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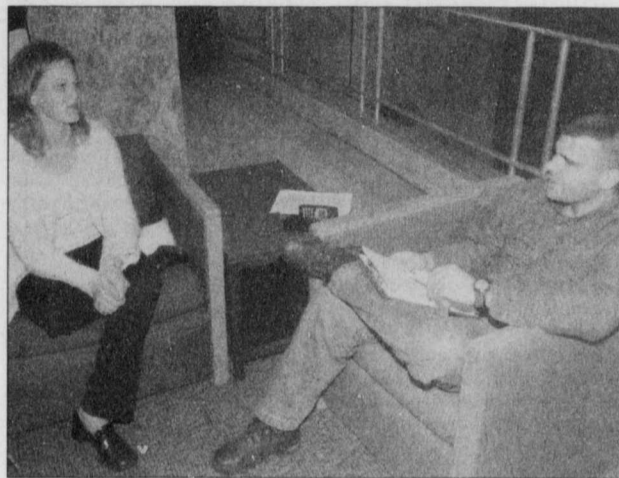


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Senior social work major Victoria Tschoepe interviews with Joshua Webb to be a staff member at Pinecove, a Christian camp.

SGA seeks improvements

Representation, communication among concerns

BY JESSICA SANDERS
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association's new officers are working to make the organization more effective on campus by improving representation, President Brad Thompson said.

"We want to make an impact," said Thompson, a junior radio-TV-film major. "Not just go through the motions, but actually go out and really try to do something to change the face of our campus this year."

Vice President Andrea Reedsaid SGA also plans to improve student representation by making sure all vacant positions in SGA are filled.

"In the residence halls, every 70 residents get one representative, every 70 commuter students get one representative and every Greek chapter that has housing on campus has one representative," said Reed, a senior business and social work major. "If those spots are empty, then no one is responding to the needs of that constituency." She said she plans to send e-mails



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and fliers to recruit members and to keep the student body informed.

Improved communication is vital to successfully representing the students, Secretary Todd Clowersaid.

Clower, a junior advertising/public relations major, said his goals include placing suggestion boxes in the Student Center, sending weekly e-mails to all students and continuing SGA meetings with campus organizations. "This year I think we have the leaders necessary to improve communications, not only within SGA but also with Greek organizations and all other organizations on campus," Clower said.

Thompson said SGA will distribute several student surveys and speak to campus organizations on a regular basis.

"We are working on getting student feedback on everything we do," Thompson said.

Students will be able to use ID cards to buy concessions at athletic events within the next semester, Reed said.

Reed said she is also studying other university student governments to determine whether the House of Student Representatives needs to be restructured.

"The goal is to have a plan for restructuring so that it can be voted on next November," she said. "It will require a lot of research and a lot of thought."

The current structure of the House has been in place for a number of years, Thompson said.

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Block, Scholastic use the Big Red Dog to implement nationwide reading program

BY LARA HENDRICKSON
Staff Reporter

Professor of education Cathy Block said she is on sabbatical from TCU this semester to work with the Scholastic Program in continuing promotion of literature in thousands of elementary schools nationwide using the Clifford, the Big Red Dog book series.

Block has worked at the university for 26 years and is now co-authoring several books through Scholastic, she said. When Block was teaching, administrative assistant Rachel Escamilla said, Block used the program with her TCU students for them to use at elementary schools, and that Block and the Scholastic program are currently on their way to accomplishing their goal of child literacy.

"Some students (that the education department works with) already get books from Scholastic," Escamilla said, "They really learn a lot from

them."

Block said children all over the world love the Big Red Dog and that no matter what school district they are in, they deserve to have a good teacher and learning environment.

Block, an author for Scholastic since 1997, said Scholastic approached her this past October and asked her to work with them to promote Literacy Day Nov. 1. From there, the Clifford series was implemented for students to read in schools and the program grew, she said.

"The program has been implemented in (more than) 3,000 schools," Block said. "We are trying to spread the use of the program all across America, including across 180 countries."

Block said it is just as important to have teachers or role models to read the books to the students as it is for them to have the books themselves.

"Scholastic's favorite quote is 'Every reader grows with a good book and a great teacher,'"

Block said.

Block said this program of teaching and promoting literacy could possibly be fully integrated into the curriculum for education majors in the future.

Block is currently working on researching the overall effectiveness of the program, as well as serving on the Board of Directors with professors from Harvard, Ohio State and other Scholastic employees, she said.

The number of people who want to get involved has also grown, Block said. "Originally, Garth Brooks and Clifford went to different schools to promote literacy," she said. "Now Tom Hanks and Whoopi Goldberg, along with President George W. Bush and Laura Bush have adopted schools to read books to children and tell them why reading is important."

Junior education major Jess Erwin said it could be extremely beneficial for education majors to learn more about this program.

"Anything that makes children want to read

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University set to begin anesthesia program

Graduate classes to start after accreditation

BY LAUREN HANVEY
Staff Reporter

The new School of Nurse Anesthesia is now reviewing applications for prospective graduate students. The idea for the school originated two years ago because of a demand for another one of its kind in the area, nursing school officials say.

However, officials say the school cannot admit anyone until it is accredited. Classes in the new school are set to begin in fall 2003, pending final accreditation this May, said Rhonda Keen-Payne, dean of the School of Health and Human Sciences.

The need for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA's) in the area led TCU to create the school, said Sharon Hudson, assistant to the dean.

TCU will take on three new faculty members to start the program, two of which have already been hired, Kay Sanders, director of the School of Nurse Anesthesia, said. The School of Nurse Anesthesiology will not be part of the Harris School of Nursing, Keen-Payne said.

Keen-Payne said applicants must have a bachelor of science degree and at least one year of critical-care experience and that interviews will begin this February. All students who are offered admission for the first semester will be notified by March 31, she said.

Tuition and fees will be \$36,000 for the entire 28-month program, Keen-Payne said. She said she is reluctant to admit more than 60 students for the fall 2003 because she wants to leave room for error in the be-

ginning.

"Every new program has glitches," Keen-Payne said.

Sanders also said she wants to limit admission. "It would harm not only the profession, but the people of the United States if we take people just because we want the numbers," she said.

For the first two semesters, students will stay in classrooms and practice on a human patient simulator, Sanders said. Hands-on training in hospitals will begin in the second year of study, she said.

The school is now in the process of contracting with hospitals that will host the clinicals, Keen-Payne said. Eventually there will be six full-time faculty members and about 12 clinical coordinators, she said.

"We've got several undergraduate students who have already come in to me and shown interest in continuing," Keen-Payne said.

Anne Todaro, a senior nursing major, said she is interested in the program for the future.

"Harris School of Nursing has been wonderful, and I am very grateful for my experiences," Todaro said. "I would definitely consider continuing my master's degree with TCU's program."

Allison Selmon, a junior nursing major, said she is considering the new program because tuition for the master's degree is half the price for students who earned a bachelor's degree at TCU.

