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Today's News

NATIONAL NEWS

LOS ANGELES — The trial of two San Francisco attorneys in the dog mauling death of a neighbor went to the jury Tuesday after the judge threatened to jail a defense attorney for an improper objection.

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OnCampus

Chancellor Ferrari amused by satirical newsletter

A satirical newsletter called "The Sniff" got plenty of chuckles around campus Tuesday, some of which came from an unlikely place. The Chancellor's Office.

The publication, which was placed in TCU Daily Skiff newsstands in a handful of buildings across campus, featured a fictional story in which Chancellor Michael Ferrari was arrested at a "pot party" and "was leading partygoers through an a cappella version of Bob Marley's 'Buffalo Soldiers.'"

Despite being the butt of the joke, Ferrari said he took it in good spirit.

"It is rather humorous," Ferrari said. "It showed a fair deal of creativity."

Ferrari said no plans are in the works to discipline the author or authors, which were unnamed in the newsletter.

It was not known exactly how many copies of "The Sniff" were distributed.

Efforts to contact the authors through e-mail by press time were unsuccessful.

— Brandon Ortiz

Researchers say cancer drug may combat HIV

STANFORD, Calif. (U-WIRE) — Researchers at the Stanford Medical Center have discovered that a drug used to treat cancer — called Gd-Tex — may also be effective in combating HIV. The drug could help AIDS patients by targeting HIV-infected cells, without harming healthy cells that defend the body against disease.

Stanford University researchers have found that low doses of Gd-Tex — or motexafin gadolinium — kill HIV-infected CD4+ T-cells, while still leaving healthy ones intact.

Gd-Tex is currently undergoing clinical trials in brain cancer research. In radiation treatment of cancer, Gd-Tex has been shown to cause glutathione levels to drop.

The Stanford Positive Care Clinic is coordinating with the Herzenbergs and Pharmacyclics to begin clinical trials in HIV patients.

— The Stanford Daily

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theWeather

THURSDAY

High: 65; Low: 38; Sunny

FRIDAY

High: 60; Low: 42; Partly cloudy

LookingBack

1953 — Nikita Khrushchev was selected Secretariat of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union.

1992 — America Online went public, offering its stock at \$11.50 a share.

Editor's Note

The publication of the TCU Daily Skiff was delayed Tuesday because of a production problem. The Skiff regrets any inconvenience to its readers and advertisers.

Law changes graduate school admissions

Legislation intends to boost minority admission rates

BY LAURA MCFARLAND
Staff Reporter

Kelly Shallock, a senior speech pathology major, always knew that experiences people have when they are children impact the rest of their lives. She just never imagined it could affect her admission into a graduate school program.

"Your childhood is important because it shapes who you become, but you're applying right now, not back then," Shallock said.

According to a state law passed in June, public graduate schools in Texas may now consider 11 new factors when deciding graduate admissions and scholarship, including responsibilities as far back as elementary school and a person's socioeconomic background.

The intent of the new law, which went into effect Sept. 1, is to make it easier for students, especially

(More on ADMISSIONS, page 6)

Admission Changes

According to a state law, Texas graduate schools may now consider 11 new criteria as factors in admissions and scholarship decisions instead of basing the decision solely on standardized tests.

Universities may now consider:

1. High school and college academic records.

2. Socioeconomic background during elementary and secondary school and college.
3. Whether the applicant would be the first generation in his or her family to attend or graduate from an undergraduate or graduate program.
4. Proficiency in another language.
5. The applicant's interview.

A giving heart



Daniella Munguia/SKIFF STAFF
Josephine Montelongo, phlebotomist in training, checks on Cat Berry, a senior speech communication major, as she gives blood Monday. Dianna Richardson, team leader for the Carter BloodCare blood drive, said they will be on campus through Thursday.

Nursing students take course to new level

Health fair organized to help low income school

BY DAVID REESE
Staff Reporter

Senior-level students in the Harris School of Nursing will present a health fair, "Spring Into Good Health," at Our Mother of Mercy School in Fort Worth today.

Deb McLachlan, nursing professor, said the health fair was designed by senior nursing students Leslie Boykin, Amanda Fulton, Deana Harbach, Hillary Hardy and Asha White.

She said they planned the program as their semester project in

their senior level community health nursing course.

"The mission of the community health nursing course is to educate student nurses to provide nursing care to groups of persons in the community," said McLachlan.

Fulton, a senior nursing major, said the community health nursing course has approximately 35 to 40 students.

She said the nursing students are broken into groups of about five to six to work on their individual projects.

McLachlan said the student nurses assessed the health needs of the school community by surveying and interviewing the students, teachers and principal.

"This education (community health nursing) is critical to the nursing profession as we need

nurses to work with individuals, families and groups in the community to assist them in preserving, protecting and promoting health," said McLachlan.

Fulton said Our Mother of Mercy School is located at 1009 E. Terrell Ave. in a lower income neighborhood.

She said the school is supported by the Catholic church but only 20 of the 204 pre-kindergarten through 8th grade students or approximately 9.8 percent of the total population are Catholic.

McLachlan said the health fair is open to the entire student body as well as teachers and staff.

Fulton said the fair will begin at 8:30 a.m. with four booths set up about animal safety, washing hands, first aid/home alone and weather safety.

She said after lunch the Fort Worth Fire Department will give a demonstration on fire safety.

"My nursing students have collaborated and worked in conjunction with the American Red Cross, Fort Worth Police and Fire departments and Animal Services," said McLachlan.

— Deb McLachlan

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Sodexo safety up to par

Internal study shows food service meets safety requirements

BY KAMI LEWIS
Staff Reporter

Sodexo food services passed an internal audit of food safety with a score of 91 out of 100, said Rick Flores, general manager of Food Services.

"The passing score for the Tarrant County Health Authority is 75, but for Sodexo the minimum is 85," Flores said. "It's a measure of Sodexo's commitment to food safety that they raised the standards within the company nationwide."

The February audit reviewed food safety records with the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point, a system adopted by Sodexo to track food as it is prepared, Flores said.

Flores said HACCP was originally designed as a program to make sure food the astronauts were served was completely safe and has slowly been accepted as an industry standard.

"It tracks food all the way from the farm or slaughterhouse to the vendor until it comes in our door," he said.

Once the food is on site, the temperature is monitored and recorded as it is prepared during each shift, Flores said. The records are kept for one year in the event there is ever a problem concerning food safety, he said.

Flores said points were deducted for training verification records that were not available, a log for calibrating thermometers that wasn't updated and an improper sanitizer level in a bucket used for washing off tables in The Main.

Flores said he is happy with the results of the audit.

"The score shows that we have concerned and well-trained employees who have safety on the forefront of their minds," Flores said. "Food preparation can be very harmful when it's done improperly, and even one incident is not worth having."

Flores said to his knowledge, Sodexo Alliance has not had problems with food safety.

According to the corporate Web

(More on SODEXHO, page 6)

Heavy rains, thunderstorms plunge into Lone Star State

Associated Press

Heavy rains and thunderstorms poured over most parts of Texas on Tuesday, causing rising waters in North Texas. Fort Worth firefighters responded to numerous high water rescues.

A mobile home park in Haltom City was evacuated as floodwaters from a nearby creek approached the residences.

There were no immediate reports of injuries as the storms rolled through the state in waves.

Excessive runoff from the storms that pounded the state caused flooding

of small creeks and streams in Denton and Tarrant counties. In urban areas of the counties, highways, streets and underpasses also had high waters.

The heavy rains were concentrated between Denton and Grapevine and just west of Benbrook to Granbury. Temperatures ranged from the 50s and 60s.

A tornado watch was issued in the Texas Hill Country and South Central Texas and was in effect until late Tuesday.

The water was reported to be chest-high in some low-water areas of Fort Worth, where the National

Weather Service said about 4.5 inches of rain had fallen by 7:30 p.m.

Lt. Kent Worley, spokesman for the Fort Worth Fire Department, said firefighters responded to 30 rescue calls, but no one was in serious danger.

"People are driving in areas they shouldn't be driving in," Worley said. "People are making the typical mistake of driving in known low water crossing areas."

Mostly cloudy skies are expected Wednesday with a 30 percent chance of rain and temperatures in the high 60s.

Rainy days



Molly Beuerman/SKIFF STAFF
Umbrellas came out for a second day Tuesday as rain continued to fall in Fort Worth. Small creeks and streams in Denton and Tarrant counties flooded. The weather is expected to clear today with a high in the 60s.

THE PULSE

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• **Blood Drive with CarterBlood** will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Thursday in the Student Center. T-shirts and free food are available for donating.

• **The Homecoming Team** is forming. Meetings are 5 p.m. Thursdays in Student Center, Room 203. Send any questions or suggestions to Abby Crawford at (tcuhomecoming2002@hotmail.com).

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

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

• **RTVF film series** will present "National Velvet" 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The 1944 film stars Elizabeth Taylor, Mickey Rooney and Anne Revere. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

• **TCU Jazz Festival** will be Friday and Saturday. The Shelly Berg Trio featuring Bill Watrous will perform 7:30 p.m. Friday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$3 with a TCU ID. The awards concert will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$6 with a TCU ID. For more information call (817) 257-7640.

• **FrogStock 2002** is 4 to 8 p.m. April 3 at Frog Fountain. FrogStock, the first all-campus organizational fair, will feature free barbecue and bands.

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Campus/State Roundup

Russell Yates misses jury duty to appear on TV shows

HOUSTON (AP) — After weeks of attending his wife's capital murder trial, Russell Yates was absent on the one day he was legally obligated to be at the courthouse.

Yates was a no-show for jury duty at the Harris County Courthouse on Monday. He went to New York City instead to appear on NBC's "Today" show in the morning, then flew cross-country for an interview on "Larry King Live" in the evening.

Yates missed his wife's formal sentencing Monday morning and his 12:15 p.m. jury call.

Yates, contacted in Los Angeles as he prepared for the King show, told the *Houston Chronicle* he remembered seeing a jury summons but it slipped his mind.

