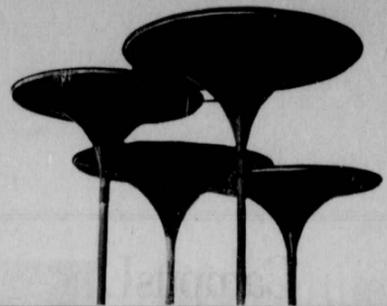


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Census sites rising number of cohabiting couples

MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) — When University of Wisconsin-Madison junior Buffy Spink was looking for a new roommate two years ago, her boyfriend of three and a half years, returning second-year student Greg Stahl, was also searching for a place to live. The couple decided moving in together would be a simple solution to both housing problems.

Spink and Stahl are part of an increasing number of Americans cohabiting — or living together — before or instead of getting married.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 4.9 million unmarried men and women cohabitate, a dramatic rise from the 500,000 Americans living together in 1970.

While these statistics include couples of all ages, a growing number of young people are choosing to cohabitate.

"The new thing in the last 30 years is younger people living together," said UW sociology professor John DeLamater.

"Some studies find that 6 to 8 percent cohabitate on some colleges campuses."

UW psychology professor Janet Hyde said many young people cohabitate and delay marriage. The average age for getting married was 21 or 22 in past years, but it has risen to 25 or 26.

Numerous studies have tried to determine why cohabitation is popular among young people. Some experts believe the ideologies and morals of college-aged students influence their lifestyle decisions.

"The literature on college students has shown they're more politically and socially liberal and less religious," DeLamater said.

Also, many of today's young people witnessed bad marriages and divorces growing up and may be apprehensive about entering into a marriage without a strong sense of their compatibility with their partner.

— The Daily Cardinal

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THURSDAY

High: 61; Low: 48; Partly cloudy

FRIDAY

High: 71; Low: 51; Mostly cloudy

LookingBack

1783 — Legend of *Sleepy Hollow* author Washington Irving born.

1860 — Pony Express mail service begins as riders leave simultaneously from St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California.

1986 — Notorious outlaw Jesse James dies from a gun shot wound in the back inflicted by Robert Ford, a member of his gang.

Sharon: Arafat should seek exile

Fighting continues in West Bank; Palestinian leader still confined

BY LAURA KING
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israeli tanks and helicopters shelled a heavily fortified Palestinian security headquarters in an all-night assault Tuesday. Fighting raged outside Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, and Israel's prime minister proposed exile for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Nine Palestinians and an Israeli soldier were killed in Tuesday's violence. By nightfall Tuesday, most of the about 400 Palestinians trapped in the compound of West Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub surrendered to Israeli troops, in a deal brokered by U.S. and European officials. About eight men remained inside. Israel had assaulted the compound saying top militants were inside, a claim denied by Rajoub.

In Bethlehem, Israeli helicopter gunships hovering over Manger Square exchanged fire with Palestinian gunmen near the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition says Jesus was born. Several armed men sought refuge in the shrine.

Tuesday's fighting came as Israel widened its 5-day-old military offensive, "Operation Protective Wall," launched to uproot militants blamed for a string of terror attacks on Israelis.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Tuesday he has proposed that Eu-



Israeli soldiers take up positions on top of their Armored Personal Carrier near the West Bank town of Nablus Tuesday.

ropean Union envoy Miguel Moratinos or other diplomats fly Arafat into exile, raising the idea in public for the first time.

"I told him (Moratinos), if they would like, they will fly with a helicopter and will take him (Arafat) from here," Sharon said during a tour of West Bank army bases, in remarks carried by Israel Radio. Arafat "will not be able to return," Sharon said such a step would require Cabinet approval.

Arafat has been confined in his offices by Israeli troops holding his Ramallah headquarters since Friday. Palestinian Planning Minister

Nabil Shaath said that Arafat "will not leave Palestine."

Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed opposition to exiling Arafat, saying the Palestinian leader could "conduct the same kind of activities" from a different place. "Until he decides he's going to leave the country, it seems we need to work with him where he is," Powell told ABC's "Good Morning America."

He advised Sharon to "take care" in his offensive and said eventually a political solution

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Advancement



Roger Ivy, a physical plant employee speaks at the Staff Assembly meeting Tuesday. Non-exempt regular staff members who have worked at TCU for 15 years or more and have a "satisfactory performance" rating will be eligible for 3 percent pay raises, John Weis, assistant vice chancellor for human resources, said at Tuesday's Staff Assembly meeting.

Weis said letters were mailed in late March to notify staff members who received a raise, which will take effect in June. He said ratings were determined by a performance ap-

Erin Munger/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

praisal and department supervisors.

About 115 staff members were affected by the raise, Weis said. The funding from the raises comes from \$100,000 allocated in the 2002-03 budget to alleviate salary compression. In that budget, the base salary for non-exempt staff was raised to \$8 an hour from \$7.25, the university's contribution to retirement benefits increased to 10.5 percent from 9.5 and a merit pool was established to give raises as high as 3 percent to eligible employees.

— Brandon Ortiz

New organization to recognize achievements of underclassmen

Group to recognize academic successes of students

BY KELLY MARIA HOWARD
Staff Reporter

Freshman and sophomore students now have an opportunity to be recognized for their academic achievement, said Mitch Loper, president of the new TCU chapter of The National Society for Collegiate Scholars.

NSCS is a national organization that promotes the accomplishments of freshmen and sophomores, said Loper, a sophomore e-business and economics major.

"We are a chapter of a national organization that recognizes academic success in the hard period of transition from high school to col-

lege and emphasize scholarship, leadership and service," Loper said.

Loper said when he was a student at the University of Kansas, he was a member of that chapter of the organization, and when he transferred to TCU he decided to start a chapter here to add to the more than 150 chapters nationwide.

Collin Sandifer, treasurer of NSCS and a sophomore e-business major, said you have to be invited to join the organization, have a GPA of 3.4 and be a first or second-year student. There is a one-time fee of \$60 and part of that goes to the TCU chapter for activities, he said.

Loper said one becomes a life member after the fee is paid.

Nick Wallis, secretary of NSCS and a sophomore international finance major, said there are

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Shakespeare festival seeks student helpers

Apprentice company auditions to be held April 15-16

BY SAM EATON
Staff Reporter

Theater students can audition April 15-16 to participate in the apprentice company for this summer's Fort Worth Shakespeare Festival, says theater department chairman Forrest Newlin.

The festival, formerly called Shakespeare in the Park, will allow theater students an opportunity to work on a summer repertory theater.

This summer will mark the 25th anniversary of the production and will be the first time the plays themselves will be held indoors.

When Shakespeare in the Park began, TCU costume and scene

shops were used for the production part of the play, but students played a limited role, Newlin said.

Since 1994, facilities for costumes and scenery were at Texas Wesleyan

University. This summer Stage West, which will produce the plays, is allied with TCU not only for production purposes, but also for use of the Hays Theater, which is a part of the Walsh Center for Performing Arts, Newlin said.

Only 15 students will be accepted into the apprenticeship which will allow them to enroll in the Summer Repertory Theater class, and they will have an opportunity to work in all parts of the production, Newlin said.

"They'll be playing small roles and they'll also be working on scenery and costumes and stage managing and box office," Newlin said.

Newlin said it was important that the production come back to TCU.

"The students at TCU, as a part of their experience in theater, need experience working with a summer repertory company," Newlin said. "They also need experience with a professional equity company."

A professional company will be hired by Stage West to put on the performances with the help of the TCU students.

The company will be a part of Actors' Equity, the professional actors union in New York City. Newlin said it would be a good time for students to start making connections within the business before they start their theater careers.

Sophomore theater major Cody Perret said the program is a great opportunity for students to become familiar with these types of productions.

"It's going to give TCU students the opportunity to work with professionals, earn equity points, and get paid for their work," Perret said.

"It's a good way to keep us here in the summer so we can keep working."

The two plays will be performing are Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" and George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion."

The summer course will be eight weeks long and will consist of three weeks of preparation, followed by four weeks of performances — the first on June 6, Newlin said. There will be six performances each week, three of each of the two plays.

Newlin said having the plays alternate from night to night would make it easier for fans to see the play of their choice.

"Every night it'll roll over to the next show," Newlin said. "If you had friends coming to town, they could see both shows in two days."

