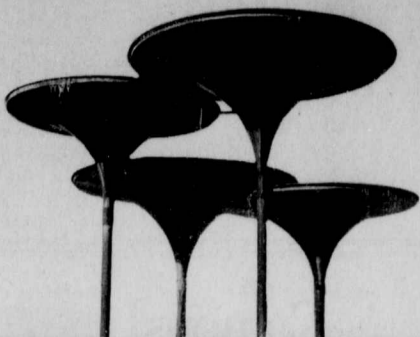


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David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER

TCU Daily Skiff newspaper bins were emptied Thursday of their April 25 editions. The edition is still available online at (www.skiff.tcu.edu) for articles concerning the ongoing investigations of sophomore forward Tiffany Evans and the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

PETA critical of promotion involving circus elephant

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (U-WIRE) — Members of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals have heavily criticized State College Mayor Bill Welch for his support of a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus plan to promote the world-famous circus being in town this weekend.

The idea initially called for Bo — a four-and-a-half-ton elephant — to deliver mail with the help of Welch on Thursday, along Fraser and Allen streets.

The plans were later scrapped, though, when it was determined the pachyderm could not be safely transported to the designated mail delivery area, said Bernie Punt, director of sales and marketing at The Bryce Jordan Center.

Punt denied that intense protest of the event was factored into the cancellation, saying Ringling's producers and trainers called off the promotion.

—The Daily Collegian

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SATURDAY

High: 81; Low: 62; Morning thunderstorms

SUNDAY

High: 86; Low: 69; Isolated thunderstorms

LookingBack

1865 — John Wilkes Booth is killed when Union soldiers track him down to a Virginia farm 12 days after he assassinated President Abraham Lincoln.

1986 — The world's worst nuclear power plant accident occurs at the Chernobyl nuclear power station in the Soviet Union.

1989 — Comedian Lucille Ball dies at age 78. During her career, she and husband Desi Arnaz transformed television, creating the first long running hit comedic sitcom.

Incident handled improperly, players say

Officials stand by decision to fully investigate fraud

BY KELLY MORRIS AND JAIME WALKER
Staff Reporters

Several women's basketball players say a situation that led to Wednesday's surrender of sophomore forward Tiffany Evans to authorities on a fraud warrant was mishandled by athletics administrators. They say it could also hurt the program for seasons to come.

However head coach Jeff Mittie and Athletic Director Eric Hyman said Thursday they dealt with the internal investigation, which was turned over to campus officials April 11, in a

timely and appropriate manner.

Reports indicated Evans had met with a judge and the case had been given to the Fort Worth District Attorney's office.

Evans appeared before a magistrate Wednesday in connection with a fraudulent use of identifying information warrant involving senior teammate Kati Safaritova, a police official said Thursday.

Efforts to contact Evans Thursday were unsuccessful.

Seven players, who spoke on the condition of confidentiality because they said they feared repercussions from team and university officials,

alleged the situation was covered up to maintain team morale during conference play and to keep Evans on the court.

Athletics Compliance officer Marc Evans said TCU was not in danger of any NCAA sanctions. He said the NCAA only regulates cases in which drug use or gambling are suspected.

Four of the players interviewed said the case clearly shows Mittie has a tendency to show favoritism to certain players.

"If you are an ordinary player he might just call you a troublemaker and anything you say would go in

one ear and out the other," one player said. "If you are a player like (Evans) and you told him the sun was white, he would believe you."

Mittie would not comment on any of the specific allegations in this story, but he said the process was handled in as timely a manner as possible as the events developed. He said he "stands by his decision" to suspend Evans from team workouts.

Hyman said athletic officials wanted to review the merit and substance of the case before notifying other university authorities.

"The fact-finding process takes time," he said. "We want to insure we have all the information and that it has credence before we move forward."

Susan Adams, associate vice chancellor and dean of Campus Life, said

she understands student-athletes have unique obligations to their teams but that the university treats all students equally in disciplinary situations.

Adams said no team members contacted Campus Life before athletic officials made the office aware of the situation.

However, some players said Safaritova told them she thought her only recourse was to continue the police investigation. They said athletic officials ignored her plight.

"They wanted this thing swept under the rug and we all knew it," one player said.

Players said they felt badly for Evans but supported Safaritova throughout the investigation.

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Floating poetry



Tara McGee, a senior ballet major (middle), leaps through the air during the TCU senior Choreography Concert Thursday.

Simon Lopez/SKIFF STAFF

Overseas flight travel up from last summer

LAURA MCFARLAND
Staff Reporter

On the afternoon of April 11, Katie Childress and three of her friends gathered in her room with one goal in mind: buy their airplane tickets to London.

Almost two hours later, their mission was complete; they were all booked on the same flight. Now, all they had to do was wait until August.

"I'm flying to London to study for the semester at the TCU London Centre," said Childress, a sophomore English major. "I bought early because I thought it would be a good idea to have everything set before summertime."

It may seem like Childress and her friends are getting started early, but this year's strong increases in travel sales over last year indicate that students who wait too long to book their trips could find them sold out, said Harvey Boysen, vice president of Gulliver's Travel Service, Inc.

"Somehow people get the impression from a lot of the media that nobody is going anywhere and so there's great deals out there to go anywhere cheaply," Boysen said. "That just isn't true."

Boysen said travel sales began to pick up at the beginning of the year. He said that this increase, which comes after a three-month drop in sales following Sept. 11, shows that people are becoming more comfortable with traveling again.

"I'm sure that there are a few people out there that are still scared, but most are not," Boysen said. "After the first of the year, it's like everybody either forgot or they decided they were going to live with it and go on."

Boysen said too often people miss out on opportunities because they put off making travel arrangements so they can look for deals.

"If you book early, the price may go down, but you've got it secured and you know what you've got," Boysen said. "If you wait for the price to go down, you may not get it because it may not be available."

Childress said that after she looked at a number of Web sites to find the best deal she could, she finally found a good price at a student travel site.

"I'm happy with the price I found," Childress said. "I figured it was better to buy, because I

(More on TRAVEL, page 6)

Writing Center founder returns as director in summer

BY RAUL MARTINEZ IV
Staff Reporter

Steve Sherwood, an instructor of English, helped start the Writing Center when he came to TCU 14 years ago.

Starting July 1, he will become its new director.

"I enjoy teaching, but I am looking forward to enhancing and building the Writing Center," Sherwood said. "The Writing Center is a great place now, but I, along with faculty and staff, plan to make as many improvements as we can."

Sherwood said some of the improvements include increasing office hours in the center, hiring more tutors, getting more involved with other departments and developing an online virtual center.

"There has been more of a demand for the Writing Center this year," Sherwood said. "We definitely need to increase our evening hours in the center. In order to do that we need to get funding to hire more tutors."

Jeanette Harris, the current director who will retire from her position June 28, said the Writing Center conducts more than 3,500 tutorials a year and has generally done more every year. She said the center has five staff members,

four part-time professional tutors, an administrative assistant and about 10 to 12 peer tutors.

Larry Adams, associate provost for academic affairs, said he is confident that Sherwood will be a leader in his position.

"We decided to conduct a nationwide search," Adams said. "We received and reviewed many applications and Sherwood came out to be the best qualified and well suited for the position."

Brooke Hessler, an adjunct professor of English, said she expects Sherwood to continue to broaden the range and depth of resources the Writing Center offers to students and faculty on campus.

"Like a lot of other faculty, I too consult the Writing Center tutors for help with my work," Hessler said. "So this support is really important to me."

Sherwood said it is important for the Writing Center to reach out and get more involved with other departments.

"We have close ties to the English department, but we serve the entire campus," he said. "My mission is to strengthen the bond with all other departments on campus."

He said they want the other departments to know what the Writing Center can do for them. Sherwood said they have been

(More on CENTER, page 6)

Sixth faculty group formed to evaluate core proposal

BY BRANDON ORTIZ
Staff Reporter

The Faculty Senate unanimously decided Thursday to create a new committee to propose a revised draft of the Common Undergraduate Experience.

The committee would be the sixth in the last 19 months, not counting the Senate itself, to work on the proposed core curriculum. In a prior motion, the Senate unanimously passed a separate document laying out guidelines for the CUE.

"If we vote yes, my question is, what are we voting for?"

— Joe Bobbich

The motion did not specify how the committee will be created or comprised.

Carolyn Spence Cagle, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate and an associate professor of nursing, said after the meeting that the Executive Committee of the Senate will meet with Provost William Koehler next week to craft a proposal, which would seek "equal representation" among departments and colleges, to introduce for a vote at their May 2 meeting.

She said the committee would likely start work this fall — ending the possibility that a new core could be approved by the faculty this semester.

Though the motions were past unanimously, several professors criticized it as too vague.

"If we vote yes, my question is, what are we voting for?" chemistry professor Joe Bobbich asked during the discussion.

Nonetheless, Cagle said the move was a step forward.

Cagle said the creation of the

(More on FACULTY, page 6)

First motion passed unanimously by the Faculty Senate.

Guidelines for the core:

- 1) "Reflect the principles reflected in the TCU mission statement."
- 2) "Stress the value of interdisciplinary study ..."
- 3) "Based on an overlay model similar" to a proposal by the chairs of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences. (The document can be accessed at <http://www.fsn.tcu.edu/fsn/>).
- 4) "Reflect (a) commitment" to the humanities, natural and social sciences, history, fine arts, quantitative reasoning and writing and oral communication skills.
- 5) To require minimum requirements in religion, ethical issues and global citizenship. Other requirements may concern leadership, diversity, the environment, technology and race and gender issues.

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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• **Helping Skill Workshop** will be 2 to 4 p.m. today 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).

• **Third annual TCU Student Art Sale** will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday in Moudy Building North, Room 133. Ceramics, photography, paintings, sculpture and jewelry will be for sale. There will be various art demonstrations also. For more information contact Russell Matthews at (griffenram@hotmail.com).

• **The TCU Showgirls dance team** will hold auditions for the 2002-2003 team 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Contact the director, Jamie Drake Stephens, at (J.Stephens2@tcu.edu) for more information.

• **School of Nursing** presents speaker Lillian Nail 9 a.m. Monday in PepsiCo Recital Hall. Nail, an oncology nurse researcher, will speak on "Putting the 'Quality' back into Quality of Life: Building and Using Knowledge Base for Symptom Management in Cancer Care." The talk is free and open to the public. For information call (817)257-7652 or e-mail (j.callanan@tcu.edu).

• **The Rally For Human Rights in Palestine** has been postponed until 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at Frog Fountain. The forum in the Student Center on Palestine is also postponed until 12 to 2 p.m. Monday.

• **Wind Symphony & Symphonic Band concert** will be 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information call (817)257-7602.

• **KinoMonda film series** presents "A Time for Drunken Horses" 7 p.m. Wednesday in Sid W. Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. For more information call (817)257-7292.

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Campus/State Roundup

East Texas inmate found in abandoned house

BEAUMONT (AP) — An East Texas inmate who attacked a dispatcher then ran out of the Newton jail's front door was captured Thursday while hiding in the attic of an abandoned house, authorities said.

Roy Arthur McMahon, 27, jailed on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child, was found in a Burkeville house that belongs to his grandfather, a dispatcher in the Newton County Sheriff's office said.

McMahon, who had been jailed more than a month, overpowered a female dispatcher Wednesday and stabbed her repeatedly in the hand. Her injuries were minor.

Officials said McMahon, a trusty in the jail, ran to the home of his wife, where he got the machete. Police believe the woman drove McMahon to a relative's house.

Academic survey shows lack of concern for terror attacks

HOUSTON (AP) — While New Yorkers are more concerned than others about future terror attacks, an academic survey released Friday shows most aren't dwelling on the possibility.

In what is billed as the first comprehensive look at urban attitudes in post-Sept. 11 America, 22 percent of New York respondents said they worry a great deal about a future attack there, compared with 14 percent in Chicago and 13 percent in Los Angeles and Houston.