"I've got piles of papers at home," he said. "I'm lucky I have the electricity on, I've been so busy."

There can be penalties for skipping jury duty but the county seldom hunts people down.

"What's more bizarre is that about three months ago, I got a jury summons for Andrea too," Russell Yates said.

Census shows Hispanic rise not of Mexican ancestry

HOUSTON (AP) — Another round of Census 2000 figures released Wednesday does nothing to quell a debate among Texas demographers over the remarkable jump in the number of Hispanics not of Mexican ancestry.

The latest figures, further ethnic and racial breakdowns of previous short-form results, offer little new general information about Texas. They are more relevant in states with large American Indian populations, which are enumerated in better detail.

In Texas, the numbers are another reminder that nearly two years after the headcount began, demographers still aren't completely sure of the ancestry of about 1.5 million "other Hispanics," or 7 percent of the state's 20.9 million residents.

The short form gave Hispanic respondents only three specific options

for ancestry: Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban. Everything else fell under "other," where people were asked to fill in a blank. However, many are thought to have checked "other" without being specific.

Golfer's \$15,000 artificial limb stolen from vehicle

SPRING (AP) — Someone stole the \$15,000 artificial limb that a golfer known as the "One-Armed Bandit" needs for charity matches.

The custom-made golfing arm was in Larry Alford's sport utility vehicle when it stolen from an apartment complex early Saturday.

"This is pretty serious because it's how I make my living," Alford said. "It's pretty sad that it happened."

No arrests had been made by Tuesday.

Alford, 28, was a promising young amateur golfer before he lost his arm below the elbow 10 years ago in a car wreck. Since then, he has taken on able-bodied golfers in charity fundraising exhibitions around Texas.

RNC invites cities to submit proposals for 2004 convention

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican National Committee invited two dozen cities Tuesday to submit proposals to play host to the party's national convention in 2004.

Cities invited to submit proposals are: Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte, N.C., Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, Tenn., New Orleans, New York, Orlando, Fla., Phoenix, San Antonio, Seattle, St. Louis, St. Paul and Tampa, Fla.

While Minneapolis and St. Paul received separate invitations, they have previously submitted joint proposals.

The Republicans' site selection committee will hold individual meetings with representatives from all invited cities to discuss what they have available or can provide in the way of convention facilities, hotel rooms, security provisions, media work space and other attractions. All proposals must be submitted to the RNC by June 17.

Student arrested in child pornography crackdown

COLLEGE STATION (U-WIRE) — A Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets member was arrested Monday as part of a nationwide crack-down on child pornography that left 89 people incarcerated.

Senior psychology major Stephen Michael Johnston was arrested on charges of conspiracy to transport or distribute child pornography on the Internet. Johnston was one of eight from the Houston area taken into custody as part of an undercover FBI sting called "Operation Candyman."

Bob Wiatt, director of the University Police Department, said Johnston's personal computer was confiscated by the UPD and sent to the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force offices in Houston Dec. 10, 2001.

Johnston was asked Monday to report to UPD offices, where he then surrendered to the police, Wiatt said. He later was transported to FBI offices in Houston.

Eighty-one additional arrests were made Monday in related child pornography cases in 20 states across the nation.

If convicted, Johnston could face five to 15 years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000.

USC adds Hinduism to Religious Life efforts

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — Hinduism is among the oldest religious traditions in the world, but the tradition at the University of Southern California is still in its infancy.

Four years after the creation of the university's first Hindu student group, the Office of Religious Life welcomed its first Hindu leader Monday by inviting the newly appointed Swami Sarvadevananda to conduct a teach-in on Hinduism for its association of campus religious directors.

The addition of Sarvadevananda to the roster of religious directors, is the latest success in Religious Life's efforts to expand the community of student religious groups beyond the establishment traditions of Catholics, Protestants and Jews.

While Hillel and various Christian groups have a long history on college

campuses, it was only recently that Buddhist and Hindu organizations began to form at USC.

In 1997, about a year after she became USC's first Dean of Religious Life, Rabbi Susan Laemmle was becoming increasingly aware of the need to diversify the ranks of student religious groups.

It was this awareness, she said, that helped her to notice the disappointment on the face of an incoming freshman who could not find her faith represented on the list of groups then included in USC's religious opportunities brochure.

As religious director, Sarvadevananda plans to teach a series of eight classes on Hindu philosophy and will be available bi-weekly for counseling as well.

Libraries asked to destroy water supply CD-ROM

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (U-WIRE) — National security measures have extended to the fourth floor of University of Maryland's McKeldin Library. In response to fears of providing information that could be used to orchestrate a biological or chemical attack, the university's library, along with 335 other federal depository libraries, was asked to destroy a CD-ROM about the nation's water supply.

In October the U.S. Geological Survey — the agency that supplied the information on the CD-ROM — asked the Government Printing Office — the agency that distributed the CD-ROM — to order all libraries with the CD-ROM in their collections to destroy it.

"There are a thousand legitimate uses for that data. We just don't want to offer it up on a silver platter," said Butch Kinerney, a spokesman for the USGS.

Since then, the CD-ROM from the Government Documents & Maps collection in McKeldin has been destroyed.

Kinerney said the CD-ROM gave the latitude and longitude of pipes used to obtain the nation's water.

"It provided a roadmap for someone who had criminal intentions to poison our water," he said.

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The Skiff View

IN NEED

Donations should pour in year round

Sept. 11 was a day of great tragedy and mourning. But were people just sitting around, staring at Tom Brokaw and wrestling with intermingling feelings of sadness and anger?

No, people were out making a difference. They felt an overwhelming sense of caring and compassion and felt compelled to go and give blood. After all, other than giving money it was basically the only way we could make a tangible difference in the lives of the survivors of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Blood banks and Sept. 11 charity funds were flooded in the weeks of the aftermath to the point where many blood suppliers even had to ask people to stop giving blood because they just didn't have enough storage capacity for everything being sent to them. The Red Cross even received criticism for allocating Sept. 11 fund donations to other uses.

However, more than six months after the tragedy, the situation has changed substantially. Blood donation centers recommend a 56 day waiting period before donating blood once given. Obviously, more than 56 days have passed since the couple of months following Sept. 11 and donations are now below the averages prior to this past September.

We all felt good about ourselves when we gave blood six months ago, but thousands of people are still in desperate need. Just because they are not hospitalized as the result of a terrorist attack doesn't make them any less deserving of our blood donations.

Alpha Chi Omega is sponsoring a blood drive Tuesday through Thursday in the Student Center and the total donations from yesterday were less than satisfactory. Only 40 people set the 30 minutes aside to donate Tuesday.

Sure, we may not be able to see the difference we make by giving blood now. But that doesn't mean a difference isn't being made and that blood isn't desperately in need.

Is the woman who barely made it out of the World Trade Center more deserving than the girl suffering with hemophilia?

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Student media is an integral part of the higher educational setting. Middle Tennessee State University boasts a student newspaper, a student radio and a student TV station and more, but one of those media programs recently was yanked from the public eye to fix "technical glitches" and policy misunderstandings.

Student television station MTTV-10 no longer will broadcast shows other than the news and specials, according to the station's adviser Bob Pondillo. Pondillo cited persistent technical problems as the main reason for the decision to cancel programming — problems such as a problematic tape deck and certain shows "not up to broadcast quality."

If the major problem is failing equipment, the solution is simple: Fix things. But if the problem is students not having what it takes to produce a good-looking show, the situation becomes a little stickier.

Pondillo also said some of the shows weren't broadcast-worthy. This is no surprise considering the vast majority of students producing TV shows are amateurs just learning the basics. So should those students, who might be learning the ropes, be punished for non-perfect, boring or controversial shows? Since when are administrators

allowed to decide a student medium is not up to par, therefore not worthy of air time? It smacks of censorship — something positively evil but all-too-present on college campuses.

Station Manager Terra Grant said one or more shows may have violated constitutional guidelines involving religion.

Regardless of the content of any one show, all students producing shows should not be punished for the actions of others. It seems a little juvenile to strip away all student shows instead of just the problematic ones.

When dealing with quality, if the shows consistently don't cut it, get rid of them and showcase ones that do. But don't completely strip students the right to create television shows and gain valuable experience.

It is currently unclear if programming will resume. Hopefully, Channel 10 will get their bearings back, come back strong and represent what MTSU's students are really capable of, without the hindrance of those who would rather not let students learn the business of television through direct experience.

This editorial comes from the *Sidelines* at Middle Tennessee State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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SPARK STAR TRIBUNE

Character today is shaped by regrets of yesterday

This article will be moving dangerously close to the maudlin sentimentality and unapologetically unaware triteness that has up until now been exclusively columnist Chelsea Hudson's fare.



Tim Draggia

But in her and now my defense, just because something has become a cliché doesn't mean that it shouldn't bear repeating every once in awhile. The best sentiments, after all, are usually universal emotions uniquely expressed.

So if this mawkish bit of "Dear Abby" style advice doesn't get you up, next week I'll be back to making esoteric asides and dealing with gay rights, or anti-abortion terrorists or something else as equally uncomfortable for those who claim to uphold the Constitution.

For now it's on to something everyone should have -- regrets. Everyone should have regrets. They are something wholly ingrained in the human experience.

Playwright and screenwriter Roger Rueff once observed that one only attains character when, "you see the folly in something

you've done and you wish that you had it to do over again... so you pick that thing up and carry it with you to remind yourself that life goes on."

A certain degree of wistful feelings are important because they help to temper our optimism and give weight to our sadness. It certainly would be hard in many cases to buy into the melancholy of people who feel themselves completely absolved of blame.

The suggestion here is not that those who have succeeded through trial and error retain an unfair monopoly on wisdom and character but only that to err is a natural circumstance of anyone's life. People without regret are people who have yet to deal with themselves honestly.

