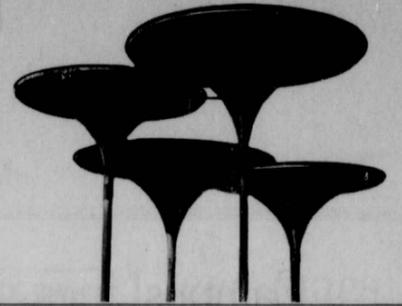


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NATIONAL NEWS

ORANGE, Va.—A letter written by George Washington in 1788 and stolen from a home in Virginia has been found in New York City.

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Shakespeare has left the park

BY KELLY MORRIS
Staff Reporter

Shakespeare in the Park will not be "in the park" this summer. Instead, it will be held at TCU and Stage West beginning in June. Besides the venue change, the event is changing its name to the Fort Worth Shakespeare Festival for its 25-year anniversary.

Mark Waltz, managing director of the Allied Theatre Group at Stage West, said Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" and George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" will be performed in TCU's Hayes Theatre located within the Walsh Center for Performing Arts. A third show, which is yet to be determined, will be

performed at Stage West, he said. Shakespeare in the Park began in 1977 and was previously held at the Trinity Park Playhouse in Fort Worth.

Waltz said moving the plays indoors will be beneficial.

"Since the festival is usually outdoors and in June, many performances have been canceled because of the weather," he said. "One year from the next, we didn't know what was going to happen."

But at the same time, Waltz said organizers wanted to keep the festival's outdoor setting. He said jugglers, picnics, Renaissance dancers and fencing will be among the outdoor festivities.

"An important part of this festival has been it being outside," Waltz said. "The weather is so fickle, but we tried to keep the best of both worlds."

Forrest Newlin, chairman of the TCU theatre department, said a class called Summer Repertory Theatre will be offered in the summer for people involved in the festival's productions. An apprentice company of TCU students will also be created to make sets and costumes and perform in the "Taming of the Shrew" and "Pygmalion," he said.

"This is a win-win situation," Newlin said. "It is an advantage because students want professional experience. With this profession, it's good to have contacts."

Matt Moore, a junior theatre major, said he hopes he can be one of those students.

"Usually I don't go to the festival, but I'm going to stay around for this one," Moore said. "This is a great opportunity for TCU. I just hope students stay around for it."

Newlin said the festival could help recruit future students. "This is a big step in the right direction of forming a relationship between the university and the community," he said. "The exposure will hopefully get people to feel comfortable on campus, and then they might even choose to attend."

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Rah, rah TCU



Daniela Munguia/SKIFF STAFF

Students celebrate with the women's basketball team at a pep rally Wednesday in The Main. The Lady Frogs, who clinched the Conference USA regular season title, are expected to earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament. The announcement will come Sunday.

OnCampus

Credit company illegally solicits on Ohio U. campus

ATHENS, Ohio (U-WIRE)—A credit company representative set up shop in Baker University Center Tuesday despite an eight-year ban on credit card soliciting on Ohio University's campus.

OU officials attributed his presence to miscommunication among OU Alumni Association officials.

A representative from First USA set up a table in Baker encouraging students to sign up for a Visa credit card. The company was soliciting on campus as part of its contract with the alumni association, said Connie Romine, associate executive director of the alumni association. The contract with First USA is designed to generate income for the association through credit card distribution to OU alumni.

This fall OU officials renewed the contract, in effect since 1996, said Ralph Amos, executive director of the alumni association. Campus visits are not mandated by the contract.

An alumni association official, unaware of the ban, set up the campus visit with First USA, Amos said. The situation will not be repeated.

The alumni association does not market to students because of the negative consequences of students abusing credit, Amos said.

Credit card soliciting on college campuses has come under fire by Ohio universities this year. In January Ohio State University administrators limited credit card marketing on campus to one company.

A university policy banned credit card marketers eight years ago on OU's campus.

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the Weather

FRIDAY

High: 74; Low: 46; Cloudy and windy

SATURDAY

High: 66; Low: 28; Mostly sunny

LookingBack

1916—Bavarian Aircraft Works (BAW) began, specializing in aircraft engines, and later becomes Bavarian Motor Works (BMW) after building its first motorcycle in 1923.

1926—First transatlantic radio telephone call is made between London and New York.

1955—"Peter Pan" became the first Broadway play to be televised in color.

Wrapping a new major



Daniela Munguia/SKIFF STAFF

Student athletic trainers Armaris Vandyke, a senior health and fitness major and Julie Calvert, a freshman kinesiology major, tape the ankles of Zach Bray, a sophomore speech communications major, and J.T. Aughinbaugh, a senior finance major. The students are preparing for football practice.

Athletic training major up for consideration

BY COLLEEN CASEY
Staff Reporter

Around 25 students will likely change majors later this spring with the approval of a new major in athletic training, said Rhonda Keen-Payne, dean of the college of Health and Human Sciences.

An athletic training major is being considered in part because of the changing role of athletic trainers in society in the last 20 years, said Ross Bailey, an associate athletic direc-

tor and former TCU head athletic trainer.

"It used to be that athletic trainers worked for professional collegiate or high school sports," Bailey said. "Now it's about taking care of one who's physically active and getting people back on their feet. You'll now find athletic trainers at all sports medicine clinics."

About 25 students in the current athletic training program are anticipated to become majors, Keen-Payne said.

TCU's athletic training accrediting or-

ganization, the Committee on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs, is responding to the increasingly demanded field, Bailey said. They are extending their programs and requiring the CAAHP accredited schools to offer athletic training as a major for more concentrated training, he said.

"(The accreditation committee) did some research of trainers in the business and

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Pre-health honor society granted funds by SGA

BY ALISHA WASSENAAR
Staff Reporter

The House of Student Representatives granted Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-health honor society, \$500 to attend a national convention in Orlando, Fla. beginning today and ending March 9, said Nick Harrel, president of AED.

Twenty members of AED are expected to attend the national biennial convention, which will focus on pre-health professions, said Harrel.

"The idea is that they will go to the conference representing TCU and by doing so will help the image of the TCU student body to the nation," said John Billingsley, vice president of the Student Government Association.

Billingsley said AED is the fourth organization the House has given funds to this semester.

The House of Representatives agreed to allocate funds from the Conferences and Conventions fund

to back AED's trip. The fund has \$5,300 to be used by TCU students, said George Peyton, treasurer for SGA.

The House delegates the funds to TCU students wanting to participate in conferences taking place in other parts of the nation which will benefit TCU as a whole when they return, Peyton said.

Other universities have similar funds that provide money for these types of activities.

The University of North Texas has a \$5,000 fund called Eagle's Nest, said Autumn Redmon, UNT assistant vice president for student affairs. Each student organization may ask for \$350 per semester to attend various conventions and conferences, said Redmon. At Southern Methodist University, Jodi Warmbrod, SMU student body president, said there are four separate funds totaling \$468,000 from which student organizations may request money to

attend conferences.

Billingsley said the House disburses the money among student organizations for their direct benefit.

"That's the entire purpose of SGA, to better serve the student body," Billingsley said.

The AED national convention costs thousands of dollars and is subsidized by the House to help students by decreasing the amount they pay out of their pockets, said Phil Hartman, professor of biology.

Hartman, the AED faculty sponsor, said the convention is a tremendous opportunity for students to discuss medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine.

"The goal of the conference is to compare our program to other schools," Harrel said. "We try to better our programs by looking at what other schools are doing."

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Some departments unsure where they fit into CUE curriculum

Editors note: This is the fourth in a series of articles examining the Common Undergraduate Experience.

BY COLLEEN CASEY
Staff Reporter

Although the current CUE proposal seeks to supply broad knowledge of liberal arts, some departments have yet to find where they would fit in the proposed curriculum, said one member of the Common Undergraduate Experience drafting committee.

Richard Allen, a drafting committee member and an associate professor of radio-TV-film, said because of the conflicts concerning the proposal more work will be needed.

"Part of the problem is that a small drafting committee can lose sight (of) how someone else might look at it," Allen said. "Basically, our intent was to have departments take the initiative and create courses for a potential fit."

Despite the committee's intentions, members of some departments still say they have their reservations.

Ronald Watson, chairman of the art department, said he's concerned about how students will satisfy the CUE's requirements, particularly the objective that states a student should demonstrate ability in an art form and have a general understanding of arts and culture, he said.

"(The CUE) needs to be more precise on what will count and what a student will need to master," Watson

said. "The CUE is intriguing because of the possibilities, but it also gives me the daunting task in order to advise people on how to obtain these objectives," Watson said.

All art courses that will count toward CUE requirements would be re-worked in order to produce the desired outcome for the student, he said.

(More on CUE, page 6)



THE PULSE

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

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

• **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.

• **RTVF film series** will present "Destination Tokyo" 7 p.m. today 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 through Sept. 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 11-12 and May 15-16 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.

• **TCU Jazz Ensemble Concert** will be 7:30 p.m. March 22 in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The concert will feature Shelly Berg Trio and Bill Watrous with Curt Wilson directing. Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$3 with a TCU ID. For more information call (817)257-7602.

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Campus/State Roundup

Ceremony marks 166th anniversary of Alamo battle

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Mexican charge that climaxed the Battle of the Alamo was commemorated Wednesday in a pre-dawn ceremony on San Antonio's Alamo Plaza on the 166th anniversary of the famed battle.

