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The volleyball team is playing in two week end conference matches at home. Page 12



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Studies have been unable to prove that same-sex parents are bad parents, yet the unfair stereotype remains. Page 3

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NewsBriefs

Officer election applications available in SGA office

Student Government Association officer election applications are currently available in the SGA office, located next to the Career Services Center. House of Student Representatives Vice President John Billingsley said the applications are due by Nov. 1.

Full-time students can vote online at (www.vote.tcu.edu) for the elections Nov. 20.

'We do plan to send out an email to students with a link to the election Web site like we did last year," he said.

Positions available include: SGA president, vice president of the House of Student Representatives, vice president of Programming Council and both SGA secretary and treasurer, he said. - Amy Johnson

Conference speakers include former ambassador

An attorney who specializes in international affairs and a former U.S. ambassador will be among the speakers during the International Career Conference from 1 to 8 p.m. today in the Student Center.

The conference, which is being hosted by International Student Services and education abroad coordinator Tracy Williams, is designed to help students get an idea of how to go about pursuing an international career, Williams said.

There are lots of things students can do throughout their college career to prepare for an international one," Williams said. "You don't have to start just in your senior year. The more you do starting you freshman year, the better prepared you'll be in the end."

An informational fair prior to conference events will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge. Attorney Stewart Rabbinowitz will cover different aspects for international students wanting to work in the

United States. To conclude the conference, former U.S. Ambassador Oliver Pastrano Garza, who is currently serving as diplomat in residence and visiting scholar at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, will deliver the keynote address to conference participants.

For more information on the International Career Conference contact Tracy Williams at (817) 257-7473.

Students in Georgetown protest possible war on Iraq

WASHINGTON, D.C. (U-WIRE) - As the clock struck 1 on Wednesday, approximately 65 Georgetown University students "died" for 15 minutes in Red Square, lying motionless on the red bricks to protest the potential war on Iraq. Protest leaders spoke against U.S. involvement in Iraq as more than 60 students looked on.

The "die-in" was sponsored by the Muslim Student Association, Campus Greens, the Young Arab Leadership Alliance and Georgetown Peace Action.

- Heather Murphy The Georgetown Voice at Georgetown University

Correction

Senior nursing major Neal Mikes-Bogert's name was incorrect in a photo caption Thursday.

Noise complaints in neighborhood expected to rise as holidays near

Noise complaints during September and October have increased since 2000. Police attribute some of them to a lack of communication between students and neighbors.

BY JILL MENINGER

The good news for Fort Worth police officers and neighbors of TCU students is that Homecoming is over. The bad news is that Halloween is on the way, which means noise complaints are expected to rise.

Jamie Johnson, a Fort Worth police officer, said the number of noise complaints rises during all of the major holidays, class recesses and university events.

According to information provided by the Fort Worth police department, there were 12 disturbance calls made from the

neighborhoods surrounding TCU from Oct. 1 until Oct. 13. The calls were on the late night and early morning shifts on Thursday and Saturday. Johnson said many of these noise complaints in October were

coming festivities. According to the police information, September and October have had the highest number of noise complaints

because of Home-

over the last three years. Complaints also rose from 31 in September 2000 to 51 in 2002. For October 2000, there were 27 complaints compared to 48 last year. This year, as of Oct. 13, the area had 28. Overall, 2001 has had a record

394 noise complaints — the highest of the

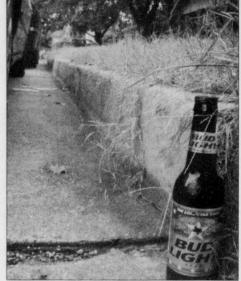
Mark Gann, a resident on Rogers Road, has called the police about students who live next-door to him. He said they made

efforts to warn him about upcoming parties when they first moved there in August, but he said he has not heard from them since - Mark Gann their first party.

Gann said they have had Rogers Road resident two parties a week on aversince recruitment started, but after Homecoming he said they

have not had as many "I've almost called the police many times," he said.

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Noise from parties isn't the only concern neighbors of TCU students have. After-party messes, such as beer bottles, also make the list

HAZING DIFFICULT TO INVESTIGATE

TCU's Greek system, which in-

cludes 42 percent of undergraduate

students according to Campus

Life, has had a few hazing acts in

hazing policy in the fall of 1995.

Delta Theta fraternity because of haz-

ing, underage drinking, lax financial

management and poor academic per-

formance by new members on April

kicked out of Tomlinson Hall and sus-

pended indefinitely from the univer-

sity and national chapter in May.

Thirty of the approximately 70 mem-

bers were expelled from the fraternity.

The Kappa Sigma fraternity was

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Some of these include:

Acts of hazing

Physical brutality such as paddling, whipping, beating, striking, branding, electrical shocking, placing harmful substances on the body or similar activities.

Physical activities that put students at risk such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in small or dark spaces and calisthenics.

Forced consumption of substances such as food, liquid, alcoholic beverages, drugs or other substances that may affect a student's mental or physical health.

Activities that intimidate or threaten a student with ostracism.

Activities that subject a student to extreme mental stress, shame or humiliation.

Activities that affect the mental health or dignity of the student including, but not limited to, compelling a student to: perform acts of personal servitude, participate in treasure hunts, road trips or scavenger hunts.

· Activities that jeopardize students' ability to fulfill academic requirements by requiring such things as late work sessions, deprive students of ample study time or prevent class or study session attendance.

· Activities that induce, cause or require a student perform an act violating the Texas Penal Code or the Code of Student Conduct.

Source: Code of Student Con-

investigating hazing. Not only do many organizations go to great lengths to maintain privacy, but few individuals are willing to speak out.

BY ERIN LAMOURIE

The rules are clear when it comes to hazing - it is not allowed at TCU and it is illegal.

But recent and past incidents have shown that hazing has occurred on campus, although nobody knows exactly how often it happens

organization.

how prevalent is hard," said Norman Pollard, direc-

seling center at Alfred University, in Alfred, N.Y.

ing in high

honest responses "It is really difficult and challeng-

ing for someone to report that they have been abused or harmed," he said

About two or three hazing incidents are reported every semester, said Mike Russel, associate dean of

Because of the cloak of secrecy surrounding many organizations, TCU and other universities have a difficult time investigating hazing incidents. Few victims will speak out, evidence is often scarce and sometimes it can come down to one person's word against an entire

"We know it is there but to know

tor of the coun-"It is really difficult and challenging for someone to report that they have been abused or harmed.

Pollard has conducted two national surveys about haz-

schools and with NCAA athletes. He said a national survey has yet to be conducted on fraternity and sorority hazing because it is difficult to get

past years.

- Norman Pollard

counseling center director

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for the neighborhood that I

have a problem.'





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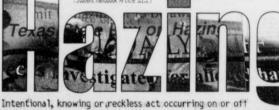
safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated

into, affiliating with, holding office in, developing group cohesion,

training or maintaining membership in any organization whose members

are, or include, students at Texas Christian University.

years ago.