Now much like Rueff, this article isn't attempting to make the assertion that in order for people to attain honesty or character they should go out and do something stupid so they'll have regret. This is because most of us already have.

Everyone has done something that they should regret. How one attains personal honesty is to identify the recklessness, foolishness or tentative nature of their own actions and then deal with them. Until you accept that fact you're only presenting yourself

with an illusion of who you are.

The key would then be not to avoid regret, for to do that is impossible and denies a very important aspect of existence and self exploration, but to avoid the regret of something left undone. We all attempt to avoid doing things we will later come to regret and not only is that prudent but also it involves quite a bit of common sense.

Conversely I don't mean to prescribe a reckless, "way hey" abandonment of the reality that actions have consequence. It is, however, true that proactive steps gain more experience and require more courage than the inactive.

So put your name in for that internship. Sign up for the honors class you're not quite sure you can handle. Take the initiative and ask the guy out before someone else gets to him first. As author Sydney J. Harris once said, "Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable."

I already regret writing this column, perhaps you regret reading it... maybe that's a start for both of us.

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Mural depicting KKK should not be removed; encourages diversity

Members of Indiana University's Black Student Union are offended. A mural, which now hangs in a classroom is to blame. Created in 1933, its depiction of what was then contemporary Indiana life, complete with Ku Klux Klan members gathered around a burning cross, is apparently unacceptable. Under the familiar guise of diversity, the BSU and its members have requested the IU Administration cover or remove the offending display.



Ben Piper

But doing so would be a mistake. Diversity means difference. To remove the mural or to conceal its message would be to abrogate the very principles of difference and tolerance that diversity necessarily entails. Opponents of the mural claim to advocate the kind of free and open marketplace of ideas that diversity requires, but their true intentions are to censor and suppress the expression of a history they find objectionable.

It is understandable that one might be made uncomfortable by the image of Klan members burning a cross, but real diversity requires discomfort. Confronting opposing views is never an enjoyable experience. As a nation of immigrants, we must be prepared

to tolerate and learn from a wide range of speech and expression.

If IU were to suppress those differences, it would create a world that doesn't exist beyond the confines of the University. In the real world, we will not always have the luxury of removing those views that we find offensive. We will not be free from the conflict that results when competing views collide. Better to accept and learn from our differences now than to leave IU unprepared.

Some have said the mural is exhibited out of context; that it would be more appropriately displayed in a museum where it would not interfere with the University's ability to educate its students. The mural is itself an education. Although it was created well before the American Civil Rights movement took to the streets of Birmingham, Ala., its image of Klan violence is a powerful reminder of the injustice that African Americans were once forced to endure. It is a testament to the strength of our institutions of government and their ability to adapt and change through time. It is a testament to the strength of the African-American community, which has overcome such tremendous adversity and oppression.

By focusing more on the image of hate and less on the larger

message of tolerance, BSU members have allowed themselves to be victims of racist intentions that do not exist. They complain about context, yet they point to only one of many images contained within the mural.

They vehemently oppose the background images of Klan members and their cross ablaze with hate, yet they are unable or unwilling to acknowledge the foreground. There, in sharp contrast to the glow of the Klansmen's cross, the mural placed the image of a white nurse tending to a black child. The message was one of tolerance, not of hate.

If the chancellor and the rest of the administration are sincere in their efforts to promote diversity on our campus, they will keep the mural in the classroom where it belongs. IU should be a place where students embrace their differences. It should be a place where students tolerate ideas and expressions that we disagree with. It should be a place where students are encouraged to rise and challenge opposing views and learn from the exchange. This university has a choice: Diversity or intolerance. Let's choose diversity.

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Interview skills key to accessing job market

Job interviews. Oh, those scary, scary words. We try to ignore them until the last possible minute, until we realize the only way we are going to get the high-paying corporate job we all desire is to go through a few interviews.

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However, as we all know, the job market is very tough right now. Whether you're looking for a job with Soulless Technologies, Inc., Third World Exploitation Enterprises or Microsoft, you're going to have to compete with droves of other applicants.

Many students don't realize there are some very important skills one needs to be successful in a job interview. Here are a few interviewing tips that can hopefully guide you to the high-rise cubicle job you've dreamed about.

First of all, don't be yourself. Whatever you do, don't try and show your "individuality" to the interviewer. They are not looking for someone who wants to save the world. They are looking for someone who is ultimately going to make more money for them. Let them know that when the decision comes to boost the company's profit or save an undisturbed wilderness area, you won't have any problem wiping out a few species of owl or squirrel to clear land for development.

Secondly, make sure that you let your interviewer know that you'll be willing to work long hours to get the job done. If you are a woman, let them know that you're not interested in having kids because you're focused on your career. The last thing they want to think about is dealing with maternity leave, or worse yet, day care. Interviewers are turned off by applicants who aren't interested in long hours and lots of money, so don't start telling them about how your family is your number one focus.

Next, one very important key for interviewing in today's job market is the way you dress. Make sure that you dress according to traditional gender stereotypes. An employer does not want to see an applicant who "expresses" him/herself through the way he/she dresses. Males should play up their masculine stereotypes and females should adhere to feminine stereotypes. This doesn't help females or minorities much, but if your interviewer seems to be the "good ol' boy" type, you might crack a few sexist or racist jokes to break up the tension of the interview a little bit.

Last, your résumé is another extremely important part of getting a job. Remember, this interviewer is deciding what you may be doing for the rest of your life, but he has a golf tee time in half an hour, so don't be long winded. It is best to sum up the last 20 years of your life with a few carefully chosen words that seem to relate to the job for which you are applying. If you haven't really done anything relating to the job, be creative. College, hopefully, has taught you how to make up something even when you have absolutely no idea what you're talking about.

There's no question that the job market is tough right now. It is essential that you not fall behind as a result of poor preparation. There are only so many downtown high-rise cubicles available, so don't get caught having to work with real people in some friendly, small town.

To all of you sweating it out about jobs right now, I can only wish you the best of luck in your pursuits. As for my fellow sociology majors, let's just be thankful we can rest easy knowing we don't have to worry about job interviews. Right?

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Swift exits Massachusetts governor race Tuesday

BOSTON (AP) — Acting Gov. Jane Swift dropped out of the governor's race Tuesday rather than fight for the Republican nomination against Mitt Romney, the acclaimed Salt Lake City Olympics chief.

Romney formally entered the race a few hours later. He thanked Swift for her years of work and said he didn't want to take attention away from her on "her day."

"I also think it's admirable that she's decided to focus her resources on managing the state during tough economic times and also to help raise her family with all her energy and heart," Romney said, surrounded by his wife, Ann, and other family members.

But he was quick to add: "Lest there be any doubt, I'm in. The bumper stickers are printed, the Web site's going up. The papers are going in today."

Swift, who has been plagued by personal and political controversies, said she decided not to take on the simultaneous tasks of being a mother of three, running for election and governing during a budget crunch.

Investors to buy Empire State Building from Trump

NEW YORK (AP) — An investor group that holds the lease on the Empire State Building has agreed to purchase the building from real estate magnate Donald Trump and his partner for \$57.5 million, Trump's spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The spokeswoman, Norma Forrester, confirmed reports in The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times that Empire State Building Associates, which is controlled by real estate investor Peter Malkin, will buy the 102-story landmark.

Malkin's group already holds a lease on the building through 2076.

The terms of the deal apparently give Trump and his partner, Japanese billionaire Hideki Yokoi, more than \$6 million of the sale's proceeds, plus additional expenses.

The Sept. 11 attacks that collapsed the World Trade Center's twin towers made the Empire State Building once again the tallest building in the city.

Gates Foundation looks to help poor schools

SEATTLE (AP) — The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation offered \$40 million Tuesday to create 70 schools

aimed at improving high school graduation and college attendance rates for disadvantaged young people.

The high schools will try to keep students in school by giving them college-level work in their junior and senior years. The students will be able to earn both a high school diploma and an associate's degree, or two years of college credit.

The money will go to eight organizations, which will then distribute it to create "early college" high schools around the country.

Under the program, the Gates Foundation will finance startup costs but won't pay for running the schools, said Tom Vander Ark, executive director of education for the Gates Foundation.

Among the planned schools are five new small high schools for New York City, to be located on community college campuses; eight high schools for tribal communities in Washington state; and 14 high schools primarily for low-income Hispanic youth.

San Francisco Dog mauling case goes to jury Tuesday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The trial of two San Francisco attorneys in the dog mauling death of a neighbor went to the jury Tuesday after the judge threatened to jail a defense attorney for an improper objection.

In his final rebuttal, prosecutor Jim Hammer attacked defense attorney Nedra Ruiz for calling victim Diane Whipple's domestic partner a liar. He said he wouldn't respond to Ruiz's allegation that he was trying to curry favor with San Francisco's homosexual community.

"I am not going to give Ms. Ruiz the dignity of a response to her charge. ... I think it's all a diversionary tactic," Hammer said.

The panel received the case at midmorning after final instructions from the judge.

Marjorie Knoller, 46, was charged with second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and owning a mischievous dog that killed a person. She could receive 15 years in prison if convicted. Her husband, Robert Noel, 60, faces the latter two charges and could face up to four years. He wasn't home when Whipple was fatally mauled in January 2001.

World leaders debate fate of development loans

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — After years of watching economies crash and burn, world leaders are

thinking their lending policies to the developing world.

The debate at the U.N. Conference on Financing for Development has divided the Western world. The United States wants to replace loans with direct handouts. European countries and lending institutions worry the grant system would dry up the existing pool of funds that currently is replenished as countries repay loans.

Last week, President Bush pledged \$5 billion more in foreign aid and suggested the money be given away in the form of grants to countries with relatively stable financial and political systems.

European leaders, who pledged last week to increase aid levels by \$20 billion by 2006, argue the move could eventually drain World Bank coffers at a time when development aid levels are already declining in real terms.

"We may not be able to do as much for the least-developed countries," EU Development Commissioner Poul Nielson said Tuesday on the sidelines of the conference, being held in the northern Mexican city of Monterrey. "The role of the bank is a bank."