Outside the nation's four largest cities, only 5 percent of respondents are fretting about terror in their areas, according to the survey by the Center for Public Policy at the University of Houston.

Accountant convicted of killing his two daughters

DALLAS (AP) — An accountant convicted of killing his two young daughters was described by defense witnesses Thursday as a loving, caring father who appeared to be in a deep depression the day the girls were murdered.

John Battaglia, 46, was convicted Wednesday of capital murder in the

May shootings of Faith, 9, and Liberty, 6. Prosecutors say he shot the girls repeatedly while their horrified mother listened on the phone.

Jurors hearing testimony during the punishment phase of the trial will determine whether Battaglia is sentenced to death or life in prison. They convicted Battaglia after 19 minutes of deliberating Wednesday.

"I've formed the opinion that he was a wonderful, loving, caring father," testified Vida Hughes, a 68-year-old bookkeeper who shared office space with Battaglia in Dallas.

But Hughes also said she overheard several heated conversations between Battaglia and Mary Jane Pearle, his ex-wife and mother of the slain girls.

James Young, a friend of both Battaglia and Pearle, testified that he always thought Battaglia was a great family man, taking the girls to soccer games and helping them with school projects.

Defense attorney Paul Johnson, who planned to call psychiatric experts Thursday, has alluded to Battaglia's rapid mood swings throughout the trial. He has also asked witnesses if they knew Battaglia suffered from a bipolar disorder.

K9 officer arrested on animal cruelty charges

OAK RIDGE NORTH (AP) — An eight-month investigation into a pet's death has led to the arrest on animal cruelty charges of a K9 officer with the Oak Ridge North police department who was a former Montgomery County Officer of the Year.

Douglas Jerome Barry, 30, was released on \$500 bond. He is still on active duty as a K9 officer with the city's dog, Jasper.

Barry's personal pet, Apache, got out of his yard last August, and a neighbor found the emaciated, hairless animal and called county animal control. The dog died a short time later.

Sheriff's officers launched an investigation, as did Barry's department. The district attorney filed misdemeanor animal cruelty charges Oct. 8 against Barry and his wife, Kimberly, 30.

Conviction would carry up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. The trials are scheduled for May 6.

Resolution concerning graduation prayer a tie

CARBONDALE, Ill. (U-WIRE) — As the weather calmed outside, emotions ran high inside and ended in a perfect tie at the Lesar Law auditorium, regarding a resolution concerning prayer at graduation.

The Southern Illinois University-Carbondale student speakers forum, presented by the Student Society for Civil Discourse, Wednesday night gave students an opportunity to speak out about whether or not to allow guided prayer at graduation.

At the end of the forum 33 students exited through the "Against" door and 33 students left through the "For" door offering a resolution of confusion.

The controversy surrounding prayer at graduation surfaced after Undergraduate Student Government President Michael Perry delivered a prayer at last December's commencement ceremony. Chancellor Walter Wendler since has left it up to the deans of the University's colleges to decide whether prayer will exist at each school's May graduation ceremony.

Speaking first about the controversy, Sharon Rogers said she was adamant in her belief in God, and prayer should be a right for religious students at graduation.

"America is deeply intertwined with religion — why take that away?" Rogers said. "It's like biting the hand that feeds you."

University of Arizona has fifth sexual assault attempt

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — An attempted sexual assault took place in a residence hall shower Tuesday evening, the fifth sexually related incident in a week to occur in a University of Arizona dorm bathroom.

The incident happened at about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, when a man wearing a ski mask entered a women's restroom in La Paz Residence Hall and attempted to sexually assault a resident as she was showering, University of Arizona Police Department Cmdr. Brian Seastone said.

On Saturday evening a Manzanita-Mohave resident was confronted by a Tucson, Ariz., man, Esteban Rodriguez, who was arrested that evening by UAPD officers at his home

on the west side of Tucson.

Rodriguez is also a suspect in an incident April 17 in which three females reported he was watching them as they showered. One female also reported Rodriguez touched her right buttock.

As of Wednesday evening, Rodriguez was still in Pima County Jail, held on \$50,000 bond.

UAPD security officers were assigned to a foot patrol of all campus residence halls Wednesday night. Seastone said UAPD was working closely with Residence Life to restore a sense of safety to all residents.

Maintenance workers were working on tightening security in La Paz Wednesday by updating the key system.

Residence Life Director Jim Van Arsdell said a majority of the exterior doors of the building used to have a delay time of up to 1.5 minutes before the alarm went off, but all doors now have only a 20-second delay.

Half of full-time students work 25 hours a week

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — Nearly half of all full-time students work 25 hours a week or more, and many of them are suffering academically as a result, according to a new national study.

According to the document released by the state Public Interest Research Groups' Higher Education Project, these students are more likely than their peers to see their grades suffer.

The report is based on data collected by the U.S. Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics.

Forty-six percent of full-time students who participated in the study worked 25 hours a week or more.

On average, students who worked that much were almost twice as likely to report a negative impact on their grades than students who worked less.

Of the students who worked more than 25 hours a week, 42 percent reported a negative impact on their school work, while 22 percent of students who worked fewer than 25 hours a week reported a similar effect.

The study showed working 25 hours a week appeared to be the point at which students' grades began to suffer.

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TheSkiff View FOUL PLAY

Poor judgment fuels team's scandal

Seven players have confirmed it. A team has been torn apart by it. High-profile athletic officials have failed to effectively handle it.

Now, it's time for the university to face the scandal that has resulted from it.

The players, including three starters from the 2001-02 women's basketball team, confirmed Thursday that head coach Jeff Mittie discussed the allegations of credit card and identity fraud against teammate Tiffany Evans in a team meeting as early as late February. The meeting occurred just days before the Conference USA and NCAA tournaments.

Athletic Director Eric Hyman said Mittie's attempts to reconcile the situation internally followed standard procedure.

But standard procedure isn't always good enough.

Standard procedure makes it look like the athletic department withheld serious allegations from Campus Life and failed to act on them until after postseason play.

Hyman, Mittie and any other university officials involved in these poor decisions made over the past two months must be held accountable for their actions.

The university should act quickly and promptly to determine if there has been any wrongdoing. And it shouldn't stop there: The situation calls for the development of a comprehensive university policy.

Your View

Letters to the Editor

Flimsy argument attempts to justify illegal behavior

Lauren Cates' article April 18 struck me as an adolescent attempt to justify an irresponsible action that she knows to be illegal. While I realize that underage drinking does go on at TCU, it does not logically follow that because a number of people participate in illegality that the agency established to enforce the law should simply ignore the offenses. Would we want the TCU police to stop trying to enforce laws regarding theft or assault simply because there are many perpetrators?

"Aha," you say, "crimes like theft or assault have a direct effect on other people! There is no comparison between stealing someone's hard earned possessions and merely having a 'good time.' What I do with my own body is my own business!" Even if that final statement is true, there are a great host of statistics that indicate that drinking alcohol has the potential to affect other people. According to the most recent study by the National Institute of Health an estimated 1,400 deaths, 500,000 injuries, 70,000 sexual crimes and 600,000 assaults last year were the result of student drinking. Therefore, it cannot be argued that drinking is solely a personal activity. Perhaps everyone that Cates knows does have an alcohol-related tale of hilarity, but that is certainly not a universal experience and therefore forms a flimsy argument.

—Michael Emerson, senior finance major

Word 'persecution' misused in column

"I am tired of living a life of persecution." When I first read this in Lauren Cates' article "TABC tactics misguided, ruin students' good times" last week in the Skiff, I had not read the title yet. I was expecting a poignant criticism of dehumanizing forces in the world. Whether it be racial discrimination, poverty or the situation in the Middle East, I was expecting a well thought out article that might elucidate some of the various forms of injustice around the world. I must have misinterpreted the word "persecution," because this article was speaking of the "omnipresent force of evil terrorizing students at local bars and parties."

The "persecution" Cates is speaking of boils down to the TABC "ruining college students' good times and emptying their daddy's bank accounts." Have we really become this individualistic? Can we not see past our own experience and truly appreciate the tragic nature of the word "persecution"? "A life of persecution" speaks of nothing but an alcohol commission enforcing laws and ruining a night out on the town for a group of upper-income college students. This is annoying, but it is nothing life threatening or spirit crushing.

—Kip Brown, sophomore biology and English major

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Let your voice be heard, no matter what others say

"During Spring Break, a show was aired called 'Conspiracy Theories.' The show's main subject was primarily about whether or not the moon landing ever happened and if a man has ever walked on the moon. It also showed how the government may have led so many people to believe that, in 1969, a man had actually set foot on the moon, when in reality it probably never happened.

The show had a lot of facts and information to back up the theories. Well, at least there was enough information to make people wonder, 'What else has the government been trying to hide from us?'"

The last two paragraphs were the lead to an article I wrote on March 29, 2001. And I suppose it was this particular column that eventually led to my demise at the newspaper, or at least started me down the road.

But after four years of being on campus, joining various organizations and working at the school paper, this will probably be the one thing that I will be remembered by,

well this or that other thing.

And that is OK, because out of all of the things that I learned at TCU, I learned that stating my opinion will get me a lot of bad e-mail. Now, I am sure that there are some people out there who think that I am full of it, but you know after being in college for so long, I have learned that it is the same as high school: full of backstabbing people.

Now I don't want to sound bitter, because I am not. These past four years have had their moments. I have met a lot of wonderful people, I have had great professors and I have experienced so many new things. I have learned how to write a news article, shoot a broadcast package and how to make a resume tape that will hopefully get me a job when a graduate.

Of course, I could make this a serious article from here on out. I could say how I want to "thank" everyone for everything that they have done for me. But, honestly, that would not be my style. I am more of the sarcastic type. The type who goes for the laugh, rather than be drop-dead serious. Taking things so seriously all of the time can cause real problems. Even health problems.

But back to the subject. From here I will go on to bigger and better things. I will leave TCU with an \$80,000 degree, \$200 in parking tickets, \$150 in graduation fees and no jobs that I would call priceless.

Now that I am done with all of the clichés, I will give credit to all of the people who helped me be the way that I am. To my first opinion editor, for running my columns. To Johnny Baby, for his column Wednesday, from which I got my inspiration. To Brandon, for trying to make me more positive. And to everyone else, you know what you did. Really.

But now I have reached my inch requirement, which means that I must end this with some inspirational advice. And all I can think of is to give some advice that has been with me through my years in college. For everyone who has to continue with another semester at TCU: BE LOUD, let your voice be heard.

And for all of those "believers" out there ... I still stand behind my belief that we never landed on the moon in the summer of 1969.

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Time at TCU passed too quickly, but Frog Camp memories will last

WOW!

Where did the last four years go? It seems like just yesterday I was sitting on top of a Habitat

for Humanity house hammering on the roof as part of Frog Camp during the blistering heat of August 1998. Now, I am about to graduate.

Through all the fun times and hard times, times I would like to forget and times I will never forget, I am very glad I came to TCU. Every semester I am puzzled by seniors who write about how horrible TCU was and the horrid experiences they endured.

Has every single day of my four years at TCU been rosy and perfect? No. But would I come back in an instant? Absolutely. In fact, I am leaving because I have to, not because I want to.

For me the fun began at Frog Camp and orientation in the months before classes started. It was before any of that, though, when I found out TCU was the place for me. As a second-semester high school senior at Plano East Senior High School I had still not decided where to go for college. I looked at several schools around Texas and

had still not found the right place, most likely I would have ended up in Lubbock at Texas Tech. Then on a whim my dad suggested that I visit TCU after he had come over from Plano for business. Since I was not sold on another school I decided to come over during my spring break.

When I arrived on campus, I discovered a place that was exactly what I was looking for. The one memory that stood out in my mind was how friendly everyone was. People I had never met or seen before made an effort to make my dad and I feel comfortable and of course welcome.