Don Mills, vice chancellor for

student affairs, confirmed all the in-

cidents but said records were not

available for incidents beyond eightt

feels it's unfair to hold current stu-

dents accountable for 20-year-old

incidents with normal student

turnover, said Susan Adams, associ-

ate vice chancellor and dean of

Campus Life. She says Campus Life

will only keep records if a fraternity

or sorority repeatedly gets caught

Since the Kappa Sigma fraternity

was suspended, hazing is on the de-

cline, said Jeff Chauvin, a former

"What happened (to Kappa

Sigma) served as an example," said

Chauvin, a junior accounting major.

"It has substantially decreased the

Hazing is defined by the univer-

sity as an intentional, knowing or

reckless act directed against a stu-

dent, by one person or a group, that

pledge trainer for the Kappa Sigs

for the same offense.

hazing on campus.'

Deterrence

That's because the university

at TCU. Details about what acts constitute hazing are listed in the TCU Student Handbook's Code of Student Conduct. The policy is modeled after state law. campus, by one person alone or in conjunction with others, directed

Chauvin said hazing is defined too broadly, and it comes down to deciding between right and wrong.

health or safety of the student for

various purposes of an organization

Blowing the whistle

State law requires that victims report incidents of hazing, and Campus Life provides a place for them

Not all hazing occurs within the Greek system. Adams said that both the band fraternity and the business fraternity have been reported in the past, but that nothing became of ei-

ther investigation. When incidents do occur in the Greek system, the director of fraternity and sorority affairs is responsible for investigations. Russel is currently taking over responsibilities for the position after Tom Sullivan, former director of fraternity and sorority affairs, left this year to go to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos

(More on HAZING, page 2)

To Report Hazing

Students can call or write a letter to Campus Life to report hazing incidents. Reports can be anonymous, Campus Life's phone number is

(817) 257- 7926. James Parker, Campus Life coordinator, said reports will be handled by a case-by-case basis. Parker also said fraternities and sororities are briefed during their orientation on how to report hazing.

Two men held believed to be directly linked to sniper attacks

Police have arrested two men they believe to be directly linked to the 13 sniper attacks. The weapon found in their car is believed to be the one used to shoot the victims of the attacks.

BY STEPHEN MANNING

FREDERICK, Md. - One of America's most extraordinary manhunts culminated Thursday in the arrests of an Army veteran and a teenager, asleep at a roadside rest stop - perpetrators, authorities believe, of a bloody, three-week sniping spree that left 10 people dead and multitudes paralyzed by fear.

John Allen Muhammad, 41, - arrested with John Lee Malvo, 17 appeared in court, and was ordered to be held. Neither has been charged with the shootings, but law-enforcement sources told The Associated Press that investigators were certain they had cracked the case.

One source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a gun found in the suspects' car appeared to use .223-caliber bullets — the fatal calling card in the attacks that began Oct. 2 with the killing of James D. Martin in a grocery store parking lot in Wheaton, Md.

The weapon found in the Chevrolet Caprice was a Bushmaster rifle. according to a law enforcement

The AR-15 is the civilian form of the M-16 military assault rifle. As a soldier. Muhammad received a Marksmanship Badge with expert rating — the highest of three ratings - in use of the M-16, according to Army records. Police also found a scope and tripod in the car, the official said.

In handcuffs and a green prison jumpsuit, Muhammad was ordered to be held without bail when he appeared in federal court in Baltimore

The courthouse was patrolled by a dozen federal marshals armed with high-powered rifles.

Muhammad is due back in court Tuesday on a federal firearms charge stemming from a 2000 court order in Tacoma, Wash., that barred Muhammad from harassing or using force against an ex-wife and children.

U.S. District Court Magistrate Beth P. Gesner made no mention of the sniper killings. Muhammad

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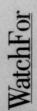
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CampusLines

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- The TCU Ad Club will co-host Imagination Specialties at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Dan Rogers Hall, Room 234. Come meet new people and learn more about the business world.
- An eQ Alliance Halloween Bash will be at 7 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the Student Center or at the door. Costumes are optional
- A TCU MBA Information Session will be held 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 2 in Tandy Hall. Registration and refreshments will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m. For informatio (www.mba.tcu.edu). To R.S.V.P., visit (www.mba.tcu.edu/rsvp/).
- The Community Network Committee of the TCU Leadership Council will host Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist Bob Ray Sanders at noon Nov. 4 in the Student Center, Room 207. He will speak on his journalistic career and ethical leadership. Space is limited to 15 people. The cost of lunch is about \$5 and can be applied on your meal card. For more information and to RSVP, call (817) 257-7855 or (i.or-
- Flu shots are available at the Health Center for students only. The hours are 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and mornings only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The

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Sanchez, Perry face off in 2nd Faith buffet round of gubernatorial debates

In the last gubernatorial debate of the campaign season. Democratic candidate Tony Sanchez hammered Governor Rick Perry for his record number of vetoes on "the Father's Day massacre." Perry defended the vetoes and accusations that he communicated poorly with lawmakers.

BY KELLEY SHANNON

DALLAS - Republican Gov. Rick Perry found himself Thursday night repeatedly defending the healthcare and education bills he vetoed last year when he killed a record 82 pieces of legislation.

Democratic challenger Tony Sanchez, facing Perry in another televised debate, again had to vouch for his leadership of a failed Laredo savings and loan where suspected drug money was laundered in the 1980s.

Sanchez accused Perry of being

HAZING

Many students do not report haz-

ing incidents out of fear of retaliation,

Russel said, or because they think it

non," Russel said. "The desire to be

part of a group grows so strong that

people begin to accept what is hap-

become convinced that this is for

When hazing is reported, the ac-

cused organization is informed and

the group's president is questioned,

as are pledges or other members, in

has to pick one person's word

against an entire organization, with

say 'yes this occurred' and we have

no proof, all we have is someone's

word," he said. "Because you can't

prove it, it is hard to move forward to

Russel said a parent and a neighbor

submitted reports in the fall. Initial

investigations failed because of a

lack of evidence. It was not until

early in the spring semester that a

student came forward and provided

only one student, of all the pledges

and members of Kappa Sigma, was

Pollard said students do not al-

ways grasp the seriousness of haz-

ing and excuse it as "boys will be

boys." He said many students do not

Russel said he was alarmed that

details and names, he said.

willing to make a report.

even know hazing is illegal.

In the Kappa Sigma incident,

the next level of the investigation."

credibility as its only guide.

Russel said Campus Life often

There comes a point if no one will

"I think those being hazed can

pening to them as normal.

"It is a very insidious phenome-

is a rite of passage

their own good."

some instances.

"obsessed" with Tesoro Savings and Loan, which failed in 1988, and said two federal judges and two federal agencies cleared him and thrift officials in the money laundering matter.

"This is something that took place 20 years ago or more. I have an opponent who has become obsessed with this issue, and he's been very deceptive and untruthful about the facts," Sanchez said.