The World Bank says more than 95 percent of all loans are repaid, allowing it to continue to hand out credit to needy countries. Europe also says poor countries are more careful with loans than with handouts.

There are 171 nations at the Monterrey conference, as well as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, business leaders and non-governmental organizations. Together they are discussing how to prevent economic collapses and debt problems in the developing world, and how to use dwindling aid resources more efficiently.

Filipino patrol attacked by Muslim extremists

UPPER MANGGAS, Philippines (AP) — Muslim extremists unleashed a volley of grenades and small arms fire on a Filipino army patrol Tuesday, wounding two soldiers, and prompting Green Berets to try to retrieve the injured men — only the second time Americans have ventured into the combat zone.

The clash between about 30 Filipino troops and a group of Abu Sayyaf rebels erupted within earshot of the Green Berets as they attended a town meeting on the southern island of Basilan to discuss local residents' safety concerns.

Abu Sayyaf is believed to have links to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda

terrorist network.

At least four rebels were killed in several hours of fighting on the outskirts of Lantawan town, officials said. Elite Philippine troops captured six more rebels as they fled the fighting.

Antarctic ice shelf collapse raises concerns of scientists

LONDON (AP) — A large Antarctic ice shelf in an area of the giant continent that is warming faster than the global average has collapsed with "staggering" rapidity, British scientists said Tuesday.

The shelf designated as Larsen B, 650 feet thick and with a surface area of 1,250 square miles, has collapsed into small icebergs and fragments, the British Antarctic Survey said. Before breaking apart, the ice shelf was about the size of Rhode Island.

The ice shelf collapse reported Tuesday was first detected on satellite images earlier this month by Ted Scambos of the National Snow and Ice Data Center at the University of Colorado.

"The reason this is worth paying attention to is that we're seeing a very rapid and profound response by the ice sheet to a warming that's been around for just a few decades," Scambos said.

China disagrees with U.S.'s treatment of Taiwan

BEIJING (AP) — A "series of erroneous acts" by the United States have cast a pall over U.S.-China relations in the weeks since President Bush's visit, a Chinese government spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Zhang Qiyue, at a regular Foreign Ministry briefing, said the United States should not violate three "joint communiques" — documents agreed to by both countries that, among other things, outline the American government's treatment of Taiwan.

"In as short as one month," Zhang said, China has seen "a series of erroneous acts by the U.S. side."

"We hope that the U.S. side can correct its erroneous activities," she said. Otherwise, she predicted, there would be "adverse effects on China-U.S. relations."

The comments are the latest hint of unsettled ties between the two countries, who often straddle a thin line between friendship and outright mutual distaste. They have cooperated in the fight against terrorism and are joined by the high economic stakes of their relationship, but remain deeply divided over human rights and the question of Taiwan.

More items left at security points

BY BILL BERGSTROM

PHILADELPHIA — Tighter airport security after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has produced one unintended side effect — more items left behind at security checkpoints.

Frazzled travelers are forgetting everything from watches to cellular telephones to laptop computers as they pass through the more elaborate screening procedures.

Even seasoned travelers can dash off without collecting all their belongings, "like I did last Thursday at Denver," Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters said. "I forgot my keys and had to go back for them."

After waiting in long lines, having to remove laptop computers from their cases, surrendering additional items to the X-ray conveyor belt, and often being drawn aside for individual searches with a magnetic wand, many travelers rush to the gates with the wrong laptops, or leave computers and other items on the screening machine belts.

"We do find laptops and cell phones and that sort of thing," said Ron Wilson, spokesman for San Francisco International Airport. "We attempt to locate the owner, and very seldom do, because they do not often put their names and phone numbers on laptops and that sort of thing like they do on a bag."

Denver International Airport, where hundreds of laptops and cell phones have been left, has posted "Got Laptop?" signs to prompt passengers leaving security checkpoints to check for their belongings.

"The other day I had some guy's wallet," said David Bagnoni, director of public safety at Erie International Airport. "It's happening less and less because people are becoming more aware of what they can and can't take on the plane."

Still, he said, "It's confusing for them, especially if they don't fly a lot."

The laptops and cell phones are in addition to thousands of smaller items, like pocket knives, clippers and files, that are confiscated in the security checks.

"We got rid of over a ton of scissors, nail files and items they can't bring on board an airplane," Wilson said. People don't carry them as often as right after Sept. 11, he said. "But it's still hard to break people of the habit of bringing these small items."

Air Travelers Association members have complained about having to leave belongings behind on the X-ray belt when pulled aside for additional checking, said David Stempler, president of the advocacy group for airline passengers.

"It's a day that's filled with a certain amount of anxiety to begin with. When you get pulled aside, people are very concerned about that, they get distracted," Stempler said. "If you pick up the wrong laptop and stick it in the case, you may not discover that until you are up to 20,000 feet and you pull it out to work on it. Then how do you know whose it is?"

The Erie airport attempts to return the more valuable items.

"If we get a cell phone or a laptop, we try to track down the owner and we'll ship it to them," Bagnoni said. "In a smaller operation, it's a little easier for us to take the time to do those things. They're usually tickled to death to get them back."

Screening procedures should improve — though lost-and-found operations aren't envisioned — as a force of 30,000 federal employees supplants the 28,000 privately employed screeners at U.S. airports, said Paul Turk, spokesman for the new Transportation Services Agency that took over responsibility for airline security last month.

Many current screeners will get the federal jobs, Turk said, but "they will get a lot of extra training."

Justice Department investigates FBI

BY TED BRIDIS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department harshly criticized the FBI's failure to turn over thousands of pages of documents to Timothy McVeigh's lawyers until days before his scheduled execution, but found no evidence that FBI agents meant to hide information.

The 192-page report by the Justice Department inspector general's office, an independent investigative arm of the agency, said the vast majority of the mislaid or destroyed paperwork contained no significant or new information for McVeigh's defense team. However, it acknowledged that even the IG's lengthy investigation had difficulty determining whether all destroyed documents had been disclosed.

The report blamed human error, not inadequate computer systems at the FBI.

"This shines a light on a problem that needs to be addressed," said the inspector general, Glenn A. Fine. "The glamorous part of the job is to investigate and find the perpetrators. An equally important part of the job is to handle the evidence."

Fine recommended disciplinary action for four FBI supervisors for what he called a "significant neglect of their duties." Three of them discovered problems with FBI documents as early as January 2001, but no one notified FBI headquarters, Justice officials or the chief prosecutor in the McVeigh trial until five months later, the report said.

That time lag "created a firestorm of criticism (and) made it appear that the FBI was hiding documents until the last moment," the report said. FBI officials told investigators they did not report the situation sooner because they

were unsure about the scope of the problem and did not want journalists to find out.

"That's not a good enough reason to not tell your supervisors at headquarters or the prosecutor about this potential problem," Fine said. "Just to keep it to themselves, that's a significant neglect."

Convicted in the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more, McVeigh had been scheduled to be executed on May 16 of last year. But the delayed turnover of documents resulted in an extraordinary delay in his execution until June 11. Most of the documents in question were created by the FBI in April and May 1995.

"The American people have a right to have confidence in our justice system," Attorney General John Ashcroft said. "The FBI has already begun to update technology systems, improve information management and provide more effective and timely accountability."

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller said Tuesday the bureau has been making major changes to retrain employees on document handling and make records management a priority.

"There can be no doubt about the accuracy, completeness and proper disclosure of the records we compile during our investigations and used by prosecutors in support of prosecutions," Mueller said.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, one of the FBI's toughest critics in Congress, said the report showed that "documents were mishandled, procedures were ignored and when mistakes were discovered, supervisors in the field covered them up and managers in headquarters promoted those responsible."

Arafat will attend summit in Palestine next week

BY STEVE WEIZMAN

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Tuesday that Yasser Arafat will be free to travel to an Arab summit next week if the Palestinian leader agrees to a cease-fire but hinted Arafat may not be allowed back if the violence persists while he is gone.

In another incentive for a truce, Vice President Dick Cheney said he would meet Arafat if it is achieved. It would be Arafat's highest-level contact with the Bush administration.

Both sides said a truce to halt 18 months of Palestinian-Israeli violence could be declared after a crucial meeting of security commanders set for Wednesday. Violence continued Tuesday, with an Israeli soldier

and two Palestinians dying in a gun-battle and a Palestinian civilian shot to death by Israel troops.

Cheney, ending a 24-hour stop in Israel, said he expected Arafat to take decisive steps to end Palestinian attacks on Israelis by week's end.

"I cannot emphasize enough how important it will be this week for Chairman Arafat to take the steps to get the cease-fire started," Cheney said at a news conference with Sharon.

Arafat wants to attend a March 27-28 Arab summit in Beirut, at which Saudi Arabia is expected to present a proposal for broad Arab-Israeli peace in exchange for a return of the territories Israel occupied in 1967 — the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem.

These ideas have been welcomed by the United States and European Union, but Sharon opposes a total withdrawal from territory he considers strategically valuable.

Sharon expressed his expectations of Arafat at the summit and added an implied warning.

"We would expect that he will speak on the importance of peace and regional stability," Sharon said.

Asked whether Arafat would be allowed to return to the Palestinian territories after the summit, Sharon said: "If it turns out that he didn't act in that way, the Cabinet will meet and will have to make a decision. I wouldn't rule out any possibilities."

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat denounced the comments, saying, "Sharon cannot put an ob-

stacle on the movement of Arafat and cannot dictate to us what we should say or not say," he said.

The U.S. mediation effort, led by envoy Anthony Zinni, focuses on the mechanics of implementing a truce worked out last year by CIA director George Tenet. The plan has in principle been adopted by both sides, but implementation has been scuttled by violence.

Carrying out its terms would be difficult for the Palestinian Authority both logistically and politically, in effect ending the Palestinian uprising with little to show for the people's suffering.

