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A banner by eQ Alliance had been posted inside the Student Center since the beginning of National Coming Out Week. A larger banner outside the Student Center was missing Wednesday. The sign above replaced it.

Despite missing sign, eQ moves forward

TCU police were investigating the possible theft of an eQ Alliance banner Wednesday. Some members said they were upset but would not let the missing sign distract from National Coming Out Week activities.

BY JOI HARRIS
Staff Reporter

A few strings were all that remained early Wednesday morning of the 3-by-10 foot banner that announced National Coming Out Week.

Even though some members of eQ Alliance say they are upset, they will continue celebrating the week.

Lorna Runge, eQ Alliance faculty adviser, said she was notified around 8:30 a.m. Wednesday by Sebastian Moleski, eQ Alliance president, that the banner hanging outside of the Student Center was missing. Although members of the group are concerned, Runge said, they will not let interest groups take control over their week.

"They can take (the banner) down

every day of the week if they want," she said. "We'll just keep putting it right back up."

Mike Russel, associate dean of Campus Life, said Campus Life had no leads Wednesday, but it will be working with residence hall staff members to search for the banner. Staff members are being asked to look around for any sign of it, he said.

According to the 2002-2003 Student Handbook, theft, attempted theft, unauthorized use or possession of university property

or services or unauthorized use of other's property is prohibited conduct. Punishments for such acts range from probation to expulsion, said Russel.

"In this case, punishment will depend on whether the theft was a prank or motivated by bias," Russel said. "If it was a biased act, the punishment will be stiffer."

The theft undermines the purpose of National Coming Out Week,

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Student leaders explore problems

Fifty-five students from North, Central and South America are exchanging ideas and information to reach an understanding of the problems facing the Western Hemisphere.

BY SARAH MCNAMARA
Staff Reporter

Political instability in Venezuela prompted advisors to reconsider the destination of the third annual American Airlines Leadership for the Americas Program which began Sunday and will end Friday.

Tracy Williams, education abroad coordinator, said a decision was made six months ago to move the conference back to Fort Worth, where last year's conference was held.

"It was the only place they could pull together the conference in such a short time," Williams said.

The international alliance, fully funded by American Airlines, brings together 11 universities from 11 countries in North, Central and South America to discuss problems and solutions facing the Western Hemisphere, Williams said.

"The goal all along was to bring together student leaders to explore problems that are common and look for solutions in their own countries as they become professional leaders," Williams said.

Since the conference normally rotates among participating countries and adopts the dominant language, most of the initial planning centered around the participants conducting the conference in Spanish, Venezuela's primary lan-

guage, said Rebecka Guzman, coordinator of the Leadership for the Americas Program.

While a majority of the program discussions will be in Spanish, several sessions will have English components, including a panel set to discuss the world one year after Sept. 11, Guzman said.

"Students wanted a forum to respond to the U.S. position on war and to discuss why we do things the way we do," Guzman said.

Participating students, called Leadership Fellows, chose this year's theme, From Poverty Toward Development in the Americas and have been discussing four sub-topics concerning common problems within each nation: human rights, health, education and work and minorities.

Williams said five students are selected from each country and assigned to research one of the four sub-topics in preparation for the conference.

Throughout the week each country has been addressing their perspective on every topic and participants have the opportunity to interact with each other and an expert on the given topic.

"The students are a unique and wonderful group that came prepared and ready to work," Guzman said. "We've seen 11 really prepared presentations given by each country and as a coordinator, that's what makes the week what it is."

The sessions have been held at the Dee J. Kelley Alumni & Visitors Center.

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Dr. Alcione Vasconcelos, Parana, Brazil's Secretary of Education, discussed leadership techniques and addressed human rights issues Tuesday at the American Airlines Leadership Conference, which is going on all week.

Students find voicemail announcements irritating

Mass voicemail, primarily about upcoming football games, have become a nuisance, some students say.

BY SARAH CHACKO
Skiff Staff

Some students say they are annoyed by the bulletin board feature on the campus voicemail system that broadcasts announcements, including reminders for football games.

But while some students are bothered by the messages, no official complaints have been reported to Business Services, the department that overrides out-going mass voicemails.

The system has been in place since 1996, when e-mail wasn't so prevalent, Business Services Director Travis Cook said. The board is available to Residential Services, the athletics department and the administration and is broadcast to all students living in residence halls.

The athletics department used the feature last year to announce each home game and has been the only regular user of the feature, Cook said.

"The bulletin board is used to quickly notify students of whatever the case may be," Cook said.

Tim George, marketing director for the athletics department, said the feature is now used as part of their marketing strategy.

"Many students had told us they didn't even know when the games were being played," George said.

The bulletin board is intended to raise student awareness of home football games, he said.

Senior political science major Tahira Hussain said she was annoyed because the messages seem like an advertisement.

"It was like having to listen to a telemarketer or a commercial," Hussain said.

Hussain said the messages were similar to phone calls she receives from credit card companies and the "Bulletin Broadcast Review" sounded more like an enthusiastic commercial.

"The messages were not harassing," Hussain said. "I'm just not interested in hearing about football."

A few students said they had trouble deleting or skipping over the messages, which they said

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Bush gains Democratic support for Iraq war resolution

President Bush's new Democratic support may bolster a victory in authorizing military action while a U.N. resolution is still being worked out.

BY TOM RAUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush gained important new Democratic support for his war resolution Wednesday, bolstering his expected margin of victory in Congress for broad authority to use force against Iraq. But the administration was having less success on the international front.

A 25-minute phone call between Bush and French President Jacques Chirac failed to produce a breakthrough over wording of a new U.N. Security Council resolution to disarm Saddam Hussein. "This is intri-

cate diplomacy and we are continuing our consultations," said White House spokesman Sean McCormack. He cited a "mutual desire" to find common ground.

Both the Republican-led House and the Democratic-ruled Senate forged ahead with debate on a resolution giving Bush authority to use U.S. force against Iraq — with or without U.N. participation.

The White House cited a new CIA assessment — suggesting Saddam might launch terrorist attacks if he concluded a U.S. military attack was inevitable — as further justification for strengthening the president's hand. Opponents used the same document to argue against a U.S. first strike.

But more Democrats closed ranks with the president, and leaders of both parties were predicting passage by wide margins by week's end.

Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, announced he would vote with the president, while cautioning Bush to use the power with discretion. "As president of the United States, you are the leader of the free world, not its ruler," Reid said.

Sen. Joan Kerry, D-Mass., a decorated Vietnam war veteran who had been in the go-slow camp, said he too would support the resolution. "I believe that a deadly arsenal of weapons of mass destruction in (Saddam's) hands is a real and grave threat to our security and that of our allies in the Persian Gulf region," said Kerry.

In what may have been a sign of votes to come, the Senate turned back, 88-10, an amendment by Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., to expand Bush's authority for pre-emptive military action to include five terror organizations.

Graham, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said focusing solely on Iraq could distract from the war on terrorism and "increase the risk at home." But administration allies said it would complicate matters.

All 10 votes for Graham's proposal came from Democrats, while 39 Democrats joined Republicans in voting to block it.

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told reporters the war resolution has support from possibly all of the Senate's 49 Republicans and was gaining substantial Democratic backing. A Senate vote Thursday morning to stifle delaying tactics "will pass overwhelmingly," Lott predicted.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said despite continuing divisions among Democrats, "my determination is to finish de-

bate before the end of this week." Daschle has not said whether he will vote for the resolution.

Senate Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., a foe, pressed his effort to block or delay the final vote. "This is a question that involves peace and war, a question that involves great sacrifice to this country," Byrd said. Still, he all but conceded defeat.

Despite Bush's call for a quick U.N. resolution, the five veto-wielding members of the Security Council remained divided on whether to authorize military action if Iraq does not comply with U.N. weapons inspectors.

The United States and Britain have demanded a green light to attack Iraq in case it blocks inspectors again. France, Russia and China insist Saddam should first be given a chance to cooperate.

The Weather

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

High: 83; Low: 58; Mostly sunny

Looking Back

1845 — The United States Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Md., with 50 midshipmen students and seven professors.

1936 — Harnessing the power of the mighty Colorado River, Hoover Dam began sending electricity over transmission lines spanning 266 miles of mountains and deserts to run the lights, radios and stoves of Los Angeles.

1940 — John Lennon was born in Liverpool, England. As part of the Beatles and as a solo artist, Lennon became one of the most influential musicians in rock history.

Watch For

Check out Tuesday's edition of the Skiff for a breakdown of the TCU-Army game. We'll have grades, top frog and we'll analyze the Frogs' and Black Knights' conference showdown.

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

• **eQ Alliance** will present the "Broken Hearts Club" at 8 p.m. today in the Moody Building North, Room 141. Admission is free.

• A **special recital** showcasing student composers and performers will be at 7 p.m. Sunday in the PepsiCo Recital Hall.

• A **free GSP preparation workshop** will be at 3 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Student Center Basement, Room B16.

• The **deadline for the annual Creative Writing Contests** will be Nov. 15. Nearly \$3,000 will be awarded to students for essays, fiction and poetry. Rules and entry forms are available from the English department in Reed Hall, Room 314 or from the Writing Center, Student Center Basement, Room 11A.

• The **deadline for applications for the Truman Scholarship** is Dec. 2. The scholarship provides up to \$30,000 to help fund graduate study for those seeking to enter public service. Applications are available at (www.truman.gov). Applications and questions should be directed to Ralph Carter in the political science department, Sadler Hall, Room 205.

