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SAN FRANCISCO — Clothier Abercrombie & Fitch is pulling a line of T-shirts that triggered protests from Asian groups who said they reinforced negative stereotypes.

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OnCampus

No injuries found in collapse of Galveston incinerator

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — An incinerator on the campus of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston caught fire and its smokestack partially collapsed Thursday during demolition in the area.

UTMB spokesman Pep Valdes said there were no injuries. Patients at the prison hospital adjacent to the incinerator were moved, but patient care at the six hospitals on the UTMB campus was never jeopardized, he said.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd said the prisoners initially were moved to a safe floor in their hospital, but then officials moved them further away after the smokestack collapsed.

He said about 160 inmates may have to be moved to other facilities but that determination has not been made yet.

Todd said the blaze, which began about 1 p.m., was extinguished about an hour later. Fire officials were testing the air later Thursday to see if it was safe for the inmates to return, Todd said.

"The perimeter is secure," he said. "All of those in critical medical care continue to receive that care."

The cause of the fire has not been determined.

"We have no way to determine the origin of the fire," Todd said. "We do know that the incinerator was extremely hot."

The hospital, created in 1891 as the University of Texas Medical Department, has grown to more than 70 major buildings.

The 84-acre campus includes four schools, where almost 3,000 students are educated by 1,600 faculty members. UTMB is a component of the University of Texas System.

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theWeather

SATURDAY

High: 80; Low: 58; Evening thunderstorms

SUNDAY

High: 73; Low: 51; Scattered thunderstorms

LookingBack

1934 - Shirley Temple appears in her first film, "Stand Up and Cheer"

1969 - Katharine Hepburn "The Lion in Winter" and Barbra Streisand "Funny Girl" became the only tie in Academy Awards Best Actress category's history.

1991 - Evander Holyfield beats 42 year old, George Foreman.

Bhutto: Democracy fights terrorism



Benazir Bhutto, former prime minister of Pakistan, speaks in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium Thursday. Bhutto emphasized the importance of democracy in the fight against terrorism.

Campus forum presents Bhutto in intimate setting

BY KELLY MORRIS
Staff Reporter

Diller Matthews, a freshman political science major, said he was disappointed Thursday afternoon when he still did not have a ticket to former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's speech.

So when he heard about a forum where students, faculty and staff could ask the former prime minister questions without a ticket before the speech, he said he was thrilled.

"This was a really unique opportunity," Matthews said. "It was bet-

ter to see her in a more intimate environment as a person and a leader instead of just a speaker with a prescribed speech."

Approximately 50 other students, faculty and staff saw Bhutto in this same intimate setting in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center Thursday.

Standing in a bright in a bright yellow suit, Bhutto spoke about the difficulties of managing the powerful Pakistani military and how during her two terms in office she refused to allow the Pakistani military to take over the disputed territory of Kashmir.

"They felt here's this lady keep-

ing us from broadening our border all the way up to central Asia," she said.

Besides managing a powerful military, Bhutto said she had to face many prejudices being a female in an executive role.

"I was told an army cannot salute a woman, so a woman can never be the chief executive officer of the country," she said.

But Bhutto said she got strength from her religion.

"Some people (in Pakistan) thought of me as their sister," she

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Bhutto asks Americans to be strong as beacons of democracy

BY LAURA MCFARLAND
Staff Reporter

Democracy and social equality are the strongest tools to cut the roots of terrorism and eliminate the ignorance that flourishes under dictatorships, said former Pakistan prime minister Benazir Bhutto in a lecture Thursday.

"The extremists' greatest fear is the strength of information, social equality and democracy," Bhutto said.

In her address to hundreds of students, faculty and members of the Fort Worth community in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium, Bhutto discussed the importance of democracy in the world today. She also expressed her condolences for terrorist attacks against the United States and urged Americans not to characterize all Muslims by the actions of extremist groups.

"We wish you to be strong, for

so many of you are the beacon of democracy for people living under tyranny in the world," Bhutto said.

While she denounced Pakistan's current military regime under President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, Bhutto emphasized the advances that can be made in a democratic nation. She cited developments from the United States and her own two terms as prime minister of Pakistan.

"America is the worst nightmare for fanatics and terrorists who thrive on intolerance, ignorance and hate," Bhutto said.

Bhutto offered her regrets for the events of Sept. 11 and the death of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, whose death at the hands of a radical Islamic group was confirmed Feb. 21. But she asked the American people and American leaders to distinguish between those who choose violence and terror in the name of Islam and the vast majority of Muslims.

"Be strong, but do not be bitter," Bhutto said. "Time, justice and the forces of history are on your side."

The aim of the radical Islamic

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Almost all the seats in the room were full during Benazir Bhutto's lecture in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium Thursday.

Students impressed by accomplishments of political pioneer

BY ALISHA WASSENAAR
Staff Reporter

Haroon Xavier came to listen to his former prime minister, while Ceci Burton came to get extra credit for class. They came for different reasons, but both heard the same words from former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

Xavier, a freshman computer science major who grew up in Karachi, Pakistan, said he loved her speech.

"I thought she was awesome," Xavier said. "Since I was a kid, I've been hearing her."

Burton, a senior international business major, said she thought Bhutto was an incredible speaker.

"I just want to go and talk to her for hours," Burton said. "She's so close up to everything (in Asia), and we're so far away here in the U.S."

Bhutto covered a wide range of topics in her speech Thursday night that audience members said showed

the vast experiences of the 48-year-old political pioneer.

Davinder Sra, a Fort Worth resident who attended the lecture said he thought Bhutto was a very effective leader.

"Clearly, she is a charismatic leader because she holds so many merits," Sra said. "She has certainly accomplished a lot of good things, such as providing democracy for her country."

Xavier said he does not agree with Bhutto when she said the state of Pakistan now mirrors the way Pakistan was 20 years ago and that the people are worse off under General Pervez Musharraf, the current president of Pakistan.

"The situation is getting better," Xavier said. "Economically Pakistan is getting more stabilized. Crime and (terrorism) are (declining) and there used to be a lot during her reign, but there is a big threat of going into war now because Pakistan is not under democracy any longer."

Xavier said that during her reign in Pakistan, the Taliban regime was not as powerful.

"During her reign, she had a

(More on REACTION, page 6)

New teacher evaluations allow more written feedback

New forms are the first change to the system in 13 years

BY MARCI KING
Staff Reporter

The new Student Perception of Teaching evaluation forms hitting classrooms this semester were altered because written comments are more beneficial to professors than numerical averages, said Mike Sacken, chairman of the University Evaluation Committee.

Sacken said the new evaluations are, not perfect and changes are likely to be

made. The old evaluation forms have been the same for about 13 years.

"Adaptations will be made after it is determined what questions provide the most valuable information," Sacken said.

Sacken said there are a couple of reasons for why the new evaluation forms do not include the answer choice "not applicable" which was a choice on the old forms.

"The committee thought those students with no opinion would leave the question blank or would turn to write comments with the corresponding questions on the back," he said.

Joshua Doss, a junior theater major,

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Symposium focuses on Texas leaders

Political science scholars gather for Jim Wright Symposium

BY KELLY MARIA HOWARD
Skiff Reporter

The inaugural Jim Wright Symposium will host panel discussions with political science scholars from across the country today, said James W. Riddlesperger Jr., chairman of the political science department.

The theme for this year's symposium is Texas congressional leaders. The symposium is separated into four panels of discussion made up of TCU students, political science professors from

several universities, political writers and political leaders, Riddlesperger said.

"The goal of the symposium is to have a thematic academic study of politics in different contexts," Riddlesperger said.

Papers that relate to the panel discussion will be presented by the writers, Riddlesperger said.

"The papers will help students understand congressional policy-making, both in historical and contemporary contexts and with a particular focus on Texans who lead," Riddlesperger said.

Political science students from Riddlesperger's Texans in Congress class have prepared biographies of 16 Texans who chaired standing committees in the 20th century, which they will present

to the discussion groups, he said.

Lance Bachim, a senior political science major and a student of the participating class, said he wrote a biography on Wright Patman, who was chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee and member of Congress for 47 years.

"These men helped to create the powerful Texas delegation in

(More on WRIGHT, page 6)

Event Information

What: The inaugural Jim Wright Symposium, Texas Congressional Leaders
Where: D.J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center
When: Speakers begin 8:45 a.m.

THE PULSE

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• **Peacefest** will be 1 to 6 p.m. today at Frog Fountain. The event will feature live music from TCU and Fort Worth bands, free food and activities.

• **Helping Skill Workshop** will be 2 to 4 p.m. today and April 26 in the Counseling Center. The workshop is sponsored by Mental Health Services. To register, call Megan Botte at (817) 257-8611 or e-mail (m.r.botte@student.tcu.edu).

• **Spring Percussion Concert** will be 7:30 p.m. Monday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. The concert will feature the University Percussion Ensemble and the Winter Drumline performing a variety of music styles, from classical to ragtime to jazz. The event is free and open to the public.

• **Mildred** is a workshop production of a new musical based on "Mildred Pierce" by James M. Cain, with book and lyrics by Richard J. Allen and music by Tim Georgeff. Performances are 8 p.m. April 22-24 (Monday through Wednesday) at Stage West. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call (817) 706-6909.

