AP) — A cruise ship crew member who fell overboard early Tuesday was rescued after spending about 10 hours in the Atlantic Ocean.

The 24-year-old Romanian woman was in stable condition and will remain on the Miami-based Norway under the care of a ship's doctor until it makes its next cruise call in the U.S. Virgin Islands, officials said.

There was no word on how the woman, who was not identified, fell from the thousand-foot-long vessel. "She was believed to go overboard around 12:30 a.m.," said Coast Guard Petty Officer Anastasia Burns. "She was treading water when the cruise ship found her."

The ship was about 135 miles northeast of Great Inagua Island in the Bahamas when she fell.

Coast Guard aircraft responded, but the woman was found by the Norway. She was rescued by a small boat and taken back aboard.

Three shot to death Tuesday en route to court hearing

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. (AP) — Three people on their way to a court hearing were shot to death Tuesday morning in the parking lot of the Isabella County Courthouse, officials said.

The victims, two women and a man, were headed to a probate court hearing, police officer Charles Lyon said. He said one of the victims was the ex-wife of the suspected shooter.

Lyon described the motive for the shooting as a "domestic type of deal."

Witnesses told police the shooter fled the scene.

The suspect, who was to be "part of that hearing," was believed to be holed up in his house in nearby Weidman later Tuesday, Lyon said. The house was surrounded by police, he said.

Boston Archdiocese agrees to \$30 million settlement

BOSTON (AP) — The Archdiocese of Boston has tentatively agreed to pay up to \$30 million to 86 people who say they were molested by now-defrocked priest John J. Geoghan, *The Boston Globe* reported Tuesday.

The settlement was expected to be completed Tuesday, the newspaper said, citing unidentified sources.

The *Globe* said the tentative agreement was reached Monday, after 11 months of negotiations. It will still need the signatures of all 86 plaintiffs and the 17 defendants, including Cardinal Bernard F. Law. Mitchell Garabedian, the plaintiffs' attorney, said Tuesday: "No documents have been signed. We don't even have a final draft."

Geoghan was sentenced to nine to 10 years in prison last month for groping a 10-year-old boy in a swimming pool, and faces two more criminal trials. He has been accused of molesting more than 130 children in six parishes over 30 years.

United Airlines cockpit fire forces emergency landing

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — A cockpit fire forced a United Airlines 757 to make an emergency landing at Texarkana Regional Airport on Tuesday. None of the 106 people on board was injured.

There was no word on the cause of the fire.

Ninety-nine passengers and a crew of seven were aboard the Orlando, Fla.-to-San Francisco flight, airline spokesman Joe Hopkins said.

The pilots aboard Flight 275 reported smoke and a small fire in the cockpit, Hopkins said. He said the fire was extinguished before the plane landed at Texarkana.

Airline officials said another plane would be brought in from Denver to transport the passengers on the remainder of their trip.

Austrian zookeeper killed by jaguars Tuesday

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Three jaguars attacked and killed an employee while she was preparing the animals' meal at a Vienna zoo on Tuesday.

With zoo visitors looking on, the jaguars entered an enclosure where the 21-year-old woman was working at the Schoenbrunn zoo. She was killed when a black jaguar bit her in the neck.

Afraid that the large cats would escape from the cage, many of the visitors standing nearby ran away from the scene, screaming.

The director of the zoo, Helmut Pechlaner, was injured by the jaguars after rushing to the enclosure to help the victim.

Officials at the 250-year-old zoo said they did not yet know how the accident occurred, but suspected that the three jaguars had burst into the cage through a hatch which had not been locked correctly.

Cafeteria fire delays Milosevic war crimes trial

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic's trial was postponed Tuesday after a fire in the cafeteria of the U.N. war crimes tribunal filled the corridors with smoke, prompting the evacuation of the building.

Guards and security personnel escorted 800 staff members outside just before the 9 a.m. start of hearings in the Milosevic case. Hearings in four other war crimes cases also were postponed.

Officials said the fire began in a deep fryer in the canteen and there was no suspicion it was intentional.

The fire was quickly put out, and damage was restricted to the canteen area and no injuries were reported. The downtown building remained closed for more than two hours to be ventilated.

Pakistani government may hand over kidnapping suspect

BY AFZAL NADEEM
Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — A Pakistani court on Tuesday set aside a petition to prevent the handover of the key suspect in the slaying of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl to the United States, after the government promised not to do so in violation of the law, the prosecutor said.

The government promise appeared to leave the door open to handing over British-born Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh through means in accordance with Pakistani law.

Interior Ministry spokesman Abdul Rasheed Khan said the law requires defendants facing charges in Pakistan to be tried at home first before being transferred to any other country.

In the capital, Islamabad, President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's spokesman said the United States had been formally notified of Pakistan's decision

to try Saeed here first. The spokesman, Maj. Gen. Rashid Quereshi, said the notification had been conveyed to the U.S. Embassy, which declined to comment.

With no extradition treaty between the United States and Pakistan, officials have been trying to find a legal way to hand over Saeed, believed to have planned the kidnapping of Pearl, South Asia bureau chief for the *Wall Street Journal*. The government here has made no unequivocal pledge to do so.

Pearl was kidnapped here Jan. 23 while researching links between Pakistani extremists and Richard C. Reid, who was arrested in December on a Paris-Miami flight he allegedly boarded with explosives in his sneakers. A tape received Feb. 22 showed Pearl dead. His body has not been found.

Sadia, the wife of Saeed, asked the court Friday to block moves to hand over her husband. On Tuesday,

the government lawyers assured the court that Saeed won't be handed over to any "foreign authority or officer" in violation of the law, chief prosecutor Raja Quereshi said.

The court set aside the petition after Sadia's lawyer expressed satisfaction over government's assurance, said Quereshi, who is no relation to the government spokesman.

Pakistan is under pressure from the United States to hand over Saeed, who was indicted by the U.S. authorities for the 1994 kidnapping of another American in India. Khan, of the Interior Ministry, said that so far, Pakistan has not received a formal extradition request from the United States.

Saeed faces kidnapping and murder charges in Pakistan but simply one kidnap charge in the United States. He has not been indicted in the United States for the Pearl kidnapping-slaying.

Jet fighters summoned often following Sept. 11

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It doesn't take much these days to draw a pair of jet fighters off your wingtips — an unruly airline passenger, a wrong turn into restricted airspace or deviation from a flight plan.

Like police answering 911 calls, U.S. and Canadian fighters on anti-terrorism alert have been summoned 292 times to investigate problems in North American airspace since Sept. 11, the military says.

Fighters also come when planes stop communicating with ground controllers, when they present inadequate identification or head into un-

usual flight patterns, said Maj. Barry Venable, a spokesman for North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), the Colorado-based military command with authority to protect U.S. and Canadian airspace.

