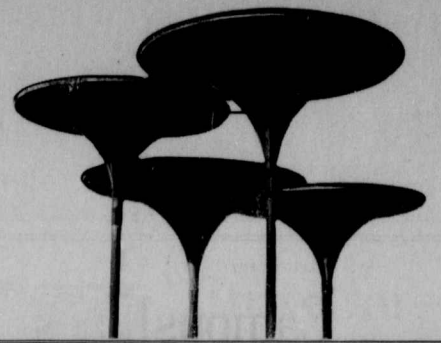


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NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — Two men under federal investigation for possible ties to terrorist groups were denied entry to Israel in December after one was carrying a letter that the FBI believes indicated they planned to commit a suicide attack there, according to sworn court papers.

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OnCampus

Chest pains prompt English professor to visit hospital

David Vanderwerken, acting chair of the English department, was transported to Harris Methodist Downtown Tuesday for observation, said TCU Police officer Fred Pruitt.

He said an ambulance was called after Vanderwerken began to complain of chest pains. The ambulance arrived beside the Reed-Sadler mall around 5 p.m.

Pruitt said Vanderwerken, who has had triple bypass surgery, asked that an ambulance be called as a precaution.

Vanderwerken's condition was stable Tuesday night and hospital officials were still running tests, Karen Vanderwerken said.

— Kelly Maria Howard

School refuses to negotiate with resident assistants

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — University of Massachusetts administrators are refusing to negotiate with a group of resident assistants who recently voted to unionize.

The union filed a complaint against UMass with the Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission on Tuesday.

The RAs, students who supervise dormitory residents and activities, voted earlier this month to join the United Auto Workers.

Organizers said the March 5 vote made them the nation's first undergraduate students to unionize.

Administrators have argued that the RAs are primarily students and not employees, and the law does not allow undergraduates to unionize.

"Collective bargaining laws were not meant to apply to undergraduates," said UMass spokeswoman Kay Scanlan. "Their job is tied in with their academic experience."

But James Shaw, president of UAW Local 2322, said: "Once workers vote in favor of the union, the employer has to sit down and bargain. We will be bargaining with them sooner or later. That's the law."

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THURSDAY

High: 75; Low: 55; Cloudy

FRIDAY

High: 78; Low: 58; Mostly cloudy

LookingBack

1885 — Manufacturing begins on first movie film was made by Eastman Dry Plate and Film Company in Rochester, New York.
1958 — Soviet First Secretary Khrushchev becomes Premier and the first official since Joseph Stalin to hold the USSR's top offices.

Theatre program teaches assault prevention

Students travel to Florida performing play about date rape

BY ANTHONY KIRCHNER
Staff Reporter

Five TCU students returned from Florida Monday night after spending this past weekend educating other college students about the effects of sexual assault, said TCU Crime Prevention Officer Pam Christian.

Assault Prevention Theatre, which consists of five TCU students, performed a play about date

rape for students at the University of West Florida to emphasize the severity of date rape at colleges, said Jaime Castaneda, a junior theater major and Assault Prevention Theatre student director.

"People see rapes in film and on TV, but it's not the same when it's live and on stage," Castaneda said. "Our performances are so true to life, they really make you think about how horrible rape really is."

Assault Prevention Theatre is a joint educational program between the TCU Police and the TCU theatre department designed to educate students about date rape and sexual assault, Christian said.

Greg Thatcher, an assistant pro-

fessor in the Health Department at UWF, invited Assault Prevention Theatre to his university after working with the group in 2001 as a visiting professor to TCU.

Thatcher said he wrote a grant to evaluate the effectiveness of a one-time theater presentation on date rape, which was funded this past semester.

Thatcher said approximately 100 UWF students attended three separate Assault Prevention Theatre performances.

"The script is excellent and the cast was very capable of providing the information I desired," Thatcher said.

"Several UWF students approached me after the event to express their amazement of the power and effectiveness of the program."

According to the Web site for the Assault Prevention Theatre, the program began spring of 1998 to portray issues surrounding sexual assault through dramatic presentations.

Students present skits that show real-life situations where a sexual assault might occur and audience members are encouraged to ask questions or offer comments concerning the events they witness on stage.

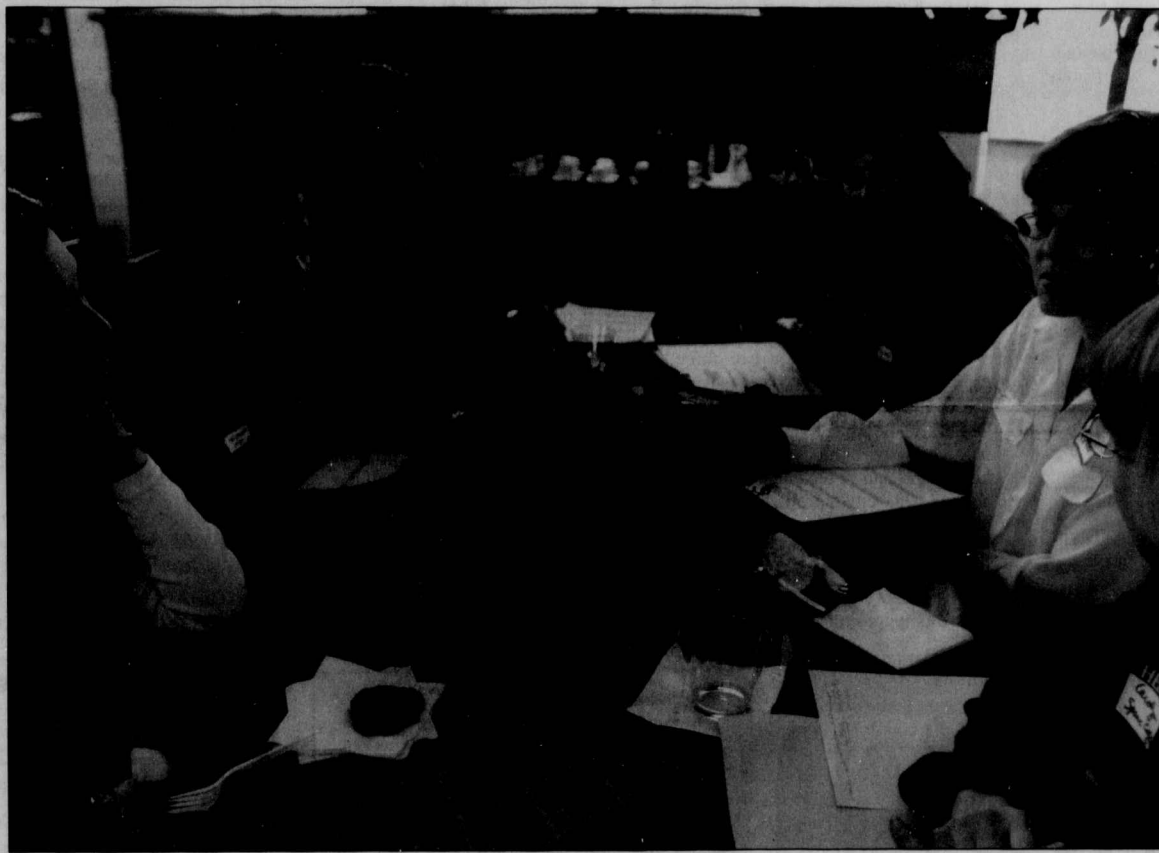
Christian went with the students to UWF and said she was excited that the students and their play was seen at another school.