• **Department of art & art history and M.J. Neeley School of Business** are sponsoring a workshop for students, artists, gallery and small business owners to help them gain control over their business destiny. The event is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 20 in Moudy Building North, Room 141. Cost is \$15, including lunch. For reservations and information, contact Lynda Lesher at (817) 257-7643.

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

• **Radio-TV-Film series** presents "Witness for the Prosecution" 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. The movie stars Tyrone Power and Marlene Dietrich. For more information call (817)257-7630.

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Campus/State Roundup

Houston driver shoots man who cut him off in traffic

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who police said deliberately cut off and blocked the path of a sport utility vehicle was shot and killed after he approached the driver of the SUV and punched out a window with his fist.

Marcus Shane Peacock, 38, of Sugar Land, died at Ben Taub General Hospital after the altercation Wednesday evening at a busy intersection in southwest Houston.

David Russo, 32, fired his gun, hitting Peacock in the chest several times after Peacock beat so hard on the driver's side window of his Honda SUV that it broke, police said.

Peacock had blocked Russo's path, then got out of his Mercedes to approach Russo, authorities said.

Russo, who had a Texas concealed handgun license, has not been charged. He told police he feared for his life.

Houston police said Thursday the case would be referred to a grand jury.

Shooting victims suing Wal-Mart for selling gun

FORT WORTH (AP) — Wal-Mart is being sued for selling a gun to a man who killed two people and wounded three others in a 1992 courthouse shooting.

Relatives of Chris Marshall, a lawyer who was slain in the Tarrant County Courthouse, and retired Judge Clyde Ashworth, who was wounded, say they still suffer emotional scars and are seeking as much as \$43 million from the retail giant.

They contend employees were not trained to ask the right questions of prospective gun buyers. Plaintiffs attorneys say there were signs George Lott was mentally unstable when he bought a semi-automatic 9 mm Glock pistol two months before the shootings.

He used the gun July 1, 1992, to kill two lawyers and wound two judges and another lawyer. Lott was convicted in 1993 and executed a year later.

"A prudent retailer would make it so that the Lotts of this world can't walk into the country's biggest retailer and buy a gun like they are buy-

ing a pup tent or a pair of socks," Art Brender, an attorney representing Marshall's family, said at the civil trial began Wednesday.

But Ramona Martinez, a Dallas lawyer representing Wal-Mart, told jurors that employees followed the federal gun laws in effect at the time. Although states could add more restriction on gun sales, Texas had not done so by 1992.

TEA reports 85 percent of sophomores pass TAAS

AUSTIN (AP) — A record 85 percent of sophomores have passed the Texas high school graduation test this year as students showed strong gains in reading skills, the Texas Education Agency reports.

But results on the exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills also showed that nearly 2 percent of the Class of 2002, 4,450 students, has not passed the exam and isn't eligible to graduate next month.

Those students have had several opportunities to pass the test, beginning as sophomores.

This year marks the last time that sophomores will take the TAAS, which will be phased out. Next year, the state will administer the new Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills to those students.

The TAKS will be administered to all students in grades three through 10.

The number of seniors who have not passed the graduation test this year is the lowest ever recorded. They will be allowed to retake the exam in early May, but for most there will be no diploma at graduation ceremonies.

Congressman DeLay: Don't go to Baylor, A&M

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay's advice to parents considering colleges for their children is to avoid Texas A&M and Baylor universities.

The Sugar Land Republican and House majority whip urged about 300 people at Pearl's First Baptist Church last week to pressure legislators to "bring God in" at the state's universities.

In response to a question from the

audience, the 1970 University of Houston graduate said: "Don't send your kids to Baylor. And don't send your kids to A&M."

The Houston Chronicle reported the exchange Thursday after receiving a tape recording of DeLay's remarks from the Washington-based Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

DeLay said his daughter, a 1995 A&M graduate, was shocked to discover students had sex in dormitories.

"Texas A&M used to be a conservative university," DeLay said. "It's lost all of its conservatism and it's renounced its traditions."

A&M spokeswoman Cindy Lawson would say only that most graduates are satisfied with their experience.

It was unclear what prompted DeLay's criticism of Baylor, a private Baptist school.

Baylor spokesman Larry Brumley said DeLay should visit the Waco university before criticizing it.

DeLay spokesman Jonathan Grella said DeLay only was advising parents who want their children to be taught creationism in college.

UT System hires former State Senator as consultant

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas System has hired two high-priced consultants to help launch a public relations campaign to improve its relationship with legislators and raise the university's national profile.

Former state Sen. David Sibley, a Waco Republican who was considered among the Legislature's more influential members, resigned from his seat in January and began working as a consultant for the UT System on Feb. 1. His six-month contract to advise the system on how to deal with lawmakers will pay \$8,000 a month plus expenses.

"We're trying to find all the expertise we can," UT System Chancellor Dan Burck said Wednesday at a Board of Regents retreat on the Texas coast.

The two-day, shirt-sleeve session at the UT Marine Science Institute was the first board retreat with the presidents of its nine academic institutions since 1998.

Discussions included an expansion of the system's Washington office to lure more federal research dollars to UT campuses; an initiative to improve education from kindergarten through college and considerable talk about student assessment and accountability.

The move to improve the system's communication with lawmakers, the public, business groups and alumni will begin with Miller, who plans to meet with Texas Exes' leaders at the end of the month and traverse the state talking with newspaper editorial boards.

Playboy wants OU women to pose for special issues

NORMAN, Okla. (U-WIRE) — Playboy interviewed University of Oklahoma women Tuesday and Wednesday, deciding which women would grace the pages of October's "Women of the Big 12" issue and the "College Girls" special edition, due out in spring. The women selected to pose for the magazine will be notified by 10 p.m. Wednesday.

The Playboy production team will choose from four to 12 OU women, said Chelo, "Women of the Big 12" photo shoot producer, who goes by only a single name.

The team will photograph the women around Norman Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Chelo said the magazine would like to use Norman bars and businesses, and the homes of Norman residents for the photo shoot.

Playboy can legally take pictures on OU's campus because it's a state-funded university, said Jeff Hickman, OU press secretary. Hickman said the magazine can also use OU commercial products, like T-shirts, because when they purchase the merchandise, they are paying a licensing fee. Official OU products are trade-marked and licensed.

However, women posing partially or completely nude could be arrested for indecent exposure if they were posing in an open, public place on campus within public view, said OU Police Sgt. Gary Robinson.

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The Skiff View

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New evaluation forms offer fewer choices

The "not applicable" response is no longer an option on teacher evaluation forms. Students filling out forms this semester have no middle ground with multiple choice. If you don't agree or disagree with the statements, you've still got to make a decision: leave it blank or put an obligatory response.

New evaluation forms are being used in all departments. There are fewer statements to "bubble" in and more questions for which to write comments.

Granted, the multiple choice answers don't provide professors with much information compared to actual written comments, but sometimes there is no answer. You don't feel qualified to say either way, you can't definitively say you agree, but you know you don't disagree. Whatever the situation, you want to be able to make your mark and move on. Now you can't if your answer lies in the middle of the road.

What if none of the questions asked lets you speak your mind? Now there's not even a place to write additional comments. Every inch of the back is taken up with specific questions and only two lines to reply.

Mike Sacken, chair of the University Evaluation Committee, said the forms are adaptable. If some questions and formats don't work, they're not set in stone.

Don't ignore the form or take it less seriously because you don't like it. Sacken said he looks at the written comments from his students first. Those comments say a lot more to him than "agree" or "disagree." When students receive grades, they want to know the reasoning behind the letter. Give your professors the same courtesy.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

In his administration's most recent misdirected policy change, President Bush proposed banning some international students from studying in certain fields in the United States. He released a directive stating the government shall prohibit international students from receiving education and training in sensitive areas, "including areas of study with direct application to the development and use of weapons of mass destruction."

To determine what specific fields will be off limits and to whom, the president ordered "an interagency working group" be formed. This committee has been assembled with officials from various government agencies. Yet glaringly absent is anyone representing higher education institutions.

Universities are in the best position to advise on the exposure to sensitive technologies foreign students encounter. They are also in the best position to remind government officials of the contributions international students make to research. Foreign thinkers have raised the standard of living by creating everything from Prozac to rocket fuel cells.

These students have a profoundly positive impact on our economy. Without them, there will be severe erosion of the U.S.

human capital base.

Also, universities will need to address that many fields of research don't receive enough interest from American students and would be desolate without international students. M.R.C. Greenwood, University of California-Santa Cruz chancellor, spoke at an American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting and noted native-born students "are not sufficiently interested" in some fields.

Without foreign students, he said, those fields would languish. At MIT, for example, foreigners comprise 37.2 percent of all graduate students.

Academic officials must be given a voice to stress the best way to stop terrorists: Don't let them in the country. Although plainly evident, it's important to reiterate to government officials that academia isn't the place to screen terrorists.

Banning students from countries with maniacal governments will unreasonably deprive academia, the economy and society of highly productive individuals. The government must recognize this, and it can start by accepting the help of those most knowledgeable — academic officials.

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

TRIBUNE



'NOT HELPFUL..

Business as usual drives international relations

So apparently a coup came to naught and George W. wants to "unsign" a document, which even my spell checker can't fathom. These two events are connected and you shall soon see how.