Debate panel journalists and a member of the public through a written question asked Perry about his dealings with the Texas lawmakers in 2001, his only session as governor. He vetoed so many bills one Sunday in June it was dubbed "the Father's Day massacre."

Perry denied that he communicated poorly with lawmakers once he succeeded George W. Bush as governor.
"The vast majority of the cases

where the vetoes occurred, there were signals sent. In some, very strong sig-

of the state law, they should let the proper authority know," Pollard said.

Both Campus Life and the frater-

nity's national office were involved

in the Kappa Sigma investigation.

TCU Police were also involved be-

Russel would not give details

Kappa Sigma's national offices, TCU and the fraternity negotiated

Kappa Sigma's punishment of sus-

pension, which, Russel said, re-

flected the seriousness of the hazing.

Kevin Edmondson and James Syn-

owsky turned themselves into police

on misdemeanor assault charges re-

lated to hazing and were released on

bond, said Det. R.A. Gallaway of the

Fort Worth Police Department, who

The Tarrant County District At-

Chauvin said the investigation

process was difficult for the frater-

nity, which was made an example

for all other organizations that may

through going through hearings and

deliberations on anyone else," he

said. "They did the right thing with

Pollard, the Alfred University

counselor, said a university can help

prevent hazing by keeping students

informed and encouraging people to

report hazing.
"Hazing has to do with power

and control," Pollard said. "It is an

initiation process where someone

can prove they are worthy of join-

ing a group.
"In our culture, we don't know

us, but is was maybe a little harsh."

'I'd never wish the hell we went

torney's office has yet to file the

case, although it received case in-

vas assigned to the case

formation in April.

be involved in hazing.

Prevention

On April 23, former Kappa Sigs

cause criminal acts were alleged.

about specific acts committed.

nals," Perry said.

However, in an interview with The Associated Press in May, Perry said it is difficult to keep all parties appraised of a bill's status in the hectic finish of a legislative session. "The reasonable legislators who have been in the process for some time, they know that," Perry said then.

Sanchez in the debate criticized Perry for the veto of a Medicaid restructuring bill that proponents say would have brought more than \$400 million in federal dollars into the state over five years.

He also said Perry should not have killed a "prompt pay" bill that would have required insurance companies to pay claims to doctors quickly.

"We can't continue to go on like this," Sanchez said, noting that some doctors are leaving the field for financial reasons. "We should be very worried that doctors are closing their offices."

which involved alcohol," Pollard said. "Colleges and administration

Many organizations are able to initiate members without resorting

groups can use.

to hazing rituals. Adams said community service activities have become a way for group members to bond without the

should show students better team-

building and bonding processes that

use of hazing. Shortening the new member period and giving pledges the right to vote also reduces hazing, she said.

"Any time you have two levels of membership and criteria to be a fullfledged member (in a group), hazing can occur," Adams said "Pledges and actives need to do positive (activities) together to really bond.

However, Russel said the university can only go so far to prevent hazing.

"To be more proactive would suggest that we show up unannounced at a pledge activity or a new member education program," Russel said. "People would object dramatically. I think groups need to have some level of privacy we need to afford them.'

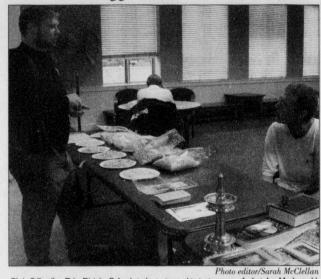
Russel said despite the recent and past incidents, no changes were made to TCU's approach to investigating reports.

"I think we are doing everything we can do, within reason," Russel said. "We could hire staff members to go to every organization and watch over them, but that's not reasonable.

"At some point, we hope the members, and leaders especially, take it upon themselves to be ethical and do the right thing."

Staff reporter Bill Morrison contributed to this report.

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Chris Stillwell, a Brite Divinity School student, stopped to taste some of what Joe Machemehl, a masters of liberal arts student who is a Hare Krishna, said are "the Hindu version of Chex Mix, Thursday in the Student Center. Some of the snacks' names are Papdi, Black Pepper Gathia

NOISE

Gann said the next step he plans on taking is calling the owner of the home who, he said, is the father of one of the residents. Gann said he will call the father if the problems continue. However, some neighbors, includ-

ing David Perez, a resident of Rashti Court, do not find the students to be a problem. He said the four students who live across the street have parties once in a while.

"I don't look down upon (partying)," he said.

Perez said the neighbors are wellmannered and notify him of any upcoming parties.

Johnson said he attributes some of the problems with a lack of communication between the students and their neighbors. He said if better communication existed, the police would not be receiving as many phone calls. Residents of the rental property also change every semester, he said, which makes it difficult for the neighbors to get to know the students. Gann said he has a problem with rig

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the parties when he cannot watch television because of the noise. Gann also dislikes when the street is filled with trash the next day. "It's when they show no respect

for the neighborhood that I have a problem," he said.

Jill Meninger j.m.meninger@tcu.edu

SNIPER

From page 1

spoke little during the 10-minute hearing. When Gesner asked him if he understood the charge, he quietly answered, "Yes, ma'am."

Malvo is considered by the court to be a juvenile, and all of his proceedings are closed.

The suspects, it seems, might have been tripped up by their own arrogance; authorities said they received a call on the task force tip line taking responsibility for the sniper attacks and for an incident in Montgomery, Ala.

Evidence from a Sept. 21 robbery attempt outside a liquor store in Montgomery, which killed one employee and wounded another, then led police to Malvo and Muhammad.

Two senior federal law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said investigators hadn't ruled out other accomplices, including some who may have provided vehicles or other support.

But who were these two, and why might they have unleashed terror on Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia?

Muhammad, a veteran of the Gulf War, converted to Islam, according to The Seattle Times. Malvo is a citizen of Jamaica. The Times quoted federal sources as saying the two had been known to speak sympathetically about the hijackers who attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

But there was no indication, authorities said, that they were linked to al Qaeda or any terrorist group. The two were arrested at 3:19

a.m. Thursday without incident by members of the sniper task force at a rest stop in Frederick County, 50 miles northwest of Washington.

Three hours earlier, Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose had announced that Muhammad and a juvenile were being sought and issued a nationwide alert for a blue, 1990 Chevrolet Caprice with New Jersey plates A motorist and an attendant spotted the car and called police.

It keeps more than memories alive.



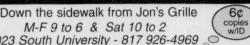


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'A lot of schools try to keep things how to initiate people, so students

in-house. But when it is a violation use what they see in the media,

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The Skiff View EASE UP

University's protest guidelines too strict

Among the objectives of TCU is to teach its students to be good citizens - so much so that the university is looking for ways to incorporate a stronger component of civic involvement in classes and student life.

Civic engagement can mean anything from learning about a different culture to participating in a campus protest.

On Oct. 7, the university got its first taste of protest, small as it was The protest raised questions about the university's position involving the First Amendment's "right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Rules for campus protests are posted in the TCU Student Handbook under the Student Rights and Responsibilities section. All protests must be approved through Campus Life. They can't take place within university buildings. Demonstrations may not block entrances or exits to buildings.