Since fighting erupted in September 2000, 1,215 people have been killed on the Palestinian and 353 on the Israeli side.

Bush may create new agency in charge of securing America's borders

BY RON FOURNIER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, responding to the terror attacks, is expected to ask Congress to remove the Customs Service from the Treasury Department and create a new agency in charge of securing America's porous borders.

His domestic security team recommended in a meeting Tuesday that Bush seek to merge the Customs Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which includes the Border Patrol, according to senior administration officials.

The Justice Department would oversee the new agency, which would take over enforcement activities from the embattled INS.

In a sign that Bush is likely to endorse the plan, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer defended the concept of merging border security agencies.

"There is a school of thought that you can have better controls and more effective ways of welcoming people to this country, welcoming trade to this country, while keeping people out who would do us harm as a result of consolidation," Fleischer said.

Though he said Bush has not decided whether to accept the recommendation, other aides said the president is likely to do so. It is the first major overhaul plan presented by Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge.

The plan would require congress-

sional approval. Bush's lobbying team began consulting with Congress Tuesday, a step that aides said Bush wanted taken before he signed off on the plan.

The suicide hijackings over Washington, New York and Pennsylvania pointed out holes in the nation's border security procedures.

The government has acknowledged that four of the Sept. 11 hijackers had overstayed their visas, and a recent Justice Department review suggested the system has remained lax since then. That review found that even after the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. immigration officials have been failing to consistently check terrorist watch lists when approving foreign visitors entering the

United States without visas.

In addition, Bush was embarrassed by last week's disclosure that the INS issued paperwork relating to student visas for two of the hijackers six months after the attacks.

Tuesday's recommendation came as lawmakers considered trying to compel Ridge to testify about security issues. Bush has rejected the request for Ridge testimony, saying presidential advisers traditionally do not testify before Congress.

Ridge has informally talked to lawmakers, a process aides say he is willing to continue.

The INS and Border Patrol are part of the Justice Department. Customs is part of the Treasury Department.

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Marketing Oscar: How the studios fight for the coveted statuettes

BY ROBERT W. BUTLER
KRT Campus

"I'm a gun for hire," said the voice on the telephone.

"The studio hires me to reach as many academy members as possible. And because I've been doing this for 20 years, I have a pretty complete list of who those academy members are."

The speaker, a shadowy operative known as an Oscar campaign consultant, emphasizes that he (or she) is talking to a reporter only on condition of anonymity.

Every year at this time this consultant is busy buying ads, mailing videos and thinking up stunts aimed exclusively at the 5,700 voting members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The goal is to convince these Oscar voters that certain films and individuals are worthy of a gold statuette.

It's a mission that unfolds under the radar of most movie fans, a war waged in the trade papers and in private screening rooms. At stake are careers, bragging rights and the millions of dollars that can be generated by an Oscar win.

The price tag: millions. Maybe tens of millions. Maybe more. Some Hollywood in-

siders believe the industry is spending more this year than ever before.

All the feverish campaigning culminated Tuesday, the last day on which the accounting firm of Price Waterhouse would accept Oscar ballots from the academy membership. Then everyone holds a collective breath until the results are announced at the annual Academy Awards telecast March 24.

The first problem faced in the Oscar war is knowing your target.

That's because the academy refuses to release the names of its members. A good Oscar campaign consultant (and most studio publicity departments) maintain their own rosters, the result of years of networking, personal relationships, a bit of common sense and even some guessing.

For example, everyone nominated for an Oscar is also offered membership in the academy. Most academy members, though, get in because the membership committee recognizes their body of work. Since there's no formal announcement of new members, the consultants and studio publicists place ads in *Variety* and *The Hollywood Reporter* asking academy members to contact them.

Once a person has been identified as an academy member, studios and consultants

will stay in touch. Each year that person will receive cards — often one from each studio and several from private consultants — to mail back with their most recent address.

Each September the studios begin looking over that year's releases, looking for performances and films worthy of an Oscar push.

Because of the costs involved a studio can't mount a campaign for each of its films. The idea is to put the available resources behind films with a real chance of winning.

Sometimes, though, an ad will appear in the trades touting the Oscar-worthiness of a movie that just about everybody agrees was a dog. Usually this means the studio is stroking the ego of an actor, director or producer.

"For your consideration" ads, as such a tradition as "I want to thank my agent" acceptance speeches, begin running in *Variety* and *The Hollywood Reporter*, the twin show-business bibles, as early as November. The object is to sway the voters who will decide the Oscar nominations that will be announced in February. And nominations are decided by voters in distinct professions: Actors nominate actors, directors nominate directors and so on.

But these ads, which often feature glowing quotes from movie critics, address constituencies beyond the academy members. They keep films and performances fresh in the minds of other voters — members of the press, critics' groups and actors and directors who may not be members of the academy but who determine the nominations in other contests: the Golden Globes, the Screen Actors Guild and the Directors Guild, among others.

There's a ripple effect, since a win at the Golden Globe, SAG and DGA awards is believed to influence Oscar voters.

"At this point you're addressing everybody," said a veteran Oscar campaigner. "Basically you're telling Oscar voters, 'Look at all the people who have acknowledged this person's work.' These ads remind voters of movies and performances they might have forgotten."

At this stage the studios must decide which actors should be nominated for leading roles and which for supporting roles. Oddly enough, the academy bylaws don't spell out the difference.

This year Jennifer Connelly ("A Beautiful Mind") was nominated for Best Supporting Actress while Sissy Spacek ("In the Bedroom") was nominated for Best Actress, even though they had almost exactly the same amount of screen time in their respective films.

Why the discrepancy? Because in their "for your consideration" ads DreamWorks suggested that Connelly be nominated for a supporting performance, while in its ads Miramax suggested that Spacek's was a leading role.

The goal of any Oscar campaign is to get the academy members to see the movie. Throughout the year the academy holds free screenings of that year's films. But knowing that the official screenings reach only a limited number of Oscar voters, campaign planners set up their own viewings and send out invitations.

And not just in Los Angeles. Wherever academy members tend to congregate — New York, London, Palm Springs, Santa Fe, Aspen — theaters are rented so that movies with Oscar potential can be seen by the voters.

For much of its history, the academy has had to deal with many of its members not seeing all the nominated films before casting their ballots. Members with active careers often are too busy making movies to actually go see them; older members of the academy are often confined to their homes or unwilling to deal with the hassle of an evening out.

Beginning in the early '90s the studios tried to get around this by manufacturing video tapes of their Oscar-worthy films and sending them to academy members. Miramax Films is cited by most insiders as the first studio to do this on a regular basis, which may in part account for the studio's success in picking up nominations for its non-mainstream movies.

(By the mid-1990s things were starting to get out of hand, with some studios sending out screeners as part of lavish gift baskets. The academy, fearing that this was a bit too

close to open bribery, decreed that screeners must be in an undecorated cases and mailed without accompanying merchandise.)

Things heat up once the nominations are announced in early February. *Variety* and *The Hollywood Reporter* respond by increasing their advertising rates 10 percent in anticipation of a windfall of Oscar advertising.

During Oscar season an ad on the cover of *The Reporter* costs \$25,000, about \$2,200 more than usual. A cover ad in *Daily Variety* costs \$41,310; the cover of *Weekly Variety* goes for \$44,150.

Despite those stiff prices, prime advertising spots in those publications are in such demand that the two periodicals hold lotteries to ensure fairness in allocating the most desirable ad space.

"Providing you've got the budget, you buy every premium ad location you can," one insider said. "Usually you go for full color ads, since they attract more attention."

The academy bans Oscar nominees from overtly campaigning for votes, but some — especially underdogs — often go looking for additional publicity. In the days following the nomination announcement journalists are inundated with offers to interview actors who have made the cut. The hope is that when these interviews are published, they'll be read by academy members whose votes will be swayed.

In recent years Oscar campaigners have turned to advertising on billboards on busy Los Angeles streets. And sometimes studios will resort to old-fashioned publicity stunts, as was the case last week when the makers of "Moulin Rouge" not only bought a billboard over Sunset Boulevard, but also hired dancers in cancan costumes to put on a rooftop show high above the street.

Sometimes fate steps in. The campaign for Denzel Washington, nominated as Best Actor for "Training Day," got an unexpected bump Feb. 25, when *Newsweek* ran a glowing profile of the actor. Julia Roberts was quoted in the magazine as saying: "I cannot absorb living in a world where I have an Oscar for Best Actress and Denzel doesn't have one for Best Actor."

An accompanying story examined how African-Americans are usually slighted at Oscar time.

And finally, as in any campaign, allegations of dirty tricks arise. In December DreamWorks accused Miramax staffers of phoning journalists to point out that DreamWorks' "A Beautiful Mind" takes some major liberties with the facts of the life of mathematician John Forbes Nash.

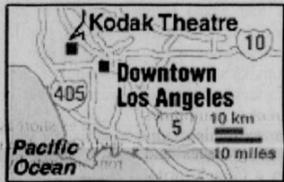
More recently there was grumbling that Warner Bros. was "playing the race card" after the publication of *Newsweek's* Washington profile.

All of which one Hollywood insider finds amusing but basically irrelevant:

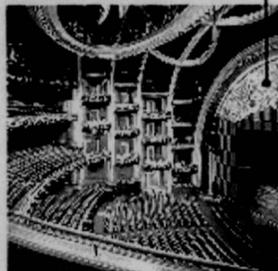
"There's always lots of talk about spending and campaign tactics. But mostly it's all geared to getting the Oscar voters to see the movies. People tend to forget that in the end, it all comes down to the quality of the movie."

A room with a view

For the first time since 1960, the stars will go to Hollywood for the Oscars. The new Kodak Theatre will be the permanent home of the Academy Awards ceremony.



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Performance highlights classical music

BY MARCI KING
Staff Reporter

The opportunity for students and faculty to experience music they do not often get to hear is the focal point of today's classical music concert at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium, said John Owings, the Herndon professor of music at TCU.