Nurse anesthesia programs are very competitive, said Stephanie Powers, a senior nursing major.

"The vision I have is to grow a very creative, innovative program for such an important ... profession," Sanders said.

For more information or to download an application visit (www.CRNA.tcu.edu).

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Old sewer pipe to be relocated from under new pool



An underground sewer line is being relocated at Stadium Drive and Bellaire Drive North to make room for an outdoor pool at the new University Recreation Center, officials said.

TCU hired the city of Fort Worth to do the project for \$60,000, said Jim Weller, associate director for major projects

with the Physical Plant.

The old sewer line lie right under where the new pool will be built, Weller said.

The line had to be moved to avoid potential problems later, said Adolfo Lopez, senior engineering technician for the City of Fort Worth. Because the pipe was fairly old, it could have caused

maintenance issues and possible damage to the pool, he said.

The new pipe will lie under the street instead of under the buildings where the old one was, Lopez said.

The streets will not be completely reopened until Jan. 24 because it will need new pavement, Lopez said.



The City of Fort Worth is replacing another sewer pipe near the intersection of Bowie Street and McCart Avenue, Lopez said. The pipe was beginning to deteriorate, he said.

The project is expected to cost the city \$126,613, he said. Bowie Street should be completely open by Monday, Lopez said.

— Lauren Hanvey

The Weather

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

High: 55; Low: 25; Sunny

Looking Back

1861 — The Crittenden Compromise, the last chance to keep North and South together, died in the U.S. Senate.

1953 — The Chevrolet Corvette was introduced at a car show at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

1973 — Long-running western series "Bonanza" was finally canceled after 14 seasons.

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• **Student Government Association** is looking for representatives, especially from commuter or graduate students. Applications are available at the Information Desk, the SGA office and in residence hall offices. For more information, contact Andrea Reed at (817) 257-5234 or Nick James at (817) 257-8464.

• **A Summer 2003 London study abroad information session** will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. today in Reed Hall, room 101. The session will cover the British Studies course. For more information, contact Karen Steele at (817) 257-6255.

• **Campus will be closed** on Monday in honor of the Martin Luther King holiday.

• **A Frog Club Luncheon** will be held at noon Tuesday in the Kelly Center. The luncheon, featuring Coach Mittie, will cost \$10. No reservations are necessary. For more information, call (817) 257-7700.

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"I want to try different things, things that are interesting to see if there is a better way to do it," Thompson said. "I think it's always good to reevaluate what you have; never take it for granted."

The Programming Council is also reevaluating its composition.

Treasurer Chris Mattingly said the Council will evaluate how money is spent. PC has become more project-based, instead of committee-based, Mattingly said. SGA will need to be more flexible with its funds, he said.

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SCHOLASTIC

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more is an important part of education," Erwin said.

Scholastic is continuing President Bush's No Child Left Behind program, which leaves no child over third grade illiterate, Block said. By March, the Board of Directors hopes to have all of the largest 200 school districts in the country involved, including many inner-city schools, she said.

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Housing agency short \$250 mil.

BY CONNIE CASS
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's housing agency is short \$250 million because of faulty accounting, forcing temporary budget cuts of almost one-third for the local authorities that rent homes to the poor.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development notified public housing directors late Wednesday that it hopes to provide more money later in the year, possibly giving them up to 90 percent of the federal financing they seek.

The forecast didn't mollify those worried about the effects of the initial cuts, which the department announced last week.

"The housing authorities have to pay their bills now, especially those in the Northeast with cold climates, and utility bills are escalating," said Tim Kaiser, executive director of the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association.

Kaiser said local housing officials remain skeptical of HUD's predictions because of a history of shoddy planning and changing estimates.

"It's just thoroughly confusing and the administration really needs to straighten this out," he said. "I mean, we're talking about

people's lives here."

The planned increase in funding later this year is contingent on Congress approving HUD's budget request and local housing authorities reporting financial needs that aren't dramatically higher than last year, said Michael Liu, assistant secretary of public and Indian housing.

A 10 percent cut would still leave finances tight at the 3,200 public housing agencies across the nation, but the announcement was some relief to housing directors worried that larger cuts currently in place would become permanent.

"At 70 percent of your budget you are laying people off, cutting services, letting units sit vacant," said Christine Siksa, policy analyst at the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. "At 90 percent you are still able to operate, being careful with spending, and if you have some reserves you're in better shape."

Still, Siksa said the housing agencies her group represents would cut their spending significantly until more money is approved, which could take months. That probably will mean reduced services for low-income residents at a time when the economy is causing greater need, she said.

Judge says Malvo to be tried as adult

Extortion, phone calls reason for decision

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT
 Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. — Citing what he called strong circumstantial evidence, a judge said Wednesday that 17-year-old sniper suspect John Lee Malvo can be tried as an adult, making him eligible for the death penalty.

Juvenile Court Judge Charles Maxfield ruled after a hearing in which prosecutors said Malvo tauntingly tried to extort \$10 million from authorities during the killing spree and that fingerprints on the murder weapon and other evidence tied the teenager to four attacks — three of them fatal.

"There is no eyewitness at any of the four crime scenes but the circumstantial evidence is quite strong," the judge said.

Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, 42, are accused of killing 13 people and wounding five others in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., last year. They are being tried first in Virginia in separate trials.

The extortion allegation is a key element of a Virginia anti-terrorism law that allows the death penalty for killers convicted of trying to intimidate the public or coerce the government. Malvo is also charged under a statute that allows a death sentence for multiple murders.

"They wanted to negotiate for money," prosecutor Robert F. Horan said. "They said 'If you want us to stop killing people give us the money.' If that is not intent to intimidate government, I don't know what is."

Defense lawyers argued the evidence was insufficient because no eyewitnesses placed Malvo at any of the crime scenes. They also said the demand for money does not qualify as terrorism and questioned whether it should be interpreted as a motive for any alleged crime.

"This is not intimidation if you look at it. If you look at it in the broadest sense, it's blackmail," defense lawyer Michael Arif said.

After the hearing, he added: "The request for \$10 million sounds like something out of an Austin Powers movie."

Malvo is charged in Fairfax

County with the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot store in Falls Church. But Horan said ballistics evidence, the notes and the phone calls link Malvo to two other fatal attacks and a shooting outside an Ashland restaurant that left a patron critically wounded.

A fingerprint expert also said the only identifiable prints found on the murder weapon, a Bushmaster rifle, belonged to Malvo. The print was found on the rifle's pistol grip.

Earlier, a detective who interviewed Malvo for six hours after his arrest last fall identified his voice on tape recordings of two threatening phone calls to authorities during the attacks. Both tapes were played in court.

"I talked to him long enough to know he's very smooth and well-spoken. I'd know that voice immediately," Fairfax County police Detective June

Boyle testified. She described Malvo as calm, relaxed and even "jovial on occasion" during their interview last year.