Several hundreds of spectators watched small groups of men representing the Mexican army and the Alamo defenders fire vintage weapons in a salute to those who died in the bloody fight in the early hours of March 6, 1836.

A wreath was also laid in front of the Alamo chapel, often called "The Shrine of Texas Independence," to honor those killed in the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The event, staged annually by the San Antonio Living History Association, included a brief narration of events leading up to the successful attack by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, and readings from diaries those present at the battle.

Hooters in Arlington fails to obtain license to sell beer

ARLINGTON (AP) — When some residents in the southwest part of town heard about plans to open a national restaurant chain featuring scantily clad waitresses, their crusade began.

They formed Decency for Arlington and obtained more than 1,300 signatures on a petition. They couldn't stop Hooters from building in a popular shopping area near their homes, but they did derail the restaurant's beer license application — at least initially.

Nine months later, the battle rages on. The new Hooters opened as scheduled Wednesday, without a beer permit, offering free beer or allowing customers to bring their own. A judge is to rule next week on the restaurant's appeal to get a license.

Oklahoma passes bill for water sales to stay in state

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma water can not be sold to an-

other state without voter approval under legislation passed Wednesday by the Oklahoma House.

The bill arises from a failed proposal to sell millions of gallons of southeastern Oklahoma water to Texas.

The state and the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations drew up a deal to sell surface water along six river basins in southeastern Oklahoma to Texas. The three entities would have shared in the profits from the water sales.

Citizens, groups and southeast Oklahoma leaders opposed the plan. Gov. Frank Keating and the two tribes called off the deal, saying Texas was not willing to pay enough. He has expressed hope for further negotiations over a water sale, saying it could be a financial boon to a depressed area of the state.

Texas Chili Parlor closes because of late tax payments

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Chili Parlor, the Capitol area restaurant known for its spicy chili and as a hot spot for political deal making, has been closed because of delinquent tax payments.

The restaurant owes about \$36,000 in sales and mixed beverage taxes. State officials say they gave owner Margaret Chase of Austin six chances to make partial payments and that her checks bounced each time.

"We've been working with them since September, when the Chili Parlor was taken over by new management, and we were noticing they were having some difficulty paying their taxes," said Mark Sanders, a spokesman for state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

The restaurant also owed about \$500 in personal property taxes to Travis County.

Courts review policy to keep students from rushing

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (U-WIRE) — Following a 74-71 men's basketball victory over fourth-ranked University of Cincinnati, University of Louisville fans who stormed the court met significant resistance from the Louisville Police Department,

prompting a review of the university's policy prohibiting fans from rushing the court.

Immediately after the final buzzer, students pushed forward toward the court while Louisville Police attempted to keep them in the stands. Police used force to restrain those who made it onto the court, resulting in two fans receiving written citations.

Student Government President Carlton Brown called a press conference Friday in response to the event. Brown later played a videotape of the security guards physically and verbally assaulting fans as they attempted to come onto the court.

While head basketball coach Rick Pitino acknowledged security officials were "just trying to do their jobs," he later sided with the fans.

A&M unaware of convicted sex offender living at school

COLLEGE STATION (U-WIRE) — Texas A&M University officials said they are unaware a convicted sex offender is enrolled and living on campus.

A 19-year-old freshman in the Corps of Cadets was convicted in 1997 in Washington County of two counts of indecency with a child and one count of aggravated sexual assault against a 4-year-old girl. He was sentenced to probation, according to an online database of sex offenders maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). The sex offender official at the Brazos County sheriff's department said this student is a high-risk sex offender.

The student sex offender admitted to the crimes, said he is remorseful and is "by all means not at risk for re-offense."

Administrators in Admissions, Department of Residence Life, University Police Department and the Corp of Cadets said they do not consider background checks to be in their jurisdictions.

Residence Life Director Ron Sasse said criminal screening is not done on students who apply for on-campus housing and he was unaware of the student sex crime offender.

University Police Director Bob Wiatt said there is no screening of a

student's criminal record unless a student commits an offense requiring a background check while at A&M.

UT students remains in custody on fraud charge

AUSTIN (U-WIRE) — University of Texas at Austin student Naufil Mulla remains in custody after being arrested for credit card fraud Monday night at local fast food restaurant Wing Zone.

Mulla, a Plan II senior, will not be released from Travis County Central Booking Facility until he goes before a judge to present his case, said Amanda Milligan, spokeswoman for the facility. He is charged with credit card abuse.

Mulla was arrested for using another student's ID number to make purchases with Bevo Bucks and then failing to identify himself to officers, said Adam Shaivitz, spokesman for the Austin Police Department.

Bevo Bucks, implemented in August 2001, is a debit card program that uses a student's UT ID to access funds in his or her account.

A few days before the arrest, Darryl Bailey, owner of Wing Zone, had received calls from individuals who told him they had not charged any food from Wing Zone to their accounts.

"Gay rights" photographs donated to San Jose library

SAN JOSE, Calif. (U-WIRE) — A collection of photographs documenting the gay rights movement in the South Bay has been donated to the San Jose State University Library's special collections department.

More than 6,000 photographs by photographer Ted Sahl document 25 years of the movement that is currently on display at special collections on Senter Road.

The display features photographs of celebrations and protests in the movement beginning in 1977 when the first gay pride proclamation was issued by then San Jose mayor Tom McEnery.

Sample ballots in elections with gay rights ordinances and various books from Sahl's personal collection surround the photographs.

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The Skiff View

CARRY ON

New degree a positive step

Students in the kinesiology department and the university as a whole have everything to gain if a new specialized degree in athletic training is added to TCU's curriculum.

Adding an individually accredited athletic training program would offer students an opportunity to focus on a more specific career path. Students would benefit not only from the tailored programming, but also from the increased value of a specialized degree.

The new program would prove the department, college and university care more about student needs than just the bottom line (money). Most importantly it would enhance student marketability.

Professionally-focused degrees give students an edge. They provide real-world training and hands-on experience, which are assets in any job market. TCU boosts its undergraduate curriculum every time it offers specialized degrees, particularly in fields where the market demands it.

New, innovative professionally-g geared undergraduate programs can also serve as a stepping stone to enhance TCU's graduate school options.

Almost all the classes required in the proposed athletic training program are already offered through the kinesiology department, so the university will not have to allocate an exorbitant amount of funding to start it. As we continue to evaluate the curriculum, we should look for other departments where similar programs might be easily formed without straining the university's financial or personnel resources.

The kinesiology department should be commended for putting students first with this program. Other schools should look for ways to follow its example of adopting a specialized degree for the sole benefit of students.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Due to an unsuccessful attempt at obtaining meaningful records from the past three meetings of the University of Texas Task Force on Free Speech and Assembly, The Daily Texan has filed a Freedom of Information request for those documents.

The FOI requests were hand-delivered Tuesday and the UT administration has 10 days to either furnish the information or turn the matter over to the Texas attorney general.

The task force in question is not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act and is allowed to meet in private because it's only in an advisory position.

In essence, the task force is powerless to enact any real change on campus, but its existence is important nonetheless. The very fact that it exists shows the administration's willingness to approach such a legal and procedural minefield.

The University of Wisconsin at Whitewater is going through a similar dilemma. Recently, students called for the recall of free-speech regulations because the existing rules were too restrictive and ambiguous. To everyone's surprise, UW-Whitewater actually listened!

The campus rescinded the analogous overbearing regulations and formed a committee to look into formulating new ones. The committee has a strong student presence

and are open to the public according to Barbara Jones, UW-Whitewater chancellor for student affairs.

Apparently the concept of public participation in free speech policies is a foreign concept to the UT administration. From who subsidizes the salaries of our chancellor and president to who manages the UT System's money, there is an ocean of information kept on a strict no-need-for-the-public-to-know basis.

Now, the clandestine nature of UT deliberations has reached almost comical levels as those deciding where, when and how we may exercise our constitutional rights of free speech and assembly have taken to meeting in private.

The administration should stop the absurdity and just open up the entire process to the public. Ultimately, the respect displayed for the UT community and its right to be notified of any changes to its constitutional protections will lend the task force more credibility and trust.

The Texan Editorial Board will publish immediate updates on the status of our FOI requests and any information that is ultimately furnished to the newspaper on behalf of our readers.

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



Deregulation seems good, but consider motives first

We Americans are pretty confused right now. We allow corporations to contribute money to our political system. Hello, when did corporations get the right to vote or be counted?

COMMENTARY



Chris Dobson

Corporations do not exist. There is no Lockheed Martin running around. What exists is a private tyranny of top fascist authorities, executed by increasingly richer executives while increasingly poorer workers are forced to deal with the realities that exist in today's modern world.

America is number one, the best country in the world, but if you get fired see how far that patriotism will carry you in a doctor's office after they realize you have no insurance. In other industrialized countries, the health of the population is considered right along with the health of the economy.

Only in America can people be so confused that they believe six gargantuan insurance companies are more efficient than a nationwide health system. Yeah, six companies with their redundant executives and advertising costs, not to mention stock dividends, could be more effective at treating the sick of the country than one comprehensive plan available to every citizen of the country.