The International Criminal Court has been a plan for a few years now since Bill Clinton signed the United States into it during the days before he left office. George W. now wants to unsign the document fearing that American military personnel could face political charges ranging from our numerous military activities abroad.

My initial response was, "Good, at least we'll know who the criminals are now." You know, if we had this thing a year ago we could have prevented the slaughter of thousands of innocent Afghans as collateral damage to our bombing campaign to catch Osama bin Laden.

The point of having a court is to file charges against other people. Inevitably, some of them are politicized, but that is why we value a thing called justice. Do any of you really believe the accusations made by our government aren't politicized?

In a justice system, all defendants can defend themselves and charges must be proven in the light of day. So here is the \$64,000 question: Can American soldiers and their officers commit war crimes? Our government doesn't even want the question to be asked, but when military oper-

ations have names like "Infinite Justice" and "Enduring Freedom," one can assume the power has gone to their heads.

"Infinite Justice" happens to be the sole province of Allah to all Muslims and invoking our retribution as divinely ordained denotes lunacy. Surely we can stop killing for or as God in the 21st century.

Our government fears politicized charges against their soldiers, but is willing to put Taliban fighters through a military tribunal. These military tribunals will accept secret evidence, not even allowing defendants to see the evidence against them, and allow convictions without unanimity of agreement and not allow any other routes of appeal. If this is what our government holds to be a fair standard of trial, why do we expect any more fairness at the International Criminal Court?

To further weave the web, what does this court have to do with Venezuela? This part does require a memory from a few decades ago, and the particular policies of the former Bush and Reagan administrations. It just so happened that Reagan and Bush were convinced of the need to prevent nationalistic regimes in Central and South America to insure the allocation of these countries' resources would continue to supply the American economy. Thus, we have backed regimes in the rest of the Americas who supported our view of capitalism, rather than supporting democratic institutions and groups, which would provide a better standard of living for those people living in the country.

President Hugo Chavez of

Venezuela, however, charted his own course politically and has in the last few years required oil companies to pay greater royalties to provide for the poor of Venezuela, whom compose 70 percent of the country's population. He also happens to sit at the head of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) this year and has refused to increase production to offset Iraq's embargo, while still providing oil to Cuba at discount prices.

While Bush denies supporting the coup, leaders visited the American Embassy before the overthrow, and the Bush administration was quick to accept the end of Venezuelan democracy, instead supporting a military coup which promised better business relations.

Of course, if we had an International Criminal Court operating during the 1980s, serving as a meaningful venue for the prosecution of those committing and sponsoring international crimes, then we wouldn't have the likes of Richard Armitage, John Negroponte and Eliot Abrams in our government today. They'd be behind bars. In fact, they might have prosecuted George H.W. Bush and Pat Robertson as well, for their roles in sponsoring one of the most recently atrocious legion of killers, the Contra Rebels.

So as it seems, the main reason the Bush administration fights the creation of the International Criminal Court is to ensure that business runs as usual.

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Students shouldn't be responsible to tattle on cheaters for Code

I did it, I'm guilty. I cheated on a test. I'm not sure what the statute of limitations on cheating is, but

punish me now for my transgression. It was in seventh grade music class, and this albatross has been hanging around my neck for eight years now, ruining my testing karma and popping up as a pang of guilt in my head at the oddest of times.

I was never caught. The students at my table knew, I'm sure, but kept their mouths shut. Ah, the secrets you'll keep at age 13.

Of course cheating is wrong, at any age, and in any variety. Not only on schoolwork, but in other areas: relationships, income taxes, golf games. The issue seems so cut and dry that it seems trite to discuss further. But it still happens, and in all its forms.

Who reading this has seen someone cheat? Tilted their Scantron to the side for a friend? Has plagiarized part of a paper? It's 3 a.m., and after five cups of coffee, it's much easier to copy someone else's

physics homework than to keep your drooping eyelids propped open.

It's the last resort of a desperate student, or the first for a lazy one. It's the best solution to the panicked seventh grader who was tone deaf and couldn't distinguish between the oboe and the clarinet in a listening test.

But, the issue in question is what should be done about academic cheating?

TCU's official policy is that any form of academic misconduct be handled by the professor or the dean of the college. What has been suggested by some faculty and students is the institution of an "Honor Code," similar to the one at our rival to the east, Southern Methodist University, and many other institutions.

The Honor Code is a commitment to uphold academic standards, both personally and in others. If you see someone cheat, you should turn them in, to either your professor or the student-led Honor Council that tries cases of academic misconduct.

It's a good idea in theory, but how would it work in practice? Who would be a tattletale? Should students become "nars"?

If you slave away on an assign-

ment and receive the same grade as the kid next to you who ordered their paper off the Internet, it's not fair. But how honorable will you feel if you are the one to get someone in trouble who cheats?

It all whittles down to one word: honor. Your "personal integrity" (I stole the phrase from Dictionary.com).

Those who cheat should feel horrible no matter if they are punished or not — I know I still do. If they don't, there's nothing anyone can do to make them feel the wrong.

Yet, should students be burdened with the responsibility of upholding standards in others? I'm not sure. I would feel guilty either way: if I saw someone and didn't say anything, or if I did.

I wonder who exactly an Honor Code hurts, and who it helps. Is the student in the desk next to a cheater as liable as they are, or merely an innocent bystander?

It turns out the issue of the Honor Code is fuzziest than cheating. Is it a good idea? Maybe. But it's a better idea than just to be honorable.

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Genes won't be ruined by kissing cousins

Yee-haw! The entertainment potential of family reunions just raised itself to a whole new height. You no longer need to look outside your clan for a marriage partner, and your new in-laws can be as familiar to you

as your aunt and uncle. Hell, they can actually be your aunt and uncle!

Visiting the relatives just became a whole lot more fun since this month's Journal of Genetic Counseling informed us that breeding with cousins is a perfectly harmless thing to do.

That's right. According to a research paper published in this scholarly-sounding periodical, the risks are negligible that a monstrously deformed offspring would be the result of indulging those funny (but pleasant) feelings you get whenever certain relatives are near. Mate with a first cousin, and there's only a 1.7 percent to 2.8 percent greater chance that the product of your familial passions will be any more of a biological reject than if you procreate with a complete stranger.

Like those odds? Of course you do. Your dating world just opened up exponentially (especially if you come from a big family). What's not to like? Think about it — science just gave you permission to mate with people you've known all your life but have never been able to touch. It's like some big "No Trespassing" sign was removed from a section of Six Flags that you've never been able to visit before, or the breeding version of the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge just got approved for drilling.

What's going to be the result of this data going public? Will the fine art of "cousin-on-cousin action" reach epidemic proportions in America? Probably not. Did you know that certain states have laws to tell you just how you can interact with your family?

I was unaware that some states could put you in a cage for procreating with family members, but it doesn't really surprise me that more than 30 states outlaw the cousin-sponsored creation of children. And just in case you were wondering, yes, it's perfectly legal to cuddle up with a cousin in Texas (a distinction our great state shares with other respected centers of Southern culture like Mississippi and Alabama).

Oddly enough, we domesticated apes in America seem to be in the minority as far as our species' views on mating with close relatives go. Our anti-cousin prudery would be entirely out of place in parts of the Middle East, Africa and Asia. When not dodging American-made weaponry, between 20 and 60 percent of the people in these places are busy mating with someone they met at a family picnic.

Not saying that everyone overseas gets "friendly" with their cousins, just enough of 'em to where chaps like Jerry Lee Lewis or Edgar Allan Poe wouldn't be too out of place. And while your average European may not be a big practitioner of family bed-sharing, forcing that precise form of sexual morality on everyone within firing range isn't as popular a sport over there as it is here.

So, if you think your genes are so great that you don't want to dilute 'em with the blood of outsiders, no one from the continent's gonna say otherwise.

The million-dollar question, of course, is whether the new data about the relative safety of breeding cousins will change anything. Will the states that currently outlaw cousin-to-cousin mating alter their narrow-minded ways?

Maybe, but I wouldn't bet any crucial internal organs on it. Your average citizens, having been taught all their lives to feel disgust at the thought of sex with their relatives, are not about to run out immediately and reproduce with the first cousin they meet.

I'm certainly not. I mean, talk about disgusting — I'm holding out for my aunts.

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Carter to be first president to visit Cuba in 43 years

HAVANA (AP) — Jimmy Carter announced Thursday that he will head a delegation to Cuba on May 12-17, making him the first American president in or out of office to visit this communist country during Fidel Castro's 43 years in power.

"I look forward to this opportunity to meet with Cuban people from all walks of life and to talk with President Castro," Carter said in a statement issued in Atlanta, where his nonprofit Carter Center is based. The center earlier said the trip was planned for May, but gave no exact dates.

The visit by Carter and his wife, Rosalyn, comes amid a toughening of the White House's policies toward Cuba. The State Department has said it hopes Carter will deliver Castro a message in favor of democracy and human rights.

Rebel ambush kills 21 Russian officers near base

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia (AP) — In their biggest attack in months, rebels set off explosives and opened fire on a police convoy, killing 21 officers only yards from police headquarters in the Chechen capital Thursday, an official said.

The ambush — a day after 11 Russian servicemen were killed and 13 wounded in attacks in the southern Shatoi region — represented a significant surge in rebel activity after months of small-scale attacks. It also struck a blow to the fledgling Chechen police force that Moscow is trying to set up in the war-torn republic.

