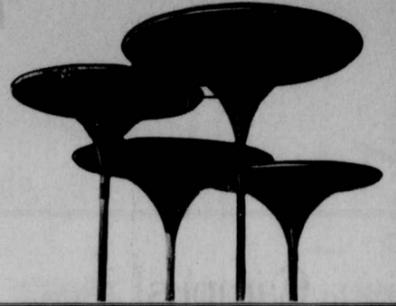


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### NATIONAL NEWS

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ATLANTA — The risk of getting killed by someone is greater during the first year of life than at any other time before age 17, the government reported Thursday.

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## OnCampus

### Swarthmore decides to cover aid for drug offenders

SWARTHMORE, Pa. (U-WIRE) — The Board of Managers has approved a policy mandating that Swarthmore College replace financial aid the federal government denies to students with drug convictions beginning next year.

The decision to replace this aid prompted a change in admissions policy. A question on the application reads, "Have you been suspended or dismissed from any school? (If so, please explain fully on a separate sheet)." Now the college "will be asking about criminal record" on the application, said Bloom.

Jim Bock, dean of admissions and financial aid, said he still needs to meet with the college's lawyer to determine the exact wording of the new question.

Although the decision represents an official stance from the college about educational opportunity, the amount of actual aid involved is expected to be small.

Preliminary numbers indicate the total amount of aid replaced could be as much as \$12,700. Bloom confirmed Swarthmore will replace federal grants and loans with Swarthmore grants and loans of the same amounts.

Some schools, including Yale University, are debating whether to replace this aid, but neither Bloom, Bock nor Eldridge could confirm any other schools already had decided to replace this federal aid.

Bock suggested Swarthmore may have addressed the issue early, but a number of colleges will have to deal with it this spring. Eldridge wrote other schools "with need-blind admissions practices will continue their practices."

While private colleges sometimes can replace federal aid, public colleges may face a "backlash" if they try to replace aid denied by the federal government.

—Swarthmore Phoenix

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## theWeather

### SATURDAY

High: 65; Low: 32; Cloudy and windy

### SUNDAY

High: 63; Low: 41; Mostly sunny

## LookingBack

1855 — A train passed over the first railway suspension bridge at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

1887 — The telescopic fishing rod, made of steel tubes inside one another, was patented by Everett Horton.

1962 — The Beatles performed for the first time on the BBC in Great Britain.

## New housing policy instated

BY KAMI LEWIS  
Staff Reporter

Housing reservations will not be accepted from students whose accounts are not current, in a continuation of the enforcement of TCU's tuition payment policy, said Karen Baker, associate director of Residential Services.

The policy change emerged

from a series of meetings during December and January that gathered information from departments across campus to integrate support of the newly enforced payment policy in as many ways as possible, Baker said.

The first students to be impacted by the housing policy will be current residents of the Tom

Brown/Pete Wright Apartment Community when they sign up for housing March 18 and 19, Baker said.

"If these students have not paid the minimum amount due on the March 1 bill, or if they have not paid the \$250 advance housing payment (formerly the housing deposit), they will miss the op-

portunity to continue living in the apartments," Baker said.

Baker said students will be told when they attempt to register after Spring Break that they must resolve any holds on their account before a reservation can be made.

Residential Services will have

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## Unloading the loading zone



Chris Oldham, a sophomore accounting major, parks his car in the loading zone in Worth Hills. The loading zones, which have a 10-minute parking limit, may become additional parking spaces.

Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF

### SGA plans to remove loading zones, replace with parking

BY ALISHA WASSENAAR  
Staff Reporter

Student Government Association's plan to remove loading zones and replace them with parking spaces in Worth Hills is a step backwards, said TCU Chief of Police Steve McGee.

SGA President Chelsea Hudson said the

plan calls for the removal of loading zones in front of fraternity and sorority houses in order to create more parking spaces.

Hudson said her goal was to have the project completed by spring break.

Krista Bailey, president of Panhellenic, said the project may be completed this semester, but there are still some sorority and fraternity houses that need to vote on whether they would like the space in front of their house designated as a loading zone or regular parking space.

"From my point of view, it's not that big

of a deal," Bailey said. "There are probably bigger issues we could look at."

McGee said he asked SGA to poll the sororities and fraternities after they requested the zones be removed.

"It's their choice," McGee said. "Chances are those places will be filled all the time anyways. Maybe once a year a student might be able to park there."

McGee said parking spaces were changed to loading zones because students

(More on PARKING, page 10)

## Missing count continues to mount

### 158 still 'missing' in World Trade Center Sept. 11 attacks

BY SARA KUGLER AND  
KATHERINE ROTH  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Six months after the World Trade Center attack, 158 people are officially classified as missing — some of them almost certainly dead, some perhaps mistakenly on the list, and some possibly trying to fake their deaths.

The missing include firefighters and foreign visitors, bond brokers and illegal immigrants working mostly food-service and maintenance jobs, an Associated Press analysis has found.

In many cases, families have mourned these people and their employers consider them dead, but their remains have not been identified and no one has applied for a death certificate. Some are illegal immigrants whose families, often living in other countries, have been unable to obtain death certificates because the victims' employers will not cooperate.

Others may not be dead at all — they were wrongly reported missing in the chaos after Sept. 11 or may be trying to fake their deaths, according to police.

The Police Department estimates at least 60 percent of the 158

still classified as missing did die in the attack, while the rest require further investigation.

The official city count of the missing and dead peaked at 6,729 on Sept. 24 but quickly began dropping as the list was cross-checked for mistakes and duplicated names.

City officials say 2,672 people — including those on the two airliners that brought down the twin towers — are confirmed dead, either by identified remains or a death certificate issued by a court based on proof that the victim was in the trade center at the time of the catastrophe. The remaining 158 were reported missing by family and friends, but so far, nothing officially proves they died on Sept. 11. While the city would not provide the names of the missing, officials agreed to speak in broad terms about the list. An AP database of people reported missing, and a list posted by the city medical examiner in January, were also analyzed.

Firefighter Michael Kiefer and two others from Engine 132 in Brooklyn are among those still officially listed as missing, even though there is little doubt they died.

Kiefer's family has chosen not to apply for a death certificate and will not hold a memorial service until his remains are found, said his father, Bud Kiefer.

"Having him missing and having the circumstances surrounding it is one of the most horrible things you

can go through," Kiefer said. "Having a piece of paper confirming something like that could be 10 times worse."

Kiefer said his son was a devout Roman Catholic and would have wanted the family to postpone services until his remains were identified. He added that the usual reasons for obtaining death certificates — to obtain life insurance, process wills and access bank accounts — were not pressing matters for his family.

Some families of illegal immigrants lost in the trade center are desperate to get death certificates but are finding that employers will not sign affidavits confirming their loved ones worked there.

Employers are afraid to admit they were paying the workers illegally, according to Joel Magallan, executive director of the Tepeyac Association of New York, an immigrant rights group.

The issue of illegal immigrants is just one of many that foreign consulates have faced as they work with city officials to untangle the missing-person reports.

Five people on the Greek consulate's missing list have been impossible to find, said Dimitris Gemelos, a spokesman for the consulate.

Dozens of consulates, along with police in New York, have done the same, spending months dealing with misspellings, wrong telephone numbers and piecemeal information.

## Swing time



Daniela Munguia/SKIFF STAFF

Foster Hall Director Bevin Kurtz and son Nathaniel Kurtz have some early Spring Break fun outside of Jarvis Hall Thursday.

## New conflict resolution policy proposed

BY BRANDON ORTIZ  
Staff Reporter

The chairman of the Faculty Senate Tenure, Promotions and Grievances Committee proposed a new conflict resolution policy Thursday that he said would place more emphasis in mediation and streamline the current process.

"(The present policy) fails to properly emphasize the role of mediation in providing an alternative to formal procedures," said Paul King, an associate professor of speech communication who spoke for the committee.

"I don't mean that as a criticism. The policy, when it was developed, was probably very forward looking because mediation is something brand new. But this has really taken the judicial system by storm and everyone is using mediation. It is the new wave of business."

The proposal calls for the creation of a mediating committee that would consist of five tenured professors nominated by the Faculty Senate and approved by Chancellor Michael Ferrari. Mediators would be trained in compliance with Title 7, Chapter 154 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, the proposal outlines.

If approved, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate would be taken out of the grievance process.

(More on POLICY, page 9)

## Forensic psychiatrist testifies that Yates was schizophrenic

BY MATT CURRY  
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Andrea Yates suffered from a severe mental illness last year when she drowned her five children in the bathtub, a forensic psychiatrist hired by the state testified Thursday at her murder trial.

"My own impression was that she was suffering from schizophrenia," said Dr. Park Dietz, testifying for the prosecution, which maintains Yates does not meet the legal definition of insanity in Texas.

Dietz said several things con-

tributed to Yates' condition, including her refusal to take her medicine and her efforts to home-school her children inside a converted bus where the family lived in 1999.

Her husband believed she only needed rest, Dietz said. "They get her some rest and took her over to her mother's house. She got medical attention only after taking an overdose."

Yates, 37, who has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity, faces murder charges in the drownings of

(More on YATES, page 9)

## Minor collision



David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER

Fort Worth Police Officer C.A. Gonzalez is dispatched to the corner of University Drive and Princeton Street Thursday after a minor car accident occurred.

# THE PULSE

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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.

• **International Women's Day Luncheon** will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today 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.

• **KinoMonda film series** will present the English film "Brighton Rock" 7 p.m. March 20 in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

• **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

### Jesse Jackson confident Enron will distribute checks

HOUSTON (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson emerged from a meeting Thursday with Enron Corp.'s interim chief executive confident the company will issue a new round of checks to laid off employees soon.