I am lucky enough to still be covered under my father's health plan, so many of you are thinking

what's he griping about? Well I don't subscribe to the idea of looking out for yourself, because of a simple example provided by Adolf Hitler you all may have heard: I wasn't a Gypsy, so I said nothing when they came for the Gypsies. I wasn't a Jew, so I said nothing when they came for the Jews.

Well I have health insurance and I'll say something for those without health insurance. This same line of thinking is playing out now in our public schools. I don't have a child in public schools, but I know it's important for others to receive a good education, if only so that I can communicate with them. But allowing people to remove money from the public schools and place it into a school run for profit is a bad idea. It would be simpler to improve public schools.

Essentially I see President Dubya attempting to destroy the many great systems we have created, all under the monikers of deregulation and privatization. The reason I say consider deregulation destroying these systems is simple; imagine if we deregulated our public roads. First, anybody with enough cash could buy some road and make it theirs. No more Interstate 30, it's the "Dobson Freeway" running through Fort Worth and you're all free to get on, but it costs \$22.50 to get off and if you don't like it leave your car.

Further, more potholes are your problem and to save money there are no more lanes or traffic lights. Isn't deregulation fun? Now imagine

driving to see relatives in another state. It would create a libertarian's dream but a nightmare for those who end up trying to use the roads.

Bush wants to do that to our Social Security system, insuring healthy profits for whatever brokerage firm gets the account of the majority of Americans. But, notice that no rich person is calling for the deregulation of our justice system. Think of the freedom of giving each person the ability to imprison others, and maybe even put them to a little hard labor.

Given the chance, I would have Oliver North, George Bush the elder, Janet Reno and Leona Helmsley locked up in my private prison and all they have to do to get out is say the magic password. The problems with our system could be corrected by the people running it. Unfortunately, to get to the point of running our system you have to get the support of the people taking advantage of the system (the business elite through corporations). Then you are beholden to them.

So finance reform, while trivial in its latest incarnation, can not make it through the system without somebody poking a little hole in it, later to be reamed. Deregulation sounds liberating but considering the motive of those seeking deregulation and those it would give power to, it seems doubtful any progress can be made systemically, when profit is the motive of ownership.

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Police officers not all heroes; should not be exempt from law

Heroes, yes (well, sometimes). Gods? Absolutely not.

Unfortunately that is the new status given to police officers throughout America in the post Sept. 11 fallout. My regular readers may notice that somehow each of my articles makes some reference to Sept. 11. But unfortunately, as Alan Jackson sang, it really was "The Day the World Stopped Turning." It is also turning into the day that people stopped acting like rational beings.

COMMENTARY



Samuel Rose

The fire for my fury has been fueled by the Thursday, Feb. 28 announcement in New York that the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the convictions of three police officers involved in the savage and barbaric act of sodomizing a black Haitian immigrant with a broken broomstick, back in 1997 in a police station bathroom. The confessed perpetrator of the act is still convicted (I wonder

for how long). However, his cohorts and assistants who were being held on obstruction of justice charges were released due to "insufficient evidence."

Insufficient evidence? Sounds more like, "Hey they're cops, that means they're heroes, so I guess that means we can't have them sitting in jail, having their acts of kindness returned!"

Please people, let's not get caught up in the hype.

Yes, there are many wonderful, honest, brave and fair people who don the blue and abide by the oath to serve and protect. However, there are still many criminals hiding behind badges and service revolvers.

These people are lining their own pockets, instilling fear in the innocent, brutalizing and attacking, stealing, lying and cheating. They do not deserve to be glorified, or even respected. They give police officers a bad name. They are the reasons why people of color fear and distrust police officers.

But, the fact of the matter is they can't thrive on their own. It is when we, the public, turn a blind eye to the truth, lumping all

police into the category of being deities, and worship them at every given moment, that we create a vacuum for crime. And when thugs like those involved in this New York case are set free, it sets a dangerous precedent. Talk about a license to kill.

Police officers do not have an easy job. I would never apply to be one. But working to uphold the law does not exempt you from following the law. The power and the privileges that come with the job are sometimes too much, even for the most pious and devout. That is why the justice system needs to be unbiased in dealing with those who break the law regardless of their stated profession. In addition this system must not be influenced by media images.

I am sure that this ruling must have civil rights leaders turning in their grave. The timing couldn't be any better, especially coming on the last day of Black History Month. I guess it just goes to show how much farther we need to go.

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Teen mags schway in a so-right-now sorta way

A rogue issue of the teen-age girl's stalwart magazine, "Seventeen," found its way into our office this week. It was just sitting there on the desk as if planted by some COMMENTARY *Kate MacDonald*

renegade prom committee. I tried to walk away, but

I was forced to succumb to my curiosity after seeing the huge bold-face headline, "Is that my butt?" I can't help but wonder what the teen press is doing nowadays with its current crop of readers. I had to find out how the magazine has changed to cater to N'Sync's minions. A quick perusal revealed that the "Is that my butt?" question refers to an article about finding flattering blue jeans. Meanwhile, the models wearing the featured jeans are so skinny they don't possess anything even slightly resembling a butt. A more appropriate headline would have been "Is that my tailbone?"

Other hard-hitting "Seventeen" fare includes a "how to look like Angelina Jolie" tip sheet. In case you're wondering, the advice is to iron your hair straight and apply brown lip gloss. I'm going to guess that young girls are finding the results a little unsatisfactory.

There's also lots of talk of prom. The content is really just a 130-page glossy advertisement for beauty products and clothes. However, the corner of the cover now contains the moniker, "The All-American Magazine." I appreciate the patriotism, but the declaration is somewhat insulting given the superficial things this magazine celebrates.

I continued my research into the world of teen media by picking up a copy of "Elle Girl". Pop rocker Gwen Stefani is featured on this, their second issue. "Elle Girl" is truly just "Elle"'s little sister. In other words, it's a clothes catalogue in smaller sizes. However, "Elle Girl" does get tongue-in-cheek points for including a spread where actual Barbie dolls model prom hairstyles. But most of their clothes suggestions are more appropriate for the corner than for high school.

Meanwhile, "Cosmo Girl" follows firmly in the "women are objects solely existing to please men" ideology of its big sister "Cosmopolitan."

Their issue includes a free "hot guy pullout poster," a feature on "the games guys play and how to win," and a "guide to scary STDs." (Aren't they all scary?) This magazine not only addresses sex but sells it as well.

The queen of all teenage media in regard to boy coverage has to be "Teen Magazine." The world experienced a great tragedy last week when they announced they were folding. Obviously, the market is saturated. I suspect that the nearly identical content of the various magazines contributes to the problem.

So after all my exhaustive research, I can say I learned the following pertinent information: Gwen Stefani is totally the girl of the moment! She's got a completely adorable style that's way cool. Plus, don't bust her on this, but she's going to marry total hottie Gavin. Some girls aren't so lucky.

If you're seriously crushin' on that dreamy boy in your chem class, you could score major points with him by wearing these bitchin' hip huggers from Delia's and a totally tres cool baby tee from Guess.

Try combing your hair straight with Redkin products and applying brown lip gloss from L'Oreal. You'll look just like Angelina Jolie and he'll turn seriously mammalian on you.

When you're rocking this hip style, ask him out for a study date — no way he'll say no! But when you and your hottie get together, avoid the brain pain and go straight for the lip locking! Be sure to wear sparkly lip gloss in strawberry from Maybelline. He'll want to keep "studying" with you all year cuz' you're so stylin'.

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Stolen George Washington letter found in New York

ORANGE, Va. (AP) — A letter written by George Washington in 1788 and stolen from a home in Virginia has been found in New York City.

The letter, valued at \$500,000, had been sold to a collector in New York for far less than its value, authorities said Tuesday. It was to be retrieved Thursday by Orange County sheriff's officials.

Thomas Paytes, 35, of Orange County, was charged with grand larceny in the Feb. 25 theft. Paytes worked for the owner of the letter and had access to his home, the sheriff's department said. He was arrested in Washington during the weekend.

Orange County Sheriff C.G. Feldman would not identify the letter's owner.

The letter was written to Washington's personal secretary, Tobias Lear, nine months before Washington became president. In it, Washington discusses Virginia's ratification of the U.S. Constitution, which had taken place three days earlier on June 26.

Independent council validates Clinton charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — A final report by Independent Counsel Robert Ray concluded Wednesday that prosecutors had ample evidence for criminal charges against President Clinton in the scandal involving former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"President Clinton's offenses had a significant adverse impact on the community, substantially affecting the public's view of the integrity of our legal system," stated the report.

"The independent counsel's judgment that sufficient evidence existed to prosecute President Clinton was confirmed by President Clinton's admissions," the report stated. "President Clinton admitted he 'knowingly gave evasive and misleading answers'" about his sexual relationship with Lewinsky.

It wasn't until Clinton's next-to-last day in office that he finally put the investigation of allegations of perjury and obstruction in the Lewinsky matter behind him.

The president's lawyers cut a deal with Ray that spared Clinton from criminal charges in the Lewinsky controversy.

Fossil indicates dinosaur, bird connection

(AP) — Paleontologists working in China say they have unearthed the first fossil of a dinosaur that appeared to have mature feathers identical to those of modern birds, including long, showy plumage on its tail and hind legs.

The U.S.-Chinese research team

said the 3-foot fossil should settle once and for all the acrimonious debate over whether birds and dinosaurs are related.