"This play is a great education tool and for me, educating others is exciting," Christian said.

Thatcher said he will be starting a similar group at UWF.

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STRIVING FOR COMMUNICATION



Members of Student Government Association, Faculty Senate and Staff Assembly put their heads together to come up with ideas on how the groups can converge to improve the student experience at TCU.

70 people gather together to discuss campus unity

BY ALISHA WASSENAAR
Staff Reporter

The joint meeting between the Faculty Senate, Staff Assembly and Student Government Association Tuesday may only be the beginning of addressing issues facing the three governing bodies, but SGA President Chelsea Hudson said one problem was solved.

"We got everybody in the same room," Hudson said.

Participants said Tuesday's first ever joint meeting between the faculty, staff and students was a success. Seventy people packed the Faculty Center in Reed Hall to brainstorm ideas to unite and improve TCU, said Carolyn Cagle, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate.

"People talk about community, but this is

a visual statement," said Hudson, referring to the turnout.

Cagle said the three groups have the same ideas, but have always been separated by different meetings and discussions.

"We're doing triple the work, this is part of making it efficient," she said.

Paul Haral, vice president and editorial director of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, gave a keynote speech focusing on building a TCU community.

Junior political science major Taylor Hart said students are divided even though there are so many organizations. The campus is divided into segments such as Greeks, faculty, SGA, and other organizations, he said.

"The communication inside the classroom between students and professors is great, but lacking outside the classroom," Hart said.

Hart said he hopes this meeting will help facilitate unity in the future by inviting fac-

ulty and students to more informal gatherings. Hudson said the reason for this joint meeting is to gather people from different places and hear their ideas.

Debbie Mar, a graduate financial aid advisor, said the joint meeting is a good way to get together and share ideas.

Mar said she would like to see more fundraisers and benefit functions within the TCU community such as the current 5k walk/run that raises money for the Rise School.

"It builds a closer and healthier community," Mar said.

Hudson said the information collected at the meeting will be looked at and discussed by the three governing bodies. On April 8, Hudson said she will meet with Cagle and Staff Assembly Chairman Bob Seal.

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Chronically ill receive support

BY KELLY MARIA HOWARD
Staff Reporter

Lindsay Putchinski says she feels different than most people, and she plans to do something about it.

Putchinski, a junior nursing major, suffers from epilepsy. According to (www.epilepsy.com), she is one of 2 million people in the United States who has the chronic illness.

Now, she is starting a support group for people at TCU who have chronic illnesses or disabilities.

Putchinski said she wants to give people a place to express their feelings in a confidential atmosphere and help eliminate negative attitudes toward such sufferings.

"I wanted a place that people could feel comfortable venting about the pressures of living with a chronic illness and trying to make it through college classes, or the disappointments and lack of support from family and friends," Putchinski said.

The group will talk about personal issues and rights, and give the support to each other that can't be found in other places, Putchinski said.

"I've been searching for a place to talk with people that understood what I was going through and weren't just being sympathetic," Putchinski said. "My family really doesn't like to talk about what I'm going through and they act most times like my illness doesn't exist, which makes me feel worse and embarrassed for them because they are obviously embarrassed for me."

Putchinski said that she has tried to find support groups but she isn't sick enough to feel a part of them.

"I found one support group in Dallas but I wasn't sick enough for those people," Putchinski said. "It was ironic to me that people that had epilepsy just like me, would ostracize me because I wasn't sick enough, so I decided to do something about it."

Monica Kintigh, a licensed professional counselor at TCU, said support groups are good if they are led by a therapist or facilitator, or if it is structured.

"Support groups offer the participant an opportunity to learn from others' experiences, offer empathy toward others who have similar experiences and gain information," Kintigh said.

Putchinski said there are about 15 people from different backgrounds interested in the support group and not all have a chronic illness or disability.

"I have some people (interested) that are family members or friends, and a few nursing majors that want to get a feeling for how their patients feel," Putchinski said.

People will introduce themselves and their illness at the initial meeting, and Putchinski said she will reinforce confidentiality at meetings.

"I think that right now a lot of people are just looking for a group of people that won't judge them and that they can call when they need someone to talk to," Putchinski said. "I know there are a lot of people out there suffering in silence and I hope that this will urge them to come forward."

There are support groups for all kinds of problems and issues, and listings can be found in the phone book, Kintigh said.

The first meeting for the chronic illness support group will be 4 p.m. April 4 in the Student Center Basement, Room 9.

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Greetings



Hemi Ahluwalia/PHOTO EDITOR Ric Moseley, a senior electrical engineering major, designs an Easter card for children at Cook's Children Medical Center.

Earthquake rocks Afghanistan and Pakistan

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A powerful earthquake rocked Afghanistan and northwestern Pakistan, killing about 1,800 people and injuring 2,000, Afghan officials said Tuesday. The Afghan Defense Ministry said 600 bodies were recovered from villages still shaking from aftershocks.

ACTED, a private aid organization, estimated 10,000 people had been left homeless, basing its numbers on reports from staff in the devastated area near Nahrin, 90 miles north of Kabul on the slopes of the Hindu Kush mountains, in a

region already hard-hit by drought, war and food shortages.

At the scene, regional commander Gen. Aider Khan said as many as 1,500

to 2,000 people were missing. Many of Nahrin's residents spent the night without food or shelter because nearly all of their homes were destroyed.

Officials said many people were at home when the quake struck at 7:26 p.m. Monday, and during the frequent strong aftershocks overnight, accounting for

the high death toll.

"People were caught in their homes," said Nigel Fisher, a senior U.N. official in Afghanistan.

Yusuf Nuristani, a spokesman for the interim Afghan administration, said

the quake measured magnitude at 6.2, though the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said it was magnitude 5.9 and centered 105 miles north of Kabul. The quake was relatively shallow, just

(More on EARTHQUAKE, page 4)

Nigel Fisher

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• **Chapel service** is in honor of Holy Week noon today in Robert Carr Chapel. The passion story will be read by TCU students and singing will be provided by the chapel choir and Danny Andre Dixon.

• **Easter card drive for Cook Children's Medical Center** will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today through Thursday in the Student Center. The event is sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. Students are invited to stop by the table and make cards for children in the hospital.

• **KinoMonda film series** presents "The Road Home" 7 p.m. today in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

• **RTVF film series** presents "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" 7 p.m. Thursday in Moody Building South, Room 164. The film stars Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

• **Writing for an American Academic Audience workshop** will be 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday in Student Center, Room B-16. It will consider the expectations, requirements and strategies for developing effective papers in various disciplines. It is open to all students, but international students who are learning to write papers for an American academic audience are particularly invited. Attendance is limited to 20. Register at the Writing Center in the basement of the Student Center or call (817) 257-7221.