Defense lawyers challenged whether the caller was even male. Boyle conceded she had no special training in voice identification but the judge ruled her testimony was admissible.

One of the calls, made Oct. 21, was monitored by FBI agent Jackie Dalrymple. She said someone claiming to be a sniper laid out non-negotiable terms for ending the killing spree.

The caller ordered police to hold a news conference and say they believed they had caught the sniper "like a duck in a noose." Otherwise, the caller told police, "be sure to know that we will not deviate" from previous threats to kill more people.

Other testimony focused on a note found Oct. 22 near the Silver Spring, Md., location where bus driver Conrad Johnson was slain. The note read: "For you Mr. police, call me God. Do not release to the press. Can you hear us now? Do not play these childish games with us. You know our demands."

According to Horan, the note also said Johnson was killed because police hadn't responded quickly enough to earlier demands for money, telling police: "Your incompetence has cost you another life."

Prosecutors said they will take their case against Malvo to a grand jury Tuesday and hope to bring the case to trial this summer.

Gov't looks to protect planes from missiles

BY LESLIE MILLER
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government has taken undisclosed steps to protect commercial flights from a missile attack and a task force has been assembled to come up with more ideas, officials said Wednesday.

The government has long been concerned about the possibility of a shoulder-fired missile taking down a plane, but an unsuccessful attack on an Israeli jet in Kenya in November hastened the need to act. After the attempted shootdown, U.S. security officials formed a task force to assess the danger posed by such weapons. They concluded the threat could be serious because the rockets are portable and plentiful, according to a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., said commercial aviation in the United States would be crippled if a plane was struck by a missile.

"It is my intention to ferret out what the administration is doing and on what timetable they're doing it," said Nelson, who sits on the Commerce Committee, which oversees aviation. "Yesterday isn't

soon enough."

He said airports are doing some things to keep terrorists away from their perimeters. People are no longer allowed to stand north of a runway at Orlando International Airport and watch planes take off and land, he said. The missiles, though, have a range of a mile, he said.

"Someone is not going to be able to just whip one of these things out of a briefcase."

— John Iannarelli
 FBI spokesman

FBI spokesman John Iannarelli said officials are focusing on identifying vulnerable areas at the nation's airports and ensuring greater vigilance among local police and airport officials.

One approach under consideration is a neighborhood watch program that would educate local police and residents near airports to identify missile parts and to be on the lookout for suspicious people.

"Someone is not going to be able

to just whip one of these things out of a briefcase," Iannarelli said.

The National Security Council, the White House office of homeland security, the FBI and transportation safety agencies are part of the group coordinating the efforts, presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

"There have already been steps taken" that must remain confidential for security reasons, Fleischer said, adding that more plans are in the works.

Though security has been tightened "considerably" at airports since the Sept. 11 attacks, passenger planes still are seen as vulnerable to missiles that could be launched from outside an airport's perimeter. Federal officials are looking at various options to protect them.

"There's a wide-ranging, active discussion about this issue," said Chet Lunner, Transportation Department spokesman.

Shoulder-fired missiles are relatively cheap and easy to use. Hundreds and perhaps thousands of SA-7s — heat-seeking rockets that can hit low-flying aircraft within 30 miles — are available to terrorists on the worldwide arms markets.

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TheSkiffView WEB SITE

New student page seems unnecessary

Call us creatures of habit, but we're not on board yet with this (my.tcu.edu).

The new Web site is a portal that offers personalized TCU links, e-mail, weather, news and other features.

It is meant to complement the university's main Web site, which now is considered too cluttered for surfers who want to find information quickly.

Maybe we're just traditionalists, but we don't see anything wrong with the university's main Web site. Sure, it does seem like information overload when you first open the page, but its layout is user friendly. It doesn't take much clicking around to go to the registrar's page or the library's site.

Most college students today are savvy Internet surfers who instant message with friends continents away, order pizzas online and download music and movies — sometimes before they have even been released.

Navigating the TCU Web site, quite frankly, is a piece of cake.

Still, (my.tcu.edu) is here to stay for the time being. The university should make some modifications if it wants a large number of students to use it.

We suggest creating a link for the online directory.

Also, create a link for departmental or student pages. And finally, make the site more visually appealing.

The intentions behind the site are good, but it still needs some improvements before students start making it their home page.



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Prozac won't solve children's problems

Imagine a third grader who gets his lunch money stolen on a regular basis by an older bully.

This begins to happen fairly often and the boy gets more upset and cries more often when he gets home.

His parents find out. What should they do?

Maybe they could tell the principal. Teach the child to stand up for himself.

Nah, let's just put him on Prozac: America's favorite depression wonder drug.

Now that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of Prozac for children 8 years and older who suffer from depression and obsessive compulsive disorder, similar scenarios to

the one mentioned above may become commonplace.

The FDA claims that up to 25 percent of children suffer from depression. However, only 8 percent of teen-agers suffer from depression. These statistics look a little on the outlandish side.

I don't have the means or scientific knowledge to conduct my own study, yet it seems very hard to believe that more than twice as many 8-year-old children are depressed than 15-year-old children.

We've all been through adolescence and it is pretty hard to imagine any period being more depressing than the one immediately following puberty. Is scientific evidence really necessary to prove this little tidbit of common sense?

Also, the FDA is pulling off this bold move after admittedly performing little pediatric testing. Of course pharmaceutical com-

panies and manufacturers aren't complaining because they're making a lot of money. Psychiatrists will get more patients when parents want drugs prescribed for their children. At this point, money might just be sneaking its greedy little head in as a motivating factor.

Decide for yourself if this all seems a little too convenient.

Now let's study the side effects: nausea, tiredness, nervousness, dizziness and difficulty concentrating. And, with children, the use of Prozac is proven to delay growth as well.

So, children who are tired, nervous, sickly, who also probably need to be put on Ritalin since they're having trouble concentrating in school, are now suddenly also among the shortest in the class.

That can't be how it's supposed to work. As someone who had a late growth spurt, I can

personally attest that looking up to all the girls in class is not particularly good for self esteem either, much less for the neck.

Kids are going to deal with problems. Period. Unfortunately, there will always be bullies, back-stabbing friends, overbearing parents and so on. The key here is for parents to do their jobs and seek counseling when necessary. Only in extreme cases should Prozac become a viable option for children. Also, do we really want to pump our children full of drugs when we have no idea of the long-term effects?

Besides, if parents are so intent on getting drugs for their children, it might be a safe bet that they're the ones who really need psychiatric help.

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COMMENTARY



Jordan Blum

Point/Counterpoint

The Issue: Should the federal government freeze social spending because of the war on terrorism to avoid trying to have both guns and butter?

Increasing military spending justified

More money is needed to protect U.S. people

In the last several months, the media has questioned President George W. Bush and his spending priorities. One recent Washington Post article criticized President Bush's proposed budget that would reduce domestic social funding in order to increase defense funding. While the media is entitled to its opinion, certain facts have been omitted. People need to remember that the United States is still involved in an expanding war on terror. Along with the dangers of war and terrorism, the historical trends of spending also need to be examined. In this current environment, the United States needs "guns" more than "butter."