It also reinforces the idea that dinosaurs were not cold-blooded after all, as the textbooks said for generations, but warm-blooded creatures that needed feathers for warmth, not flight.

The specimen is believed to be about 128 million years old. It is a small, fleet-footed theropod, a two-legged carnivore that could not fly and belongs to the same family as the larger and more fearsome Tyrannosaurus Rex.

The researchers said the evidence of feathers consists of feathery impressions in the rock as well as what they described as "feather residue."

Earthquake in Philippines causes eight deaths

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — A strong pre-dawn earthquake rocked the southern Philippines on Wednesday, causing at least eight deaths, forcing thousands to evacuate a tidal wave zone and bringing destructive tremors to several rural towns.

The pre-dawn quake caught many people at home. Heavy debris crushed two people in the southern town of Lake Cebu while falling construction blocks in nearby Sarangani province killed another two, regional army spokesman Maj. Juliato Ando said. The number of dead and injured could rise as more rural towns report losses, Ando said.

The quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 6.8, struck around 5:15 a.m. and was centered about 10 miles under the sea, about 150 miles southwest of General Santos, said Mylene Carlos of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.

Fire spreads in southeastern Arizona mountains

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Gusting wind spread a fire over steep, rugged slopes in southeastern Arizona's Huachuca Mountains as a growing contingent of firefighters tried to contain the blaze Wednesday.

The fire, worsened by a lack of rain or snow, has caused no injuries and wasn't threatening homes or other structures, said U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Joan Vasey. More than 935 acres had burned.

Officials said the fire likely spread from an abandoned campfire sometime Friday. One road and 10 mountain trails were closed, as was the Ramsey Canyon Preserve.

About 200 firefighters and support staff, some from Tennessee and North Carolina, fought to keep the blaze from approaching scenic Ramsey Canyon, where some homes are tucked into the forest.

Astronauts succeed in risky Hubble power-unit repair

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two astronauts stepped out into the vacuum of space Wednesday and successfully performed the riskiest surgery yet on the Hubble Space Telescope, a power-unit replacement that was likened to a heart transplant.

The operation required that Hubble be turned off completely for the first time in orbit, a frightening prospect for astronomers. But after a four-hour, 25-minute shutdown, the newly installed unit was powered up and, to everyone's relief, passed its initial test.

"A postoperative report: We have a heartbeat," Mission Control informed the astronauts. Within minutes, power was surging through other telescope systems.

Football fan found guilty in airport security breach

JONESBORO, Ga. (AP) — A football fan whose dash past security guards shut down the Atlanta airport for four hours was sentenced to 10 days in jail Wednesday after pleading guilty to misdemeanor trespassing.

Michael Lasseter, 33, was sentenced to five weekends in jail and 500 hours of community service. He also was barred from attending University of Georgia football games this fall.

"I made a mistake, and my family and I have suffered greatly for it," Lasseter said in court. "I'm here today to accept responsibility for my actions and the response from the court."

Lasseter was trying to catch a flight to a Georgia game in Mississippi on Nov. 16 when he ran past guards and down an "up" escalator.

Thousands of passengers had to be re-screened after the airport was evacuated. Flights were canceled, causing delays for fliers.

United Airlines mechanics get first raises in eight years

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines mechanics and aircraft cleaners approved a new contract that will give them raises for the first time in eight years, ending a bitter two-year dispute that prompted presidential intervention.

The ratification — approved by 59 percent of the voting membership — averted a strike that could have started as soon as Thursday. Analysts had said a walkout would have grounded United and forced it into bankruptcy.

The 12,800 mechanics and cleaners resoundingly rejected a previous contract offer three weeks ago and authorized a strike. But United sweetened the terms of the five-year pact and negotiators reached a tentative agreement Feb. 18, barely 36 hours before a walkout that could have shuttered the airline.

U.S. takes upper hand as more troops enter area

BY STEVEN GUTKIN
Associated Press

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — U.S.-led coalition troops have gained the upper hand after killing at least half the al Qaeda and Taliban forces holed up in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan in the biggest joint offensive in the war, the U.S. commander said Wednesday.

Several hundred more American troops were deployed in the rugged terrain of Paktia province — bringing their number to more than 1,000 — as were fresh forces from their Afghan allies. Working at altitudes sometimes about 10,000 feet, they engaged in continuous firefights with al Qaeda fighters and cleared several enemy caves.

"We've got confirmed kills in the hundreds," Maj. Gen. Frank L. Hagenbeck told a press conference Wednesday at Bagram air base north of the capital Kabul. "We truly have the momentum at this point."

Still, the Pentagon admitted resistance from the fighters holed up in the hills of the Shah-e-Kot mountain range was strong. Five Marine attack helicopters entered the fight Tuesday to bolster the aerial strike force after Army Apaches were damaged by intense fighting.

U.S. officials have said the coalition of troops fighting in Operation Anaconda number about 2,000. Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the five-month-old Afghan war, said 200 to 300 more American troops had been deployed in the battle zone in the past two days, in addition to 800 who were already there.

But Franks told reporters at the

Pentagon that the new deployment was not due to stiffer-than-expected resistance and said there was "no surprise" at the size of the al Qaeda forces.

"We expected that they would put up a fierce fight and they have and they are," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told reporters in Washington. He said the fighters were "very hardened elements of al Qaeda." But he said the outcome was "reasonably assured": that the fighters would surrender or be killed.

When the operation began Friday, 150 to 200 enemy fighters were believed to be hiding in the area, Hagenbeck said. But

by Wednesday, as many as 600 to 700 al Qaeda and some Taliban troops had filtered into the territory, he said.

"Conservatively speaking right now, I'm convinced from the evidence I've seen that we've killed at least half of those enemy forces," he said. "We own the dominant terrain in the area."

In other developments:

— Anti-aircraft missiles left by the ousted Taliban militia exploded as peacekeepers were trying to defuse them in the Afghan capital, Kabul, killing three German soldiers and two Danish soldiers.

— Paktia province's intelligence unit offered a \$4,000 reward for the capture of any al Qaeda warrior, passing leaflets in Gardez and making an-

nouncements from loudspeakers.

— Afghanistan's main regional commanders gathered Wednesday for meetings with interim leader Hamid Karzai and U.N. officials on security and forming a national army. Cooperation among them is considered important because Karzai's interim government has little power outside the capital. Regional warlords control much of the land and it remains unclear if they will be willing to cede influence to the central authority.

Allied Afghan commanders said they were bringing in new units into the Shah-e-Kot battle for a final push against the al Qaeda fugitives.

"There are 5,000 soldiers collecting in Shah-e-Kot for a final offensive on the al Qaeda to finish them off," said Commander Ismail Khan, who brought in extra soldiers from his base in Jaji, north-east of Paktia's capital, Gardez.

U.S. officials returning from the front Wednesday predicted the offensive would be wrapped up soon, thanks to increased firepower and progressing ground operations.

"I think really in a couple of days it will be over," said Maj. Ignacio Perez of the 101st Airborne Division.

Hostile fire Monday brought down one Chinook helicopter and damaged another, killing seven U.S. troops — the worst casualty toll in a single offensive operation of the 5-month-old war.

Powell says Israel call for war on Palestinians will not work

BY BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's declaration of war against the Palestinians will not work and should be reconsidered.

"If you declare war against the Palestinians and think you can solve the problem by seeing how many Palestinians can be killed — I don't know if that leads you anywhere," Powell said.

Testifying to a House Appropriations subcommittee on the State Department's budget, Powell took a tough line toward Sharon that contrasted with President Bush's reaction to spiraling violence in the Mideast.

While Bush on Tuesday blamed only the Palestinians, Powell confronted Sharon, who has publicly declared war on the Palestinians and has said Israel intends to continue its bloody assault in reprisal for terror attacks.

"Mr. Sharon has to take a hard look at his policies and see whether they will work," Powell said.

The Palestinians are experiencing "enormous difficulties," Powell

said, unable to get to their jobs. And, he said, "everybody is a second-class citizen where you cannot go out for an evening walk" because of fear of attack.

Both Israelis and Palestinians are in a tragic situation, he said.

"Both sides are following policies that lead to more violence," he said.

Powell was unsparing in criticism of Yasser Arafat. He said despite Israel's confinement of the Palestinian leader to his West Bank compound, Arafat can use the telephone and is capable of ordering a halt to the attacks.

"Mr. Arafat can do more and he must do more," Powell said.

Powell said peace initiatives by Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United States will not accomplish anything if the fighting persists.

"You can come up with all the ideas in the world but they are not going to move us forward until the violence ends," Powell said.

Rep. Dan Miller, R-Fla., severely criticized Israel. He said Israeli vigilantes were blowing up

Palestinian installations.

Bush has praised a peace initiative by Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia as a "very positive development" and said he supports Israel's suggestion for preliminary talks with the Arab kingdom.

Abdullah has offered Israel peace and security in exchange for all the land the Arabs lost in the 1967 Six Day War. So far, the proposal is being described by Americans and Saudis as a vision, not a blueprint for peacemaking.

Israeli President Moshe Katzav and other Israeli officials have volunteered to go to Saudi Arabia, which has no diplomatic relations with the Jewish state, to pursue the proposal. But the Saudis are cool to the idea.

Bush, at a joint news conference Tuesday at the White House with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, said he appreciated "those in Israel who are trying to find out exactly what it means."