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FrogStock offers groups time to interact

Groups meet to plan fall semester, increase communication

BY ALISHA WASSENAAR
Staff Reporter

FrogStock 2002 will provide student organizations a chance to come together and plan their schedules for the next semester in a fun and interactive way, said Brad Thompson, secretary of the Student Government Association.

Thompson, who is also chairman of the Communications Committee, said one of the goals of this first FrogStock is to increase communication.

"Nobody has an idea of who does what," Thompson said. "We wanted to encourage networking among student groups and make people feel that their organizations are an integral part of the TCU campus."

Bryan Perkins, president of the Interfraternity Council, said Student Development Services has a mandatory meeting each semester for organizations to come together and schedule their events, but FrogStock will be more fun than sitting in a room.

"TCU has hundreds of organizations," Perkins said. "It's impossible to know what every organization does, but FrogStock creates a good opportunity."

Thompson said there will be a diverse group attending FrogStock 2002. Organizations from the International Student Association to the Ultimate Frisbee Club, from Mortar Board to the Asian Student Association will be present, he said.

Stephanie Zimmer, vice president of Programming Council, said the mandatory scheduling meetings have had really poor attendance in the past.

"This is a way to promote unity and make organizations recognize each other," Zimmer said.

Perkins said he believes the Greek community needs an opportunity to discuss events with other groups.

"The Greek community makes up 40 percent of the student body," Perkins said. All of the Greek organizations will be present because they are a big part of this campus, Perkins said.

FrogStock 2002

What: FrogStock 2002
When: 4 to 8 p.m.
Where: Frog Fountain
Who: Open to all student organizations and any student who wants to get involved with campus organizations.

In the past, Greeks have taken a selective stance on what they will be involved with, as not to overbook their schedules for the semester, Perkins said. At FrogStock, Perkins said the Greeks will not be lumped together, but will be interacting with other organizations in order to see what everybody is doing in hopes of better programming.

Zimmer said she hopes FrogStock will provide more effective programming.

"Not so much as the quantity of programs, but the quality of programs," Zimmer said.

Another goal of FrogStock is to see more co-programming, said Zimmer.

"Co-programming is a way to compile ideas from several organizations and come together in order to have one big event or speaker," Zimmer said. When organizations are able to pool their money, they can plan a phenomenal event together Zimmer said.

FrogStock is sponsored by the IFC and the Panhellenic Association, Student Development Services, the Leadership Council and SGA. FrogStock is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Frog Fountain. The event will include free barbecue and interactive events such as a giant, inflatable slide.

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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

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

• **Writing Center Workshop**, will be 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday in Student Center, Room 222. The workshop, "Writing Research Papers Using MLA Style," will benefit any student who wishes to review this aspect of MLA usage or enhance his or her writing ability. The discussion will focus on finding a topic, developing a thesis, conducting research, incorporating sources using MLA guidelines, and choosing adequate transitions. Attendance is limited to 20. Call (817) 257-7221 to register.

• **RTVF film series** presents "Johnny Guitar" 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The 1954 film stars Joan Crawford. For more information call (817) 257-7630.

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

• **Brown-Lupton Health Center** will not offer routine gynecological services during the summer months. April 26 is the last appointment day for the spring semester and the Health Center is booking appointments for the second week of April. Call (817) 257-7940 for an appointment this semester.

• **The TCU Showgirls dance team** will hold auditions for the 2002-03 team 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 27 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Prep classes are offered 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday in April in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, which include technique instruction and a dance combination for \$5 per class. Contact director Jamie Drake Stephens at (J.Stephens2@tcu.edu) for more information.

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Campus/State Roundup

Dallas school trustees increase Moses' base salary

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas school trustees have rewarded Superintendent Mike Moses with a hefty pay raise, hoping to prevent him from leaving the district to become chancellor at Texas Tech University.

The eight-member board voted unanimously Monday night to increase Moses' base salary from \$294,000 to \$310,000. With salary incentives included, Moses could earn more than another \$500,000 over five years.

The contract will be signed and finalized on Tuesday, district officials said.

"I think we've benefited a great deal today by putting some golden handcuffs around a golden man who can lead this district in the right direction," trustee Ron Price said.

The contract revision came two days before Texas Tech regents were to meet and announce a finalist or finalists for the chancellor post. Moses, 50, was frequently mentioned as a possible successor to John Montford.

Moses said he intends to remain with the Dallas school system and would call Texas Tech to remove his name from contention.

Before the change, Moses was already among the highest paid public school superintendents in the country. His contract, which runs through 2006, had paid him \$294,000.

HIV-positive nurse surrenders license after error

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The HIV-positive nurse who hospital officials say tampered with injectable narcotics has voluntarily surrendered her nursing license to the State Board of Nursing Administrators.

Jacqueline Fillingim of Pleasonton, signed the surrender order on Monday, agreeing to charges that she issued Demerol without a physician's order, failed to document administering the drug, and inappropriately used the painkiller.

Hospital administrators at the South Texas Regional Medical Center in Jourdanton said Fillingim stole Demerol from the hospital in December and January, injected herself with the drug and refilled the vials with saline to cover her tracks.

The state began disciplinary proceedings to revoke Fillingim's nursing license last month. She was fired from the hospital in January after she admitted stealing the drugs.

So far no criminal charges have been filed.

Fillingim was employed from June 2001 through early January at the hospital, located just south of San Antonio.

The hospital has sent letters to about 1,100 patients who received Demerol during that period, advising them to get a blood test, although the contamination risk is considered minimal.

Cal-Berkeley students may join Middle East conflict

BERKELEY, Calif. (U-WIRE) — A group of Israeli University of California-Berkeley students may soon be joining the front lines of the stand-off between Israelis and Palestinians in the Middle East.

Citing a moral imperative and "a sense of duty" to defend Israel, a country to which they hold dual citizenship with the United States, the students said they plan to join the Israeli army after graduating.

"Going to (the Israeli Defense Forces) is not a nationalist thing, it's a moral responsibility," said Micki Weinberg, president of Akiva Movement, a student group that supports UC Berkeley students who want to make the pilgrimage to the Holy Land. "Defending Israel is necessary because it's surrounded by a sea of dictatorships."

Some students who were questioning whether to join the fight said they were persuaded to join the Israeli military by the recent string of suicide bombings in Israel.

"(Joining the army) had been more of an afterthought," said UC Berkeley junior Tomer Altman, adding that recent events have "solidified" his decision.

Although citizens who live in Israel are required to serve up to four years in the army, those living abroad may choose whether or not they want to serve.

The United States awards dual citizenship with very few countries, said Lt. Col. John Katz of UC Berkeley's Department of Military Science.

Becoming a soldier with the Israeli Defense Forces would disqualify the students from becoming officers in the U.S. Military, Katz

said. But those considering joining the Israeli army said they have no interest in joining U.S. forces.

Hoax condom e-mail sent to U of Illinois students

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (U-WIRE) — "Dr. Ivana Fukalot" sent out an April Fools' e-mail about defective condoms Monday — but many University of Illinois administrators aren't enjoying the joke.

A hoax e-mail sent to many — but not all — students warned that Trojan condoms distributed by McKinley Health Center were defective.

Sent by a fictitious McKinley doctor, the message instructed people if they had condoms from the center since Feb. 3 to unroll or blow them up to check for numbers indicating a tainted batch.

The office of the Chief Information Officer, which monitors computing and information infrastructure, determined that the e-mail did not come from a University computer or a University e-mail account, said Pete Siegel, chief information officer.

The CIO's office is investigating the incident with University Police. Siegel said the e-mail was sent to a long list of addresses, not via the mass-mail system which sends a message to all addresses that end with @uiuc.edu.

McKinley medical director Dr. David Lawrance said McKinley officials called condom manufacturer Trojan "just to make sure" there was no truth to the e-mail. Despite the humorous elements of the message, several students believed the hoax and were concerned about the news.

Mississippi tries to maintain prestige of honors degree

OXFORD, Miss. (U-WIRE) — University of Mississippi students are getting their good grades fair and square, according to figures compiled from the Registrar's office. The number of students graduating with honors has increased by 8 percent over the past 10 years, from 17.1 percent in 1991 to 24.8 percent in 2001.

This comes after news of widespread grade inflation at Harvard University, where a record 91 percent of students graduated with honors. Many other universities are now examining their own percentage of students grad-

uating with honors.