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'Love Gathers Us In'

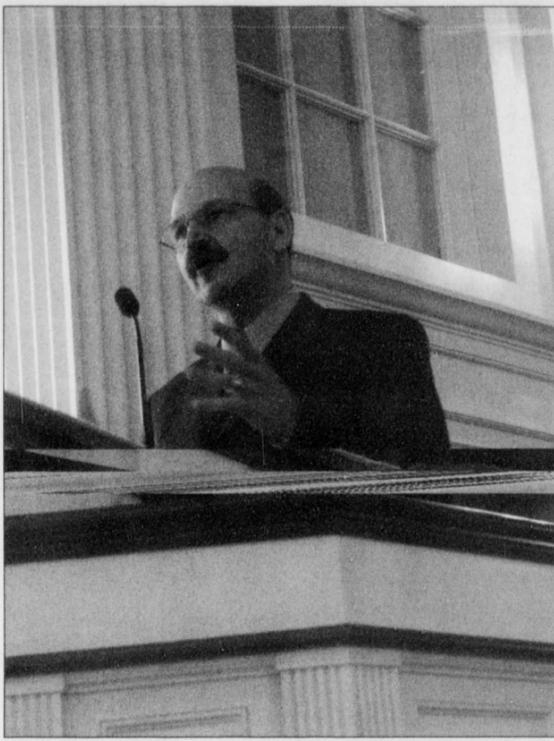


Photo editor/Sarah McClellan
The Rev. Ken Ehrke, pastor of Agape Metropolitan Community Church, preaches his sermon "Love Gathers Us In," Wednesday at the Robert Carr Chapel as a guest for the eQ Alliance National Coming Out Week.

BANNER

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which is supposed to provide a secure environment for homosexuals to "come out," said Moleski, a freshman political science and economics major.

"Although most (eQ members) are secure about what we do, there are others who can't be as expressive," Moleski said.

The banner was replaced with a larger butcher-block paper sign and posted in the Student Center Lobby Wednesday afternoon. Moleski said the new banner was

the best the group could do in such a short time.

"We never thought that anything like this would happen," Moleski said. "So we hardly had any way to make a new banner."

This is not the first time the TCU gay community has dealt with possible prejudice. During Holocaust Remembrance week in April 2001, 75 pink flags, which represented about 450,000 homosexuals persecuted during the Holocaust, were stolen from the Sadler Hall lawn.

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VOICEMAIL

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only made them more annoyed. That is just the way the system was manufactured and it cannot be modified, Cook said. Students can skip the bulletins by pressing the pound key twice or delete them by pushing the seven key.

Despite all their grievances, students are entitled to their own opinions and, Cook said, his department will certainly listen to them.

And there are some students that aren't as opposed to the voicemail system.

Junior sociology major Shae Moore said it is a good way to keep students informed and get them to the games, though the messages should be kept to a minimum.

Moore said it raises school spirit because it helps students get excited about the games and may raise student involvement.

Courtney Arbour, a sophomore marketing major, said students would be more accepting of messages if they had a greater impact on students' lives as opposed to simple reminders of school activities.

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Perry, Sanchez attack records, clash over issues in first debate

Both gubernatorial candidates assailed each other on faults, ranging from a failed savings and loan to inaction over insurance.

BY CONNIE MABIN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Gubernatorial candidates Rick Perry and Tony Sanchez, in their first debate of the campaign, attacked each other's records Wednesday and clashed over ways to solve insurance problems, a looming state budget deficit and school funding.

Sanchez accused Perry of being beholden to corporate interests and of being slow to react to the insurance troubles.

Perry repeatedly assailed Sanchez for his failed savings and loan in his home town of Laredo, his lack of experience in govern-

ment and for not voting.

"He's been bragging for the last year about all of his experience," Sanchez said. "If he has so much experience and has spent so much time as governor and knows so much about it, how come we have so many problems in Texas?"

"I know what strong leadership is about," Perry said defending his 17-year government tenure, including the last two years as governor.

The two have spent a record \$72 million so far on the governor's race, much of it fought via slick campaign commercials.

The candidates defended their campaign expenditures during the hour-long debate sponsored by the *Houston Chronicle* and Houston television station KHOU and broadcast statewide, saying the governor's office is an

important one.

The two stood on stage at side-by-side podiums in a theater at Houston's Rice University with an audience in front of them.

Sanchez blamed Perry for the rising insurance rates and company withdrawals from the Texas market that have left hundreds of thousands of people looking for new policies.

"He should have called a special session a long time ago," Sanchez said. "He knew this problem was there."

Perry fired back that as governor, he has called on the Texas Department of Insurance and lawmakers to investigate insurance companies. He cited a state lawsuit against Farmers Insurance Group, which announced two weeks ago it was leaving the Texas market.

Senate candidates Kirk, Cornyn argue over Bush's scheduled 2003 tax cuts

While their tax plans differ, both Kirk and Cornyn say their plans will help the struggling economy.

Associated Press

DALLAS — Democrat Ron Kirk reawakened a slumbering debate over taxes in the U.S. Senate race, saying Wednesday that President Bush's tax cuts scheduled for 2003 should be delayed until the economy improves.

The comments provoked an impassioned response from Republican rival John Cornyn, who criticized Kirk for favoring a "tax increase" in hard financial times and accused him of contradicting a TV campaign ad in which Kirk says he backs Bush's efforts to lower taxes.

Tax cuts slated for 2003 are relatively minor compared with last year's. The most significant would cut the estate tax rate from 50 percent to 49 percent for wealthy Americans whose estates are worth more than \$1 million.

"We've gone from a \$5.5 trillion surplus to now a \$300 billion deficit," Kirk said Wednesday after speaking at a senior living center in Houston. "For at least the near-term future the more responsible thing is to make sure we get the budget balanced, we gain control on the spending and we hold off on those tax cuts until we have the money to pay for it."

Kirk, the former Dallas mayor, has come under fire from critics who say he has shifted his position on Bush's 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax

cut. Kirk initially indicated he opposed making the cuts permanent, but later said he would support it in a sound economy.

In his latest comments, first made Tuesday to the *Austin American-Statesman* editorial board, Kirk made clear he's not calling for repealing the cuts, as are some Washington Democrats. But he said portions must be delayed until the government can afford the projected loss in revenue.

"I disagree with some of my Democratic friends that say we ought to roll them back," Kirk told the *Associated Press*. "But I couldn't disagree more with my opponent that we ought to go into deficit spending and go on a \$700 billion borrowing spree to pay for tax cuts we don't have the money for. Let's get the economy balanced and pay for those cuts as we have the money to pay for them."

Cornyn said Kirk's proposed strategy is contrary to the president's long-standing position that the 2001 tax cut plan should not only be implemented in full, but be made permanent.

"He is advocating a tax increase during an economic slowdown," Cornyn said. "Every economic theory textbook I've ever heard of says that in slow economic times we need to reduce taxes."

Cornyn said the tax cut will help

heal the economy in the long run by putting more money in consumers' pockets, which leads to more consumer spending, which leads to more Americans on the tax rolls, which leads to more income tax revenue.

"While we're going to have a deficit for the next few years," Cornyn said in a news conference in Austin, "We will grow our way out of the deficit as the economy turns around."

But asked if the country has ever grown out of a deficit, Cornyn could not name a time.

Asked whether most Americans would prefer to pay slightly higher taxes if they knew it was going to pay off the deficit, Cornyn said no.

"I believe that most Texans would like to keep more of the money they earn because they know the federal government has an insatiable appetite for tax dollars and there is never ever enough."

The tax cuts scheduled for 2003 are small compared to last year's batch that included benefits to low- to middle-income Americans, Wyss said, so Kirk's proposal would have less of an impact.

Rather than postponing, Wyss said, a smarter proposal would be to accelerate the hefty 2004 tax cuts, and get rid of some of the later ones, while cutting spending.

"While we're going to have a deficit for the next few years, we will grow our way out of the deficit as the economy turns around."

— John Cornyn
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OPINION

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The Skiff View CLASS

Community should respect differences

The homosexual community at TCU has seen its fair share of opposition, but this week another show of disrespect was exhibited.

On Wednesday morning a banner hanging above the front doors of the Student Center announcing National Coming Out Week was removed from the building. While insignificant to many, the pure act of removing the banner affects everyone at this university.

It all comes down to a simple thing called respect. By removing the banner, the message conveyed was purely political: Homosexuality is not welcome here.

That's unfortunate.

In years past, members of eQ Alliance and TCU Allies have had to deal with interruptions during National Coming Out Week with students banging on windows of the Student Center, yelling lewd comments and giving rude looks. For a population that has struggled to gain acceptance, the banner's removal only adds to the list of insults.

No student should be subjected to such prejudice. Everyone who organizes any kind of educational activity has the right to present their platform without interruption. If you disagree with the things presented, speak your mind but don't take from someone else's platform.

The patterns of intolerance against the organization and the homosexual community are inexcusable. Not only that, they are cowardly.

If you really believe homosexuality is wrong, then there should be no harm in letting eQ Alliance and TCU Allies present their case.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

On Monday, President Bush addressed the nation to educate the public about the threats Iraq presents and the status of potential U.S. involvement in the Mideast. However, rather than divulging new information, announcing new policy or even calling on the American people for support, Bush reiterated the tired arguments for "regime change" in Iraq: the stockpile of biological and chemical weapons, the likelihood Saddam is developing nuclear weapons and the threat the regime poses to the world.

Reading between the lines of the Bush speech, several things became apparent. First, the calculus for saving the Iraqi people from their leader. To rally the troops, Bush pointed to the attacks on the United States last fall and the roughly 3,000 American dead. To build his case against Iraq, he cited 20,000 people gassed to death with Saddam's chemical weapons. For 20,000 Iraqi deaths to be used as evidence to avenge 3,000 American dead creates a dangerous equation with American lives at a premium in a situation with regional threats.

That Bush tried to build his logic on friendship with the Iraqi people was unsubstantiated. While he blamed Saddam for not feeding his own people, he spoke of how much improved Iraqi society would be outside the shackles of the current regime. A vested interest in the health and well-being of the Iraqi people has not been a priority in the Bush administration, and the president's calls for friendship and

breaking rank with their leader must ring hollow in a land of starving people.