Thursday's attack appeared to have taken the Russian military by surprise. Military intelligence officers had predicted an upsurge in rebel activity in May — but had expected it in the rugged mountains of the south, not in the capital, the Chechen administration official said.

American officials help with Air China investigation

KIMHA, South Korea (AP) — U.S. air safety experts, joined by South Korean and Chinese officials, examined two in-flight recorders Thursday that might shed light on the crash of a Chinese jetliner that killed 122 people.

The Air China flight from Beijing slammed into a mountain with 166 people on board while preparing to land Monday at an airport outside Busan, South Korea's second largest city. Thirty-eight people survived and six are listed as missing. The two "black boxes," which

contain flight data and cockpit voice exchanges, were recovered from the plane's wreckage.

Investigators said the cockpit voice recorder was in good condition but that the flight data recorder was exposed to intense heat.

U.S. experts were asked to join the investigation because the crash involved an American-made Boeing 767-200.

Former Afghan king back in Kabul after 29 year exile

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Former King Mohammad Zaher Shah returned to Afghanistan on Thursday after 29 years in exile marked at home by war, poverty and fanaticism. Thousands of joyous Afghans lined the streets to welcome their frail former monarch, in whom they have placed their hopes for a peaceful future.

At Kabul's bombed-out airport, an honor guard saluted and spectators applauded as the 87-year-old Zaher Shah, dressed simply in a brown leather jacket, stepped off an Italian military aircraft and walked down a red carpet with Afghanistan's interim prime minister, Hamid Karzai.

Few observers expect the frail former king to be more than a benevolent father figure for a traumatized nation. But the symbolism of his presence is important. In June, he will convene a loya jirga, a grand national assembly of tribal elders and other Afghan representatives, who will select a new government to rule Afghanistan until elections in late 2003.

Arthur Andersen not settling with Justice Dept.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arthur Andersen LLP abruptly broke off talks Thursday with the Justice Department on settling criminal obstruction charges related to the destruction of documents in the financial collapse of Enron Corp.

The lawyer for the Andersen accounting firm notified government lawyers that the company was not in position to make a decision on any criminal settlement, a Justice official said.

"We are continuing to prepare for trial," Justice spokesman Bryan Sierra said. The trial date is May 6. The sudden collapse of secret negotiations occurred after the outlines of a deal had been struck, and the sides had expected to announce a settlement this week.

In recent days, Andersen's lawyers could not agree with government lawyers on specific language admitting guilt in illegally

destroying Enron documents, a person familiar with the negotiations said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Andersen also had balked at the length of time the Justice Department had proposed for deferring possible prosecution of the accounting firm, arguing that three years was too long, this person said.

Senate rejects Bush's Alaskan drilling plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate rejected a centerpiece of President Bush's energy policy Thursday, denying Republicans a vote on oil drilling in an Alaska wildlife refuge as part of an energy bill.

Senate Republicans fell 14 votes short, 54-46, of the 60 needed to break a Democratic filibuster of an amendment, offered by Alaska's senators, to open the wildlife refuge to oil companies.

The vote was expected to force Republicans to withdraw the measure and essentially clear the way for approval of the energy legislation, probably next week.

The fight over drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is not over. The House already has approved development of the refuge's coastal plain and the two versions, if a Senate bill is passed, would have to be merged.

Abercrombie & Fitch pulling line after protests

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Clothier Abercrombie & Fitch is pulling a line of T-shirts that triggered protests from Asian groups who said they reinforced negative stereotypes.

The T-shirts, some of which show smiling men with slanted eyes and conical hats, will be pulled from all of the company's 311 stores in 50 states, company spokesman Hampton Carney said Thursday.

"We're very, very, very sorry," Carney said. "It's never been our intention to offend anyone."

Carney could not say how many of the T-shirts were already in stores, or how much the recall would cost the New Albany, Ohio-based casual sportswear company. The T-shirts, which went on sale in some stores Friday for \$24.50, also will be removed from sale on the company's Web site, Carney said.

The T-shirts prompted a late-night meeting of Stanford University students Wednesday. The Asian American Students' Association encouraged calls to the company and said Abercrombie & Fitch should apologize.

Israeli offensive slowing, but siege of Arafat will continue

BY HADEEL WAHDAN

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Chiseling away at Israel's attempt to isolate Yasser Arafat, Jordan's foreign minister met with the Palestinian leader Thursday, while a U.N. envoy toured the battle-torn Jenin refugee camp, saying conditions there were "horrifying beyond belief."

Israeli officials said they were winding down their 3-week-old military offensive, but that troops would continue their sieges of Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem — until standoffs there over the surrender of wanted Palestinians were resolved.

President Bush said in Washington he was confident Prime Minister Ariel Sharon would keep his promise to pull Israeli troops out of the towns and cities they occupied.

"History will show that they responded" and that Sharon "gave me a timetable and he met the timetable," Bush said.

He also turned up the pressure on the Palestinian leader. "Mr. Arafat

did condemn terrorism and now we will hold him into account" and demand that he take action against terrorists, Bush said.

Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher met with Arafat at the Palestinian leader's shell-scarred government complex in Ramallah on Thursday, a day after Secretary of State Colin Powell met Arafat there. Powell left the region without a truce deal.

Sharon had opposed Powell's visit to Arafat, calling it a "tragic mistake" to break the isolation of the Palestinian leader, who has been surrounded by Israeli troops since the West Bank offensive began.

Muasher was accompanied by Arafat's neurologist, Dr. Ashraf al-Kurdi, who gave the Palestinian leader a long overdue checkup. Al-Kurdi later told journalists Arafat was "in good health, and his morale is high despite the very difficult conditions he is living under."

Several years ago, Arafat developed tremors in his lower lip that doctors called a nervous tic. Media reports have speculated he suffers

from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative neurological disease.

Powell's failure to work out a cease-fire or an Israeli withdrawal had both sides pessimistic. "The situation is at its most tense," Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said.

Assistant Secretary of State William Burns arrived in Cairo to follow up on the Powell visit, saying the first step was to "complete, urgently and fully, the Israeli withdrawal." Next, he said, would be a resumption of security cooperation between Israel and the Palestinians.

Jenin camp in the northern West Bank was the scene of the deadliest fighting in the offensive launched by Israel to crush Palestinian militias after a string of suicide bombings. Israeli soldiers battled Palestinian gunmen in the camp for days, and Israeli shelling and bulldozers reduced large areas in the center of the camp to piles of rubble.

Since the fighting began 18 months ago, 1,508 people on the Palestinian side and 468 on the Israeli side have been confirmed killed.

Small Italian plane crashes into skyscraper killing pilot, one other

BY ANDREW DAMPF

Associated Press

MILAN, Italy — A small plane with only the pilot on board crashed into the 25th floor of a landmark skyscraper Thursday, killing at least two people and injuring at least 30. The interior minister said the crash appeared to be an accident.

Some eyewitnesses reported that the plane was on fire before crashing into the 30-story building, Mi-

lan Police Office Celerissimo De Simone said.

It was the second time since the Sept. 11 terror attacks that a plane has struck a high-rise building, and Thursday's crash, which occurred near the end of the work day, raised fears of another attack.

"It sounded like a bomb. The pavement shook like an earthquake," said a woman identifying herself only as Lucia.

The Rockwell Commander aircraft, en route from Switzerland on a 20-minute flight to Milan, punched a hole in the 25th floor of building in downtown Milan. Smoke poured out of the building, but firefighters quickly put out the flames. Rescuers helped bloodied men in business suits.

The weather was clear at the time of the crash, which left gaping holes on both sides of the slim skyscraper. A large section of an entire floor lost its walls, and smoke and liquid poured from the gash in one side of the building.

"The initial information that the Interior Ministry has leads us to lean toward an accident" as the cause, the Italian news agency ANSA quoted Interior Minister Claudio Scajola as saying.

De Simone said the pilot had told Milan's city airport, Linate, the plane's destination, that the plane had landing gear problems.

The pilot had sent out a distress call at 5:54 p.m. just before the crash near Milan's main train station, said police officer Celerissimo De Simone.

"We believe it isn't a terrorist attack," said police Sgt. Vincenzo Curto, who was reached at the Carabinieri headquarters in Milan. "The pilot might have taken ill or it was an engine problem."

In Rome, a spokesman for the senate president, Marcello Pera, said the interior minister had informed him that the crash didn't appear to be a terror attack. Earlier, Pera had said it "very probably" was an attack.

The plane had taken off from Locarno, Switzerland, 50 miles northwest of Milan, and was heading to Milan's Linate airport.

Patrick Herr, spokesman for the Swiss air traffic control office SKYGUIDE, told AP that the plane left Locarno at 5:15 p.m.

ANSA said two were reported dead and that an unspecified number of people were rescued from elevators blocked in the building.



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Count Me Out: Murder Story Hits too Close to Home

Don't invite me to see the movie "Murder by Numbers" this weekend. It could very well be a great movie. Critics may or may not like it. Audiences may or may not like it. I just don't want to see it.

I love thrillers, yet I think this one will make me cringe in my seat for different reasons.