Bush also praised Mubarak's offer to act as host for talks between Sharon and Arafat as a move that "will help lead to peace, hopefully."



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A home page of their own

Students use Web sites to express themselves

BY SARAH KREBS
Skiff Staff

Michelangelo, da Vinci, van Gogh. These men lived hundreds of years ago and are often considered masters of the art world.

Sculpting and painting have survived, but man has created new artistic outlets: computers and Internet design.

Austin Lingerfelt, a sophomore honors English and religion major, has mastered this new art form through designing his personal Web site (www.austinlingerfelt.com).

"I wanted something very nice and classy looking," Lingerfelt said. "High-tech is fine, but that was not the message I was trying to convey. I am greatly interested in conveying a classical character that is fitting of both me and my work."

Lingerfelt said he created the site mainly to let people know about him and to provide an outlet to show his work to the world.

"It was a very easy decision to put my pictures, sermons and links to any Web site that I have designed," he said. "I have also provided a link to my online journal."

Lingerfelt mentioned that his journal is his favorite part of his site.

"First, it provides me with an outlet whenever I need one," he said. "Second, it gives me the space I need to express myself. I think if people want to know more about me, then they will learn a lot simply by reading my journal."

A personal Web site can be a great way to reach people around the world.

"I just got an e-mail last week from a Russian graduate student who will be coming to TCU in the fall," Lingerfelt said. "Mostly I get responses from people interested in my design work, and from students from TCU and other universities."

Minh Phan, a senior computer science major, agrees on the potential a personal Web site can provide for global communication.

"The personal home page is an excellent way to open yourself to the rest of the world," Phan said. "You can learn more about the culture, heritage and values of students from other parts of the world by reading the information readily available on their Web site."

The TCU student Web site link acts as a starting point for some students to make their personal Web site. Phan, who spent three weeks designing and composing for his site (www.stu.tcu.edu/~mnphan/) looked to other student sites to know what to put on his site.

"I looked at other students' home pages to get an idea," Phan said. "Then I listed out what I wanted my viewers to see (and) to know."

Phan said, though, to make sure you don't always believe what you read.

"Writing some fake information about myself was my favorite part of making my Web site," he said.

On a Web site, the layout, graphics and format are also important, he said.

"I am drawn to a visually attractive Web site," Phan said. "I'm a visual kind of person, so anything flashy and beautiful will draw me to it."

Once there, Phan said, he stays at the site "to figure out how exactly they did all the beautiful effects and images."

Though creating a Web site can be like painting or sculpting, its purpose can be entirely different. Heather Morgan, a senior radio-TV-film major, uses her Web site (www.heathermorgan.net) to promote her music career.

"Web sites are one of the best and least expensive marketing tools there (are) and (they) allow a person to reach people all over the world," Morgan said. "The Web site is a vital part of being in the music business because it keeps you connected with people in the business as well as people who want to learn more about you after they have heard of you or been to a show."

Morgan said the information regarding her career is vital to her Web site. Morgan's Web site includes a biography, pictures, sound clips and a calendar of her scheduled events.

"After we had those things in order, we then added a forum, which is where people can leave a message about a show they saw or anything really," Morgan said.

Morgan also put a links page as a networking tool.

"I have music guides and performers ask me to add a link to my site and then they add a link to their site," she said. "That is where networking comes in."

Though a good networking tool, Morgan said the scrapbook was her favorite part of her site because it shows pictures from great experiences she has had as a performer.

"The first picture is one of my favorites because I got to sing at Gruene Hall, which is one of the most famous dance halls and many famous names have played there in the past," she said. "I also got to share the experience with my family and friends."

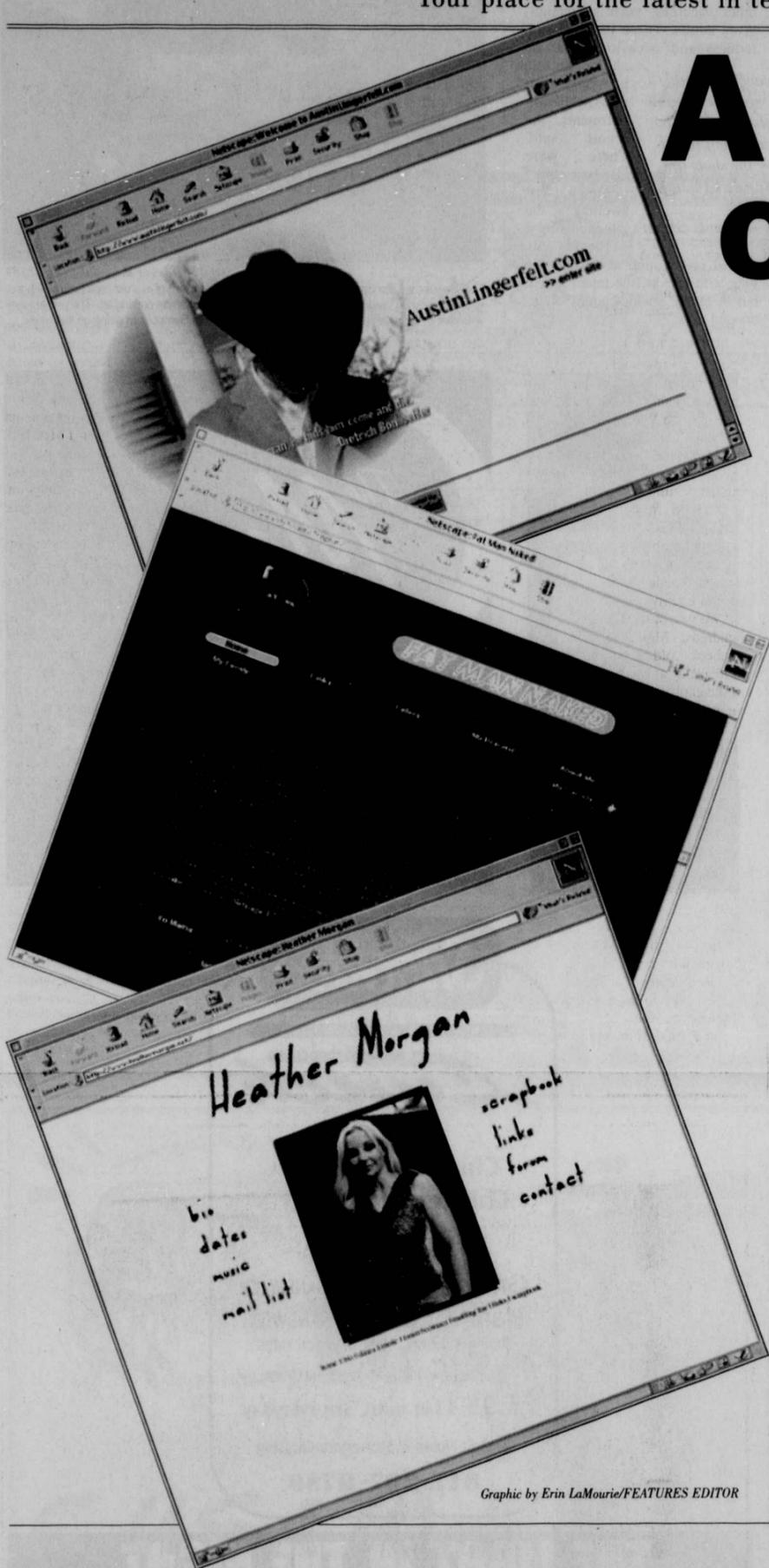
Morgan mostly receives responses from family, friends and people just telling her that they liked her music. However, since the Web site is globally accessed, she has received some interesting responses.

"I think some of the coolest responses I have gotten are ones from overseas in Holland, Switzerland and Austria," she said. "There are radio stations over there who have country programs on their stations, and they wanted to play my CD. I thought this shows how powerful a Web site can be."

In the information age, accessing another culture or set of ideas is as easy as the click of a mouse.

"It is such a great way to break down global barriers," Morgan said. "I went to Europe this summer and the Internet cafes were always filled with college-aged kids. That just proves the point that the Internet is something so many of us have in common. It's really fascinating and I think it is really cool to get to experience another culture and place, even if it is through contact over the Internet."

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Web sites risk viewers' wrath with pop-up ads

BY CHRIS COBBS
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ORLANDO, Fla. - As he plans his work day, Mike Horner goes online and visits Mapquest.com, where he calls up and prints maps of unfamiliar areas in Central Florida.

Along with maps, he frequently encounters one or more pop-up ads - a nuisance that slows down his Web session, but one he tolerates.

"Pop-up ads are an intrusion, but they're also the price we pay for a free Internet," says Horner, president of the Kissimmee-Osceola Chamber of Commerce.

"Having a map is a convenience that keeps me from getting lost. If I can get that map for free, instead of maybe having to pay \$1 per map if there were no ads, then I'm willing to put up with the pop-ups and other ads."

Most of us are far less understanding and less patient when confronted with the annoying little advertisements that sprout unbidden from Web sites. Unlike banner ads, which are part of a Web page, pop-ups appear in front of the browser window, forcing the user to look at the ad before he or she can close it. Others, called pop-unders, disappear behind the browser window but must be reckoned with eventually when windows are closed at the end of an Internet session.