A Manhattan federal bankruptcy judge this week approved \$1,100 in emergency payments to each of the 4,500 workers laid off after Enron declared bankruptcy Dec. 2. The company has said the checks will be distributed with "deliberate speed."

Jackson said after a brief meeting with Enron head and restructuring expert Stephen Cooper that he would now push for freeing up as much as \$30,000 per former employee in severance pay. Cooper told The Associated Press this week he likely would not support further payments.

"It (the total fund) could be \$75 million, or it could be zero," said Jackson, accompanied by Democratic state Sen. Rodney Ellis. "There will be a settlement reached in time."

Thousands of rank-and-file Enron workers were let go days after energy traders and other key employees split \$105 million in pre-bankruptcy retention bonuses that will be studied by the court.

### Baby found in garage was killed shortly after birth

MIDLAND (AP) — A dead infant found in a Midland woman's garage last week was killed just after birth, according to a preliminary autopsy report.

Stephanie Jo Durham, 20, has been charged with capital murder. Authorities believe she is the baby girl's mother.

The preliminary report from the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas, released Wednesday, listed the cause of death as homicidal violence. Forensic doctors have not said how the full-term baby was killed.

The newborn was placed in a gym bag. Durham's boyfriend found the baby Feb. 27 while the couple was moving and reported it to police.

Durham, who remained in the Midland County Jail on Thursday on \$100,000 bail, has two other children,

an 18-month-old and a 3-year-old. Those children were taken into Child Protective Services custody after Durham's arrest last week.

### U of Mass. RAs vote to form first undergraduate union

AMHERST, Mass. (U-WIRE)— Resident assistants and community development assistants at University of Massachusetts-Amherst voted 138-88 to form the first undergraduate labor union in the country.

The University has seven days to challenge the results of the election.

"We're disappointed at the result. I think the vote showed that a lot of people are actually not in favor of a union; 88 votes is a significant number," said Javier Cevallos, vice chancellor for Student Affairs. "We'll take a few days to assess the situation and think about it and then we'll decide what the next steps are going to be."

The RA union will be affiliated with United Auto Workers Local 2322.

"We're very excited, and we feel as though that the RA's have spoken that they want a union once again like they did when they signed the original petition," said Tim Scott, a union organizer. "We look forward to sitting down and having RA's bargain a good contract to improve their working conditions."

### Austin festival kicks off with films, music and more

AUSTIN (AP) — The South by Southwest festivals open Friday with movie debuts and Hollywood stars in the city that bills itself as the "live music capital of the world."

What began 16 years ago as a platform for struggling musicians hoping to be discovered has grown into one of the industry's most popular events, incorporating film screenings, multimedia shows and educational panels. The events bring together bands, filmmakers, industry executives and journalists.

"It's a real smorgasbord of bands and movies that people get a chance to sample in a relatively short period of time," said South by Southwest cofounder and managing director Roland Swenson.

The SXSW Film Conference and

Festival, running through Tuesday, presents new independent films as well as works from established directors.

The music festival — considered the heart of the annual event — kicks off Wednesday with the 20th annual Austin Music Awards. Performances are to include Asleep At The Wheel, Sixpence None the Richer and a memorial tribute to Austin musician Carroll DesChamps "Champ" Hood.

During the five-day music event, nearly 1,000 performers of genres from hip-hop to alternative country will perform at 50 venues ranging from small pubs to a free outdoor stage.

### Limited expansion planned for Dallas Love Field airport

DALLAS (AP) — Federal regulators have approved limited expansion and other improvements at Dallas Love Field, including an old terminal's demolition.

Approval of the master plan for the close-in Dallas airport came this week from the U.S. Transportation Department and last week from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The master plan also addresses noise, traffic and air pollution issues at the airport.

Last year, the Dallas City Council approved a \$147 million master plan for upgrading the airport and, in effect, capping flights at the city-owned facility.

The city's master plan restricts the airport, which now has 26 gates, to 32. That restriction would control the number of takeoffs and landings.

About half of Love Field's east concourse will be torn down to make way for a new cargo terminal. Gwyn said Fort Worth-based American Airlines and Continental Express will retain leases to five gates on the east concourse.

Gwyn expects demolition to begin in a week to 10 days. The master plan also includes provisions to improve the road system and monitors for noise and pollution.

### South Padre economy set for Spring Break tourism boost

AUSTIN(U-WIRE) — A freak ac-

cident jinxed South Padre Island days after the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil, but island businesses soon may have a charm in spring break.

A portion of the 2.5-mile link between the island and the mainland—the Queen Isabella Causeway—collapsed Sept. 15 when a tugboat slammed into it, killing eight people. The bridge collapse cut off traffic to the island and halted end-of-season tourism.

As the rest of the U.S. travel industry braced for the aftereffects of a post-Sept. 11 economy, Padre staggered from a double whammy—even if Americans had been traveling, they couldn't have made it to the island.

The causeway reopened Nov. 21, and spring break will initiate its first tourism season since the collapse. July and August are the island's busiest months, but the spring break surge launches the season.

### U of Michigan union still planning March 11 strike

ANN ARBOR, Mich.(U-WIRE) — Despite withdrawing four minor proposals during its contract bargaining session with University of Michigan, the Graduate Employees Organization still plans to go ahead with Monday's one-day walk-out, pending a negative vote from the membership or great progress at Thursday's bargaining session, GEO chief negotiator and Rackham student Alyssa Picard said.

In-depth planning for the walk-out took place after Tuesday night's bargaining session.

GEO President Cedric de Leon said the strike would need at least 470 picketers in order to surround those areas, and at that number each supporter would need to picket for four hours.

GEO members said they will continue to push for a clause against bottom-line budgeting in the contract. Some considered putting it under a discrimination clause by arguing bottom-line budgeting discriminates against GSIs who have to pay higher tuitions.

But many union members voiced concern over that possibility.

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## The Skiff View

### FYI

#### Reminders even your mother would love

Spring Break at last. A time much needed by all of us. A time to relax. A time to catch up on sleep. A time to have fun. While having fun this Spring Break, it is important to remember to stay safe. Here a few tips to help get you through Spring Break in one piece.

For those of you packing your swim trunks and heading off to the beach: Wear sunscreen, because who wants to come back with bright red "tan" lines? Don't swim with the sharks. Don't swim right after you eat (Remember what Mom always said).

For those of you who plan to spend the break re-enacting the recent Olympics: Avoid running into other skiers on the slopes, because that can be hazardous to your health. Don't try the black-diamonds until you are ready.

And for everybody:

Look both ways before you cross the street.

And of course, don't drink and drive, and stay drug free.

Yes, we have all heard a million times that we should not drink and drive, use drugs...blah blah blah. But have we really stopped to think about it?

In the midst of enjoying ourselves, especially on a break, it is easy to lose ourselves in the fun. It's easy to become involved in the moment and make decisions based on our own desires and on what is best for ourselves.

We need to remember that Spring Break may be our time to have fun, but our actions and decisions affect others as well.

If you are going to drink, do it responsibly.

But have fun. Have tons of it. Party. Hang out with friends. Relax. Sleep in. Play it safe.

And come back in a week refreshed and ready to complete the rest of the semester.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

One of the results of last week's Board of Trustees meeting (at Wesleyan University) is an increase in next year's tuition. Tuition will increase by 5.5 percent which will make tuition \$35,930. Tuition increases are normally met with disdain by the student body, but we forget that the increase in tuition comes partially because of two factors, relating to altruism.

First, many members of the student body agree with a need blind admissions process. Need blind admission is not only a hallmark of our admissions process, but it is one of the general principles of the University: Equity. Need blind admissions is altruistic, as well as expensive. When looking at this tuition increase, we must "put our money where our mouth is." We cannot be proponents of this policy that we all agree is important, and on the other hand gripe about an increase in tuition. For all intents, the only students who feel this increase are students who are not on financial aid.

Since student's estimated family contribution (EFC) and estimated student contribution (ESC) do not change much from year to year if you do not have a drastic change in income (meaning the equation for calculating how much you and your family can pay normally is

very static), it means that those with very high EFCs and ESCs will pay for the increase. In effect people who already receive financial aid will not have to pay or borrow more than they do now. This means that those who can afford the increase will pay for it, and those who cannot afford the increase will not have to pay for it.

Secondly, since the mid to late 1980s many more Wesleyan graduates have pursued careers that may not have been as financially rewarding as their counterparts at comparative universities, therefore giving the university a pool of people who may have less to give than the graduates of comparable universities. Some of our peer institutions are known for graduating a higher percentage of students who go into lucrative professions, so they can raise and donate more money. It is not our opinion that Wesleyan graduates should go out and choose high paying professions because what we give to society may be more than what we could have reaped financially in another industry. But we must take into account that we must pay a certain price because of our decisions.

*This editorial comes from The Wesleyan Argus at Wesleyan University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.*

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## 'N Sync breaking into other entertainment forms

The last time someone checked, 'N Sync was a boy band. And how uncool were you if you liked their music? Very.

Well, times have changed.

The other day, I was flipping through the stations and stopped on a station that was playing a song by 'N Sync. I happened to like the band so I had no qualms about listening to it. But while glancing down to see what station the song was on, the dial read "97.9," better known as KBFB The Beat, which is a station that plays predominantly hip-hop and rap music.

It was very shocking to hear that a new song by the so-called nerdy boy band was playing on such a "cool" station. Did the rest of the world miss something? Was it suddenly okay for fans to admit we enjoyed the tunes of 'N Sync?

While continuing to listen to the song, "Girlfriend," it became even more shocking to realize it

was a mixed version featuring rap artist Nelly.