The Taliban may not rule Afghanistan now, but remnants of the regime still continue to fight and pose a threat to the delicate Afghan democracy. The Afghan National Army is still in the early stages of development. The U.S. military remains in Afghanistan in order to defeat the remaining Taliban and prevent the former regime from retaking control. Afghanistan continues to be an armed conflict that requires fund-

ing and support. Along with Afghanistan, the United States may expand this war to other countries in order to prevent another Sept. 11.

Two countries in President Bush's "Axis of Evil" — North Korea and Iraq — have taken belligerent action against the United States. North Korea has restarted a nuclear reactor, expelled U.N. inspectors and withdrawn from the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty. According to a Jan. 9 CNN story about Iraq, U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix believes the Iraqi government already violated previous U.N. resolutions by importing missile engines in 2002. While negotiation may be possible, North Korea and Iraq seem determined to produce weapons of mass destruction. As these countries pose a bigger threat to the United States, an increase in defense funding is justifiable. Before criticism mounts over diverting "money for the poor" to fund the military, we should contrast the levels of government funding during times of war.

Many people incorrectly perceive that President Bush plans to drastically increase defense funding by drastically cutting domestic social funding. According to budget documents from (www.whitehouse.gov), funding for social spending (Health and Human Services, Social Security, Medicare, etc.) is set to increase from \$1.31 trillion in 2002 to \$1.39 trillion in 2003. Funding for national defense is set to increase from \$347 billion in 2002 to \$379

billion in 2003. While previous budgets did contain larger social spending increases, this year's increase should still be applauded. If critics are truly looking for a dramatic social spending decrease and defense spending increase, they should look at the federal budget during Franklin Roosevelt's administration.

According to historical budget documents from (www.whitehouse.gov), during World War II from 1941 to 1945, funding for social spending plummeted from \$4.15 billion to \$1.89 billion. In that same period, funding for national defense skyrocketed from \$6.43 billion to \$82.96 billion. In World War II, President Roosevelt properly prioritized the need for social funding along with the need for defense funding. In the war on terror, President Bush is simply trying to do the same.

The thought of reducing defense funding and increasing domestic social funding is noble. Unfortunately, since Sept. 11, malicious enemies to the United States have reappeared. Like it or not, the United States is fighting a war right now to stop its enemies from hurting innocent Americans. There are times in history when defense funding needs to be cut and social funding needs to be increased. However, the present day is not one of those times.

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Bush's proposal is wrong, helps rich

New bill gives break to rich, taxes the poor

If you are moving into a new house, it's common sense to ask the strongest mover to carry the heaviest furniture.

If you are serving a meal, it's common sense to give the biggest piece of chicken to the hungriest person at the table.

But in Washington, and especially the White House, such common sense seems to fly out the window.

As our country is in the midst of a crusade against terrorism and a war in Iraq looms, President Bush has called for a spending freeze on domestic programs other than homeland security in the yet-to-be-passed 2003 budget.

Bush is expected to call for similar steps in the 2004 budget. The administration says it wants to avoid trying to have both guns and butter — or supporting a large military while at the same time trying to fund expensive social programs.

On the surface, this makes sense. Post-9/11, we live in a dangerous world. The Pentagon and the Department of Homeland Security are going to require massive budgets for some time.

Liking it is not a matter of choice.

Unless we want to drown future generations in an ocean of red ink, we have to make sacrifices. Freezing spending on domestic programs (which, with inflation and growing demand because of the recession, actually amounts to a budget cut) certainly accomplishes that.

But it does so unfairly and inequitably. It is like you asking your scrawny friend to carry a piano up a flight of stairs.

Not only that, it contradicts the reasoning behind Bush's economic stimulus plan, which heavily favors the wealthiest among us.

Butter, most experts will tell you, is more than just social spending. It's also tax cuts.

And while Bush wants to take butter away from those who can barely afford it, his plan lavishes it upon those who own the cows.

"On a pretty thin layer of people, he is spreading it pretty deep," said Jim Wright, a Democrat who represented Fort Worth for more than 30 years and is a former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. "There is a lot of butter on one piece of cake. But no butter, and probably no bread, for a lot of us."

The centerpiece of the plan, which will cost \$670 billion over 10 years, is the elimination of the tax on dividends from most stocks. That proposal, even conservatives admit, will do little to stimulate the economy in the short term.

According to calculations by the center-left Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, a family in the middle 20 percent of income earners — or the middle, middle

class — would see an average cut of only \$265.

Earners in the top 1 percent: \$24,428.

Even more disturbing, those in the bottom 20 percent — the people who need a pick-me-up the most — would see an average "stimulus" of \$5.

Yes, five big ones. That's not a typo.

Wright gave the following illustration: Imagine a young couple who recently graduated college and is trying to make it on their own. They both work hard and together make \$55,000 a year — every dime of it taxable.

Then picture a fortunate young man (or woman) who inherited several investments. He doesn't work, but lives off the \$55,000 a year he receives in dividends.

None of that would be taxed, at least not by Uncle Sam, under Bush's proposal.

"Is it fair to these working people who work their hearts out and pay taxes?" Wright asked.

No, it's not. Bush is asking the poor and middle class to make do with less in the name of war, while at the same time he pushes more tax cuts for the very wealthy.

The whole notion of shared sacrifice, apparently, doesn't exist at the White House — where those with the weakest backs are asked to carry a heavier load, and the strongest are offered yet another break.

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National/International Roundup

Arlington murder, rape suspect sentenced to death

FORT WORTH — A former nightclub employee charged with a string of rapes and two murders was sentenced to death Wednesday for killing a teacher in her apartment bathtub.

Jurors deliberated for about 90 minutes before handing down the sentence for Dale Devon Scheanette, 29, who was convicted last week of capital murder.

Relatives of Wendie Prescott, 22, found her nude body bound with duct tape on Christmas Eve 1996 in her Arlington apartment. Three months earlier in the same complex, the nude body of third-grade teacher Christine Vu, 25, was found in her bathtub.

Scheanette was convicted only in Prescott's death.

But during the trial's penalty phase, prosecutors wanted to show Scheanette was a danger to society. They presented evidence linking him to Vu's September 1996 death and five rapes in Arlington, Lancaster and Grand Prairie in 1998 and 1999.

Prosecutor David Hagerman urged jurors to hand down the death sentence, saying Scheanette should pay the ultimate price for his crimes and that "there is a real edge to this guy's evil."

Israel closes local colleges, pours cement in homes

JERUSALEM — Israel closed two Palestinian colleges on Wednesday and pumped cement into three east Jerusalem houses to destroy apartments belonging to Palestinians convicted in a series of

deadly bombings.