We understand that being a private university, TCU has the right to control what happens on its grounds. But in order to encourage free expression on campus, the university needs to exercise its control lightly.

And there are more restrictions than those just mentioned. All protests must be sponsored by a recognized student organization or administrative unit. A sponsor must be present at the protest. An application for approval must be submitted seven days prior to the event. And the protest can't be happening while another activity is going on.

What this leaves are some students, who may actually have something to say, searching for a group to sponsor them. If not, then their protest, their petition for redress, remains only in their minds.

And while some of these regulations are to prevent anything that will "interfere with free movement," the university doesn't need to interfere with free expression, even that of unorganized

The guidelines need to be written to provide the broadest access to assembly and protest, with the safety of the students involved the only limiting factor.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

The recent sniper attacks have paralyzed most of Virginia and Maryland. Schools have shaded windows and people have been instructed to walk in a zigzag pattern in order to avoid a sniper attack.

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Such precautions should display the fear in which these people are living and the grief in which their families are enduring.

In times of such somberness and high alert it seems strange to try to turn a profit on fear, however many have been doing just that. Gas station owners are hiking up prices for "Pump Angels," who come out, greet you at the pump and fill your tank for you. Some owners have put up blue tarps in hopes of detouring the sniper from having a clear shot at their stores and subsequent customers.

There doesn't appear to be anything wrong with making a dollar on the fear and restlessness buying a novelty item that plays of anxious citizens. After all there off the misfortune of the nation wasn't much said about the enormous amount of flags and bumper stickers sold following the events of Sept. 11. Wal-Mart was sold out of flags, red-whiteand-blue ribbons and even candles after the attacks on the World Trade Center. Nevertheless, this is America, where

everything has a potential price. But we believe that the newest of the disaster-profiting gimmicks, steps over the line. As a take off on the slogan, "Virginia is for Lovers," a new shirt is being printed with the slogan "Virginia is for Snipers" on the front. There is another one produced by Hell's T-shirts which says, "I went to Washington D.C. and all I got was this lousy shirt," which has a bullet hole through it and now reads, "shot by the sniper." For a mere \$17, someone can buy the shirt and make light of the entire situation.

Obviously, the shirts are witty, which will catch the attention of many.

Regardless of how the shirts

might strike a person's perverse sense of humor, it doesn't justify the making or profiting from such a sensitive situation. There is no reason for people to try to turn a buck on another's distress. We aren't calling for censorship, yet it would be nice for people to think twice before as a whole.

Shirts of a negative nature did not seem to leak out after Sept. 11, as they are via the sniper shootings. That could have been a result of integrity, patriotism, honor or many other things that make the loss of life on Sept. 11 different from the loss of life in Virginia and Maryland by way of the sniper.

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Barring women from selective service is wrong

"Fair-weather feminists" are the main reason why this aspect of our country is so unequal

"Selective Service" is an unfamiliar term to most American women. Most men, if they are law-abiding, are acquainted with it, because they are mandated to COMMENTARY register for it. This country, particu-Karla Saia larly under the cur-

rent administration, is not a huge proponent of gender equity in the eyes of the law. Certainly, things are far better here than in most nations, but we still have not ratified an Equal Rights Amendment that was proposed 79 years ago. Women proportionally still earn less money than their male counterparts. And women are still barred from registering for the Selective Service.

According to its Web site at www.sss.gov, the Selective Service System was officially established as an independent federal agency in 1940. Men aged 18 to 25 living in the United States are required to register so that in the event of a military conflict where volunteer forces are not sufficient, they may be called to combat or other military duties. Every man must register.

So my question is, why not women?

Perhaps the simplicity of this question is deceptive. In 1981, a

group of men challenged the constitutionality of excluding women from Selective Service registration and exempting them from a military draft. When the case of Rostker v. Goldberg finally reached the Supreme Court, Chief Justice William Rehnquist delivered the opinion that this sex-based discrimination against women was not in violation of the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment, citing Department of Defense policy that excluded women from front-line

combat. Whether this exclusion of women is constitutional is debatable Whether this

exclusion of women is absurd, however, is hardly arguable. Barring women from registering for the Selective Service is a significant blow to the slow, arduous struggle for equality.

One of the biggest detriments to equality with regard to Selective Service and the draft are the fairweather feminists. I am sure you are familiar with the type. This is the woman who lobbies for equality when it serves her personal interests, who is a champion of equal pay and opportunity in the workforce. However, if presented with equality of opportunity to be forced into combat, she shies away from the idea, dismissing it as a bad one. The hypocrisy and selfishness of this sort of "feminist" angers me to no end.

Not only would the inclusion of women in a possible draft be a step forward with respect to gender equality, it would even more importantly force the Defense Department and the American people to take a long hard look at the draft and whether it should be in place at all. How long do you think our country

would support a system that sent young women into combat at the same rate as young men? And how long would it be be fore there was a

massive public outcry, once men and women alike start returning home in body bags?

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This is a women's rights issue, but it is ultimately something much greater. Were women allowed to register for Selective Service, it could certainly serve as a much-needed catalyst for a serious review and questioning of the system our nation uses today

Karla Saia is a columnist for the Daily Aztec at San Diego State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire

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Your life is not worth avoiding discomfort

Waiting for the results of an HIV test makes one journalist rethink not asking partners about their status.

I've had unprotected sex. I know it was stupid. Thought-less. Careless. Reckless. Russ-

I had a week to think of all COMMENTARY these things Melanie Jarvis while I waited for my HIV test results.

It all began while I was lying in bed one night thinking of life's problems. Parking tickets I can't really pay. Tests for classes I haven't studied for. December graduation and no

And then a 2,000-car train filled with "what ifs" slammed through my head. I've had unprotected sex.

I don't know why I hadn't thought about it earlier. I mean, imminent death is always such a

pleasant subject and all. Dear God, I thought. How my mom, who died from cancer last fall, would've begged for just a

few more days of life.

I thought of the homeless, the starving, the dying, home-bound, physically, mentally, visually and hearing impaired. The sick, poor, childless, parentless, armless.

I thought of rape victims who'd contracted HIV. People who contracted it from a blood transfusion. Neither with a choice in the matter

I thought of everyone that's ever had a bad day and how great my life truly is. And what an idi-otic ingrate I am. And I knew I would have to

be tested

My appointment at the Monongalia County Health Department came on a Wednesday at 10 a.m. I was absolutely sick Gut-wrenching, dreading, heartracing, cold sweat, sick

After a short wait, a nurse named Mary took me back to an exam room. I sat in a plastic chair while she asked me about my sexual history. Have I had sex with a man who's had sex with a man? Have I had any bisexual encounters? Blood transfusions' How many partners have I had?

This is a starting point, Mary said. Whatever the results are your life will be different. Take time to reflect on your life and where you're going, she said. Everything is confidential.

Mary and I are the only people who get the results. I have to give my address and phone number, but it's so she can confirm it's me when I get the results.