The ads hype everything from spy cameras and movies to credit cards, stocks and poker and online casino action. But it's actually the Web sites, which generate income from pop-ups, that are the real gamblers.

They're betting that the exasperating pop-ups won't drive traffic away from their sites. A Web surfer who regularly visits a given site only to encounter one or more pop-ups may eventually decide to delete the site from his or her favorites list, analysts say.

One researcher likens pop-ups to the subscription cards and other forms that lurk between the pages of

magazines.

"Pop-ups are something you don't ask for, and consumer reaction is very negative," says David Tice of Statistical Research Inc., which tracks Web usage.

"I don't see pop-ups as undercutting use of the Web, but they may drive people away from trusting what they're seeing. They help to bring the overall level of trust down. In that sense, they're poisoning the well for everybody."

Ask a Web user about pop-ups and the reaction probably will be one of annoyance, says Denise Garcia, research director, media, for GartnerG2, a tech research firm.

However, 63 percent of users surveyed by her firm say they know a site has to sell ads in order to survive.

"As ads get more annoying and users grow more vocal, it might pave the way for a two-tiered model," she says. "You would have sites with free content and ads. You would also see sites without any ads but with an access fee."

The pop-up/pop-under ad craze began last year with X10 camera ads. X10's Web site explains the technology this way:

"When you visit a site that X10.com is advertising on, a new window is launched with our ad and it sends itself underneath what you are looking at. This allows you to navigate the site you're looking at without being interrupted. When you're done with the site and close the browser, you will then notice our advertisement. At this point, you can click on the ad to learn more about the product and special offer or close the window by clicking on the 'X' in the top right corner."

ZDNet, a popular source of technology news and reviews, doesn't employ pop-up ads but is open to new sources of income, says editorial director David Berlind.

"From my perspective, the only window that should open on my computer is one I choose to open," he says.

"I'm not too crazy about ads that automatically open on my screen."

"Having said that, we're a Web site that depends on advertising, and we're always seeking ways to make it more effective. I'd be hesitant to say we'd never do it, because we're all trying to create traction for our advertisers."

For all its benefits - the Web is a resource for e-commerce, shopping, staying in touch and doing research - it has yet to attract widespread advertising.

In fact, it accounts for only about 3 percent of the overall ad market in North America, says Charlie Buchwalter, vice president of media research for Jupiter Media Metrix.

Web sites generate money by selling ad space using a formula tied to the number of users who regularly visit the site. For example, an advertiser might pay \$20 per 1,000 visitors to a site. The concept is similar to newspaper ads linked to circulation or outdoor billboards that charge on the basis of the number of cars passing by daily.

Online advertising - banner ads, pop-ups and others - accounted for just \$5.7 billion in spending last year, compared to \$250 billion for all ads. Online ads are projected to triple to \$15.4 billion by 2006, but that's still a small slice of the overall ad pie.

There's no breakout available on revenue from pop-ups compared to banner ads and others. But pop-up ads aren't likely to disappear, because they work, says Buchwalter.

Although far less than 1 percent of users typically click on a pop-up, that doesn't mean the ads aren't effective, says Buchwalter. The goal is to increase brand awareness, an objective that can be met if a user sees an ad, even if the user doesn't click on it. The X10 ad campaign is a prime example of making Web surfers cognizant of the brand.



Graphic by Erin LaMourie/FEATURES EDITOR

"There has been skepticism about the effectiveness of pop-ups, but those perceptions are not grounded in reality," Buchwalter said. "If the purpose is to increase awareness of a brand or product, pop-ups have done so. What advertisers are seeking (is) attention."

And there's little doubt that, regardless of disgruntled users, paying pop-ups will remain a fact of life on the Internet.

"As a user consuming content for free, you aren't more than small noise in the background compared to advertisers paying for pop-ups," says Garcia.

Anthrax vaccine safe, study says

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The currently available anthrax vaccine, while in need of improvement, is safe and effective, a panel of the National Academy of Sciences reported Wednesday.

"The anthrax vaccine should protect against even the inhalational form of the infection, but the lengthy vaccination schedule and the way the shots are physically administered make it far from optimal," said Brian L. Strom, chairman of the committee that reviewed the vaccine.

The committee urged the Defense Department to support re-

search into a better vaccine.

The current vaccine was approved by FDA in 1970. The manufacturer, BioPort Corp., took over the product in 1998, but not until February did it win FDA approval for full production.

The delays hampered availability of the vaccine, limiting efforts by the military to vaccinate all service personnel.

Only a small number of special mission forces have been getting the vaccine. Some 400 soldiers, fearing complications from a vaccine they considered experimental, had refused it.

The new report was welcomed by the Pentagon.

Strom said the study, which had already been under way, was expedited after last year's terrorist attacks.

Concern about the limited supplies of the vaccine was heightened by last fall's anthrax-by-mail terrorism coupled with the fear that the disease could be used as a weapon by foreign terrorists.

The new report from the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine found no unexpected adverse effects from taking the vaccine. The rate

of reactions was similar to that of other vaccines, such as tetanus, given adults. These included skin redness and occasional malaise and muscle pain but no serious health impairments, the report said.

There were also reports of itching or swelling at the injection site.

There is only limited information about possible long-term effects, the report noted, but there are no indications of increased risks.

"The anthrax vaccine should protect against even the inhalational form of the infection, but the lengthy vaccination schedule and the way the shots are physically administered make it far from optimal."

— Brian L. Strom

Hands-on learning



Daniela Munguia/SKIFF STAFF
Ray Seguin and Randy McClanahan, automotive specialists, give a car repair workshop to a group of women Wednesday in the Student Center 30-minute parking lot. The presentation was part of the activities for the eighth annual Women's Symposium going on this week.

Resident advisors fired after drinking alcohol off campus

BOULDER, Colo. (U-WIRE)— Drinking two sips of beer and a shot of whisky off campus in October cost a University of Colorado resident adviser his job.

William Liggett, a Kittredge Arnett RA, said he confessed to drinking off campus after his boss, Jamila Spencer, a Kittredge hall director assistant, cried in a staff meeting because she thought she couldn't trust her staff.

"I felt guilty," said Liggett, a sophomore open-option major. "I wanted to clear the air and be the one person she could trust."

But instead of clearing the air, Liggett and five RAs who confessed to drinking in support of him, were asked to clean out their rooms.

The Kittredge housing department fired six RAs Feb. 7 for drinking, a violation the department has a "zero tolerance" policy for. Five of the six fired said they came forward voluntarily to support Liggett and never expected to be punished as harshly as they were. All six said their drinking was an isolated incident that occurred off campus and away from Kittredge residents.

Suzy Campbell, associate director of residential education, would not comment on the specific case, but she said RAs have to be held to a higher standard than regular residents.

Liggett said he and the others were misled. After he came forward, Liggett said Spencer told him she was proud of him. The two laughed about the situation, and Liggett felt his job was not in jeopardy. But Liggett said she encouraged him to talk to Larry Lofton, the hall director, who was much more concerned. After Liggett talked to Lofton, Spencer told him he could be fired.

Spencer, a junior political science major and international studies major, said she understood why Liggett felt misled because she was "ecstatic" he had come forward. But, Spencer also said she told Liggett he could be fired before he met with Lofton.

Soon after, Lofton presented the matter, hypothetically, to all the Kittredge RAs. A few recommended the hypothetical person be fired, so knowing Liggett would most likely be fired, several other RAs confessed to drinking.

"We all had the utmost respect for William (Liggett)," said Chad Klingensmith, a junior management major who was also fired. "To not come forward after what he did would have been hypocritical."

Ryan Harman, Jennie Legary, a junior music and the arts major, Gwendline Van Doosselaere, a junior art history major, Owen Townes, a senior molecular biology and biochemistry major,

Liggett, and Klingensmith, all admitted to drinking and were fired. All six said they expected some form of punishment but did not expect to be fired.

Meanwhile, residents in the dorms have had mixed feelings. Ryan LaPalce, a freshman engineering major who lives in Arnett, said Klingensmith was an "awesome" RA who was in touch with his hall, but said he was happy living without an RA.

"It's pretty cool," LaPalce said. "Guys just walk around the (residence) hall with beer."

Spencer said that is an exaggeration of the truth. She said with the cooperation of other RAs around Kittredge, they have been able to successfully patrol the residence halls.

Since the incident, Liggett has also lost his job as a night security officer on campus. Ric Johnson, director of night security, could not comment on why Liggett was fired, but Liggett said he was told the incident was the major reason for his being terminated. Liggett had to take out a \$2,000 loan to cover his new living expenses.

Klingensmith said he wonders what would happen if all the RAs on campus were as honest as he and the other five were.

"I think if all the RAs on campus were as forthright as we were, housing would be in turmoil."

CUE

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Carol Thompson, chairwoman of sociology and criminal justice, said she realizes it's very difficult to get every department's opinion, but that it is in everyone's best interest to get involved.

"We're very critical of the CUE and we're very supportive. The proposal had shortfalls and it had strengths," Thompson said. "We just want the best possible core."

Although she said the sociology and criminal justice departments are still uncertain of what the CUE specifically entails, she said she's confident her department will make substantial contributions.

"Nobody really has a clue," Thompson said. "We're just waiting and seeing what will come of further discussion."

Nutrition and dietetics is also waiting to see how they fit into the proposed CUE, as physical education isn't currently included, said Ann VanBeber, chairwoman of the department.

