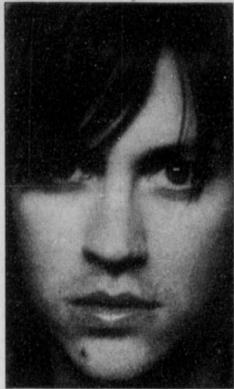


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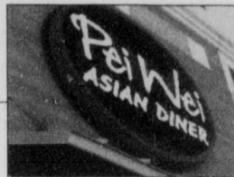
Miller loses punk edge

Rhett Miller's first official solo album lacks the individuality he had with his band the Old 97s. **Page 5**



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Service to be held today for former Brite minister

Kenneth Teegarden, former president of the Christian Church and minister of Brite Divinity School, died Sunday.

BY SARAH MCNAMARA
Staff Reporter

A memorial service for Kenneth L. Teegarden will be at 1 p.m. today at University Christian Church.

Teegarden, 80, died Sunday from complications related to a cerebral

aneurysm he suffered in May.

Teegarden served as former president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and distinguished minister in residence of the Brite Divinity School.



TEEGARDEN

"He was a very courageous but

humble man," said Joseph Jeter, professor of homiletics. "In his time here, he became a mentor to students and faculty."

Teegarden was born Dec. 22, 1921, in Cushing, Okla. and attended Oklahoma State University, Phillips University and Brite Divinity School.

Teegarden retired as the general minister and president of the Christian Church in 1985 after 12 years in the position, and returned to Brite

as a minister in residence.

Jeter said Teegarden took on responsibilities that many did not have time for, including taking charge of programs, teaching classes and speaking with students.

"He really became all things to all people while he was here," Jeter said.

Mark Toulouse, professor of American religious history, said Teegarden worked very closely with students, by fulfilling the roles of

mentor and counselor and sharing his vast experiences and advice.

"He is a person well beloved to this community," Toulouse said.

Teegarden is also nationally recognized for his efforts in restructuring the denomination of the Christian Church.

He was survived by his wife, two sons and four grandsons.

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Salary of new chancellor may differ from Ferrari

The Board of Trustees may offer the next chancellor a salary similar to Chancellor Michael Ferrari's. Experience and past achievements will be deciding factors.

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA
Staff Reporter

The Board of Trustees is apparently willing to pay the next chancellor what is necessary even if it is more than what Chancellor Michael Ferrari currently receives, said John Roach, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Roach said the amount of money offered to a prospective candidate will depend upon his or her experience, current compensation level and expected contributions to the school.

"The board may have to pay more, less or equal to the current salary of Chancellor Ferrari," he said Wednesday. "The executive committee of the board will negotiate with the prospective candidate."

Chancellor Ferrari received \$353,576 in total compensation during the 1999-2000 school year, according to figures from the Internal Revenue Service Form 990.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, Ferrari's salary is more than college president R. Gerald Turner of Southern Methodist University and Robert B. Sloan of Baylor University. Turner earns \$313,750 and Sloan earns \$304,172.

Roach said the salary set by the Board of Trustees comes out of the general operating fund that includes a special endowment for the chancellor.

He said Ferrari's salary is based on his credentials and 15 year experience at two colleges. Prior to coming to TCU, Ferrari was president of Drake University from 1985 to 1998 and interim president of Bowling Green State University from 1981 to 1982.

Roach said the board felt it was important to bring someone like Ferrari with proven capabilities in college administration and the ability to inspire confidence.

According to the Houston Chronicle, the Texas Faculty Association averages the base salary for chancellors in 2002 at \$332,000, a

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McCullough says studying history asset to nation

David McCullough said education is vital to understanding our nation's plights. He spoke Wednesday to a packed Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

BY BILL MORRISON
Staff Reporter

In order to understand the U.S. Constitution, David McCullough said it's important to understand how much thought the founding fathers put forth in crafting the document.

"We have to read what they read," he said. "We are what we read."

McCullough, an award-winning author, was the featured speaker at the fifth annual Fogelson Honors Forum Wednesday at Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

Speaking to a packed auditorium, McCullough emphasized in his speech, "First Principles," that knowledge of American history is important to understand how present day truths evolved.

"Past puts things into proportion," he said. "Our history is a great enduring source of knowledge."

In order to understand the meaning and implications of history, he argued people must understand what people were feeling and the lengths they took to make things happen.

For instance, McCullough said, when Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence, the phrase "pursuit of happiness" did not mean going on vacation in the Caribbean or winning the big game, but rather learning and education.

It's misconceptions like this that have led to the decline of American's knowledge of history, he

said. At a past lecture, he said, a woman thanked him for letting her know the original 13 colonies were on the East coast.

McCullough said education must start with children and that it is a myth that children don't like to read as evidenced by the popularity of the "Harry Potter" books. He said today's textbooks are boring and should be rewritten into material people want to read.

"History is about people and life," he said. "We are doing a terrible job of teaching history to our children. We are putting our country in jeopardy by ignoring the past."

Ramona Zoender, a sophomore social work major, said hearing McCullough speak about the lengths the founding fathers went to in insuring the foundation of our government makes her more appreciative of their plight.

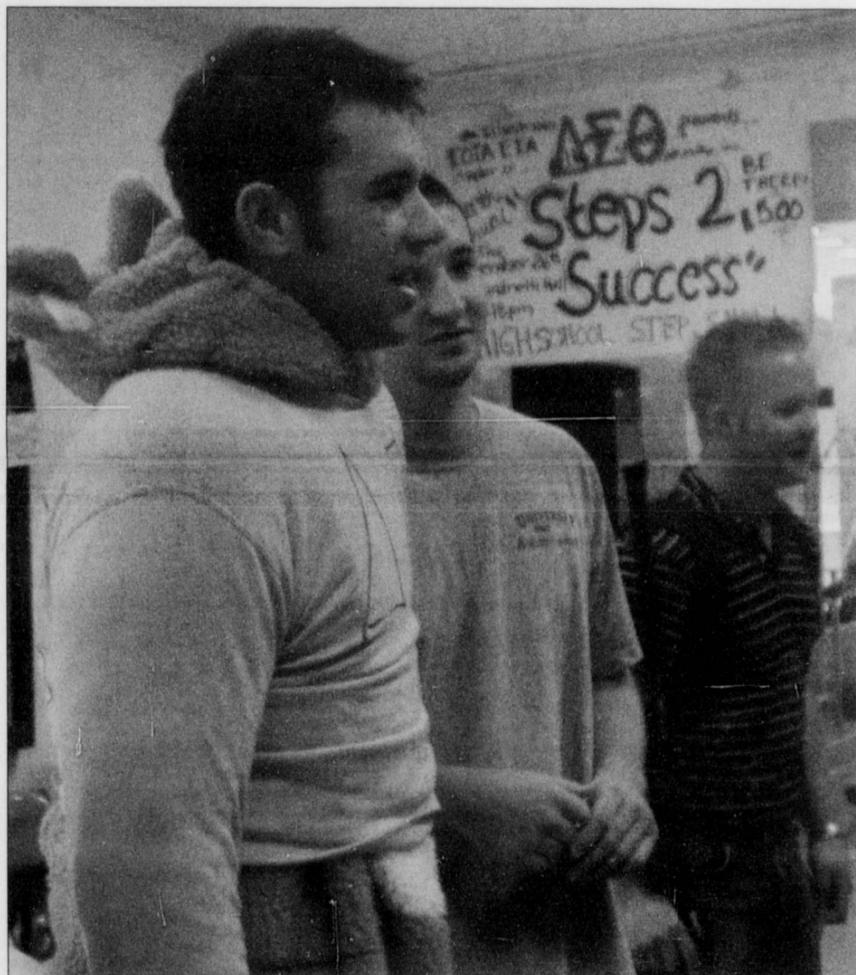
"(McCullough) made me think about what our founders meant," she said. "I never even thought about the difference between what we think and what they intended it to be."

McCullough, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of "Truman" and "John Adams," is the recipient of 31 honorary degrees.

He has lectured in all parts of the country and abroad, as well as at the White House, as part of the White House presidential lecture series. McCullough is one of the few private citizens to be asked to speak before a joint session of Congress.