She was very sweet and com-forting while she drew my blood. After a few seconds, it was over. I was free to contemplate my life during my nine-day wait.

It was the slowest nine days of my life. The dread is remotely comparable to when you think you might be pregnant. But if you're pregnant, you at least know life will go on.

I think the problem with people our age is that we don't think long-term. We're too busy wondering where our next pack of Ramen noodles will come from to consider the heart disease it's giving us. When you have sex, it's usually not kosher to ask your partner how he feels about kids, STDs and HIV, not to mention if he has any. But the most important thing

ou have is your life. Why isn't it OK to see if your life might be in danger? The person you're with might be offended, but hey, if they they aren't worth it anyway. One of the most important

things my mom told me was to take care of myself, because you couldn't count on anyone else to do it. And she was right. Friday, my results came in. I

went back to the health department to hear my fate. It came on a small piece of yellow paper.

I'm negative. I wanted to jump up and hug Mary. I think I might have.

And Mary's right. It is a new start. I'm going to try to heed my mom's advice.

Melanie Jarvis is a columnist for the Daily Athenaeum at West Virginia University. This column was distrib-

Banning homosexual adoption does not consider children's best interests

Prejudices and stereotypes against homosexuals cloud the real issue: reputable studies are unable to prove homosexuals to be bad parents.

Steve Lofton is not your typical deadbeat foster dad. Under his care, he has voluntarily raised five infants that no one else would take in. He even quit his job to COMMENTARY attend, full-time, to his foster children's Anat Maytal medical needs,

which ranged from developmental problems to testing positive for the HIV virus. However, as ideal a foster father Steve may be, according to Florida state laws, he is not the ideal adoptive father - simply because he's gay.

It was just last month when the Boston Globe reported it would, like the New York Times, begin publishing announcements of gay and lesbian unions. Two years ago. Vermont became the first state to formally recognize civil unions, providing gay couples with many of the same rights, benefits and responsibilities of traditional marriage

Last May, the United Kingdom officially eliminated its ban, allowing all gay couples to adopt. They follow in the footsteps of four other European nations including Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and the Netherlands. It is about time the United States joined them.

In 1977, caught up in irrational

fears, stereotypes and prejudices, the Florida state legislature rushed to be the first state in the union to ban gay adoptions. As much as conservatives may like to claim, this ban has never been about the best interests of the children. Instead, one of the ban's original sponsors, former state Sen. Curtis Peterson explained it was about weakening the gay community. He blatantly argued when it was first introduced, "The problem in Florida has been that homosexuals are surfacing to such an extent that they're beginning to aggravate the ordinary folk. We're trying to send them a message: We are tired of you and wish you would go back into the closet.'

Unfortunately, by categorically eliminating qualified homes from consideration, the Florida law rules out a large population of people who

could potentially provide permanent homes for the children who desperately need them. In fact, 22 leading studies solidly

refute the idea that gay parents and their children are not as healthy and happy as other families. Not a single reputable study has found that lesbian or gay parents are bad parents or that their sexual orientation harms the children they raise.

As a result, a wide range of

Instead of making child placement decisions based on pernicious stereotypes, social workers should be making decisions on a case-bycase basis with all applicants. There should not be any separate litmus test for gavs and lesbians. After all, not all heterosexual couples qualify to be foster or adoptive parents. In fact, not all heterosexuals qualify to be biological parents, as they are the reason

ban on gay adoption.

"Instead of making child placement decisions based on pernicious stereotypes, social workers should be making decisions on a case-by-case basis with all applicants."

> whole controversy, remember those who are being hurt the most: the children without permanent homes. Adoption has to be opened up and liberated of persistent stereotypes so that the best interests of the child will truly be our only priority.

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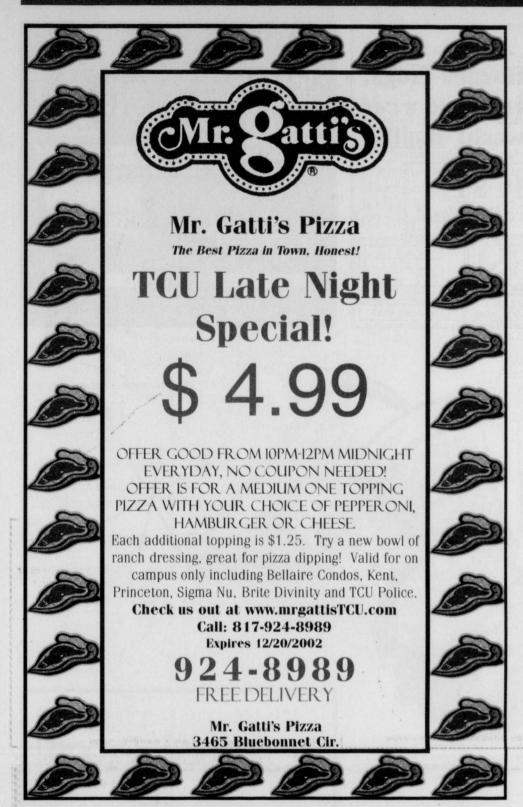
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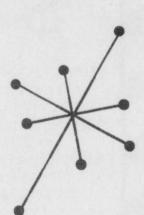
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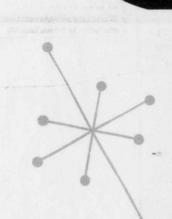


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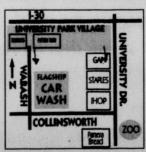
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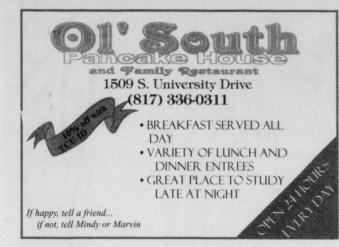


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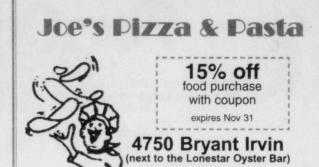
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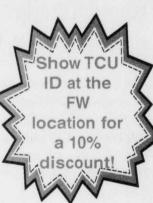
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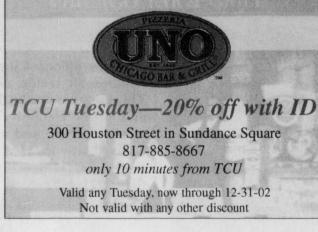