One person who stood out during our visit was Richard Allen, a radio-TV-film professor, who took time to talk to me and my father in his office for as long as we wanted. Allen shared why he enjoyed being at TCU, and his enthusiasm and interest in a prospective student spoke volumes about the university. Then when my dad and I went to Blue Mesa for dinner we saw students we had seen during our tour. Those students who barely knew us offered to let us join them, again attesting to the nature of the people at TCU.

Then came orientation and after that something I would grow to love: Frog Camp. I attended

Frog Camp Quest, where in addition to doing all of the get-to-know-you games, we worked on Habitat for Humanity homes. Those few days at Frog Camp proved to be pivotal. At camp I met friends that I have continued to be friends with to this day. Since then I have worked as a facilitator at Frog Camp and this past summer I directed the Quest camp, which was like coming full circle for me.

The opportunities I have gotten at TCU make the four years I have spent here worthwhile. I have continued to find people who are friendly and professors who genuinely care about their students, a philosophy that extends beyond just the classrooms to staff members across campus who do what they can to help students.

As my time at TCU draws to a close I will remember many things about TCU: the squirrels running around, the "great" food at The Main, going to football games, basketball games and lots of other things. But the most important part of my time at TCU has been the people. I have made friendships I hope will last a lifetime, amongst other students, faculty and staff. Of course it all started at Frog Camp.

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Fairness ideal yet something to strive for

Objectivity, being unbiased, fair and balanced.

These are all words heard in association with modern-day journalists. These words are also prominent within the walls of the Daily Skiff newsroom.

But you can throw all that out the window of the newsroom at the Skiff or any other newsroom in the nation because that is ideal, and it is unattainable to ask a person to withhold any grudges or pre-conceived beliefs of others.

Despite journalists' claims that they are fair and objective, they too have pre-assumed notions of people and groups in society. These notions may be innocent and not have any type of maliciousness intended toward the recipient. But that is the way I took it. Most others don't have that same warm reception as I do.

For example, when I first entered the newsroom at TCU more than two years ago essentially everyone thought I was either Hispanic or black. People thought just because of the way I dressed and talked, I had to be a kid from the inner city whose primary reason for going to college was to get out of the ghetto.

But that was not my case. Though I have known and continue to know many people's situation that is similar to that, that was not me at all.

As for myself, I am a first-generation Indian. Keep in mind that is not Native American, who I sometimes get confused for also, as someone in high school generously asked me to "dance for rain." When I wasn't dancing to generate some rain, I was learning the English language through watching television and reading books and newspapers. English is my second language to both Hindi and Punjabi, but now in my life it is the primary and only language used.

Being a journalist and being not from the United States was both a gift and a feat to overcome. But the real challenge of any journalist is to understand the concept of this business of objectivity.

Though it is ideal in nature, it can be applied in a practical way.

I can say since the first day anyone who has entered the Skiff has been told and more than likely hammered by our hardworking professors, especially one that sticks out like a sore thumb, on the importance of fairness.

Like most others who have experienced long nights at the Skiff with Starbucks coffee or even a cold frosty beverage, they all probably began ignorant in their idea of this practice. But right now as I graduate from TCU in a matter of days, I can say with confidence that I have improved in my judgment of people and in my understanding of people.

Everyone that has been involved with the Skiff in any way has a better understanding of this. But if they can use that understanding in a proficient way is yet to be determined. That is why we have so-called jobs, assuming we can find them, after we leave ToadieLand.

Even if I don't leave TCU a better writer, a better professional or a better patron of society, I will leave with a better idea of being fair with people and allowing them to tell their side, because there is a reason for everything any person does.

What I say could completely be untrue and fabricated as a lot of things are in the news — both at the professional and collegiate level — but one thing is clear as daylight. Each story has two sides and a journalist must be willing to address and convey both sides in order to be fair, objective and balanced.

Oh by the way, dancing for rain isn't too bad after all.

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National/International Roundup

Boston Archdiocese turns over more documents

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Archdiocese turned over additional documents to lawyers Thursday showing that church officials knew a priest had publicly advocated sex between men and boys.

Church officials discovered the papers last week during a review of another priest's records, said the Rev. Christopher Coyne, an archdiocese spokesman.

They were given to lawyers for Gregory Ford and his parents, who are suing Cardinal Bernard Law and the archdiocese for allegedly failing to protect Ford from abuse by the Rev. Paul Shanley.

The lawyers were reviewing the papers, which were not expected to be made public Thursday. The documents should have been turned over earlier under an April 3 court order.

The archdiocese had previously released about 800 pages of church records.

Those documents showed church officials had been told of allegations of abuse against Shanley as early as 1967; they would eventually receive a total of 26 abuse complaints. Shanley was never charged in any of those cases.

Ashcroft calls to abolish immigration service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft called on the House Thursday to abolish the Immigration and Naturalization Service, but said the White House would likely work with the Democratic-controlled Senate to get a plan more to its liking.

"This is not the end of the journey," the attorney general said as debate began in the GOP-controlled House. "This is an important first step essential to the journey's end, but not sufficient to get us there."

Ashcroft and the White House endorsed an INS breakup bill by the House Judiciary Committee chairman, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, just before the debate began on the House floor. The Wisconsin Republican predicted passage by a huge bipartisan vote.

The overhaul would scrap the INS and create one agency to enforce laws and keep out unqualified people and another to smooth the way to possible citizenship for legal immigrants. The new agencies would stay under Ashcroft's control at the Justice Department.

"We are committed to ending the INS as we know it," Ashcroft said.

Tribal regions of Pakistan under search for al Qaeda

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. government personnel are searching for al Qaeda fighters in the rough tribal regions of Pakistan, which has agreed to let American troops go after militants in the South Asian country, four well-placed U.S. officials said Thursday.

The covert operation will extend the U.S. conflict against Osama bin Laden's terror operation in

Afghanistan across the border to Pakistan as President Pervez Musharraf validates his support for the Bush administration.

"We have a shared concern with the Pakistanis," one of the officials told The Associated Press. But asked about reports the military operation has begun, the official said, "I can't say we've gotten to that point yet."

The tribal areas, just over the border from al Qaeda's Afghan strongholds in Paktia and Paktika provinces, are historical rally points for fighters fleeing Afghanistan, former officials familiar with the region said.

U.S. officials have said al Qaeda and Taliban fighters are believed to be regrouping in the tribal areas.

Argentina's Senate approves key economic bill

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina's Senate handed President Eduardo Duhalde a much-needed boost, giving its approval to a key economic bill aimed at propping up the country's tottering financial system.

The Senate approved the bill, which tightens a four-month-old banking freeze, late Wednesday. It will now pass to the lower house, where it was expected to become law Thursday.

The legislation would prevent depositors who win lawsuits against the banking freeze from collecting their money until the government has had the chance to appeal.

Banks in Argentina have been closed since Monday, leaving many Argentines scrambling for ways to get their hands on cash. The freeze is meant to keep depositors from yanking out their savings and causing a financial meltdown.

The Senate's thumbs-up to the bill is a rare piece of good news for Duhalde, who is facing the worst crisis of his four-month-old administration after Economy Minister Jorge Remes Lenicov handed in his resignation Tuesday.

Second space tourist orbits on Russian rocket

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (AP) — The world's second space tourist soared into orbit Thursday on a Russian rocket, overcoming last-minute jitters as he embarked on a \$20 million ride to the International Space Station.

Mark Shuttleworth's native South Africa watched the blastoff live and cheered the first African to reach the cosmos. His family collapsed in an embrace of exuberant tears on the Central Asian launchpad where the Soviet Union inaugurated the space race.

In a blast of heat and orange fire, the Soyuz TM-34 rocket took off from Kazakhstan's Baikonur launchpad, carrying Shuttleworth, a 28-year-old Internet magnate, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gidzenko and Italian Air Force pilot Roberto Vittori on a 10-day mission.

Rousing applause rose from the launchpad and mission control outside Moscow when officials an-

nounced the rocket had reached orbit about eight minutes later. The 161-foot Soyuz is expected to dock with the international station on Saturday morning.

European Union Parliament asks for humane treatment

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union Parliament urged the United States on Thursday to adhere to international laws in its treatment of Taliban and al Qaeda suspects detained at the U.S. naval base of Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

The European Parliament voted 439 to 10, with 59 abstentions to pass its annual world human rights report, which highlighted the threats to individual rights in the war against terrorism.

While condemning all forms of terrorism, the EU assembly said in a statement "terrorism must not in itself lead to breaches of human rights."

"The fight against terrorism can in turn lead to human rights violations, be used as a pretext for governments to violate human rights, silence critics or eliminate opposition," the parliament said.

It criticized a decision by President Bush to set up military-run courts behind closed doors to try the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, who now number 300. The legislature said such a move was "in contravention of provisions for a fair trial as guaranteed by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which the U.S. is a party."

Russia plays down absence of arms control negotiator

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's foreign minister on Thursday played down the abrupt departure of a top U.S. arms control negotiator from negotiations in Moscow and said complex talks were still under way.

Undersecretary of State John Bolton left Russia on Wednesday morning after one day of talks instead of the scheduled two. The U.S. Embassy said it had no information about why he left when he did, though Russian news reports said he would return this weekend for more discussions.

Bolton's Russian counterpart, Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Mamedov, said after the departure that doubts remained about whether the sides can agree on nuclear arms cuts before a presidential summit next month.

Mamedov met Thursday with Undersecretary of State Elizabeth Jones to discuss a draft statement on the two countries' strategic relationship, which the presidents are due to sign in May, the Foreign Ministry said.

Bush and Putin are to hold a summit in late May in Moscow and St. Petersburg and the sides have hoped an agreement could be signed then. Talks have snagged on Moscow's objection to the Pentagon's decision to stockpile decommissioned nuclear weapons rather than destroy them.

Saudi prince meets with Bush to promote Middle East peace

BY SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah met for two hours Thursday with President Bush at his central Texas ranch, looking to ease growing tensions between their two nations that loomed over a summit originally meant to advance the Mideast peace process.

A Saudi spokesman said the crown prince was not softening his demand to Bush that the United States pressure Israel to halt military action against the Palestinians.

"We believe the administration could have been stronger on (Israeli Prime Minister Ariel) Sharon, made it clearer to him that negotiations cannot be done under the barrel of a gun," Nail Al-Jubeir, a spokesman for the Saudi embassy, told reporters here as the two men met.

Al-Jubeir said he expected the crown prince to deliver a frank message to Bush: "The message is, Sharon has been acting up, and the U.S. government needs to rein him in. We cannot maintain the peace process with this stuff going on."

Images of Israeli-inflicted devastation in Palestinian refugee camps "make it more difficult for friends of the U.S. to stand up with the U.S.," Al-Jubeir said.

As Bush and Abdullah met, some oil prices surged on fears that Abdullah would use the meeting to threaten to choke off Saudi oil to the United States.

Al-Jubeir denied that. "We've al-



President George W. Bush welcomes Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah to his Crawford ranch Thursday.

ways been a reliable source of oil, and we'll continue to be," he said.

White House and Saudi officials said the two leaders spent much of their session alone, one-on-one, then set out in Bush's pickup truck for a ranch tour and lunch afterward.

White House and Saudi officials said little on the substance of the session immediately after it ended.

When the de facto Saudi leader arrived, Bush escorted Abdullah, who wore white- and-brown robes, into his home, introducing him to a U.S. delegation that included Vice President Dick Cheney, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, chief of staff Andrew Card and Secretary of State Colin Powell.

It was Abdullah who gave mo-

mentum earlier this year to an initiative meant to quell Mideast violence by offering peace and full recognition to Israel in exchange for the territory Jordan and Syria lost in the 1967 war.

The crown prince was delivering a warning to Bush that America's backing of Israel was damaging prospects for peace.

Arab leaders said the discussions could determine the Arabs' next moves. The meeting is "important, revealing of American stances, and will clarify a lot of issues and will be the basis for the Arabs' future steps," Egypt's foreign minister, Ahmed Maher, said Thursday in Cairo.