Throughout the speech, Bush attempted to isolate Iraq in the world order, describing Iraq's uniquely dangerous capabilities. Bush conveniently forgot to mention the other two members of the "axis of evil," didn't bring up Russia's capabilities and its bloody incursions in Chechnya, the secrecy of the nuclear-capable North Koreans and failed to broach the Pakistani loose cannon of a leader, Pervez Musharraf. He did not address the precedent the United States would set by striking preemptively, saying instead that failing to take action would create a precedent of global blackmail.

Rather than a cohesive plan forward for addressing a global threat, the president used the public forum for appealing to Congress for support on a resolution granting him more power. Invoking Kennedy in the dark days of the Cuban missile crisis and hearkening to Clintonian calls for regime change, Bush coated old hat with a veneer of bipartisanship. If he is looking for the public to buy into the exigency of the Iraq question and the ensuing American sacrifice, more than recycled news and stabs at cooperation is necessary.

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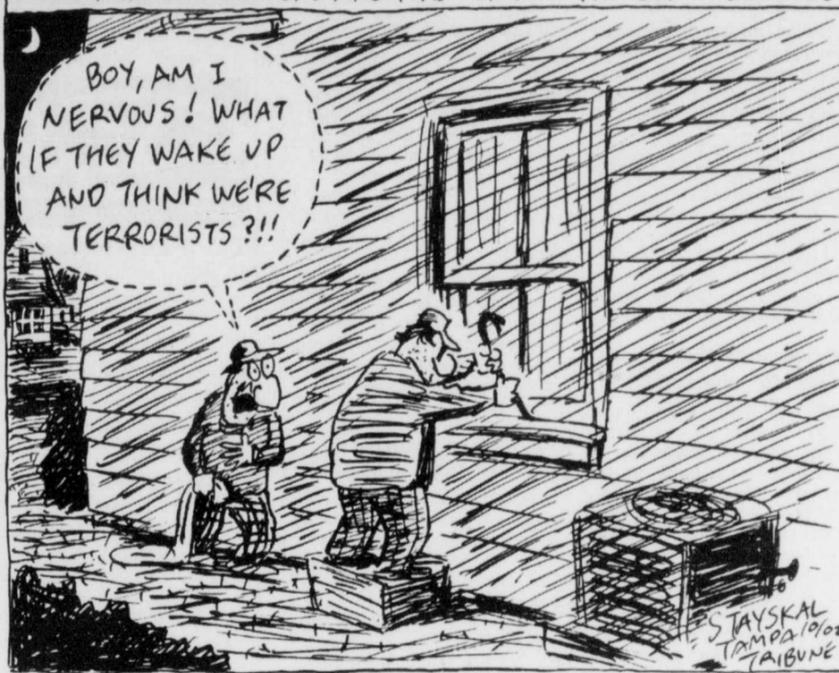
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NEWS ITEM: GUN OWNERS ARE FIRST LINE OF HOMELAND DEFENSE



More focus needs to be placed on news from home

It seems terrorism-related news are given more importance than national news nowadays.

I'm confused. Tuesday (www.cnn.com), the main page had two articles, side by side, one regarding Kuwait and the murder of a U.S. Marine, the other concerning the sniper that has been wreaking havoc in Maryland and Washington.

COMMENTARY



Emilee Baker

The problem is that Kuwait, its government specifically, has apparently deemed the murder of the marine a "terrorist act." Two Kuwaiti nationals opened fire on U.S. Marines during a training session and managed to kill a serviceman before they could return fire. This is a tragedy, but my main concern lies with the sniper.

The sniper, as of this point in time, has managed to kill six people and wound two others, the most recent victim being a 13-year-old boy making his way into his school.

The sniper's identity remains a mystery to the general public. All that is known is that the sniper only needs one shot, and is using either a hunting or military gun. The victims are currently believed

to be shot at random.

My problem is this: On the main Web page, the articles are massively different in appearance. The report on Kuwait's terrorist act comes with a blown up map of Kuwait, and takes up approximately one-fourth of the page. The article concerning how Washington has been reacting to the sniper, and the schools' actions, is directly under an advertisement for "Connie Chung Tonight."

Why is a devastating crime committed on our own soil not given more importance? I, personally, am more interested in what the people in Washington are doing to protect themselves and to discover the sniper's identity. Kuwait's government claims terrorism is important, yes, but this does not quite concern me as much.

The U.S. Marines that were attacked are on the Failaka Island, where CNN notes that civilians are not allowed to trespass. Only our servicemen and civilians working there with permission are on the island. The working civilians are of many different nationalities. The report said it is unknown whether the

nationalists were a part of that group.

I may be very wrong in saying this, but the two Kuwaiti nationalists who killed our serviceman are dead. This sniper is not. The Marines were immediately removed from the island, and the civilians there were detained as witnesses. In Maryland and Washington, while they are adding security in schools, there is little that is being done. Everyone is trying to maintain a sense of "normalcy."

This is happening in our own home. Why is it not treated as equally, if not more importantly, than a predictable response from Kuwait's government?

This terrorism and "war" concept has once again displaced the focus away from our nation's own misfortunes and faults toward the actions and faults of other countries. We do

not need to dismiss the tragedies and responses within our own country.

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Your View

Letters to the Editor

Column attacked gays using skewed statistics

After reading Ms. Abraham's editorial I see how far lesbian, bisexual and gay students must go to gain acceptance at TCU. Coming Out Week serves to give lesbian, bi and gay people a chance to speak about themselves, which they have been denied. While Ms. Abraham says they are trying to stifle debate, articles like this, with false statistics and reinforced stereotypes, and actions like the stealing of the eQ Alliance banner that occurred Wednesday today, are the very things meant to silence.

Ms. Abraham cites sights statistics from groups like the Family Research Council (FRC) who are dedicated to destroying lesbian, bisexual and gay people and are beyond biased. She speaks of the promiscuity of gay people without mentioning that of heterosexuals, and speaks of AIDS without mentioning that the vast majority of people with AIDS are straight. However, she is not completely incorrect. It is true that lesbian, bisexual and gay people suffer from mental health problems, but have you ever wondered why, Ms. Abraham? If you were gay, and you had to read in the newspaper about how horrible you were,

wouldn't you have self-esteem problems?

What is sad is that people who point to the mental health problems among lesbian, bisexual and gay people have no desire to resolve them. Instead, they blame lesbian, bisexual and gay people for the world's problems, wait until they slip into depression resulting in self-destruction and then celebrate it as justification for their prejudice. The column was not all bad, since you said that lesbian, bisexual and gay people shouldn't "be rounded up, given 40 lashes, and set on fire." That makes you more compassionate than most.

— Chris Stillwell
Brite Divinity School

Campus tolerant of eQ Alliance, shows no prejudice

I would like to applaud the efforts of TCU faculty, staff and students in their continued support of the "glbt" (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) community on campus. As we educate ourselves, we begin to understand that difference does not mean deviant, and that tradition does not equate to acceptable.

What has been acceptable in the form of homophobia is no longer tolerated at TCU. Classes like Linda Moore's "Issues in Diver-

sity" and Tonia Florence-Walker's "Diversity in Education" deal directly with many ideologies and practices that have historically been accepted in America and around the world.

Today, in a global environment, it warms my heart to see students reach out to others in an effort to support them as humans rather than as a labels — black, white, straight, gay, fundamentalist, etc.

The "Rainbow Flag" being flown with other flags at TCU was never an issue, simply a brain-storming idea. eQ Alliance operates like any other student organization and adheres to TCU policies. The decision to not ask the university to fly an additional flag was not based on what others might think or feel; rather, it was discarded based on what is an appropriate request in accordance with TCU policy.

The mission, vision, and core values of TCU directly support all efforts to educate individuals or groups about inclusiveness, diversity and a global perspective. Personally, I do not find it a "sad but true" statement about a potential "uproar" regarding a flag. The sad news is that the editors of the Skiff are out of touch with the progress of their audience.

— Lorna K. Runge
eQ Alliance advisor

Civil rights have little to do with morality

There is a difference between debating whether the gay lifestyle is moral and whether homosexuals should be treated differently.

Debates over gay rights often gravitate toward issues of morality. As valid as that discussion may be, it misses the point of debate about civil rights.

Supporting civil rights for gays is not endorsing what some label "the radical homosexual agenda."

I don't agree with the gay lifestyle. And the Skiff's co-managing editor, Priya Abraham, apparently doesn't either based upon her Wednesday column.

In a rebuttal to the Oct. 2 Skiff editorial, Abraham argued that flying the rainbow flag on the poles in Sadler lawn would have been wrong, regardless of university policy.

The campus gay rights organization, eQ Alliance, considered asking the Student Government Association for its support to fly its flag, but decided not to request that the flag be flown because students would find it offensive.

"eQ did make the right decision — but not because flying the gay rights flag would have thwarted its goal. Rather, it's an issue of moral fairness," Abraham argues.

It certainly is an issue of fairness, but not the way Abraham sees it. The Skiff editorial board vigorously debated what stand it should take on the flag issue. Lacking a clear consensus, I exercised my duties as editor in chief to break the logjam.

I decided the newspaper's stance before eQ changed its mind, but even then my argument didn't change substantially.

If other organizations are allowed to fly their flag on the three poles in front of Sadler, then a request by eQ shouldn't be denied simply because it is a gay rights organization.

On the other hand, if other organizations can't fly their flags, there should be no exception made for eQ just because it's a gay rights organization.

It turned out that university policy only allows the U.S., Texas and TCU flags to fly on the poles. I was prepared to write an editorial opposing eQ's request, but I didn't have to.

Is homosexuality morally wrong? Perhaps, I don't even pretend to know because I am not God.

Is homosexuality destructive? Perhaps, Abraham did cite evidence that there could be a correlation between homosexuality and promiscuousness, domestic violence and suicide. Other studies call those correlations into question.

But is homosexuality cause for denying basic civil rights? No.

Abraham asks whether homosexuals "have specific legal rights based on the fact that they are gay?"

My question is do heterosexuals have specific legal rights based on the fact that they are straight?

... An answer to both questions is that gays and straights alike should have the same basic rights guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution.