Sure, Sandra Bullock is fun. I especially liked her in "Speed" and "While You Were Sleeping." Even recent films like "Miss Congeniality" have been enjoyable. But this most recent film, I think I am going to pass.

I may watch it sometime; maybe on video if it doesn't become forgotten over time or lost on the shelves at Blockbuster, but this weekend, I'm going to have to pass.

Maybe you would enjoy going see the movie this weekend. Let me tell you about it.

"Murder by Numbers" is the story of two intelligent high school guys (Ryan Gosling and Michael Pitt). The two guys pretend that they hate each other at school, while they share a close bond when no one else is watching. They commit a horrible and senseless crime, apparently without much of a motive, just because they can. Yet, their plan is so precisely calculated it is difficult to pin them as the culprits. Unfortunately for them, detective Cassie Mayweather (Sandra Bullock) and new partner Sam Kennedy (Ben Chaplin) are on the case.

It seems like a fairly common movie theme. Especially in the contemporary climate. But I can't imagine sitting through the film without thinking about one of the most horrific times of my life, the shootings at Columbine High School.

It was April 20, 1999. I was a senior at Arapahoe High School, in Littleton, Colo. My school is just more than five miles away from Columbine. I remember that day, and although some of the details are starting to fade, it's still pretty clear. I remembered the sickening feeling in my stomach as well as the shock, horror, anger, confusion and the desire to cry hot, helpless tears.

Saturday will be exactly three years since the roller coaster ride jolted to its frenzied start. Sure, the initial day was torturous, but it didn't end there. The next day my mind still raced like everyone else's. I couldn't uproot myself from the television screen. Nor did I stop watching the live coverage the rest of that week. The news stories didn't end either. They still haven't ended.

More news came out this past Wednesday. This week's news deals with SWAT team member Sgt. Dan O'Shea who was accused of killing 15-year-old Daniel Rohrbough. After a four month investigation, a new report shows that shooter Eric Harris killed Rohrbough, and that O'Shea had not yet arrived when the student died.

Since the event occurred, experts and civilians have continued to probe issues of why Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris would have caused the worse school massacre ever. Everyone had a different theory. But no one really understood them. No one really understands now.

This seems to be the major issue that "Murder by Numbers" explores. The film seems to probe why two high school boys would want to commit such a significant crime without definite, definable motivation.

I'm curious about why Warner Bros. decided to release their film this weekend, the third anniversary of the shooting. Maybe I'm the only one making a connection, but the similarities seem close enough that I assume that I'm not the only person thinking this.

I realize details of this film are substantially different. Yet, I'm not going to pay money to watch entertainment that exits the realm of entertainment and becomes something that, to me, is so real.

I'm up for an adventure this weekend, but please, don't invite me to go see "Murder by Numbers."

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COMMENTARY



Ryan Eloe

THE ROCK

Wrestler gets first lead role in 'The Scorpion King'

BY MIKE SZYMANSKI
KRT Campus

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The Rock promises he won't be pulling a Markey Mark.

No, he laughs when asked if he's ever going to insist that critics change his credits to Dwayne Douglas Johnson, as the rap star did when he became an actor and asked journalists to credit him as Mark Wahlberg.

"Yeah, like Mark Wahlberg did? I've been thinking about that," The Rock said, taking a deep breath and holding it. "We've had long discussions, me and my guys, and it's like a resounding agreement."

"We all like The Rock. We all like that name. And I love it, too. Rock Hudson did it for 'Rock.' Rock's easier to say."

Rock's easier to spell, too. It's not that his first lead feature role in "The Scorpion King" is necessarily the only serious filmmaking he hopes to do in his career — and it's not like he's saying he's anything like Rock Hudson. But this World Wrestling Federation superstar is hoping it will help him launch a new part of his Rock career.

Many wrestlers have tried to break into Hollywood. Many action stars have started off as bodybuilders or martial arts experts. But it's been a long time since any new star has so captivated audiences as the handsome, charming, rugged Rock.

"I don't know, I saw 'They Live' and I thought that was cool, and 'Mr. Nanny,'" he said, dissing his fellow

wrestlers' films. "And I saw Hulk Hogan last week and I told him, 'You owe me like \$15 bucks. Me and my girlfriend went to 'Mr. Nanny,' and paid for parking and popcorn.'"

It's hard to tell if he's serious or not, but the 6-foot-5 monster of a man — 250 pounds of hard flesh — seems like he's playing the role of the six-time WWF world champion. With close-cropped hair, a black shirt and jeans, the 30-year-old San Francisco native seems relaxed about opening his first film — rushed out for him after Universal Studio execs saw what a natural he was in front of the camera in last year's blockbuster "The Mummy Returns."

He comes from a pro wrestling family — his Samoan grandfather was wrestling legend Peter Maivia and his father was wrestler Rocky Johnson. He played defensive tackle for the University of Miami and graduated in criminology.

After his pro football hopes ended due to injuries, he used Rocky Maivia as a wrestling moniker which was later shortened to The Rock, and became known as "The People's Champion."

Although many would call his wrestling gigs a form of acting anyway, his small roles on "Star Trek: Voyager," "That 70's Show" and a stint last year acting and singing on "Saturday Night Live" got him hungry for more acting.

When the dailies came back from "The Mummy Returns" shooting in Morocco, the studio put together a film franchise just for him.

"I just want to thoroughly entertain the audience, whether it had \$100,000 budget or a \$75 million dollar budget," he said, admitting he hopes to do bigger budget films, and knows that his movie is much bigger than most of the other wrestlers/wanna-be actors. "I just want to entertain the fans, so I'm not too sure why they didn't relate and transcend, or what's helped me."

Although he's taking the acting bug seriously, he's not yet ready to give up his day job.

"I don't think there will ever be an end in wrestling. I like to balance both as well as I can. I don't know how long I'll be able to do that, though, because it was really difficult for this movie," he said.

He's an heir apparent to Arnold Schwarzenegger, and the two body builders met through the film's director Chuck Russell, who directed Schwarzenegger in "Eraser."

"Arnold surprised me on the set on my birthday, and I got to introduce him to The Rock, it was quite exciting," Russell said. "I think they'd like to work together someday."

Schwarzenegger's become a kind of mentor to the guy who looks like the 21st century's "Conan the Barbarian." Rock finds himself playing a good guy after first appearing as a bad guy in "The Mummy Returns," much like Schwarzenegger did in the "Terminator" films.

"I'm a good guy with bad guy tendencies. I start off as an assassin," he said. "I don't want to be king, like Russell Crowe's character in 'Gladiator.' He didn't want to be king."

But king he is, and when he sneaked into the first screening with an audience and critics he was delighted with the response.

"I was knocked out, it was humbling," he said quietly. "There I am on the screen with Michael Clarke Duncan in a movie and it was like this realization of a dream come true for me."

Co-star Kelly Hu said, "He was always a gentleman on the set, every step of the way. He is charming, and I've become a big wrestling fan since I've worked with him."

The Rock's aware that his transition to acting isn't as easy as it may look. He has an acting coach, and mentors in Hollywood.

"It you're successful in one thing, it doesn't necessar-



Mathayus (The Rock) and Cassandra (Kelly Hu) are being pursued by Memnon's army.

ily mean they'll say, 'Well, he's a natural. He's going to be a natural.' Well, you can naturally suck."

Learning how to balance his performance is something he learned by wrestling.

"I'm not concerned about stepping out of the box, which has helped me in the WWF. If I felt like singing to an old lady, I'd sing to an old lady," he said, smiling wickedly. "Then I'd go hit somebody in the head with a chair. A good balance, actually."

In the movie, the cast works with lots of live animals, including ants, horses, camels and snakes. The outtakes of The Rock with snakes will be on the DVD, he promises.

"They are real cobras, too," he said.

All of the shooting for this prequel of "The Mummy" series was done in Yuma, Ariz. and in the desert outside Los Angeles. At the time, his wife Dany was pregnant with their first child, a daughter.

"I'd like to give Universal credit for thinking 'Rock's wife is pregnant. We won't go to Morocco,'" he laughs. "No, I think that we really didn't need to. They found great desert scenes here, and it looks fantastic."

In "The Scorpion King" he plays an assassin of a tribe that's dying out, and he befriends Michael Clarke Duncan (from "The Green Mile") and attempts to kill a sorceress (Hu) who's helping a murderous dictator, played by Steven Brand.

"What appealed to me about this character was that he goes on this fantastic journey of discovery, discovering that he could be king. He discovers that he can love someone else and discovers about revenge," he explains. "The exact same thing that has helped me in wrestling, of always being vulnerable and being flawed and being in jeopardy were the same things that I contribute to the character."

His sword play and martial arts training came from Andy Chang, who helps Jackie Chan with his moves.

"Not only did I want to break into the action-film genre, I really wanted to make an impact. If there was a way that we could create a new action-hero through the believability of my physical attributes, and kick ass the way you think The Rock should kick ass, and then inject Jackie Chan-esque type of idiosyncratic movement," he said.

His secret in doing stunts, and making falls not hurt? "Try to even out as best you can, so the majority of your body can absorb the shock," he said. "Or, you can call in your stunt-double if you can't do it."



Mathayus (The Rock), trained in the deadly arts, defends the people against an evil ruler.

'Murder By Numbers' doesn't add up to thrills

BY DAVID GERMAIN
Associated Press

The numbers do not quite add up on Sandra Bullock's new crime drama.