Also Wednesday, three Palestinians were killed in scattered clashes with Israeli soldiers in the West Bank — two teenagers and a man said by relatives to be mentally ill, according to Palestinians and the Israeli army.

The United States criticized Israel's closure of the Islamic University and the Polytechnic Institute, both in the West Bank town of Hebron.

Israel was responding to a Palestinian suicide bombing that killed 23 people in Tel Aviv earlier this month.

But State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the action was not in the interest of either side.

Palestinian Education Minister Naim Abu'l Humus accused the Israelis of attempting to "sabotage the education process, which already has been badly affected through sieges, closures and curfews."

Several thousand students attend the two colleges. The army said some are using the facilities to plan and launch attacks.

In mostly Arab east Jerusalem, Israeli police, accompanied by cement trucks and Asian workers, filled three houses with barrel after barrel of wet cement. They also punched holes in opposite sides of the houses and placed long steel beams through the houses at chest level to further discourage anyone from returning.

NATO continues to debate proposals against Iraq

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The United States formally asked

NATO for limited help Wednesday in case of war with Iraq.

NATO officials said ambassadors from the other 18 alliance nations discussed proposals based on those presented to the allies informally last month by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.

They include:
— Protecting Turkey from the threat of a counter-strike from the Iraqis.

— Using NATO's planning facilities to coordinate efforts such as air or sea transport for troops and equipment, air-to-air refueling or even air cover to ground troops.

— Using collective forces such as surveillance planes, minesweepers or naval patrol ships.

— Providing troops to enforce peace and help rebuild Iraq after Saddam Hussein's regime has been toppled.

Rep. Doug Bereuter, the Nebraska Republican who heads NATO's Parliamentary Assembly, said the United States would also be seeking base and overflight rights from its allies.

NATO is not expected to play a front-line role in any possible military strike, although the United States hopes individual allies will join a coalition against the Iraqi leader.

Although European allies are divided about the possibility of war, Wolfowitz's proposals received a generally positive response from other NATO allies.

NATO's most prominent role could be in defending Turkey, Iraq's northern neighbor, where the United States is inspecting runways and harbors in preparation for the possible dispatch of 80,000 soldiers for an Iraq operation.

British police begin raid inquiry

BY JANE WARDELL
Associated Press

LONDON — The stabbing death of a detective in an anti-terrorism sweep raised questions about how well British police are equipped to deal with terror suspects. The arrested men had not been restrained and some of the police were unarmed and wore no body armor.

Police launched an internal inquiry Wednesday into the botched raid after criticism from lawmakers and fellow officers that the operation was badly planned and under-equipped.

Detective constable Stephen Oake, 40, was killed and four other officers were injured Tuesday during the raid on an apartment in the northern city of Manchester. Police were searching for a suspect in the Jan. 5 discovery of the deadly poison ricin in London.

Three North African men were under arrest Wednesday under anti-terrorism laws — one being questioned about the ricin, another about Oake's death, and the third was being handed over to immigration authorities. Prime Minister Tony Blair, who described Oake's

death as a "wicked murder," stressed the need to "redouble" efforts in the fight against terrorism but did not comment on the way the raid was conducted.

But Norman Brennan, a police officer and director of the action group Victims of Crime Trust, said the killing showed that officers need more protection.

British police usually don't carry guns, though in cities they sometimes wear protective clothing.

"Police officers only have the protection that the government wants them to have at the moment, and it's not enough," Brennan said.

Opposition politicians said the government needed tougher measures to screen asylum seekers for possible terrorist suspects, and also criticized the apparent blunders in police operations.

Police going into the raid were ill-prepared from the start, according to media reports: The officers were told to be ready for one suspect but instead found three. The officers also were reportedly told not to expect a struggle.

Still, the Manchester force defended its decision not to equip all the 24 officers taking part in the raid with body armor.

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— Norman Brennan
police officer

United States to receive help from exiled Iraqis

BY PAULINE JELINEK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Iraqi exiles who want to help the American military in a campaign against President Saddam Hussein are beginning to report for training.

The Pentagon said Wednesday that the first batch of opposition members who've volunteered to serve with U.S. forces have been told to assemble at a secret location in the United States over the next several days.

"The training is going to be ... real basic training so they could potentially fit in with some U.S. units and provide assistance with language skills, perhaps or local knowledge and so forth," said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The call-up of recruits kicks off the largest known U.S. effort to train Saddam's enemies since passage of the 1998 Iraq Liberation Act, which called for his overthrow and authorized \$97 million to train and

equip his opponents.

Officials declined to say how many are in the first class of trainees or exactly where they are gathering before being sent off to month-long training at a base in Hungary. But the initial group is comprised of exiles who have been living in the states and other parts of North America, officials said. As groups living in Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere are called, they will report to other secret gathering centers overseas.

Up to 3,000 Iraqis could eventually be used as translators, guides, military police and liaisons between coalition combat forces and the Iraqi population, three officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Two officials also said the Pentagon had ruled out early suggestions by some in the administration that the men be used in combat positions. But Myers said the exact number of men and exact jobs they'll do are still to be determined.

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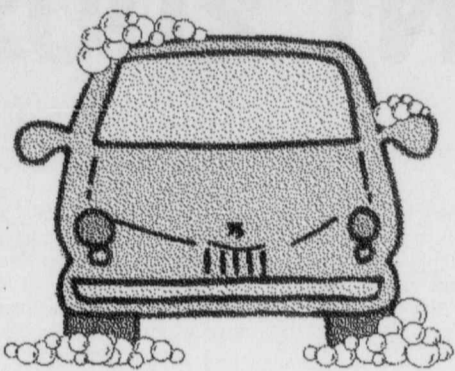
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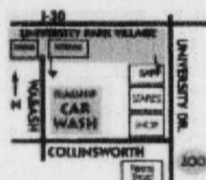
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BEST OF ENTERTAINMENT 2002

Best of television

BY DAVID REESE

Features Editor

Best television dramas of 2002

1. Six Feet Under (HBO)
2. CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (CBS)
3. The Sopranos (HBO)
4. The Shield (FX)
5. 24 (FOX)

The television drama is on the top of its game this year but not on the major television networks. Cable and pay outlets like FX and HBO have created some of today's best dramatic series including "The Shield" and "The Sopranos." The ultimate drama series of the year is definitely "Six Feet Under." The series, which revolves around a funeral home, has displayed controversial issues throughout the episodes. The series has taken subjects not discussed by any network series due to television restrictions and made them into a beautifully haunting series.

Best television comedies of 2002

1. Friends (NBC)
2. Everybody Loves Raymond (CBS)
3. Sex and the City (HBO)
4. The Bernie Mac Show (FOX)
5. Will & Grace (NBC)

In a year when cable and pay networks were creating the best drama series, the most outstanding comedies are still on network television. There is no doubt that "Friends" has been and still is one of the best comedies on television. The top five selections are all unique because they have taken different approaches to typical comedies.