Some jet fighters are sent from airborne patrols over New York, Washington and other U.S. locations. Others are scrambled from one of the dozens of bases that have had armed aircraft on alert since September. The job usually falls to U.S. F-15s and F-16s, or to Canadian CF-18s.


Venable said most of the calls for fighters are precautionary, taken once civilian authorities have exhausted other options to investigate

events in the sky. Regional air traffic control centers under the Federal Aviation Administration usually make the call.

"A military option is an option of last resort," he said.

In a few cases, fighters are called because of concerns over an airline passenger. Last week, Canadian and U.S. fighters shadowed an Air India airliner because a ground screener in London decided one of the passengers looked like one of the FBI's "most wanted" terrorists — after the flight had taken off from Heathrow. The FBI later questioned and released two passengers, saying it was a case of mistaken identity.

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More than just a Cowboys cheerleader

BY JOHN-MARK DAY
Skiff Staff

It's a Sunday morning in April 2000. At Texas Stadium, The Dallas Cowboys, normal owners of the field, are gone. In their place 800 women take the field, curlers in their hair, show makeup thickly applied. As they stretch and warm-up, tailor-made workout outfits show off bodies toned by training and thinned by painful diets. A nervous tension permeates the stadium. It's audition day for the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders.

An 18-year-old girl walks onto the field. She may be in the wrong place, or at least on the wrong day. Her hair has been blow-dried straight. Her makeup is understated, nothing showy. She wears borrowed clothes and carries a guitar and amplifier.

She decided to try out three days ago. She has almost no formal dance training. She's never cheered a day in her life. For the final round, the talent exhibition — when competitors typically show off their best dance moves — she drags out that amplifier, plugs in the guitar and plays "Cowboy Take Me Away."

And at the end of the day, when the numbers go up, Kristin Holt has a passing score. The girl who decided three days earlier to try out on a whim, had become the newest Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader; and the most hated girl on TCU's campus.

"All of a sudden, I wasn't Kristin Holt anymore, I was the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader at TCU," said Holt, now a junior political sci-

ence and Spanish major at TCU. "That's what I still get introduced as. And I don't mind it so much, but my challenge is in overcoming that stereotype people have of it."

"People already have a stereotype of an attractive girl. They must be snobby. They must be self-righteous. They must not care about people. That's exactly the completely wrong thing."

Holt would later make the traveling squad of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, the elite 12-person team that represents the squad around the world. Two years later she would win a new competition, sweeping every category of the Miss Burleson pageant. Now she faces the Miss Texas pageant in July.

But her successes have also brought her to have mortal enemies. Mostly girls she has never met. It would give her false friends, fair-weather types who flock to the uniform but could care less about the girl who wears it. And through it all, despite the success, she would insist that her one special attribute is that she cares deeply about the people around her. Even if those people hate her.

"Kristin has a very strong sense of who she is. And that's based on her faith," said Jason Illian, 26, a TCU alumnus and Holt's boyfriend. "At the end of the day I don't think it matters to her if she succeeds at those things or if she doesn't. That's not what motivates her."

What does motivate her, Holt said, are people.

"There were times when I wanted to quit, but I had a stronger sense of self and purpose and faith than over half the girls on the squad," Holt said.

"Some of them who were well into their 30s or late 20s and were married were asking me marital advice, and (wanting me) to help them. That made it so worth my experience and my time."

Sometimes, though, those people can turn on her. When Holt found out that she had made the cheerleading squad, she called her roommate with the news. When she got home that night, she found a door decorated in silver and blue, Dallas Cowboys colors, balloons on the floor, and a sign on the door that said "New Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader" which stayed up for a few days. Then, as Holt and her roommate were in bed, someone would run by the door and throw rocks. This continued for several days, until Holt went out one morning.

"Instead of saying Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader, it said Dallas Cowboys Cheerbitch on the door," she said. "This was my freshman year in Colby (Hall). I hadn't even been there that long to make somebody mad. I didn't know

what I had done to them."

The next night, after something else hit her door, she opened it just in time to see two girls run down the hall. Holt caught up to them as they were going into the elevator. Putting her hand on the doors to keep them from closing, Holt stared the two girls down.

"I just want you to know that I'm praying for you," she told them. And she walked away.

After that, Holt said she learned that even people who didn't know Kristin Holt the person hated Kristin Holt the Dallas Cowboys cheerleader.

"We don't know how to be happy for each other," she said. "We just don't. If you have something that somebody else doesn't, they automatically hate you for it, because they don't have it."

Holt's roommate, junior political science major Chelsea Hudson, said those people usually change their minds once they meet her.

"I think most people fall in love with her really fast," Hudson said. "I think there are just some people who are selected to do great things and inspire others. Kristin's one of those people."

In July, Holt will compete in the Miss Texas pageant, after being named Miss Burleson last fall. She won the title the first time she stepped onto a pageant stage.

"I learned how to do the pageant walk the second before I went on the evening gown portion of the pageant, and I won," Holt said.

"I won every category. I won first place in evening gown, first place in swimsuit, first place in interview, and first place in talent. And this is all stuff I put together a week and a half before the pageant."

"Does that make me better than the other girls? Absolutely not. But it does show that in a lot of things that I do, I'm following my natural swing. And that's just being with people and relating to people on a real level."

"The judges don't want somebody that can act really well — we have another industry in this world for that. But with things like cheerleading and pageants, they want a real person, and it's hard to find one in that industry."

That realism is the same aspect of Holt that draws people to her.

"At the root of everything, for Kristin it's about the people," Illian said. "When she comes to you and says hello, or gives you a hug, it's not for show. It's for real. That's very rare."

It's the people, Holt said, that she will treasure. Not the uniform, not the travel, not the exposure. All those things are means to an end: The people. People like the high school freshman she mentors and invests in as part of K-Life, a Christian parachurch ministry. Peo-



Kristin Holt, a junior political science and Spanish major, works on homework in her apartment. Holt is a Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader and was named Miss Burleson last fall.

ple like the members of the TCU Gospel Choir and TCU Steppers, two groups of which Holt comprises the entire white population. People like the prospective TCU students and alumni she volunteers her time with as president of TCU's Student Foundation.

And people like the soldiers Holt has met in Bosnia, or Kosovo, or Macedonia, Hungary, Italy, Japan or Korea, all stops she made with the USO tour.

"When you're flying 800 feet above the ground in Korea, where the southern part is not communist and the northern part is communist, and you're right on the border, and you look over into North Korea, and there's not a light in the country because there's no electricity, and you look at South Korea, where you're staying at your Hilton Hotel, and it's all lit up, it's just amazing," she said. "Especially when it's Christmas Eve and you're with American soldiers who haven't been home in eight months."

Over the linked headsets everyone is wearing, Holt's pilot asks her to sing Silent Night. As she sings, the soldier cries.

He's not the only one she's seen in tears this trip. One man missed the birth of his firstborn child. One missed his 15-year-an-

niversary. Grandmothers, mothers, sisters have died. And they can't be home.