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

• **Sigma Xi** will sponsor a lecture by award-winning author and Dallas Morning News Science Editor Tom Siegfried 8 p.m. April 8 in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. The lecture, entitled "Science and the News," is free and open to the public.

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Campus/State Roundup

Andersen asks judge to bar employee subpoenas

HOUSTON (AP) — Arthur Andersen LLP has asked a federal judge to bar prosecutors from subpoenaing its employees to appear in front of a grand jury before the accounting firm goes on trial in May on obstruction charges.

"You can't use a grand jury to help prepare for trial in a case where a defendant has been indicted already," Andersen lawyer Rusty Hardin said Tuesday.

Andersen submitted Monday a proposed order that, if approved by U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon in Houston, would quash subpoenas issued to firm employees and prevent prosecutors from questioning witnesses before trial.

Justice Department officials said they would file responses to Andersen's requests by Thursday.

Andersen is accused of obstructing justice by shredding documents and deleting computer files related to Enron Corp.

Negotiators for golf resort granted more time

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — City officials have given negotiators involved in the PGA Village golf resort more time.

A financial and environmental agreement for the resort is being prepared for an April 4 review by the City Council.

Negotiations were initially intended to come to an end with a vote this Thursday.

City Manager Terry Brechtel said she pulled the public hearing and vote off this week's agenda when she saw that contractual changes already endorsed and others under review would take more than two or three days to complete.

The proposed 2,855-acre resort in Northeast Bexar County would be built on environmentally sensitive land in the aquifer recharge zone. The aquifer is the city's primary source of drinking water.

Communities Organized for Public Service and Metro Alliance, sister activist organizations, have circulated petitions opposing the project for

more than a week in the churches and neighborhoods they represent.

Noise ordinances made for Southwest Texas parties

SAN MARCOS (AP) — The San Marcos City Council has approved two ordinances aimed at reducing noise at parties, primarily those hosted by students at Southwest Texas State University.

Under the ordinances approved Monday, landlords and property owners could face \$100 fines for failing to curtail tenants' loud parties. If owners continue to ignore the problems, liens can be slapped on their homes and injunctions can prevent them from using the property as residences.

Hosts of parties could face misdemeanor criminal charges and a \$500 fine if their parties are too loud, if streets and driveways are blocked, if alcohol laws are violated or if trash is not cleaned up by 10 a.m. the next day.

Another provision allows police to cut power to homes where they believe drug or alcohol laws are being violated or partygoers refuse to quiet down. The power could be restored once the party is under control.

The city is protected from liability because the tenants in essence choose to have their power turned off by ignoring police warnings, the city attorney's office said.

San Marcos is a city of about 36,000 and has about 8,000 noise complaints a year, San Marcos Police Chief Steve Griffith said.

Mrs Baird's Bread bakery along freeway closes

DALLAS (AP) — No more will the smell of fresh-baked bread waft over commuters on North Central Expressway in Dallas, near SMU.

The Mrs Baird's Bread bakery at Mockingbird Lane and the expressway has closed. The Dallas Morning News reported in its Tuesday editions that the last loaf of bread rolled off the 49-year-old plant's production line at 6:55 p.m. Monday.

Most of the plant's workers have been offered retirement or jobs at the Fort Worth bakery or other plants around North Texas.

Officials of the Fort Worth-based company decided last year to close the plant and move its operations to their bigger, more modern plant in Fort Worth.

When the Dallas bakery opened in 1953, it was the world's largest automated bread bakery. Now, it is about one-fourth the size of the Fort Worth plant.

Mexico's largest bread and cookie baker, Grupo Industrial Bimbo, bought Mrs Baird's in 1998.

University of Minnesota students streak across campus

MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE) — For some students, the first day of school after Spring Break means the end of public nudity.

But six University of Minnesota students prolonged the debauchery for one more day by running naked through Northrop Mall at approximately 12:15 p.m. Monday.

The male students ran through campus wearing nothing more than wigs, hats, shoes and sunglasses. The event, known as the Jack Mytton Run, is in its fourth year.

After the students were dropped off on Washington Avenue, they ran through the mall area and into the circle drive next to the auditorium, where they were picked up. Beside the regular students walking near the mall, approximately 30 people gathered to watch in front of Northrop Auditorium.

The real Jack Mytton was born in Halston, England, in 1796. He was a notorious prankster famous for his intelligence, courage and wit.

Moments before the naked students ran through the mall, police sirens could be heard on the Northrop Auditorium steps. Someone in the crowd said, "Here they come," and was answered with nervous laughter.

No police arrived on the scene. Police dispatcher Karen Guinn said they did not get any calls regarding the occurrence.

University of Arizona offers class on school history

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — A new class this fall will survey University of Arizona's history, educating students about the people who have shaped the university since its opening in 1889.

The one-credit class, which is being offered by the College of Agriculture and the Arizona Alumni Association, is titled "Heritage and Traditions of the University of Arizona."

The class will cover topics such as the Land Grant system that helped establish the university, which is in danger of being cut to pay off a state deficit.

The class will not have a professor. Instead, students will hear lectures from different administrators and campus leaders every week. The schedule of lecturers includes UA President Peter Likins, Provost George Davis and Alumni Association Director Sandy Ruhl.

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University of Illinois creates restraints on press freedom

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (U-WIRE) — When it comes to advertising and distributing leaflets on the University of Illinois campus, free speech has its restraints.

Student groups must go to the Registered Student Organization office and fill out a form several weeks in advance before distributing leaflet information, RSO Director Yuki Llewellyn said.

Handing out information is allowed outdoors without advance permission as long as it's noncommercial speech, and the speaker doesn't use a booth or table, she said.

"You need approval for anything indoors, though," Llewellyn said. "You can't just stand in the hallway and hand things out."

She said posters can be hung indoors as long as they are on bulletin boards the Facility Planning Office has designated for students. Students are permitted to post nearly anything, but there can be no "specific reference to alcohol," Llewellyn said.

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Meeting first step in campus solidarity

Our campus has never been known for working together as a whole. The student body alone is divided enough. We are divided through classification, major, Greek affiliation, race, nationality and countless other sects.

There are also just as many divisive factors that separate faculty members through departmental differences and, recently, varying Common Undergraduate Experience viewpoints. In terms of staff, it's hard for receptionists and grounds crew workers to find a lot in common as well.

However, the joint meeting Tuesday between Faculty Senate, Staff Assembly and Student Government Association definitely represents a first step in the right direction. Seventy people working together with a vision of campus unity in sight is one that is long overdue, but one that has the right idea in mind.

SGA president Chelsea Hudson helped organize the event that may help this university move away from several somewhat similar, but also somewhat self-serving visions and, instead, work together on the same page.

The only problem is that the student body still needs to be more represented. Although SGA is ideally elected to serve the student body, only a small portion of students actually vote due to general apathy and uninformed beliefs that SGA can't make a difference. Other student organizations need to be represented to some degree in these meetings as well. Interfraternity Council, International Student Association and others deserve a voice as well.