Owings will play the piano and Fritz Gearhart, an associate professor of violin at the University of Oregon, will play the violin, Owings said.

The concert will consist of pieces by W.A. Mozart, Robert Casadesu and Richard Strauss, Gearhart said.

"The concert will be highlighted by the piano," Gearhart said. "The Strauss and Casadesu sonatas have extremely difficult piano sections."

Gearhart and Owings began playing together in 1989, Owings said.

"We both started teaching at Indiana University and that is where we began performing together," Owings said.

Since then Gearhart and Owings have ended up at different universities but collaborate whenever they can, Ow-

ings said.

"We have done several tours together," Owings said. "We really enjoy playing together."

Gearhart and Owings have recorded several compact discs together, with their latest coming in August, Gearhart said.

"We recently released a CD of the Casadesu sonata we will be performing at the concert," he said. "We are also coming off our fifth appearance together at Carnegie Hall in January."

Gearhart is an accomplished performer and recording artist who has performed in concert halls around the country, including Carnegie Recital Hall, Terrace Theater at the Kennedy Center and Alice Tully Hall, according to a press release. He has released three CDs and is a part of the Oregon String Quartet, a press release stated.

Owings made his orchestral debut with the San Antonio Symphony at age 15 and has appeared as a soloist with the symphony orchestras of Cleveland, Chicago, Dallas and Houston, according to a press release. Owings has been a part of the faculty at TCU since 1990 and has won the

Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity, according to a press release.

Gearhart said the concert will be beneficial to students and faculty on many levels.

"This is a chance for people to see what the School of Music is doing," Gearhart said. "People can experience a different type of music."

This concert provides a rare opportunity to hear a duo play, Owings said.

"We have an exceptional string player in Fritz," Owings said. "Everyone will be able to experience a different world."

The School of Music is working to bring more chamber music and more guest artists to TCU, Owings said.

"Nothing has been finalized yet; it is just a goal we have," he said. "I think everyone would benefit from the opportunity to hear more chamber music."

The concert is free and open to the public.

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Fritz Gearhart and John Owings, the Herndon professor of music at TCU, will perform 7:30 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium

Howard visits Austin for film research

BY KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press

AUSTIN— Film director Ron Howard visited the Texas Governor's Mansion on Tuesday during a research trip for a movie about the Alamo and the Texas battle for independence.

Gov. Rick Perry hosted Howard and film producers Brian Grazer and Todd Halliwell. The filmmakers are in the early stages of research and said they don't yet have a starting date, cast or even a location for shooting the proposed movie.

These days movie studios consider locations all over the world in an attempt to control costs, Howard said.

"We have our eye on Texas," he said. "It wouldn't quite make sense to make the movie anywhere else. We're making that case to the studio."

Howard said he was drawn to the subject of the Texas independence battle because it is a "powerful human drama."

"It's fascinating. It's much more complex than has ever been reflected on film," he said.

Howard said he wants to incorporate as many historical aspects of the story as possible, including research published in the past 20 years. Howard said he realizes controversies may be unavoidable.

For more than a century, the tale of the Alamo was the same: On March 6, 1836, fewer than 200 Texans fighting for independence defended the Alamo — a former Spanish mission turned into a fortress in San Antonio — against a Mexican army numbering more than 4,000.

The Mexicans won; all the Texans were killed. But their bravery was celebrated, and "Remember the Alamo" became a rallying cry when Texas fighters marched to victory at the Battle of San Jacinto.

In recent years, however, there has been a clash between traditionalists and revisionists over whether the Alamo battle was a heroic struggle for freedom or a display of imperialism and racism.

The reputations of longtime Alamo heroes like Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie have come under scrutiny.

On Tuesday, Perry showed Howard and his group around the Governor's Mansion, pointing out historic highlights including a large 1906 painting titled, "Fall of the Alamo."

Perry noted that moviemaking has become a multimillion-dollar industry in Texas and that the state's diverse terrain has been used in films to depict Missouri, South Dakota and Afghanistan.

Plagiarism scandal still plagues Kansas school

BY JOSH FREED
Associated Press

PIPER, Kan. — On the bulletin board outside the office of Piper High School principal Mike Adams, newspaper clippings herald the school's athletic success and student achievements.

But one story is conspicuously missing: The plagiarism scandal that has produced national headlines, infuriated parents, alienated teachers and divided the town.

That story may be absent from Adams' bulletin board, but it's not going away.

Ever since the school board overturned former teacher Christine Pelton's failing grade for 28 students, Piper students have been booed at competing schools, some teachers have made plans to

quit and the administration is in upheaval.

"Our kids are getting labeled unfairly, and our parents are all being given the same stereotype," said English teacher Leona Sigwing. "It's gone beyond the plagiarism issue to something that's hurting students, and the community."

The controversy began last year when Pelton, a biology teacher, gave zeros to 28 students she accused of plagiarizing a botany project from the Internet.

Pelton said she suspected plagiarism because some reports contained identical material. The school board overruled her decision on the grades in December.

But the turmoil didn't end there. Sigwing leads a special teacher's union committee formed to deal

with the controversy and already one of her blue folders is thick with accounts of the slights suffered by students or parents.

At out-of-town basketball games last month, Piper students were greeted with a sign that read "plagiarists," and a few students wore T-shirts that called them cheaters, Sigwing said. Some complain crowds at games have chanted "Cheaters! Cheaters!"

A college-educated woman who graduated from Piper six years ago recounted that she was told by a potential employer at a job interview, "You didn't get any kind of education, did you?"

Pelton quit immediately after the board's decision. Adams and the school's assistant principal also said they plan to leave. Another teacher

has quit, citing the dispute, and union officials say other teachers are waiting until a May 15 deadline to decide whether to stay or go.

In addition, one parent is trying to have the school board recalled. Some employees talk openly of how the superintendent and school board ought to resign.

The cheating questions prompted all 12 deans of Kansas State University to lecture school board members in a letter that said, "we will expect Piper students ... to buy into (the university's honor code) as part of our culture."

The school board offered teachers an olive branch on Friday. Sigwing said board members wrote an open letter to teachers asking them to stay, "so that we can emerge as a better, stronger, more respected district."

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site, Sodexo is the leading provider of food and facilities management in the United States and Canada, with \$4.9 billion in annual sales.

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source of information about the world's largest food service company," provided links to seven published articles concerning unsafe health standards at Sodexo facilities from Chicago to Glasgow, England.

"Food preparation and safety is a very touchy subject. We are extremely careful with the food at TCU because we realize the risks involved if it is done improperly."

— Rick Flores

The Cape Cod Times ran three

articles in February 2001 after a

Barnstable High School student found the tip of a Sodexo employee's thumb in a sandwich. Sodexo was fined \$9,450, and received three citations

by the Occupational Safety and

Health Administration (OSHA), according to the Cape Cod Times.

Flores said TCU and Sodexo take food safety very seriously.

"Food preparation and safety is a very touchy subject," Flores said. "We are extremely careful with the food at TCU because we realize the risks involved if it is done improperly."

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ADMISSIONS

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minority students, to get into graduate school, said state Rep. Fred Brown, R-College Station, vice chair of the House Higher Education Committee. He said recruiting minority students for graduate schools has been especially hard since the Hopwood case in 1996, which resulted in Texas being banned from using race or ethnicity as a criterion in admissions.

"We have lost a large number of our brightest and best minority students to other colleges around the United States," Brown said. "We're seeing a lot of our students go off to universities in other states. And when that happens, 90 percent of those stu-

dents never return to Texas."

The author of the bill, Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, chairwoman of the House Higher Education Committee, said she was concerned when the Hopwood case said that race should not be considered because anyone who was admitted to a university would have had to show they earned their admission.

"For fear that maybe they did not know what to resort to other than race, we wanted to go ahead and list some factors that a graduate program could look to in their consideration of admission for students," Rangel said.

According to the law, graduate schools may no longer use standardized test scores as the sole criterion in the admissions or competitive scholarship process.

Dean of Admissions Ray Brown

said he thinks this law is an attempt to finally address some of the educational inequities that exist in the United States.

"The public sector has (spent) a lifetime of avoiding controversy by relying on solely quantitative factors, that is, grades, test scores and class rank," Ray Brown said. "It doesn't make sense to make decisions on grades and tests alone. There are just too many other factors involved."

Fred Brown said the law received little opposition because of the expected positive outcomes that would result from moving toward a more complete individual portrait of students.

"We wanted to make sure that we were on an even playing field with the rest of the country so we could attract these graduate students and keep them in our Texas institutions,"

Fred Brown said.

The first round of applications under this new law are currently being reviewed, so the results are not clear yet, Fred Brown said.

At the University of Texas at Austin, no changes regarding the law have been made to the graduate school applications because the university shares a common application with a number of other Texas schools, said Rick Cherwitz, associate dean of graduate studies at UT. Instead, the graduate program sent an e-mail to applicants asking the level of education of their father and mother since that is one of the best kinds of information that can quickly be gathered to establish socioeconomic status, he said.

Cherwitz said that most of the

university's departments already look at the individual applicant more than just test results. He said they consider the applicant's statement of intent, interviews, writing samples, letters of recommendation, portfolios, transcripts and grades.

"All admissions decisions at the graduate level are made by the faculty in the student's specific area, so these are very carefully examined credentials, and it's not just the numbers," Cherwitz said.

At Texas Tech University, it is up to the department on the graduate level to decide what criteria will count more than others, said Judith Toyama, assistant dean for graduate admissions at Texas Tech. She said that she does have two concerns with applying this new criteria to the application process.

"One concern is whether the student is actually telling the true story because there is no way we can check," Toyama said. "There are some people that would like it confirmed, and there are others that don't think people could lie about things like that. The second is whether it is relevant to the field that they choose."

In spite of these concerns, Cherwitz said that the law will help by raising involvement for underrepresented groups at the graduate level.

"We need some really strong measures to be taken if we want to really recruit an additional number of underrepresented minorities," Cherwitz said.