"They said we had no idea what it meant to them to have part of America come all the way over there and spend Christmas Day with them," she said.

But Holt has an idea. And that's what drives her.

"When I meet someone, I want them to say, 'She made me feel better. She encouraged me. She inspired me to do this,'" Holt said. "So many times people don't pursue their dreams because they think they're never going to happen. Well, why not?"

"I think so many people are so worried about achieving something that it takes up all their thoughts. I've learned over the past few years that life's just fun. If you have that source of happiness, life is fun."

Fun, she says, despite the animosity that comes with success. Fun because life has brought her what she wants the most — relationships.

"(Every achievement) is another story I can use to relate to someone else," she said.

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Special to Skiff

Student mixes love of animals with talent for music

BY ERIN LA MOURIE
Features Editor

Elisa Williams wakes up early Sunday morning to get ready to go to a church she has never been to. But today she will be the organist.

Her room is a mess because she has no time to clean. Clothes are scattered across the floor and her desk is covered in papers. In a clear space are photographs of her and some of her best friends — the birds, snakes and owls she rehabilitated near her home in Maryland.

But right now it is not about those friends. That part of her life is on hold until she goes back home for the summer. Right now it is about her music.

Williams, a sophomore church music major with an organ and voice emphasis, has had little time to pursue her love for animals while at TCU. Zoology, the major she would want for animal rehabilitation, is not offered at TCU and she has no time for biology or psychology classes.

She instead chose to develop her skills on the organ and is the only undergraduate in her major. She has played the organ since she was in seventh grade and also plays piano, clarinet and oboe.

Williams originally had no desire to learn to play the organ, but she won a piano competition with a prize of free organ lessons for a year.

"I didn't mean to begin playing," she said. "It was just a fluke. But I liked it and stuck with it."

She said her interest in animals began her freshman year of high school. A friend volunteered at a nature center for his Eagle Scout project and the woman he worked with brought a falcon to his ceremony.

"I met the falcon and I liked the falcon," Williams said. "A couple (of) days later I started volunteering at the nature center."

She talks to the animals she works with and treats them with the same respect as she might any person.

"Some of the best conversations I have had have been with a blind owl," she said. "I can talk my problems out and the owl will just look at me."

Joseph Butler, associate professor of music, instructs Williams with the organ and said he has high hopes for Williams to move her way up toward a career in a large church.

He said she has only played oboe for about three years and she is principal oboe in the TCU Wind Symphony and the TCU Symphony Orchestra.

"She is very talented and has a lot of natural ability," he said.

Butler said though there are only about six oboists at TCU, he believes Williams is the best.

"She is getting all the solos in the orchestra," he said.

Williams blushes at the idea of being considered musically talented.

"People are always saying that I really pick up on music fast and I am a good musician," she said. "It feels odd for me to agree because I don't want to sound arrogant."

Marna Jane Williams, a sophomore biology major, said the first time she met Elisa Williams she knew nothing about her music abilities.

"Every time I went to her room, I would learn about a new instrument she could play," Marna Jane Williams said. "It is not something she screams and shouts about.

You just have to get to know her and you will slowly find out more and more about her talents."

Although music is one of Elisa Williams' loves, her love for animals is equal.

"I have always liked music and animals together," she said. "I like to do both and cannot imagine life without either aspect. It would just feel empty."

While at home in Maryland, she volunteered at a nature center for six years and trained falcons. When a falcon is missing a wing or has any other ailment that keeps them from being able to survive in the wild, Williams and others "train them to the fist" or domesticate them to sit on a human's fist.

"It usually involves much blood shedding," Elisa Williams said. "It takes a lot of discipline."

Williams said people in her residence hall, Jarvis Hall, call her "the weird animal chick" and bring her injured animals, especially the stray cats around campus, to see if she can help.

"One time someone brought me a bird whose wing was gnarled up," she said. "I gave him water and kept him warm to bring him back to consciousness, then took him to a humane society. He was a lot happier when he left."

Williams is known as an animal lover in Jarvis, but outside the Jarvis walls people know her mostly by her music ability.

She spends about three hours a day practicing organ, accompanies about 10 vocalists and plays at recitals and churches.

"I work for half the people I know," she said. People she has never even met will call her and ask her to play for them.

She also is learning vocals and sings in a praise band.

"I am not used to thinking of myself as a vocalist," she said. "I just joined the praise band at (church) and now suddenly people are saying 'Oh, yeah, she is the girl who sings.'"

Williams said when she considers her fu-



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ture, she can never choose between music and her love of animals.

"I am a musician for about nine months out of the year then for three months I am out and about covered in mud and playing with turtles," Williams said, laughing. "It is definitely two different things."

She wants to find some way to have both her loves as part of her life.

"I don't know how unrealistic it is, but that is what I have always seen myself doing - the church music and then coming home and feeding things and taking care of owls," she said. "I am not entirely sure what I am going to do about that, but we will cross that bridge when we come to it."

Meanwhile, at TCU she has her music. Back in Maryland, the owls will need to wait until summer comes to can catch up on old times.

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Elisa Williams, a sophomore church music major with an organ and voice emphasis, is the only student in her major at TCU. Williams plays piano for one of the 10 vocalists she accompanies. Williams' other passion is animals, especially the owls and falcons she works with at home in Maryland.

More charges in corpse incident

BY KRISTEN WYATT
Associated Press

LaFAYETTE, Ga. — Authorities filed 56 additional charges Tuesday against a crematory operator accused of discarding hundreds of corpses he was paid to cremate.

The new charges bring to 174 the number of theft by deception counts against Ray Brent Marsh, who remains in Walker County Jail. A magistrate denied Marsh bond on Monday, noting that investigators were likely to file further charges.

So far, 339 rotting corpses have been discovered dumped in pits, left in sheds and stacked in vaults at the Tri-State Crematory.

Authorities continued Tuesday to drain a small lake nearby where a skull and a torso were discovered last month. Officials estimate the lake is 8 feet deep at its deepest point.

The charges accuse Marsh of allegedly taking payment to cremate the dead and instead passing off cement powder and dirt

as ashes.

Investigators have said Marsh told them the incinerator was broken.

On Monday, authorities disclosed for the first time that the incinerator is working properly. State emergency agency spokeswoman Lisa Ray said the machine's manufacturer successfully tested it last week.

In another disclosure, prosecutor Buzz Franklin said investigators had discovered photos of decomposed bodies on Marsh's office computer. Franklin did not say why Marsh was storing the photos and declined to elaborate.

Magistrate Judge Jerry Day, noting more charges were likely, denied Marsh bail for a third time. Prosecutors said they were worried Marsh might be killed if released.

Sheriff Steve Wilson testified that at a victims' meeting one woman said she wanted to hang Marsh, and the threat was met with thunderous applause.