However, in order for these joint meetings to work they can't be forced. They can't be like the upcoming FrogStock 2002, where campus organizations will be brought together in the name of supposed unity, when in reality they will lose their status as a recognized campus organization if they don't participate.

For these joint meetings to work, the people involved have to want them to work and not just aim for good attendance.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

The common political theory on voting is, fewer people vote in the primary than in the general election. Why? Mainly because most voters don't see voting in the primary as very important. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Last Tuesday saw disappointing election returns across the Illinois region, which saw a minor peak in turnout. The primary is not a throw away election with no significance. The primary offers a chance to select the potential nominees for the Democratic and Republican parties.

Say you're a moderate Republican voter but you didn't vote in the primary. Traditionally in Illinois, conservatives tend to vote in large numbers in the GOP primary. Moderates who don't vote in the primary are assured of having a conservative candidate in the general election.

By the 1920s, almost every state was moving to a primary voting system. Before that, political bosses chose candidates in back room negotiations held out of the sight of the public. Voters had no choice but to select from the hand-picked choices of party leaders. If that system were still in place, many candidates would be frozen out of the process.

In previous elections, the state Republican Party failed to slate moderate candidates for the general

election due in large part to dedicated conservative voters who chose conservative candidates. Still, critics will note that the two major parties continue to maintain a tight grip on the selection process.

But the process is at least open to public scrutiny. And as was the case in the 2000 presidential election, nothing is absolute in the primaries. Arizona Sen. John McCain surprised most political prognosticators and then front-runner George W. Bush by winning the New Hampshire primary.

New Hampshire voters were swayed by McCain's no-nonsense style, not by Bush's anointing by the GOP as the party's standard bearer for the general election. Despite not winning, McCain's success was an example of the primary's importance.

Also, having to declare a party depresses primary turnout. Having an open Illinois primary would alleviate this problem. But changing the current system will not make up for some voters' ignorance of the election process.

In short, we don't simply need a high primary turnout, but informed voters who take an active role in elections.

This editorial comes from the *Daily Egyptian* at Southern Illinois University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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Average Horned Frogs lack desire to help others

I gave blood last week. I was pretty proud of it for a while, too, thinking about how I conquered my fear of having sharp pieces of metal stuck in my arms, all while doing such a charitable thing for society.

COMMENTARY



Jeff Dennis

However, then I started to think: I'm 20 years old, and this is the first time I've ever given blood. Just since I've come to college, that's three years of excuses as to why I shouldn't give blood.

Back during the Sept. 11 rush to donate blood, I refrained from giving, telling myself enough people were giving that they weren't going to need my blood, and it would just go to waste or something. That ended up being a fairly true statement, but now, more than six months later, blood banks need people to continue giving.

When I gave blood last week, I was one of two people giving blood in the entire Student Center Ballroom. Six months ago, Carter BloodCare probably could have filled Daniel-Meyer Coliseum with people wanting to give blood.

This seems to present a clear picture of how catastrophic events can lead people to feel a sudden

urgent need to "do something" to help a horrible situation, especially when the situation threatens our way of life. However, now that the threat of homeland terrorism has subsided somewhat, or has at least been forgotten by many Americans, people just aren't as interested in helping their country. Attention is turned more to the economy, as many Americans are wondering just how they are going to make the payments on their Jaguar and their summer house in Aspen. Giving blood takes a lower spot on the priority list.

To refine this discussion to a local perspective, is TCU a scale model of the rest of the country in terms of community involvement? There are plenty of organizations doing some really great things to help people in need, but there doesn't seem to be a burning desire in the hearts of the average Horned Frog to lend a helping hand.

When organizations set up tables in the Student Center to promote interest in their group or their activity, do you lower your head and speed through in hopes that no one tries to talk to you? They probably just want money anyway, or worse yet, they might try to sign you up for an internship. Be wary of people giving

away free newspapers or Scanticons, there's got to be a catch.

Maybe we avoid solicitors because it is something we have seen all our lives. As a large percentage of TCU students come from middle to upper-class families, most are probably familiar with their parents' experiences of being constantly harassed by anyone and everyone soliciting long-distance service, credit cards, mail-order brides and anything else you could ever think of selling.

It is almost as though we come to TCU with built-in sense to detect people asking for help and get away from them as soon as possible. That is a harmful thing, because we are at college to develop into people who do care about what is going on in the world around us, and are willing to try and help in some way.

What can you do to help hunt down Osama bin Laden? Probably almost nothing. Are there people right here in Fort Worth who could use your help? Hopefully you have enough grasp of your community to realize the answer is yes. But the question you really need to answer is not if you can help, but will you?

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Females relate to "Sex and the City" characters, relationships

I have a new obsession. It's not birthdays, time-management or diet cokes.

It's "Sex and the City," the best television show in the world.

COMMENTARY



Lauren Cates

If you're a guy, you might not want to read this article because you probably aren't familiar with this wonderful show that embodies practically everything about being a girl. I don't think I have a friend who doesn't love the show or want to be one of the characters. I think it should be adopted as a national pastime.

The reason so many girls can identify with "Sex and the City" is because of the friendships between people who seem so similar to ourselves and people we know.

Who doesn't know a Miranda, the sensible, smart, if not anal-retentive friend who keeps everyone in line? Or Charlotte, the sweet naive friend who is unfailingly optimistic. I know every-

one has a sex-crazed Samantha in their life (they're usually the friends smacking guys' butts at parties). And Carrie, her relationships with men and questions about life never fail to remind us of our own stupid decisions or past relationships.

Not to mention the fact that no die-hard fan can resist the references to clothes and fashion. Granted, sometimes the ensembles are a little off-the-wall, but I think we can all identify with the shopping addictions. It may reek of materialistic consumerism, but sometimes a new dress/skirt/top/pair of shoes can make any day seem brighter.

These characters are lovable because they're realistic. They talk about real issues and they make it funny. They speak like we do, uncensored, over your drink of choice on any given night when you're surrounded by your best girlfriends. Any guy who thinks women don't actually talk this way is naive or any girl who denies that we do is too conservative.

On second thought, maybe guys should watch the show

merely as an effort to understand why women can act so seemingly insane sometimes.

There are the drawbacks to my obsession. The show does promote unbridled promiscuity and numerous examples of poor decision making on the part of its characters. Though we are convinced that they are good people as a whole, they probably should not be held up as examples of high moral integrity. But then again, it's HBO.

The thing that keeps women tuning in to HBO every Sunday at 8 p.m., obsessively watching the past seasons, and begging for bonus seasons is the underlying message of the show: Relationships, jobs, and life's circumstances are always changing, but the good friends, the fun and the new shoes along the way make it all worth it.

Who can disagree with this? It's an obsession we don't mind being hooked on.

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Strive for excellence despite risks

Ahh, the Oscars...

Amidst all the pomp and circumstance, J. Lo's horrific hairdo and Joan Rivers' attempt to make it all about her failing career, it's really quite easy to forget the reason everyone's there in the first place is to honor the art of making film. Apparently the Academy forgot that too.