Consider free speech. People certainly do say factually wrong things the rest of us would prefer not to hear, but they have a constitutional right to say what they want.

People must be granted the right to be wrong.

Americans, and in this case university students, have the right to live the lifestyle of their choice. If one is denied basic rights simply because of his or her sexual orientation, that ability to choose is impeded.

Abraham was right on one point: flying the flag would have given "undue ascendancy" to the gay rights argument.

That, I imagine, is why the university does not allow any organization to fly a flag on those poles.

It is a wise policy.

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National/International Roundup

Catholic groups continue anti-war lobbying at capitol

WASHINGTON (AP) — Religious leaders began another phase of an anti-war lobbying effort on Capitol Hill Wednesday, urging Congress to explore peaceful alternatives in its dealings with Iraq.

While Congress prepares to vote on a resolution giving the president broad authority to use military force to dismantle Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, roughly 100 nuns, lay people and other Catholics from across the country dropped off packets and held meetings with congressional staff, outlining their anti-war stance.

While Wednesday's events were sponsored by various Catholic groups, including the lobbying group, NETWORK, Leadership Conference of Women Religious and Pax Christi, the National Council of Churches — made up of 36-member denominations — also planned events for this week.

The groups oppose resolutions to authorize the use of U.S. armed forces against Iraq. Instead, they're urging the United States to cooperate with the U.N. Security Council in returning weapons inspectors to Iraq.

Withdrawn support puts Pitt in Democratic hot seat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt is under fire again from Democratic lawmakers, accusing him this time of bending to pressure from the accounting industry and withdrawing support from a candidate to head a new oversight board.

Pitt, who previously represented Wall Street's big players and all Big Five auditing firms as a private securities lawyer, is back in the hot seat in a year of corporate accounting scandals that started with the collapse of Enron Corp.

He was criticized last spring for meeting privately with the heads of companies under investigation by the SEC, and the watchdog group Common Cause demanded his resignation.

Pitt is disputing recent newspaper reports that SEC officials had offered and then withdrawn support for the candidate to head the new board, who is an advocate of tough accounting oversight.

President Bush, who appointed Pitt in spring 2001 to head the market watchdog agency, has stood by him.

Worries about water supply raised after pipe bursts

LOGAN, W.Va. (AP) — About 100,000 gallons of coal slurry gushed into two streams after a waste pipe burst at a coal preparation plant, killing fish and raising concerns about the water supply.

State regulators ordered Bandmill Coal Co., a subsidiary of Massey Energy Co., to shut down the plant until the spill is cleaned up.

After Tuesday's spill, dead minnows were reported in the Guyandotte River and Rum Creek, and investigators were trying to gauge the extent of environmental damage.

"It's too messy right now to tell how bad a fish kill is in that area," said Division of Natural Resources spokesman Hoy Murphy.

Officials at municipal water treatment plants downstream of the preparation plant kept a wary eye on the slow-moving 6-mile-long spill.

Logan's water treatment plant remained open Wednesday, but officials were continuing to monitor water quality.

Robert Blake denied bail in wife's murder case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Robert Blake, charged with murder in the shooting death of his wife, was denied bail Wednesday and

will remain behind bars where he has been since April.

"There is proof of his guilt and the presumption is great, for bail purposes only," Superior Court Judge Lloyd Nash said. "That does not mean I believe he committed this offense, or that I think he's guilty."

Nash said he would reconsider the bail request after a preliminary hearing Dec. 11 at which witnesses will testify.

Blake, 69, is accused of killing Bonny Bakley, 44, on May 4, 2001, outside a San Fernando Valley restaurant. He also faces charges of conspiracy, solicitation to murder and the special circumstance of lying in wait.

Mobster found hanging in prison cell, taken to hospital

ATLANTA (AP) — A reputed mobster who refused to testify in a strip club racketeering case that became a celebrity spectacle was found hanging in his prison cell and taken to a hospital, his lawyer said.

It was unclear if Craig DePalma, 35, tried to hang himself or if foul play was involved, attorney Jack Martin said.

Penitentiary spokeswoman Mary Mitchell refused to confirm DePalma had been injured, citing prison privacy guidelines. Hospital officials said Wednesday they could not release information about federal inmates.

DePalma was scheduled to go on trial this month on criminal contempt charges for refusing to testify against reputed Gambino crime family captain Michael DiLeonardo, who was acquitted in the Gold Club case but has since been charged with racketeering.

The case against the nude dance club ended in January when a federal judge sentenced former owner Steve Kaplan to 16 months in prison.

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Unknown sniper kills six, wounds one

A mysterious sniper seems responsible for several otherwise apparently random crimes, officials say.

Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Md. — A tarot card with the words, "Dear policeman, I am God" was found near a bullet casing outside the school where a 13-year-old boy was critically wounded, a person familiar with the investigation said Wednesday.

The shell casing was .223-caliber, the same caliber investigators believe was used to kill six people in the Washington area and wound another, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent Michael Bouchard said Wednesday.

He would not discuss whether authorities had linked the casing to the shooting Monday at the school or to the other apparently random attacks.

Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose, who has been leading the investigation, wouldn't comment when asked about the

tarot card Wednesday but he said he was angry that unapproved information was being leaked.

"I need to make sure I don't do anything to hinder our ability to bring this person or these people into custody," Moose said.

The taunting message left on a tarot card known as the Death card, first reported Tuesday night on WUSA-TV and then by *The Washington Post*, was confirmed by a source Wednesday to *The Associated Press*.

Police sources told the newspaper that the tarot card was found next to the spent shell casing in a wooded area about 150 yards from the school entrance in an area of matted grass, suggesting the gunman had lain in wait.

The motive for the seemingly random crimes still eluded police Wednesday, one week after the first of six slayings. Nearly 200 investigators were working their way through 1,600 leads culled from 8,000 tips.

"We need just a shred of evidence," Prince George's County Police Chief Gerald Wilson said.

Wednesday morning, police responding to a 911 call spent several hours searching woods behind another school in Prince George's County after a witness reported seeing a man with a long black bag. They called off the search after finding nothing in the woods, about 20 miles from where the boy was shot.

"We feel confident that nobody is in there," Prince George's County Police Cpl. Diane Richardson said. A woman who was questioned in the area was expected to be released, Richardson said.

A Prince George's County school spokeswoman said students were being kept inside as county

schools remained locked down.

Police believe the sniper has shot eight people. One death occurred on a Washington street, the others came within five miles of each other in Montgomery County, and a woman was wounded in Virginia.

Investigators say the sniper apparently picked victims at random and fired from a distance with a high-powered hunting or military-style rifle. All the victims were felled by a single bullet.

Even as they discarded one lead — a man was released after police questioned him about at least one rifle in his home — investigators wondered whether the sniper might have struck weeks earlier, on Sept. 14, when a liquor store employee in Montgomery County was wounded by an unknown assailant.

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— Charles Moose
Montgomery County Police Chief

Accuracy of drug-detecting coasters questioned

Researchers said coasters touted with the ability to detect whether or not an alcoholic beverage is spiked with a date-rape drug are inaccurate and hardly effective.

BY MARGIE MASON

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Colleges around the country are buying millions of coasters that test for "date-rape" drugs in drinks. But some experts say the coasters are ineffective and could lead to more assaults by creating a false sense of security.

The manufacturers — who also make fake snow and party foam — say the 40-cent paper coasters are 95 percent accurate. The coasters have test spots that are supposed to turn dark blue in about 30 seconds if a splash of alcohol contains drugs of-

ten used to incapacitate victims.

In tests at the Michigan State Police Crime Lab, however, the coasters failed to react clearly to drinks spiked with gamma hydroxybutyrate, a major date-rape drug known as GHB, said forensic scientist Anne Gierlowski.

"We tested red wine, cola, whiskey and orange juice and because three out of the four have color already, it was very hard to decipher a color change," she said.

Plantation, a Fla.-based Drink Safe Technologies Inc., has sold about 50 million of the coasters since March, mostly to colleges and convenience stores, said president Francisco Guerra.

"I've had 100 people say this saved them from getting raped," said Guerra, a former magician. "Before (them), there was no way to detect it. It's nice to be able to do something about it."

A federal task force recently estimated that college drinking leads to an estimated 70,000 sexual assaults or rapes annually.

But in response to questions from the Associated Press, co-inventor Brian Glover, a New York dentist who dabbles in chemistry, acknowledged that the coasters can identify just two of the many date-rape drugs — GHB and ketamine.

"I'm horrified to think people are actually buying it and passing it out. I think it will do more damage than it will ever do good."

— Trinka Porrata
Retired Los Angeles detective

There are 36 drugs on the street classified as date-rape drugs, too many for police field tests to detect, said Trinka Porrata, a retired Los Angeles detective who is an authority on GHB.

"I'm horrified to think people are actually buying it and passing it out. I think it will do more damage than it will ever do good," said Porrata, a board member of Project GHB, a prevention and education organization. "If it was that simple, we could shut down all of our crime labs."

Porrata tested different varieties of drugs on the coasters. Some test spots turned a slight shade of blue within 30 minutes; others did not change color until hours later, she said.

The Drug Enforcement Administration also advises against putting faith in tests that cannot keep up with the constantly changing chemistry of illegal drugs.

Old records surface of tests in Alaska, Hawaii

The United States conducted open-air biological, chemical weapons tests, records show.

BY MATT KELLEY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States secretly tested chemical and biological weapons on American soil during the 1960s, newly declassified Pentagon reports show.

The tests included releasing deadly nerve agents in Alaska and spraying bacteria over Hawaii, according to the documents obtained Tuesday.

The United States also tested nerve agents in Canada and Britain in conjunction with those two countries.

The summaries of more than two dozen tests show that biological and chemical tests were much more widespread than the military has acknowledged previously.

The Pentagon released records earlier this year showing that chemical and biological agents had been sprayed on ships at sea. The military reimbursed ranchers and agreed to stop open-air nerve agent testing at its main chemical weapons center in the Utah desert after about 6,400 sheep died when nerve gas drifted away from the test range.