Students graduating summa cum laude (GPA above a 3.9), doubled to 4.4 percent in 2001. Less than 5 percent more students received cum laude honors (3.5-3.75 GPA), in the past decade. And there was a less than 1 percent increase of students receiving magna cum laude honors (GPA of 3.75-3.90).

"Higher education is dealt a very big disservice if grade inflation happens," said assistant professor of political science Holly Reynolds. "If grade inflation occurs, then the grades don't reflect what a student's ability actually is, which makes it harder for businesses and graduate schools to assess a student."

Reynolds said that she feels gratified when there is a normal distribution for the grades. Normal grade distribution is when the majority of the students receive C's, since a C is average, with an almost even amount receiving D's and B's, and the fewest students receiving A's and F's.

Causes of grade inflation can range from busy teachers, to having subjective portions of class and exams.

Michigan police seek clues in fraternity member's death

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — The Ann Arbor Police Department is awaiting the results of an autopsy following the death of 21-year-old Ann Arbor resident Dustin Goodman, who died sometime Friday morning at the Zeta Psi fraternity on East University Avenue.

Goodman was not a University of Michigan student, but he was a member of the fraternity. A Zeta Psi alum who wished to remain anonymous said Goodman had not lived in the house since 1999.

The fraternity, which is not currently affiliated with the University's Inter-Fraternity Council, held a party Thursday night that Goodman attended.

AAPD Lt. Khurum Sheikh said the police received a call from Zeta Psi at about 1:10 p.m. Friday. When police went to the house, they found Goodman's body in the basement.

"He could have had a medical problem we didn't know about. There was no obvious trauma to the body," Sheikh said. "The autopsy will tell us what it was. At this point, there is no indication of foul play."

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TheSkiff View RENEW

Bank One tower remains a city eyesore

It's been two years since a tornado hit downtown Fort Worth and an empty reminder stands amid the skyline.

This week, workers began replacing the plywood covering the Bank One tower with fire-resistant materials, most likely metal. Instead, the city should be focusing on greater effort toward demolition. After an asbestos discovery in December, demolition plans were put on hold. Now, financial difficulties remain a stumbling block.

The building adds nothing to the city of Fort Worth, except an eyesore. Former businesses have relocated and found a fresh start. The Reata restaurant was the last holdout and plans to reopen in mid-May at the former location of Caravan of Dreams.

Renovating the building would be a disastrous financial situation. The replacement building is under construction next door. What business would rather move into a tornado-ravaged building?

As long as the building stands, the owners must pay for its upkeep in order to protect the safety of those who work around it. But why prolong the inevitable demolition and pour money into the skeletal structure that remains?

Seeing another building collapse would be upsetting, given the events of Sept. 11, but the demolition of the Bank One building will be the last step in forgetting the tornado that struck downtown Fort Worth March 28, 2000.

There are several possibilities for the space — room for parking, restaurants or an outdoor garden — something that adds to the livelihood of the city.

TheOtherView

Opinions from around the country

Some parents of elementary and middle school students in the East Pennsylvania school system and in Florida's Citrus County district have recently received unpleasant news via the U.S. postal service: Letters from their children's schools informing them their children are overweight.

The Associated Press reports that East Pennsylvania director of pupil personnel services, George Ziolkowski, who has been involved with the "weight alert" campaign, plans to extend the campaign to high schools once "screenings" are finished. While childhood obesity is a serious health problem and is on the rise, sending letters to parents will solve nothing.

Unlike poor eyesight or difficulty hearing, obesity is not something children can hide from their parents. Further, a letter is not going to make the parents more concerned about their children's weight; if they don't already care, a letter from school is not likely to force a change heart. Parents already working to better their overweight children's health would be rightly insulted to receive such a notice.

Proponents of this policy severely underestimate its potential for damage; they say the language is inoffensive and dismiss the possibility that these letters could hurt overweight children's self-

esteem. In reality, the portion of the letter quoted in the March 21 AP article is so bogged down with euphemisms, it is likely to offend any adult of average intelligence.

Indignant parents notwithstanding, these letters would have devastating effects on any children who happened to find them or whose peers learn of their existence. Every elementary and middle school student knows who the overweight kids are and disperses ridicule accordingly; school-backed "weight alerts" will only add legitimacy to their taunts.

Schools truly concerned about the health of their students can implement more effective programs with fewer nasty side effects to combat this issue. For starters, better physical education classes and fitness training are key.

Schools should take an active interest in promoting good health for their students, but sending home letters telling parents their children are fat is absurd. Parents are ultimately responsible for their children's health and well-being; obesity is on the rise and parents should be concerned if their children are at risk. School districts should tread lightly.

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

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From politics to rock bands, reality often hidden

President Bush's "war-shtick" got old months ago.

It's hard for me to take all this fear-preaching, demagoguery and belt-tightening seriously when we're also discussing tax cuts while refusing to up the CAFE (corporate average fuel emissions) standards and pursue energy routes that will leave us less dependent on irreplaceable fossil fuels (and thus the Middle East).

COMMENTARY



Tim Dragger

The real truth is that most of the fogies in White House cabinet positions now are holdovers from the Reagan administration. So, along with the status quo, the dialogue of war is something comfortable for them. In manufacturing their own version of the cold war they've managed to create a vague and faceless enemy that can be used as a point of demagoguery to pull the populace together and rally support for domestic issues. It's genius for sure, but it's impossible to forget that it's little more than a political move.

And as far as Bush's comments about the recent Zimbabwean election: "We do not recognize the outcome of the election because we think it's flawed."

All I can do is laugh at the hysterical irony, especially since the kind of election irregularities of which Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe is being accused are exactly what got Bush into office in the first place.

And speaking of something else that purports to be one thing on its face when it's really another, these days you can't be sure which is worse: The pre-packaged, wholly commercialized, lowest common denominator teeny-bopper pop groups or the pre-packaged, wholly commercialized, lowest common denominator pseudo-rebellious but carefully unthreatening rock groups.

There's something about the commercialization of rock 'n' roll that's so much more offensive than that of pop.

The likes of Britney Spears and Mandy Moore, at least know who and what they are. So when you welcome them into your house and consciousness you know exactly what it is you're getting.

Good pop music is much like caffeine-free cola. It's not about anything, just empty calories that perform well in the market place.

But when rock bands like The Calling, Sum 41 and Lifehouse (although that second single is a gem) come bearing the dead-eyed gaze of young record executives it seems directly in contrast to the ideas of rock 'n' roll. They attempt to get across your threshold under the pretense that they're not the manufactured product of focus groups contains something far more insidious than their pop contemporaries.

These aren't rock musicians so much as the latest format of the corporate pitch. They're selling themselves as if they're something more than the latest way to

put coins into the commercial machine and that's quite frankly a direct betrayal of the "alternative" idea.

The Calling is just as corporate as Abercrombie & Fitch clothing and WWJD bracelets. And Sum 41 is punk rock what "A Beautiful Mind" is to artistically creative films.

Just like the flood of second-tier boy bands that followed the success of the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync (ahem! 98 Degrees, O-Town, B2K, Eden's Crush, etc.), the entertainment industry saw the profit garnered by Creed's mainstream, uninspired pandering and moved double time to turn out more of those deep-throated, stadium-thrust anthems just vaguely sentimental enough to appeal to the female and male crowd alike.

This new breed of bands is nothing more than smart marketing masquerading as dumb rock 'n' roll, much like this new breed of Capitol Hill chest-thumping patriotism is little more than a comfortable format to play the political game and distract from the domestic issues they don't want you to see.

One of the lessons all those old Reaganites should have learned from South American demagogues during their various attempts to overthrow them is that nationalism is the last refuge of the unscrupulous.

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Day at the range, 'the rush' turn pacifist soft on gun control issues

Adrenaline made me a hypocrite. I have always proclaimed myself a pacifist. My friends accuse me of having liberal views, almost to the point of socialist,

COMMENTARY

Greg Macleery

and in nearly 30 years never had I held a gun in my hand, in fact I've chastised those who had — until last week.

Last Friday, a friend called to ask if I would go with him to his outdoor club so he could shoot some of his guns. Obviously he was desperate for company because I had to be the very last person he'd call for such an excursion. My initial instinct told me to decline, but boredom and curiosity beat out principle.

Still strong in my convictions, I repeated in my head all the facts and statistics about the dangers of firearms I could remember.