Nelly was singing in an 'N Sync song? I had to be hearing things. Nelly is seemingly supposed to sing the kind of rap that is cool to listen to. Why would he be involved with 'N Sync? It turns out there are a lot of things a lot of us do not know about 'N Sync.

Apparently, 'N Sync is changing their image altogether. They are all working on solo projects.

According to a recent article posted on mtv.com, Justin Timberlake has a solo album in the works. He is said to be working with Missy Elliot, Angie Stone and Brian McKnight among others.

The lead singer of the boy band that makes college students cringe is merging into the rap genre. If that isn't changing an image, then what else is? Evidently, this mixed version of "Girlfriend" is a segue into Timberlake's big career as the next Eminem. Scary thought. Maybe this could've all been Brit-

ney's idea.

Since Timberlake is making the first step in breaking up the much loved band, the other members are not too far behind in changing their images either. According to the same article, Chris Kirkpatrick has an online clothes shop Fu-Man Skeeto, and Lance Bass and Joey Fatone both recently starred in the movie "On The Line." I guess they figure they better do something because they are nothing without the lungs of Timberlake.

'N Sync's music is worth listening to and they're making plenty of money singing cheesy songs that drive 13-year-old girls crazy. But the boys must just be sick and tired of being known as members of a "boy band" and are ready to drop their adolescent fans behind for more mature things. We'll see what happens.

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## Teacher's pets beg for favoritism; damage grades of classmates

In high school, teacher's pets ran amuck. It was important to suck up to the teacher back then because high school teachers would let their favorite students into class even if they were a little late. A teacher's pet would always be the student chosen to run that all-important errand that involved missing 20 minutes of boring civics class.

Brown-nosing got many people into high places, but what happens to these suck-ups once they graduate from high school? They continue to do what they do best — suck up to professors in hopes of attaining special favors.

High school is just a training ground for teacher's pets. College is where pets fully use their skills to get a little favoritism. For example, a teacher's pet may get a little boost when semester grade time rolls around, or amnesty on make-up work. These special favors may be important; to some people, particularly those who

whine when they get a "B" because they know in their hearts that they would have gotten an "A" if only they had stopped by their professor's office one more time in the semester just to chat.

Being a teacher's pet wouldn't even be an issue if it only affected the pet in question. Just like a horny dog, teacher's pets not only irritatingly hump the leg of their owner, they hump the legs of everyone in sight.

In college, teacher's pets cause class to drag on because they feel that they must comment on every single thing. The teacher's pet creed states that a pet must come up with a helpful analogy to reinforce to the class what the professor has already said 100 times. A teacher's pet's mission is to spend as much class time talking as the professor does. They never allow class to end five or 10 minutes early.

Teacher's pets are constantly reminding the class that they have taken numerous introductory level classes on the topic of the class

and have spent the summer at a teacher's pet educational camp, where they studied with masters of teacher petology and, therefore, know everything about everything. And of course teacher's pets must share everything with the class.

Well that's fine by me. Walk into your foreign language class the first day speaking the language because you reviewed chapters one through three before class. Work on all of your papers and projects as soon as they are assigned so that you can have time to ask questions prior to the day before the assignment is due. Remind the professor they forgot to assign homework for the weekend.

Do what you do best, be a teacher's pet. But don't forget you are single-handedly throwing off the curve for everyone else.

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## Your View

Letters to the Editor

### Hypersensitive fret over gender biased language

This is in regard to Tim Dragger's "Gender Biased Language" column Wednesday.

The issue of gender equality aside, I think Tim had it right concerning political correctness in the first few paragraphs of his column, and had no real need to apologize for using words that only the hypersensitive would find offensive. It pains me to see so

much time and energy being wasted by hypersensitive individuals that endlessly fret over what might offend them. If these individuals would instead channel all that extra energy into dealing with their petty issues, many of their problems would end up being much smaller than they are now.

Words can inspire and unite, but unfortunately, they can also divide, and in the case of obsessive political correctness, they can cause divisions that do not need to exist.

Tim, those that would hassle you over words that you used in a fashion that only the hypersensitive would object to are not worth the trouble to respond to — much less apologize to in a column. I would much rather see you and Tom Daniels hack it out over issues than for you to worry about individuals who search every nook and cranny finding excuses to be offended.

—John P. Araujo, MLA  
Class of 2001

## Show respect by practicing classroom etiquette

It was the typical Wednesday night routine with class starting at 7 p.m., a 10-minute break at 8 p.m. and an early release at about 9:20 p.m. My law and ethics professor started a few minutes after the chimes, and the class seemed alert, responsive and ready to learn. One short hour later, it was time for a gift from the professor: Our 10-minute break.

COMMENTARY



Emily Ward

Wednesday's class seemed as if nothing was out of the ordinary. However, when relief time was over, the classroom took on a different look.

In a decent-sized room that is normally filled to the brim, almost one-third of the classroom became student-free for the second half of the lecture. The professor made a small joke about the absences, and although it may have not bothered her much, it bothered me to see the row of empty seats.

Classroom etiquette — or rather basic student courtesy — seems to have fallen though the cracks for a lot of students at TCU. When classroom renovations took over TCU last summer, designers should have reconstructed classroom behavior as well.

Don't kid yourself in thinking that your professor doesn't mind when you eat lunch during lecture, talk over them when they are instructing the class and fail to come back after 10-minute breaks. Even when professors cease to express their disappointment toward such actions, deep down it has to bother them enough to matter.

I can't count how many times students actually lay down their heads on their desktops and sleep in the middle of lecture. If a student is bold enough to take such an action, he or she should just stay home and get some quality sleep. Proper etiquette entails keeping yourself from yawning too much so it's not insulting to the professor.

Talking above the professor has to be insulting as well. If hearing another student impairs my ability to learn during a lecture, one can't imagine how much it must bother the person who has spent time preparing for the instruction beforehand. My solution: Either learn to talk more softly or pick up some habits on being quiet.

Looking attentive and being responsive, even if that means simply nodding your head and keeping eye contact, is another way to improve classroom behavior. It's not that hard, and in the process one might pick up some part of the lecture he or she may have missed otherwise.

Another bad habit upon which students have leached themselves is not turning off their cell phones and pagers before class. This not only interrupts the professor, it annoys fellow students to no end. Either learn to put your phone on silent ring, turn it off or just leave the silly thing in your car — the classroom is no place to hear a phone ringing or a pager beeping.

Basically, learn to use the golden rule when it comes to being a student. Put yourself in the shoes of a professor and ask yourself how you would like your students to behave during class lecture. It's really not that difficult of a task, and the benefits for both parties far outweigh the costs of adhering to such conduct.

Nobody expects a student to be perfect in class, and I am just as guilty of having bad classroom habits as the next guy.

However, that doesn't mean students shouldn't try to better themselves even in the smallest way. Therefore, as a late Lenten season promise to yourself or a belated New Year's resolution, make an attempt to better your classroom behavior for the second-half of this semester. Perhaps you may surprise yourself, thank your professors and make the TCU classroom a little more superior in the process.

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# NEWS DIGEST

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## National/International Roundup

### Man found innocent after daughter killed by python

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A man whose 8-year-old daughter was squeezed to death by the family's 11-foot python was found innocent Thursday of involuntary manslaughter but guilty of endangering the girl's welfare.

Robert D. Mountain, 31, was negligent but not grossly reckless in leaving Amber Mountain home alone with the snake last August, Judge Richard McCormick Jr. ruled in the non-jury trial.

Mountain could get up to five years in prison.

Amber was found unconscious on the kitchen floor with the python, named Moe, coiled around her body. She died two days later at hospital from compression of the head and neck.

Prosecutor Wayne Gongaware had argued that what the girl's father did was "worse than leaving a child alone with a loaded gun. A gun cannot slither down the stairs toward a vulnerable child."

### Dog mauling trial put on hold because of credibility

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The judge in the San Francisco dog mauling trial said Thursday he would hold a hearing on whether a defense attorney violated a court order by attacking the credibility of the victim's domestic partner during a TV interview.

The issue arose outside the presence of the jury, which heard testimony from defense witnesses about pleasant encounters with the defendants' two dogs in the months before Diane Whipple's Jan. 26, 2001, killing.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge James Warren, who moved the trial to Los Angeles to ensure an impartial jury, said he received calls

about an interview in which attorney Nedra Ruiz accused Sharon Smith of lying on the stand.

Ruiz represents Marjorie Knoller, who was present during the fatal attack and is accused of second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and having a mischievous dog that killed a person. Knoller's husband, Robert Noel, faces the latter two charges.

### Israel continues strikes against Palestine

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel pressed its campaign of intense strikes throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Thursday, conducting sweeps in refugee camps and killing 12 Palestinians. A Palestinian suicide bomber attacked a West Bank settlement, while two other bombing attempts were foiled.

In Washington, The Associated Press learned President Bush dispatched Middle East envoy Anthony Zinni to the troubled region Thursday in hopes of halting widening violence. A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush was prompted by positive but unspecified developments in the region.

Israeli troops stormed through two West Bank refugee camps before dawn and rocketed a police station after nightfall in one of Gaza's most crowded camps, sending Palestinian civilians running for cover. In the biblical West Bank town of Bethlehem, Israeli airstrikes on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's local headquarters hit so hard they blew open bolted doors in nearby homes.

Israeli leaders said the campaign was aimed at forcing the Palestinians to stop terror attacks, but there was no sign of that on Thursday.

### Mandela, Carter and Gates form alliance against AIDS

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Former South African President Nelson Mandela joined former President Carter and Bill Gates Sr., the father of Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates, Thursday in the battle against Africa's AIDS epidemic.