Best television actors of 2002

1. Martin Sheen "The West Wing" (NBC)
2. Matt LeBlanc "Friends" (NBC)
3. James Gandolfini "The Sopranos" (HBO)
4. Bernie Mac "The Bernie Mac Show" (FOX)
5. Michael Chiklis "The Shield" (FX)



The television actor category is broad and very difficult because there are so many actors on television. Michael Chiklis won the Emmy Award this year and his series is so gritty and raw that makes him evil yet charming. James Gandolfini is always excellent as Tony Soprano. Bernie Mac has brought some humor back onto television. Matt LeBlanc has finally proven his acting chops over the past year on "Friends." His dim witted portrayal of Joey has turned him into a sweet, lovable character with heart. Although he is always pushed out of the way during Emmy Award season, Martin Sheen's performance as President Josiah Bartlet is so strong.

Best television actresses of 2002

1. Jennifer Aniston "Friends" (NBC)
2. Jennifer Garner "Alias" (ABC)
3. Sarah Jessica Parker "Sex and the City" (NBC)
4. Amy Brenneman "Judging Amy" (CBS)
5. Patricia Heaton "Everybody Loves Raymond" (CBS)

Comedic actresses are where the best television actresses are today. Although Amy Brenneman is excellent in "Judging Amy" and Jennifer Garner is one of the coolest actresses on television, Jennifer Aniston, Sarah Jessica Parker and Patricia Heaton have brought so much life to their respective shows. Aniston is the hottest actress of the moment and she finally has received the credit she deserves.



Best television supporting characters of 2002

1. Sean Hayes "Will & Grace" (NBC)
2. Rachel Griffiths "Six Feet Under" (HBO)
3. Doris Roberts "Everybody Loves Raymond" (CBS)
4. Kim Cattrall "Sex and the City" (HBO)
5. Lisa Kudrow "Friends" (NBC)

Comedy series have also had the best supporting characters on television and this is no different in this category. The lone dramatic actress, Rachel Griffiths, has brought so much pain and torment into her character that it is frightening. The remaining actors are all special entities on the series they perform on. Lisa Kudrow has also been great, Kim Cattrall is always sexy and Doris Roberts is the ultimate nagging mother. The best supporting character is Sean Hayes of "Will & Grace." His character of Jack as the flamboyant part-time actor is such a refreshment. He is the ultimate comedic actor.

Best of movies

BY TAYLOR GIBBONS

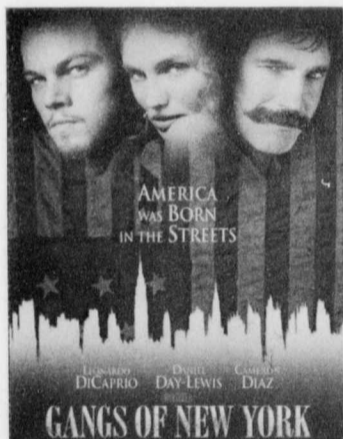
Skiff Staff

Best films of 2002

1. "Gangs of New York"
2. "The Ring"
3. "Insomnia"
4. "Minority Report"
5. "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers"

The top notch performances, engaging storyline, epic and fascinating backdrop make "Gangs of New York" the best film of the year. Not every critic agrees, but for my part, I'd say that Martin Scorsese has outdone himself with this one.

Kudos to this movie for revisiting an almost forgotten part of America's history in such grand fashion. Before I saw "The Ring," I hadn't gotten scared at the movies in years. What this movie was, essentially, was an old fashioned ghost story brought to the screen with such art that most people didn't even notice. "Insomnia" was a tense, insidious mystery that offered a great alternative to a lot of the forgettable popcorn flicks that were out at the time. A really enjoyable piece of filmmaking. Steven Spielberg served up equal helpings of fast paced action and moral pondering in "Minority Report," resulting in a movie that was a real pleasure to watch. Peter Jackson and crew of "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," did a great job of working from some highly regarded source material, and produced an epic with almost universal appeal.



Best film actors of 2002

1. Daniel Day-Lewis
2. Al Pacino
3. Adam Sandler
4. Anthony Hopkins
5. Toby Maguire

As Cutty, Daniel Day-Lewis created a character that was larger than

life yet multifaceted, abhorrent, yet sympathetic, and always completely engaging. Al Pacino always does a great job, and he did not disappoint this year as a haggard, slowly unraveling detective in "Insomnia." Adam Sandler surprised just about everybody this year by delivering a passionate performance in "Punch Drunk Love." Anthony Hopkins has played Hannibal Lecter so many times that at this point he can probably order a side of fava beans in his sleep. Toby Maguire was given the chance to flex some muscle as none other than Marvel Comics premier superhero, Spider Man. To the surprise of some, he tackled the role quite well, demonstrating a really impressive range of acting abilities.

Best film actresses of 2002

1. Meryl Streep
2. Emily Watson
3. Michelle Pfeiffer
4. Jodie Foster
5. Natalie Portman

It's fascinating to watch Streep in "The Hours," as she carries this character, a woman who is simultaneously very strong yet suffers from critical emotional weaknesses, through the course of the movie and the character's own revelations. Watson graced the silver screen in three films this year including "Red Dragon," "Punch Drunk Love" and the underrated Sci-fi adventure "Equilibrium." Michelle Pfeiffer's initial cold strength and subsequent changes over the years through interactions with her daughter in "White Oleander" all make for one powerful performance. Jodie Foster does an excellent job of portraying a suburbanite in "Panic Room," forced to her physical and emotional limits within the course of one night, recalling in some ways her performance as Clarice Starling in 1990's "The Silence of the Lambs." Returning to the role of Queen Amidala in "Attack of the Clones," Portman lent a new warmth and depth to the character not seen in "The Phantom Menace."



Best of music

BY MEGHAN YOUKER AND LAUREN MARTIN

Skiff Staff

This past year proved to be pretty fruitless in the music industry. Even so, 2002 brought a much-needed rock revolution to a music scene full of industry manufactured pop stars. Here, the collaboration of two people with different preferences and priorities when it comes to music:



Best Albums of 2002

1. The White Stripes "White Blood Cells"
2. Eminem "The Eminem Show"
3. Queens of the Stone Age "Songs for the Deaf"
4. Dixie Chicks "Home"
5. Coldplay "A Rush of Blood to the Head"

The White Stripes continued their brand of stripped down rock-and-roll with their third album and kept us wondering whether they're brother and sister or if they're married. Eminem dissed his mom again, we all listened (again) and this time we really loved it. The metal of The Queens of the Stone Age rocked with Dave Grohl at drums, the Dixie Chicks got back to their roots with some honest fun and Coldplay's stunning sophomore effort was even more moving than their first.