Almost 40,000 Americans die every year from gunshot wounds. More people are shot and killed in a week in the United States than in a year in Europe.

Yet, there I was, despite my beliefs, on my way to the shooting range. It looked like I'd pictured as we arrived, like a golf driving range with a tin roof sheltering the area from which people shoot.

Further inspection revealed several bullet holes in the roof.

"How did those get there?" I asked.

"Dumbasses," my friend responded.

Hah! Point proven. Even here in the most responsible and professional of settings dumbasses still shoot their guns without knowing which direction it's pointed. This was my vindication for all of the preaching I had ever done.

After donning the required safety glasses and earplugs, I watched my friend fire off several rounds through a paper target on a stick 25 yards away. The entertainment value in this activity eluded me, but he was having a great time.

Eventually he turned to me and said, "It's your turn."

At this point, whatever boredom I was enduring when my friend originally asked me to accompany him paled in comparison to now, so I figured I'd give it a go. He gave me a quick lesson on the safety switch and how to aim using the metal guides on the muzzle of the gun and told me to "let her rip."

And so I did. Bullseye. I aimed and fired nine more times, emptying the gun.

Nothing I could admit to without incrimination compares to the rush I experienced as we walked out to see where the bullets had hit. Pride joined the chemistry when I saw the results. All 10 hit the target, four of them almost dead center. I couldn't believe it.

I shot several more times that afternoon. The eye-hand coordination involved with aiming and shooting a gun, it surprised me to discover, is just as challenging as any other more socially acceptable sport. And the adrenaline buzz given by feeling the power generated simply by squeezing my index finger is well beyond anything other sports have to offer.

Then it hit me. The terrible realization that I was now a hypocrite. My nieces, nephews and future children will still hear from me that there is no reason they ever need to fire a gun in their lives. I'll still support gun control or abolition and cast my votes towards those who share that view.

But truthfully, I'll probably call and ask him when he's going again.

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Life for the not-quite 21 can have its benefits

I've been under 21 for more than 20 years now, but it never seemed liked a very big deal until the last few years, when everyone I know is heading out to 21-and-up bars on Saturday nights.

With a summer birthday, I've always been the young one in my class, so I didn't get a driver's license until my junior year of high school, and I won't be able to legally enter a bar until I am a senior in college.

For those of us who are too young to get in most places, bars are a mystical place where of-age people go to have the time of their lives. Everyone always has bar stories, and they always tell the stories in a way which makes them sound like a utopian environment of carefree wildness and fun.

It's not so much that I want to spend all the money I don't have on overpriced drinks. The real reason I have sometimes wished I was 21 is that the majority my friends are and they go hang out at places that I can't. I know ... poor pitiful me. You can send your sympathy cards to me care of the TCU Daily Skiff.

There are, of course, ways for underage people, or should I say underage females, to get into bars. For some reason, this particular group has ways of getting into bars that don't even require identification. Why do most bouncers let in young attractive females but won't let in tall skinny guys in old T-shirts and worn out Reeboks? Sometimes I feel so discriminated against.

There are other ways to get in to 21-and-up establishments, but I also don't really have the cash to drop on a nice shiny ID that says I am a 27-year-old man from Idaho.

I've seen some TCU students really show their creative side by making fake IDs at Kinko's, carefully trimming and pasting their photo onto another ID, or changing the birth date on their actual ID to make them a year or two older. Don't think of that as the easy way out. It actually takes some real skill to make a fake ID look authentic. You didn't realize there were so many of your fellow students with hidden talents, did you?

When you're a freshman, almost everyone hangs out in the dorms and talks about how there's nothing to do, but somehow you always end up doing something fun. Real friendships are formed in that environment, and you get to see who every person really is. You learn about other students' backgrounds, and what is most important to them in their lives.

Real creativity shines, as a 3-iron and a few golf balls magically change a regular dormitory hallway into a driving range. Or, a string, a cup and a few hooks utilize engineering techniques to create a system that drenches anyone attempting to enter a dorm room.

Clearly, I couldn't have lived in Milton Daniel Hall for four years of college, but I still look back on those days as some of the best memories of my college career. There were fights and frustrations, and maybe the inside looked like it was built in 1642, but there were many good times.

You rarely hear college students, except for the occasional freshman, talk about how they wish they were back in high school. That's because we always seem to want to be a little older than we are, whether it be to drive, or go to R-rated movies, or to buy alcohol, but after we reach the age, it is never quite as great as we had imagined.

So maybe dorm life results in a few activities that turn out to be slightly destructive, but a few holes in the wall are better than alcohol-related car accidents or DWI charges. Not that I know anything about the golf ball-sized holes in the Milton hallway.

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Student retains Nigerian roots



Erin LaMourie/FEATURES EDITOR
Jessica Keller, a sophomore speech pathology major, models the traditional dress of her homeland Nigeria. The dress is worn for special occasions, especially to church and weddings in Nigeria.

BY ERIN LAMOURIE
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Jessica Keller looked out her window in Colby Hall to her new home as her freshmen orientation began.

Every freshman faced the fear of the unknown, but for Keller it seemed there was more unknown than known.

She had never seen TCU before, never lived in Texas and it had been more than eight years since she had lived in the United States.

Keller, a sophomore speech pathology major, moved from her home in Jos, Nigeria to the United States just a few weeks before.

Keller said she crammed in all the knowledge she could about American pop culture in the few weeks before school started, but she knew little of the trendy clothes and hairstyles that swarmed the TCU campus.

"The first couple weeks in (the United States), my family shopped around and I tried to get some new clothes," Keller said. "You can dress up the outside but inside you will still be a social misfit."

Keller, was born in Jos to missionary parents. She lived in Nigeria with her parents and older sister until she was three, then her family moved to Kansas while her father earned his doctorate.

Keller said as she was growing up, she knew her family would move back to Nigeria, but she was never certain when.

"When I started a school year I knew I would be there for the whole school year but I didn't know if after that school year we would decide to go back," she said.

Though she didn't remember Nigeria well her parents always prepared her for when they would return.

"I never really felt like the United States was really my home because I knew I was going back (to Nigeria)," Keller said. "I felt complete when I went back because it was if I was always meant to go."

Keller and her family moved back to Nigeria when she was 10, and she entered the fifth grade a few weeks into the Nigerian semester.

"It was a whole different culture to learn," Keller said. "We had to form friendships really fast."

She said the official language in Nigeria was English, so that was not a change, but she had to start taking French in school with students who had already studied it for years.

She communicated with local Nigerians in pigeon English, a combination of English and other West African languages, and Hausa, the language of the tribe in Jos.

Keller said in Nigeria they lived without the convenience of TV, movie theaters, fast food and many other items.

They had to take everything with them they needed, she said. There was no Wal-Mart.

"We had to take our own Snickers," she said. "We hid them in the freezer and on holidays we could have one

mini Snicker."

She also had to adjust to a new way of dressing. "I had to wear skirts every time I went outside of the school or house," she said. "If people came to our house we always had a skirt in a drawer. My dad would answer the door and we would run and get in our skirts because we lounged around in shorts."

Another major adjustment was being a minority. Keller, blonde-haired and green-eyed, stood out remarkably in Africa.

"I would be going downtown and people would yell out 'White person! White person!' and give me strange looks," she said. "It was very different and it made me wonder if minorities in the (United States) felt the same way."

Keller said despite the challenges, she adjusted well. Going back to the United States eight years later was the struggle.

Keller said her parents planned to stay in Nigeria until she graduated from high school, but it was always uncertain because of the unstable Nigerian government.

"When I was in high school there were a lot of riots going on. The U.S. Embassy told us to lay low," she said. "They could have evacuated us if they wanted. My friends and I lived with the knowledge that if it got really bad we would be evacuated and separated and never really get to say goodbye. That was a reality but it was in the back of our minds. We tried not to think about it."

Keller and her family were able to stay in Nigeria until her high school graduation.

"I was glad my parents decided to leave then," she said. "It was closure in the fact that I could not stay. There were no further educational opportunities in Nigeria. I had reached the end. There was nowhere else for me to go."

Keller said when she got to TCU, people thought she was from South Africa, because the country has black and white residents.

"They didn't understand why I would associate myself with Africa when I was technically American," she said. "At an International Student Association party we divided up into continents. I went to Africa and they told me America was over (in another direction). I wasn't accepted in that group."

Grete Brown, one of Keller's roommates and a junior psychology major, said Keller's African heritage was not obvious when she met her, but was noticeable.