The documents did not say whether any civilians had been exposed to the poisons. Military personnel exposed to weapons agents would have worn protective gear, the Pentagon says, although the gas masks and suits used at the time were far less sophisticated than those in use today.

Troops involved in biological weapons testing were vaccinated ahead of time, said Dr. William

Winkenwerder Jr., the Pentagon's top health official. In prepared testimony for the House panel, Winkenwerder acknowledged that some service members involved in the tests "may not have known all the details of these tests."

The head of the House Veterans Affairs panel called for further investigation of the tests.

"Our focus must be on quickly identifying those veterans who were involved, assessing whether they suffered any negative health consequences and, if warranted, providing them with adequate health care and compensation for their service," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J.

The Defense Department has identified about 5,000 service members involved in tests at sea and another 2,100 involved in the tests detailed Wednesday, said Dr. Jonathan Perlin of the Department of Veterans Affairs. He said 53 veterans had filed health claims for their exposure during the tests.

The VA has sent letters to 1,400 veterans involved in the tests at sea, Perlin said. VA and Pentagon officials acknowledged at a July hearing that finding the soldiers has been difficult.

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Head of Chicago-area Islamic charity indicted Wednesday

A man was indicted Wednesday for supporting Osama bin Laden with money donated to an Islamic charity in the Chicago area.

BY MIKE ROBINSON
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The leader of a Chicago-area Islamic charity was indicted Wednesday on racketeering charges accusing him of funneling donations to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

Enaam M. Arnaout, 40, of the Chicago suburb of Justice, head of Benevolence International Foundation, has been held in federal custody since April.

The indictment said a criminal enterprise that existed for at least a decade had used charitable contributions of innocent Muslims, non-Muslims and corporations to support bin Laden's al-Qaeda network, Chechen rebels fighting the Russian army and armed violence in Bosnia.

"It is sinister to prey on good hearts to fund the works of evil," U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said in announcing the charges in Chicago. "We will find the sources of terrorist blood money."

Arnaout was charged with one count each of racketeering conspiracy, conspiracy to provide material

support to terrorists, conspiracy to launder money, money laundering and wire fraud. He also was charged with two counts of mail fraud.

If convicted, Arnaout could be sentenced to 90 years in prison without the possibility of parole, Ashcroft said.

According to the indictment, Benevolence International and Arnaout engaged in a pattern of racketeering. The objective was to support Islamic warriors around the world by raising funds.

The organizations involved were al-Qaeda and Hezb e Islami, a militant group run by an Afghan warlord.

Arnaout was charged in April with perjury after filing a sworn statement denying that he had provided support to terrorist organizations.

U.S. District Judge Joan B. Gottschall recently dismissed those charges, saying Arnaout had committed no crime. But federal prosecutors immediately filed new perjury charges against Arnaout and they are still pending.

An FBI affidavit filed the day Ar-

naout was arrested said the organization sent \$685,000 to Chechen rebels and financed a trip to Bosnia for Mamdouh Salim. Salim is awaiting trial in New York on charges of conspiracy to kill Americans in the 1998 bombings of U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

The FBI said one of the documents seized in the raid was a letter from bin Laden to Arnaout.

Arnaout has been held since April in the federal government's Metropolitan Correctional Center. He is not allowed to move around the center without a three-guard escort.

Benevolence International Foundation, founded 10 years ago, was charged in the perjury case but was not named as a defendant in Wednesday's racketeering indictment.

The group's offices in Palos Hills were raided Dec. 14 by FBI and Treasury agents, and its records were confiscated. The same day the Treasury Department froze the group's U.S. bank accounts on grounds that the group was suspected of supporting terrorism. The accounts remain frozen.

"It is sinister to prey on good hearts to fund the works of evil. We will find the sources of terrorist blood money."

— John Ashcroft
U.S. Attorney General

Bush steps in: West Coast lockout over, dockworkers back to work

Dockworkers prepare to tackle a huge backlog of cargo as they return to work, after 10 day absence.

BY DANNY POLLOCK
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — West Coast dockworkers headed back to work under court order Wednesday, facing a huge backlog of cargo that built up over 10 days but could take more than two months to clear.

"Simply put, it's more complicated to fix something than to break it," said John Pachtner, a spokesman for the Pacific Maritime Association, which represents shipping companies and terminal operators.

The 10,500 members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union were expected to begin reporting to work at 6 p.m., ending a lockout that shut down 29 ports from San Diego to Seattle and cost the nation's fragile up to \$2 billion a day by holding up exports and imports.

President Bush intervened on Tuesday, obtaining an injunction to end the shutdown.

Among the first cargo to be shipped will be perishables like seafood, meat and produce in refrigerated containers aboard some of the more than 200 ships anchored off the coast. After that, shipping companies will set their own priorities based on their customers' needs and demand for cargo.

The critical challenges will be lining up transportation on trucks, trains

and planes, and finding enough long-shoremen for what could be round-the-clock work, Pachtner said.

"We need the ILWU to provide as many able-bodied people as possible who are fully productive," he said. "That's what will unclog the pipeline as soon as possible."

The lockout began after the maritime association accused union members of an illegal slowdown during contract talks. The dispute centers on the use of new waterfront technology that the union believes would eliminate jobs.

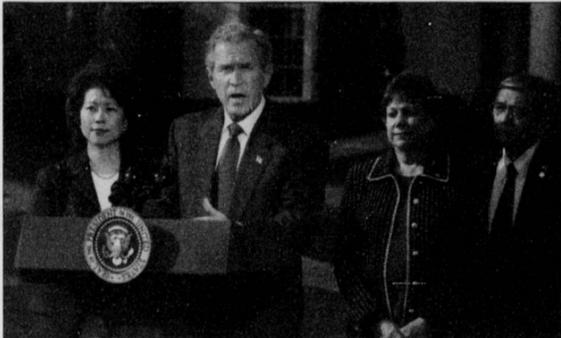
On Tuesday, Bush became the first president in a quarter-century to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947, which allows a president to ask a

federal court to stop a strike or lockout that imperils the nation's health and safety. A federal judge in San Francisco issued the injunction.

Dockworkers said they would go back to work, though many were unhappy about it and cited safety concerns, given the pressure to move items quickly.

The maritime association said employers would be looking for hundreds of additional workers. But even if all available workers labored at record pace, it could take up to 10 weeks to clear the backlog, association president Joseph Miniace said.

Union Pacific, the nation's largest railroad, sent extra cars to West Coast ports and opened a 24-hour "war room" in its dispatch



Knight Ridder-Tribune
President George W. Bush, front, with Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, left, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman and Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, talks about reopening West Coast ports Tuesday at the White House.

Recording of al Qaeda leader threatens more attacks

An audio recording of al-Zawahri seems authentic and recent, and threatens more attacks on the United States by al Qaeda, officials say.

BY AUDREY WOODS
Associated Press

LONDON — An audiotape of Ayman al-Zawahri, al Qaeda's fugitive second in command, appears to be genuine and to have been recorded in the last few weeks, a U.S. official said Wednesday. In the tape, he threatens new attacks on the United States and its economy.

References to current events in the tape — obtained Tuesday by Associated Press Television News — are a clear sign that al-Zawahri is alive, the official said in Washington on condition of anonymity.

The voice recording would be the first proof that al-Zawahri survived U.S. bombing in Afghanistan launched a year ago. U.S. officials say they don't know if al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden is alive, but in recent months U.S. troops have been scouring the remote border region between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The tape was probably made in the last few weeks but could have been made as early as August, the official said, adding that the tape was still being analyzed.

In the tape, al-Zawahri refers to a July 1 U.S. bombing in Afghanistan and speaks about the United States' cam-

paign against Iraq, accusing Washington of seeking to subjugate the Arab world on behalf of Israel.

The recording was obtained by APTN in the form of a video compact disc. On the disc, an interview with al-Zawahri is played against a video backdrop with English subtitles of the conversation, along with scenes from the Sept. 11 attacks and other news footage.

A title in the video identifies the speaker as al-Zawahri and says the video is a production of the As-Sahaab Foundation for Islamic Media. The production company is credited with earlier al Qaeda statements that appeared on Web sites and with the so-called farewell video of Ahmed Ibrahim A. Alhaznawi, a Sept. 11 hijacker.

Al-Zawahri, 50, is believed to be bin Laden's doctor and spiritual adviser, providing the ideology that drove al Qaeda. He was the head of Egyptian Islamic Jihad until he forged an alliance with bin Laden in 1998.

Al-Zawahri is on the U.S. most wanted list and the government is offering a reward of up to \$25 million for information leading to his capture. Egypt sentenced him to death in absentia in 1999 for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Egyptian Embassy in Pakistan and for attempting to kill officials in Egypt.

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Everyday guy turned everyday hero, Superman roams the streets of Auburn

Life-changing event prompted a mild-mannered man to become a superhero in his own right.

BY MARC RAMIREZ
The Seattle Times

AUBURN, Wash. — Mark Wyzenbeek and his stepson glide through the shopping-mall doors, a trio of villainous teenage girls hot on their trail and ogling the man with the big "S" on his chest. The tight bright-blue bodysuit. The red shorts and boots. The flowing cape.

Wyzenbeek turns and confronts the girls, who giggle and whisper to themselves until one of them crows, "Are you doing a dare?"

"Naw, he likes it," says stepson Rick Stewart.

Wyzenbeek smiles. "People would have to dare me not to do it."

The girls consider this. "I dare you not to do it," one finally says.

Kapow! A zinger for the Man of Steel! Go on: Take your best shot. Plenty have already. "Yo, Spandex-Man!" they shout. Or: "Halloween's (not for a while), dude." Such comments are mere marshmallows rained on the Metropolis Marvel.

Not that Superman doesn't feel pain. He's felt it in a big way. But he's also a guy who grew up believing in heroes, because, to paraphrase a popular saying, bad stuff happens, and someone's got to come to the rescue.