COMMENTARY



Tim Dragger

The only thing more conservative than the dress at Sunday's Academy Awards was the limp and unimaginative choice for best picture.

But before we get into the perpetuation of the status quo, it's worth mentioning that the Academy Awards got a few things right.

Halle Berry and Denzel Washington both wholly deserved their acknowledgments, not because of the statement it made about the Academy's (and to a larger extent society's) final acceptance of mainstream African-American leads, but because there were no two better individual performances this year.

And how about Sidney Poitier? There's a man with more class than the entire room.

But when it came to best picture I don't remember being that disappointed since the Senate watered down finance reform and I found out Rena Sofer was no longer going to be appearing on TV's "Ed."

"A Beautiful Mind" certainly isn't a bad film (if you're willing to absolve it of the fact that it neither portrayed schizophrenia nor John Nash's life within driving distance of reality) but it had to be the least imaginative and the least interesting of all the pictures nominated. It was the "vanilla" of the category.

One can't help but feel that it succeeded not on its own merits but on the fact that it was the least extreme, the least definite and therefore, the least disagreeable.

I'm not trying to forward an idea that great art has to be extreme or offensive, but when the category included films that push accepted boundaries, it's disheartening to see them settle on the lowest common denominator.

"Lord of the Rings" and "Moulin Rouge" were examples of epic, visionary filmmaking that broke free of the intrinsic preconceptions of their genres. "In the Bedroom" and "Gosford Park" were tight and nuanced works of intricate and finely detailed storytelling. These were all films that took risks in a strive for greatness.

Conversely, "A Beautiful Mind" came across as an exercise in the safe choice. There were no risks taken, no choices made that might be uncomfortable, or questioning. Everything about the movie seemed calculated to fall just within the status quo and garner the most Academy votes by appealing to the largest sample of the population as possible. This isn't a movie that tried to earn an Oscar so much as protect its chance at one.

This choice seems indicative of a mood that's come over the country in the last months. Ever since Sept. 11, liberals and conservatives have been rushing for cover faster than Billy Graham at a bar mitzvah. The middle right has become the new camping ground for anyone desperate to hang onto their job.

But where does this leave our political and cultural climate? Of course extremism can be exceedingly harmful, and we've all witnessed the result of radicalism left unchecked. But great acts and great ideas are made by people unafraid to stand up, say what they mean and take the flack for it. The dissent is the greatest American virtue we possess.

The mentality in art (and politics) should be to risk failure by striving for excellence, not simply to protect mediocrity. If we're afraid to be courageous and visionary and break from the traditional roles we place on ourselves it could very well be another 39 years before another African-American man is justly recognized for his work.

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NEWS DIGEST

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National/International Roundup

Bush appoints Arizona doctor as surgeon general

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Tuesday selected an Arizona trauma surgeon and sheriff's deputy to be surgeon general and a top administrator at Johns Hopkins University to direct the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Richard Carmona of Tucson and Hopkins' Dr. Elias Zerhouni must be confirmed by the Senate before filling the two top health positions.

"These are distinguished physicians who have worked tirelessly to save lives and to improve lives," the president said in an East Room ceremony at the White House.

The two doctors and their families were at the White House for the ceremony announcing the long-awaited nominations.

Zerhouni said he never dreamt of such a privilege when he and his wife immigrated here from Algeria 27 years ago. Carmona, his voice breaking as he alternated between speaking Spanish and English, called his own nomination the American dream for "a high-school dropout and poor Hispanic kid."

F/A-18 fighter jets return to cheering crowds in

U.S. BEAUFORT, S.C. (AP) — Friends and families cheered as a squadron of F/A-18 fighter jets roared over the Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station on Tuesday, returning from a six-month deployment in the war against terror.

The fighters were the first of three 12-plane squadrons to return from the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, their base for missions over Afghanistan.

Children waved American flags and families taped the return on video cameras as the jets pulled up in front of a hangar.

The first group to touch down was Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251. Two Navy squadrons

were expected back later Tuesday.

The squadrons, deployed following the September attacks on the World Trade Center, spent a record 161 days at sea without a port call.

In all, the squadrons flew 2,100 combat sorties. Some of the missions lasted up to eight hours, while a few required the jets to be refueled in midair up to five times.

During the mission, there were no injuries to any squadron members or their support people.

Man kills self and four children while ex-wife gone

MERCED, Calif. (AP) — A man shot his 5-year-old daughter and his ex-wife's three other children to death Tuesday, then turned the gun on himself while the woman was on her morning walk, authorities said.

Christine McFadden returned from her walk in an affluent suburb of Merced shortly after 7 a.m. to find her 17-year-old daughter lying dead in the hallway near her bedroom, Merced County Sheriff's Sgt. Tom Cavallero said.

McFadden called police from a neighbor's house and returned to find her three other children and her ex-husband lying in separate bedrooms dead with gunshot wounds, Cavallero said.

The man's body was found in the bed of the master bedroom, holding the 5-year-old in his arms. The others, including a 15-year-old boy and a 14-year-old boy, were not his children.

The couple had been divorced for about a year and the man, whose name was not immediately released, was living in Kern County, near Bakersfield, Cavallero said.

Large amount of human remains found in rubble

NEW YORK (AP) — Recovery crews searching through the last mountains of World Trade Center debris have found more human remains in the past three weeks than in any

comparable period since October.

Nearly 3,000 body parts have been discovered since March 1, when workers began concentrating on the last heaps of rubble, including the footprint of the south tower, the first skyscraper to collapse.

Until this month, a large mountain of debris where the south tower stood was largely untouched because it was used to support a road for trucks hauling broken concrete and steel. But a metal ramp has since been installed, enabling workers to begin taking the pile apart.

Workers are also picking through a smaller pile of rubble where the north tower once stood.

During the round-the-clock operation, firefighters who comb through the debris with rakes and shovels stop frequently to stow remains into red biohazard bags. Bags are placed onto stretchers and draped with American flags. Rescue workers salute as the stretchers are carried out of the site and into ambulances.

The remains of 166 firefighters have been located, nearly 20 in the past three weeks. But that is still less than half of the 343 killed.

Increase in number of journalists killed, jailed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of journalists killed last year rose to 37 from 24 the year before, partly because of the war in Afghanistan, a U.S. press group says.

Eight journalists were killed in Afghanistan in 2001, the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists says in its annual report, out Tuesday.

But most of the journalists killed worldwide were not covering wars or other conflicts, the group said. Instead, they were murdered in reprisal for their reporting on sensitive topics, such as official crime and corruption.

In addition, the number of journalists in prison jumped nearly 50 percent

— to 118 in 2001 from 81 the year before, the report said. That increase reversed four years of steady decline.

Much of the increase resulted from crackdowns in Eritrea and Nepal. In addition, China, already the world's leading jailer of journalists for the third year in a row, arrested eight more, ending the year with 35 journalists behind bars, the report said.

Papers from suspicious airline passengers released

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two men under federal investigation for possible ties to terrorist groups were denied entry to Israel in December after one was carrying a letter that the FBI believes indicated they planned to commit a suicide attack there, according to sworn court papers.