Too calculated and superficial to deliver a psychological thriller with real depth, too straightforward to create any sense of mystery, director Barbet Schroeder's "Murder by Numbers" is a sum considerably less than its parts.

A clever premise, estimable performances, tingly atmosphere and moments of hearty humor benefit the tale. But they generally go for naught in service of a story that zigzags from a police procedural to a narrative of cold-blooded killers to a portrait of Bullock as a spiritually wounded cop.

The film never settles into a consistent groove, and the slowly emerging back story of Bullock's character and her past tragedy, meant to add relevance to her current case, instead muddies up the works with needless parallels to the main action.

Bullock plays Cassie Mayweather, a crack homicide detective in an upscale California coastal town who's paired with a raw new partner, Sam Kennedy (Ben Chaplin).

Assigned to the case of a woman strangled and dumped in a ravine, Cassie quickly and amusingly establishes herself as the alpha cop lording it over Sam, her new acolyte.

The filmmakers eschew whodunit suspense in favor of an elaborate chess game, revealing from the outset that the slaying was plotted by two bright, amoral high school students, arrogant rich kid Richard (Ryan Gosling) and introverted brain Justin (Michael Pitt).

With chilling subtlety, the two up-and-coming actors add solid big-budget credits to recent impressive turns in indie films, Gosling in "The Believer" and Pitt in "Hedwig and the Angry Inch."

In the vein of other films inspired by the 1920s Leopold and Loeb homicide case, notably Alfred Hitchcock's "Rope," "Murder by Numbers" presents villains aiming for the perfect crime, an intellectual and philosophical exercise to put them in the rarefied company of people who've gotten away with murder.

Richard and Justin carefully orchestrate clues to frame a janitor (Chris Penn), then sit back and smirk as detectives dutifully follow the trail of bread crumbs they've left.

Cassie, of course, sees through the ruse, immediately suspecting the youths on instinct because Richard manifests the smarmy charm of a dark figure from her past.

It's here that "Murder by Numbers" fizzles after establishing a sharp story and colorful character interaction. Cassie becomes preoccupied with her previous misfortune, and the shift weakens her bold character and waters down the more captivating events at hand.

Cassie gradually is reduced from the sort of engaging, formidable heroine common in old Hollywood to yet another female protagonist defined and stagnated by victimization. It's a disservice to Bullock, who exudes great magnetism as the saucy, defiant Cassie before the story begins to diminish her.

From a commanding, capable detective who knows what she wants and does not hesitate to pursue it, Cassie devolves into a twitchy, terrified rookie who has trouble coping in a showdown with the killers she previously had



Agnes Bruckner and Michael Pitt star in "Murder by Numbers."

hunted with cool aplomb. Truly involving early on, Cassie becomes a dull stereotype as her squeamishness grows.

There's nothing wrong with piling on emotional baggage for a character to overcome. Here, though, it disables what could have been a stronger cat-and-mice story of a fierce woman facing down a pair of diabolically scheming murderers.

Sold-out Intercultural Banquet recognizes positive student efforts

Banquet aims to thank people for promoting diversity

BY KELLY MARIA HOWARD
Staff Reporter

The sold-out fourth annual Intercultural Banquet aims to promote, encourage and recognize the efforts of people on campus who are trying to make a difference through diversity and inclusiveness, said Darron Turner, assistant dean for student affairs.

Tahira Hussain, a junior political science major helping to organize the event, said the awards ceremony is to thank students and organizations who have made a positive intercultural difference on campus.

"Individuals are recognized for

the hard work or exemplary effort they have shown throughout the year as well as staff, faculty, advisors and alumni," Hussain said. "This is one way of showing that we recognize the hard work of individuals and groups and encourage them in the future to excel."

The banquet is 6:45 p.m. today at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in downtown Fort Worth and includes dinner, an awards ceremony and keynote speaker Anne Marie Weiss-Armush, a former Fulbright Scholar to Mexico, who will talk about leadership from a global perspective.

Turner said students, faculty and staff can benefit from the experience of attending the banquet.

"First (they have) the opportunity to hear a well-respected speaker talk about issues of global leadership," he said. "Second, (they also have the) opportunity to see what other students and organizations are doing on campus."

"This is one way of showing that we recognize the hard work of individuals and groups and encourage them in the future to excel."

— **Tahira Hussain**

Hussain said invitations were sent to people of color, international students and students involved in minority organizations, but everyone is

welcome. The event is financed through ticket sales, the Office of Intercultural Education and Services, International Student Services and the Office of the Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Diversity, she said.

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Safety system in place for warning campus of nearing severe weather

Officials remind students to be cautious despite safety plan

BY KELLY MARIA HOWARD
Staff Reporter

Tornado sirens went off in the TCU area Tuesday afternoon, prompting some on-campus residents to go to the lowest level of their buildings. But others were caught outside or in class without warning like Kenneth Hilliard, a junior psychology major, who said he was leaving The Main when the sirens sounded.

Although Hilliard said a number of students he has talked to found themselves in classes where sirens could not be heard, he said he heard the warning system in The Main.

Hilliard said there was not much more TCU officials could have done to inform students of the bad weather. He said students should just be cautious of local weather. TCU Police Sgt. Chris Drake said

the police department monitors radio and television stations when there is a chance of severe weather and in the case of a tornado or funnel cloud in the area, officers are sent out to inform people on campus.

He said officers were not sent out Tuesday because no funnel cloud was sighted in the area.

Drake said officers went through the academic buildings and sent everyone to the basement during the tornado that hit downtown Fort Worth in spring 2000 because it posed a threat to campus.

Students are expected to know when there is severe weather and make sensible choices, such as staying inside and away from windows, Drake said.

Randy Cobb, TCU safety director, wrote an e-mail that said the City of Fort Worth provides some warning to severe weather through the use of a siren system located between the Physical Plant and the Amon Carter Stadium.

According to Cobb's e-mail, "the age of the system requires that all of the sirens across Fort Worth will be

activated at once, regardless of whether the immediate TCU area is affected or not."

Cobb wrote that another emergency alert system, which predicts when conditions are right for lightning to strike, is located at the Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium, the football stadium, Student Center, Bass Hall, Moudy Building and Leibrock Village.

"An eight to 12 minute warning is given by sounding a single blast of the warning horns," Cobb wrote. "Once the area is deemed safe from the potential of lightning strikes, three blasts are given for an all-clear signal."

Tracy Syler-Doctson, associate director of communications, said information regarding class cancellations is sent out via e-mail, posted on the TCU Web site, available on a 24-hour phone line at (817) 257-5604 and distributed to media outlets. She said she was not aware of classes being canceled for a tornado in the past.

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groups is to make people all over the world believe that this is a holy war between America and Islam, Bhutto said.

"They were fighting for themselves," Bhutto said. "Those in the west who respond to (fanatics) by beating Muslims are simply swallowing (the fanatics') bait."

Bhutto said none of the terrorist attacks against the United States took place during her terms. She

said she is proud of her record in containing terrorism, but regrets that her government was unable to completely unravel them.

"I know how they operate," Bhutto said. "As prime minister of Pakistan, I stood up to them. I was their threat and I was eliminated."

Bhutto openly discussed two assassination attempts against her by al Qaeda members, being removed from office twice by military coups and the forced separation from her husband since he was imprisoned six years ago.

"We took them on with our eyes

open," Bhutto said. "I knew they would strike back. One must not let fear stand in the way of justice."

While the answers in the fight against terrorism will not be quick or simple, the solutions will be found if the nations of the world remain committed, Bhutto said.

"How many Sept. 11s, how many Daniel Pearls must happen before we all come to realize that the greatest protection of freedom is replacing dictatorship with democracy?" Bhutto asked.

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WRIGHT

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Congress and were able to 'bring home the bacon,' so to speak, to Texas," Bachim said. "The biographies were printed together in a book that will be distributed at the symposium."

Bachim said that all the biographies are about men because no woman from Texas has been a committee chairperson.

Bachim said the class has been reading books about Congress that were published by the scholars who will be speaking at the panel discussions.

"I am eager to hear Tony Cham-

pagne speak on John Nance Garner and Sam Rayburn," Bachim said. "I find these two men to be fascinating political figures."

Both Garner and Rayburn served in the House of Representatives and as Speaker of the House during the 1900s.

The symposium begins at 8:30 a.m. today in the Dee J. Kelly Center, and it is free and open to the public, Riddlesperger said.

The theme for 2003 will be women leaders in politics and in 2004 it will be Congress and international policy, he said.

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REACTION

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really good grip on the Taliban," Xavier said. "Since she lost power, the Taliban came back up after she left."

Burton said she was in disbelief at how courageous Bhutto is.

"Hearing her perspective on her contact with Osama bin Laden was incredible," Burton said. "She was almost assassinated twice."

Marlene Beckman, a TCU alumna who attended the lecture said she came to hear a woman who possessed power in a Muslim country.

"I think women need to be raised to know how to take power," Beckman said.

Xavier said his sister was influenced by Bhutto.

"Pakistan being a Muslim country, women had no opportunities at all, she was a role model for all women in Pakistan," he said.

FORUM

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said. "I wasn't just their prime minister. They felt a responsibility, and because of that responsibility, they felt they had to protect me. So I was able to inspire loyalty in the face of fear of the opposition."