"We have given our opinion that physical education and health courses should be part of the curriculum," VanBeber said. "Right now, the science requirements are not clear."

Allen said conflicts with clarity were expected and are a sign there needs to be more widespread planning done.

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TRAINING

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asked what is needed of trainers," Bailey said. "A lot of the reform has come from that process."

Bailey said the athletic training program is currently a program within the kinesiology department, but he said it's time to make athletic training its own major.

Students now in the program will have the option to stay kinesiology majors or change to athletic training, said Joel Mitchell, chairman of the kinesiology department.

Mitchell said he thinks the students' transition from the athletic training program to the major will be smooth.

"Although the number of courses in athletic training won't change, students will be able to reduce the total number of hours they take because they won't need a different major anymore," Mitchell said.

Senior health fitness promotion major Amaris Van Dyke, who's in the athletic training program, said she's not concerned about graduating without a major in her future occupation.

She also said the new major will bring recognition to the profession.

"People previously thought of athletic trainers as water boys and girls, but now they're realizing it's more like physical therapy," Van Dyke said.

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- Tri-color bowties/shells
- Meatballs and marinara
- Baked stuffed pork chops
- Eggplant cacciatore
- Buttered noodles
- Onion rings
- Buffalo wings
- Turkey
- Mashed potatoes
- Green beans
- Mixed vegetables

DINNER

- Pasta du jour
- Roasted vegetables
- Chicken fried chicken
- Southwest beans and veggies
- Steak fries
- Hawaiian grilled chicken strips
- Carved roast pork loins
- Buttered noodles
- Cauliflower
- Mixed vegetables

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

- Self-serve pasta
- Fried catfish
- Roasted vegetable paella
- Potato skins
- Spinach
- Steamed mixed vegetables
- Onion rings
- Grilled cheese sandwiches
- Rotisserie chicken
- Confetti rice
- Acorn squash
- Vegetable blend
- Sweet Cornbread
- Chef choice salad

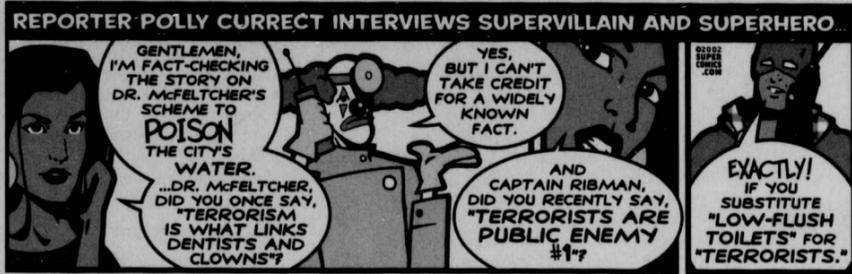
DINNER

- Lemon pepper cod
- Spinach tortellini casserole
- Wild rice
- Green beans
- Vegetable blend
- Chicken strips
- Chicken wings
- Grilled chicken sandwich
- Hamburger
- Fries
- Onion rings

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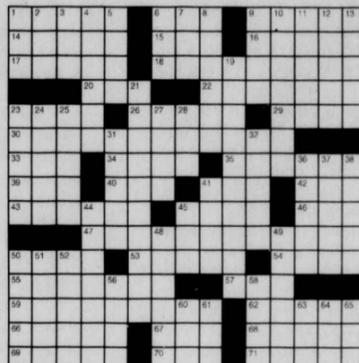
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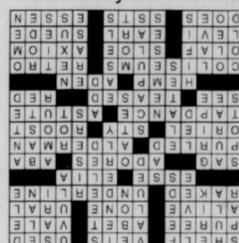
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- 34 One of HOMES
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The Sideline

C-USA names Frogs' Gordon Player of the Week

CHICAGO — Junior Toni Gordon of the No. 31 TCU men's tennis team (5-3) was named the Conference USA Player of the Week for the period ending March 3. Gordon finished last week with a 2-0 record at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles.

Last week the unranked Gordon shocked No. 13 Kosta Zinchanka of No. 42 South Alabama 6-1, 5-7, 6-2 on February 25. Zinchanka is the highest ranked player Gordon has ever defeated in his career, topping his previous best of then-No. 21 Andres Pedroso of Duke last season. Gordon and Sestini also upset the 40th-ranked duo of Zinchanka and Vincent Baudat 8-6.

After posting another upset with Sestini over the No. 15 doubles team of James Cameron and John Chesworth of 67th-ranked Furman on March 1 by an 8-5 count, Gordon continued his hot streak by defeating James Cameron 6-3, 6-2. Gordon and Sestini are unranked as a doubles team.

This is the second time that the Barcelona, Spain-native has captured player of the week honors this year, and the fourth time a Horned Frog has been recognized this spring. The other two Frogs were freshmen Fabrizio Sestini and Daniel Scholten.

Men's tennis team to face Miami

FORT WORTH — The No. 34 TCU men's tennis team (5-3) will complete its five-match homestand Friday when they take on the 39th-ranked Hurricanes of Miami (4-3) on the Bernard J. "Tut" Bartz Varsity Tennis Courts at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center in Fort Worth. The Frogs are coming off a 6-1 victory over No. 67 Furman on March 1, while Miami cruised to a 5-1 win over No. 61 Wisconsin. This will be the first meeting between the two teams since March 10, 1998 when the Hurricanes edged the Frogs 4-3 in Fort Worth.

Richardson's sub will have tough shoes to fill

ATLANTA (AP) — Nolan Richardson's replacement at Arkansas still refers to him as "daddy."

Clearly, the Razorbacks haven't had ample time to get over the sudden, shocking departure of their longtime coach.

That said, it's time for the Southeastern Conference tournament.

Arkansas must win at least one game to qualify for a post-season invitation - or four in four days to earn an improbable trip to the NCAA tournament.

"This gives us a chance to escape some of the negative things," senior guard Brandon Dean said Wednesday. "We can get on the floor and do what we enjoy doing."

Richardson won't be forgotten when his former team takes the court Thursday for an opening-round game against Tennessee at the Georgia Dome.

In addition to working on game plans, interim coach Mike Anderson and the remnants of Richardson's staff were trying to figure out how to honor their former boss.

"He was our leader the whole year," Anderson said. "He was the daddy of this family. We want to make sure he's paid a tremendous tribute."

Richardson, who coached at Arkansas for almost 17 years, was forced out by the school on Friday after he criticized fans and the media. He also bemoaned his status as the only black head coach at the school.

While the Razorbacks played their final regular-season game Saturday with Anderson running the team, Richardson's presence was everywhere. On the sideline, an empty red chair was left in the middle of the players. Draped over the chair was a red towel with Richardson's name in white — a gift for his 500th Division I victory.

Arkansas (14-14, 6-10 SEC) will probably unveil a similar tribute when it meets Tennessee (14-15, 7-9).

A long road ahead

Sunny set up for the volleyball team, California style

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA
Skiff Staff

With her light skin and blonde hair, she looks just like a typical California girl, but Prentice Lewis is quickly turning into a Texan.

Lewis was named head coach for the volleyball team Feb. 5. She comes to TCU with years of experience, a flair for competition and a love for the game.

Lewis began playing volleyball as a young girl with her dad on the beaches of sunny California. She played in elementary school and continued throughout college. Her high school playing days were where she began to shine.

Lewis went to Corona del Mar High School in Newport Beach in California where she led her team to the many wins and the state finals.

After high school, she attended California State University, Long Beach after being offered an athletic scholarship.

"I attended Long Beach mainly for the chance to play volleyball," said Lewis. "They had a great team and the game was my first priority."

At CSULB, she led her team to the Big West Conference for four years where they won the championship her junior year.

She began coaching as a junior at CSULB for the Newport Harbor High School's junior varsity team, her high school rival. After this experience, she knew she wanted to be a coach.

"I had always joked about wanting to become a lawyer," said Lewis. "But once I started to coach, I knew that was what I really wanted to do."

In 1995, she graduated from CSULB with a bachelor's degree in history and received her California Teaching Certificate in 1996.

Upon graduation, she worked as the top assistant coach at UC-Irvine for three years until 1999. In 1999, she then became the defensive coordinator and top assistant coach for the Ore-

gon Ducks. She performed additional tasks while coaching such as scheduling, recruiting, coordinating summer clinics and fundraising for the team.

Now, she and her husband Jeff Lewis are calling Texas home. They have family members in town and she said they like the values instilled in the Fort Worth community.

"I enjoy Fort Worth the most because it is a big city with a small feel," said Lewis. "It is a town I can see myself living for the rest of my life."

Lewis is taking over for former coach Sandy Trout. Trout was fired after the season ended in November.

Lewis is excited about her position and has big plans for the new season ahead.

"TCU has a great team," said Lewis. "It is a small private school with a young program."

Despite Lewis' optimism, she is taking over a program that has not had a single winning season in its six-year history. TCU ended the past season with a 6-15 record.

athletic build and a good response to coaching.

She wants to instill confidence in the team, the desire to compete and better knowledge of the game. The team has already started practicing to get a head start.

"We are doing well so far," said Lewis. "We have a great group of students who are inspired and eager to learn."

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After spring break, the team will begin a full practice, said Stephanie Watson, a junior biology major and outside hitter for the volleyball team. Watson is learning a lot from the experiences of her new coach.