The papers, made public by the U.S. attorney's office in Alexandria, Va., Tuesday, accused one of the two men, Mohammed Osman Idris, 24, of Annandale, Va., of lying to a grand jury. He and his traveling companion, identified as Mohammed El-Yacoubi of Fairfax, Va., were stopped by authorities in New York while trying to fly to Jerusalem, the papers said.

In the documents filed in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, the FBI said that El-Yacoubi was carrying a four-page letter, written in Arabic, apparently from his younger brother, Abdalmuhssin El-Yacoubi, a student at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Va.

The pair also was carrying \$2,000 in cash, a cellular telephone, a compass, calculator and video camera, the bureau said in its affidavit.

Although U.S. investigators allowed them to board the El Al flight from JFK International Airport in New York, authorities in Israel denied them entry, and they were forced to return to the United States, the papers said.

EARTHQUAKE

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40 miles below the surface and likely to cause heavy damage.

Nuristani said about 1,800 people were killed in Monday's quake. Earlier, in Geneva, U.N. spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs said Afghan authorities had initially told them the death toll could reach 4,800. No Americans or foreigners were known to be among the missing or dead.

By early afternoon, 600 bodies had been pulled from the wreckage of collapsed homes, said Defense Ministry official Mira Jan.

"I can say that 90 percent of Nahrin has been destroyed," Jan said. "We asked (peacekeepers) and all other humanitarian non-governmental organizations to help the people there because they lost everything. They need tents, medicines, everything."

By late afternoon, about 400 people had been wrapped in white cotton shrouds and buried in and around Nahrin — some of them in mass graves, said Nurullah, secretary of commander Haider Khan, speaking from Nahrin.

About 200 wounded were taken to Pul-e-Kumri and Baglan by helicopter, bus and trucks, while some 70 people were treated in Nahrin. Gen. Khalil, a military commander from Pul-e-Kumri, said rescuers didn't have enough helicopters to transport all the wounded. Roads in the area were blocked by rubble and impassable.

"The condition is very terrible," Nurullah told *The Associated Press* by satellite telephone. "The people are in a very bad condition."

"Everyone is trying to find the members of their families to bring them out of the destroyed walls or collapsed areas," he said. "The earthquake is going on, and each time, the people are very afraid."

Interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai canceled a trip to Turkey scheduled Wednesday to manage

the disaster, Nuristani said, adding that officials had allocated \$600,000 for immediate aid.

Karzai planned to visit the affected area soon, a government minister told the *Afghan Islamic Press*.

The U.S. Army at Bagram air base sent a small assessment team to the affected area to decide if American troops could play a role in rescue and recovery efforts, said spokesman Maj. Bryan Hilferty.

The Bush administration also has pledged assistance to the interim government and local people dealing with the tragedy, said U.S. special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad said.

Health Minister Dr. Suhaila Sidiq and Gen. Mostapha of the Defense Ministry had reached the quake area. Interior Minister Yunus Qanooni also planned a visit soon.

U.N. spokesman Yusuf Hassan said five villages in the quake area were destroyed. The region, which has been hard-hit by drought and food shortages, is home to an estimated 82,000 people.

Hassan said aid groups were trying to get tents and other emergency supplies to the homeless there.

Acted was providing 2,000 tents and 1,000 blankets, U.N. spokeswoman Rebecca Richards said in Kabul. The World Food Program was sending 175 tons of food to the area.

U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said the United Nations also was rushing emergency aid to the scene. He said preliminary reports indicated more than 200 houses were damaged around the village of Nahrin.

The Nahrin offices of ACTED, a French organization, were destroyed.

"Each five or 10 minutes there is a shake still going on," said Shoja Zare, an ACTED radio operator in Kabul who was in contact with colleagues in Nahrin. "There is no hospital, there is no doctor to help these people."

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Tuesday, March 26 at 1 p.m.

Steven E. Woodworth

Discussing and signing - *A Scythe of Fire*
 A Civil War Story of the Eighth Georgia Infantry Regiment

Steven E. Woodworth is an associate professor at Texas Christian University and the author of nine previous books about the Civil War.

A monumental work of heart and scholarship, *A Scythe of Fire* tells the remarkable story of a single regiment that held together through long years of victory, defeat, death and despair, from the Civil War's opening salvo to the Confederate surrender. The product of meticulous research, Woodworth and the late Warren Wilkinson's stirring chronicle of the War Between the States brings the conflict alive as never before through the eyes of the courageous men who fought and died on the nation's battlefields.

As part of the Author Series at the TCU Bookstore, Steven E. Woodworth will discuss and sign *A Scythe of Fire* on Tuesday, March 26 at 1 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.

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FoodStuff

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Today's menu
LUNCH

- Rigatoni/fusilli
- Pesto/chicken Alfredo
- Manicotti
- Spare ribs with sauerkraut
- Mushrooms and asparagus strudel
- Parsley boiled potato
- Glazed carrots
- Mini corn dogs
- Onion rings
- Roast turkey with gravy
- Vegetable blend

DINNER

- Elbows/linguine
- Veal parmesan
- Cilantro chicken
- Cuban roasted vegetable mojo
- Egg noodles
- Green beans
- Popcorn chicken
- Onion rings
- Carved roast beef
- Mashed potatoes
- Mexi-corn
- Chef choice salad

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

- Fettucine/penne pasta
- Sausage and peppers
- Asian pepper beef
- General Tso tofu
- Fried rice
- Eggrolls
- Vegetable blend
- Popcorn chicken
- Onion rings
- Brisket with brown gravy
- Oven roasted potatoes
- Vegetable blend
- Chef choice salad

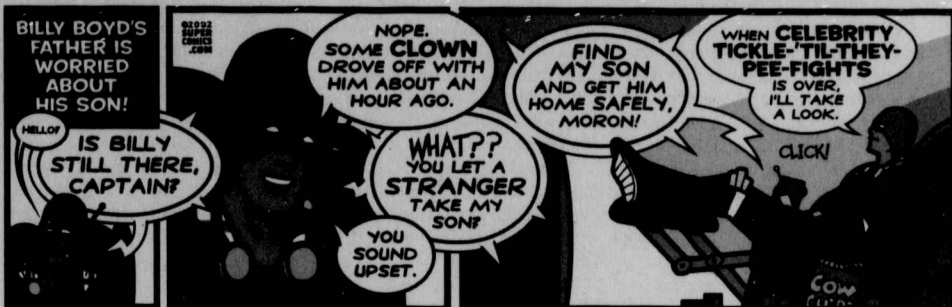
DINNER

- Angel hair/small shells
- Cannoloni
- Chorizo and two-pepper con queso
- Capanata
- Yellow rice
- Onion rings
- Honey wings
- Rotisserie chicken
- Scalloped potatoes
- Peas and carrots
- Vegetable blend
- Chef choice salad