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Chicken Alfredo/marinara
Vegetable sauté
Sherried beef
Baked stuffed zucchini
Rice pilaf
Spinach
Hot wings
Carved turkey with gravy
Country stuffing

DINNER

Linguine/penne pasta
Stuffed shells
Vegetable sauté
Southern fried chicken
Vegetable Hopin John
Candied sweet potatoes
Fried okra
Onion rings
Saucy oven baked ribs
Cabbage and collards
Cheese grit Soufflé

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

Moscato/linguine
Vegetable sauté
Chicken fried chicken
Barley casserole
Roasted garlic mashed potatoes
Glazed beets
Onion rings
Popcorn chicken
Rotisserie chicken
Au gratin potatoes
Broccoli
Vegetable blend

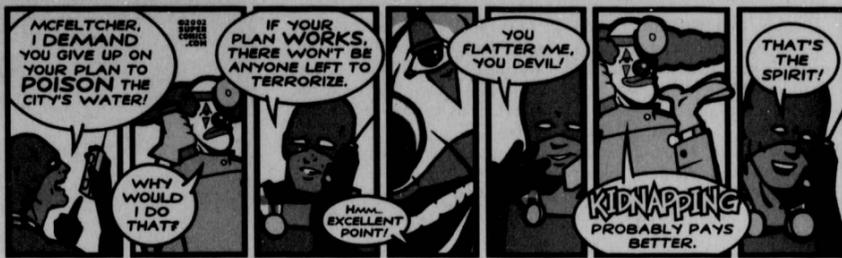
DINNER

Spaghetti/rotini
Vegetable sauté
General Tso Pork
Vegetable stir fry
Fried rice
White rice
Popcorn chicken
Onion rings
Rotisserie chicken
Confetti rice
Harvard beets
Vegetable blend

Today's Funnies

Captain Ribman

Sprengelmeyer & Davis



Lex

Phil Flickinger



Lewis

Thomas & Peter Madey



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Q: Do you plan on giving blood this week?

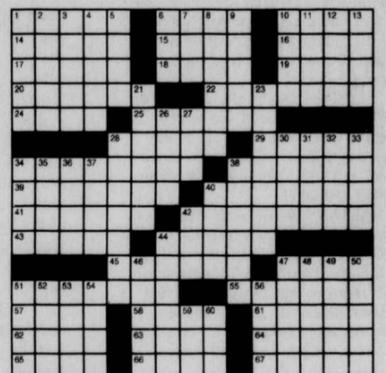
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Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

Today's Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Heat source
- 6 Circle components
- 10 Reverberate
- 14 Homer's enchantress
- 15 Begrimed
- 16 Ladd of "This Gun for Hire"
- 17 Bedeck
- 18 Lima's land
- 19 Um's call
- 20 Half a diameter
- 22 Affixes firmly
- 24 Skeddaddled
- 25 Read
- 28 Engages in diatribe
- 29 Wild Asian dog
- 34 Overcame
- 38 Phone accessory
- 39 Lures
- 40 Fur seal's cousin
- 41 Enjoyed the sightseeing
- 42 Floating bridge supports
- 43 Concluded
- 44 Eagle's nest
- 45 List of corrections
- 47 Thompson of "The Remains of the Day"
- 51 Defame
- 55 Home helper
- 57 Spy Mata
- 58 Tableland
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- 62 Portent
- 63 PC operator
- 64 Advanced gradually
- 65 Latin being
- 66 Editorial directive
- 67 Steel plow pioneer



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Tuesday's Solutions

- 6 Cleo's snake
- 7 Shad delicacy
- 8 Monty Python's Flying
- 9 Turns on a pivot
- 10 Loosen up
- 11 Extended family
- 12 Sword part
- 13 Billfold filler
- 21 Allowed to live
- 23 Arbitrate
- 26 Holiday
- 27 Embarrassed forerunners
- 28 Flowed out
- 30 Nimbus
- 31 Potpourri
- 32 Bolshevik Trotsky
- 33 Sea eagles
- 34 Allot
- 35 Soon
- 36 Poker game
- 37 Radial
- 38 Not guilty plea
- 40 ilk
- 42 Round, green vegetable
- 44 Type of warrant
- 46 Romulus' twin
- 47 Fail to pay taxes due
- 48 Unite
- 49 Runner
- 50 Battery terminal
- 51 Cap on a cane
- 52 Escapes
- 53 War god
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- 56 Frosted
- 59 Date
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The Sideline

Hamilton hired as Florida State's basketball coach

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Leonard Hamilton will be hired as Florida State's basketball coach Tuesday after rebuilding programs at Oklahoma State and Miami, *The Associated Press* has learned.

The school scheduled an afternoon news conference to announce its new coach. Hamilton will succeed Steve Robinson, a source close to the program told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity. Robinson was fired last week after four consecutive losing seasons.

Hamilton also briefly coached the Washington Wizards. He helped revive Oklahoma State and took Miami to three NCAA appearances and two NIT tournaments between 1990 and 2000.

He was 144-147 with Miami but he took the program from the bottom of the Big East to its first round of 16 in the 2000 NCAA tournament.

Hamilton was twice named Big East coach of the year while at Miami and was known for creating intense, defense-oriented players.

Astros buy back naming rights to ballpark

HOUSTON (AP) — Letter by letter, Enron Corp.'s name is being stripped from the field the once mighty energy giant called its own.

On Tuesday, the Houston Astros took down one of the three remaining huge outdoor signs which once beckoned baseball fans to the team's downtown ballpark.

Astros spokesman Todd Fedewa said the team hopes to have all the outdoor and indoor signage down by the team's home opener April 2, when the team starts its third year in the park.

If the team doesn't come to a naming rights agreement by the time the first pitch is thrown, the stadium will be known as Astros Field but won't be labeled that way, Fedewa said.

The Astros bought back the naming rights to the ballpark Feb. 27, paying about \$2.1 million to the bankrupt energy trader.

Stars trade players for better playoff chances

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars tried boosting their playoff chances Tuesday by sending center Joe Nieuwendyk and forward Jamie Langenbrunner to the New Jersey Devils for center Jason Arnott, forward Randy McKay and a first-round pick.

Two years ago, the Stars and Devils met in the Stanley Cup finals, with Arnott scoring the series-clinching goal in the second overtime of Game 6.

This season, both teams have fired their coaches and are now using this trade-deadline deal to reshape their rosters in hopes of making another title run — and maybe even just securing a playoff spot.

Dallas is fourth in the Pacific Division, but only seven points behind first-place San Jose. The Stars hold the West's final playoff spot, but only by one point going into Tuesday night's games.

New Jersey has 73 points, third in the Atlantic Division and seventh in the East. The Devils might need the offensive boost to counter the New York Rangers' move Monday of adding Pavel Bure.

Nieuwendyk, the Conn Smythe winner when the Stars won the Stanley Cup in 1999, has been the source of trade rumors much of the season. He was expendable because Dallas already has Mike Modano and in the offseason signed Pierre Turgeon.

Jordan could return to the court as soon as Sunday

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Michael Jordan could return to the Washington Wizards' lineup as soon as Sunday, according to a report in Tuesday's *Washington Post*.

Jordan wants to increase his workout routine and then practice with the team to test his injured knee, Wizards head coach Doug Collins told the *Post*. He may join the Wizards on the road in Denver or Utah later this week. He is not expected to play in either of those games. The Wizards visit Toronto on Sunday.

"He could show up at any time," Collins told the *Post*. "It depends on how he's feeling. He might jump on a plane and say, 'Let's go.' He said he was doing some defensive slides, some shooting and he said he was going to pick up the pace to see how he was going to handle it. He said his right knee feels 100 percent better than it did before the surgery."

Jordan is expected to practice several times before returning to the court. "He wouldn't play without practicing," Collins said. "I would expect him to try and get two or three practices with us."

Frogs break Buffaloes

Coach wants better play against top-notch teams

BY QUINTEN BOYD
Skiff Staff

The TCU men's tennis team, currently preparing for the stretch run in the spring season, knows that success in the latter half of the season revolves around defeating tougher opponents.

The Frogs opened up their post-break schedule with a victory over Colorado on Monday 5-2, to improve their record to 7-4. The match, moved to the indoor courts at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center due to inclement weather, featured five three-set matches and six tiebreakers.

"I'm glad that we won today, and I was pleased with the effort that the guys showed," head coach Joey Rive said. "Colorado's a great indoor team, but I'm proud of how we came back."

The Frogs won five singles matches on the day to secure the victory.

Senior Toni Gordon, ranked 37th in the nation, won the day's only two-set match, defeating the Buffaloes' Maciej Dilaj, 7-5, 6-3. Freshman Fabrizio Sestini, ranked No. 51, defeated Mirko Jovanovic, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2, while Jacob Martin defeated Bucky Mink, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4.

Daniel Scholten defeated Brian Knepper, 6-7, 6-1, 7-6, to improve his spring season record to 12-3. Finally, freshman Willy Gali notched his first career dual-match victory over Colorado's Zachary Hood, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6.

"Colorado is a tough team," Rive said. "We get better playing tough matches like this one."

The tough matches continue on March 23 and 24, as the Frogs travel to Malibu, California, to take part in the Pepperdine Classic against No. 17 Washington. Also taking part in the event will be No. 6 Pepperdine and No. 41 Arizona State.

"Everyone's excited to play higher ranked teams," Rive said. "We didn't play so well against Baylor (a 6-1 loss), but we've put that behind us and are ready to play our best."

Rive admitted that his team needed to work on its doubles play in order to keep its momentum for the rest of the season.

Against Colorado, the Frogs only picked up one out of three victories, and dropped all three doubles matches against Baylor.