"It is definitely not apparent in the physical sense, because she's as blonde as can be, doesn't have an accent, and dresses like a typical American," Brown said. "When you have a conversation with her, though, she can relate a lot of things back to Nigeria and she talks a lot about the people she knew and loved there."

Keller also said many people at TCU don't understand how different her life was.

"I think of how privileged Americans are and how much I had to do without," she said. "It is hard for me at times to see people and see how privileged they are and think they don't really know what it feels like. I am starting to forget what it feels like, and that is hard for me."

Brown said she is often reminded of how different Keller's life was because Keller appreciates little things in life.

"She had to work hard for things we take for granted in the states," Brown said. "She really appreciates the simple things like electricity and instant food. But since they had to make all their food from scratch, she is a great cook."

Keller said while at TCU she has found there are many things people take for granted.

"In Colby (Hall) my freshman year, the lights and phones went off for a while," Keller said. "All the girls were running down the hall complaining because they couldn't talk on their phones for a few minutes and saying they were scared."

Keller said in Nigeria her family was never guaranteed electricity and often went more than a day without it.

"Late at night if the lights went out, what could you do?" she asked. "You went to bed. There was never enough electricity. You just dealt with it and got on with things."

Keller also said that though they had a phone, it rarely worked. An e-mail took about 12 hours to reach them and Internet access was very expensive.

"I was expected to know about the Internet when I came to TCU," Keller said. "I didn't have access to the Internet so I just had to teach myself when I got to the states."

Keller said she never regretted growing up in Nigeria, though.

"I knew my parents were there for a reason — to reach out to people," she said. "That made me feel like I had more of an important role. When I came to TCU, it made me feel that it was my own place to be my own mission field."

Keller said she is unsure if she will get to go back to Nigeria, because of the dangers there.

There have been riots and conflicts between the Muslims and Christians, which has made it hard to travel back.

"I really want to be there suffering with my homeland," Keller said. "But I am grateful that I am in a country where it is safe."

Meanwhile, Keller said she will continue to adjust to American culture without forgetting her heritage, which makes up such a huge part of who she is.

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Hard work characteristic of journalism professor

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He's hard to miss. He's the big man with graying hair, parted to one side, and glasses. He's wearing a button-down work shirt with faded jeans. He's sitting in his cubicle at the obituary office of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* leaning in his chair, arms crossed across his chest, head back, eyes closed, mouth open. Occasionally, he snores.

Doug Clarke, 63, has been spending hours and hours working on his Ph.D., teaching journalism classes at TCU and has recently spent time in a hospital for chest pains. But when he's napping at work, he isn't tired or lazy — he's practically burnt out.

Clarke has spent much of his life bouncing between various jobs — whether through boredom or necessity. These switches have caused Clarke to adapt to new situations and have given him a strong work ethic that he has used throughout everything in life — from work, to school, to parenthood.

Clarke likes to say that he doesn't have any goals left to achieve. In fact, he said he has done almost everything he has set out to do — from mowing lawns as a child to teaching students about life inside and outside of a newsroom.

"Most students have never been exposed to the realities of the world," Clarke said. "You try to prepare them (in a classroom) but they still don't believe you. As a teacher, I try to remember what it was like to be a cub reporter, like what to do and what not to do. I try to bring that into the classroom."

Today, Clarke spends his days working toward his doctorate degree, which he has been working on for nine semesters and claims he is 4,000 pages behind in his reading, working as the weekend supervisor to the classified obituary staff at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and teaching as an adjunct professor of journalism at TCU. But multiple jobs are just part of his life, Clarke said.

"I've been doing anything to cobble out a living," he said. "I like accepting challenges and trying to stay busy."

This workaholic attitude started in Clarke at age 7 when his parents divorced. His father left for California, and Clarke was raised in East Dallas by his mother. Because his mother

was a public school teacher, she was unable to work during the summers, so at age 8, Clarke started cutting grass — five lawns a day at 35 cents a lawn. At age 14, Clarke decided he was never cutting another lawn, and he hasn't.

Clarke decided he wasn't spending his life working in a field. He was going to college, but said he was worried about getting accepted to one.

"I wasn't a bright student," he said. "So I made my very first goal in life — to get a football scholarship to college."

When Clarke was 12 years old, he was 6-2, 180 pounds and later was the only eighth grade starter on the football team. Clarke said he worked hard and continued playing football through high school and received a full-ride football scholarship to the University of North Texas.

"After I got (the scholarship), I decided to make my new goal to graduate from college," he said.

But before he could graduate, Clarke said he had to pick a major. He knew he couldn't go on being a football player. He also knew he didn't want to be a teacher or a football coach.

"My mother was gone too long and her salary was too low," he said. "I didn't realize there were other types of teachers (outside the public school system). And I didn't want to teach boring English in high school or junior high. I also didn't want to be a coach because I didn't want to get locked in. I didn't want to be seen as a dumb jock."

During Clarke's junior year, his psychology teacher suggested journalism.

"And it was like — boing — a light went off," he said. "I've been in journalism ever since."

Clarke worked for the UNT newspaper, and in the summer of 1962, he graduated from college with a bachelor of arts in journalism. Clarke said after graduation, he didn't try too hard to find a job. He didn't have anyone to support, and he hadn't set a new goal for himself — that is, before he met "Miss Judy."

"I was barefoot and fancy free and chased girls everywhere they went," Clarke said. "Then I met this ol' girl, and it all changed."

And in 1963, Miss Judy Faries became Mrs. Judy Clarke, and Clarke took a job at a

newspaper in Corsicana.

But life in Corsicana wasn't all a joking matter. Clarke said he was only getting small stories and was itching for more. He heard the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* was looking for a new police beat writer. Clarke said he applied and was hired on the spot. During this time, Clarke worked hard and learned the system and he eventually became city editor at the *Star-Telegram*. Two children and 20 years later, Clarke built a nice niche for himself at the newspaper, but a disagreement with a new superior about a story sent Clarke searching for a new job.

"I was going to leave, or I was going to kill the managing editor," Clarke said. "It probably would have been wiser to take a six-month leave of absence, but they didn't have that, so I quit."

Clarke then spent seven years working as a public information officer at the Fort Worth Police Department. At the police department, he said he worked between 60 and 80 hours a week without being paid overtime.

But Clarke was laid off from the police department when the city cut back. Ironically, Clarke's new job search would lead him to the very occupation he hadn't wanted to do as a child and teen-ager — teach.

"It's a love-hate relationship really," he said. "I didn't want to be a teacher in public schools. If people are really interested in journalism, then I could help them become a good journalist."

Clarke started teaching at a junior college to "make some extra change," he said. But to stay on as a teacher, Clarke had to have a masters degree. Clarke kept teaching and started taking classes at UNT, and eventually, he got his masters. Clarke then made his way to TCU.

Clarke said he approached Anantha Babbili, then chairman of the journalism department, about a job at TCU. Babbili said Clarke was picked for the job because of his work experience.

"Doug Clarke is one of the most experienced newsmen in the area," he said. "When I joined TCU in 1981, he was one of the first reporters I met. (His stories) were accurate and he had credibility."

TCU, Clarke said, was different from

other schools because he got a chance to dive in and teach. During his time at TCU, Clarke has taught media writing and editing courses and public affairs reporting. But it isn't the classes he teaches that he enjoys — it's what he teaches.

"I want to prepare (students) for when they go out so they won't run into surprises," he said. "I can expose them to things that will make them good journalists."

With almost two years left in his doctoral studies, Clarke hasn't let down his workaholic attitude but has taken it with him in a quest for more knowledge to share. Clarke said, although he had questions at first about his age and ability, he knows now he can do it. Last semester, Clarke said there was a 73-year-old man working on his Ph.D.

"You're never too old," Clarke said. "It's a chase — a set of challenges. It's taken quite a bit of adaptation on my part."

Clarke's life won't end after he gets his Ph.D. — it'll actually start anew. He said he hopes to use what he learns in the educational field and pass some of it to his students.

During all these different jobs, and the

numbers of hours spent away from home, Mrs. Clarke said Clarke has always been faithful to his commitments, especially, to one in particular.

"(His family) always came first," Mrs. Clarke said.