Best artists of 2002

1. Eminem
2. Dave Grohl of Foo Fighters
3. Pink
4. Willie Nelson
5. Missy Elliott

Controversy, a great new album and even a movie. What can't Eminem do? Well, play drums for Queens of the Stone Age or sing vocals and play guitar for the Foo Fighters like Dave Grohl. Hmm ... I bet the man can even play a mean fiddle. So Pink may be misunderstood, but she was still on top in 2002. Willie Nelson and Missy Elliott both "worked it" this year, but unfortunately Missy was the only one to record any weight loss.

Best groups of 2002

1. The Strokes
2. The Donnas
3. No Doubt
4. Foo Fighters
5. Sum-41

Although The Strokes, The Donnas and the Foo Fighters aren't doing anything new, they are doing it in a time when the music industry is thirsting for rock 'n' roll. Women rockers, The Donnas, have finally broken into the mainstream music scene with an explosive rock album that has done well both critically and by popular vote. Gwen Stefani and No Doubt are back again and Sum-41 has combined the basic elements of punk, rock, pop and hardcore in a way that isn't yet cheesy or overdone.

Best new artist

1. John Mayer
2. Michelle Branch and Vanessa Carlton
3. The Hives
4. Yeah Yeah Yeahs
5. Ashanti

It's about time for musicians to start getting famous. John Mayer, Michelle Branch and Vanessa Carlton all

play, sing and write their own songs (just when you thought it might be hopeless). This year's Swedish invasion brought us The Hives, proof that good music really did emerge in 2002. The Yeah Yeah Yeahs made a huge impression at SXSW and their brand of sassy bass-less rock has intrigued the music industry as a whole. Finally, and seriously, is there someone Ashanti hasn't collaborated with?

Best Songs of 2002

1. Eminem "Lose Yourself"
2. Avril Lavigne "Complicated"
3. Nelly "Hot in Herre"
4. Alan Jackson "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)"
5. Jimmy Eat World "The Middle"

The year 2002 brought us a lot more great songs than great albums. Eminem was nearly unstoppable and Anarchy Avril gave us a few hits. Nelly took freshmen girls in Colby by storm with "Hot in Herre." (Hey, if you weren't dancing with me in Colby, you were dancing in Sherry.) Alan Jackson inspired us and Jimmy Eat World captured the eyes of the world with "The Middle," much to the dismay of pretentious "indie" kids everywhere.



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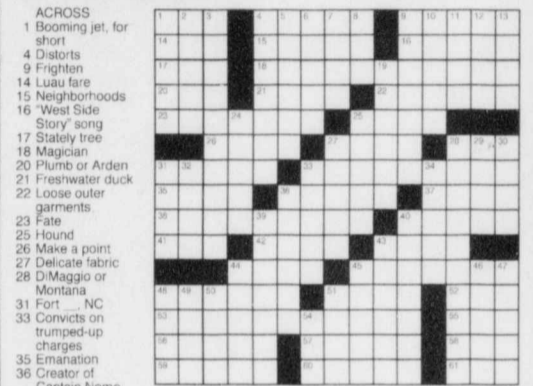
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 - 18 Magician
 - 20 Plumb or Arden
 - 21 Freshwater duck
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 - 23 Fate
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 - 27 Delicate fabric
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 - 42 London gallery
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 - 51 Alto, CA
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 - 56 Astound
 - 57 Clarinetist Shaw
 - 58 Born in Nice
 - 59 Beeped
 - 60 Let loose
 - 61 Rover's warning
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 - 2 Figure out
 - 3 Vacation condominiums, perhaps
 - 4 Lady-in
 - 5 Actress Dahl
 - 6 Race with a baton
 - 7 Newman or McCartney
 - 8 Draft org.
 - 9 Burn without flames
 - 10 Paddler's craft
 - 11 Verdi song
 - 12 Game of world conquest
 - 13 Diner food
 - 19 Eaves hanger
 - 24 Roman robes
 - 25 Claude of "Casablanca"
 - 27 Expansive
 - 28 Crossing in the middle of the rock
 - 29 Lofty poems
 - 30 In (in actual being)
 - 31 "It's Cold Outside"
 - 32 Hold sway
 - 33 Oscar de la
 - 34 University of Maine locale
 - 36 Practicable
 - 39 Discolored
 - 40 Lured
 - 43 Actress Beatrice
 - 44 Drinks
 - 45 Mooten periodically
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The Sideline

Rodriguez wins inaugural Williams hitting award

BOSTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez never met Ted Williams, instead learning about the Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer from the record books and the books Williams wrote about hitting.

Now, A-Rod's name will go next to the Splendid Splinter's on a new trophy.

The Texas Rangers shortstop is the first winner of the Ted Williams Award for being the best hitter in the game in the 2002 season. The award will be given annually by the Boston chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America to honor Williams, who died this summer at 83.

"To even be associated in any type of way, shape or form with Mr. Williams is tremendous," Rodriguez said this week before a groundbreaking at the Boys & Girls Club of Miami. "I've read his books, I'm an incredible fan of what he did. I'm just very flattered and honored to win the first. I think it's cool."

Rangers sign Valdes after trading him last year

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers finished their off-season shopping Wednesday by bringing back starting pitcher Ismael Valdes.

Valdes signed a \$2.5 million, one-year deal to return to the club he played for last season until being sent to Seattle in August.

Valdes signed with the Rangers as a free agent last January and went 6-9 with a 3.93 ERA in 23 starts. He was 2-3 with a 4.93 ERA in eight starts with the Mariners, who gave Texas left-handed pitcher Derrick Van Dusen and infielder Jermaine Clark to get Valdes.

"I like the organization; I like the opportunity," Valdes said from his home in Mexico. "The Rangers gave me confidence and believed in me. I want to be wanted, want to be with somebody that likes me and I want to feel like I'm at home. I felt that way last year."

In Texas, Valdes threw at least seven innings in 10 starts and received a no-decision in six games that he left in position to win.

49ers give Mariucci the ax after playoff loss

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Coach Steve Mariucci was fired by the San Francisco 49ers on Wednesday after years of growing division with owner John York.

Just a few days after Mariucci's fourth trip to the playoffs in his six seasons ended in a 31-6 loss to Tampa Bay, York released Mariucci from the final year of his contract. The men hugged Wednesday morning after a 90-minute meeting at team headquarters.

"It's a very emotional and unpleasant situation for both of them," general manager Terry Donahue said. "Dr. York has a very strong idea about how he wants the 49ers structured. ... This is a philosophical split between what John wanted to do and what Steve wanted."

According to Donahue, Mariucci wanted a bigger role in the 49ers' football decisions.

Lady Frogs battle Bearcats

BY DREW IRWIN
Skiff Staff

The Conference USA preseason coaches' poll indicated two teams would most likely battle for the Conference USA championship — TCU and Cincinnati.

But after playing 14 games so far this season, the two teams have gone in opposite directions.

The Lady Frogs are 7-7 (0-1 in C-USA), while the Bearcats are first in C-USA at 11-3 (1-0 in C-USA).

The Frogs will face off against Cincinnati at 6 p.m. Friday at Shoemaker Center, a place the Bearcats have not lost this year (10-0). TCU has yet to win on the road (0-5).