At a function staged at the Zola clinic in Soweto, a vast sprawling township on Johannesburg's outskirts, the three men cradled tiny HIV positive babies, and called for treatment to be made available to AIDS sufferers and for an end to the stigmatization of those suffering from the disease.

Mandela, still widely revered three years after stepping down as president, has become an increasingly outspoken critic of the South African government's refusal to make AIDS drugs widely available to HIV positive mothers to lessen the chances of them passing the virus on to their children.

"It is necessary here to be broad-minded, not to feel that your ego has been touched, if you listen to what the public is saying," he said Thursday.

Mandela's comments were directed at Mbhazima Shilowa, the governor of the Gauteng province, which includes Johannesburg and Pretoria. Mandela praised Shilowa for widening access to treatment at public hospitals.

### Anna Nicole Smith awarded \$88 million in damages

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A federal judge awarded former Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith more than \$88 million in damages Thursday in the latest ruling in a bitter legal fight over the estate of her late husband, Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II.

U.S. District Court Judge David

O. Carter ruled Thursday that Marshall's son, E. Pierce Marshall, had interfered with Smith's attempt to get part of her late husband's oil fortune, estimated at hundreds of million of dollars.

"The evidence of willfulness, maliciousness and fraud is overwhelming," Carter wrote.

He found that E. Pierce Marshall and others spied on the couple and controlled Smith's access to her husband in the days before he died.

E. Pierce Marshall released a statement saying he would appeal and that his father "would be appalled that the district court continued to ignore his clearly stated wishes."

Thursday's ruling came after E. Pierce Marshall challenged a previous federal bankruptcy court decision that awarded Smith \$475 million of his father's money.

Smith, 33, has fought lengthy court battles in California and Texas over the fortune of her late husband, who died at age 90 in August 1995, 14 months after they wed.

### Risk of being killed greater when in first year of life

ATLANTA (AP) — The risk of getting killed by someone is greater during the first year of life than at any other time before age 17, the government reported Thursday.

Infant homicide victims were most likely to be killed during their first week, with 82 percent of those slayings committed on the day of birth, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The sixth through the eighth week — when babies cry more persistently — was the second peak period for infant homicides, the CDC said.

The agency studied more than 3,300 death certificates from 1989 to 1998. Homicide is the 15th-leading cause of infant deaths in the United States.

## Heavy bombs rock east Afghanistan

BY KATHY GANNON  
Associated Press

GARDEZ, Afghanistan — U.S. troops scoured caves and cleared ridges of al Qaeda diehards Thursday, but sandstorms and high winds grounded helicopters and threatened to disrupt the U.S.-led air and ground offensive.

After some of the heaviest bombing in the six-day offensive, a number of supply flights were delayed or canceled because of the worsening weather. U.S. officials acknowledged pilots and troops on the ground would have a harder time routing the fighters in such bad conditions.

Maj. Bryan Hilfery, spokesman for the 10th Mountain Division, said 100

militants were killed Wednesday. Allied attacks also destroyed some of their heavy weaponry — which includes mortars, small cannons, rocket-propelled grenades and shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles.

"We're continuing to bolster our efforts, and units are continuing to maneuver in fire today, clearing ridgelines, caves and pockets of al Qaeda resistance," Hilfery said at Bagram air base, north of the Afghan capital Kabul.

U.S. officials and Afghan commanders said al Qaeda sympathizers — including some from Pakistan — had crossed into the mountains to join the fight.

Afghans said enemy forces may now number 1,000.

The commanders insisted the routes to the mountain passes had since been sealed — even though Taliban fighters

managed to bring some of their slain comrades to the foothills of Surmad for burial Tuesday. Surmad is 18 miles south of Gardez, the capital of Paktia Province. Gardez is about 75 miles south of Kabul, the capital.

U.S. officials have said hundreds of fugitive fighters have been killed since Operation Anaconda began and small numbers detained. Eight American and three Afghan troops have died in the offensive.

Five international peacekeepers were killed Wednesday when a Soviet-era missile they were trying to defuse exploded, the first fatalities in the force. And on Thursday in Kandahar, a fire at an ammunition depot near the coalition base killed three U.S.-allied Afghan fighters. Canadian officials said the Afghans may have tripped a booby trap, sparking a fire.

New troops were headed to the region, including about 200 soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, equipped with 16 Apache helicopters and four CH-47 Chinook; and 107 members of a Canadian infantry unit rotating in.

Thursday dawned over eastern Paktia province with thunderous blasts from U.S. B-52 bombers shaking Gardez and the mountains southwest of here. Dozens of U.S. Army Apache attack helicopters, armed with 30 mm guns and Hellfire missiles, pounded targets in the narrow, craggy gorges. The air bombardment, felt 30 miles away, appeared heavier than in recent days as the United States accelerated efforts to crack the al Qaeda resistance

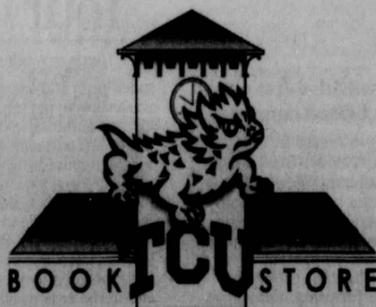
*"We're continuing to bolster our efforts, and units are continuing to maneuver in fire today, clearing ridgelines, caves and pockets of al Qaeda resistance."*

— Bryan Hilfery

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## Education or Entertainment? It's not as easy as ABC

Imagine the uprising if television executives decided to remove all educational children's programs from their weekly lineup?

"No more Sesame Street," excess would say.

The parent organizations would rise up in anger. They would rally, "We love

Sesame Street. Our children love Sesame Street. Why are you removing it?"

The answer would follow: It's all about good business. What if it was suggested that although Sesame Street has a wide viewing audience, four- to eight-year-olds who watch the program are not as susceptible to the advertising that a night- to 10-year-old who watches Mighty Morphin Power Rangers might be.

It would be a disappointing deduction as Sesame Street goes off the air.

Fortunately, the Sesame Street gang is still around. A similar looming situation carries its own set of similarities. It deals with the possibility of kicking Ted Koppel's "Nightline" off ABC in place of CBS' talk show host David Letterman.

The reason ABC is trying to make this change deals with advertisement revenue. Although, Letterman's show pulls a similar number of people as Koppel's "Nightline" pulls, the age range of Letterman viewers is significantly younger. Younger viewers, of course, mean that CBS can request more money to run ads on its nightly variety show.

Granted, Letterman is probably not a bad guy, but it would be disappointing to see Koppel kicked off the air and replaced with Letterman. Koppel brings network television a unique news package. "Nightline" delivers new angles to hot, new events for a more intellectual and in-depth look at the state of world news.

If Letterman joined the ABC team, there have been talks of similar variety programming on CBS. The primary name that seems to appear as a CBS possibility has been Comedy Central's Jon Stewart. The three major networks then will give us three very similar choices: Leno, Letterman or Stewart. What a stressful decision that would be? Maybe if I cannot decide, I will just go to bed or do something. It's not all fun and games though. The possibility of this network-programming switch is becoming big news. Particularly after Ted Koppel published his own Op-Ed in The New York Times. The battle of intelligent news versus star-filled variety shows has now become personal.

Koppel's passionate letter brought out strong points talking about how "Over the past 22 years we have been, and continue to be, a consistent competitive second. In times of crisis, we often have the largest late-night audience in broadcasting. I like to believe that this is because we provide a genuine public service."

It is not often that anchors defend their shows in the newspaper.

Koppel's main point of anger was the suggestion by corporate executives that "Nightline" has lost its relevance.

His anger is justified. Real news has not lost its relevance. International news stories that go beyond 30-second clips are of value. In-depth coverage of our world is more important than a human-interest story presented during local news.

And if we look at the big picture, anything that Koppel would air seems a little more important than stupid pet tricks.

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### COMMENTARY



Ryan Eloie

## "The Time Machine" not so timeless

BY ROGER MOORE  
KRT Campus

The new film version of H.G. Wells' "The Time Machine" is like the gadget it takes its title from - shiny to the point of dazzling, a technical wonder. But like the Tin Man, this metal marvel lacks a heart.

Wells' parable of the dangers of science run amok, of humanity's adaptability and of planetary evolution moving at hyper-speed is ably adapted by once and future animation director, and Wells descendent, Simon Wells ("The Prince of Egypt," "Balto").

"But the script, by John Logan ("Gladiator") is all but devoid of humor. And the performances reflect that.

It's a fantasia on the ascent and descent of man that veers between theme-park ride and college science lecture.

Guy Pearce of "Memento" has the role of Alexander Hartdegen, a turn-of-the-20th-century New York inventor who defies convention. He wears his hair long and is pen pals with this young fellow named Einstein over in Europe.

He's got a fiancé, Emma (Sienna Guillory). Or at least he does, until the moment tragedy strikes. Alex vows to develop a time machine that will enable him to alter history and save her.

The gadget itself is a cross between a lighthouse lens and the bridge of the Titanic - brass and glass and gauges and gears. And the effects employed as Alex uses it are terrific and very much in the tradition of the 1960 version of this tale that starred Rod Taylor and Allen Young. Young, Mr. Ed's pal, has a cameo as a flower vendor in the new film.

Alex shoots into the early 21st century, where he sees mankind turning the moon into the new Florida, a golf-retirement community. And he visits the New York Public Library (remember, the machine travels in time, not in space). The li-

brary's docent, or guide, is now an all-knowing computer whose holographic projection looks suspiciously like that 7-Up guy (Orlando Jones).