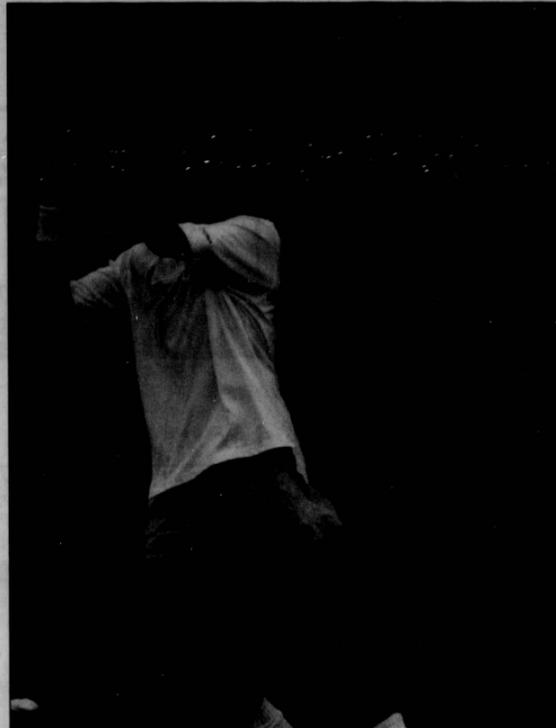
In contrast, the Frogs won all three doubles matches on March 1 against Furman, and on March 8 against Miami.

"We've been getting better at doubles, but we need more consistency," Rive said. "We can't keep going into singles play down 1-0. We're a strong team, and we'll need the doubles point against other strong teams."

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— Joey Rive

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TCU senior Daniel Wajnberg was defeated in three sets by Colorado's Justin Hunter 5-7, 7-6, 7-5 on Monday. Wajnberg was moved up in the lineup when sophomore Alex Menichini was sidelined with a strained quadriceps.

Underdogs, powerhouses, courage, drama all offered in this year's NAAs

BY ANDREW BAGNATO
KRT Campus

The first and second rounds of the NCAA tournament offered a little something for everyone.

Like underdogs? Kent State and Southern Illinois swept to the Sweet Sixteen. Wyoming, Creighton, North Carolina-Wilmington and Tulsa staged splashy upsets.

Like powerhouses? Five of the six winningest programs in NCAA tournament history—No. 1 Kentucky, No. 3 UCLA, No. 4 Duke, No. 5 Kansas and No. 6 Indiana—are still alive.

Like drama? A No. 1 seed, Cincinnati, went down, and two others, Kansas and Duke, had to sweat out victories over Holy Cross and Notre Dame, respectively.

Like courage? Two days after severely spraining his left ankle, Kansas guard Kirk Hinrich played valiantly against Stanford.

There was a lot to like in the first two rounds. Now comes the good part: 12 games over four days to decide who goes to the Final Four and who disappears into the mists of bracket history. A few impressions during the calm between the first and second weekends of the NCAA tournament, otherwise known as spring break for the Bearcats:

Location is everything. The NCAA officially frowns on wagering. But here's a safe bet: the NCAA will take a hard look at the decision to place teams as close to campus as possible in the early rounds.

It was supposed to make it easier for fans to follow their teams and help boost gate receipts. But it resulted in some unfair matchups. Third-seeded Mississippi State had to play No. 6 Texas in Dallas Sunday. The Longhorns did nothing during the season to merit such pampering. For that

matter, neither did fourth-seeded Illinois, which enjoyed two virtual home games in Chicago.

Meanwhile, Big Ten tournament champ Ohio State, which swept two games with Illinois, was packed off to Albuquerque, where it lost in the second round.

"Let's make sure everybody has the same level playing field to continue to play on," Mississippi State coach Rick Stansbury said. "And that absolutely hasn't happened around the country."

Teams playing in their home state or metropolitan area went 11-4 in the first two rounds.

Location could play a critical role again this week. Eighth-seeded UCLA, which spent last weekend in Pittsburgh, gets to play in San Jose, an hour's flight from Westwood, while higher-seeded Oklahoma has to fly more than 1,500 miles to reach the same destination. And the Illini figure to have heavier crowd support than top-seeded Kansas when the schools meet Friday in Madison, Wis.

The selection committee is taking grief for putting undeserving teams close to home, but some of its seeding decisions have proved wise. Questions about Missouri's qualifications to be in the field have been answered satisfactorily. Gonzaga howled about drawing a sixth seed, but then the Zags did zip in the tournament.

The regular season is meaningless. Consider UCLA, Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky. That's one quarter of the surviving field. Each team was in the AP preseason Top 10, and each tumbled out of it.

The Bruins finished sixth in the Pac-10, their worst ever, then bombed out of the Pac-10 tournament in the first round.

The Tigers lost to DePaul, for goodness' sake, and had dropped 5-of-9 heading into the NAAs.

The Illini stumbled in midseason, losing three Big Ten games in a row, including a 31-point embarrassment at Indiana on Jan. 26.

The Wildcats had a slew of suspensions and a fight between teammates on the team plane, to name just a few highlights.

"Sometimes adversity brings you together," said Maryland coach Gary Williams, whose top-seeded Terrapins face fourth-seeded Kentucky in Syracuse on Friday. "I've seen it before where teams get tough. They get criticized, then all of a sudden, it's time to play."

UCLA's revival will take Steve Lavin off the hot seat for at least another year. Lavin has led his team to the Sweet Sixteen for the fifth time in six seasons. Only one other coach in this tournament has done that. His name is Mike Krzyzewski.

Coaching experience can mean a lot. Or it can mean little.

During the regular season, former Indiana coach Bob Knight seemed to be working a miracle at Texas Tech. The Red Raiders came into the NAAs with 23 victories, 14 more than a year ago. But they fizzled in the first round when Bruce Weber coached Knight off the United Center floor in Weber's first NCAA tournament game as a head coach.

Weber knew exactly how to prepare for Knight's vaunted motion offense—and Weber knew it would be easier to defend.

Knight, who is 2-7 in the NAAs since 1994, is free to go hunting. Maybe Cincinnati's Bob Huggins can accompany him.

Between them, Knight and Huggins have 1,286 career victories.

By comparison, Weber and Kent State's Stan Heath entered this season with a combined 51 Division I wins. You can find them breaking down opponents' game tapes this week.

Girl dies after being hit by hockey puck at NHL game

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A 13-year-old girl died after being hit in the head by a puck that was shot over the glass and caromed off another fan at an NHL game.

Brittanie Cecil died Monday night, two days after she was hurt at the game between the Columbus Blue Jackets and Calgary Flames, Children's Hospital said.

It was believed to be the first death of a fan hit by a puck at an NHL game.

"Our fans mean the world to us," said Doug MacLean, Blue Jackets general manager. "This loss has profound effect on the entire Blue Jackets family."

The shot by Espen Knutsen of Columbus flew over the high glass at the west end of the rink, glanced off another spectator and struck the girl in the head, witnesses said. After being hit, the girl was seen standing with a jacket being held to her head.

Teams warn spectators over the public-address system about pucks flying into the crowd. They also

place warnings on scoreboards and on the back of each ticket.

NHL spokesman Frank Brown said Tuesday he could not recall any other fan killed by a puck.

He said one NHL player died from injuries in a game. Bill Masterton died Jan. 15, 1968, days after falling.

Although rare, spectators have been killed and seriously injured at hockey games, particularly in the low minor leagues and the amateur ranks where the glass is not as high around the rink.

A 21-year-old Canadian man died on March 5, 2000, after being struck by a shot that flew into the crowd during a South East Manitoba Hockey League game between Altona and Carman a week earlier.

A 9-year-old girl died in 1979 after being hit in the forehead during another Canadian game.

In 1984, a 10-year-old boy in Spokane, Wash., was killed when hit with a puck while watching an exhibition game between the Spokane Eagles and Spokane Chiefs.

Rodriguez focused on playing ball despite being in final year of contract

Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Pudge isn't worried — not about his weight or his contract status.

Ivan Rodriguez came to the Texas Rangers camp about 10 pounds overweight after his regular off-season routine was curtailed because of rehabilitation from knee surgery.

He also arrived knowing he was going into the last year of his contract with the team he has played for since making his major league debut as a 19-year-old in 1991.

The 10-time All-Star catcher is listed as 5-foot-9 and 205 pounds but looks to be about 210 pounds right now. He is working himself into shape, shedding the pounds in the heat of the Florida sun and preparing his surgically repaired left knee for a full season.

"I'm starting to get a feel behind the plate, squatting down and standing up and all of that kind of stuff," Rodriguez said. "It's getting all right."

Rodriguez, whose last two seasons have ended early because of injury, expects to be ready for the April 1 season opener at Oakland. He had surgery last September because of tendinitis in his left knee.

"The knee is healthy. What we're trying to do now is just ease him back in and let him get going," general manager John Hart said. "He's swinging the bat great, he's throwing great. But he's still testing the limits of his mobility. I don't think it's a health issue, I just

think it's a matter of getting comfortable to go through the rigors of a season."

That's what concerns Rodriguez, not the status of his contract even though he has expressed his desire to play his entire career in Texas.

Rodriguez is in the final year of his \$42 million, five-year contract he signed in 1997 when he walked into then-club president Tom Schiffer's office and made the deal.

The Rangers want to see how their catcher, who has caught more than 1,300 games, responds after the knee surgery. Hart said it's unlikely any contract talks will take place before the end of the season.

He has been limited to just 202 games since winning the AL MVP in 1999, but still started in the All-Star game and won Gold Gloves both seasons.

Rodriguez was putting up more MVP-worthy numbers in 2000 (.347, 27 homers and 83 RBIs in 91 games) before breaking his right thumb. In 111 games last season before knee surgery, he hit .308 with 25 homers and 65 RBIs.

Even though he's played in only half of the spring games, and the Rangers have limited his work in the bullpen, Rodriguez is hitting and doing other drills daily.

"I hope Pudge is my biggest problem. If so, we'll have a pretty good year," manager Jerry Narron said. "I don't foresee him having any problems."



Cincinnati's head coach Bob Huggins talks to player Donald Little in the first half of their first round game against Boston University Friday at the NCAA Tournament in the Mellon Arena.

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