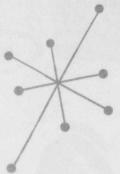
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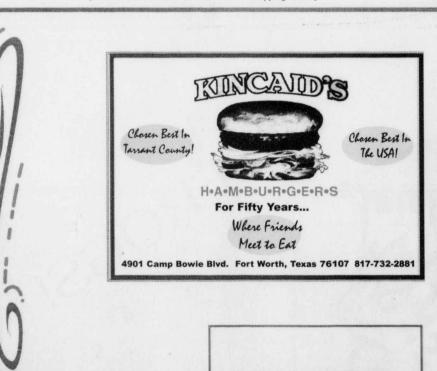
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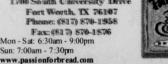
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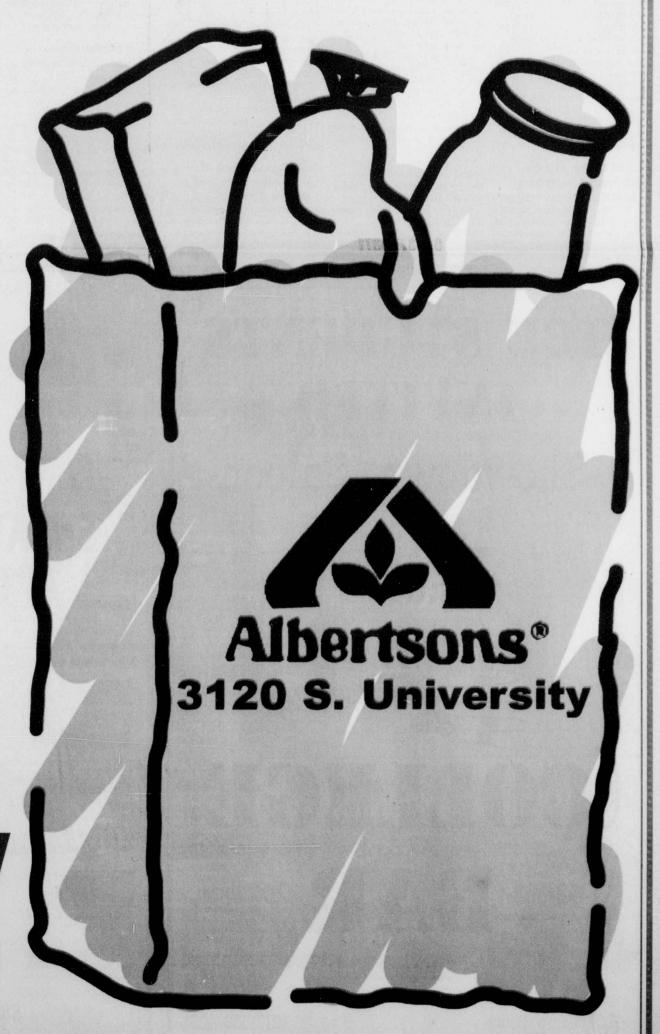
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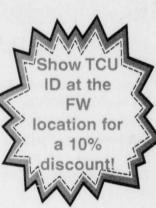
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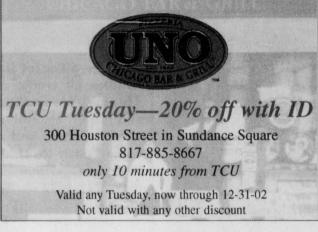


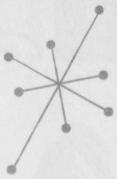
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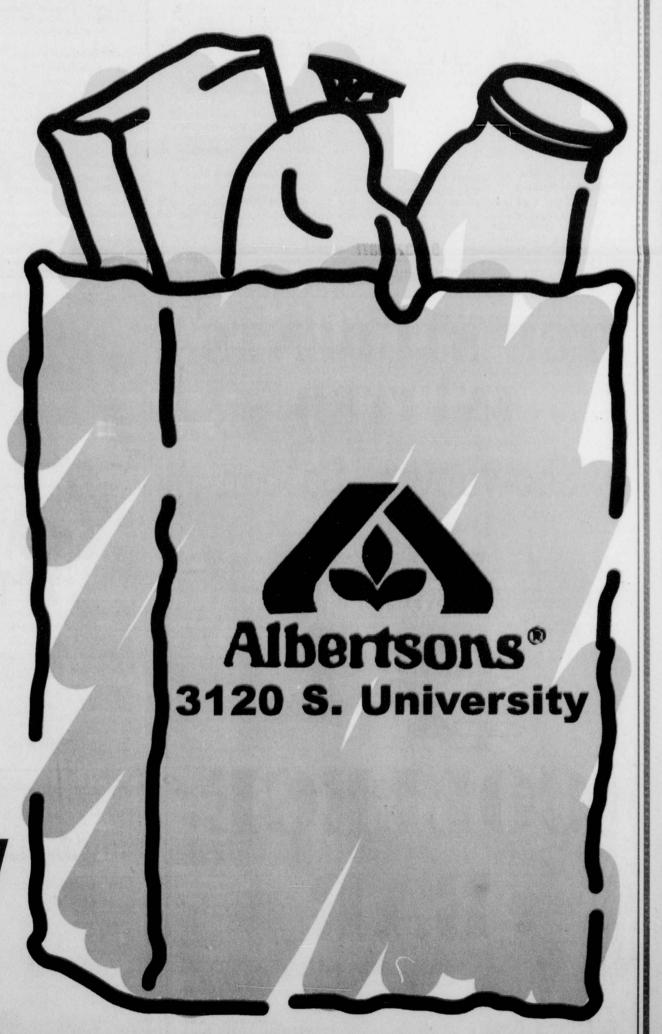
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Hale House head, husband sentenced for embezzling

NEW YORK (AP) — Lorraine Hale, who headed the world-famous Hale House shelter founded by her mother, was sentenced along with her husband to five years' probation Thursday for stealing from the charity.

The sentences for Hale, 76, and husband Jesse DeVore, 70, were part of a deal in which they pleaded guilty to reduced charges and promised to give back as much as they could of the \$766,000 they were accused of embezzling.

Hale's lawyer, William Dowling, said the couple had returned about \$125,000 to Hale House, everything they had.

Hale and DeVore could have gotten up to 15 years in prison if convicted of all 72 charges.

Hale House was created 30 years ago by Clara "Mother" Hale amid Harlem's meanest streets as a refuge for the sick and abandoned babies of drug addicts and AIDS sufferers.

The charity attracted the support and admiration of thousands, including John Lennon, Princess Diana and Rosie O'Donnell. In 1985, Mother Hale was lauded by President Reagan as an "American hero."

After her mother's death in 1992, Lorraine Hale became executive director. DeVore was public relations director.

After they were accused of pocketing donations and other money, Lorraine Hale was removed from the charity in 2001. A board of directors chaired by a former federal prosecutor now runs Hale House.

Son of British politician pleads guilty to stalking

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP)

— The 25-year-old son of Britain's top judicial officer pleaded guilty Thursday to stalking the boyfriend

of a 19-year-old woman he met at a tanning salon.

Alastair Irvine pleaded guilty to felony counts of stalking, burglary, vandalism and making threats and a misdemeanor count of having a concealed weapon.

Irvine is the son of Lord Chancellor Alexander "Derry" Irvine, head of Britain's judiciary and a senior member of the government of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Authorities said Irvine became infatuated with the woman he had met, telephoning and showing up at the salon, though she repeatedly told him she wasn't interested and had a boyfriend. He threatened the boyfriend and threw acid on his truck in June, causing \$5,700 in damage, authorities said.