An accident sends Alex 800,000 years further into the future, where humanity's folly has split the race into above ground hunter-gatherers, the Eloi, and subterranean meat-eating monsters, the Morlocks. There, he invests himself in the plight of the nature-loving Native American-ish Eloi and the lovely exotic, Mara (singer Samantha Mumba) who explains their world to him.

The film doesn't give us a clear enough idea of Alex's quest (Why must we die? Why can't history be changed?) or give the viewer a stake in that quest. Alex never gives voice to the fear that science has wrought what he must try and rectify. And Pearce, who was also a stiff in "The Count of Monte Cristo," just doesn't get across the idea that he feels loss or pain or grief very well.

George Pal's 1960 film at least had a sense of fun. Jones and the inclusion of sci-fi writer Harlan Ellison in a list of "great thinkers" on time travel are about the only jokes included here. Even the reprise of the 1960 film's gag with a dress shop window, which is shown in stop-motion photography changing as fashions change over the years Alex passes in mere seconds, isn't funny or fun here.

The technical credits are first rate, taking us from 19th-century New York to "Survivor: Africa" to various settings that seem straight out of "The Lord of the Rings."

But aside from the splendid action of the final reels, this thing never breathes.

The best version of this tale remains a clever 1979 film, "Time After Time," in which Wells himself (Malcolm McDowell) uses the machine he has written about to travel to San



Alexander Hartdegen, right, prepares for a very special engagement, with his best friend Philby at his side in "The Time Machine."

Francisco to visit McDonald's, pick up girls and chase down Jack the Ripper. That had thrills and fun and silly science. As co-written and directed by Nicholas Meyer, who made the best of the Star Trek movies, it required an emotional investment from the viewer. It had heart.

The worst news here isn't that this "Time Machine" is lacking in humanity. It's that screenwriter John Logan has also been given the job of writing the next Star Trek movie, "Nemesis." That's got to be bad news for the Enterprise gang.

## "The Real Inspector Hound" a clever play within a play



Matt Moore and Jenea Yergler in "The Real Inspector Hound" at Stage West.

JOHN-MARK DAY  
Skiff Staff

When you enter the theater to see Stage West's production of "The Real Inspector Hound," be careful not to trip over the dead body lying on the floor. That's just the beginning of things to watch out for in this confusing but very clever production by the same author who wrote Shakespeare in Love.

The play itself is the story of two theater critics who are reviewing an Agatha Christie-style murder mystery and find themselves caught up in the action. Literally.

The two critics, played by Ashley Wood and Gary Taggart, spend more time initially ruminating about their respective lives than watching the show they are to critique. This can lead to some very long, wordy monologues, but pays off in the end. The two are nicely matched for this; Taggart's humorous simplicity does well to set off Wood's bitter cynicism.

Much of the humor comes from the hilariously bad play the two are to be reviewing.

Fans of Agatha Christie, Sherlock Holmes, or any of the other classic mystery novels and plays will highly enjoy this witty send up of the genre. The cast joyfully chews through the scenery showing just how bad acting can be.

Debbie Dacus (Cynthia) gestures and walk are hilarious, as is Erin McGrann's (Mrs. Drudge) deadpan servant who exists only as walking exposition. Randy Clements (Magnus) and Lynn Mathis (Inspector Hound) yell their way through the show, giving loud force to their characters. Jenea Yergler's Felicity is the classic socialite, so pouty and obnoxious one hopes she is the first to die. And TCU student Matt Moore makes a great handsome young stranger. Only good actors could be this bad and be so funny at it.

After the first half of the show, the two critics end up on the stage and quite confused. This is very funny, but could have used a little more energy from the cast. One would guess, though, that the lack of energy was due more to the Saturday matinee preview crowd than the cast. The groundwork is there, and

with more energy the ending could be killer (pardon the pun).

Because the show is short (about an hour, with no intermission), the audience is invited into the coffee shop next door where the cast reappears to perform period songs. This is well worth sticking around for. The company certainly wasn't cast for its singing ability, but the actors have a lot of fun trying. This (and the \$1 coffee, way cheaper than any Starbucks) makes the show an ideal date.

"The Real Inspector Hound" is very clever and very British. Don't expect to leave the theater knowing exactly what happened, but you can expect a funny, well put-together show.

"The Real Inspector Hound" runs until March 23 at Stage West, 3055 South University Drive. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets range from \$9 to \$22, depending on the day, with a \$5 student rush a half hour before the show starts. For more information call Stage West at (817) 784-9378.

## Taking a break... without breaking the bank

### How to get away at the last minute... cheap

BY DAVID REESE  
Staff Reporter

TCU students are no different than other college students when it comes down to money or the lack of it. Many students, when looking down the barrel of a lonely spring break, locked in their residence halls or apartments, can just jump in their car and drive somewhere without spending a fortune. Sure, most students travel to exotic or exciting cities like Cancun, Acapulco, Las Vegas or

South Padre Island, but those with little cash in their wallets could find some interesting sites around the state as well as the city of Fort Worth.

In the end, if you are truly broke or just a complete cheap skate, just stay in your own dorm room or apartment and travel around the Dallas-Fort Worth area for just the cost of gas and personal expenses. Fort Worth has an incredible zoo as well as the Amon Carter Museum, Bass Hall and the Stockyards.

## Houston

### Space Center Houston

The Space Center Houston is a training ground for future astronauts. As a visitor you will be able to see these future space travelers in action as well as a real spacecraft and simulated space walks. Admission is \$15.95 per person.

### The Galleria

Arguably one of the biggest and best malls in Texas, this shopping establishment includes an ice rink as well as shops such as Fendi, Gucci, Armani Exchange and Versace.

### Houston Rockets

While in Houston, do not forget to get a glimpse at the Compaq Center where you can see the Houston Rockets in action. During spring break, the Rockets will play the Utah Jazz as well as the Seattle SuperSonics. Ticket prices range between \$10 to \$700.

### Attractions

Six Flags Astroworld/  
WaterWorld — \$37.99 per person

### Accommodations

Holiday Inn — \$63.96 per night  
La Quinta Inn & Suites Galleria — \$69.95 per night

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## San Antonio

### The River Walk or Paseo del Rio

Cobblestone walkways allow the visitors to walk to all of the unique restaurants, nightclubs and shops at river level. All types of trees, plants and flowers border the river. River cruises are available around the three mile River Walk.

### The Alamo

The Alamo, arguably the most famous site in Texas, gained notoriety when 189 defenders fell on March 6, 1863 after 13 days of siege by the Mexican General Santa Anna's army. The Alamo was first established in



1718 as the city's first mission. The museum's hours are from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday; admission is free.

### Sunset Station

Sunset Station, originally built in 1902 as a train station, is now the home of many culturally diverse restaurants, entertainment and night-life. There is traditional Mexican cuisine as well as country and Latin music venues.

### Attractions

Seaworld — \$36.99 for adults  
Six Flags Fiesta Texas — \$35.99 for adults

### Accommodations

Microtel Inn & Suites — \$59 per night  
Ramada Limited (Northwest/Six Flags) — \$69.99 per night

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## Austin



### Texas State Capitol

The Capitol of Texas is located in Austin. Historical sites, special exhibitions and guided tours are all available on your visit to the state capitol. Tours are every 15 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Museum

The most visited presidential library of the nine, it includes a library of 45 million historical documents as well as public exhibits of the Johnson Presidential administration.

### Live Music in Austin

Austin, known as the Live Music Capitol of the World, has over 120 music venues as well as 1,000 musicians living within the city. Every genre is accounted for including jazz, country, folk and many more within the main two districts: 6th Street and the Warehouse District. Music fans can walk from bar to bar listening to music on the street.

### Attractions

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum — \$5 for exhibit areas  
Austin Museum of Art — \$2 for students

### Accommodations

Econo Lodge — \$70.20 per night  
Quality Inn (Central) — \$43.20

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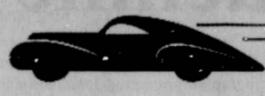
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# Therapeutic cloning suggests power to treat disease

BY DANIEL Q. HANEY  
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — For the first time, scientists say they have used the ethically sensitive technology of therapeutic cloning to repair an inherited disease in a lab animal.

While still far from human use, experts say this demonstrates the potential power of the approach to correct many common ills that affect people.

Most of the steps in the work have already been accomplished individually in lab animals. Scientists have used so-called therapeutic cloning to make embryonic stem cells that can develop into many dif-

ferent kinds of tissue, such as muscle or nerves. But until now, they have not been put back into an animal to treat a disease.

The experiments involved repairing an immune system defect in mice. First, they made clones of the animals to harvest embryonic stem cells. Next, they fixed the genetic defect in these stem cells. Finally they put the repaired stem cells into the adult animals, where they partially overturned the immune defect.

"This really is a tremendous confluence of very, very challenging technology, wrapping them all together into a model therapy," said Dr. George Daley. "We are the first

to do this all the way."

The experiments were conducted by Daley and Rudolf Jaenisch at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass. Two reports on the work were to be posted online Friday by the journal Cell.

"Putting it all together in sequence is dramatic," said Dr. Neil Theise, a stem cell biologist at New York University. "The fact they are doing it in a model of a human disease is very canny, and certainly this will have a big impact on the public debate."

Therapeutic cloning starts with cells derived from test-tube embryos that are genetic twins of the recipient. Many, including President Bush

and some members of Congress, are opposed to cloning of all forms, including the therapeutic variety.

Some scientists, including Daley, have proposed calling the procedure "nuclear transplantation therapy" to avoid confusion with reproductive cloning, which is intended to produce a whole person.

The latest experiments were conducted on inbred mice that had severe immune deficiency because of a genetic defect that prevented them from manufacturing antibodies

in response to infections.