Today's Funnies

Captain Ribman

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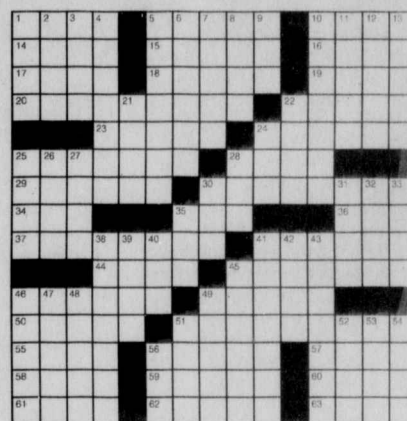
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A: YES 26 NO 74

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Today's Crossword


- ACROSS
- Spirit
 - Assert innocence, officially
 - Peter the Great's title
 - Adamson's lioness
 - Black-and-blue
 - Detest
 - Sir Guinness
 - Blazing
 - Building additions
 - Brilliantly
 - Night sky sights
 - Park, CO
 - Most ominous
 - Dined sumptuously
 - Kind of cat or setter
 - Newspaper leader
 - Recall
 - Writer Buntline
 - Lending organ?
 - "Kansas" grp
 - Suffering from hay fever
 - Spain's place
 - Tear
 - Walter of "The Westerner"
 - Sagacity
 - New
 - Rajah's wives
 - Furniture with pockets
 - Actress Gray
 - Sri
 - Carol
 - Memo
 - Shakespearean forest
 - Hit on the head
 - Lincoln and Fortas
 - Show respect for the flag
 - Tatter
 - Greek letters




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Tuesday's Solutions

- Tiny tree holder
- Hoisted
- Bad deeds
- Ethereal
- ETO commander
- Proposition to be proven
- Balm
- Map collection
- Return to defaults
- Concerning
- French resort city
- Lake maker
- Marshes
- Utopia
- Page
- Each
- Tatter
- Swiss capital
- Author/director Kazan
- Colorful mount
- Conclude
- Some weasels
- List enders
- Hostelry
- Emerald Isle
- Outscore
- Embellish
- Not working
- Showplace
- Chocolate substitute
- Merge
- Jane or Peter
- Stariet's quest
- Punt
- Mrs. Home
- Members of a fraternal order
- Head of Vegas?



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The Sideline

Women's tennis tops No. 42 Oklahoma State, 4-1

The No. 29-ranked TCU women's tennis team defeated No. 42-ranked Oklahoma State, 4-1, Tuesday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. The match was called after TCU picked up its fourth point with Karla Mancinas' win at No. 6 singles. TCU advances its record to 14-4, 2-0 C-USA, while Oklahoma State falls to 6-7.

TCU swept the doubles matches against the Cowgirls. Rosa Perez and Paty Aburto, ranked No. 29 in the nation, made short work of No. 10-ranked Linda Falynkova and Katia Kolodynska at No. 1 doubles by a score of 8-2. The win over the 10th-ranked duo is Perez and Aburto's third victory this season against a doubles team ranked in the top 20. At No. 2 spot, No. 34-ranked Saber Pierce and Leoni Weirich defeated Erin Pauchnik and Ashleigh Dolman, 8-4. Katrin Gaber and Karla Mancinas fought back from an 0-5 deficit to top Kate Vasylyeva and Dominika Olszewska, 8-6, at No. 3.

The Frogs swept three of the four singles matches that were completed. At one singles, No. 99-ranked Paty Aburto defeated Dominika Olszewska, 6-1, 6-2. Rosa Perez picked up her 12th win of the spring with her 6-1, 6-1 victory against Katia Kolodynska at No. 4. Karla Mancinas completed the Frogs' victory as she picked up the 6-4, 6-2 win at No. 6 singles over Erin Pauchnik.

Men's golf surges into third at Morris Williams

AUSTIN — The Horned Frog men's golf team made a strong push over the final two rounds of the Morris Williams Intercollegiate to leap from No. 12 place into third at the 15-team event. Adam Rubinson led the charge, as he fired a five-under par 67 in round two en route to his third-place showing individually.

As a team, TCU shot a 27-over-par score of 891 in the 54-hole event. Texas, the host school, won the tournament with a card of 883 (+19). Nine of the tournament's 15 teams were ranked in the top 25 in the most recent Golfweek/Sagarin poll. The final placing was TCU's fifth top-three finish in eight events.

"The guys made a great charge over the last 36 holes," head coach Bill Montigel said. "We will get a lot out of competing in this tournament. Not only did we play against great competition, but we also played a very tough course under some difficult conditions."

Baseball commissioner pledges no baseball lockout

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig pledged Tuesday not to lock out players through the World Series but left open the chance that owners would impose new work rules during the offseason, a move that could trigger another strike this summer.

The players' union, operating without a labor contract since Nov. 7, quickly interpreted Selig's statement as a veiled threat to impose vast economic changes as soon as the postseason ends.

Coaches: high expectations for signees

Lady Frogs recruit 3 players; Payne back for 2002-2003

BY NATHAN LOEWEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Frogs are predicting another Top-20 recruiting class for TCU, associate head coach Larry Tidwell said Monday.

The 2002 TCU Lady Frog recruiting class consists of two junior college transfers and one incoming freshman. Kimmie Ortega, a guard, and Tracy Wynn, a forward are both coming from Seward County Community College who just finished winning the national junior college championship this past season. Ortega was named Women's Basketball Coaches Association player of the year.

"Ortega will be a good addition for our team," said head coach Jeff Mittie. "We will have depth at the guard position."

Ortega's teammate Wynn also inked with TCU during the early signing period. Forward Ashley Davis is the incoming freshman who played for San Antonio Taft High School, which lost to Mansfield High School in the championship game.

Both Tidwell and Mittie said they have high expectations.

"Ashley Davis could be another Sheryl Swoopes," said Tidwell.

Mittie said Davis is an exceptional player.

"We have high expectations for Davis," said Mittie. "She has a lot of the same qualities as Swoopes had."

Despite the fact that all three of the players signed with TCU in the early signing period, Tidwell said recruiting is ongoing.

"Recruiting nowadays is 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," said Tidwell. "We are out watching juniors and sophomores (in high school)."

Tidwell said that TCU is easy to sell the program to prospective recruits.

"TCU has both great academics and a great team that is committed to

winning a national title," said Tidwell.

Tidwell and Mittie both said that TCU can recruit competitively with other schools like Texas, Oklahoma and schools in the Southeastern Conference.

"With commitment from the administration, we are put on a level playing field," said Tidwell. "That's all we need is a level playing field. Our administration gives us that."

Tidwell said TCU goes head-to-head with a lot of major schools.

"(Texas and Oklahoma) have more tradition," said Mittie. "More kids are seeing (TCU) as a good choice."

Tidwell said he expects the new recruits to contribute immediately.

"We aren't recruiting for you to sit on the bench and look pretty," said Tidwell. "With the system we have, every-one plays almost equal playing time."

Mittie said that generally they like to bring in high school players but that does not always work out.

"We only look at recruits one way, can they help us," said Mittie. "Either we need them to fill a hole or we just need (to make an addition to the team)."