Four years ago, Wyzenbeek's estranged wife, Melanie, died in a car accident. The longtime pop-culture collector decided then that it was time to stop putting off his life's fantasy: Now, when the urge strikes, he hits the town as his favorite superhero. So bring on the bad stuff. He can take it.

As he parades through places near his Auburn home, such as the appropriately named Supermall, it's for the other reactions that he lives — the wide-eyed encounters with

preschool kids, the bouquets of "Superman, you made my day!" tossed by adoring sales clerks.

"His presence just radiates," observes Stewart, 22.

A group of tourists approaches and leaves with posed photos. A high-school-age girl flies at him, shrieking, "Superman, can I have your autograph?" He complies; she runs back to amused friends: "I got Superman's autograph!"

See that? That's why a 46-year-old man dares subject himself to ridicule. "It's fun for me, but it's all about them," Wyzenbeek says. "She was really excited. It meant a lot to her. She'll have something to tell her friends about for weeks now."

Heroes are something the country has needed more than ever lately. Don't look at Wyzenbeek, though. He's not looking to save the world. But he just might be saving himself.

He remembers meeting Fess Parker as a boy on the set of the "Daniel Boone" show he watched every week. Even got his autograph and saw him film a scene. "He was as tall as the Empire State Building with his coon-skin cap," says Wyzenbeek, a local boy who grew up the son of a Continental Airlines executive. "That's something you never forget. That's what I want to give these kids."

Wyzenbeek parks his Pontiac, the one he ultimately hopes to convert into a Batmobile, in the lower lot of the ice rink at which he works. He's in full costume, running an errand before a stint at the mall. He eyes the 3-foot-high retaining wall of easily ascended rock and soil and opts instead for the nearby stairs en route to the main entrance. "I've got \$500 boots on," he explains.

Inside, skating instructor Nancy Sullivan comes off the ice to see him, fascinated. "Wow, you look good," she tells Wyzenbeek. "Let

me see the back." He turns and she rubs the cape between her fingers, pulls at it, testing it.

"Don't tug on it," Wyzenbeek says. "You don't tug on Superman's cape."

Then to the Supermall, to which Wyzenbeek has no official connection despite the name. At Spencer's Gifts, a burly sales clerk emerges onto the concourse with a huge, medieval-looking over-the-shoulder costume and battle-ax. "Bring it on, Superman!" he roars like one of those face-painted football fans.

Wyzenbeek is undeterred. He asks if they've got any new Superman merchandise in stock. These days, though, it's all Spider-Man. "That's the best we can do for you," the guy says. "Sorry, Superman!"

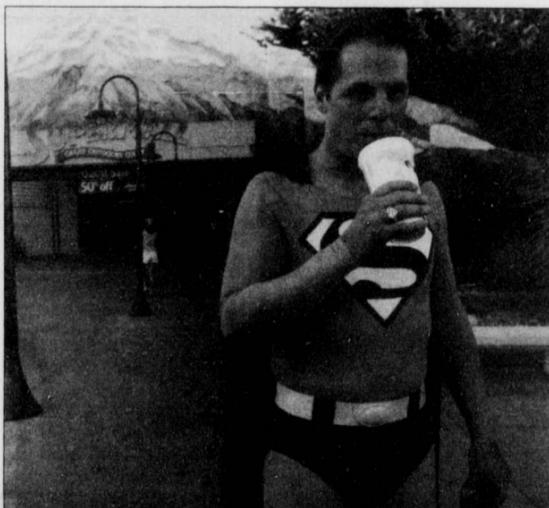
Another loop around the mall,

greeting kids with handshakes, absorbing odd looks and strange reactions. A tattooed, tank-topped guy with a buzz cut eyes Wyzenbeek as he passes, grabs his girlfriend and says slowly, in near reverence: "He is a soldier. A soldier."

This is what Wyzenbeek lives for — and he's confident that Melanie would have supported him, that her influence continues. Yes, they'd separated, but his are the sentiments of a widower, not a divorcee.

"She was the only one I thought I was ever gonna be married to," he says.

One week you see someone, the next you get a phone call that they're gone. There are some things even Superman can't stop. "It really opened my eyes," he says. "You never really know how many more tomorrows you have."



The Seattle Times/Harley Soltes
Mark Wyzenbeek, outside the Supermall in Auburn, Wash. He dresses up as Superman and makes appearances in bars, shopping malls, libraries and other public places, something he has done since his wife died in a car accident four years ago.

Beer, bones, Bahariya Oasis make up 'Lost Dinosaurs of Egypt'

Graduate students and paleontologists from the University of Pennsylvania discover dinosaur bones of a new species, Paralititan, in the western deserts of Egypt.

BY ELLEN GRAY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — Maybe someday there'll be a historic marker outside the New Deck Tavern on the University of Pennsylvania campus.

"Plans for the expeditions that led to the discovery of Paralititan, the second-largest species of known dinosaurs, were first hatched here by two lowly graduate students, Josh Smith and Matt Lamanna, in 1998."

But then, the plaque might be placed outside Penn's Hayden Hall, where, according to an alternate account, Smith and Lamanna sat in Lamanna's office and first came up with the idea of looking for dinosaur remains in the Bahariya Oasis, a section of Egypt's western desert where German scientist Ernst Stromer von Reichenbach discovered four new species in 1911.

It's unlikely that the latter marker would mention the six-pack of beer the pair were working their way through, but beer's as good a place as any to begin the story of "The Lost Dinosaurs of Egypt," an A&E documentary airing Tuesday (7 p.m. CDT).

"All good scientific discoveries start with beer," declares Smith, 32. And who's going to argue, other than a reporter trying to figure out

why the dinosaur-hunters have floated two different stories about the genesis of their particular discovery?

"I honestly don't remember what happened when or where," Lamanna, 27, confessed last week in an e-mail relayed through an A&E spokeswoman. "It was several years ago and we were drinking a lot, to boot."

The story of the discovery of Paralititan — the name means "tidal giant" — is one of those stories full of accidents, coincidences and pure dumb luck that you'd expect to see if Fox or the WB set out to make a series about attractive young paleontologists.

It's simply not credible that Smith, a former Army Reservist, managed — in the two days allotted for his research — to spot some large bone fragments lying out in the open. Much less that those fragments would turn out to be from the leg of a very large plant-eating dinosaur.

It's even less credible that when he returned a year later, leading an expedition of his own, he, Lamanna and their colleagues would find enough of that dinosaur's skeleton to conclude that they were dealing with a previously unknown species.

Incredible, but true. After discovering the first bones, Smith put together a 14-member expedition, funded by Cosmos Studios.

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"All good scientific discoveries start with beer."

— Josh Smith
graduate student

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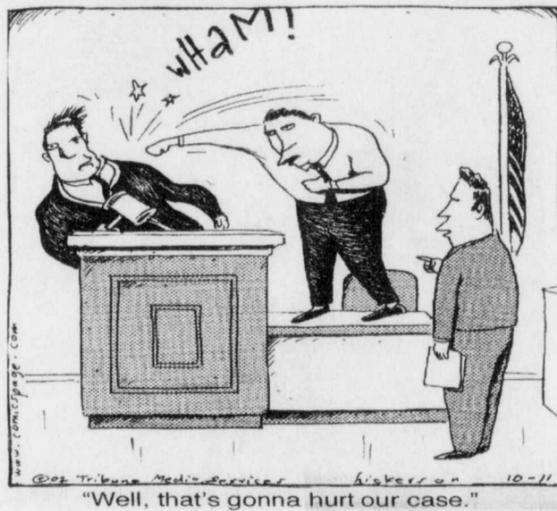
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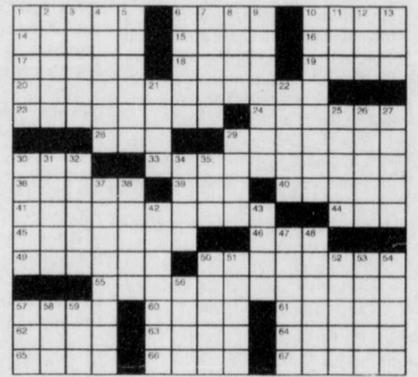
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 9 Brickell or McClurg
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 11 Mt. Whitney's range
 12 Baja California seaport
 13 Singer Brewer
 14 Sun. oration
 15 Turns into
 16 Money manager: abbr.
 17 Office fasteners
 18 Gertrude's tapestry
 19 Sniggler's prey
 20 Eagles' home
 21 Certain serving basins
 22 Took chairs
 23 Single copy
 24 However, for short
 25 Going out with
 26 Silver-tongued liar
 27 Compromising periods
 28 One opposed
 29 Animal's den
 30 Worker's equipment
 31 Org. for seniors
 32 Brummell or Bridges
 33 Perry's creator
 34 First name in cosmetics
 35 Molecular building block
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 37 Pauses



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 34 Long, long time
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The Sideline

Tull leads women's golf to eighth place finish

Sophomore Brooke Tull shot a three-under 69 Wednesday to finish second in the New Mexico State Price's Give 'Em Five Intercollegiate. As a team, the Frogs posted a final round score of 300 to finish eighth in the 20-team field.

The round of 300, the fifth best team score of the day, allowed the Frogs to climb from 12th to eighth place. Tull, who opened the day tied for third, finished the tournament with a three-round score of 216 (75-72-69).

Senior Shannon Barr posted a 75, her best round of the tournament, to finish tied for 41st with a 54-hole score of 234 (80-79-75). Sophomore D'Raé Ward shot a 78 to finish tied for 45th with a 54-hole score of 235 (81-76-78).

Freshman Traci Robison finished 60th with a three-round total of 239, while sophomore Meredith Easley shot an 80 in the final round to finish the tournament in 75th place.

— Danny Gillham

Alex Menichini in the top 64 along with Toni Gordon

Junior Alex Menichini has won six rounds of tennis at the 2002 International Tennis Association All-American Qualifier, placing him, along with senior Toni Gordon, in the top 64.

College players in the United States to begin play at the 2002 ITA All American Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn., today.