"She is a very intense and motivated person," said Watson. "She is making many positive changes in our techniques and teaching for the upcoming season."

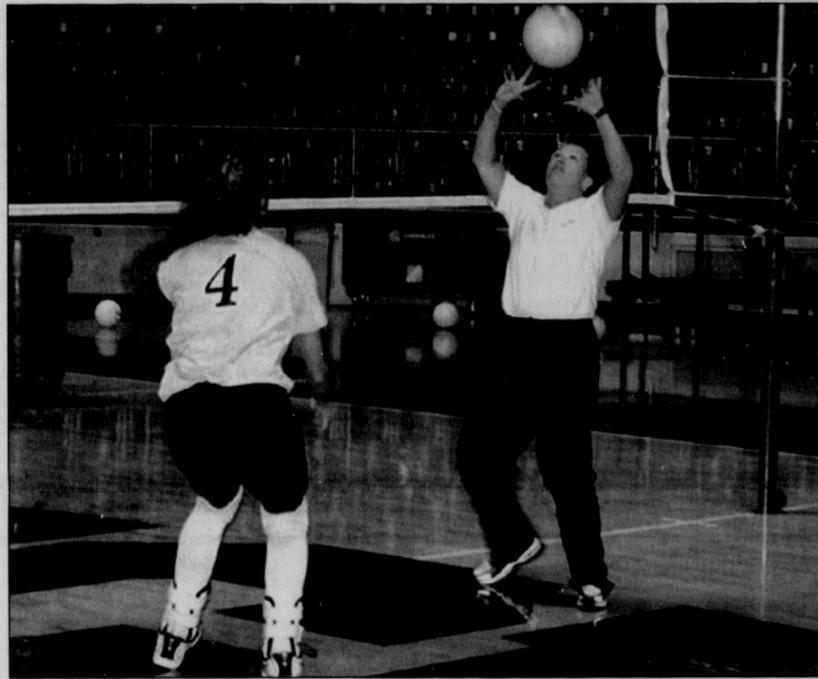
Such changes have been made in hopes of winning the Conference USA Championship.

"We struggled last year, but this year is different," said Lewis. "Sandy Trout did a great job in putting us in a spot where success can be attained."

Lewis is familiar with success and wants her team to become familiar with it, too. Her main goals for the season are to become top in the conference, win the conference tournament and be in the Top 25.

"Conference USA is a competitive volleyball conference, top to bottom," said Lewis. "We definitely have our work cut out for us."

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Nathan Loewen/ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR
New volleyball head coach Prentice Lewis practices with the team Wednesday afternoon. Lewis takes the coaching post for a team that has not recorded a winning record in its six-year program history.

She has jumped right into her position working 12-hour days with her staff preparing for the upcoming season and recruiting players.

She believes the recruiting experience will excel here. While recruiting, she looks for a player with a competitive attitude, room for growth, an

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Frogs trounced in post-season

Cardinals' offense too much for TCU in first round of tournament

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Bryant Northern scored a career-high 25 points and led a 3-point shooting binge that swept Louisville to a 110-86 victory over TCU on Wednesday in the first round of the Conference USA tournament.

Louisville (18-11) rattled the conference's worst defense, hitting 15 of its 30 3-point shots, as it made another breakthrough in coach Rick Pitino's first season. The Cardinals will play either Houston (16-13) or East Carolina (12-17) in the quarterfinals Thursday.

The Cardinals went 12-19 last season under Denny Crum and lost in the first round of the conference tournament. Pitino, who led Kentucky to the Final Four in 1997, is 25-6 in conference tournaments.

Coach Billy Tubbs sat on the scorer's table, crossed his legs and grimaced as TCU (16-15) struggled to keep up. He and leading scorer Junior Blount (31 points) got technical fouls as the frustration mounted in the second half.

Tubbs announced before the season that this would be his last at TCU, where he went 156-95 with one NCAA tournament appearance. Overall, Tubbs is 595-297 in 28 seasons at Southwestern Texas, Lamar, Oklahoma and TCU.

Reece Gaines scored 30 points for Louisville, going 11-of-16 from the field, while Northern led the spurt that left TCU too far behind. Northern missed only one of nine shots and was 6-of-7 on 3-point attempts.

TCU's frenetic style kept it close at the outset; there were four ties and eight lead changes in the first nine minutes. When TCU pulled in its defense to stop Louisville under the basket, the Cardinals fired away and pulled away.

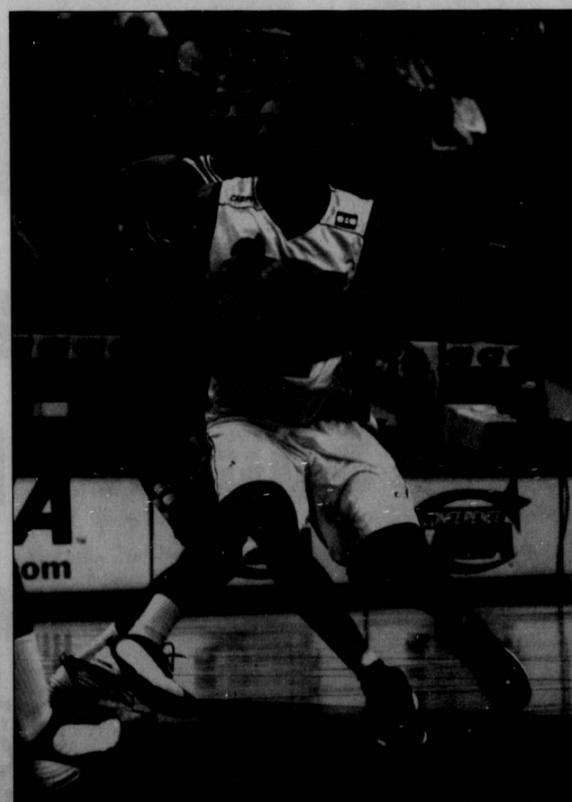
The Cardinals ran off four consecutive 3-pointers, the last two by Northern, during a 12-3 run that made it 43-30. Gaines had 20 points in Louisville's highest-scoring half of the season, which ended with a 56-43 lead.

Northern hit five of his first six shots in the second half, three of them 3-pointers, for a 69-47 lead that started the frustration building on the TCU bench.

The same thing happened during Louisville's 93-85 win over the Horned Frogs on Jan. 12, when the Cardinals shot a school-record 40 3-pointers and made 11 of them.

The run-and-gun pace was typical for TCU, which led the conference in scoring (81.2 points per game) and was last in defense (83.4 allowed per game).

Louisville reached the 100-point mark for the first time this season when Ellis Myles hit two free throws with 4:30 to go, making it 101-78.



Special to the Skiff
Louisville guard Reece Gaines drives past TCU guard Junior Blount Wednesday in the first round of the Conference USA Tournament in Cincinnati. The Frogs lost to the Cardinals 110-86 to end the season and head coach Billy Tubbs' career at TCU, unless they are invited to play in the National Invitation Tournament.

Jordan's injury adds to comeback

Attention professional basketball critics.

It has been a little over a week since Michael Jordan had successful arthroscopic surgery in his right knee. But Jordan, 39, wasn't even underneath the knife before skeptics began questioning whether the NBA legend has made a second successful comeback.

When he made his first comeback in 1995, Jordan led the Chicago Bulls to three consecutive championships, two regular season MVP honors, and a season where the Bulls had the best record in NBA history.

So when His Airness came back for the second time, he faced a two-edged sword. On the one hand, he was expected by some to live up to the expectations of his past with a supporting cast that was hardly the caliber of his past Bulls teams. Then were those who assumed Jordan would be overwhelmed by the new breed of talent that has swarmed the NBA over the last few years.

Mission Impossible? After 11 games it looked that way. Sitting at 2-9, Washington was looking much like a sinking ship, with Jordan helplessly captaining the boat.

The Wizards then proceeded to win 16 of their next 21, even in a stretch where second-leading scorer Richard Hamilton was sidelined with an injury. In that stretch, Jordan averaged 23 points and 6.4 rebounds on 35.1 minutes per game.

Washington now sits in 9th place in the Eastern Conference, one spot away from making the playoffs. With 23 games remaining, they stand at 29-30, which is already 10 more wins than the Wizards had the entire season last year.

And what about MJ? Sitting on the injured list, Jordan is leading the team with 24.3 points and 6.0 rebounds a game. He is averaging 5.4 assists and 36.7 minutes, and has scored at least 40 points five times this season.

"Then were those who assumed Jordan would be overwhelmed by the new breed of talent that has swarmed the NBA over the last few years."

Despite these accomplishments, Jordan's biggest feat may be how he has elevated the games of the players around him. Throughout his career, MJ has made a living of average players feed off him to provide crucial roles.

Hamilton, who led UCONN to a national championship, had many people wondering if he would ever live up to his high draft pick expectations. He is the team's second leading scorer and has stepped up his role as a leader. There is also the solid inside play from the likes of Jahidi White and rookie North Carolina Tar Heel Brendan Haywood. Then there are the role players like Popeye Jones, Hubert Davis, and Courtney Alexander, who have elevated their games to a level never seen before.

Sure, Jordan is not the same dominating player that he was in years past. However, when you look at his performance with the situation given (and at 39), Jordan would be my choice for MVP.

Mission Accomplished.

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