Along with the new recruits TCU will welcome Amy Pack who transferred to TCU last season from Texas-El Paso and sat out 2001-2002 season due to NCAA regulations. Pack was named to first team all-Western Athletic Conference for two years and was named WAC Player of the Year for the 2000-2001 season. In that season, she led the WAC in scoring and was second in rebounds.

The Lady Frogs will also welcome back the return of guard Tricia Payne who has decided to return for her final year of eligibility.

"(Payne) is just as good in the locker room as she is on the court. She will bring leadership to the team," said Tidwell. "She is the best shooting guard in the country that we could have signed."

Tidwell, who is the primary recruiter for team, said he gives a lot of the credit for recruiting to the coaching staff as a whole.

"(Mittie) is one of the few head coaches that likes to recruit. The other assistants also do a great job

and make mine a whole lot easier," said Tidwell. "This is by far the best coaching staff I have ever worked with."

Tidwell said he expects excitement and competitiveness among the team-mates next season.

"If you want to see excitement come to the workouts, there is going to be some competitiveness in workouts for positions," said Tidwell.

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2002 TCU Recruiting Class

Ashley Davis F 6-2
Fr.-HS 22.0 ppg, 12.1 rpg San Antonio, San Antonio Taft H.S.
Kimmie Ortega G 5-8
Jr.-JC 17.7 ppg, 6.5 apg, 4.7 spg Logandale, Nev. Seward County C.C.
Tracy Wynn F 6-3 Jr.-JC 15.4 ppg, 8.9 rpg Booker, Seward County C.C.

New diamond shines for baseball recruits

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Skiff Staff

In basketball, the big story is about a 40-year-old assistant being hired as men's basketball head coach who has a niche for recruiting.

In baseball, there is a 41-year-old stadium being replaced with a new field. It would also be key in recruiting. The TCU Diamond, open since 1962, is in its last year of being the home of the Horned Frog baseball team. It's being replaced by the Charles and Marie Lupton Baseball Stadium. The stadium is slated to open next season for the Frogs.

Construction began for the \$7 million stadium in December 2001. It will host 2,200 permanent seats, three skybox suites and a cantilevered roof system. There will also be top-notch improvements in the dugouts, press boxes and concession stands, to name a few.

Head coach Lance Brown said the Lupton Stadium will give a chance for the Frogs to reel in some high-profile recruits.

"We've already signed a couple of players this year," Brown said. "They are real good players. But it's not the same as telling them that it's being built. I think that next year, once you bring them in and they can actually see it, then it's different from even talking about it."

TCU alum Roger Williams said he is thrilled, like many supporters, about the new stadium. Williams, who graduated in 1972, played baseball for the Frogs and coached the team back in 1976. As the chairman of the Capitol Campaign, the

fundraiser for the new stadium, Williams said the project is rewarding after 20 years of lobbying.

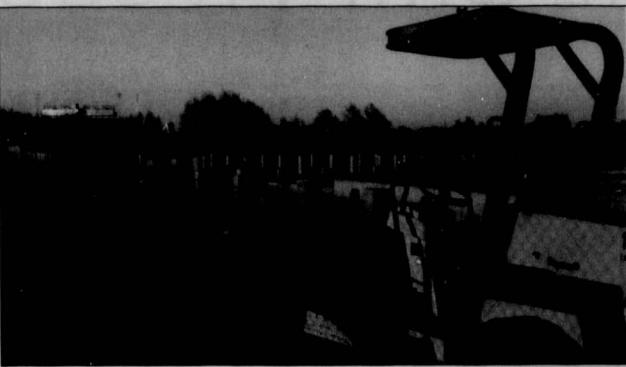
"This will move TCU up in to the top tier of baseball programs," Williams said. "It will enable the team to improve by going after any player in the country, as well as the state. When you look at how the new facilities at Texas Tech, Rice and Baylor helped their programs, it's an exciting time for the university."

One person who would know about the ability of a high-class facility to ascend in a club is University of Texas head coach Augie Garrido. Garrido, the Longhorns' head coach since 1997, has one of the top teams in the country. UT plays its home games at Disch-Faulk Field, a large facility that hosts the UIL state baseball tournament, and may have the opportunity to host an NCAA Super Regional.

"It's huge for the program," Garrido said. "There are a lot of good Division I programs out there, and a good stadium serves as a catalyst for improving your team. Once you develop a facility, it allows for the school to bring in better players and improve."

In addition to the attention-garnering stadium, publicity is also gained by being in Conference USA. With schools in the conference being spread out across the country, Brown said it will allow for more people to notice the Frogs.

"When you think about it our scores never got in to the paper in the (Western Athletic Conference)," Brown said. "We were always hours late on the West Coast, so nobody could follow us. I think we will get a lot of inquiries from people back east now that are interested in playing here. It may open up some new avenues for us in recruiting."



The new baseball stadium, Charles and Marie Lupton Baseball Stadium, will attract high-profile high school recruits, head coach Lance Brown said.
Erin Munger/SKIFF STAFF

OU men, woman head to NCAAs

BY JUSTIN JUOZAPAVICIUS
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma prides itself on football. Just as that team starts spring practice, though, the school's basketball players are getting all the attention.

A sea of red Sooners hats and Final Four T-shirts bobbed across campus Tuesday in celebration of a rare double: Oklahoma's men's and women's teams are headed to the Final Four.

It's just the third time that a school has sent teams to both college basketball national semifinals in the same season. Duke did it two years ago, and Georgia did in 1983.

"We're not a basketball school," zoology major Ryan Willes said while watching game highlights on a TV in the OU student union, "but we've got a chance to show our dominance."

Oklahoma's women beat Colorado 94-60 Monday to win the West Regional and will play Duke in San Antonio on Friday for a berth in the national title game. It's the first Final Fourth berth for any women's team from the Big 12 conference.

Oklahoma's men defeated Missouri 81-75 Saturday to win the West Regional and face Indiana on Saturday in Atlanta. The Sooners hadn't been to the Final Four since 1988, when they lost to Kansas in the championship game.

How muted is Oklahoma's bas-

ketball tradition? Sooners guard Hollis Price, who's averaging 18.2 points in the men's NCAAs, said he "didn't even know we played for a national title against Kansas until I got here."

Still, men's coach Kelvin Sampson said his team has carved itself a niche at the school, which won its seventh AP college football national title in the 2000 season.

"I think we've got our own great basketball tradition here," Sampson said. "We don't have the seven championships, but we've worked hard to create an identity for ourselves here."

That identity was in evidence at Frank Mize's tiny barber shop across from campus on Tuesday, the first day of football spring practice. The talk in the shop usually veers toward quarterbacks and offensive sets.

Now they're talking about rebounding and shooting.

"Since the tournament began, that's all I've heard," Mize said. Local businesses post signs of support in windows and fly the school's crimson and cream colors outside storefronts. Along some streets, OU flags outnumber U.S. flags.

"There's an electricity in the air and you can feel it," said Luke Canon, co-owner of Suzy's Creations, an embroidery and screen-printing shop. "It's almost as good as football electricity."

"We're not a basketball school, but we've got a chance to show our dominance."
— Ryan Willes

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