Karl Kruse, a sophomore political science major, said the forum, like others he has attended at TCU,

opened his eyes to another culture.

"At TCU, I've gotten to ask a lot of cool people a lot of cool questions," Kruse said. "It was great to learn about a part of the world you don't normally hear about. What I found the most interesting was her just talking about the culture and how it affects politics in that region. I'm not going to get that close to a prime minister again."

The forum was also enjoyable for Bhutto.

"When I have the opportunity to meet with students, it takes me down memory lane when I was a student myself," Bhutto said. "I think young people are our future, and young people help stimulate the mind. I feel very enriched when I interact with students, and I'm thankful to TCU for giving me this opportunity."

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EVALUATIONS

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said he does not think the new evaluations find out nearly enough about the quality of teaching.

"The old forms were much better because of the freedom," he said. "There was more room to make general comments and that was important."

Doss said he did not fill out any of the comment sections on the new form because they were too specific.

"It takes way too much time to make all those specific comments and suggestions," he said.

Sacken said about one in four students wrote comments on the old form.

"We do not want the new forms to reduce the amount of space provided for written information," he said.

Bethany Logan, a senior advertising and public relations major, said she is not sure the new forms will be as valuable.

"I think students are more likely to respond to more general infor-

mation like test structure, grades and things of that nature," she said.

Sacken said student classifications and grade expectations were left off the new form for specific reasons.

"Students have told committee members they felt that their responses would not be given attention if they said their course grade was expected to be low," he said. "It was not worth offending students on the new form just for information."

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CORRECTION

Southern Methodist University took first place in the National Student Advertising Competition sponsored by the

American Advertising Federation April 11. Southwest Texas State University took second place. Tuesday's Skiff incorrectly listed Southwest Texas State as the first place winner and SMU as second place.

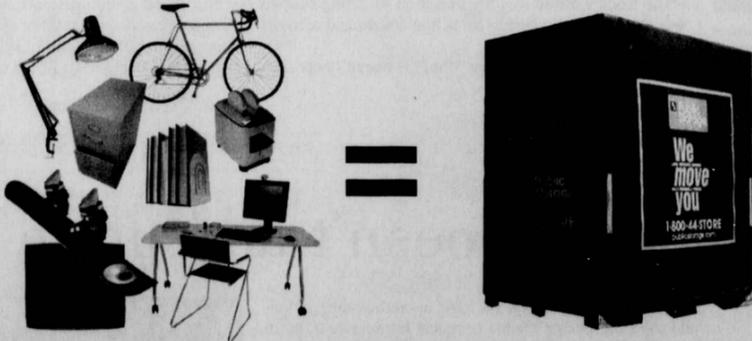
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- Rotini/ziti/linguine pasta
- Garlic bread
- Fried catfish
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- Veggie cacciatore
- Steak fries
- Corn cobbettes
- Steamed mixed veggies
- Hot cobbler
- Popcorn chicken
- Rotisserie chicken
- Lentil pilaf
- Mixed veggies
- Stewed tomatoes

DINNER

- Popcorn shrimp
- Veggie casserole
- Mashed potatoes
- Mixed veggies
- Steamed carrots
- Hot cobbler
- Mini corn dogs
- Onion rings
- Fries
- Chicken strips
- Hamburgers
- Chicken sandwiches

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

- Breakfast Bar
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- Sausage
- Hashbrowns
- Hamburgers
- Chicken sandwich
- Fries
- Onion rings

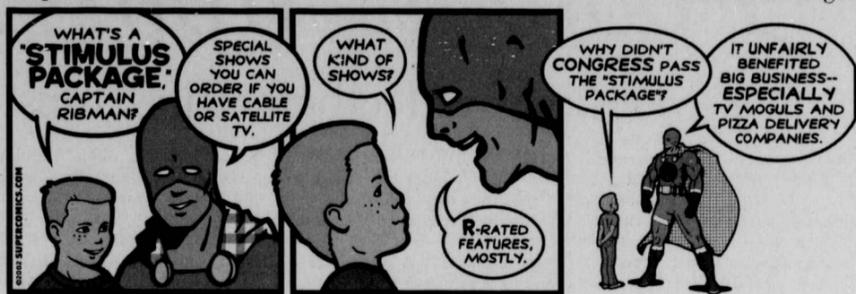
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- Fries

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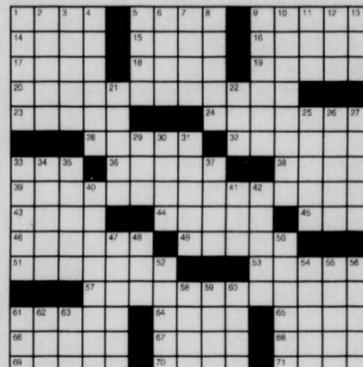
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- 20 Atmospheric crashes
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- 24 Got down to pray
- 28 Desert blooms
- 32 Spanish fleet
- 33 Worn cloth
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- 44 Greased
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- 46 Whole
- 49 Make road repairs
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- 53 Acts down in the dumps
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- 61 Nudge
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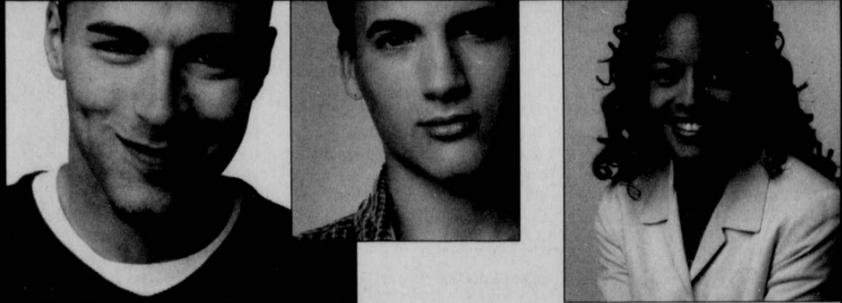
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- 31 Bring upon oneself
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- 34 Beside
- 35 Affect
- 37 French priest
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- 42 Second president
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The Sideline

Frogs face Green Wave in weekend three-game series

The TCU baseball team is on the road this weekend as they take on conference opponent Tulane in a three-game series in New Orleans.

The Frogs (20-18, 11-4 C-USA) will face the Green Wave (21-18, 7-8 C-USA), who was a participant in the 2001 College World Series. Winners of 11 of their last 15, TCU will face a Tulane team that has won its last three conference series after starting 1-5.

Game times are 6:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Women's golf competes in C-USA Championships

The TCU women's golf team will be in Hattiesburg, Miss. this weekend to compete in the 2002 Conference USA Women's Golf Championships.

Ranked No. 27 in the nation by golfweek.com, the Lady Frogs will be led by sophomore Brooke Tull, who was named Conference USA Golfer of the Month for April.

The three-day, 54-hole event, will be at the Hattiesburg Country Club.

Injured sportscasters will miss start of NBA playoffs

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Sportscasters Marv Albert and Mike Fratello will miss the start of NBC's NBA playoff coverage after being injured early Thursday when their limousine hit a stalled truck on Interstate 295.

Fratello, 55, and Albert, 60, were cut on the face, and Albert had a concussion and a sprained ankle, said Dr. Louis D'Amelio, director of the Fuld Campus of the Capital Health System.

The announcers were returning from Indianapolis, where they called TNT's broadcast of the regular season finale between Indiana and Philadelphia. Albert and Fratello — who also work for NBC — flew on the 76ers' team charter to Philadelphia, where they were met by the limousine.

Albert was scheduled for a CT scan Friday and probably will be held at the hospital until Saturday for observation, D'Amelio said.

D'Amelio said Albert was awake and talking, but had a headache and was fatigued.

Fratello was released at 9 a.m. Thursday, about six hours after the accident.

The NBA playoffs start this weekend, and Albert was scheduled to call games for NBC on Saturday and Sunday; Bob Costas will fill in. Fratello will miss NBC's studio show.

Albert and Fratello are slated to call playoff games for Turner Sports next week.

NFL draft prospect Randle El just wants to play ball

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Antwaan Randle El talks to scouts and hears the "experts" on television and radio.

People believe he could be a wide receiver, a third-down running back, a punt returner, even an emergency quarterback.

All Randle El wants is a chance to prove he can play in the NFL — wherever that might be, and at whatever position.

"A lot of people say they don't know what to do with me," he said. "I say put me on the field."

It's there that Randle El has excelled, and it's his multitasking skills that have made him one of the NFL draft's most intriguing prospects.

In an era dominated by the salary cap, Randle El is a valuable commodity. If he goes in the third or fourth rounds, as projected, he will come relatively cheap and save a team precious roster spots.

But Randle El also is a rare athlete.

At Indiana he played quarterback and became the first Division I player to throw for 7,000 yards and rush for 3,000.

He is the first player to have thrown for 40 touchdowns and rushed for 40 touchdowns in a career, and the first to accumulate 2,500 yards in total offense four straight seasons.

Football Mom

Kates 'takes care of everybody' in football office, runs Purple Hearts

BY BLAIR BUSCH
Skiff Staff

Gisele Kates has one daughter and 120 sons, and they all attend TCU. "I know why God gave me a girl," Kates said. "Because he knew someday he was going to give me about 120

sons. I would like to adopt them all."