Menichini defeated Ojndje Uskovic 7-5, 7-6. Adrian Zguns 6-2, 6-4. Tom Hanus 6-4; 6-2. Joachin Lien 6-2, 6-3. Nick Monroe 3-6, 7-5, 7-5 and Erik Nyman (BYU) 1-6; 6-3; 6-0.

— Danny Gillham

No. 7 men's golf takes 10th at NCAA Preview

The men's golf team (No. 7, Golfweek) finished in 10th place at the PING/Golfweek NCAA Preview at Oklahoma State's Karsten Creek Golf Course, the site of the 2003 NCAA Championships. Freshman Colby Beckstrom tied for sixth place, while the Frogs posted a final-round score of 301 to complete the tournament with a 54-hole sum of 912 (+48).

Beckstrom, who played the course at even-par in each of the last two rounds, began the day in a tie for 13th place. His three-over-par total of 219, was just six strokes out of first place, and three behind the tournament runner-up. It was the second consecutive top 10 finish for Beckstrom, who tied for second at the Sooner Invitational.

Senior Adam Rubinson and sophomore David Schultz shared 25th place for the Frogs.

Junior Stephen Polanski had a 79 on the final day to score a 240 for the tournament (+24), beating sophomore teammate J.J. Killeen (241) by one stroke.

The top 12 teams at the 2002 NCAA Championships, along with three other schools competed in the annual fall tournament.

— Danny Gillham

Texas Motor Speedway pushes for Cotton Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — About 75,000 fans, half wearing crimson and the other half in burnt orange, will cram into the Cotton Bowl on Saturday to watch Oklahoma play Texas.

Imagine nearly twice as many Longhorns and Sooners fans being able to attend the game.

Texas Motor Speedway general manager Eddie Gossage has the place that could accommodate such a crowd, and would like to talk to both schools about the possibility of moving the annual Big 12 grudge match to the racing facility after next year's game.

Gossage admits the idea seems far-fetched at first glance, but he has detailed information to explain how the plan could work. He believes the frontstretch of the 1 1/2-mile track could be configured to comfortably seat 125,000-150,000 spectators with the playing field set up on the track's grass infield.

The contract the schools have to play their game at the Cotton Bowl during the State Fair of Texas runs through next season.

Ratings unfair in *Sports Illustrated* poll

Nothing can start a heated discussion like a good list.

Whenever lists with rankings are released, it seems to spark controversy about reasons behind certain rank. In hindsight, this is what the publisher wants. It draws interest to the topic.

So allow me to explain how the ranking of "America's Best Sports Colleges" in the Oct. 7 issue of *Sports Illustrated* are not balanced.

The article rates the top 324 programs in Division I athletics, with the Horned Frogs coming in at No. 64. The University of Texas tops the list at No. 1. In the issue, the compilers of the poll said credentials for

A recent issue of *Sports Illustrated* has TCU in its rankings of Division I athletic programs, and how the rankings are determined is not very applicable to the Frogs.

the list included the following:

- Performance in 2001-02 year in the big five sports (baseball, football, hockey and men's and women's basketball)
- Position in '01-02 Sears Cup NCAA all-sports standings
- Number of varsity, club and intramural sports
- Range of recreational facilities
- Spirit boosting events

It seems like a well enough basis, but there are flaws in the reasoning. TCU is a private school with a relatively small enrollment. The approximate 8,000 students that go

here can't compare to schools like Texas and Ohio State, which have enormous enrollments. It is not logical for our university to have an overload of sports programs, because with a limited number of students, just being competitive would be an enviable task. That's a possible reason for not having sports like hockey, lacrosse or gymnastics.

Also, the story does not take into account the progress being made at the university. While it mentions plans for an upgrade of recreational facilities for conference mate Cincinnati (No. 52), it makes no mention of TCU's

building plans.

Renovation of the University Recreational Center is in the downhill process with the end result being a state-of-the-art 202,000 square foot facility. Also near completion is the new Lupton Baseball Stadium and the approval of a softball program.

Athletic Director Eric Hyman said he did not agree with the criteria the article was based on, but that it's always nice to have TCU shown nationally, positively.

"Overall with our objective, having the name out there in a positive way, whether its football, women's

basketball, golf or any other sports, its nice to have a national known magazine like *Sports Illustrated* mention us," Hyman said. "With how we fit in on the national scale, I think beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

One thing to take notice of is the graduation rates. In the article, a graduate cap icon is put next to a school if it has a graduation rate of 67 percent or higher for its varsity athletes. TCU doesn't have a cap by their name.

So while this list is fun to read, the standards simply don't apply to everyone, making it hard to justify placement. All the same, I'll be curious where TCU is next year.

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Volleyball team's motivation clear, 0-2 not coveted position

BY JAY ARMSTRONG
Skiff Staff

The volleyball team will attempt a slow and steady climb back toward the top of Conference USA, with matches against St. Louis Friday and Memphis Saturday.

While at first glance these games may appear must-win for the team (8-10, 0-2 C-USA), head coach Prentice Lewis said this is not the case.

After dropping its first two conference matches at home, the volleyball team looks to pick itself off the ground for two conference games on the road this weekend.

"We're still a young team that needs to play consistently, but I will never put the team in a panic situation," Lewis said. "We're not in a panic situation."

St. Louis is currently 2-0 in conference and sits two full games ahead of the Frogs coming into play this weekend.

While 0-2 is not an enviable position, the team has used this as motivation.

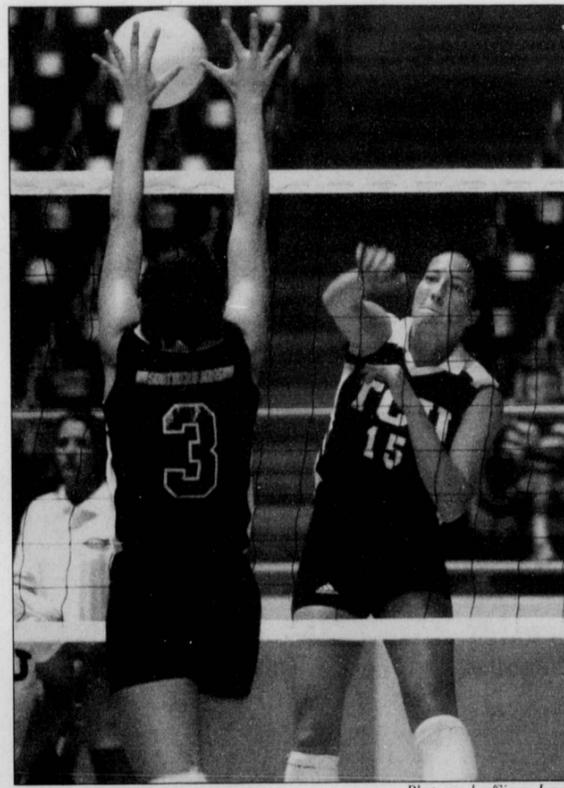
"We all knew we had to work much harder to make things happen," said outside hitter Julie Van't Wout. "We got motivation from our losses and we came in to push harder."

The opportunity was there for the team to sulk on the losses, but the team said the losses are a thing of the past.

"We're upset about the losses, but we're ready to move on," outside hitter Hayley Harmon said. "We're

"We're upset about the losses, but we're ready to move on."

— Hayley Harmon
Outside hitter



Senior outside hitter Jenn Cuca (right) and the volleyball team look to gain their first conference win with matchups against St. Louis and Memphis.

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Golfer Rubinson may have chance to play with best amateurs for Walker Cup

BY JAY ZUCKERMAN
Skiff Staff

Senior golfer Adam Rubinson might get to take his talent overseas.

Rubinson was one of 23 amateur golfers to receive an invitation from the U.S. Golf Association to play at the Berkeley Hall Club in Hilton Head, S.C., to participate in a three-day practice from Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. This practice session will help the USGA determine the final roster for the Walker Cup.

The Walker Cup, which occurs every two years, pits the best amateurs from the United States against best amateurs from Great Britain and Ireland. The Ganton Golf Club in North Yorkshire, England, will host this two-day tournament, which will be played Sept. 6 and 7, 2003.

The USGA is hosting this practice session in Hilton Head in order to cut its initial list of invitees to 10. While the combined team of Great Britain

and Ireland has always used this format to construct their rosters, this is the first time the United States will have a preliminary round of cuts.

"We are trying to develop the strongest 2003 squad we can and this will be a wonderful opportunity for the players to meet and get to know each other," USGA vice president Fred Ridley said in a press release.

Rubinson's invitation did not surprise head golf coach Bill Montigel. "This is something that Adam has worked hard for," he said.

Rubinson said his talent was validated when he received this invitation two weeks ago.

"This has already given me the confidence to believe that I am respected as one of the best (amateurs) in the country," Rubinson said. "Honestly, it is the highest award I can truly be given. It is a dream come true to be recognized as one of the best golfers in the

country and to have the opportunity to represent my country."

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Of the 23 amateurs invited, 15 play on collegiate programs. Amateurs include:

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Adam Rubinson (TCU)
D.J. Trahan (Clemson)
Nick Watney (Fresno State)

Women's soccer team working to escape rut

Women's soccer looks to forget about its slow start, as they play the two of four consecutive home matches against conference opponents.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

For the women's soccer team, the stats say it is playing well, but the scoreboard tells a different story.

The team (2-7-4, 1-2-1 C-USA) has been outshooting other teams, but lapses have been the team Achilles heel.

"If you look at our stats, we've had our chances, we just haven't produced," head coach Dave Rubinson said. "On the defensive side we lose focus at bad times, and have given up some strange goals."

Junior goalkeeper Ruth DeJong echoed Rubinson's comments. "We have made careless mistakes," she said. "Most of the goals we have given up have basically been poor goals."

However, the team has the opportunity to rectify its early season struggles with its two conference games at home this weekend. The team plays Southern Miss at 3 p.m. Friday and UAB at 1 p.m. Sunday. The matches are two of four consecutive at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium for the Frogs, all of which are against conference opponents.