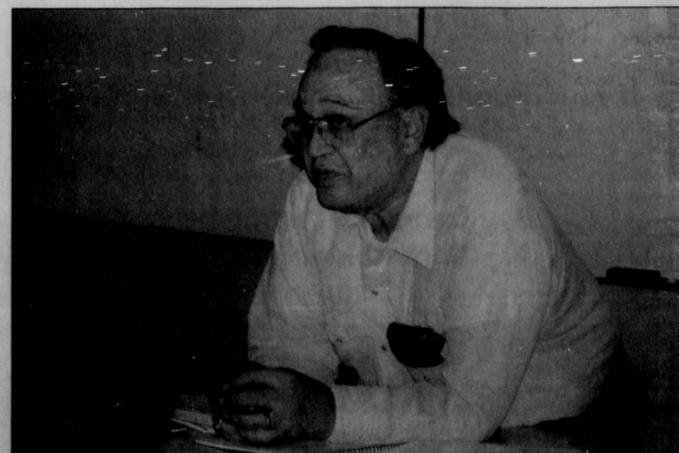
At the end of February, Clarke spent five days in the hospital with chest pains, with what was feared as a heart attack. Even this false alarm didn't stop Clarke.

"Nothing slows me down," he said.

Life for Clarke has pretty much stayed the same in recent years. He always has the same advice for aspiring journalists — be wary of copy editors, they are communists. He said he tried to be a good parent, because he feels children need two parents. He's still married to "Mrs. Judy" because he told her he's already been through the divorce of his parents, and he isn't going through another.

Clarke also still wears the button-down shirts and the faded jeans. And he says he doesn't have any goals to meet. At least, not yet.

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Doug Clarke, adjunct journalism professor, teaches at TCU while working on his Ph.D. and as the weekend supervisor to the obituary staff at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

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would have to be found. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the offensive would last three to four weeks, the first senior official to give a time-frame. However, Sharon has said the campaign was open-ended. Meanwhile, the U.S. State Department, citing a "deteriorating security situation," warned Americans on Tuesday to defer travel to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza and said dependents of American diplomats in Jerusalem were being encouraged to go home.

Two Israelis died Tuesday of wounds from last week's suicide bombing at a Passover banquet, an attack that dramatically increased pressure on Sharon to take action. The death brought the bombing's total toll to 24 and made it the deadliest Palestinian attack in 18 months of fighting.

Early Tuesday, Israeli tanks rolled into the West Bank towns of Tulkarem and Bethlehem. Israeli forces already control the towns of Ramallah and Qalqilya.

In Ramallah, about 700 Palestinian suspects have been rounded up since Friday, the army spokesman, Brig. Gen. Ron Kitrey, said.

At Ramallah Hospital, with more than two dozen bodies piling up and decomposing at the morgue whose power supply was cut, Palestinians buried 17 of their dead in an adjacent parking lot. It was a gesture driven by grim practical necessity, but also intended as a powerful protest against hardships suffered by ordinary people during the 5-day-old Israeli military occupation.

A 56-year-old Palestinian woman who had a cast removed from her leg was shot and wounded, apparently by an Israeli sniper, as she left the hospital, said Dr. Hosni Atari. Soldiers prevented medics from treating her and she died, Atari said.

On Tuesday afternoon, Israeli troops briefly lifted a curfew. Crowds trailed out the doors of shops, lugging big tins of cooking oil and bags of pita bread.

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presently five members in the group who are all officers. Together they are founders of the chapter, he said.

Loper said induction will be during the fall 2002 semester for students who are invited to become members and accept the invitation. Invitations are chosen and sent by the national office.

"Nothing is mandatory, you could pay your membership fee and never come to anything sponsored by NSCS, but all members will be encouraged to participate to get the most out of the NSCS experience," Loper said.

Some of the activities the group has planned include the mentoring and tutoring of local junior high students as well as high school visits to describe what the organization is about and promote membership once those students have entered college, Loper said.

Sandifer said that some national

members who have now graduated and are in a position to hire will only start employment with people who are members of NSCS.

"An invitation and acceptance into NSCS will look really good on a résumé," Sandifer said. "There are some companies that look through the NSCS Web site to hire those involved with NSCS."

Sandifer said the meetings will be low-key and they will talk about upcoming events and discuss activities.

The meetings will happen about once a month in an agreed place, Wallis said.

According to (www.nscs.org), merit awards, study abroad and study at sea scholarships are offered to members.

"We are certain that NSCS will afford valuable opportunities for TCU students," Loper said. "The presence of NSCS in the community will be a positive experience for our members and will reflect well on our campus as a whole."

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IRS says obesity is a disease; allows tax breaks for weight loss

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WASHINGTON — Overweight Americans now have a new reason to shed some pounds. Recognizing obesity as a disease, the Internal Revenue Service says it will begin allowing taxpayers to claim weight loss expenses as a medical deduction.

Apart from the tax break, the IRS ruling could pave the way for insurance companies and such government programs as Medicare to offer coverage for obesity treatment, experts say.

"It legitimizes an important area that's been on the fringe," said Morgan Downey, executive director of the nonprofit American Obesity Association.

Taxpayers have been able to

deduct the costs of weight loss programs as a medical expense since 2000 only if they were recommended by a doctor to treat a specific disease. Obesity itself was not recognized by the IRS as an ailment that qualified for the weight loss expense deduction.

Tuesday's ruling qualifies obesity itself as a disease.

"It's going to help a lot of people," Downey said. "Most of the services are not covered by insurance and they can be fairly expensive."

There is mounting evidence that obesity takes a huge toll on the nation's health. In 1998, the National Institutes of Health estimated that 97 million adult Americans were overweight or obese; the Obesity Association estimates that 300,000

unnecessary deaths a year can be attributed to the disease.

Obesity is defined by the federal government as excessive mass for a given person's height.

The IRS ruling cited this growing body of research, including a recent World Health Organization finding, for why it now believes "obesity is medically accepted to be a disease in its own right."

To take the deduction, a taxpayer will have to participate in a weight-loss program for medically valid reasons.

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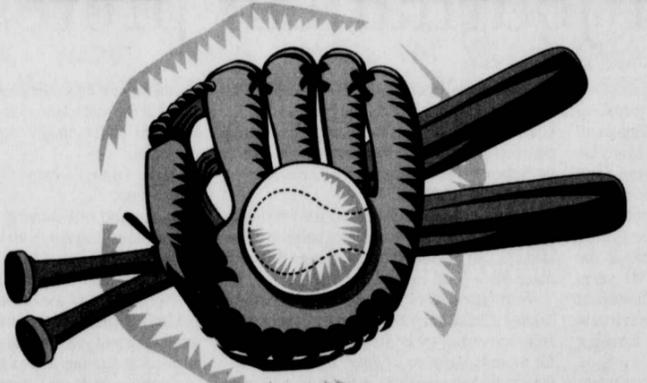
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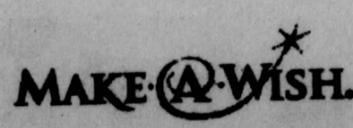


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- Chicken fried steak
- Eggplant zucchini casserole
- Mashed potatoes
- Steamed peas and carrots
- Vegetable blend
- Mozzarella sticks
- Onion rings
- Rotisserie chicken
- Vegetable black-eyed peas

DINNER

- Rotini/vermecelli
- Cavatelli casserette
- Vegetable sauté
- Barbecue pork chops
- Vegetarian cacciatore
- Sun creek potatoes
- Steamed vegetable blend
- Green bean almondine
- Chicken wings
- Onion rings
- Rotisserie chicken
- Wild rice
- Broccoli cuts

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

- Penne/fettucine pasta
- Vegetable sauté
- Chicken a la king
- Broccoli tofu stir fry
- Sticky rice
- Oriental blend
- Buttered spinach
- Hot crisp
- Chicken wings
- Roast beef
- Country mashed potatoes
- Green beans

DINNER

- Bow tie/linguine pasta
- Tortellini casserette
- Vegetable sauté
- Sweet and sour chicken sauté
- Stir-fried vegetable teriyaki
- Steamed/fried rice
- Steamed broccoli spears
- Spring rolls
- Popcorn chicken
- Onion rings
- Meat loaf
- Lyonnaise potatoes