"They're a good team all around," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "They're very good offensively, and they have a good defense."

Mittie said Cincinnati's three biggest weapons are junior Valerie King, sophomore Debbie Merrill and senior K.B. Sharp. King leads Cincinnati in points, averaging 17.9 points a game. Merrill is close behind, scoring 17.4 points a game. Sharp, who broke the team record for assists last season, leads the Bearcats again

in assists this year with 90.

"Stopping King is definitely something we need to focus on," Mittie said. "We did a good job of that last year. We made her make some tough shots, but she's an outstanding player."

In last season's match-up on Jan. 18, TCU beat Cincinnati 73-57, and King scored 16 points. The Bearcats shot only 28.1 percent from the field.

Defensively this year, the Bearcats are only giving up an average of 58 points a game, and they are even tighter at home.

"They mix up their defenses a lot," Mittie said. "We're going to have to handle that differently."

Merrill leads Cincinnati in both offensive and defensive rebounds, collecting an average of 6.9 a game. Senior Carolyn Alexander is not far behind, averaging 6.4 a game. Alexander also leads the team in steals with 20 for the season.

TCU plays Louisville Sunday to end a three game road trip. The Lady Frogs' home conference opener is Jan. 24 against East Carolina.

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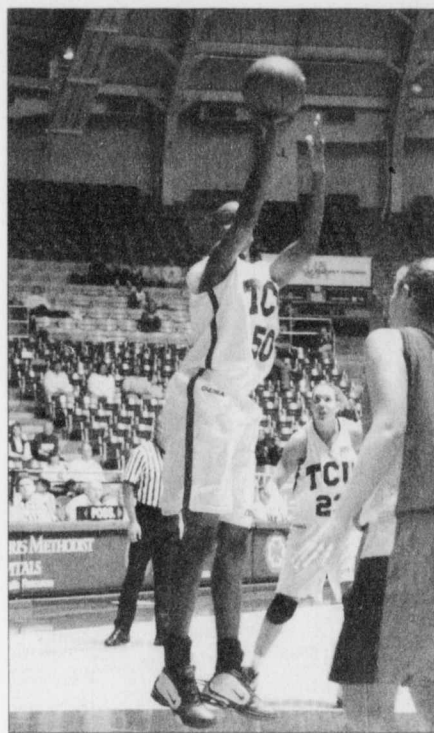


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Sophomore forward Sandora Irvin puts up a jumper late in the second half against Utah.

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— Jeff Mittie

head coach

Cowboy may face additional charges

Victims' family members start funeral plans

BY MATT CURRY

Associated Press

DALLAS — Police considered more charges Wednesday against Dallas Cowboys defensive back Dwayne Goodrich, accused of speeding through an accident scene, striking and killing two people who were trying to rescue a man from a burning car, then driving away.

Goodrich, 24, was released from jail early Wednesday after posting bond totaling \$50,000 on two felony counts of manslaughter in the deaths of Joseph Wood, 21 and Demont Matthews, 23, Plano residents who were childhood friends.

Each charge carries a penalty of two to 20 years and fines of up to \$10,000.

Meanwhile, two families were making burial arrangements.

"They sacrificed their lives. I feel it is all in God's planning," said Matthews' aunt, Cynthia Matthews.

"We loved Demont, but there are lives that will continue on. He sacrificed his life in trying to help another person. In doing so, he lost his life. We're just standing on the promises that we'll see him again."

Goodrich did not turn himself in until almost 21 hours after the accident. Agent Stephen Zucker said he would have turned himself in earlier but needed to talk with his attorney first.

Goodrich would not respond to reporters' questions as he left jail Wednesday. A phone listing for his Coppell home was not available.

His Dallas attorney, Reed Prosser, did not immediately return phone calls from the *Associated Press* on Wednesday afternoon.

Zucker, who described his client as "devastated," said the player

would not comment.

The hit-and-run followed an accident in which a car had rear-ended a disabled tractor trailer rig and caught fire about 2:15 a.m. Tuesday on Interstate 35.

As a rescue attempt began for those in the burning vehicle, the driver of a speeding BMW tried to swerve between the disabled vehicles but struck three people, two of whom were killed, police said.

Matthews, a passenger in the burning car, was trying to help the driver escape. Two other motorists had also pulled over to assist.

"While they were doing that, a gray BMW struck all three of them," said senior police Cpl. Diana Watts.

Matthews was dragged 155 feet by the BMW, according to police. He died at the scene. Wood died later. Witnesses told police the BMW had been traveling more than 100 mph.

The burning car's driver escaped with minor injuries. A third rescuer suffered a broken leg.

Police said there were no skid marks to indicate the BMW's speed or that it tried to stop.

At the time of his crash, Goodrich was not aware of what happened, his agent said.

"He became more aware, but I don't want to get into that right now. Let the police do their job," Zucker said.

Cynthia Matthews said Goodrich was "foolish" for driving on, but that she harbors no ill will.

"If he was a wise man, he would have stopped," she said. "We're so grateful that he did come forward. I

don't have animosity or hatred toward him, I don't care who he is. We thank God Dwayne was able to come forward. He will have to pay a penalty, and we all have to pay a penalty."

Authorities said Goodrich may also be charged with failure to stop and render aid.

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— Cynthia Matthews

victim's aunt

"Our investigation is ongoing," Dallas police Senior Cpl. Chris Gilliam said Wednesday. "We charged him with two manslaughters last night. As the investigation continues, we'll have to see what develops."

Watts declined to comment on whether Goodrich was the lone occupant of the car. Gilliam declined to answer additional questions about the case.

Goodrich was the Cowboys' top pick in the 2000 draft, taken 49th out of Tennessee in the second round. But he hasn't been a significant contributor through three seasons.

Last season, Goodrich played in 11 games, including his only NFL start on Dec. 21 against Philadelphia. He just completed the final year of his contract.

Goodrich was arrested in 1999, during his senior year at Tennessee, on a charge of disorderly conduct. Those charges were later dropped, but Goodrich conceded that he was "drinking too much."

The Cowboys had little to say about the latest charges.

"It is a police matter, and we will continue to monitor the developments," said Calvin Hill, coordinator of the team's Player Assistance department. "We are deeply saddened for the families who have experienced the loss of life."

Swinging into spring



File photo

The men's tennis team opens up its spring season today at the Rice Invitational Indoor in Houston.

Head coach Joey Rive said the Indoor will help the team better prepare for the rest of the season.

"The key focus is to set the tone of how we are going to play a lot of the bigger schools," he said.

The Invitational, which will include Texas-Arlington, Texas

A&M, Rice and Southern Methodist, will have both singles and doubles matches.

Rive said the matches will count towards the individual rankings of TCU's players.

He said the Frogs have had two practices a day since Jan. 9.

"We have a great group of guys coming back," Rive said. "We look pretty strong."

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