Memorial to mark WTC anniversary

Two temporary memorials will be presented

BY TIMOTHY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The passage of six months since the World Trade Center attack will be observed with a bronze sculpture damaged on Sept. 11 and with twin columns of light beamed skyward from a spot near ground zero.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. George Pataki said Tuesday that "Tribute in Light," meant to evoke the

destroyed towers, and "The Sphere," a sculpture that had stood in the trade center plaza, are meant only as temporary memorials until a permanent design is selected.

"But they give us a place to go and reflect and to pray," Bloomberg said.

The Tribute in Light, to be installed in a vacant lot next to the trade center complex, will consist of two searchlights sending 88 high-powered beams of light into the night sky. The lights will be visible over the metropolitan area beginning on Monday.

The light towers, the brainchild of

two arts organizations, will be displayed until April 13. The estimated \$10,000 worth of electricity is being donated by Con Edison.

"The visibility will vary from night to night, but the lights will certainly appear as tall as the towers and most nights many times taller," said Paul Marantz, president of the company installing the lighting.

The memorial will be illuminated until 11 p.m. It will be shut off on nights when cloud cover could cause light to spill into nearby apartments.

The other temporary memorial, a steel-and-bronze sculpture called "The Sphere," which weighs 5,000 pounds and is 15 feet in diameter, will be dedicated in nearby Battery Park on Monday at 8:46 a.m. — the time that the first of two hijacked jetliners slammed into the trade center.

"The Sphere," which stood in the fountain of the trade center plaza, was gashed and partially crushed by falling debris. It was created in 1971 by artist Fritz Koenig and was dedicated as a monument to world peace through world trade.

The mayor said the globe will probably serve as a centerpiece for a permanent memorial.

"She was always watching them, protecting them," Kennedy said.

"The visibility will vary from night to night, but the lights will certainly appear as tall as the towers and most nights many times taller."

— Paul Marantz

FUNDING

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Side High School, O.D. Wyatt High School, Dunbar High School and Sam Houston High School to recruit a minority population.

Thomas said \$1 million of the university's budget will be allocated to the funding of the program next fall when four classes of the Community Scholars are currently attending TCU. \$186,000 was spent on the program in 2000-01, he said.

Thomas said he is not giving up on getting more financial support

from corporations.

"We are starting to get corporate sponsors specifically for the program," Thomas said. "We are developing good relationships with several corporations, but it's a process. We are further along in some of those relationships than others."

Thomas said Citigroup Corporation is giving \$25,000 a year for five years and the B.E.L.I.E.F. Foundation is giving \$20,000 a year for five years to support the program.

But Thomas said funding is not the only challenge facing the university.

"Many of the reasons why minority students in this area didn't apply to this school is because they per-

ceived it to be a very unfriendly place," Thomas said. "This has been historically true, but now TCU is one of their options."

Shae Moore, a sophomore psychology major and graduate of O.D. Wyatt High School, said it is that perception that made her adjustment to TCU difficult.

"When I first came to TCU, it was a culture shock," Moore said. "I was totally overwhelmed. I looked around me and everyone was so different than me. I felt so far behind because I didn't feel like I had the connections to the university like others had."

But despite the obstacle, Moore

said there is no other school she wanted to attend more than TCU.

"The cost was the only reason I wouldn't go to TCU," said Moore. "When they awarded me the scholarship, I knew exactly where I was going."

According to fall 2001 Institutional Research statistics, 1,041 out of the 8,054 students at TCU were minorities, which represents 12.9 percent of TCU's student body. 5.4 percent of TCU's student body were also non-residents of the United States.

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AWARDS

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Seal said Ferrari did not approve extending casual dress Fridays, already in effect during the summer, into the entire year. Ferrari did not approve cash bonuses for recruiting employees and holidays, citing

financial constraints, Seal said.

Ferrari was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

"Overall I was very pleased with the meeting I had with him in regard to the idea we put forth and he again showed (staff) support (like he) has in the past," Seal said.

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SEMINAR

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a consultant for the seminars.

Thomas said Shaw attended both seminars at the beginning of each semester.

"Dr. Shaw brought a historical perspective on how diversity and inclusiveness has impacted us socially and politically across the country," Thomas said. "She also brought course outlines that have already been created that include that inclusiveness."

Carolyn Durham, an associate

professor of Spanish, said TCU has much room for improvement in its curriculum.

"In terms of TCU's curriculum, it has a long way to go," Durham said. "There is so much the university is not looking at. Classes in the humanities and literature can deal with other parts of the world than what TCU currently offers."

But Thomas said a broader perspective can be brought to any classroom.

"When you look at a statistics class for example, you think how can you make that more inclusive?" Thomas asked. "Data collection

can be interpreted differently. Everyone interprets things differently based on their own personal experiences. If students are presented with other life experiences, it just broadens their perspective. If we aren't exposed to these other experiences, we don't have any other ways to look at things."

It is that idea that will help students become more successful leaders, Butler said.

"Both the Chancellor's Council on Diversity and the faculty enhancement seminars are rooted in the mission statement," he said. "How would we become respectable citizens and

ethical leaders without developing the sensitivity and the background of what we all are as people?"

Thomas said he hopes new faculty will benefit from the seminar in the future.

"We really want our new faculty to have the option of participating in the seminars in the future," Thomas said. "They not only enhance faculty's understanding of diversity and inclusiveness, but they also engage the student in the teaching and learning process."

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SUSPECT

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vehicle burglary on security cameras while it was taking place in the Ranch Management lot, said J.C. Williams, Assistant TCU Police Chief.

According to an incident report on file at the TCU Police Department, TCU police officers stopped the suspect as he was trying to

leave the lot.

After the police handcuffed the suspect, they searched his vehicle and found a compact disc player laying on the floor behind the driver's seat, the report cited.

The suspect was then taken into custody by the Fort Worth Police Department, Williams said.