Today's Funnies

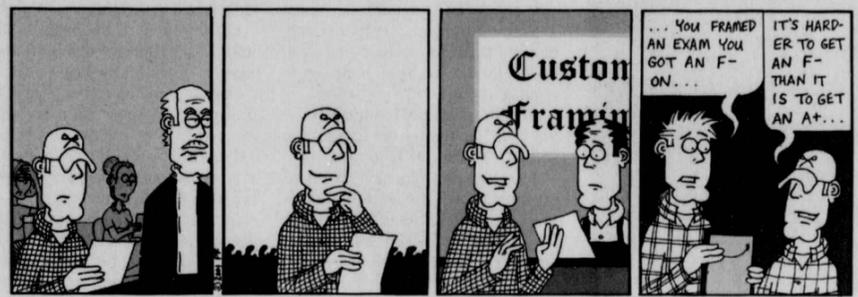
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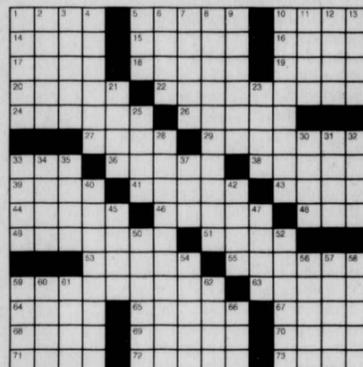
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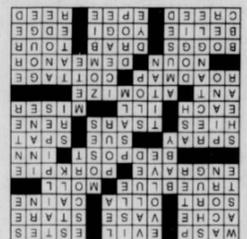
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- Standing
- Snit
- Not a weather
- Pacific island group
- Composer Stravinsky
- Fox of "Sanford and Son"
- Media segment
- Fastening substance
- Ryan or Shaquille
- Formerly
- Cian pattern
- "Marnie"
- Tied up
- Obliterates
- Mayberry aunt
- Battery terminal
- Insect stage
- As far as
- Civil Rights pioneer
- Takes to court
- Master
- White poplar
- Double bend
- Body of tenets
- Immerse
- Ambler and Lindros
- War or rumor ending
- Natural sprinkle
- Figure out
- Part of Q.E.D.
- Pilot
- Diving bird
- Pond scum
- Crownlet
- Geneva or George
- Quiz option
- Holiday forerunners
- Talk back
- Rhizome
- Fencing tool
- Lat. list-ender
- New entrant into soc.
- Eastern
- Passover feast
- Egghead
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- Initial ones

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The Sideline

TCU Women finish in Top 25 for first time in history

The TCU Lady Frogs accomplished another one of their season's goals by finishing the 2001-02 campaign rated in the nation's Top 25.

TCU held onto the No. 25 position in the year-end USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll to close the season nationally ranked for the first time in school history.

"One of the goals that we set before the season was to finish the year ranked in the Top 25," Head Coach Jeff Mittie said. "We're happy that we have achieved that goal, and hopefully it will give us some momentum heading into next year."

TCU finished the campaign with a 24-7 record, which was the second-highest win total in school history and the best winning percentage in the program's annals (.774).

The Lady Frogs also advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year, claimed their second consecutive conference championship and have now posted back-to-back 20-win seasons. After winning the Conference USA regular season title with a 12-2 record in their first season in the league, the Lady Frogs defeated Big Ten Tournament champion Indiana 55-45 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to halt the Hoosiers six-game winning streak.

Eighth-seeded TCU's season came to an end when top-seeded Duke defeated the Frogs by a 76-66 count on the Blue Devils' home court. Duke won its three other games in the tournament by an average of 24 points per game en route to a Final Four appearance.

Barry Bonds starts season off on homer record pace

LOS ANGELES (AP) — At this rate, Barry Bonds will break his own home-run record this year.

Bonds homered twice and drove in five runs Tuesday to lead the San Francisco Giants to a season-opening 9-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

After hitting 73 homers last year to topple the record set by Mark McGwire in 1998, Bonds hit a two-out, three-run shot off Kevin Brown on his second swing of the season, a drive that capped a five-run second inning.

Bonds had an RBI single off Brown in the fourth, then sent a 1-1 pitch from Omar Daal just inside the right-field foul pole in seventh, becoming the 10th player to reach the loge level at Dodger Stadium.

The home runs gave Bonds five on Opening Day and 569 overall, moving four behind Harmon.

Killebrew, who ranks sixth on baseball's career list. Bonds has 57 multihomer games, including 10 last season, and is fifth in the category. He became the 25th player to homer twice on Opening Day.

Bonds, who popped to second on Brown's first pitch in the opening inning, took a called strike before hitting an 0-1 pitch into the left-field stands in the second.

Bonds, who came out of the game after hitting his second homer, ended last season by hitting his final three against the Dodgers at Pacific Bell Park.

Commissioner: Forbes' report of profit is 'fiction'

SEATTLE (AP) — Commissioner Bud Selig criticized a Forbes magazine report that major league teams had an operating profit of \$75 million last season — a marked difference from the \$232 million in operating losses that he detailed to Congress in December.

The magazine reported in its April 15 issue that 20 of the 30 teams were profitable last season — more than double what Selig said.

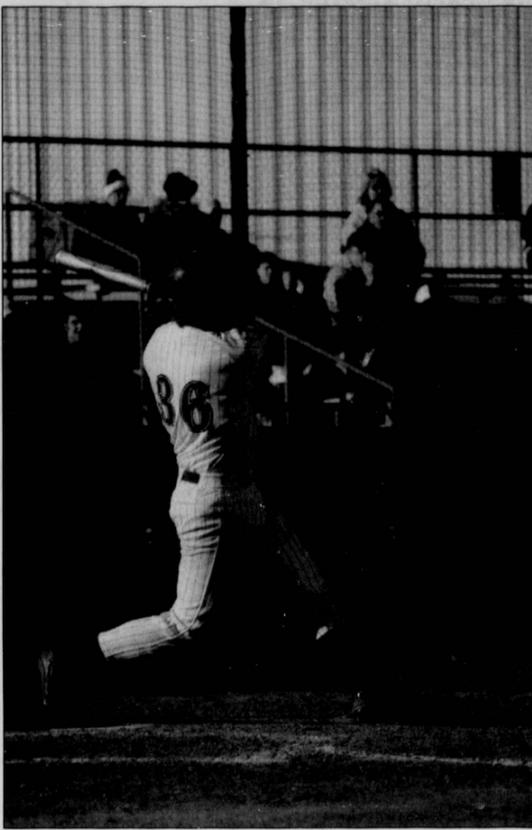
"There is no way. Those numbers are fiction, they are pure fiction," Selig said of the magazine's statistics.

Forbes senior editor Mike Ozanian said Tuesday he stands by the report. In testimony to the House Judiciary Committee in December, the commissioner said the industry had \$232 million in operating losses last year, and only nine teams had an operating profit.

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president of labor relations, discussed baseball's finances with the magazine, Selig said Monday.

"I don't give any validity to it," Selig said of the Forbes report. "It's so disappointingly wrong, and they knew it. I think it's a very sad day for journalism in America when somebody knowingly writes something that is not only not true but has been told it is not true."

Baylor drops Horned Frogs



Freshman catcher Kyle Dahlberg started the game against No. 17-ranked Baylor Tuesday. Dahlberg struck out in his only at bat. The Frogs used all three of its catchers in the contest against the Bears.

BY NATHAN LOEWEN

Assistant Sports Editor

The Frogs entered their third meeting of the season against Baylor with a bit of success against ranked opponents. But against the No. 17-ranked Bears, TCU fell behind early in the game and couldn't mount a comeback as the Frogs fell to Baylor 10-3 Tuesday afternoon at the TCU Diamond.

TCU (15-16, 6-2 Conference USA) dropped to 7-2 against ranked foes on the season. The loss was the first one for TCU against the Bears.

Junior starting pitcher Ryan Grafe allowed two runs in the first inning and let the Baylor Bears jump out to a quick 2-0 start.

The Frogs quickly returned the favor in the bottom of the first inning scoring two runs of their own.

After the first inning both pitchers settled down and neither team allowed a run until the fifth inning. In the top of the fifth, TCU pitcher Josh Gardner had two strikes against Michael Griffin. Then Griffin hit the game winning grand slam and the Frogs fell behind for good, 6-2.

Junior first baseman Walter Olmstead said the grand slam was the turning point of the game.

"The grand slam turned things around in the game and it took the energy out of us," said Olmstead after the game. "It was tough to come back from it."

Head coach Lance Brown said the hit changed the way the Frogs would have to play the game.