Kates types on a keyboard at her desk with purple fingernails, wearing the pendant from the Mobile Alabama Bowl around her neck and a lapel pin in the shape of a football helmet.

Kates, the administrative assistant

in the football office, is the front-line that football players and coaches go to when they need assistance.

Kates' job does not end when the football season is over. Now that the team has finished with spring training, Kates is typing up evaluations of spring ball for the coaches to use in the fall.

Kates also plays a large role in the recruiting process. She gathers information from the high schools along with videos of the athletes. She works with the recruiting coordinator and the director of football to get information about prospects they are going to consider.

Kates works for nine assistant coaches also.

But her job is not all work, she said. Kates said she develops personal relationships with the players and jokes around with them when they come in to meet with their coaches. When junior

defensive tackle John Turntine comes into the office, she jokingly tells him he wears more jewelry than she does.

On top of her other duties, Kates helps run the Purple Hearts. She said she tries to develop a personal relationship with all of the students with whom she works.

"We definitely come to her with our problems and our crushes," said junior Purple Heart Amanda Harrison.

The Purple Hearts each have a football player to whom they are assigned, and they also help on game days with the recruits.

Kates said she had to start everything over again when coach Gary Patterson took over as head coach in December of 2000.

"Everything you had been doing is thrown out the window and you start over again," Kates said. "Every coaching staff is different as for their individual needs."

Kates gets a lot of help from coach Patterson's secretary, Ruth Casey.

"She's a good person and does anything in the world for you," Casey said. "She takes care of everybody."

Kates, who was born in Japan because her father was in the Air Force, did not even come to the United

States until she was nine years old.

"I feel like I have been here all of my life," Kates said.

Kates moved to Fort Worth when she was 11 after her parents divorced and she went to live with her grandmother. Kates graduated from Fort Worth Carter High School and married her husband soon after graduation.

Kates worked in the counseling office at Richland High School until her daughter Tiffany, who will graduate in April with a master's degree in accounting, got accepted to TCU. Kates went to work for Media Relations hoping to help with tuition payments. An opening in the football office came along and Kates has been there for the past three years.

Nothing goes on in the football office that Kates does not know about, whether it is reserving conference rooms for alumni or making sure that the coaches have purple M&Ms during the week and Big Red gum to chew before practice. Kates knows all and sees all.

"She is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done," Casey said. "She runs the show."

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Gisele Kates, the administrative assistant for the football office, does more than just answer phone calls and take messages for the football coaches. Kates said she plays the role of a mother for all the players.

Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF

Schobel waiting for call from NFL

BY JORDAN BLUM
Opinion Editor

Matt Schobel will be watching ESPN all day and waiting intently by the phone with his family in Dallas Saturday.

Why? Because he will receive a phone call that will determine where he spends the next few years of his life.

The NFL Draft will be Saturday and Sunday and more than 250 college players will hear their names called over the weekend. However, Schobel is the only TCU player guaranteed by national prognosticators to be drafted, with other players being given only an outside chance.

Chris Hall, the Dallas Cowboys college scouting coordinator, said Schobel will likely be the only Horned Frog drafted, while the other eligible TCU players will be forced to catch on with a team through free agency or

if a team invites them to training camp.

"Matt could go in the second (round), maybe the third, but definitely on the first day," Hall said. "We have a strong interest in him, but we'll have to see how things play out with our picks and who's left on the board."

Hall said he rates Schobel as the third tight end in the draft behind Miami's Jeremy Shockey and Colorado's Daniel Graham, both projected first-round picks. Hall also said the Cowboys are very interested in Charlie Owens as a free agent.

Schobel, who is projected to be drafted as high as 41st (by *Pro Football Weekly*), said he's heard a lot of things from different teams but is still unsure of where he'll be drafted. He said he doesn't really care by whom he is drafted.

"I've been told a little bit of every-

thing," Schobel said. "I've shown my skills and physical ability. I think I had good workouts and impressed some people at all-star games. And that's basically all I could've done."

"Whoever picks me first is the ideal situation for me."

When a team goes from having six players drafted in the first four rounds in 2001 to just likely one this year, it may sometimes be construed as a negative on the program.

But head coach Gary Patterson is quick to dispel such notions.

"We had 28 seniors last year and just about ten this year, so having a young team is the main reason," he said.

Patterson said he believes draft-eligible players like Owens, Bo Springfield, Chad Bayer, Victor Payne and Chad McCarty can make to the NFL.

However, Patterson said his biggest concern is that players focus

too much on the draft.

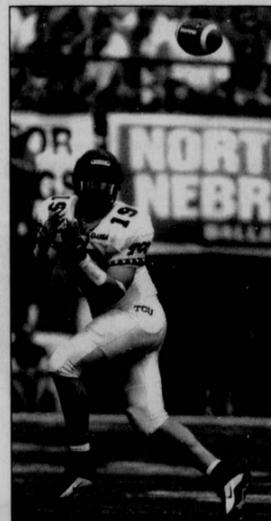
"Even juniors worry about (the NFL Draft) too much," he said. "We stress to worry about the next play, the next game. If they do that and have a good year, then the NFL will come and get them."

Springfield, who declared after his junior season, is waiting for a team to come and get him, but concerns about his age and size have made scouts put him in the free agency category.

At 5 feet 9 inches and 26 years old, Springfield is by no means the ideal rookie cornerback. But if he had never played minor league baseball and was a few years younger, he'd reportedly be a lock to be drafted.

"I pretty much declared early because of my age. I'm not trying to play until I'm 40," he said.

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TCU tight end Matt Schobel hauls in a 67-yard touchdown pass over the Nebraska in the game in August.

Athletic department prepares for heavy traffic

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With the TCU Invitational being one of few chances for the surrounding community to see the Flyin' Frogs in action, traffic may be heavy around the campus on Bellaire Drive this weekend with the start of the meet. This could present a problem for motorists trying to get from place to place, said Ross Bailey, associate athletic director of facilities.

Bailey, who is responsible for

making sure that the patrons wanting to attend the meet are able to get there as efficiently as possible, said he hopes this problem can be fixed before the start of the third annual meet.

Due to construction of the new Brown and Marie Lupton Stadium for the baseball team, a majority of parking and surrounding land has been cleared and sealed off. With other various constructions around the campus as well, this could pose a threat by halting the flow of cars.

To combat this problem, the university will use the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum parking lot.

"We are going to be shuttling people to and from the complex," Bailey said. "The two buses can hold around 25 people, so there will be many people able to go at once."

Those in the meet will be able to park much closer. The parking lot that is used for the Lowdon Complex and the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center will serve as the parking for the teams and officials.

Bailey said there will also be some 'no parking' signs up in some areas for consideration of the surrounding neighbors.

Other than the normal flow of traffic around the area, Bailey said, he doesn't expect too much of an inconvenience.

"Other than getting on a bus for about four or five minutes, that's about the only wait there will be," Bailey said. "Some may see it as an inconvenience, but it is the best we can do with our current situation."

In the event's first year, things were hectic, he said. Bailey said the experience of that meet prompted the athletic department to make the changes in parking and traffic flow.

"The first year, to be honest, we were caught off guard," Bailey said. "There was a large volume of people that came to watch, and we were not ready for that."

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Flyin' Frogs hope to gain support in lone home meet

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Most TCU athletes get the opportunity to show off their talents to the community during many

home contests.

For the TCU track and field team, this is their one and only chance.

The Flyin' Frogs are at home this Saturday, hosting the third annual

TCU Invitational at the Lowdon Track & Field Complex.

With the majority of their meets a substantial driving distance from the Metroplex, this is the chance for the team to show its ability.

Former TCU track athlete Darvis Patton said this is a great opportunity for the team to run for the home crowd.

"It's great," Patton said, "This is a prestigious program, and you want everyone to come out and see this. Everyone reads about the TCU Horned Frogs and they want to know what they are about, so this is their time to show it."

Head coach Monte Stratton said that it's not just important to the athletes.

"It's also important to the community," Stratton said. "They always read about our athletes and never re-

ally get a chance to get to see them. So this is a chance for TCU and the surrounding area to see all that we have and give their support."

Besides the Frogs, the one-day meet will feature Ohio State University, University of Texas (women only), Stephen F. Austin, North Texas, Lamar, Texas Southern, Garden City JC, South Plains JC and Southwest Christian.

Stratton said he expects the meet to have formidable competition for TCU.

"I expect decent competition from the schools that are coming," Stratton said. "Ohio State out of the Big Ten Conference has some good athletes and there are some very talented individuals from other various schools that will be here."

However, Stratton said the team has more on their mind than just run-

ning their races for the home crowd.

"It's great to be in front of our community," Stratton said, "but we also feel we can get some times that can qualify for the national meet, and use this as a springboard for the Penn Relays next week."

Patton said he agrees that the home crowd can bring in some good performances.

"It's a very good time to drop a good time," Patton said. "Especially in front of your home crowd. You're more hyped up, and you're not as nervous. This is your backyard and where you train, so you feel obligated to run a fast time."

The meet kicks off at 11 a.m. with the field events and will continue throughout the day.

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FILE PHOTO
Sophomore hurdler Jared Bradley will participate in the Third Annual TCU Invitational Track and Field Meet. Events will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lowdon Track and Field Complex.