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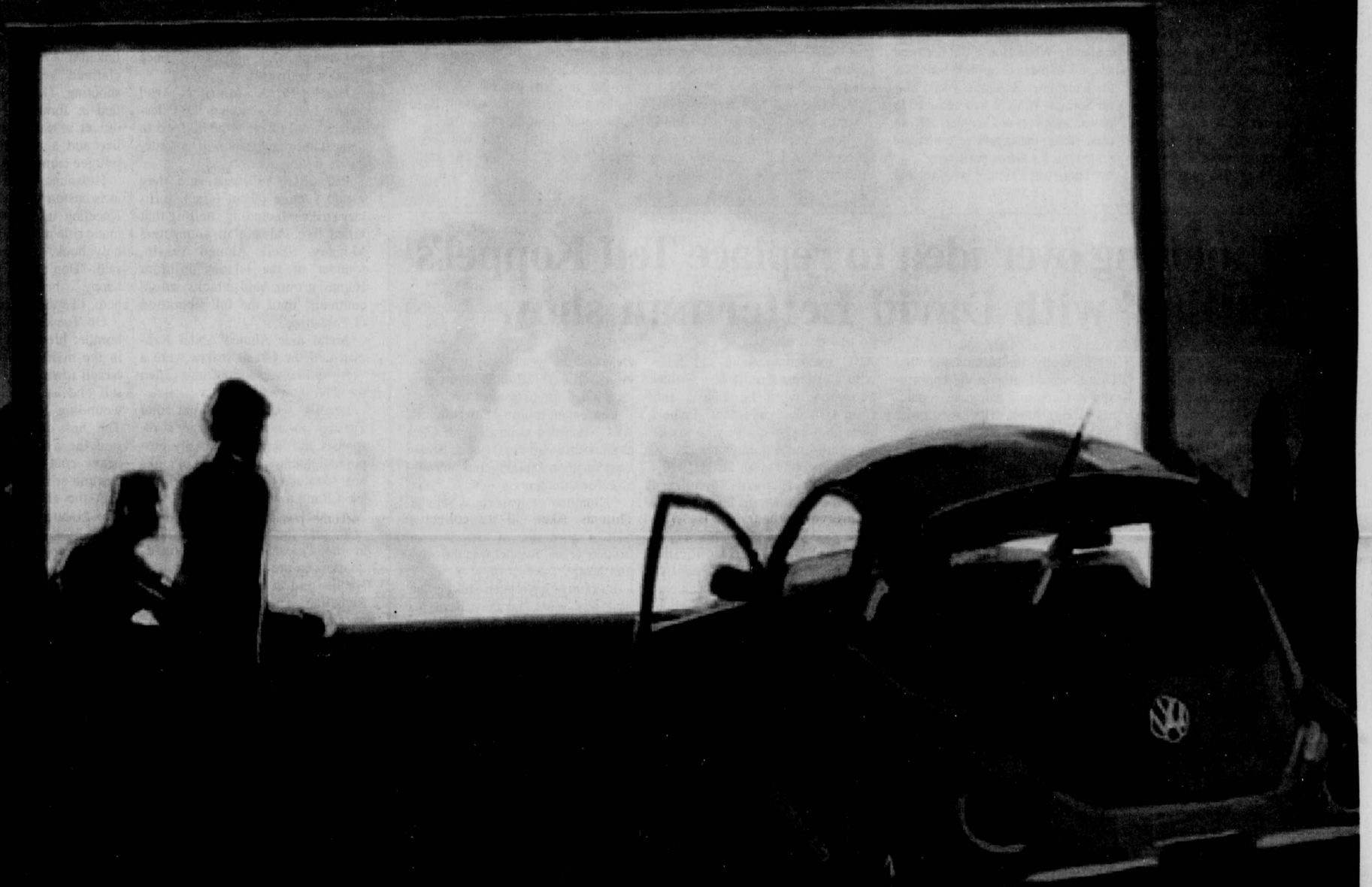
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White House briefs top Congressional leaders on 'shadow government'

BY RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After lawmakers complained that they were kept in the dark, White House officials on Tuesday briefed top members of Congress about the "shadow government" that President Bush set up outside Washington as a safeguard against terrorism.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said two top Bush aides briefed Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D. on Tuesday, and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., "had been previously informed."

Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., was not part of Tuesday's session. His spokesman Erik Smith said Gephardt did not know about the meeting until it ended. He said he did not know why Gephardt was not invited.

"We're disappointed, we don't understand why they would choose not to invite Mr. Gephardt," Smith said.

Fleischer told reporters that Gephardt's absence was "a scheduling matter," but when pressed on whether Gephardt was invited, Fleischer replied, "I don't make all the invitations here at the White House."

"If he was not (invited), it was inadvertent," Fleischer said. He insisted that congressional leaders were informed of the plan in the

proper manner, adding that lawmakers will realize that "when members of Congress have a chance to pause, think and talk to each other."

In a brief interview after the session, Lott said: "The proper things are being done, the proper people have been and are being informed" about contingency plans.

The plans include housing 75 to 150 senior administration officials in secure underground facilities. The officials rotate in and out of the secret sites, spending days at a time away from friends and family, to ensure that top government officials survive an attack on Washington.

White House and congressional aides said the lawmakers were briefed by White House chief of staff Andrew Card and Nicholas Calio, the administration's chief congressional lobbyist.

Some aides declined to discuss details of Tuesday's session, saying it was classified.

Fleischer said the "shadow government" was a tightly held secret because the White House did not want a repeat of the underground bunker at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. It was designed to protect members of Congress in a nuclear strike, but is now a tourist site rented out for theme parties.

"There was a similar program that operated for the legislative branch and as a result of a great number of people talking about it, discussing it, and being informed, the program is now a tourist attraction, at a waste of millions and millions of dollars to the public," Fleischer said.

"The president has no interest in repeating in the executive branch what happened in the legislative branch," he said.

After *The Washington Post* revealed the existence of the plans last week, Daschle complained that he had known nothing about them.

Lott said he, too, had not known about the plans until they were reported by the newspaper, adding, "And I had no justification for it, either."

"This is not the kind of thing you tell 10, 50 or 100 senators. If you do, you might as well tell the world," Lott said.

The procedures, a response to the Sept. 11 attacks, marks the first time that the Cold War-era continuity of government plan has been implemented.

Daschle said Sunday he wants Bush to keep congressional leaders better informed about the war on terrorism and the shadow government. He said no lawmakers

knew about the continuity of government plan.

Fleischer said "the appropriate people" on Capitol Hill knew of the plan. "I cannot speak to how Congress fully informs itself. I'm confident and the president is confident that when people pause and talk to each other on the Hill" they will discover who was told of the administration's plan.

He said the information was tightly held because secrecy is key to ensuring the continuity of government in the event of a disaster.

Asked if Daschle was not informed because he is not in the line to succeed the president, Fleischer replied, "There is a line of succession."

Hastert, next in line after Vice President Dick Cheney to succeed Bush, was given a full briefing on the contingency plans, said Hastert spokesman John Feehery.

A spokesman for Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., who as Senate president pro tempore follows Hastert in the line of succession, knew nothing about the plans, said Byrd spokesman Tom Gavin.

"Senator Byrd has not been briefed and neither has his staff," Gavin said.

Cycle of attacks bloodiest in months

BY KARIN LAUB
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — In rapid succession Tuesday, a Palestinian man opened fire on a crowded Tel Aviv nightclub, a suicide bomber blew himself up on an Israeli bus, gunmen ambushed Israeli motorists in the West Bank and a mysterious blast went off in the Gaza Strip.

Five Israelis and three Palestinians were killed in the attacks.

Israel intensified airstrikes, firing missiles at half a dozen targets in the West Bank and Gaza Strip late Monday and early Tuesday — including three of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's government compounds. Arafat was a few yards away from one of the areas hit, but was not harmed.