The researchers started with skin cells from the adult mice's tails. Then they removed the nucleus from a mouse egg and replaced it with a nucleus from one of the skin cells.

In a lab dish, the egg grew into a blastocyst, an embryo containing about 100 cells, including embryonic stem cells.

Unlike stem cells in adult creatures, which are generally programmed to produce just one kind of tissue, the embry-

onic stem cells can potentially grow into anything.

Since the embryonic stem cells were genetically identical to the immune deficient mice, they carried the same genetic defect. So the scientist used gene therapy to fix the bad gene and then put the stem cells into the animals.

The goal was to give them stem cells that would make healthy blood cells. The process worked, although not totally. Disease fighting cells known as B cells and T cells ordinarily make up about 40 percent of the animals' blood. After the experiment, they comprised about 3 percent.

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— Neil Theise

## POLICY

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Currently, those who file a grievance must present their case to the Executive Committee and a Hearing Committee, which King said is rarely used and has not assembled in some years.

"We feel by eliminating the step, we are streamlining the process," King said. "Another aspect of it,

personally, is that I feel the Executive Committee should be above the process."

The Faculty Senate will discuss the proposal and vote on it April 4, said chairwoman Carolyn Spence Cagle. If it passes, the grievance policy will be submitted to the provost's office and the academic deans for approval, she said.

In other business, Mike Sacken, chairman of the University Evaluation Committee and an education

professor, introduced the new campus-wide teacher evaluation survey, called Student Perception of Teaching, to the Faculty Senate Thursday that will eliminate the 13 different versions presently used.

Sacken said all professors will be evaluated by the form. Tenured faculty used to be able to choose if they handed out the form.

The new survey has 13 questions, 11 of which are answered on a four point scale ranging from "strongly

disagree" to "strongly agree." Additional space is left for students to write in specific answers. The survey also has two open-ended questions asking how the course could be modified and another asking for additional comments.

The Common Undergraduate Experience will be the topic of discussion when the Faculty Senate meets March 21.

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## HOUSING

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no way of knowing additional information about the hold, including the amount due, she said. Students will be directed to Financial Services for further information, she said.

Students wanting to move into the apartments from other campus housing facilities must also be current on their account if they want to take part in the lottery on March 21 for available spaces, Baker said.

Other students will face the same situation April 1-4 when hall sign-ups for all other dormitories take place, Baker said.

"We are not trying to punish students who have not paid their accounts," Baker said. "We're doing our best to inform everyone in as

many ways possible so we don't have panicked students when they get back from Spring Break."

Baker said efforts to inform students included a campus wide e-mail from Financial Services, mass phone calls from hall directors warning residents and letters to the families of students informing them of the policy change eight weeks ago.

Edward Adams, a junior history major said the new policy came as a surprise to him.

"I understand where they (Financial Services) are coming from with demanding payment at the beginning of the semester," he said. "But I think demanding a paid account and an advance housing payment at the same time is a financial burden for students."

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## YATES

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7-year-old Noah, 5-year-old John and 6-month-old Mary. Charges could be filed later in the deaths of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2. She faces life in prison or the death penalty if convicted.

Defense attorneys are trying to show Yates didn't know right from wrong last June 20 when she drowned her children.

Dietz, who has testified in other high-profile trials such as the Unabomber and South Carolina child killer Susan Smith, was among rebuttal witnesses presented by prosecutors Thursday.

Earlier, a store owner who sells home-schooling materials for parents said she saw Yates' demeanor

change quickly last year when she asked Yates about having more children. Terry Arnold said she became friendly with Yates in the months before the killings.

"I felt like I hit a sore subject," Arnold said. "There was a change in her demeanor very quickly. It was just sadness. I thought she was going to cry."

Arnold said she first met the Yates family early last year and perceived Yates as a loving mother. A couple of weeks before the killings, however, Yates seemed disheartened.

The defense rested its case Wednesday. Several defense witnesses contended Yates believed by killing her children she would save them from hell and eliminate Satan from the world when she was executed.

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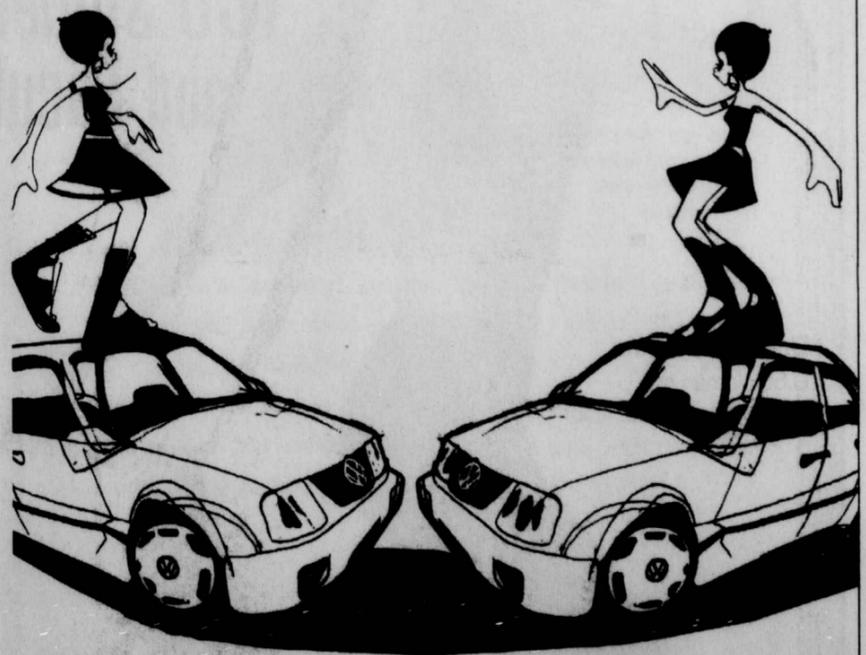
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# Legislation passed by House to spark business growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ending months of gridlock on recession relief, the House overwhelmingly passed legislation Thursday combining tax cuts intended to spark business growth and a 13-week extension of benefits for millions of unemployed people.

Before the 417-3 vote, Senate Democrats said they would not stand in the way, and the White House said President Bush would sign the measure into law. Three previous economic stimulus bills passed by the Republican-led House that contained much bigger tax cuts have languished in the Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said he hoped to put the measure to a vote quickly. Aides indicated that could occur as early as Friday assuming no last-minute snags.

"The Senate needs to act and get the bill to my desk, and I look forward to signing it," Bush said at the White House. "We've had too much non-movement on this important issue, and it's time to go."

Daschle, D-S.D., said, "I am very pleased they have chosen to

follow a path that many of us were suggesting long ago."

Added House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.: "We think this is the right prescription."

The House vote coincided with a Capitol Hill appearance by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who gave a more upbeat economic forecast than he had a week earlier.

Given the size of the U.S. economy, Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee, the relatively modest stimulus package would have little impact on recession recovery.

"I doubt very much that the economy, if it didn't get a stimulus, would sag," Greenspan said.

Proponents, however, said it would aid sectors of the economy that need it, including manufacturing and high-tech companies. It may not help a whole lot, but it will not hurt," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif.

The legislation would pump \$51 billion into the economy this year, \$43 billion next year and \$29 billion in 2004, congressional analysts

say. Its total cost over 10 years is about \$42 billion, because some tax breaks would generate government revenue in later years.

The measure would extend regular 26-week jobless benefits by 13 weeks and allow for additional automatic extensions in states with high unemployment rates.

Many lawmakers were nervous in an election year about failing to act on lengthening the benefits before Monday, six months since the Sept. 11 attacks that also worsened the economic slide. Daschle said about 1.6 million people have seen their unemployment benefits expire since the attacks.

For businesses, the measure provides an immediate 30 percent depreciation write-off over each of the next three years for new investments, and a more generous way to deduct losses from taxes paid in previous years. Both items, supporters said, would right away spur business activity and enable companies to hire more workers. The three votes against the measure all came from "Blue Dog" Democrats who advocate a cautious fiscal approach: Reps. Alan Boyd of Florida, Gene Taylor of Mississippi and Charles Stenholm of Texas.

*"I am very pleased they have chosen to follow a path that many of us were suggesting long ago."*

— Tom Daschle

## PARKING

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kept receiving tickets for parking their cars in fire lanes to drop off or pick up things.

"You just can't park in fire lanes or we have to give tickets," McGee said.

Meme Bass, a freshman premajor, said it's convenient to park out front, run in the sorority house to put something away and leave again.

Emily Newman, a freshman premajor, said she uses the loading zones when moving in and out of her sorority house.

"It's so nice to move your things

in and be able to park in loading zones," said Newman.

Hudson said there is no committee working on this project, but as a representative of the student body she hears the need for loading zones to be removed.

Liz Deening, a sophomore psychology major, said there is no point in having loading zones.

"It's a waste of perfectly good parking space," she said. "It's not safe, considering the car break-ins and the rapes, to walk across the parking lot at night."