Abdullah's plan also includes the creation of a Palestinian state, for which Bush has voiced support. Also under review is an international conference on Mideast peacemaking. Bush so far has been noncommittal.

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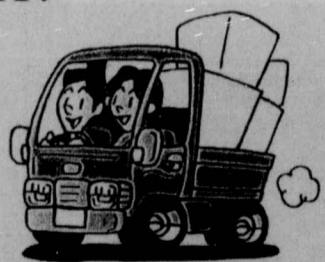
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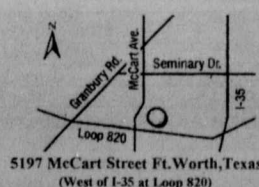
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"Spider-Man"

May 10
"Unfaithful"

May 16
"Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones"

May 24
"Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron"
"Insomnia"

May 31
"The Sum of All Fears"

June 7
"Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood"

June 14
"The Bourne Identity"
"Windtalkers"
"Scooby-Doo"

June 21
"Minority Report"
"Lilo & Stitch"

June 28
"Mr. Deeds"

July 3
"Men in Black 2"
"The Powerpuff Girls"

July 12
"Road to Perdition"
"Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course"

July 19
"K-19: The Widowmaker"
"Stuart Little 2"

July 26
"Austin Powers in Goldmember"

Aug. 2
"Signs"
"XXX"

Aug. 9
"Blood Work"
"Swimfan"

Aug. 16
"Master of Disguise"
"The Adventures of Pluto Nash"
"Simone"



"Unfaithful"

Richard Gere and Diane Lane star in this remake of the 1969 French film "La Femme Infidèle," beginning on the premise of a woman having an affair and her husband becoming outraged.

"Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones"

Many of the characters from Episode I will be returning, including Ewan McGregor and Natalie Portman. Time has passed in this second installment and Anakin Skywalker is older and played by Hayden Christensen. The initial premise deals with McGregor and Christensen protecting Portman.

"Insomnia"

This is Christopher Nolan's newest project since his last film, "Memento." This film deals with a policeman (Al Pacino) who is sent to investigate a murder in Alaska. He accidentally kills his partner while trying to apprehend a suspect (Robin Williams). Pacino's character finds himself with a false alibi that gets him off the hook. The story gets complicated with an investigation by a local cop (Hilary Swank), black mail, solving the crime and another man being framed.

"Scooby-Doo"

This classic cartoon is going to be made into a live-action film, with CGI animation to help out with bringing Scooby-Doo to life. This film is sure to be interesting. Some of the bigger names include Matthew Lillard as Shaggy, Sarah Michelle Gellar as Daphne and Freddie Prinze Jr. playing Fred. Whatever the story ends up being, it won't be complete without the Mystery Machine, a couple ghosts and a few masks.



"Windtalkers"

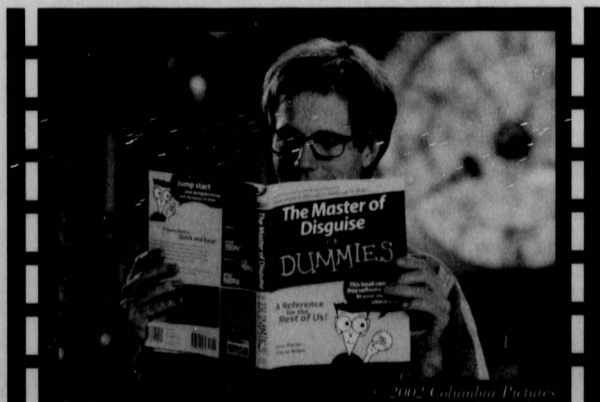
John Woo ("Mission: Impossible 2" and "Face/Off") directs this World War II film starring Nicholas Cage. It deals with the use of the Navajo language as a code used by the American's since the Japanese did not have the resources to break this native language. Cage plays a Marine assigned as a bodyguard to protect a Navajo Indian (Adam Beach) from being captured and revealing the secret code.

"Minority Report"

Imagine a world where crimes could be detected before they were committed? The year 2080 is painted boldly by Steven Spielberg, falling under the futuristic vein present in his most recent film "A.I." This film stars Tom Cruise who works for a Pre-Crimes division and discovers his name on the list of people who finds himself excused of killing a man he has never met. This information forces him to run away from the man hunting him (Colin Farrell) for an uncommitted murder.

"K-19: The Widowmaker"

This is the true story of a Russian sub, K-19, that in 1961 must deal with the possibility of a terrible catastrophic event when its nuclear reactor experiences a malfunction. The ship's two primary leaders are Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson as the first and second in command on this sub's maiden voyage.



"Master of Disguise"

It almost feels like a strange version of Harry Potter, but this film deals with an adventure of a man who has a great deal of responsibility associated with his power to transform into anything. Yet, this man is played by Dana Carvey, and appears more comedic than fantastical. Or maybe just plain goofy.

"One Hour Photo"

Robin Williams plays a man who works at a One-Hour Photo lab. The commonplace activity of dropping off film becomes an element of fear as Williams becomes obsessed with the life of a family whose film he develops.



"Spiderman"

This comic book tale kicks off the summer with the story of a college student whose life changes after being bitten by a genetically-altered spider. Tobey Maguire stars as Spider-Man while Willem Dafoe gives a villainous appearance as the Green Goblin. This film, with potential sequels, sets the stage for Spider-Man's abilities and he challenges he faces against the Green Goblin.

"The Sum of All Fears"

This Tom Clancy adaptation comes at a unique time. The movie deals with CIA agent, Jack Ryan (Ben Affleck), who must deal with the threat of European neo-Nazi terrorists planning to use a nuclear device at the Super Bowl to restart the Cold War. This film originally dealt with Muslim terrorism but has been modified as a result of current world issues.

"Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood"

The stage is set as a young woman (Sandra Bullock) moves away from her eccentric mother (Ellen Burstyn). Yet she receives a box in the mail with a diary and other items from her mother's childhood. Of particular importance, is the bond her mother formed with her three best friends growing up in the 1930s. The friends form a sisterhood, and the movie tells the story of these four women during three different ages. This film is based off the 1996 book by Rebecca Wells.

"The Bourne Identity"

Hoping the success of this film could lead to a complete trilogy, this story deals with James Bourne (Matt Damon) as he attempts to discover his identity. The greatest challenge in this quest is that he is being chased down by mysterious men. This film comes from Doug Liman, the director of "Go" and "Swingers."



"Men in Black 2"

These men are back for a reprise. Will Smith must reintroduce the character of Tommy Lee Jones into the world of alien patrolling. Little information has been leaked on the film, so don't count on a creative story for this sequel. But with its high budget, expect a lot of special effects and creative aliens.

"Road to Perdition"

Tom Hanks finally plays a dark character — a hit man — who goes by the name "Angel of Death." The film comes with much of the behind the scenes cast that made "American Beauty" a success, namely director Sam Mendes. The film takes place in the 1930s and Hanks is seeking vengeance. Jude Law will also take on the main role as a character named Maguire who goes by the name "The Reporter."

"Austin Powers in Goldmember"

Despite all the MGM issues with New Line over their copyright violations in this parody over their Bond franchise, it appears everything is a go. Mike Myers will reprise his famous big screen role as he must deal with the escape of Dr. Evil and Mini-Me from prison as they try to kidnap Austin Powers' father.



"XXX"

Vin Diesel plays as Xander Cage (XXX) an extreme sports superstar. Yet, the CIA recruits him for a special project to infiltrate the Russian Crime Ring. This film comes from director Rob Cohen who directed "Fast and the Furious" as well as "The Skulls."

"The Adventures of Pluto Nash"

With its unique set location on the moon, a lunar night club owner, Pluto Nash (Eddie Murphy) finds himself in a difficult situation when a local mob tries to take over the club in their attempt to take over the moon. The movie also brings in earthling (Rosario Dawson) who hopes to make it big on the moon as a famous singer.

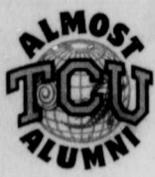
More than 1,000 set to receive diplomas at convention center

BY KAMI LEWIS
Staff Reporter

In 1876, two students received diplomas at the first graduation ceremony for the institution that would become TCU.

This year, more than 1,000 students will walk the stage in the largest graduation ceremony in TCU history, said Margaret Kelly, director of special projects.

The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. May 11 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Officials said the switch from Daniel-Meyer Coliseum was prompted by the expected attendance of 10,000 people. Chan-



cellor Michael Ferrari said the coliseum provides seating for 7,000.

"What is so special about TCU's graduation ceremony is the number of family and friends that are able to attend," Ferrari said.

He said the move to the Convention Center will allow the university to accommodate everyone who attends.

The Convention Center, at 1111 Houston St. in downtown Fort Worth, has seating for up to 10,418, Kelly said.

"The decision to move commencement off campus was the only option that allowed us to accommodate the students emphasis on being able to invite everyone and anyone to attend," she said. "Since that was the priority, we had to turn to other locations."

Kelly said most estimates for

planning purposes involve an eight to one, guest to graduate ratio.

The Fort Worth Convention Center will be used for 10 local high school graduations this spring, along with the Tarrant County College ceremony, according to the events Web site for the center.

Kelly said the new location offers a covered parking garage at the cost of \$6 a car, and street parking in the area is free on weekends.

Students from 34 different countries will graduate in the ceremony, with a total of 71 international students, she said. Fifteen students will graduate with a 4.0 GPA, and 208 will graduate with honors, Kelly said Wednesday.

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Plaque buildup



Members of Pi Kappa Phi pose for a group picture after receiving 16 awards in different categories during Order of Omega's annual award banquet Thursday at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said that he was happy to present the newly established chancellor's award to the fraternity, because he said the fraternity showed outstanding skills in academic excellence, philanthropy and contribution to the TCU community as a whole.

TRAVEL

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wanted to get on the same flight as my friends."

Cindy Boyd, a travel agent at Forest Park Travel Inc., said remaining open about the travel date and destination makes it much easier for people to find deals, said.

"If you have your heart set on going to a particular place and you're happy with the prices but just hoping it will go down, it may be

smarter to just go ahead and buy it," Boyd said. "If you aren't really concerned, you just want to go somewhere this summer, it may pay to wait to be flexible and just wait on a sale to come along."

Boyd said to get cheaper fares and to avoid crowds of people who are trying to take fewer days off work, it is best to fly on a Sunday, Monday or Wednesday that isn't near a holiday.

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CENTER

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coming up with another future plan by having an asynchronous real-time virtual Writing Center.

"This will allow anyone who needs help to meet with a tutor online in a MOO (virtual environment chat room) situation where you can have a virtual environment," he said. "We don't know when this could happen, because it all depends on the financial support. We are prepared when it happens because we do have tutors who know how to work that area."

Meredith Smith, a senior advertising/public relations major

"Dr. Harris is a great director and I think Sherwood will keep up with the high standards of the Writing Center."

— Meredith Smith

and a peer tutor for the Writing Center, said Sherwood has some big shoes to fill by replacing Harris.

"Dr. Harris is a great director and I think Sherwood will keep up with the high standards of the Writing Center," Smith said. "I think writing is really important no matter what field you are in. Having good writing skills leads to good speaking skills. It all helps in the professional world."

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FACULTY

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committee will lighten the workload of the Senate, whose agenda has been dominated by CUE discussions. The Senate, which typically meets the first Thursday of every month, had to begin meeting twice a month in February to talk about the CUE exclusively. It also held a Faculty Assembly in January and three "town hall" meetings to discuss different portions of the CUE.

"I can't even recall the number of hours we (the Executive Committee) have put into this," Cagle said.

Cagle said a separate committee represented the best chance of achieving a consensus among faculty efficiently.

The Faculty Senate passed a second motion "...with the goal of presenting a finished document for faculty approval, a committee of appropriate faculty will be approved by the Senate to ensure the integrity, focus and clarity of vision of the new core."

In the two motions, the Senate agreed that the committee defer the defining of outcomes to professors "in their area of intellectual interest."