The case has generated huge interest in England, where the lord chancellor's office has confirmed British media reports that the younger Irvine has undergone treatment in the United States for drug addiction.

FBI arrests 'Puffy Cheek Bandit' for bank robberies

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The FBI has arrested a postal worker believed to be the "Puffy Cheek Bandit" responsible for 27 bank robberies in five states since 1998.

Cazzie Williams, 30, was taken into custody Wednesday at a restaurant near his home in East Orange. He awaited a court appearance Thursday.

The Puffy Cheek Bandit would typically pass tellers a note threatening to shoot people, but he did not show a weapon, FBI agent Steve Kodak said.

"It looks like he's got swollen cheeks. I don't know if he put something in his mouth or that's the way he was," Kodak said.

Each holdup usually netted \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Eighteen of the 27 robberies

were in New Jersey. The others were in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Pacific Rim diplomats meet to try to unite economies

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico (AP) — Looking to unite 21 economies in more prosperous trade, top diplomats from Pacific Rim nations wrestled Thursday with the specter of terrorism and trying to help a free economic system thrive in a new century fraught with unprecedented dangers.

Concerns about North Korea's nuclear-weapons program also topped the agenda as ministers attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum cloistered themselves for two days of meetings centered around the alliance's core mission of liberalizing trade.

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"It is so important in the aftermath of Sept. 11 for all of us to draw closer together," said Colin Powell, the U.S. secretary of state. "When people see hope in the future, when they see an opportunity to make a living, then there's no room for anger, no room for the type of terror activity we see."

After the Sept. 11 attacks — and, more recently, after the deadly bombing this month in the Indonesian vacation haven of Bali — terrorism is hanging over the meeting of the economies that make up the APEC trade bloc.

Powell said President Bush would discuss North Korea's revelation with APEC leaders when he arrives for a summit here Saturday.

Team trying to link al Qaeda network to Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — A highlevel Defense Department team is sifting through intelligence information, looking for links between the al Qaeda network and terrorism sponsors such as Iraq, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfelds said Thursday.

The team, created in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, is using powerful computers and other methods to analyze information about terrorism gathered by the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency and other spy agencies.

Rumsfeld said the team has about four members who work for Douglas Feith, the undersecretary of defense for policy. He said the team's analysis was meant as an aid to policy-makers, not as competition to the CIA or other intelligence agencies.

A CIA report to Congress, for example, concluded that Saddam was unlikely to use his chemical or biological weapons or give them to terrorists unless Iraq is attacked. Rumsfeld, on the other hand, has repeatedly argued that Saddam cannot be trusted to use any restraint, noting his invasions of Iran and Kuwait and use of chemical weapons on Iraqi citizens.

Rumsfeld has repeatedly denied persistent news reports of tension between the Defense Department and the CIA — as well as between Rumsfeld and George Tenet, the director of central intelligence.

Bush administration sued for Sept. 11 information

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union and three other groups sued the Bush administration Thursday, demanding information about expanded Justice Department surveillance in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The private organizations are seeking information about how the government is carrying out recordgathering at libraries, bookstores and Internet service providers. The lawsuit comes almost a year after President Bush signed the USA Pa-

triot Act, which widened the government's surveillance power as part of the effort to prevent further terrorist attacks.

The case filed in U.S. District Court alleges that the Justice Department has provided no information on parts of the Patriot Act that have "obvious and serious implications for individual privacy and the freedom of speech."

Other groups joining the suit were the Electronic Privacy Information Center, the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression and the Freedom to Read Foundation.

'Banzai' ride kills worker at North Carolina State Fair

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A pendulum-style ride at the State Fair struck and killed a worker who apparently slipped on the ride platform Thursday, officials said.

A teenage girl on the ride also suffered a minor leg injury and was taken to a hospital, said Mike Blanton, spokesman for the Agriculture Department.

The "Banzai" ride, which has seats at the bottom of a column and swings riders back and forth, was functioning properly, Blanton said. He said it wasn't clear why the worker was close enough to be hit in the head by a steel footrest attached to one of the seats.

A second worker immediately stopped the ride after the man was hit, and a safety investigation was being conducted, Blanton said. The state Labor Department had inspected the ride before it opened Oct. 16.

Midway operator Amusements of America, based in Monroe Township, N.J., said the worker was one of its longtime employees.

Amusements of America has worked 34 fairs this year around the eastern United States. Two men were injured in August on a ride that the company was operating at the Ohio State Fair after a car fell 15 feet to the ground from the Re-Mix. The ride was owned by San Antoniobased Wood Entertainment Co.

Rusnak pleads guilty to largest bank fraud in U.S.

BALTIMORE (AP) — A former currency trader accused of hiding \$691 million in losses at Allfirst bank pleaded guilty Thursday in one of the largest bank fraud cases in U.S. history.

Under the plea agreement, John Rusnak will serve 7 1/2 years in federal prison for making a series of fictitious currency trades to cover up the trading losses he suffered in the 1990s.

Rusnak was indicted in June in the biggest bank fraud case since Nick Leeson, a trader in Singapore for Barings Bank, lost more than \$1 billion on futures trades, leading to Barings' 1995 collapse.

Rusnak allegedly ran up the losses at Allfirst Financial over five years, mostly from trading Japanese yen. While trying to recoup those losses, prosecutors say, he dug himself a deeper hole by taking ever-larger risks.

Prosecutors said Rusnak did not directly profit from the trading losses, but by manipulating Allfirst's computerized system for tracking trading activities, they said he was able to generate a record appearing to show profits for the bank between 1997 and 2001.

That appearance of profits earned Rusnak bonuses of more than \$650,000. He collected about \$433,000 of that amount before the fraud was discovered last winter, authorities said.

Allfirst was under parent company Allied Irish Banks at the time Rusnak worked there.

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Women's golf team readies itself to travel east for Furman Invitational

Team hopes they can "put it all together" and give a good performance at this tournament.

BY CHAD MURRAY

The women's golf team swings into action today in its third tournament of the year, the Furman Lady Paladin Invitational in Greenville, S.C.

Head coach Angie Ravaioli-Larkin said she is looking for a good performance from the squad.

"We really haven't played like we think we can play," Ravaioli-Larkin said. "We're looking to put it all together (at this tournament).'

In the first tournament of the seathe University of New Mexico Dick McGuire Invitational in late September, the team finished eighth out of

Earlier this month, the team competed in the Price's "Give 'em" Five-

On the Course

Furman Lady Paladin Invitational Oct. 25-27

Records: The women's golf team finished eighth in both its tournaments this fall.

About the tournament: This is the 32nd edition of the Lady Paladin Invitational, with previous winners being LPGA names like Nancy Lopez, Betsy King and Dottie Pepper. The course is 5,984 yards long and a par-72.

About TCU: This the third of four fall tournaments the Frogs are playing in the fall. As a group the team has a ing to 76.71 an individual.

About the competition: The Frogs will get their first look at Tulane, Louisville and Memphis since last spring's conference tournament.