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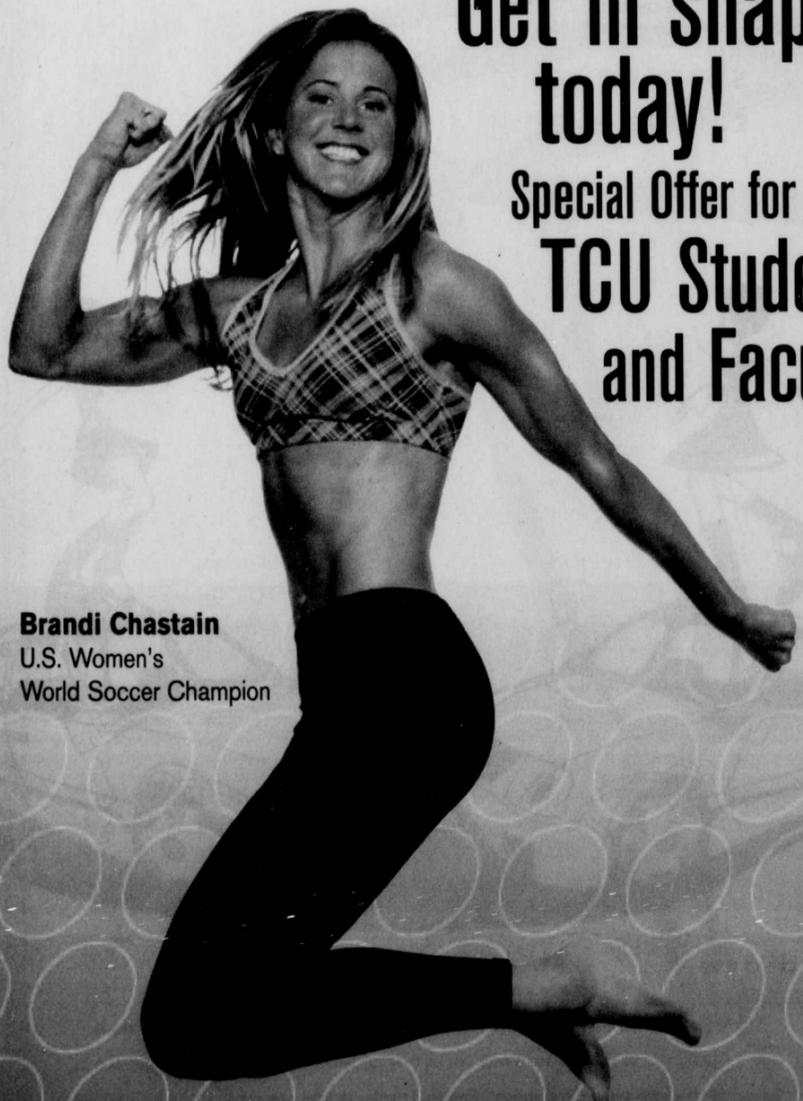
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- Rotisserie chicken
- Confetti rice
- Acorn squash
- Vegetable blend
- Sweet Cornbread
- Chef choice salad

DINNER

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

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

- Roast beef
- Vegetable stir fry
- Steamed rice
- Carrots
- Corn
- Hot cobbler
- Hamburger
- Grilled chicken sandwich
- French fries
- Onion rings
- Chicken strips

DINNER

- Hamburger
- Grilled chicken sandwich
- French fries
- Onion rings
- Chicken strips

## Today's Funnies

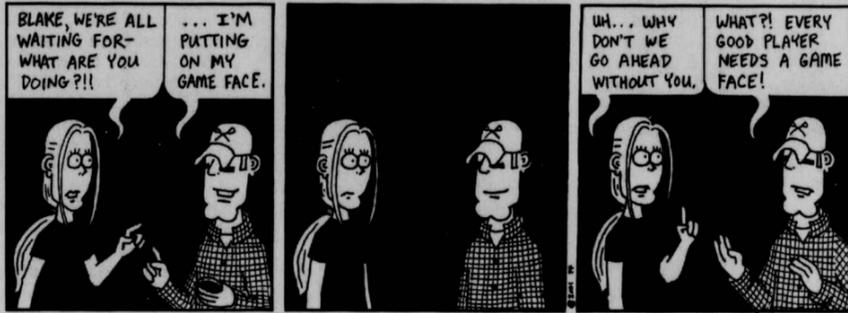
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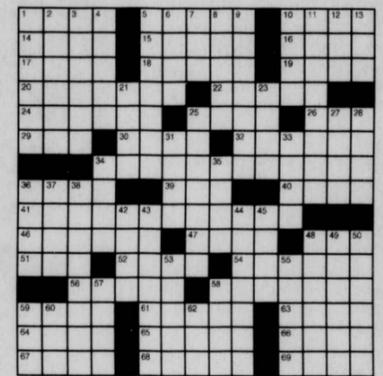


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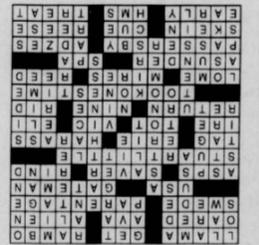
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- 10 Box to train
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- 15 Played over
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- 18 Right to decide
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- 22 Not quite sober
- 24 Movie category
- 25 Rational
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- 46 Earnings
- 47 Exploiter
- 48 Glasgow boy
- 51 Symbol in WWW addresses
- 52 News bit
- 54 Early prison release
- 56 Extreme
- 58 Skunk
- 59 Naked buddy
- 61 Zeal
- 63 Taxi charge
- 64 Complex ion damage
- 65 Black of country music
- 66 Park trees
- 67 Computer nerd
- 68 Hits the keyboard
- 69 Take ten



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### Thursday's Solutions



- 6 Tilt to one side
- 7 Snoop
- 8 " - la vista, baby!"
- 9 Applies oils to
- 10 Back talk
- 11 Recreation buddy
- 12 Inquire
- 13 Caviar
- 21 Fly alone
- 23 Mountain tip
- 25 Breastbone
- 27 Large amount
- 28 Try out
- 31 Gin cocktail flavoring
- 33 "Magic Mountain" author
- 34 Tint again
- 35 Spectrum hues
- 36 Crossword
- 37 Why me?
- 38 Pensive piano piece
- 42 Leave out
- 43 Take away (from)
- 44 Study papers
- 45 Spoken
- 48 Tale setting
- 49 Startles
- 50 Loathe
- 53 " - to bed..."
- 55 Allude (to)
- 57 Soup veggie
- 58 Corn concoction
- 59 Pouch
- 60 Hole in one
- 62 Quick swim

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## The Sideline

### Frogs gear up for NCAA Indoor Championships

The TCU track team is in action this weekend as it gears up for its last event of the indoor season.

Five Flyin' Frogs will participate in the NCAA Indoor Championships this weekend at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Participants in the field will be sophomore Michael Frater and junior Monica Twum in the 60 meters, senior Eliud Njubi in the mile, junior Brandal Lawrence in the triple jump and freshman Cleavon Dillon in the long jump.

### Marquette makes third win over Louisville this season

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cordell Henry wouldn't let himself get trapped.

The slick point guard scored 24 points and repeatedly darted through Louisville's full-court press for soft jumpers and layups, steadying No. 13 Marquette (25-5) to an 84-76 victory Thursday in the Conference USA tournament.

Louisville (18-12) erased most of an 18-point deficit by going to its press, forcing Henry to dribble the length of the floor through a dizzying array of traps.

Soaked with sweat and gulping breaths, Marquette's best ball handler hit a pair of floating jumpers down the stretch to finish off the Golden Eagles' third win over Louisville this season.

"When you're in a game, you can't think about fatigue," Henry said. "You have to play above everything else. I just tried to get into the lane and make something happen."

Henry played 39 minutes, grabbing rest a few seconds at a time, and had only two turnovers in a repeat performance. He scored 23 points and had only two turnovers in 35 minutes of a 75-63 win over Louisville on Feb. 16.

"We gave it everything we had, and it wasn't enough," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "Their point guard probably gave us more trouble than anyone else this season."

### Memphis never stopped the Cougars' patient offense

CINCINNATI (AP) — Marcus Oliver scored a career-high 26 points Thursday and Houston hit just enough free throws in the closing minutes to upset Memphis 80-74 in the Conference USA tournament.

The Cougars (18-13) will play No. 13 Marquette in the semifinals on Friday, their third game in three days.

Memphis (22-9) never led and never figured out how to stop the Cougars' patient, highly accurate offense, which shot 55.6 percent from the field and pulled away at the free-throw line.

Houston scored its last 14 points from the line, hitting 14-of-24 in the final 3:57 to keep Memphis at bay.

It was a stunning loss for Memphis, which nearly won the regular-season championship on Cincinnati's court last Sunday. The Bearcats pulled it out in overtime, leaving Memphis with a No. 3 seed and a first-round bye in the tournament.

### Marty Turco remains the starting goalie for the Stars

IRVING (AP) — Marty Turco is still the starting goalie for the Dallas Stars.

Dallas coach Rick Wilson said Thursday that Turco will make his fourth straight start Friday night against Minnesota.

The Stars have won four straight games, a streak that began after Turco replaced Ed Belfour — the Stars goalie for the 1999 Stanley Cup championship — in the first period of a 4-3 overtime win at Vancouver Feb. 28.

Turco has stopped 96-of-102 shots since, and was named the NHL's player of the week Monday after consecutive victories over division leaders Colorado and San Jose. Before that, his last start was Jan. 21.

In a 3-2 overtime win over Los Angeles on Wednesday night, Turco stopped 24 shots. That tied Dallas with the Kings for second place in the Pacific Division with 71 points, three behind San Jose.

# Lady Frogs await NCAA seeding



Freshman post player Sandora Irvin makes a power move toward the basket against Southern Miss. Feb. 8 Irvin and the rest of the women's basketball program will tune in on Sunday for "Selection Show" at 5 p.m. to find out where they will travel and how they will be seeded in the NCAA Tournament.

BY DANNY GILLHAM  
Skiff Staff

This Sunday, expect members of the TCU women's basketball team to have their eyes glued to the television at the John Justin Athletic Center.

That is when the Lady Frogs will learn their seeding in the NCAA Tournament. The Women's Basketball Selection Show will broadcast live on ESPN starting at 5 p.m.