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Making a splash



Phi Kappa Sigma members Ashton Schultz and Tyler Anthony show their support for Delta Gamma Anchorsplash in the Student Center Wednesday by dressing up as Britney Spears and a tiger to help get donations for Delta Gamma's philanthropy, Service For Sight and Aid to the Blind.

Radio-TV-film students eagerly await seminar to learn how to pitch ideas to professionals

Radio-TV-film professors try to offer students business experience with the introduction of 'Pitch Me' seminars into their curriculum.

BY SARAH MCNAMARA
Staff Reporter

Michelle Warren says she wants to learn what it will take to pitch her own film idea to studio executives.

Today's "Pitch Me" seminar, hosted by the radio-TV-film department, may help the junior radio-TV-film major do just that. The seminar will provide an opportunity for students to learn about the art of pitching ideas for television series and movies from professionals

Jonathan Koch, Robert Kosberg and Travis Mann. It is the first stage of two-part competition

Warren said she is nervous about attending the seminar but hopes to "learn things that I never would have thought I needed to learn."

"This really is an awesome opportunity," she said.

Roger Cooper, a radio-TV-film professor and coordinator of the "Pitch Me" competition, said he had no idea how people would respond to the event but knew the university needed to do something like this.

"We want to give our students unique and creative opportunities that students at other universities don't get," Cooper said. "We really want to set them apart."

Koch, Kosberg and Mann are scheduled to return as judges Nov.

21 when students will compete to win a trip to New Orleans for the National Association of Television and Production Executives meeting.

Students will then have two to five minutes to sell themselves and their idea, winning an opportunity to pitch their idea in a showcase for Hollywood executives.

Cooper said the concept of pitching is a vital part of the entertainment business and a critical skill that must be learned. Also, since all three judges are professionals, they will provide a lot of insight and wisdom about what does and does not sell in Hollywood.

"This really is an invaluable experience," Cooper said. "We want students to understand and see how the busi-

ness and creative aspects of the entertainment industry work together."

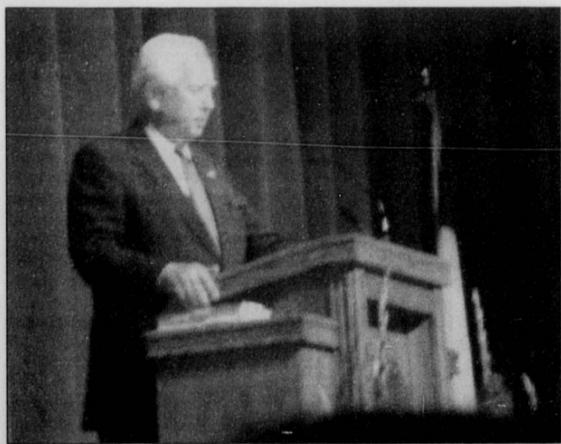
While Cooper said he is requiring his Business of Media students, including Warren, to compete, anyone can attend the competition. Tickets are limited and are sold on a first come, first served basis for \$30.

"Anyone who attends, whether they're competing or just watching will be able to realize the value of being an effective pitcher," Cooper said.

Richard Allen, associate radio-TV-film professor, said the department has been able to improve the curriculum in the last few years by offering real life opportunities, such as this, to students.

He said the purpose of events like

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Two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author David McCullough speaks at the TCU community Wednesday in his lecture, "First Principles," for the Fogelson Honors Forum.

The Weather

THURSDAY

High: 98; Low: 63; Mostly Sunny

FRIDAY

High: 85; Low: 56; Mostly Sunny

SATURDAY

High: 84; Low: 62; Sunny

Looking Back

1580 — English seaman Francis Drake returns to Plymouth, England, in the Golden Hind, becoming the first British navigator to sail the earth.

1960 — For the first time in U.S. history, a debate between major party presidential candidates is shown on television. The presidential hopefuls, John F. Kennedy, a Democratic senator of Massachusetts, and Richard M. Nixon, the vice president of the United States, met in a Chicago studio to discuss U.S. domestic matters.

Watch For

Friday in Sports

The volleyball team plays two Texas opponents in a tune-up for conference.

The rifle team looks to improve on team and individual record setting scores from their first meet with the challenge of two tournaments in one day on Saturday.

The men's soccer team travels to Memphis while the women journey to Cincinnati and Louisville.

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

• **The Society of Professional Journalists** will have a meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in the Moody Building South, Room 279. The topic will be "Our Place in the TCU Community." All are welcome to discuss how journalists and the Skiff work at TCU. For more information, call (817) 257-7428.

• **The Public Relations Student Society of America** will be at 5:30 p.m. today in the Moody Building South, Room 271.

• **TCU LEAPS**, an all-campus community service day, will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday and will conclude by 1 p.m. For more information and to register, visit (www.studentaffairs.tcu.edu). Click on the "Keep the Faith" tab and continue to TCU LEAPS.

• **December 2002 degree candidates** must file their intent to graduate forms in their dean's office immediately. All names of degree candidates must be submitted to the registrar by Thursday.

• **Student Teaching Applications** are due Thursday. The applications can be picked up in the Bailey Building, Room 102. For more information, call (817) 257-7690.

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moody Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

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Tropical Storm Isidore hits Gulf Coast leaving some areas drenched

Winds reached 39 mph Wednesday and the storm was suspected to drop almost 20 inches of rain in New Orleans.

BY KEVIN MCGILL
 Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Tropical Storm Isidore drenched the Gulf Coast on Wednesday, swamping parts of New Orleans with thigh-deep water and chasing tourists and residents inland as it swirled toward land with a potential 20 inches of rain.

By evening, the center of the sprawling storm was 175 miles south of New Orleans and moving north at 12 mph. Forecasters said Isidore was expected to come ashore along

Louisiana's swampy shoreline early Thursday but tropical storm force winds — sustained winds of more than 39 mph — were already hitting the coast Wednesday evening.

The storm spawned a tornado 223 miles east of New Orleans, near the Florida panhandle town of Santa Rosa Beach. No injuries were reported, but Gov. Jeb Bush declared an emergency for most of the panhandle.

Residents fled flooded coastal communities in Louisiana and Mississippi. In Alabama, pounding surf eroded beaches and storm preparations were under way as far north as Birmingham, 200 miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

At Bayou La Batre, Ala., Wilson

Johnson pulled away from Coden Bayou in his pickup truck, giving his crab boats a last wistful look. "I hope they're here tomorrow," he said.

Isidore battered Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula as a hurricane over the weekend, killing at least two people before losing its punch. But the storm strengthened after moving back over the Gulf, and was packing 65-mph winds as it headed toward the U.S. mainland.

More than eight inches of rain fell on parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Another foot of rain was forecast in some places, including low-lying New Orleans, where drainage pumps were struggling to keep up.

Streets in several neighbor-

hoods were swamped by more than two feet of water after rain fell at a rate of three inches an hour. At one flooded overpass, a stranded motorist tried to sell cans of beer for \$20.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin closed City Hall at noon and ordered a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew to keep streets clear for emergency vehicles. Mississippi officials issued similar curfews in Biloxi and Gulfport.

In suburban New Orleans, Jefferson Parish authorities said rainwater infiltrated the sewer system, causing backups in homes and businesses. Residents were told to limit their use of washing machines, dishwashers and bathrooms.

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this is to get the students to see what professional experience is like and learn from the people in the business.

"The plan is to get students attached to what's going on in the industry compared to what they learn in class," Allen said. "We want to connect the two."

Opportunities like this, Cooper said, can only be a benefit.

"We've been able to increase the pipeline that's already been created in Hollywood and open more doors for those who are looking to rise in the industry," Cooper said.

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Job journeys



Photo editor/Sarah McClellan
 Raquel Torres, a senior e-business major, spoke to Dustee Morris, marketing coordinator at the center for assisted reproduction, at the career fair Wednesday.

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54 percent increase since 1992. This estimate does not include perks, deferred compensation, houses, cars, allowances and club memberships, according to the article.