The cycle of attacks and reprisals was one of the bloodiest in 17 months of fighting, and each side said it would hit back even harder.

"We will wage a relentless war against terrorism, because for us its a question of survival," said Israeli government spokesman Avi Pazner, adding that negotiations with the Palestinians could only resume once Israel won that war.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has told reporters the Palestinians would have to be hit hard to understand that Israel will not succumb to violence.

Palestinian militants said they would avenge recent Israeli military strikes, including shelling that killed five Palestinian youngsters Monday. Sheik Ahmed Yassin, founder of the Islamic militant Hamas group, said attacks would continue "until the full liberation of Palestine."

Arafat aide Ahmed Abdel Rahman said the Israeli strikes were a "very serious escalation" and called for U.N. intervention.

Israel's security Cabinet met Tuesday to assess the army's response, and Sharon reportedly proposed tightening the cordon of tanks near Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

As the ministers met, Israeli helicopter gunships fired missiles at the Palestinian police headquarters in the West Bank town of Nablus and at a police station in Ramallah. There were no reports of injuries. Earlier in the day, missiles were also fired at security headquarters in the town of Khan

Yunis in the Gaza Strip, causing severe damage. One man was wounded.

Tuesday's violence began at around 2:15 a.m. when a Palestinian gunman armed with grenades, a knife and an M-16 assault rifle opened fire on the Seafood Market, an all-night restaurant and nightclub in a commercial district of Tel Aviv, where a group of women was attending a pre-wedding party.

The bride-to-be, Irit Rahamim, said that when the first shots went off, she and her friends dove to the ground. "At one point, there was quiet, and I told all my girlfriends, 'Let's run away from here,'" Rahamim told Israel TV's Channel Two. She said her friends forced her to stay down. "It's good they did, because after that, there was more shooting."

Three Israelis, including a policeman, were killed in the attack, and 31 were injured. One of the patrons, William Hazan, said he fired at the attacker who at the time was stabbing another guest. Police said officers killed the assailant.

The Al Aqsa Brigades, a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for the shooting. The assailant was identified as Ibrahim Hassouna, 20, an officer in the Palestinian naval police and a resident of the Balata refugee camp near Nablus.

Hassouna taped a farewell video, as is customary in suicide missions. Kneeling in prayer, with an automatic rifle and a Quran, the Muslim holy book, by his side, Hassouna said: "Don't cry for me, mother, be happy ... because I am a martyr, a hero, like the others."

On Tuesday morning, a suicide bomber blew himself up on a bus in the main station in the central Israeli town of Afula, killing himself and an Israeli passenger and wounding 11 people, police said. The bus driver, Danny Nahum, said the assailant was wearing a heavy coat when he boarded the bus and at first did not want to accept the change after paying his fare. Nahum said the man sat next to the back door, and set off the explosives as the bus pulled into the Afula station.

In the past four days of fighting, 33 Palestinians and 27 Israelis have been killed, one of the sharpest escalations since violence erupted in September 2000.

ABC mulling over idea to replace Ted Koppel's 'Nightline' with David Letterman show

BY DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In his first public comments on ABC's effort to replace his program with David Letterman, "Nightline" host Ted Koppel said he hopes to stay with the network but criticized an ABC executive for questioning the show's relevance.

"'Nightline' ... ought to have a place in television's expanding universe, and I am confident that it will. I continue to hope that will be at ABC, but that decision is beyond our control," Koppel wrote in a *New York Times* Op-Ed piece published Tuesday.

ABC and its corporate parent, the Walt Disney Co., have had discussions with Letterman, CBS' popular late-night host, about switching networks and taking Koppel's 11:35 p.m. time slot. Badly hurt by the almost complete failure of its prime-time entertainment schedule this year, ABC is looking to make money any way it can, and some think an entertainment show appealing to young people would help.

In his *Times* piece, Koppel called

it "perfectly understandable that Disney would jump at the opportunity to increase earnings by replacing 'Nightline' with the more profitable David Letterman show."

"For many years now I, along with my employers, have benefited hugely from 'Nightline's' commercial success," he wrote. "I understand the nature of the bargain that I made."

Koppel also said, "I have to confess to a slightly perverse satisfaction at the outpouring of warmth and generous support that my 'Nightline' colleagues and I have received" since word of the possible switch became public.

ABC News denied a *USA Today* report Tuesday that George Stephanopoulos and Claire Shipman have been chosen to replace Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts as hosts of "This Week," the Sunday morning public affairs talk show.

ABC News President David Westin called Donaldson Tuesday morning to tell him the report was false, network spokesman Jeffrey Schneider said.

Koppel didn't hear from an

ABC executive about the talks with Letterman until late Friday afternoon, when he took a call from Disney president Robert Iger, said an executive who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In a meeting with his staff Friday, Koppel angrily dismissed characterizations of his show as losing relevance, the executive said. And in the *New York Times* piece Tuesday, Koppel criticized an unidentified ABC executive who, he said, was quoted in an earlier *Times* article questioning how relevant the show is.

With terrorism fears at home and U.S. troops in action abroad, "the regular and thoughtful analysis of national and foreign policy is more essential than ever," Koppel wrote. He said that at times like these "it is, at best, inappropriate and, at worst, malicious to describe what my colleagues and I are doing as lacking relevance."

Letterman has been the longtime No. 2 in the ratings behind NBC's Jay Leno in the late-night comic wars. He has long been unhappy that CBS' older prime-time audi-

ence and the weak local news programs on CBS affiliates don't provide him with a stronger lead-in.

Letterman, mulling the switch to ABC when his contract with CBS expires this summer, was on an island vacation Monday and unavailable for comment.

"Nightline" began as a regular show in 1980, an outgrowth of ABC's coverage of the Iranian hostage crisis. Koppel was the original host.

Its ratings have been sinking the past few years, as they have for most network shows, but it still regularly outdraws Letterman's "Late Show." ABC executives are concerned that "Nightline" doesn't reach the young audience most sought by advertisers, and that the show appears less special in an era of cable news saturation.

Instead of coming to the defense of "Nightline" when news of their discussions with Letterman leaked last week, top ABC executives said they were considering scrapping it in favor of an entertainment program even if Letterman stayed put.