"Now instead of a tie game where we were looking for maybe one run, all of a sudden we are down by four," said Brown. "Now we had to go up and make some hits, and we just weren't able to get it done."

The Bears did not stop there as the Big 12 team scored two more runs in the eighth inning and one run in the ninth inning to put TCU further in a hole.

Brown said the difference in the match was made by the pitching.

"Our pitchers kept getting behind in the count," said Brown. "They just weren't able to throw strikes. We walked seven or eight guys."

In the bottom of the ninth, sophomore Jake Duncan came off the bench to pinch hit for Will Lewis.

Duncan came up to the plate and hit a pinch hit home run to try and start a TCU rally with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. The rally failed when senior pinch hitter Trey Crawford hit a fly ball to end the game.

Brown said Duncan may return this weekend against South Florida.

"We sent Jake in for the at bat and we had a pinch runner ready to go in if he made it on base, but instead he hit the home run," said Brown.

Brown said Duncan will run today and if he feels good then he will play this weekend at the designated hitter position.

The Frogs will resume C-USA play and hope to snap a two-game losing streak in a three-game series against South Florida.

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1 game doesn't mean it all

With the NCAA finals over, players and coaches can rest easy for a few months knowing that they don't have to deal with the stress and rigor of the college basketball life for a little while. For die-hard fans, it will be a long wait until the first tip-off next fall. My roommate is already showing symptoms of withdrawal.

COMMENTARY



Jeff Dennis

At the end of Monday's game, the commentators made comments about how the Maryland team had reached the pinnacle of college basketball by winning an NCAA championship. So what about all the other teams who didn't finish on top? Is all of their hard work for naught?

The media has come to define players by their championships, which in turn influences much of the public to do the same. At the beginning of the season, we know that over 99 percent of all college basketball players will not be a part of a national championship. Why then, do we insist on judging players on this one criterion, as though all of their other accomplishments are just secondary actions?

College basketball players deserve to be looked on as champions merely for participating. There is no doubt that a national championship is a tremendous honor, but there is so much more to a basketball season than winning the final game.

Often we hear stories about how a certain great player accomplished many things, except he or she didn't win a national championship. The media will then portray the career of this player almost as incomplete, because fate didn't fall in their direction in the NCAA tournament.

For those of us who don't play college basketball, should we feel incomplete because we have not won a national championship? After all, have you ever won a national championship? A state championship, even?

Our society is so success oriented, we often forget what is really important in life. Though college athletes take a lot of flack about how they don't have to go to class to get good grades, keep in mind that they are essentially working a full time job which is extremely taxing on their bodies.

These athletes are forced to learn about how far they can push themselves, and it takes a strong person, both mentally and physically, to deal with the rigors they endure on a daily basis.

It is detrimental to our society to simply judge people on whether or not they have won a championship. We would be better off if we judged college athletes on a little bit more human terms.

Teams like the Indiana Hoosiers, who most people never thought would make it as far as they did, still lost in the end, but they are not losers. They are champions because they pushed themselves to the ultimate level of success they could achieve.

Though they may not be listed in the history books as national champions, they are still winners, and no spectator or TV commentator can take that away.

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KRT CAMPUS Indiana's A.J. Moye holds his head in the locker room following the Hoosiers 64-52 loss to Maryland Monday in the 2002 NCAA national championship.

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IU, Maryland fans storm streets

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Basketball fans upset by Indiana's loss in the NCAA championship torched couches, toppled street signs and threw beer bottles at officers, while Maryland fans set bonfires and shot off fireworks in celebration.

Bloomington officers broke up the crowd with tear gas, sending hundreds of students and fans from an intersection near the edge of the Indiana University campus at about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday.

About 30 people were arrested on charges including public intoxication, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct, police said. Four others were charged with battery on a police officer.

"When students started getting pelted with bottles that's when we decided to move and disperse the crowd," Bloomington Police Capt. Mike Deikhoff said. "If the crowd hadn't started throwing beer bottles and setting fires we wouldn't have had to act."

The violence came after some students and fans turned bitter following Indiana's 64-52 loss to

Maryland late Monday.

Nearly 200 fans greeted the baggy-eyed Hoosiers as they arrived from Atlanta after Monday to the Terrapins. Most held signs thanking the team for the surprising string of upsets that ended at the NCAA championship game.

"I think we brought back the IU tradition the way it's supposed to be," said Dane Fife, the other senior. "This put a smile on our faces like we put the smile back on yours."

In Maryland, police on horseback pushed thousands of revelers off the streets early Tuesday, trying to rein in a victory celebration by fans ecstatic over the school's first national basketball championship. A total of 15 people were arrested by university and Prince George County police, with charges ranging from aggravated assault to disorderly conduct, an official said.

"This is terrible. We've finally started to lose the reputation as the Len Bias death school, and now we're known as the riot school," said student Josh Fingold, 21, referring to the 1986 cocaine overdose death of the Maryland basketball star.

Despite the victory and an increased police presence, the Maryland crowd turned riotous, breaking the window of bicycle shop, throwing bottles and other objects at police and lighting bonfires.

Several officers suffered minor injuries when they were struck by bottles and other objects, said state police Lt. Bud Frank.

In Bloomington, about 40 people were treated for injuries including burns, cuts and too much alcohol, a Bloomington Hospital official said. Flying debris caused head cuts for two state troopers, who required stitches, and minor injuries to 21 Bloomington officers, officials said.

Police shut down intersections in downtown Bloomington about 11:15 p.m., before fans spilled out of bars, houses and dorms to share their disappointment.

Minutes later, vandalism reports began pouring in, starting with a trash fire near an apartment complex and students setting fire to couches, trash bins and other items. Street signs were torn down and post office deposit boxes were toppled. By 2:30 a.m., most of the crowd had dispersed.

The damage in Maryland did not appear to be as bad as after last year's Final Four loss to Duke when one bonfire caused an estimated \$500,000 in damage and disrupted cable service when it burned through a fiber optic line.

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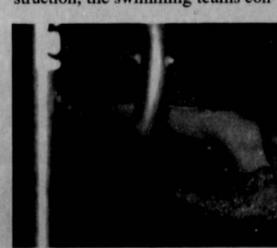
Swimming teams end season with honors

BY QUINTEN BOYD

Skiff Staff

After a season where their home schedule concluded before the end of the first semester, the TCU men's and women's swimming teams concluded their season in March with praise and accolades from their new conference and from across the nation.

Without a on-campus facility to practice in, as the Rickel Building was closed in December due to construction, the swimming teams con-



Senior Josh Pipes, who garnered All-Conference USA honors for the 200 fly and the 400 medley relay this season, works on his butterfly stroke during a practice session. The Horned Frog swimming team earned 20 honors at the conference meet.

tinued to succeed and play at an optimal level as proof from all the honors it garnered throughout the season, despite a new conference and challenges from practicing at local Fort Worth swimming complexes. The teams participated in Conference USA for the first time, but had no difficulty getting making a name for itself in the new league.

The women's team took home a third place finish, and the men's team won first place in the C-USA Swimming Championships and Men's Invitational, held Feb. 19 at

the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis. During the meet, the Frogs set eight school records.

In addition, head coach Richard Sybesma was named Coach of the Meet.

Thanks to their strong performance, 20 Frog swimmers were recognized by C-USA.

For the season, the men finished with a record of 9-2. The women ended their spring season at 10-3.

Although the men's team took home first place, they were not officially recognized as conference champions. C-USA does not field enough men's teams to hold a conference championship meet, Sybesma said. However, this point is moot to Sybesma.

"The conference doesn't have enough teams for men's swimming to be recognized, but the guys proved that they are the best in the conference," Sybesma said.

Although the conference did not recognize the victory by the men's team as a conference crown, the Frogs proved their strength by dom-

inating the meet from beginning to end and winning the meet by nearly 200 points, prompting the conference coaches to name 12 swimmers from the men's team to the Coaches' All-Conference team.

In addition to these honors, the women's team was recognized as Academic All-Americans by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America for the 19th consecutive semester. The team was only one of 179 college teams nationwide to be honored by the organization.

To be considered for the award, a team must have a combined grade-point average of 2.8. The Lady Frogs had a combined GPA of 3.14, giving them a ranking of excellent.

"This is a phenomenal accolade for the team," Sybesma said. "They really do the term 'student athlete' justice. They are serious athletes in the pool and serious students in the classroom."

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