The increase, according to the Chronicle, is due to schools wanting to entice qualified replacements to compete with Harvard and Yale University.

R. Denny Alexander, chairman of the chancellor search committee, said TCU is in a position financially to be competitive with the range of salaries offered from other universities looking for a new chancellor or president.

"There is no hindrance financially in finding the best person to be the next chancellor," he said. "I don't foresee problems attracting candi-

dates to TCU."

Roach said TCU deserves the best, and the board will offer compensation that allows the school to continue to exhibit that.

"Someone with academic cre-

denials and the ability to lead fund raising efforts are among the many aspects we will look for in making TCU its best," he said.

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Top 10 presidents or chancellors who earned the most in total compensation for 1999-2000 at doctoral/research universities.

Richard L. Rubenstein \$832,492 University of Bridgeport	Richard C. Levin \$561,709 Yale University
Judith Rodin \$698,325 University of Pennsylvania	Joe B. Wyatt \$549,741 Vanderbilt University
L. Jay Oliva \$650,746 New York University	Benjamin Ladner \$543,676 American University
William R. Brody \$623,240 John Hopkins University	Constantine N. Papadakis \$527,27 Drexel University
George Rupp \$562,610 Columbia University	Malcolm Gillis \$523,000 Rice University

Source: Chronicle of Higher Education

Pat Richard to speak about ions, atoms today

The physics department is hosting a free public lecture at 3 p.m. today in the Tucker Technology Center's Professional Development Center.

Pat Richard, recipient of the 2002 Cecil and Ida Green Honors Professor in Physics, will speak on the "multiply excited states of ions and atoms."

Richard is the director of the J.R. McDonald Laboratory at Kansas State University. The laboratory, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, is the premier center for atomic collision physics in the country. Richard also serves as the Cortelyou-Rust distinguished professor of physics at K-State.

— Joi Harris

Mr. and Ms. TCU elections to end at 10 p.m. today

Students can vote today for Mr. and Ms. TCU between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. at the Web site (www.vote.edu).

All students were to receive a reminder e-mail this morning providing a link to the voting site. Voters can choose one man and one woman out of the 33 candidates to represent the student body at Homecoming.

The court, which consists of five men and five women, will be presented at Frog Follies Sunday.

Final voting between the top five will also be online 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday. A voting rally will be held Tuesday in the Student Center Lounge from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Computers will be available to students in the Student Center lounge and Frog Bytes, who want to cast a final vote during the rally, Student Government Asso-

ciation officials said.

— Emily Turner

United Way drive increased by 3 percent, ends today

Administration, faculty, staff and retirees have until Thursday to decide if and how much they will donate to United Way in the annual campus-wide fund-raising campaign.

Despite the current economic downturn, the committee decided to continue the drive and raise the goal by 3 percent to \$110,000, which is up \$3,000 from last year said Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs.

Although the economic state plays a factor in potential donations, people still need to remember to give, said Nancy Styles, executive assistant to the vice chancellor of marketing and communication.

"Because the economy is not in the best shape, more people are needing to take advantage of United Way's services, so the organization needs more money," Styles said.

Mills, the United Way committee chairman, said because faculty and staff received a 3 percent compensation last year, the group felt the higher increase was appropriate.

All donations will go to the general United Way fund and equally divided among its departments unless otherwise specified.

— Joi Harris

Correction

Suzanne Huffman is an associate professor of journalism. Her title was incorrect in a headline Wednesday.

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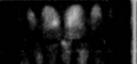
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The Skiff View

HELP

Students are willing to contribute

Sometimes there isn't a good reason to help — until the time comes when you need help.

If there's a fire at your home, the Red Cross is there. If someone you know has cancer, the Cancer Care Center can provide financial and emotional assistance.

These are among 46 local organizations that the United Way supports. To some people, these organizations exist only in phone books. But to those who have used them, they have been a safety net, someone to break their fall.

And the United Way has held up that net by providing money to make these and other programs work.

But there seems to be less money to go around. As we depend on the United Way and the charities it supports, the United Way depends on us.

When the university's United Way campaign kicked off last week, it set a goal of \$110,000, \$2,000 more than last year's goal. The campaign was geared to administrators, faculty, staff and retirees.

But it wasn't geared toward students.

Traditionally students are not targeted because those leading the drive hesitate to ask for money from those currently paying for college.

TCU students have a connotation of not having to worry about money, and a lot of them don't. And if we do worry about money, we still have something to give.

If every student gave \$1, that would be almost \$8,000 contributed to the United Way. That's almost 8,000 ways to help 46 local organizations.

The United Way means a lot to some people. It means a lot to an administrative assistant who lost all her belongings in a fire turned to the Red Cross.

Students either need to be included in the university's United Way fund-raising campaign or in some program geared specifically to students.

And we, as students, need to avoid get involved.

Thankfully, there are people who have already donated, and if and when our time comes, there will be someone to turn to for help.

So while students weren't included at the start, they still could be brought in.

Thankfully, it's not too late. Yet.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

"The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn," "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," "Of Mice and Men," "The Catcher in the Rye," "The Color Purple," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "Ordinary People," "Lord of the Flies" — these books are just a few of the many that are on the 100 most frequently challenged books of 1990-2000.

Works like those listed above, which are by some of the greatest authors to ever put words on a piece of paper, are being banned across our nation. Authors like William Shakespeare, Walt Whitman, John Steinbeck, Maya Angelou, Mark Twain, J.D. Salinger and even Stephen King are being banned or challenged every day in the United States.

These books, the ones that are viewed by many as controversial, are classics to most Americans. They are books that have changed lives, molded human beings and inspired people to do things for the greater cause. They are books that cause others to think. They are books that educate us about how it was, how it can be and how it might end up.

These books, many of which some were required to read in high school and college, are not just books — they are works of art and inspirational material for many people.

Many of us look at the world today and think how much it has changed and how we have progressed as a society. But have we? Have we really progressed that much when people are still trying to tell others what they can and cannot read?

In the U.S. Constitution, there is a list of amendments that state the rights of citizens — the First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Is banning books from libraries and schools not going against the First Amendment? Are the people who are banning these books not trying to take away our rights as Americans?

This week, Sept. 21-28, is Banned Books Week. Everyone who is against banning books should go out and buy a banned book and read it aloud to a crowd of people walking by. Celebrate your freedom to read and all literature and don't let those who are trying to suppress it win the fight.

This is a staff editorial for The Daily Athenaeum at West Virginia University. This editorial was distributed by U-Wire.



Missing class for an illness should be a valid excuse

Students feeling a little under the weather will have to suck it up. "Nagging illnesses" aren't considered valid excuses for missing class.

If you're prone to allergies or any other type of illness, you just might be going to the wrong school.

According to the Student Handbook, classes missed for an illness do not qualify as an official absence, but instead only a condition to be verified. However, teachers, Health Center doctors and Campus Life employees don't seem to read the same policy.

Several weeks ago, I missed a couple of my classes due to a severe cough and a sinus infection, otherwise known as the common cold. My teacher's policy states that students must get a doctor's note to excuse an absence due to

illness. After visiting the Health Center, I was told the doctors no longer write notes to excuse absences. So then I was directed to try and plead my case to the Campus Life office. Once there an employee told me that a copy of the prescription I received should suffice as proof for my teachers to excuse the absence.

Though I suppose I was fortunate enough to have a prescription, I wonder what would have been the case if I were not given any medicine? This is assuming that not all students that visit the Health Center leave carrying a bottle of pills.

When asked about the current attendance policy, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler said the dean of Campus Life is no longer responsible for making excuses for students such as for a bad cold or other "nagging illnesses." As for an official absence, he defined this as when

the university asks a student to attend a school function, such as for band or athletics, therefore excusing the student from class.

On the other hand, there are those who happen to break a bone or two and require hospitalization. This would be considered a "catastrophic accident"

and is virtually the only time a doctor's note would be written. This in turn would eliminate the hassle of going through Campus Life and satisfies

professors' requirements about absences.

Koehler also said examples of critical illnesses to be verified by Campus Life would be something like a "heart attack, a car accident, or other life-threatening situations." For other "nagging illnesses" Koehler suggests students take this up with their professors.