Several faculty members who criticized past CUE committees as being secretive said they supported the motion because of deferment.

"(That's) the beauty of this committee," Gregg Franzwa, a philosophy professor, said.

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Dozens injured in Manhattan building explosion Thursday

BY KATHERINE ROTH
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — An explosion that may have been caused by chemicals stored in a basement rocked a 10-story commercial building Thursday, hurling glass and rubble across a city block and injuring 42 people, at least 10 of them critically.

Authorities quickly ruled out terrorism, though the blast conjured up memories of Sept. 11 for some in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan.

"It was a giant boom — a real giant boom," said Bill Beek, who lives a half-block away. "It sounded like an airplane crashing."

"First we thought it was a bomb," said Alex Vargas, 28, a student at Apex Technical School next door. "We all had to leave by the back stairs. People were yelling and screaming, 'Hurry up!'"

Victims were taken to the hospital with burns, severe head injuries, bro-

ken bones and cuts after the 11:30 a.m. blast.

Chemicals stored in the basement by a sign company were being investigated as a possible factor, said Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta. Plumbers had been working on the boiler in the building at the time, but that did not appear to be the cause, investigators said.

Kaltech sign company's general manager Phil Morgan said he felt two consecutive blasts in the company's ground-floor offices.

"One pushed me up from my chair, the second one had me out of my chair," he said. When it was over, the ceiling and a wall had come down. "Everything moved. The air was filled with dust."

Windows along the block of West 19th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues were blown out, and several people were injured by flying glass.

The facade of the building was damaged and several walls were blown out, but it appeared to be structurally sound, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Police and more than 100 firefighters poured into the area. Some victims,

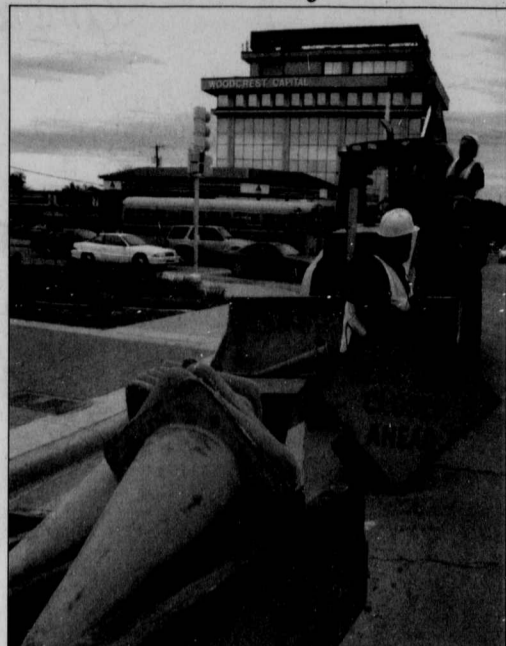
dazed and bloody, sat on the curb awaiting medical attention.

The building housed the sign company and other commercial tenants, said Sid Dinsay, a spokesman for the city Office of Emergency Management. Neighbors said the building was also used for storage by the Apex school, which teaches welding, automotive repair and other trades.

Property records show that the building is owned by 19th Street Associates LLC. The office of Steven Kaufman, a principal in the firm, said he had no immediate comment.



Construction junction



David Dunai/STAFF REPORTER
Utility workers from the Fort Worth Water Department put up traffic signs before they work on a broken water line on South University Drive Thursday.

EVANS

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"If Evans told me the truth in the beginning, I would have stopped the proceedings," Safaritova said.

According to the police report, Evans admitted during an April 8 interrogation to using Safaritova's identity and credit cards without consent.

A series of interviews with players, university officials and those close to the case reveals the following timeline:

- Feb. 11: Safaritova confronts Evans and Evans' then boyfriend, Russell May, about the unauthorized charges on her credit card and the fraudulent use of one of her personal checks. At this time, May admits to use of the credit cards, but says he did not know the credit card use was done so without Safaritova's consent.

- Feb. 16: May, in an effort to help Evans pay back the accrued debt, applies for a \$2,000 bank loan.

- Feb. 21: Safaritova tells Mittie she suspects Evans, then her roommate, and May are connected to unauthorized charges on her credit card and the fraudulent use of one of her personal checks.

- Feb. 24: Women's basketball team concludes its regular season play.

- Feb. 25: Safaritova files an incident report with Fort Worth police. She reports an unauthorized check for \$118 was written at a local grocery store.

- Feb. 26: May delivers a \$2,000 check to a university official at the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum ticket booth based on information he received from Evans. Later that day, Safaritova says she was called to Mittie's office, where she says she accepted the check.

- Feb. 27: Safaritova says she tore up the check and chose to press charges because she thought coaches handled the investigation inappropriately. Players say a team meeting was held this day where allegations were discussed. Some players report they were told not to comment on the ongoing internal investigation.

- March 2-3: The team competes in Conference USA tournament.

- March 4 or 5: May secretly tapes Evans confessing her involvement.

- March 9-17: Students dismissed for Spring Break. The team competes in the NCAA tournament.

- March 16: May writes a letter to team officials in which he includes a copy of the tape. He says in the letter he hopes Evans will seek help.

- March 19: Safaritova informs police her credit card statement shows \$700 in unauthorized charges.

- Between March 19-April 5: Safaritova tells police an additional credit card had been purchased in her name. May says \$1,378 was charged to that account.

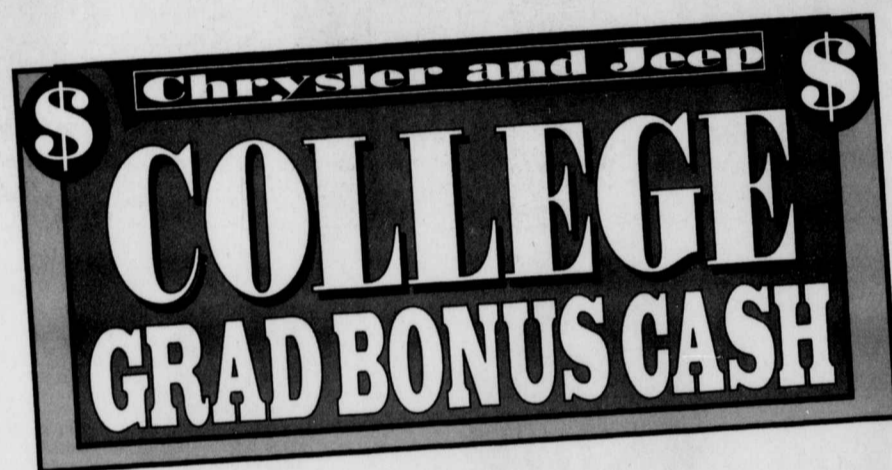
- April 5: Safaritova and her roommate Shirley Cauley are deposed by investigators.

- April 8: Detectives separately interview Evans and May.

- April 11: University officials say they are first made aware of the case.

- April 24: Evans surrenders to authorities and a police official says the report indicates the case has gone to the Fort Worth District Attorney's Office.

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The Sideline

Lamb has rough day in Ranger catching debut

ARLINGTON (AP) — Mike Lamb didn't have much fun in his first major league start as a catcher. He had a passed ball, failed to block three wild pitches by starter Dave Burba, allowed two steals and failed to come up with a throw Thursday during the Texas Rangers' 11-9 win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Attempting to become a utility player after 135 games as a third baseman last season, Lamb was catching because Bill Haselman was rested and Ivan Rodriguez is on the disabled list because of a back injury. Haselman entered as a pinch hitter in the fifth inning and moved behind the plate.

Cowboys add Wright, Knorr, Hawthorne to roster

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have announced the re-signings of three players — backup quarterback Anthony Wright, cornerback Duane Hawthorne and punter Micah Knorr.

Hawthorne was a restricted free agent, and Wright and Knorr were exclusive rights free agents.

The 6-foot-1, 207-pound Wright appeared in four games for the Cowboys last season, completing 48 of 98 passes for 529 yards, five touchdowns and five interceptions.

The 5-10, 175-pound Hawthorne made 65 tackles and intercepted two passes for Dallas last year.

In late February, the Cowboys made minimum tender offers to all three. As exclusive rights free agents, Wright and Knorr had no choice but to sign Dallas' offer, which varied depending upon the players' years in the NFL. Hawthorne could have signed with another club.

Burnett, Millar assist in Marlins' win against Astros

MIAMI (AP) — A.J. Burnett struck out nine in seven innings and Kevin Millar hit a tiebreaking solo home run in the seventh to help the Florida Marlins beat the Houston Astros 5-4 Thursday.

Millar hit his second homer with the score 3-all and two outs against Shane Reynolds (2-3).

Burnett (3-2) allowed three runs and five hits. Braden Looper allowed one run in 1 2-3 innings, and Vladimir Nunez retired Richard Hidalgo with the tying run at second for his second save in three chances, completing a six-hitter.

Florida scored an unearned run in the eighth. Eric Owens singled and was forced at second on a grounder by Luis Castillo, who stole second and continued to third when the throw by catcher Brad Ausmus was errant. Castillo then scored on Preston Wilson's groundout.

Red Wings take a 3-2 lead over Vancouver in playoffs

DETROIT (AP) — What a difference several days can make.

Sergei Fedorov scored two of Detroit's four first-period goals and assisted on another as the Red Wings beat Vancouver 4-0 Thursday to take a 3-2 lead, after losing the first two games of the best-of-seven series.

Game 6 is Saturday in Vancouver.

The last time the Red Wings played in Joe Louis Arena, on Friday, they were booed, cheered sarcastically and even offered suggestions via chants from their red-clad rabid fans when the Canucks took a 2-0 lead in the first-round series.

All that changed quickly in Game 5.

Just 4:02 into the game, Fedorov put Detroit ahead 1-0 with a slap shot between the circles, after Brendan Shanahan's shot rebounded off Dan Cloutier.

Then the Red Wings chased Cloutier and seemed to take the life out of the Canucks with two goals in a 1:57 span later in the period.

Detroit's Dominik Hasek, who made 25 saves, played his third straight solid game.

While the Canucks were failing to score on their third power-play opportunity, Fedorov carried the puck through the center of the ice then passed it to Mathieu Dandenault, who beat Cloutier for a shorthanded goal from the right circle.

Boyd Devereaux's goal off another rebound gave Detroit a 3-0 lead and sent Cloutier to the bench after stopping just six of nine shots. He was replaced by Peter Skudra.

Men's golf captures Conference USA title

Head coach credits experience for team's No. 7 national ranking

BY DANNY GILLHAM

Skiff Staff

An argument can be made that the best way to learn something is through experience.

For the TCU men's golf team, experience helped them bring home a conference championship Wednesday afternoon.

Behind consistent play and leadership of the three senior Frogs, TCU captured the Conference USA title in their first season at The Club at Hidden Creek in Navarre, Fla.

Head coach Bill Montigel said that having such experience gives the team an advantage.

"There's no question that having three seniors is a big advantage," Montigel said. "It made the tournament really special because this is the last opportunity for these guys, and they got the job done."

Leading the charge was senior Bret Guetz.

Guetz won his second consecutive individual tournament, firing a 54-hole score of 205 (11 under par). His rounds established a new tournament record by two strokes, which was previously set in 1999.

Senior Andy Dodden continued his steady play with his eighth top-20 finish of the

year, with a 217 that was good enough for a 15th place tie. Also,

senior Steve Shuert tied for 26th with a 221.

Junior Adam Robinson, who finished in a tie for seventh with a

215, said that it was great to give the seniors a present like a con-

ference title.

"It was really big. I know how much it meant to feel like we were giving them a going-away present," Robinson said. "Of course I wanted to win for me and my team, but I believe that winning it for them made it that much better."

Currently ranked No. 7 nationally by Golfweek.com, the Frogs will now look ahead to the NCAA Regionals May 16-18.

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Frogs gear up for first place Louisville after faltering against the Green Wave

BY DANNY GILLHAM

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For many sports teams, the halfway point of a season is a time to measure the team's success.