Despite losing in the semifinals of the Conference USA Tournament to Tulane 80-76, head coach Jeff Mittie said he still believes they have not dropped off very far from where they were.

"The loss didn't help (seeding)," Mittie said. "Anytime you take a loss and you're not in that championship game, it can hurt you. I think we had the potential to be a No. 5 seed, and people were saying 5-6. I think it will be a 6-7 now."

Mittie said Tulane is a team he believes will be in the tournament, and that losing to a quality team does not hurt the team as much.

A few Web sites have reported where the Lady Frogs might end up. Collegerpi.com has the team as a No. 6 seed in the West, and playing No. 11 Clemson in Columbia, S.C.

Womenscollegehoops.com has the TCU women as a No. 8 seed, but no other details were given.

Mittie said the NCAA is trying

to keep teams as close to home as they possibly can. The women have the possibility of playing in Waco, less than two hours from the TCU campus, he said.

"There is a possibility of that (Waco)," Mittie said. "I think with the regionalization of our tournament, they are trying to keep teams more in their region. That, however, doesn't mean it will be that close. It could be Waco, or at Texas (Austin). We could also be back in Shreveport, La., and Oklahoma is another possibility."

Freshman post player Sandora Irvin said that the challenge of a top-ranked team would be fun, but it really does not matter who they play.

"It really doesn't matter where we are seeded at," Irvin said. "I'm really just happy to be in it. I would like to play somebody like a Tennessee or a UConn, but it really doesn't matter who we play because we are going to play hard."

In Chicago at the conference tournament, the team appeared to have a couple of its weaknesses exposed. Mittie had the team work out some of those kinks during practices this week.

"I think we played extremely hard, and I don't think we overlooked Tulane," Mittie said. "I think what the game did was expose a couple of weaknesses. We have not rebounded as well, and we have to be

a more physical team. I hope we will learn from that game like we have other games."

Irvin said the loss to Tulane was a learning experience.

"We are basically taking the loss, and trying to get better," Irvin said. "We're working hard in practice and everybody's communicating better. I think we are ready."

Last year, the Lady Frogs made the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history. As a No. 11 seed, the team defeated Penn State in the opening round before losing to Louisiana Tech in the second round. Four of the five starters on this year's team played significant minutes in last year's tournament run.

Mittie said he wants those players to bring insight from that experience to the new players.

"I think they (the freshmen) can grow on the experience," Mittie said. "I think they can grow off the success of the tournament and how we approached that tournament. I believe this time of the year, you have to be a loose and dangerous basketball team. That's what we are trying to sell to our players. If you can play loose, free and hard, that makes any team dangerous."

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## Opening week ends in sloppy play

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Head coach Gary Patterson said he wanted to end the first week of spring practice going into Spring Break on a positive note. However, coaches don't always get what they wish for.

Thursday's afternoon scrimmage was highlighted by sloppy play, fumbles and a couple of scuffles between players.

Patterson said he was happy with the overall week of practice but added that the team ended its scrimmage looking "very out of sync."

"(Wednesday) we were running good and tackling and not turning the ball over," Patterson said. "(Thursday) was like it was the first scrimmage ever for some of these guys."

Patterson attributed some of the poor play on defense to the fact that two of the safeties were out. Starting weak safety Marvin Godbolt is out two weeks with a back injury and current second-string Flander Malone had his bell rung and sat out most of the scrimmage.

Patterson said there were still some good signs on which to build following the break. He said the team is running the ball better than last year because it has more experience and chemistry with which to work.

Patterson also said this team is improving because there's a lot more continuity than last year in terms of returning players and a more solidified coaching staff.

"The coaching staff is working out really good for us," he said. "This year everybody has been here at least a year except just two of us."

Practice will resume March 19 after Spring Break, and the spring game will be played April 6.

### News and Notes

Senior-to-be quarterback Sean Stillely is displaying his leadership and throwing with a lot of accuracy. Early on, he seems to be distancing himself from the younger quarterbacks.

Wide receiver LaTarence Dunbar is being experimented with at free safety as well now. When you add in his special teams play, he may never get to see the bench. Patterson said he won't know until the fall the extent to which Dunbar will be able to contribute on defense, but added that, "he's the type of player you want to see on the field as much as possible."

Team strengths appear to be at wide receiver and defensive line. At wide receiver, Dunbar returns with last year's receptions leader Adrian Madise. Terran Williams returns and has looked very good while providing a deep threat with his speed. Also, former starter Kevin Brown is healthy again and redshirt freshman Reggie Harrell will be expected to contribute.

The defensive line is led by interior line-

men John Turntine and Chad Pugh. Patterson said he sees the line as the team's strength once defensive end Bo Schobel is healthy opposite Bobby Pollard on the left side of the line.

Look for linebacker LaMarcus McDonald to have another huge season. He has gained nearly 15 pounds of muscle without losing speed and also serves as a vocal leader for the defense.

Patterson said they will probably not replace the Marshall game with another team and keep an 11-game schedule. Patterson said he would like to play a 12th game but said an extra week of rest will do the team good next season.



Wide receiver LaTarence Dunbar catches a pass at the GalleryFurniture.com Bowl game in December. Dunbar saw some action of the defensive side during the first week of spring practice.

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## Frogs ready to rip Baylor

BY RAM LUTHRA  
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The men's tennis team will not spend its Spring Break in the sand at the beach. Instead, the Horned Frogs will be confronted with a barrage of Hurricanes and later in the week a pack of Bears.

TCU, ranked No. 34, (5-3) will play the Miami Hurricanes, ranked No. 39, (4-3) at 1 p.m. today and will travel to play regional-rival Baylor Bears ranked No. 8, (9-0) 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Head coach Joey Rive said the highlight over the break will be the match against Baylor.

"This is a great opportunity for our team," Rive said. "The sight is set on Baylor. Our guys know that is a big match against an undefeated Top 10 team."

Senior and team captain Daniel Wajnberg said the Baylor match has been a priority from the beginning of the season.

"This match has been circled on our calendars for quite some time," Wajnberg said. "This was one of our goals coming into the season."

"This is a team that we really don't like much, and they are probably a true rival, so we will be playing with a lot of energy and determination against Baylor," Wajnberg said.

Wajnberg said the team has a good chance to hand Baylor its first loss on the season. Playing in Waco will give them an advantage also, he said.

"Playing over there will give us a boost and even more reason to beat

them," Wajnberg said. "We have played them so many times that we know what to expect so you can throw everything else out. It is simply going to be a battle."

With so much attention focused on the Bears, TCU is not ignoring the match against Miami, Rive said.

"We know Baylor is key for us, but we are trying to play even match with the same mentality," Rive said. "We will certainly not look past Miami. They are a team just like us looking at the records and rankings."

Freshman Fabrizio Sestini, ranked No. 51 in the nation, will probably play at the No. 1 singles position in the matches over Spring Break, Rive said. He is 8-4 overall and has won five of the past six singles matches.

The Horned Frogs are coming off a victory against No. 67-ranked Furman, 6-1, at home. In the match, TCU dropped its match at the No. 1 spot, while capturing the rest of the matches in the other slots.

Rive said they team will use the break as a time to rest and take some time off from school.

"We will take the weekend off after the Miami match," Rive said. "The team is not having any problems with injuries, but the time off will provide them some relaxation. During the past couple of weeks, the guys have been busy studying for exams and have been a bit tired so they can catch up on some sleep."

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## Miami Dolphins closer to acquiring RB Williams from Saints

### Trade could include two first round picks

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — The Miami Dolphins made progress Thursday in their bid to acquire running back Ricky Williams, senior vice president Rick Spielman said. But New Orleans Saints officials left town without a deal.

Saints general manager Randy Mueller and coach Jim Haslett were in Coral Gables to attend an NFL draft workout for University of Miami players. Following the

session, Mueller and Spielman met for more than half an hour.

The trade would involve Williams and draft picks, including potentially Miami's first-round choice this year and next.

"There are a few tweaks we made here and there," Spielman said. "We came to a happy medium on some things. There's still some work to get done."

Before flying back to New Orleans, Mueller said a deal wasn't certain.

"I don't know," he said. "There are still some things that both sides would want to agree on if we did it. I can't say if it will happen or not."

Mueller said the Cleveland

Browns, who had also talked to the Saints about trading for the 1998 Heisman Trophy winner, have dropped out of the negotiations.

"Right now we're to the point where it's us and Miami that are talking," Mueller said. Negotiations will continue Friday, he said.

The Dolphins have offered their first- and fourth-round picks this year, and a conditional third-round choice in 2003 that could become a first-rounder depending on how Williams performs. In exchange they want Williams and New Or-

leans' third-round pick this year.

The Saints are reluctant to part with a draft pick — and they say they'd be content to keep Williams.

"We have a good player," Mueller said.

"If he plays for us, we're happy. If he doesn't, we'll get better as a team. I guess it's win-win."

Williams, who set the NCAA career rushing record at Texas, was the No. 5 pick in the 1999 draft and has topped 1,000 yards the past two seasons, including 1,245 in 2001. But he says he hasn't hit it off with

Haslett, who became the Saints' coach last year.

New Orleans took running back Deuce McAllister in the first round of the draft a year ago.

Williams would give the Dolphins their best running threat since the 1970s, before Dan Marino turned them into a passing team.

Miami is also awaiting a decision by two-time Pro Bowl center Olin Kreutz, who flew home to Hawaii on Thursday following a two-day visit with the Dolphins. His agent, Mark Bartelstein, said Kreutz will likely decide Friday whether to accept a free-agent offer from Miami or re-sign with the Chicago Bears.

— Randy Mueller