Sadly not everyone can be this lucky.

Copy editor Monique Bhamani is a sophomore international communications major

COMMENTARY



Monique Bhamani

"Though I suppose I was fortunate enough to have a prescription, I wonder what would have been the case if I were not given any medicine?"

President's threat to Iraq is a violation of sovereignty, assault on Hussein

Administration attributes threat on Iraq to its potential possession of weapons of mass destruction, however more moderate measures could be adopted without transgressing country's supremacy.

In a recent opinion article, fellow student Christopher Sufron argued that invading Iraq would be fitting with the rights and responsibilities of the U.S. government. This

viewpoint, however, ignores the clear boundaries on legitimate presidential authority. The Bush administration's open-ended threat to Saddam Hussein may not constitute terrorism, yet it does represent an ethical challenge to Iraqi sovereignty.

Attacking Iraq would clearly be an act of war. The international community, and most Americans, considers instigators of war to be aggressors and, as such, violators of international law. President Bush's attempt to garner U.N. support does not and will not make such an act legitimate, except as a last resort. Confronted with this fact, the administration argues that attacking Iraq is justified because its potential weapons of mass destruc-

tion pose a threat to global security. That would be the case if the president was willing to limit the attacks to eliminating this strategic threat.

Instead, Bush continues to push for regime change, essentially advocating the overthrow of Hussein. This

further violation of Iraqi sovereignty demonstrates the president's arrogance and his continual ignorance of foreign affairs. Even if we agree that Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction does in fact endanger the American people, in no way has Bush established that Hussein himself poses an inherent threat. Our nation has a history of forbidding the forcible removal of foreign governments, in policy if not in practice, and the president would do well to study it. His open and avowed assault on Hussein reeks of illegitimate abuse of power.

Finally, note that popular opinion reigns supreme over presidential power. Our government may have different rights, but we ought not forget that individuals

generate those rights. Since he lacks a clear mandate from the American people, Bush cannot legitimately attack Iraq. The legal loopholes invoked by presidential lawyers to justify his agenda cannot stand up under the weight of national and international disapproval.

Bush should opt for a more moderate solution, toughening inspections and reinforcing them

with international pressure and increased threats. If recent British reports are indeed correct, maintaining U.N. sanctions should be enough to prevent Hussein from acquiring nuclear weapons. With popular support for tougher inspections already in place, backing down from regime change and toning down his rhetoric would increase Bush's sagging political capital. Otherwise, the still-young president looks increasingly like a warmonger.

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Consumer protection getting out of hand

GM's recall of cars for people slamming their fingers in the doors is absurd.

According to an article on CNN.com, the General Motors Corp. is recalling almost 600,000 sport utility vehicles made between 2000 and 2002 because "14

people, including 10 children, have pinched their fingers by inadvertently inserting them through a slot in the upholstery when the headrest was being folded down" as the second-row seats were being moved.

Now, to anyone as flabbergasted as I, this is simply hilarious. My first mental picture was that of a child getting his or her finger pinched. Funny, in a not-so-funny way. Then I laughed out loud thinking about an adult stomping around cursing because his or her finger was pinched. But wait ... that's not funny at all. We know that pain.

There is no greater annoyance than to slam a finger in a car door. I should know; I've managed to do it once every year or so. It hurts. And, of course, the immediate reaction, other than stomping and cursing, is to hit something. Namely, the car door, which we all know is not a smart thing to do.

So here's my proposal: GM, if everyone reported slamming his or her fingers in car doors, could you please create a mechanism that prevents that from happening? The world would be much better off.

I understand that GM is simply making a move to appease the general public, or in this case, 14 people, by preventing injuries. But having pinched fingers?

This brings me to another example: the infamous too-hot coffee from McDonald's. Someone was actually able to legally win a case against McDonald's for spilling coffee in her lap, which caused burns. In my opinion, these are the kind of people that one just wants to hit a couple of times and relieve some aggression.

It is absurd that we are now able to win millions of dollars, or for GM, recall hundreds of thousands of cars because of our clumsiness or curiosity. We have created for ourselves a world in which even the most inane, inanimate objects become such a threat that the manufacturers have to put warning labels or safety devices on them so the companies themselves will not be held responsible, that is, for our own mistakes.

So, what is GM's solution for the ever-painful curiosity of a child to stick their hands in strange places? Plastic shields over the head restraints. My only question in regard to this is — what will happen when the kids get their fingers stuck underneath the plastic?

Here is an idea: If I stub my toe enough times on my couch and call the manufacturers to complain, will they take back my couch and put something all over the bottom? So I, in my clumsiness, will never have another purple toe? Probably. If GM can do it, I do not understand why we cannot create this revolution in various possibly injurious situations.

So everyone, grab hold of a seemingly ridiculous object that may injure you if you mess with it enough and have fun. Maybe we can cause so much chaos that each individual will have to live in a plastic bubble. Then again, I can always trip on plastic, too.

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National/International Roundup

Disney reaches long-awaited settlement in idea theft case

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — The Walt Disney Co. reached a settlement with two businessmen awarded \$240 million by a jury that decided the company stole their idea for its Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World.

The terms of the settlement were not disclosed in court papers approved Tuesday by an appeals court in Daytona Beach. Disney attorneys and the businessmen wouldn't comment, citing a confidentiality agreement.

The settlement ended Disney's appeal of the August 2000 verdict for Palm Harbor-based All Pro Sports Camps.

All Pro founders Edward Russell and Nicholas Stracick met with Disney executives in the late 1980s to pitch a sports complex they called Sports Island. They showed Disney a model and gave them a business plan and drawings.

Disney rejected the idea at the time, according to testimony, but within a few years the entertainment giant began crafting the sports facility that became Wide World of Sports, which opened in 1997.

Troops ruin Palestinian terror suspects' houses

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops demolished three houses of Palestinian terror suspects Wednesday, while Jewish settler leaders inaugurated a new Jewish settlement near the Palestinian city of Nablus.

In the southern West Bank, Israeli troops blew up three houses, including one belonging to the leader of the Islamic militant group Hamas in the town of Hebron, Abdel Khaled Natche, Palestinian witnesses said. Soldiers gave family members 10 minutes to remove belongings before a huge explosion leveled the two-story structure, scattering rubble in all directions.

In another demolition, troops blew up the house of the fugitive leader of the Islamic Jihad group in Hebron, Diab Shweiki, who escaped an Israeli missile attack on his vehicle several months ago.

A third house was leveled in the nearby town of Dura. The three-story building was the family home of brothers Anis and Iyad Amoura, members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs'

Brigade, a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement.

Houston-based computer store buys Enron sign

HOUSTON (AP) — The big "E" went for big green.

Enron Corp.'s trademark "tilted-E" sign sold for \$44,000 on Wednesday as the bankrupt former energy giant began auctioning off surplus items.

Jimmy Luu, sent by his boss at a Microcache Computer store in Houston to buy the sign, said he was given explicit orders regarding the 5-foot, stainless-steel sign that once stood outside a downtown satellite office.

Scott Bui, attorney for Microcache, said: "The reason we bought this was to preserve this business icon. It also signifies a lot of sweat, greed and fraud in business."

Enron declared bankruptcy in a wave of accounting irregularities that caused its high-flying stock to crash last year. The scandal has resulted in three convictions so far with more indictments expected.

New bill gives providers option to deny abortions

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a nod from the Bush administration, House Republicans passed a bill Wednesday that would allow hospitals and other health providers to refuse to perform or pay for abortions without the threat of losing federal funding.

Wednesday's 229-189 vote was just the latest abortion debate waged in the House.

Democrats criticized the measure as an assault on abortion rights that would limit access.

"This measure is cynical. This measure is unconstitutional," said Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y. "Under the legislation the administrative hospitals or HMOs could gag the doctors who work under them from discussing abortion services."

Supporters have maintained the bill is necessary to clarify entities covered by a conscience clause in current law.