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- Pasta du jour
- Roasted veggies
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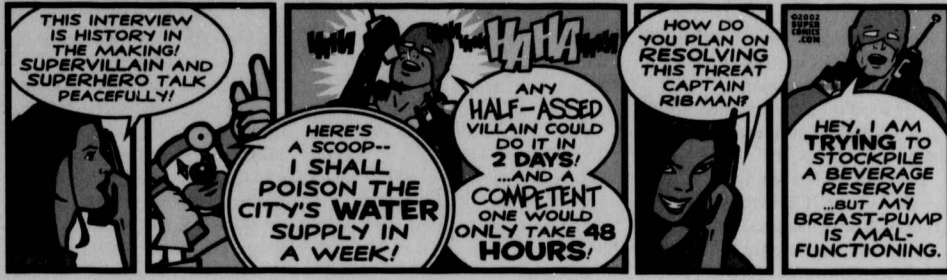
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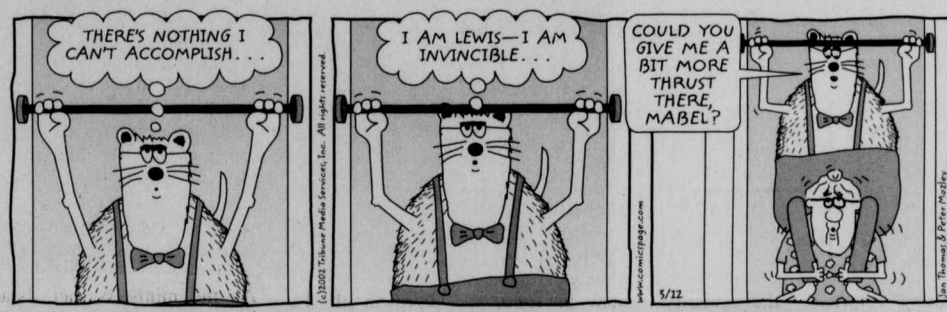
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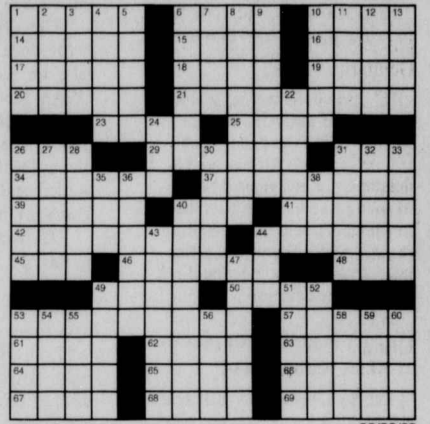
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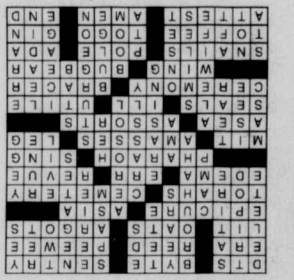
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TCU track team to compete at Indoor Championships

Five members of the TCU Flyin' Frogs track and field team will take part in the NCAA Indoor National Championships this weekend in Fayetteville, Ark. Sophomore Michael Frater and junior Monica Twum will compete in the 60-meter dash, senior Eliud Njubi will challenge in the mile run, junior Brandal Lawrence will look for the triple jump title, while freshman Cleavon Dillon will vie for the long jump crown. "Everybody going has a chance to score and earn All-America honors," said TCU head coach Monte Stratton. "All five are talented enough and ranked high enough going into the meet that they have a chance to do well. If everybody does their part, a top 10 or 15 final standing would not be out of the question."

Women's golf team places third in tournament

The TCU women's golf team completed play at the Verizon "Mo" Morial Invitational in Bryan on Tuesday in third place out of 18 teams. The two-day team score of 633 placed the Frogs behind tournament champion Ohio State and Michigan State.

Sophomore Brooke Tull finished in second place with her score of 151. She entered the day in a tie for second. This showing is Tull's career best finish and her second career top-10.

Senior Lori Sutherland also posted a top-20 finish with her total of 151 that landed her in a tie for 11th place. This is Sutherland's season-best performance and her second top-20 placement on the season. Other competitors for TCU included Shannon Barr, who tied for 39th, Jennifer Patterson, also tied for 39th, and Meredith Easley, whose total posting of 174 tied her for 85th place. The Frogs will compete again on March 19-20 in the Rainbow Wahine Tournament in Honolulu.

TCU's Santee named to C-USA all-freshman team

Memphis freshman Dajuan Wagner, who is on pace to break former Saint Louis star Larry Hughes' Conference USA freshman scoring record, is the C-USA Freshman of the Year, the league office announced Tuesday.

Joining Wagner on the all-freshman team are TCU guard Corey Santee, East Carolina center Moussa Badiane, Marquette guard Travis Diener and Jason Maxiell.

Santee is second in the league with 5.90 assists per game and is the seventh player in C-USA history to record multiple 20-plus point, 10-plus assist games in the same season. Badiane set the C-USA freshman record with 84 blocked shots and is tied for second on C-USA's single-season rejection list. Diener, whose cousins, Drake and Drew, play for C-USA American Division rivals DePaul and Saint Louis, respectively, is third in the league in three-point field goal percentage at 43.1 percent.

Williams may have tried to cover up shooting death

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Jayson Williams, charged in the shooting death of a limousine driver at his mansion, tried to put the victim's palm print and fingerprints on the gun, *Sports Illustrated* reported.

Around the time the shooting was reported to authorities as an apparent suicide, Williams and two men also disposed of the bloody clothes the former New Jersey Nets player was wearing, a witness told the magazine in an article published this week. The magazine did not identify the witness.

Williams, 34, is charged with second-degree manslaughter in the Feb. 14 shooting death of Costas Christofi.

Prosecutors have said Williams' adopted brother, Victor Santiago, initially reported the death as a suicide.

Christofi, 55, was hired to drive Williams' friends from a Harlem Globetrotters game in Bethlehem, Pa., to a restaurant, and then to Williams' estate 30 miles northwest of Trenton.

TCU ready for 'up and down' game

BY RAM LUTHRA
Sports Editor

Head coach Billy Tubbs celebrated his 67th birthday Tuesday with his wife in a hotel room in Cincinnati. But Tubbs had more on his mind than the annual ritual. He was preparing for possibly his last game as TCU coach at the Conference USA Tournament.

TCU (16-14, 6-10 C-USA), the conference's best scoring team, will take on Louisville (17-11, 8-8 C-USA), the conference's best three-pointer shooting team, today at 1 p.m. in the first round of the tournament. The winner will play second-seeded and No. 9-ranked Marquette Thursday in the quarterfinal round.

TCU, who enters the tournament as the No. 10 seed, has won five of its last seven games, while Louisville, the seventh seed, has won four of the past seven contests.

"Louisville is really playing well right now, but so are we," Tubbs said. "I think we will come into the game probably the best we have played all year."

Tubbs said the match-up between the teams will be similar. Louisville, coached by Rick Pitino,

applies full-court pressure from the opening tip-off until the final whistle against its opponents.

"It should be pretty much an up-and-down-the-court game because they will press us," Tubbs said. "That will be fine with us."

The key for TCU in the tournament is to stick with the basics of rebounding and playing defense, Tubbs said.

"It gets down to this time of the year, where you have to make shots and where you have to make stops on defense and grab rebounds on the offensive and defensive ends," Tubbs said.

Tubbs warned people that with conference tournaments anything can happen in the month of "March Madness."