Rubinson said with the four games at home and six games remaining in conference play, the team has not given up on chances for postseason play.

"I think our kids are remaining very upbeat," Rubinson said. "They're not hoping, but willing to work for the results. And I think as they all know, the road map is right in front of us. We have certainly had our chance to get to the conference tournament and beyond, but it's still there for us."

Senior forward/midfielder Nicole Carman said the team wants to set the pace early, and keep it in its favor for the remainder of the match.

"I think we're looking to come out and play hard in the first half, and score early," Carman said. "At the same time, we want to play hard in the second half to finish out the game."

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Head coach Dave Rubinson and the women's soccer team will play two conference games this weekend at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium.

Linebacker Hambrick turns himself in on charges of theft

Associated Press

Cleveland Browns linebacker Darren Hambrick has turned himself in to police on charges that he stole a check from the Carolina Panthers.

The 27-year-old Hambrick is accused of stealing a \$5,682.51 check from the Panthers three weeks after joining the team in October 2001, according to court records.

He was issued the payroll check on Nov. 11, but then asked the team to stop payment on the check because he never received it, records said.

Another check for the same amount was sent to Hambrick, and on Jan. 29 a man who identified himself as Hambrick cashed both checks at a Bank of America branch in Dade City, according to the records.

A bank representative told a detective she contacted Hambrick and asked him to return the \$5,682.51, but he refused, the records said.

"We initiated the complaint against him back in March for grand theft, the state attorney

issued the warrant, and somehow he got wind of the warrant and turned himself in," Dade City police Capt. David Duff said.

The Browns play at Tampa Bay on Sunday, and Duff said if Hambrick hadn't turned himself in, police may have arrested him this weekend.

Hambrick played for the Panthers last season after spending three seasons with the Dallas Cowboys.

"We have been made aware of a situation that occurred prior to Darren Hambrick joining the Cleveland Browns involving a duplicate check issue," Browns spokesman Todd Stewart said. "It is our understanding that all moneys have been returned. We are awaiting further information from the authorities and Darren's attorney."

The Browns have not said whether Hambrick will be disciplined.

Hambrick arrived at the Pasco County jail Monday and posted \$10,000 bail, a jail spokeswoman said. An initial court appearance had not been scheduled.

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The Edge

Passing offense:

TCU: Redshirt freshman Tye Gunn will again start for the injured Sean Stilley. He completed passes to eight different receivers in last week's victory against Houston. Expect the same against Army.

Army: Army has already used five quarterbacks this season. Zac Dahman, an Army plebe from Fort Worth, will start against TCU. Dahman has attempted 100 passes this year without throwing a touchdown. He has five interceptions. Sophomore William White leads the receiving corps with 17 catches and 223 yards.

Advantage: TCU

Rushing offense:

TCU: True freshman Lonta Hobbs and junior Ricky Madison played well against Houston. Both backs should see extensive work out of the backfield to wear down Army's undersized defense.

Army: Third-year football coach Todd Berry changed Army's offense from an option attack to a one-back offense. As a result, Army no longer boasts their usual gaudy rushing statistics. Senior running back Josh Holden leads the team in touchdowns, with four, and he averages 47.8 rushing yards a game. Dahman is not a running threat like previous Army quarterbacks.

Advantage: TCU

Passing defense:

TCU: Senior Jason Goss is fifth in the nation with four interceptions in five games. Senior safety Jared Smitherman is a terror in the secondary, with 30 tackles, five of them for a loss.

Army: The Black Knight passing defense is 28th in the country, allowing just 182.2 yards a game. However, they have intercepted just two passes this year. Senior linebacker Jason Frazier is an undisputed leader for the Army defense. He leads the team with three sacks.

Advantage: TCU

Rushing defense:

TCU: The Frog D is now seventh in the nation in rush defense, allowing just 82.6 yards a game. Senior linebacker LaMarcus McDonald leads the team in every tackling category.

Army: Army's defensive line only averages 254 pounds. Division I-AA Holy Cross ran for 178 yards on their defense in a 30-21 win. Junior linebacker Ryan Kent leads Army with 39 tackles.

Advantage: TCU

Special teams:

TCU: Terran Williams, a senior, should see returnable punts. Junior kicker Nick Browne leads the nation in field goals made a game. Senior Joey Biasatti will need a better performance than last week since this game could turn into a field position battle.

Army: Senior Aris Comeaux, a track standout for the Black Knights, returned a punt for a touchdown last week against East Carolina. He is dangerous in the open field. White averages a solid 22.4 yards a kick return. The Army punting unit is atrocious. They are last in the NCAA in net punting, averaging 19.9 yards.

Advantage: TCU

Intangibles:

TCU: TCU cannot look ahead to an important C-USA matchup against Louisville next week. Otherwise Army will make the game much closer than anticipated. TCU's defense nearly leads the nation with 20 forced turnovers. Army's offense has turned the football over 19 times. As ESPN's Chris Berman would say, "Something's got to give."

Army: No matter what the score is, Army players will never let up. While they currently do not have the talent to compete every week at a Division I-A level, the Black Knights play smart football with an unparalleled determination. They will have the boisterous support of their student body and past alumni for Army's Homecoming.

Advantage: TCU

Prediction: TCU 31, Army 7
— Jay Zuckerman

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Playing With Caution

Frogs hope to spoil 0-5 Army's Homecoming

The Frogs make their first ever trip to West Point Saturday, looking to spoil Homecoming for 0-5 Army.

BY DANNY GILLHAM
Sports Editor

Teams that are winless don't always get a lot of respect.

TCU's opponent on Saturday, Army, is one of those teams. It has yet to win a game this season, and has not had a winning season since the 1996 campaign.

However the Frogs show no signs of disrespect, and use many of the same words to describe the 0-5 Black Knights.

Disciplined. Relentless. Hard-working. Tough.

The team knows it cannot afford to overlook the struggling Army squad, even though Louisville and Southern Miss are not far away. Coach Gary Patterson has said repeatedly that Army is a different football team when it plays at home, but a win will allow the Frogs to go to 2-1 in conference play.

"You can't overlook anything," said junior defensive end Bo Schobel. "Once you overlook (someone), then you get beat."

"You don't think about 0-5," said freshman quarterback Tye Gunn. "Every team has good athletes, and usually five to 10 plays wins a ballgame. So they could make five plays and really change the game."

To add to the pressure of the conference game, it is the Frog's first trip to West Point, Homecoming for the Black Knights and the school's 200th anniversary. Past alumni will be in attendance, and it is anticipated that the 39,929 seats at Michie Stadium will be filled with black, gold and gray.

"We expect them to be wild up there," said senior linebacker

LaMarcus McDonald. "They've got grandparents coming in, and their grandparent's grandparents (coming) in."

Senior wide receiver Adrian Madise said the motivation is a conference victory, but Patterson pointed out that they chose TCU as their Homecoming game.

"Coach Patterson brought it to our attention that you schedule a game that you think you can win for Homecoming," Madise said. "I think that riled the guys up."

Gunn is one of those players who was "riled up."

"To put us as their Homecoming, that's kind of showing some disrespect," Gunn said. "You have to think about that when you're practicing."

Gunn will once again receive the start for injured senior Sean Stilley, although Stilley will travel with the team. Last season's home contest against Army was the first game Stilley started. He said he told Gunn to expect the Black Knights to play bigger than their size.

"They may not be the biggest or most physical, but they play extra hard," Stilley said. "They play hard every play until the last minute of the game. They'll do everything they can to win this game."

It is likely the Frogs will not have much purple in the stands of Michie Stadium Saturday. However, hostile crowds are nothing new to the team, and it remains undaunted to the task at hand.

"Southern Miss (last year) had a pretty hostile crowd and we did okay," Madise said. "I think we're all right away from home."

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Freshman quarterback Tye Gunn and the Horned Frogs look to spoil Army's Homecoming Saturday with a victory in West Point. The victory would also place the team at 2-1 in conference play. Saturday's contest is Gunn's second start in his collegiate career, and his first in road games.

Who to Watch

Zac Dahman, QB vs. Jason Goss, CB

Matchup: Dahman is the first plebe to start at quarterback for Army in 15 years. He has not thrown for a touchdown this year, and he will be hard-pressed to throw for one on Goss's side of the field.

Effect on the game: It will take a Herculean effort by Dahman, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's High School Offensive Player of the Year in 2001, to throw to a receiver covered by Goss. With Goss's penchant for blanketing downfield, Dahman will need to throw shorter passes in order to score points and not look for the home run ball.

— Jay Zuckerman



Three Keys to Victory

RUN THE FOOTBALL

With a revamped and healthy offensive line, the Frogs ran for a season high 201 yards against Houston. Now the team faces a Black Knight defense where the average size of the starting front four is 248 pounds. By using their size advantage and eight-man rotation on the line, the team can dictate the game by running the ball. Joining the three juniors in the backfield is true freshman Lonta Hobbs, who turned in 73 yards on 12 carries in his collegiate debut last week.

SILENCE THE CROWD

This is Army's homecoming, and their 200th anniversary. It's pretty safe to say that with many of their past alumni that will be present, it won't feel like a home game for the Frogs. Ignore the crowd. Ignore the 200 players that will come running out of the tunnel. Ignore any celebrations or ceremonies. Just play football and take the crowd out of the contest. A couple of quick scores on offense or turnovers on defense could deflate the Black Knight's hopes, and the crowd's noise level.

EXPECT ANYTHING

The Black Knights are 0-5, with three of those losses coming in conference games. The team is desperate for a win at this point, and desperate times call for desperate measures. TCU must pay attention to every detail of the game. Trick plays, onside kickoffs, and all-out blitzes could be a player in Army's gameplan. Though they don't lack heart or determination, the Black Knights lack the skill players, and have to resort to these measures at times.



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Senior receiver LaTarence Dunbar (No. 3) goes for a pass in last season's Army game in Fort Worth. The Frogs won their first ever meeting with the Black Knights, 38-20.



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