"Hospitals and health care professionals should not be forced to perform or participate in abortions," the Bush administration said in a statement Wednesday. "This legislation makes clear that they may not

be subjected to discrimination by the federal government, or by any state or local government ... because they oppose or choose not to participate in abortions or abortion training."

President Bush accused of politicizing debate over war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle on Wednesday accused President Bush of seeking to politicize the debate over war with Iraq and demanded that he apologize for implying that Democrats were not interested in the security of the American people.

"That is wrong," Daschle said in an impassioned speech on the Senate floor. "We ought not politicize this war. We ought not politicize the rhetoric about war and life and death."

Daschle cited a string of actions by the administration including a comment by Bush that the Democratic-controlled Senate is "not interested in the security of the American people."

Daschle made his comments as congressional leaders negotiated in private with the administration over the terms of a resolution that would authorize the president to use force to eliminate Saddam's weapons of mass destruction.

The quote Daschle referred to came during a political stop that Bush made earlier this week in Trenton, N.J.

Austin mother charged with abandoning newborn child

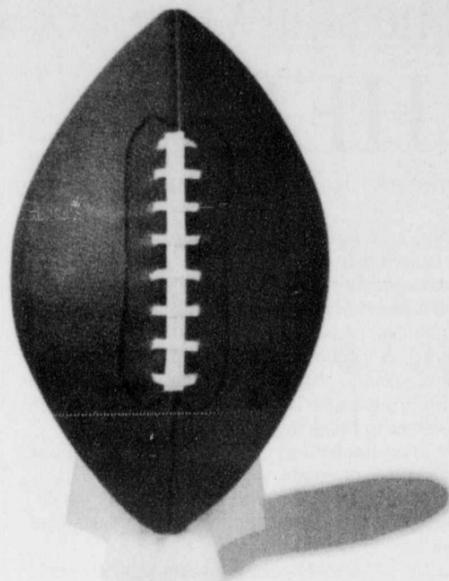
AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin teenager has been charged with abandoning her newborn baby in a pile of trash.

Angelica Marie Torres, 17, told investigators that she gave birth in a bathtub in her duplex Sunday, according to the arrest warrant. She then took the baby outside, put him on a piece of plastic and placed a piece of metal next to him, the warrant said.

Torres was charged Tuesday with abandoning a child, a second-degree felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000, the Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday.

Torres was being held in the Travis County Central Booking Facility in lieu of \$20,000 bail.

The baby is in the custody of Child Protective Services.



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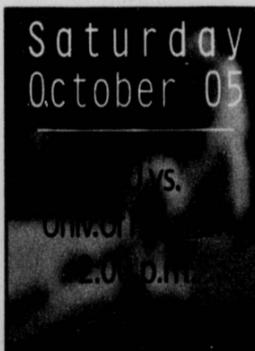
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Punk edge loses out to sensitivity in Miller's solo debut

Rhett Miller's first official solo album lacks the individuality he had with his band the Old 97s.

BY MATT SIMPSON
Staff Writer

Now that Rhett Miller is without his band and has distanced himself from their unavoidable country influences, he has become decidedly cute.

While the Old 97s could always compensate for Miller's tendency to be embarrassingly cheesy with something approximating punk, there is nothing punk about "The Instigator." Instead, the album sounds impressed with his own sentimentality. It thrives on lines like "I'd smother you with kisses/I'd give you outer space" — lines designed to make 16-year-old girls swoon.

I've been waiting for it to come out for a while now. Ever since I read somewhere that the Old 97s weren't releasing anything for another couple of years and that I'd have to settle for the various side projects and solo albums that would spawn from the group's "temporary" hiatus.

Rhett Miller was/is the lead singer of the Old 97s, a Texas band that has been seen playing great rock 'n' roll music in downtown Dallas at the Gypsy Tea Room or Trees or some over Deep Ellum dive.

The 97s released their sixth studio album "Satellite Rides" last summer. It was apparently seen by record company executives as the band's attempt at a break-through album, something

that might stretch their fame beyond state limits and propel them into TRL and the Billboard Top 20. As such, it was mildly successful. "Satellite Rides" did enjoy a brief stint in the Billboard Top 100, and it received some airplay on the WB's hit TV show "Dawson's Creek."

Unfortunately, that was not good enough for the band's record label, Electra. Electra bought out the remainder of its contract with the Old 97s, then signed Miller, the "star" of the group, to a solo deal forbidding him from recording with his old group.

Miller's first "official" solo album (he released another solo album, "Mythologies," while still in high school), is void of the musicians who have accompanied Miller throughout most of his musical career. In turn, Miller has made no attempt to recapture his band's sound on this album. He's said before that the songs on "The Instigator" are what he considers inappropriate for the 97s.

"I believe in bands, in the power of a collective effort," Miller said. "But there is a kind of vision ... that can only be carried out within the framework of a solo album."

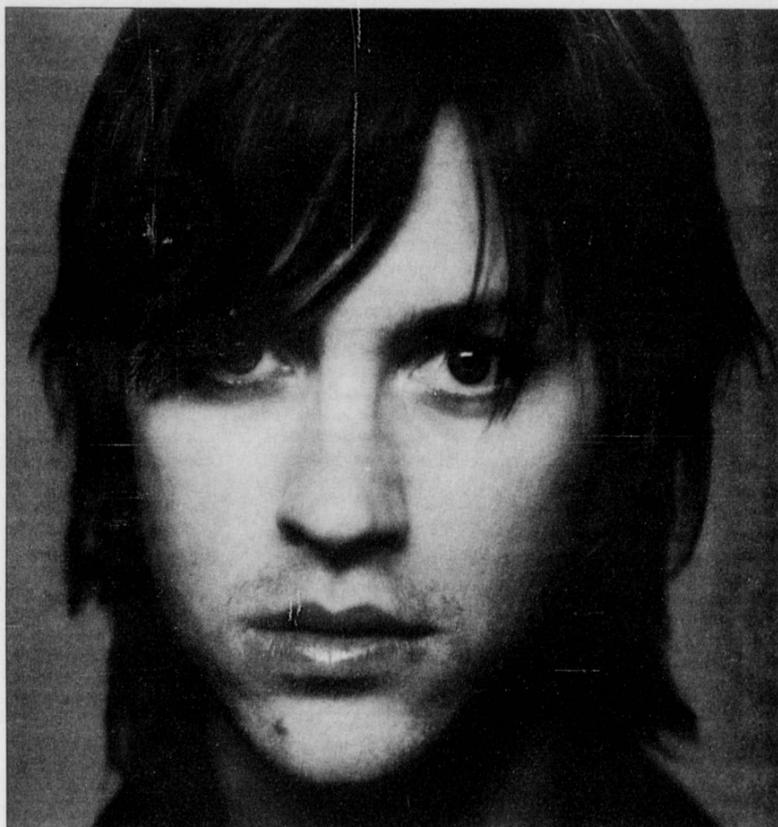
This sounds like a step forward for a songwriter, but really Miller's vision only strips his music of the indi-

viduality it enjoyed under the 97s. Now he sounds like he's trying to be any number of predictably insightful singer/songwriters operating today. Like John Mayer or Pete Dinklage or Jack Johnson. And while there's really nothing wrong with that, it does little to better his career as a solo performer. Actually, it just buries him at the bottom of a stack of similar artists who made claims on the title "Sensitive Genius" years before the 97s were ready to abandon alt-country.

But "The Instigator" is not a bad album. I mean yes, it tries too hard, but so does Radiohead, or even Sgt. Pepper's. There are still plenty of good songs on "The Instigator." Songs where emotion doesn't sound like a concerted effort at appearing "sweet," songs like "Things That Disappear," "World Inside the World," and the single, "Come Around." And there's even a glimpse of Old 97s rock 'n' roll fuzz guitar presented in "Crash on the Barrelhead" in the song "The El."

But for the most part, the album is simply mediocre. After years of listening to Rhett Miller with the Old 97s, "The Instigator" sounds forced and entirely too hung up on competing with all the other sensitive males making music today.

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Rhett Miller was unable to capture a punk sound in his first solo album, "The Instigator."