At the halfway point of TCU's first tour of Conference USA baseball, things were looking very hopeful for the team. The Frogs were in first place and seemed poised for a favorable position in the conference tournament.

But in just one weekend series against Tulane, the team has managed to fall from a tie, to first, all the way to fourth place in the conference, keyed by a three-game sweep at the hands of the Green Wave.

Two non-conference losses, including a 15-1 loss to UTA Tuesday, have the Frogs with their backs

against the wall and seeing their postseason hopes rapidly fading. TCU is in the midst of its longest losing streak of the season, and for the Frogs (20-22, 11-7 C-USA), the situation does not get any easier.

Head coach Lance Brown said he is uncertain on what to state as the cause of the problem.

"At first I thought they didn't

take (the Tulane series) seriously," Brown said. "But Tuesday was really a disappointment. We didn't even come out and

attempt to play against a cross-town rival, and that's very disappointing."

The team now must look forward to face Louisville (26-10, 13-5 C-USA) today, who is on the opposite side of the spectrum. Sitting at first place in the conference standings, the Cardinals have won seven straight.

With the series being so critical to the Frogs tournament positioning, sophomore pitcher Clayton Jerome said that the team must come out ready to play.

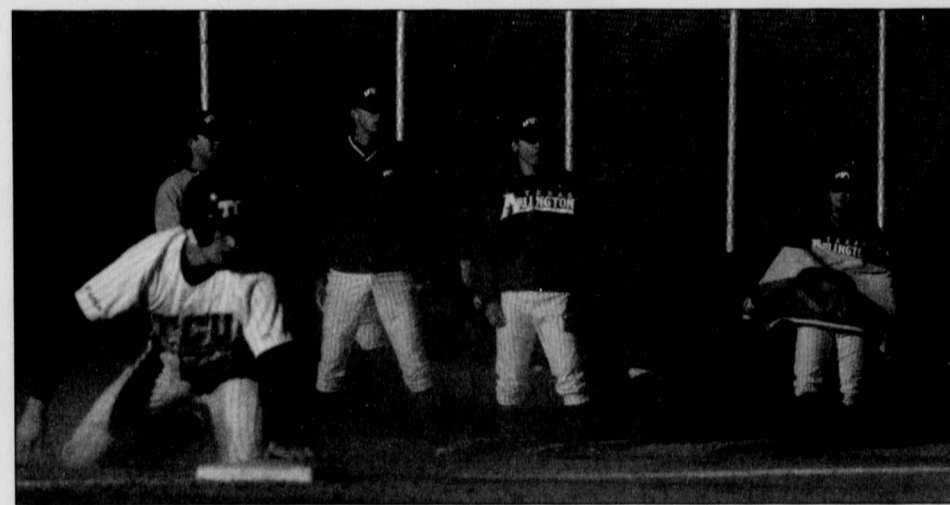
"I think we need to go out with some intensity," Jerome said. "We've gone a little easy these last couple of games. I think we need to come back to be ready for this series."

Brown said he agrees that the intensity of the team must pick up.

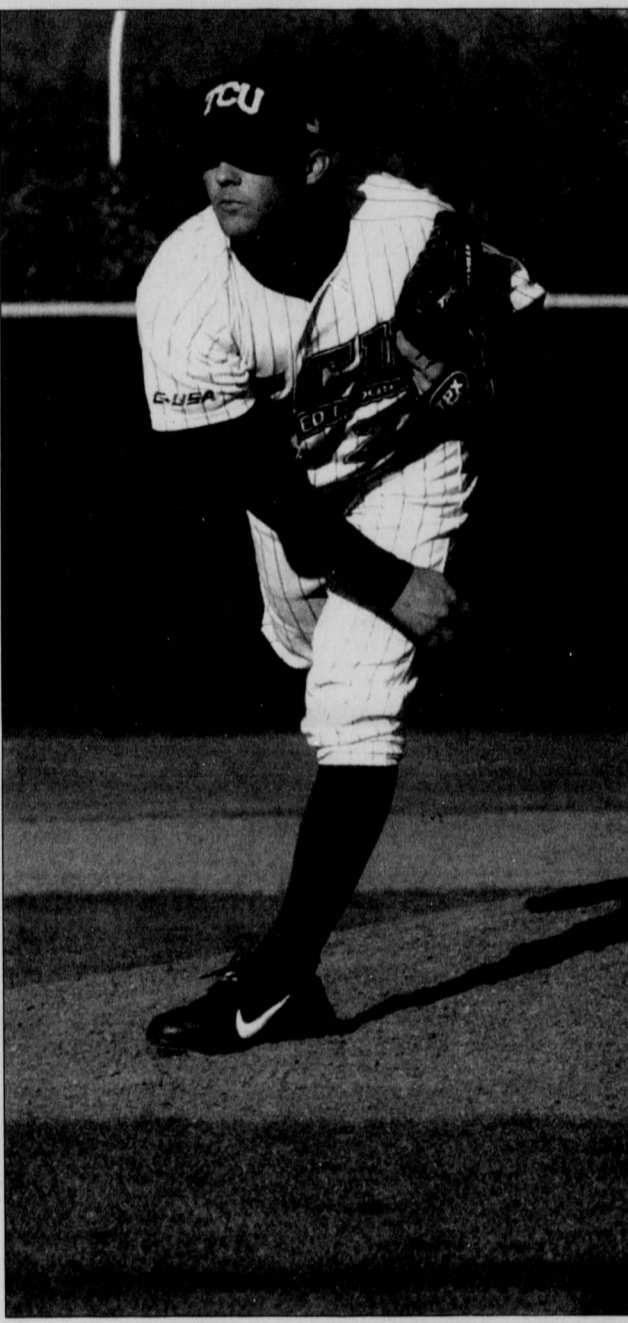
"You have to go in and play as hard as you can," Brown said. "You better go from the first pitch on Friday to the last pitch on Sunday. If you don't go in with that attitude against anybody, you have a good chance of getting beat."

After today's game at 5 p.m., the series will conclude with games at noon in Louisville on Saturday and Sunday.

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Senior infielder Trey Crawford checks to make sure he's on the bag after sliding into third base against Texas Arlington Tuesday. Collinsworth has a 12.64 earned run average for the season.



Junior pitcher Tim Collinsworth follows through with his motion after releasing a pitch against Texas Arlington Tuesday in a 15-1 loss. Crawford is batting .231 for the season.

Timberwolves wondering how Mavericks can be slowed down

BY DAVE CAMPBELL

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves didn't practice Thursday. They must have needed the time off to catch their breath.

Down 2-0 to Dallas in their best-of-five series, the Timberwolves are frantically trying to keep up with the sharp-shooting, running-and-gunning Mavericks, the NBA's highest-scoring team.

Minnesota faces a sixth straight first-round ouster from the playoffs unless it can slow things down in Sunday's Game 3 at Target Center.

"Hopefully their shots don't go down in our building," said Wally Szczerbiak, who combined with Kevin Garnett and Chauncey Billups for 81 points in Game 2 Wednesday night.

The Wolves shot better than 50 percent and still lost by 12, 122-110.

Dallas had six players with 13 points or more and made 11 three-pointers.

Said Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, who has 61 points and 30 rebounds in two games: "When we make our shots and we run the ball, I think we can beat anybody in the league."

The Timberwolves would find it hard to argue. After out-rebounding Dallas 58-39 in a seven-point loss in Game 1, Minnesota figured it could even the series by cleaning up some sloppiness and playing better on offense.

Improvements were made in Game 2, but the Wolves found themselves trailing by four

at the half after shooting 61 percent in the second quarter and down by as many as 13 in the third.

Whether it was Nowitzki draining a long jumper, Michael Finley speeding past Szczerbiak on a fast break or Steve Nash dashing to the lane on a drive, Dallas left Minnesota in the dust and played at a pace Garnett likened to an Indy car race.

"We still didn't do a lot of things right," Van Exel said. "We can score more points, if they want to run with us."

An emblem the Timberwolves are using to promote this year's playoffs shows a silhouette of Garnett, arms raised high above his head to encourage the crowd.

Now the logo might more accurately be depicting Garnett throwing his hands up in frustration. As in, how do we stop them from scoring?

"At times, I didn't think I defended well and maybe I didn't do some other things that well, but I'm not thinking as an individual," Garnett said. "I'm thinking what we have to do as a whole."

The best bet is to get back on defense to prevent so many easy baskets. A fast start to get the Target Center crowd going would also be a big help.

"We go with what's worked for us," Finley said. "The up-and-down game is what got us our success in the regular season, and we're not going to go away from it. We're a fun team to watch."

For everyone, maybe, but the Timberwolves.

Beijing could claim half of Ming's salary

BY MARTIN FACKLER

Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — Yao Ming will have a big partner in his NBA career — the Chinese government.

Under regulations issued by the China Basketball Association, the 7-foot-5 Yao would be forced to hand over half of his income to China's government and sports authorities.

The regulations also include complicated procedures for Chinese professional players seeking to play overseas, according to Wednesday's *Shanghai Morning Post*.

The newspaper criticized the regulations as "complicating and confusing Yao Ming's NBA prospects."

Yao, a center, is considered a probable lottery pick and possible top-three selection in the June 26 NBA draft.

Yao's current team, the Shanghai Sharks, finally gave him permission Friday to enter the NBA draft after blocking him for years.

"I've already had many frustrations," the newspaper quoted Yao as saying. "A few more won't break me."

The *Yangzi Evening News*, a Hangzhou-based newspaper, reported Thursday that the new regulations would not affect Yao's plans.

It quoted China Basketball Association assistant director Hu Jia as saying his organization "has always supported Yao Ming's joining the NBA draft."

As a high draft pick and likely number-one pick, Yao would be likely to receive at least \$2 million in his first year and even bigger contracts in years to follow.

That's a big jump for a 22-year-old Yao, whose parents now ride to and from his games on bicycles.

But Chinese professional players like Yao will only be allowed to keep half of all earnings under the new regulations, which cover endorsements as well as salaries.

The rules state that players overseas must give 30 percent of all professional earnings to the China Basketball Association — China's state-run equivalent of the NBA.

Government agencies will take another 20 percent, the *Shanghai Morning Post* said.

It is unclear whether this must be handed over to China before or after paying U.S. taxes. It also was unclear whether these regulations were new or merely formalized existing practices.

Thursday's *Beijing Times* reported athletes overseas already pay half their income to the government. Two Chinese players are already in the NBA — Dallas Mavericks forward Wang Zhizhi and Denver Nuggets center Menk Bateer.

Beijing routinely requires other citizens — from engineers to concert pianists — to turn over large chunks of what they earn abroad.

The newly issued regulations also require professional players to be ready to return to China at any time, ostensibly to join the national team. They can also be punished for revealing the national team's plays and strategies.

Violators will be banned from the national team and from all domestic play in China for at least one year, the *Shanghai Morning Post* said.