New Mexico State University Invitational and again finished eighth out of 20 teams.

The team is anchored by junior Brooke Tull, who leads the team in scoring average with a 73.6 a round average and recorded the best finish of her collegiate career at the NMSU Invitational, finishing second place overall. Shannon Barr, the only senior on the squad, has placed in the top 50 in both tournaments this year and sophomore D'Rae Ward jumped from a tie for 62nd place in the Dick McGuire Invitational to a tie for 45th place in the NMSU Invitational.

The Furman Invitational marks the first tournament in which the women's golf team has headed east to compete this season. It also marks the first time that the squad will face some of its Conference USA foes, which the team last saw in April during the C-USA tournament, where the team took first

"There are lots of Conference USA teams here, and that should give us motivation to do well," Tull said.

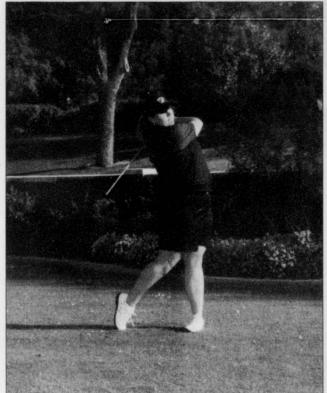
The fall visit to South Carolina has become a mainstay for the team in recent years, with seventh and eighth place finishes in 2001 and 2000, respectively.

And to experienced team members like Tull, the course offers few sur-

"It's very straightforward and it's not very long," Tull said. "Putting and short games will be the key."

Ravaioli-Larkin sees the players' destiny this weekend resting in their own hands.

"We have the talent and the players, and it all comes down to believing in ourselves," Ravajoli-Larkin said. "There is so much parity and equality in women's golf that it's only a matter of getting out top five (golfers) to-



Special to Skiff Sophomore Brooke Tull and the women's golf team are in South Carolina this weekend, competing in the Furman Lady Paladin Invitational.

After the tournament in South Carolina, the team will head to Alabama for the Auburn Invitational, to be held Friday to Nov. 3. Then the women's golf team returns home and will not take part in another tournament until February. Ravaioli-Larkin feels that it

gether for three days and hope they do is important for the team to place well in these two tournaments before the roughly three-month break

"Really strong finishes make for a very happy off-season and build momentum for the spring," Ravaioli-

Chad Murray

TV may get its way, but college athletes forced to play when priorities conflict

Sports is a big business, and ESPN and Conference USA are partners, but is it at the athletes' expense?

BY DANNY GILLHAM

ESPN came knocking, and Conference USA answered the door. When the sports television juggernaut proposed a TV deal, the confer-

ence that hasn't had COMMENTARY respect or recognition in football accepted. It would allow more games to be seen, and more teams to get noticed.

But at what

price? Sure the mid-

week games are put on with no other football games as competition. And yes, the Frogs have benefited from the coverage. Last season the team had national coverage at home against East Carolina, and played a

Monday game this year at Cincinnati. It will now play this upcoming Wednesday against Southern Mississippi.

Yet while the team and TV seem-

ingly get what they want, is it really beneficial to the players?

"It throws off your routine, you got to prepare differently," senior linebacker LaMarcus McDonald said. "It's not like Saturday, after the game you got to get up and go to school the

College football players have to

pull double duty with school and playing, and intertwining them has the potential to be a severe distraction,

Just look at it from a simple football standpoint. Sure TCU had plenty of time to prepare for Cincinnati, but conference games are normally not played that early in the season. However, with ESPN's package with the league, the game was set then because, no other time could be found.

"I just wish we wouldn't have played (Cincinnati) so early in the year," head coach Gary Patterson said. "We got one of their better games, and now they are not playing as good. I wouldn't mind playing them right now.'

There are some pros to match the cons. This game gives the team 10 days between games instead of seven, allowing more time to prepare and rest. The Frogs also have the benefit of full national attention, because when it comes to football, it's the only game being played.

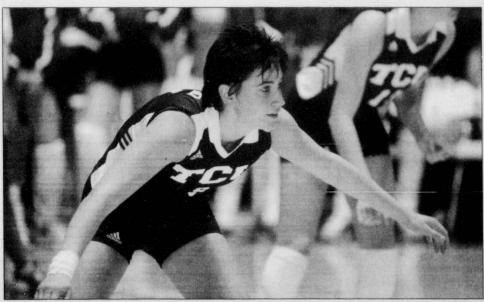
Still, college football is something you associate with Saturday, not Tuesday or Wednesday. It may be good for TV and the school, but not for the players.

But TV seems to get its way, proof of which came from senior quarterback Sean Stilley:

"You can't complain about being on ESPN."

Danny Gillham is a sophomore broadcast ournalism major from Weatherford. He can be reached at (d.r.gillham@tcu.edu).

Volleyball team returns home for two weekend C-USA matchups



Sophomore outside hitter Dominika Szabo and the volleyball team have matches against Alabama-Birmingham Friday and South Florid Saturday, both of which are at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

The volleyball team will attempt to halt the three-match winning streak of UAB Friday, before tackling first-place South Florida Saturday.

BY JAY ARMSTRONG

The TCU volleyball team will look to rebound from a 1-4 start in Conference USA beginning this weekend with two home matches against ninth place Alabama-Birmingham and conference leader South Florida.

Despite the slow start, the coaches and team members said their confidence remains unshaken.

"Our players come in every day to work," head coach Prentice Lewis said. "We would love to be 3-4. The games that we've lost are errors that we've made and we need to make adjustments.

The team will need to be confident this weekend for two key matches. While South Florida sits atop the conference standings with only five games lost all season, it may be the UAB match on Friday night that mat-

The team trails the Blazers by one spot in the C-USA standings. Since by head-to-head competition, this match could play a role in conference seeding at the end of the season. For the team to win this match,

Lewis said it must contain UAB's dual threat of Allison Magner and Martina Shields. The two lead the team in blocks and kills respectively. "We need to have a minimum of three players making kills to win the rest of our matches. We can't have any hitters getting a zero (hitting per-

South Florida is paced by nationally-ranked outside hitter Michelle Collier, who leads the Lady Bulls in both kills (5.51/game) and service

aces (1/game). The team said it still must make several adjustments to reach postsea-

We must work on our consistency and be able to respond to what coaches tell us," freshman setter

The team is only 1-4 at home this season, and said advancing further than the regular season will require taking advantage of Daniel-Meyer

We must use our home court ad-

the C-USA tiebreaker is determined vantage," junior outside hitter Courtney Beach said.

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Opening Set Alabama-Birmingham at

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3 - 3)About the match: This is the third career meeting between the Frogs and

Blazers, with the series currently tied 1-1. About TCU: This is the first of two weekend matches for the Frogs, who play conference leader South Florida Saturday. A win against UAB would

give them one less win than the Blaz-

ers in conference standings.

About UAB: The Blazers have won three consecutive matches, with their latest ng over Saint Louis. They currently sit in ninth place in the conference.