Special to the Skiff

Pei Wei gives local Asian restaurants run for business

BY ALISHA BROWN
Skiff Staff

Legends of good Chinese food have leaked down from Dallas since 1996 when P.F. Chang's opened its first restaurant here in Texas. The Arizona chain of high-class restaurants wafted over Fort Worth last week with the opening of Pei Wei — the take-out or dine-in version of Asian cuisine.

The chain of restaurants — which began 20 years ago in San Francisco, according to the official Web site — is similar to the Panera or Rosa's Cantina concept — a higher quality product for fast food price in a sit-down atmosphere without the full-service dining experience.

When you walk up to the building you either enter the Dine-In or Take-Away side of the restaurant. Tall light boards showcase the Asian choices before you step up to the counter.

It's not so much, "Welcome to Whataburger, can I take your order please," or "Good evening and welcome to Bistro Louise, our specials this evening are ..." but more "Hello there, can I help you with our menu?"

The appetizer list includes Edamame (ed-uh-mah-meh) — a dish of salted soybean nuggets still in their pods, for \$2.75. It's an incredible protein starter, and since the USDA now recommends that the average adult receive 25g of soy protein a day, one plate is big enough for several friends to get their full dosage. Pei Wei's most popular appetizer is the \$5.25 P.F. Chang version of a lettuce wrap, manager James Chang said.

"Especially among TCU kids, the lettuce wrap sells the most," he said. "P.F. Chang has a vegetarian version, but we sell the minced chicken one."

Pei Wei Asian Diner offers a higher quality product for fast food in a sit-down atmosphere.

Pei Wei
5900 Overton Ridge Road, Fort Worth
City View Shopping Center
(817) 294-0808

Menu selection:
Edamame — Salted soybean nuggets in the pod — \$2.75
Hoisin Explosion — Chili-hoisin sauce, onions, red and green bell peppers, almonds with vegetables and tofu — \$6.25
Asian Kirin beer — \$4
Total: \$13.00

The crab and cream cheese fried wantons aren't bad either. Jeng said they have more of an American influence.

A symbol next to certain items on the menu tells you which dishes are spicy and which ones can be made vegetarian-friendly.

The noodle and rice bowls are medium priced at \$6 to \$7 for a full bowl — better than Big Bowl and Ghengis Grill prices, but the customer does not get to choose their own ingredients. The Shrimp with Lobster Bowl — with rice wine garlic sauce, Chinese black beans, white mushrooms, scallions and egg with a choice of white or brown rice — sounded the most appetizing.

The Hoisin Explosion, yes it rhymes, was a plateful of mixed spices and vegetables — from curry and chili paste with sesame seeds over onions, broccoli, red and green peppers, carrots and medium-dried tofu with fluffy brown rice. I, at

least, could not put my finger on one dominant flavor.

With dishes like Asian Coconut Curry, Mandarin Kung Pao and Spicy Korean alongside the Hoisin, Jeng said you're not supposed to be able to label the food, though some dishes are more nationally centered than others.

Vietnamese sauces at the condiment bar sit next to full lemons and peeled mandarins, and soy sauce is on every table. There is Fresca at fountain and drums of vanilla-chai and mandarin-green tea. The beers are only Asian. I recommend the Kirin, but you can get an American soda too.

Pei Wei's multi-cultural influence on its list of ingredients can be seen in the demeanor of the establishment as well. There were several nationalities and age groups working and dining in Pei Wei, which has only been open four weeks. Nelly Furtado's "I'm Like A Bird" played right over the clanging of the chefs.

The average customer spends \$8 to \$9 at Pei Wei, versus \$18 to \$19 at P.F. Chang's, according to a Business Week report.

Pei Wei's nationwide do 35 to 40 percent of their business from take-away, according to the report. In some locations you can order over the Internet, but the Fort Worth restaurant has not gone online.

Jeng said he expects the chain to do well in Fort Worth since there is not another establishment like it in the area.

As far as the Asian cuisine goes, I would definitely pay more for Pei Wei than order delivery from Din Din, but maybe drive the bit further to Dallas to break out the chopsticks at P.F.'s place.

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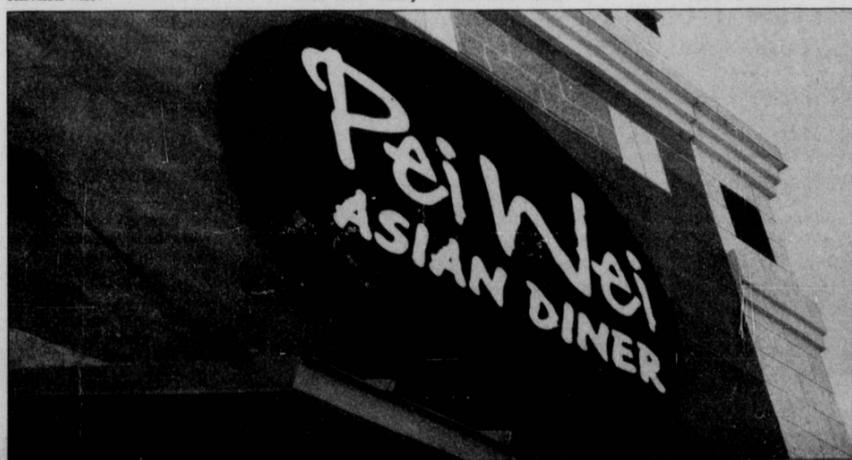


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With its many twists, 'Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever' doesn't hit mark

The latest action movie featuring Lucy Liu and Antonio Banderas has stunning explosions but a weak, convoluted plot line.

BY TAYLOR GIBBONS
Skiff Staff

The title of "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever" is really only half accurate. While the movie has more than enough bullets, fire, car crashes and pugilism to justify calling itself "Ballistic," the "Ecks vs. Sever" is a bit of a misnomer.

While it may feature a character named Ecks and a character named Sever — and even a couple of fights between these two characters — it doesn't really center on their conflict. When you consider the actual plotline of the movie, however, it's easy to see why Franchise Pictures decided to try to sell it as a two-hour showcase of Antonio Banderas and Lucy Liu (who portray Ecks and Sever, respectively) beating the crap out of each other rather than as what it really is.

So what is it, really? Put simply, a classic example of style coming before substance. "Ecks vs. Sever" serves up a smorgasbord of gunplay, martial arts and 50-foot explosions set to a pulsating techno soundtrack. This is all well and good until you try figure exactly what is going on. Herein lies the movie's weakness.

Somewhere underneath all the eye candy is a thin, convoluted plotline that would probably find itself more at home in a TV movie.

The movie opens with the dramatic capture of the son of a government big-wheel by Liu's character. Elsewhere, the big-wheel (Gant, played by Gregg Henry) has a flunky kill himself for allowing this to happen, thereby establishing himself as the villain with all the subtlety and understatement of a brick to the temple.

In yet another locale, haggard former FBI agent Jeremiah Ecks is asked by his former supervisor Julio Martin (Miguel Sandoval) to return to the fold for one last mission in exchange for information about his missing wife. Ecks takes the mission, which sends him in pursuit of the mysterious Sever. From there, things go downhill.

It seems that for every bullet fired, the filmmakers deemed it necessary to throw in yet another stupid plot twist. By the time the movie is over the story is a confusing, forgettable mess that will challenge the ability of even avid action fans to suspend their sense of disbelief.

Despite its remarkable deficiencies in story, "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever" remains a watchable movie thanks in no small part to its cast. Liu isn't given a lot to do as Sever

with the exception of firing off an occasional monotoned one-liner, but she does so capably and it's a blast watching her beat up people. Equally fun is Banderas as the hard-drinking, chain-smoking, perpetually trench-coated Ecks.

Although this undoubtedly is Banderas and Liu's movie, a few supporting cast members also manage to make their mark. Ray Park, who appears here in his first major role without heavy makeup, delivers his lines in a rather sedate fashion. He more than earns his keep, however, with an impressive martial arts sequence that admirably showcases the talents he first displayed as Darth Maul. Henry is regrettably nothing special as the movie's cornball villain, Gant; although I really have to give Henry credit for expanding his repertoire of facial expressions from just a sneer at the beginning of the movie to a sneer, a smirk and a scowl toward the end.