"All you have to do is look around and you are seeing strange things happening," Tubbs said. "If you watch TV, you are seeing some people getting beat that not supposed to get beat. That's the nature of the beast. We can still do some damage in the tournament we are going into."

TCU needs to enter the game strong, Tubbs said. Louisville has not lost a game this season (14-0) when leading at halftime.

He said TCU has fought back in games where it had slow starts.

"This team never gives up," Tubbs said. "We have only had two games that we couldn't mount a comeback. We have a bunch of guys that don't quit."

The Cardinals defeated the Horned Frogs 93-85 Jan. 12 at Freedom Hall. After the win, Louisville dropped its next three games.

The Cardinals are fresh off a 90-88 overtime win over Charlotte Saturday in the regular season finale. TCU is coming off a win over East Carolina.

With only 13 seconds remaining in the contest, freshman guard Corey Santee made the game-winning shot against ECU on Saturday. He said that shot will create some momentum for him entering the C-USA tournament.

"That was a big confidence builder with that shot to get me back on track," Santee said. "It has been an up and down season for me and the team, so I just want to try to stay focused because I am the point guard

out there trying to get everybody on the team involved."

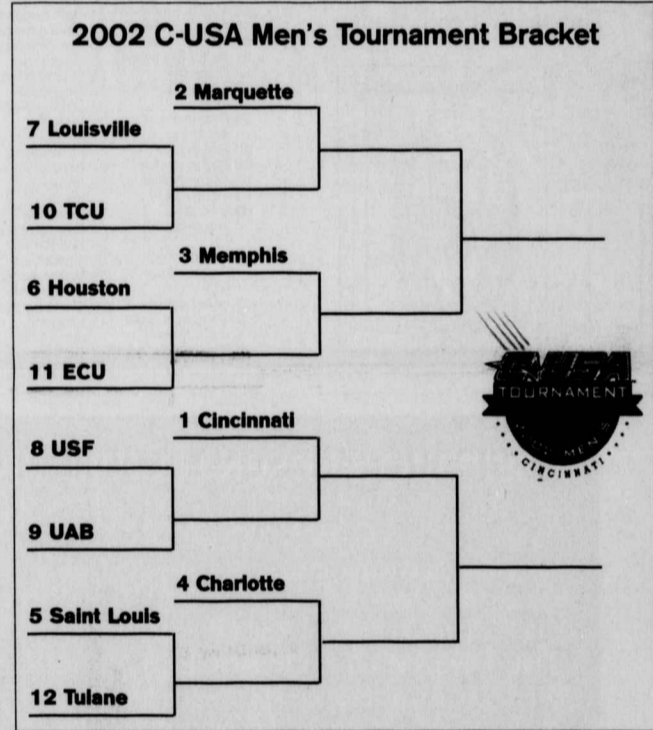
Junior forward Bingo Merriex said the best gift for Tubbs would be to win the tournament and receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"All we want to do is try to keep his (Tubbs') coaching career at TCU going as long as we can," Merriex said.

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Freshman guard Corey Santee hits a lay-up against East Carolina Saturday. Santee, who was second in assists per game in Conference USA, was named to the C-USA All-Freshman team. He will anchor the Frogs today against Louisville in the first round of the C-USA tournament in Cincinnati.



Comeback falls short



Junior outfielder Kenny Thompson takes a pitch in the game against Texas-Arlington Monday. The baseball team lost to Texas Tech 16-11 Tuesday in Lubbock. The Frogs gave up six runs in the first inning to the Red Raiders. TCU tried to make a comeback by scoring six in the eighth, but that wasn't enough despite TCU recording more hits (15) than Tech (13) in the game.

DePaul coach Pat Kennedy resigns

Associated Press

CHICAGO — DePaul coach Pat Kennedy resigned Tuesday following a 9-19 season in which the Blue Demons failed to even qualify for the Conference USA tournament.

Kennedy said he informed athletic director Bill Bradshaw of his decision Sunday. DePaul scheduled a news conference for Tuesday, and Bradshaw said he would begin a national search for a coach.



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Kennedy called the decision the "single most difficult" of his career.

"I believe it is extremely important to know why you're going somewhere and why you're leaving," Kennedy said. "I feel very strongly in my heart that I came to DePaul for all the right reasons, and I have decided to step aside at this time for all the right reasons."

There was speculation about Kennedy's future Friday night when DePaul wrapped up its season with a loss at Marquette. It was the Blue Demons' second straight losing season.

While Kennedy was able to recruit top players from Chicago, he was 67-75 in his five seasons.

The Blue Demons made the NCAA tournament in 2000 for the first time in eight seasons but lost in the opening round. Five players left DePaul early for the NBA, including Quentin Richardson.

"In the last few years, things developed that were out of our control," Kennedy said. "The program began moving in a direction that was not beneficial. I never anticipated that we would lose five youngsters to the NBA in a two-year period of time."

Richardson not wise choice for coaching post

With the end of the Billy Tubbs era not too far away, the time is now for the university to begin the search for a replacement.

The question is, who?

There are many angles that the university can go on this situation, but one thing is for certain: It is a decision that needs to be made quickly and efficiently.

There are 14 players who in a couple of days will be without a leader. A message must be sent that we are behind these guys with our full support. They need an impact coach who is going to bring a new and fresh outlook to this team, which will hopefully parlay into a top notch program.

There have been publications suggesting TCU should take an interest in the services of recently departed Arkansas men's basketball head coach Nolan Richardson.

The man has basketball credentials and success that cannot be questioned. He has .711 winning percentage with 14 Tournament bids and a NCAA crown in 1994.

However, TCU does not need controversy and a circus. Richardson is a man who plays the race card on numerous occasions and has very thin skin in relation to the national media scrutiny. If he thinks that the media put the microscope on him in Fayetteville, Ark., imagine coming to a large media market such as the Metroplex. Every single move he would make would be observed, analyzed and judged.

With two players (Greedy Daniels and Myron Anthony) being kicked off the team for alleged failed drug tests last season, and other former players with shady pasts, TCU does not need any more publicity of that nature.

With a coach like Richardson, TCU would bring in an unstable coach whose dedication and unselfishness to the program is questionable.

It seems as if basketball at this school is not taken seriously. You could make this case for alleged failed drug tests last season, and other former players with shady pasts, TCU does not need any more publicity of that nature.

In 'Billyball,' TCU played in conferences not known for basketball tradition (Southwest Conference and Western Athletic Conference). The Frogs are now in Conference USA. This is a conference that has many programs with formidable basketball programs. With the high school talent that the Metroplex and Texas provides, there is no reason that a coach could not come to TCU and be successful.

Also, we must think of the academic side of the hire. We must remember that the purpose of these athletes coming to TCU is to get an education first, and then to play basketball. The graduation rate for TCU has not been spectacular.

With all that this university provides, there should be no problem in bringing in a coach who can make an immediate impact. The question is, what kind of impact are we looking for?

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