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Buttered peas
Steamed squash
Hot cobbler
Corn nuggets
Onion rings
Dijon pork loin
Rice pilaf
Mixed veggies
Buttered squash
Chef choice salad

DINNER

Fried catfish strips
Eggplant parmesan
Roasted potatoes
Carrots
Veggie blend
Teriyaki chicken strips
Mozzarella sticks
Onion rings
Hamburgers
Chicken sandwiches

Tomorrow's menu

LUNCH

Breakfast bar
Hamburgers
Chicken sandwiches
Chicken strips
Onion rings
Fries
Self-serve deli

DINNER

Hamburgers
Chicken sandwiches
Chicken strips
Onion rings
Fries

EDEN'S WOK STATION

Chicken/beef/shrimp
White/fried rice
Warm tortillas

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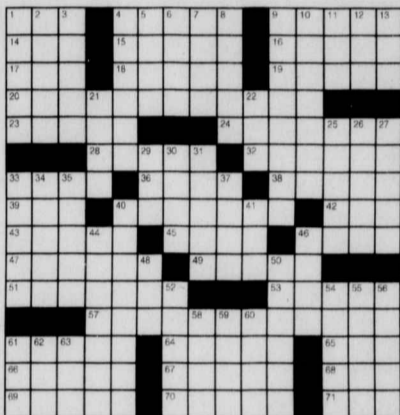
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- 18 Designer Calvin
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- 23 Manmade fabric
- 24 Video display
- 28 Limber
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- 33 Extensive
- 36 Hard
- 38 Very short time
- 39 Paranormal insight
- 40 Solid truth
- 42 Public conveyance
- 43 Hangman's knot
- 45 Facts
- 46 Roll-call answer
- 47 Like broken promises
- 49 Plains dwelling
- 51 Take care of this!
- 53 Healing ointment
- 57 Cargo carrier
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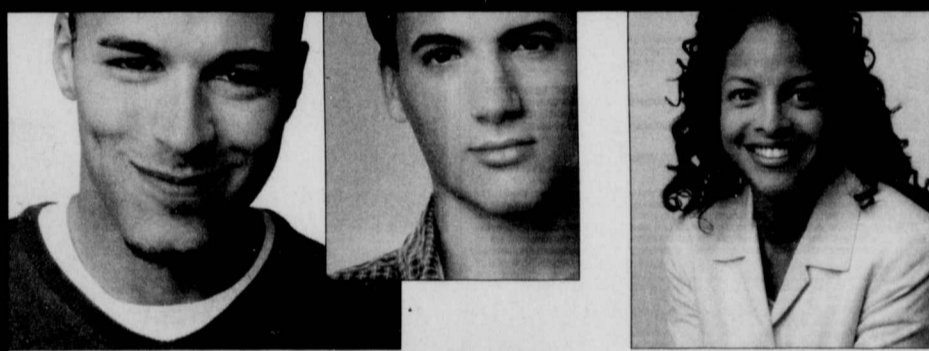
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Looking Back

This spring featured comings and goings throughout the campus. Whether it was the loss of a coaching legend and a friendly face from the TCU Police or the arrival of Lorne Michaels' Burly Bear network with "Almost Legal," this semester brought with it many ups and downs.

TCU celebrated diversity with the Latin American Arts Festival, which brought to TCU world-famous composers, performers and artists from around the globe.

Students were left questioning their safety after the sexual assault of a student in the Bellaire Condominiums.

The Board of Trustees approved plans for a woman's softball team, while the Common Undergraduate Curriculum dominated discussions of the Faculty Senate.

From snow to tornadoes, a prime minister visit to new campus policies, the spring was hardly a dull semester.

So without further ado, here's a look back at the past semester in pictures.

1. A student huddles under an umbrella as snow flurries fall all around. Snow canceled classes Feb. 6.

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

3. Freshman Ashley Browning cuts down the net after winning a share of the regular season Conference USA title against DePaul.

4. A TCU student takes a parachute ride during SuperFrog's 43rd 21st birthday celebration.

5. Jan Darwin, a KRLD news reporter and TCU graduate, comforts a girl who is looking for her grandmother after a tornado hit a southeast Fort Worth neighborhood.

6. Neil Dougherty walks down the steps from a plane at Fort Worth Meacham Airport shortly before he is officially named as the head coach for the men's basketball team.

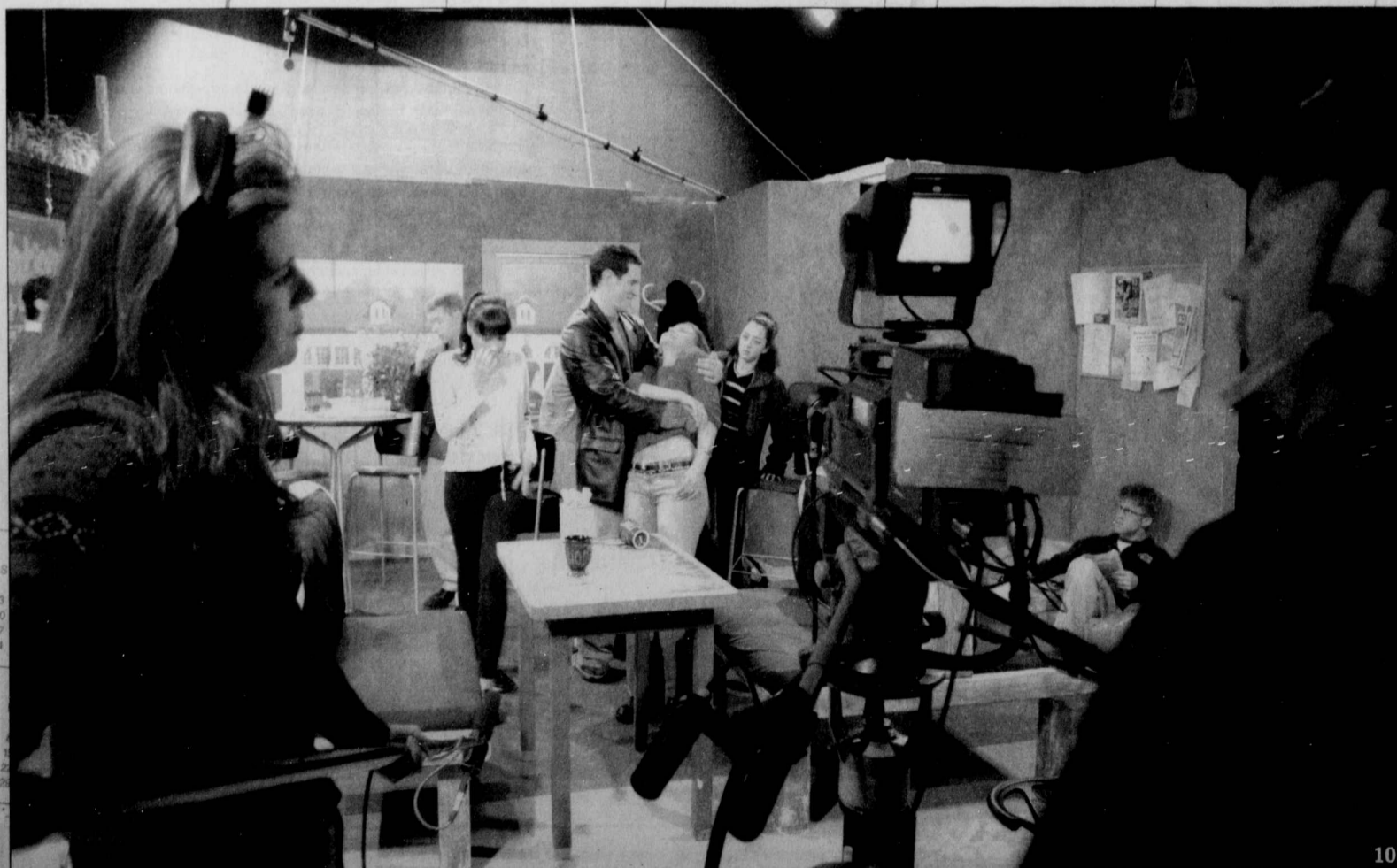
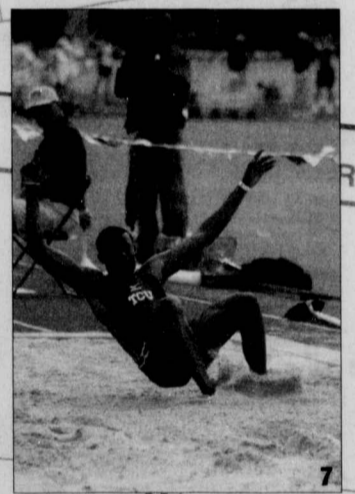
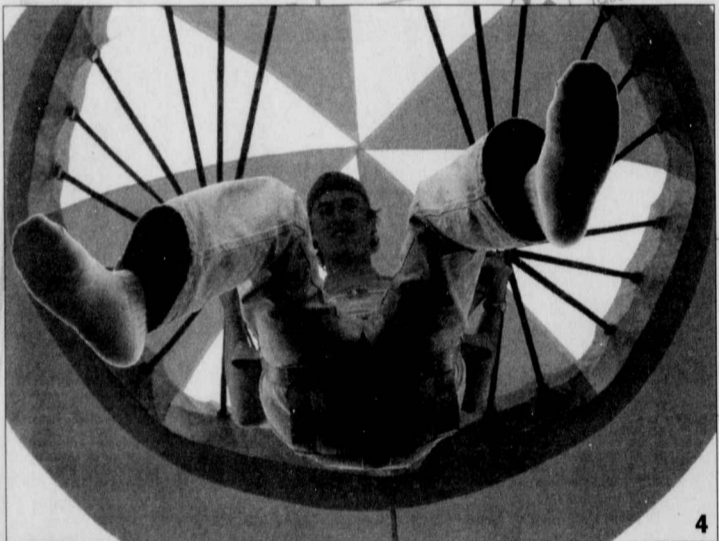
7. Freshman Cleavon Dillon competes in the long jump at the TCU Invitational. Dillon jumped a season-best 8.01 meters in the event.

8. Men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs addresses the media after a win over East Carolina. The game marked the regular season finale for Tubbs at TCU. Tubbs joked about not being able to get teary-eyed during the press conference.

9. Flowers mark the place where security guard Edward Carson once worked. Carson was struck and killed while riding his bicycle on Odessa Avenue.

10. Marisol Magana, a senior radio-TV-film major, and director Terry Smith work on a take during the production of "Almost Legal" in Studio B in Moody Building South.

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TCU 2002 GRADUATION SPECIAL



Ferrari's 1st freshman class to graduate

BY MARCI KING
Staff Reporter

Chancellor Michael Ferrari started at TCU four years ago with his first class of freshman.

Now, four years later, Ferrari will watch as the class that entered TCU with him graduate.

"Howdy Week four years ago is when we both came to TCU," Ferrari said. "In a sense, we were both freshmen."

Ferrari said he feels a special affinity for this class of seniors.

"We started out together," he said. "I have met a lot of the seniors over the years and feel close to them."

Ferrari said that when he came to TCU in the summer of 1998, there were specific goals he wanted to accomplish in his first years.

"It was very important to formulate and implement a global mission statement," he said.

Having the university continue to grow in stature on a national basis in terms of academic reputation is always a goal, Ferrari said. Helping the international program grow and

have an impact throughout the world is another ongoing goal, he said.

"We have strengthened academic facilities and student life facilities," he said. "I believe all these improvements give graduates pride in TCU."

Allyson Cross, a graduating senior advertising/public relations major, said she feels a special connection with Ferrari because they both came to TCU at the same time.

"It was nice to have someone who was new to TCU also," she said. "We went through getting to know TCU simultaneously."

Cross said she feels like Ferrari did a good job accomplishing the goals he set four years ago. The mission statement and the expansion of facilities is exciting, she said.

"I can just look around TCU and see changes," she said. "It seems like the university is headed in a very positive direction."

Greg Clark, a graduating senior marketing major, said he likes how Ferrari has been involved with the students.

"He has been so involved with students' life and activities," he said. "It's good to see that he cares how your day-to-day life is."

Clark said he was pleased by Ferrari's reaction to the first Sniff newspaper.

"He just shrugged it off," he said. "Ferrari understood it was a joke and took it as fun, that says a lot."

Ferrari said a major goal for the future is a fundraising effort to provide greater financial aid, scholarships and continue to expand TCU's academic facilities.

"The Commission for the Future of TCU is taking the lead with these goals," Ferrari said. "We are planning to outline and finalize these goals in the near future."

Ferrari said he has fond memories of this particular class, and their graduation will stand out.

"Graduation this time is something we knew would be special, and we are looking forward to it," he said.

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Graduation to be largest in TCU history

BY DAVID REESE
Staff Reporter

TCU officials say history will be made May 11 when the class of 2002 becomes the largest group of graduates in the university's history and the first to take part in a graduation ceremony held at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Patrick Miller, registrar and director of enrollment management, said TCU will graduate 1,107 students this year as of Tuesday.