Should you see "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever?" That depends. If you like a good fight scene followed by a cool explosion, then by all means, see it. However, if you like to have a half-way believable reason as to why any of these things are happening, you might be better off passing this movie by.

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Lucy Liu (left) and Antonio Banderas (right) star in "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever."

Special to the Skiff

NATO support for Bush's Iraq solution grows in meeting

Rumsfeld says the two-day NATO meeting yielded positive support for the United States' proposed plan for Iraq.

BY PAUL AMES
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld expressed satisfaction Wednesday with growing behind-the-scenes support within NATO for Washington's tough stand on Iraq, but deep differences remained with some allies on how to deal with Saddam Hussein.

Sparring between Germany and the United States over Iraq prompted NATO Secretary-General George Robertson to warn that hostile forces could profit from divisions among the allies.

"There is a huge premium on alliance unity, especially in these dangerous times," Lord Robertson told reporters after the Iraq crisis overshadowed a meeting of NATO defense ministers. "The enemies of the alliance are watching very closely indeed."

Rumsfeld said the United States did not come to the two-day meeting to lobby for support from the allies for military action. He insisted President Bush has made no decision on

an attack and is still working through the United Nations to find a solution.

But Rumsfeld said a number of nations offered their backing after he and CIA Deputy Director John McLaughlin briefed NATO defense ministers Tuesday on the gravity of the threat.

"I was not there ... soliciting support," Rumsfeld told a news conference. "You ask if it just happened to come in over the transom, without being asked for, and the answer is yes."

Asked to rate his satisfaction with the NATO meeting on a one-to-10 scale, Rumsfeld said it was "very, very high, in the nine-to-10 level."

British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon also presented the ministers with a dossier of evidence against Iraq that was unveiled Tuesday in London by Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Hoon said the British report and the confidential briefing from the Americans had opened the eyes of some allies to the level of menace.

"It's clear there were many elements in the briefing that colleagues were not aware of," Hoon told reporters.

Italy, Spain and Poland, staunch American supporters like the British, seemed to back a firm line. In Rome, Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi compared Hussein to Hitler and urged the United Na-

tions to produce a "strongly worded" resolution on Iraq authorizing the use of force if Baghdad doesn't allow inspectors to return.

Not all are convinced by the U.S. and British drive for a new U.N. resolution threatening war against Iraq. "I still return to my old opinion," said Peter Struck, the German defense minister. "A political solution has priority over a military intervention, and I had the impression that there's growing agreement with our position."

Relations between the United States and Germany have sunk to a postwar low since Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder made Berlin's opposition to any military action in Iraq a main component of his re-election campaign. He was returned to power Sunday by a slim margin.

France too expressed concern about the legality of a pre-emptive attack or the risk of inflaming anti-Western opinion in the Arab world.

It was the discord between Germany and the United States in recent weeks that led several ministers to join Robertson in appealing for NATO unity.

Many European governments are holding back on deciding the level of support they'll give Washington pending the result of U.N. diplomatic efforts to get weapons inspectors back into Iraq.

California wildfires move closer to homes, cause evacuations

The Wildfires near Los Angeles are quickly approaching residential areas. Many communities have evacuated.

BY CHRISTINA ALMEIDA
Associated Press

MOUNT BALDY VILLAGE, Calif. — A wildfire that has destroyed dozens of cabins and forced the closure of 650,000-acres in Angeles National Forest prompted mandatory evacuations as smoke spread across communities northeast of Los Angeles.

The fire had scorched about 22,000 acres of the national forest by Wednesday morning, equal to about 11 square miles. The blaze was only 10 percent contained early Wednesday.

The fire was the larger of two big blazes in California. The other raced over 1,850 acres in a park south of San Jose, destroying 15 structures and threatening 50 homes. It was 25 percent contained early Wednesday.

The blaze northeast of Los Angeles more than doubled in size Tuesday. Some 2,000 firefighters were hampered by rugged terrain and temperatures that soared into the high 90s.

A fine layer of ash fell on cars and yards in several San Gabriel Valley

communities on the eastern edge of Los Angeles, prompting air quality authorities to issue a warning.

Forty cabins and four federal research buildings were destroyed, and residents reported seeing 30-foot flames in some areas. The cost of battling the blaze has reached \$1.5 million.

The cause of the wildfire was under investigation, although officials ruled out barbecues or campfires as a possibility.

Despite a mandatory evacuation issued at 8 p.m. Tuesday, about a dozen of the 600 residents in Mount Baldy Village stayed put.

"Why would we be nervous? We

don't see any fire," said Ron Ellington, proprietor of the Mount Baldy Lodge built in 1914.

"The lodge has always been a place where people go in a time of crisis. The lodge has to stay open so people can find out what's going on."

On the northern edge of Claremont, residents of 40 homes in Palmer Canyon were ordered to leave because the fire was fast approaching.

"I can see flame right from my back yard. We got ash in the back yard, on the sidewalk and the pool," said Los

Angeles Dodgers manager Jim Tracy, who lives in Claremont, 40 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

The fire, which began Sunday evening near privately owned Camp Williams and Camp Fellows, had destroyed 40 of 77 cabins and four federal buildings in the San Dimas Canyon area. It burned just three miles southeast of an area scorched earlier this month by a 16,000-acre fire.

California's other major wildfire roared toward 250 threatened homes along the lushly forested Santa Cruz Mountains, destroying at least 15 structures. More than 1,000 firefighters were deployed.

Dozens of residents voluntarily evacuated their homes and officials warned those lingering to pack their cars so they could leave at a moment's notice. Officials believe the blaze was sparked Monday by a fire within a mobile home along the eastern side of the mountains.

The fire's thick smoke has hampered firefighting efforts. Air tankers were grounded for much of Tuesday until the smoke cleared a bit in the afternoon. The smoke was visible from downtown San Jose, 20 miles to the north.

"I can see flame right from my back yard. We got ash in the back yard, on the sidewalk and the pool."

—Jim Tracy

Los Angeles Dodgers Manager

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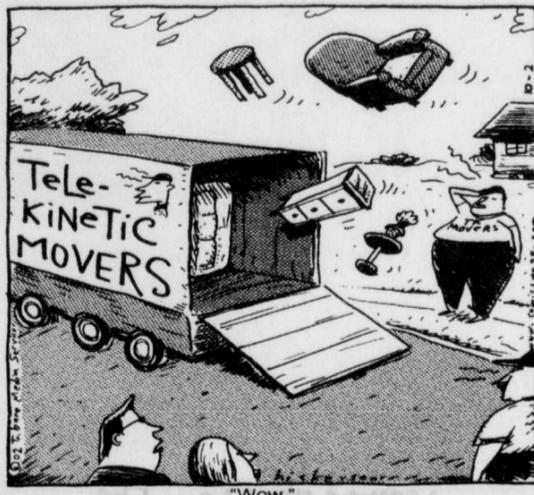
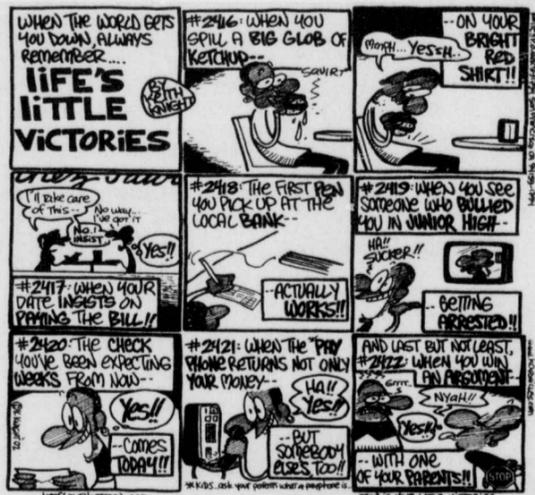


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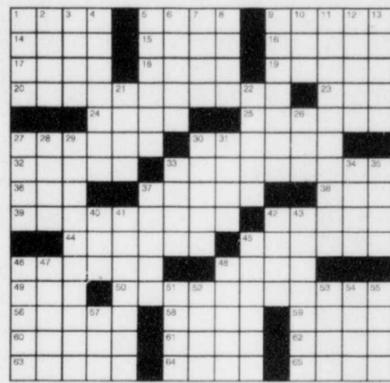
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Today's Crossword

- ACROSS
- Three Little Pigs' nemesis
 - Fellow
 - Molten matter
 - Et ___ (and others)
 - Possess
 - Lots of land
 - Umps' cohorts
 - Reed in the winds
 - Abbey Theatre founder
 - Hit by Ernie K-Doe
 - Two-finger gesture
 - Cosmo or astro follower
 - Most extensive
 - Subduers
 - Actor Lan
 - Highway ramps
 - Try-before-you-buy programs
 - Everyone
 - Macbeth's title
 - Charles or Bradbury
 - Becoming milder with age
 - Bushy row
 - Short section of track
 - Goes by
 - White and Ford
 - Pear choice
 - Excitement
 - Abdominal pain
 - Dialogue
 - Bundle
 - Outline
 - Winwood or Allen
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 - Ore analysis
 - Dryer residue
 - Low marks



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Wednesday's Solutions

- Banana wrap?
- Woodruff
- flavored punch
- Best pitcher
- Cemeteries
- Doles (out)
- Selling feature
- Jug lugs
- Not in the dark
- Morning moisture
- Pair of draft animals
- Shaft between wheels
- Grain grinders of old
- French Open winner of 1989
- Suspend
- Something to bark
- Craze
- Ogles
- Contort
- Lang course
- Homer's epic
- Jumble
- Bard's river
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After being out for a year, defensive end Schobel ready to get back in game



Junior Bo Schobel, (No. 21) is back for the Frogs after a season-ending injury in 2001.

Photographer/Simon Lopez

From a long line of TCU football players, Bo Schobel is determined to overcome his injury and follow in the footsteps of his father and cousins.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

Horned Frog football is a Schobel

family tradition.

Sophomore defensive end Bo Schobel is just one in a line of Schobel men who have donned the purple and white.

Bo's dad Bob played for TCU from 1969-71. Recently, Bo's cousins Aaron and Matt played for the Frogs. Aaron played defensive end from

1997-2000. A three-time All-WAC selection, he was drafted in the second round of the 2001 National Football League Draft by the Buffalo Bills.

Matt came to TCU after transferring from Texas A&M. After his three-year career for the Frogs, the tight end was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in the third round of this year's NFL draft.

Schobel had the opportunity to play with both of his cousins at TCU, and said it was Aaron who set the example for the other two.

"I always tell everybody that they set the bar for me," Schobel said. "With Aaron going first, he set the bar for me and Matt. He's accomplished so much in his career."

Schobel, slated to start as a sophomore last year, was poised to continue the tradition of success. However, he had a setback when a torn anterior cruciate ligament in the opening game against Nebraska sidelined him for the remainder of the season.

But missing the games were not all that disturbed him.

"The main thing was missing a whole year of practice," Schobel said. "You have practice to get better. If you miss a year that's not only a year of conditional and physical strength training, but a year of practices helps you to get better. Coming back, it takes a while to get all of that back."

The slow process of coming back resulted in Schobel being initially tentative when returning to the field. It was noticed by his teammates.

"When we started this season with two-a-days, I could tell he was kind of favoring it," senior defensive tackle John Turntine said.

"People don't understand what it

takes to get back anymore," head coach Gary Patterson said. "With the sizes of the bodies, it's a tough deal."

After the first couple of days, the team helped him to get back to his old form.

"We got together, and talked about it," Turntine said. "We just said that if he's gonna get hurt again, he's gonna get hurt. Until then he was to come out and give 100 percent. Now he's just let his guard down. He's gone out there with trust in God and himself, and busted his butt for us."

Patterson said he is also pleased with Schobel's progress.

"I think he's starting to get over that (his tentativeness)," Patterson said, "and get a lot more confident in what he's doing."

A petition for a medical redshirt gives Schobel the opportunity to regain a year of eligibility.

The possibility of having him for three years means a lot to the team.

"When you look over there and see No. 21, you know you're not just getting a football player," Turntine said. "You're getting a good overall person. You get someone who comes out everyday, and you trust them in all aspects of life. You trust him with your kids, driving your car, in every situation in life."

To Schobel, the three years allows him to achieve more than a successful football career at TCU.

"When it comes to that, I figure you have to look forward to school," Schobel said. "Getting a master's degree and graduating with six years of college, that's getting something done."

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New coach aims for team to be among elite

Borelli brings experience from USC and USTA to a team that has been a consistent competitor in the NCAA regionals.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

Replacing former women's tennis coach Roland Ingram wasn't going to be an easy task.

The only leader the Frogs had known, Ingram stepped down in summer 2002 after serving as coach for 19 years. In that time the team made six NCAA Regional appearances, and won four conference titles, including three in a row from 1999-2001.

However, the Frogs feel they have their man in Dave Borelli, and his resume seems to back up the hire.

In 14 seasons at USC, his teams claimed seven national titles, three runner-up finishes and 10 conference championships. Five of his players captured national collegiate singles titles and had two doubles teams accomplish the same. Boasting an .870 winning percentage, Borelli orchestrated an eight-year span where the Trojans won 88 straight matches at home.

The past four years, Borelli has served as Men's Professional Tour Coach for the United States Tennis Association. Here, he will coach seven-man teams in the rookie program.

Borelli said after his stint with the USTA, he was looking to get back into college coaching.

He said TCU seemed like a terrific fit for him.

"When I interviewed for the position, I didn't really know much about the campus and the city," Borelli said. "When I left that weekend, I was really impressed."

Borelli's goals include taking a

team that has made consistent trips to the NCAA regionals one step further, and making them a consistent Elite 16 squad.

However, he said there are more aspects he focus on than just winning and losing.

"Only 30 percent of it is really related to winning," Borelli said. "I think in terms of my program, winning and losing should never be the issue. There are goals that you focus on. You focus on the immediacy of a goal, and if you stress those issues, the winning is going to come. If you worry too much about winning or losing, I think it bites you in the butt."

The players he hopes to build that foundation with include junior Paty Aburto. She said Borelli is already helping the team with the little things in tennis.

"With (Borelli), I think we are practicing more technique, like how to move our feet in order to hit the ball in front of us," Aburto said.

Senior Rosa Perez said Borelli's background will help the team achieve his goals.

"He's got a lot of experience," Perez said. "We have good (women) and a good program, so for sure he can help us."

Despite all his past endeavors and success, Borelli said coaching at TCU is one of his greatest achievements.

"I'm not in a situation where I want to go anywhere," Borelli said. "I think this is for me. This is my reward for all my years of tennis. I want to stay here and build the program, and by my third recruiting class in four years I believe we'll always be an elite 16 team."

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The Sideline

TCU Rated 19th in All-Star Girls Report Preseason Poll

The All-Star Girls Report's preseason top 25 list was announced Wednesday, with the TCU women's basketball team at No. 19.

The Lady Frogs, who advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive season, finished the 2001-02 campaign ranked 25th in the final ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll.

TCU has games with at least six teams rated in the ASGR preseason top 25. The list includes: No. 2 Tennessee, No. 7 Texas, No. 8 Vanderbilt, No. 9 Purdue (possible opponent), No. 18 Oregon, No. 21 Arkansas and No. 22 Oklahoma.

In 2001-02, TCU won the regular season conference crown in the school's first season in C-USA and

posted a 24-7 overall record.

— Danny Gillham

Frog named C-USA Cross Country Athlete of Week

TCU freshman Alayne Thompson has been named the Conference USA Female Cross Country Athlete of the Week. Thompson won her first collegiate title last weekend as she claimed individual honors at the Sam Houston State Invitational. She is the second TCU cross country runner to earn league athlete of the week honors this season.

Thompson ran the 5K course in a time of 19:06 to lead the Frogs to a second-place in the seven-team event. Thompson, who placed third in the North Texas season opener, was one of three Frogs to finish in the top-five at the Sam Houston Invitational.

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