He said the M.J. Neely School of Business will have the largest number of graduates, totaling 33.4 percent.

Fifteen percent will graduate from the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, followed by the College of Science and Engineering with 13.7 percent graduating, Miller said.

The College of Communication will graduate 11.6 percent, and the College of Health and Human Sciences will graduate 9.2 percent. The

College of Fine Arts has 7.4 percent graduating, and College of Education will graduate 7.3 percent, Miller said.

The Brite Divinity School has 1.4 percent graduating, and 10 students will graduate with a Master's of Liberal Arts, he said.

With the increase in graduates, Chancellor Ferrari said, TCU officials expect about 10,000 people to attend this year's ceremony.

He said the former graduation site, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, holds 7,000 people with floor seating for graduates.

The decision about the graduation site was decided in the fall when seniors had three choices for the ceremony, Ferrari said.

He said the seniors overwhelmingly chose to move the ceremony to the Fort Worth Convention Center.

The other choices included splitting the class into two separate ceremonies or to give each graduate

seven tickets for family and friends, Ferrari said.

He said the coliseum will continue to be used during the December graduation because the class sizes tend to be smaller.

Eric Lammers, a senior history major, said he and many graduating seniors are excited about the fact that they will be part of TCU history.

"It is exciting to be a part of the biggest class of graduates, and it really shows how the campus has grown since I've been at TCU," Lammers said.

Ferrari said the registrar's office and faculty and dean's offices are doing a lot of work to make this a wonderful event.

"What is so special about our ceremony is the large number of family and friends who attend," he said.

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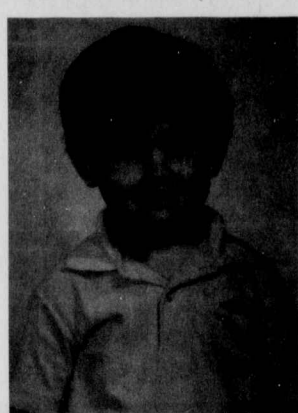


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Danielle and Sissy

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GRADUATION 2002

Ceremony to be held in downtown Fort Worth

BY DAVID DUNAI
Staff Reporter

After last year's problems with overcrowding during Spring Commencement at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, the university chose the Fort Worth Convention Center Arena as the new location for the ceremony, said Patrick Miller, director of enrollment at the Registrar's Office.

Miller said TCU selected the larger downtown location to avoid denying entry to people as happened last year, when the city's fire marshal ordered the doors of the coliseum closed because the large crowd created a safety hazard.

Margaret Kelly, director of special projects, said the number of graduating seniors and accompanying visitors is rising each year. She said 1,103 seniors are going walk at the commencement this semester,

which is 100 people more than last year.

"We didn't seek a new venue for the commencement, but we just outgrew our facilities," Kelly said.

Angela Jepson, a graduating theater and advertising/public relations major, said she appreciates the switch to the Convention Center because she heard about last year's problems and doesn't want her parents to get stuck waiting outside.

"If my parents don't get in after paying for my college for four years, they are going to be very furious," Jepson said.

Kelly said the rental of the Convention Center, which is operated by the city of Fort Worth, costs \$2,400 and includes the stage and chairs.

Kelly said she couldn't tell what additional costs may arise because

this is the first time Spring Commencement is going to be off campus.

However, she said the university will still spend less money than using the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum because renting chairs, carpets and paying workers cost more than renting the downtown venue.

Kelly also said parking should be no problem because the Convention Center has a covered parking garage, which costs \$6 a car. She said since Spring Commencement will be on a Saturday during the day, the traffic will be light and all parking on city streets is free.

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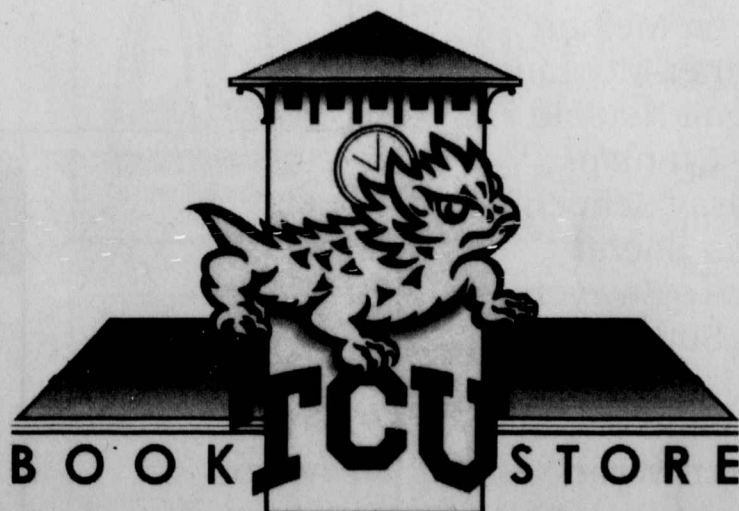
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Job offers for graduates sparse

BY SAM EATON
Staff Reporter

Margaret Reading sits at a computer pondering her future. As she peruses various job-seeking Web sites, Reading says she has it easier than other graduating seniors because she already has a job she can fall back on.

As a finance major, Reading had a good job as an accountant for the National Golf Club, but the company wanted her to relocate following graduation.

Again, Reading said she knew she had it easy, despite her dilemma.

Other seniors are still looking for opportunities.

Across the board, however, job offers are down according to reports from the National Association of Colleges and Employers. The reports shows employers are giving only 78 percent of the interviews they gave last year, there are 79 percent fewer job postings and 71 percent fewer résumé requests from last year.

Chuck Dunning, an assistant di-

rector at Career Services, said more students than usual have been coming in for counseling sessions this semester. He noted that visits have increased steadily over the past three years, including more than 800 sessions last fall, compared to almost 700 from previous fall semester. Career Services does not have final statistics available for this semester.

"We know that it's a very competitive market out there right now," Dunning said.

NACE reports show that graduating students are accepting lower-level jobs with lower starting pay. For example, business administration majors are taking more positions as trainees rather than consultants, and they are earning a starting salary of \$35,200, down 7.1 percent from last year.

Reading said she gets to apply accounting skills at her job but recognizes there are fewer jobs available now.

"The people that are being hired are for certain aspects like just accounts payable, or just accounts re-

ceivable, which is a lower paying job," Reading said. "I feel that if I would have graduated a year or two ago, my pay would be about \$5,000 more."

Dunning said the best way for students to keep up in slow economic times is by networking.

"In a job market like we have right now, there's absolutely no substitute for networking," Dunning said. "It's not the only thing a person needs to do, but it's probably the most important thing a person needs to do."

As for Reading, she said she would decide this week if she would move to Phoenix or try to find a job locally.

"I'm not going to move if there's an opportunity here," Reading said. "If I don't have to relocate, why?"

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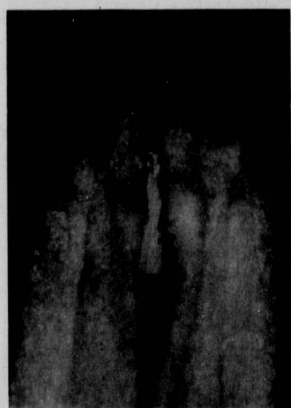
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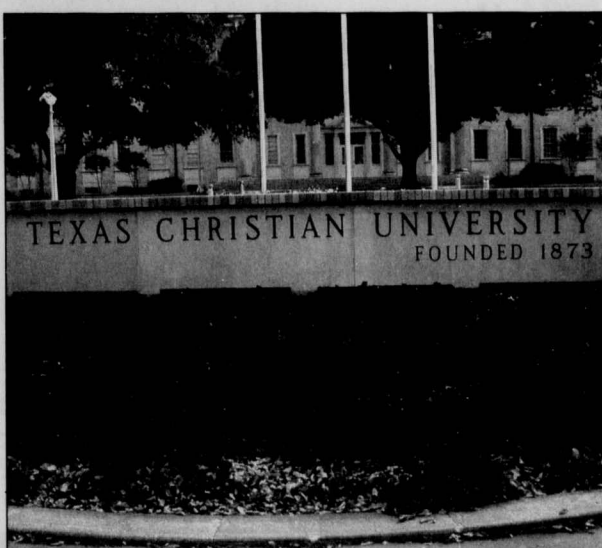
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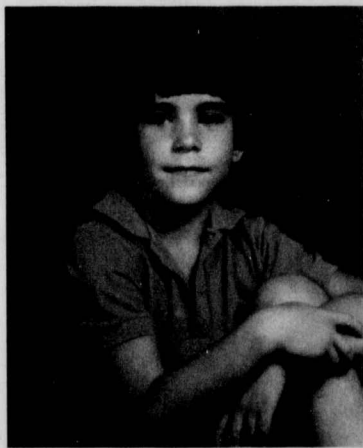
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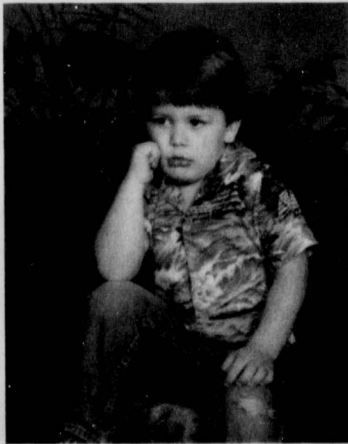
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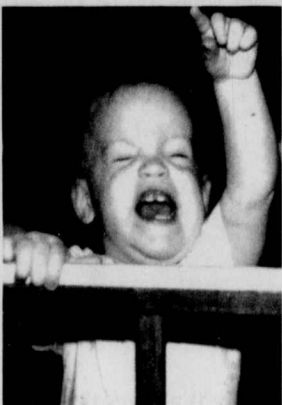
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TRACY HAVERTY



A ray of sunshine
blessed us named
Tracy...still sassy after
all these years.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Alisa

MARCUS WAYNE JOHNSON



"MJ,"
It's 2002! We are
proud of you! Your
foundation was laid, so
you must see it
through.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Velencia

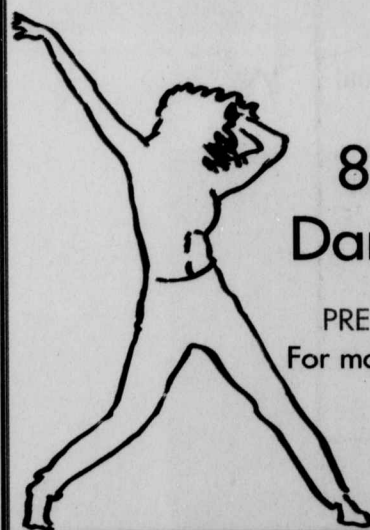
JAMES W. JOHNSON



Jim,
What a wild imagination!
Dream impossible dreams. You
have talents to make them
happen. Reach up to grasp your
ideas; bring them down: then
produce them so the rest of us
can enjoy them. I am extremely
proud of you. Godspeed!
Love always,
Mom



TCU Showgirl Auditions



Sat. April 27
8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.
Daniel Meyer Coliseum
PREP CLASS TONIGHT! 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m.
For more information, e-mail j.stephens2@tcu.edu

Delta Gamma Sorority wishes to
congratulate the following seniors:

Jill Archibald
Laura Barnes
Andrea Blesi
Katie Bromberg
Angela Carmena
Erica Finazzo
Tiffany Fluet
Macy Franz
Kim Hamlin
Katie Henderson
Michelle Henry
Nichole Jensen

Shalene Kelly
Amanda Kirchhoff
Kristen Kula
Heidi Ohl
Katie Roche
Carissa Slaughter
Tara Steele
Jenny Sweetman
Ivy Totta
Michelle White
Nicky Zimmer

"Believe deep down in your heart that you're destined to do great things."
...Joe Paterno

RYAN ZUNKE



Ryan,
You did it kiddo! What
a great accomplishment.
We're all very proud!

Luv ya,
Mom, Pete, Nana,
Lilly, and Spuds