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Housekeepers duties reassessed due to expanding campus

Changes will save TCU \$2.5 million over 10 years

BY SARAH CHACKO

Staff Reporter

University officials contend that housekeeping task reassignments will accomplish the same service at the same rate without resulting in job cuts.

Under the previous cleaning system, housekeepers did all of the cleaning duties on a given floor, said Joe Laster, director of Facility Ser-

vices. Housekeepers worked in day and night crews to clean the academic buildings, he said. Over the next six months, "team cleaning," a new program of zone cleaning, will be providing the campus community with "duty specialists," he said.

"Duty specialists are assigned specific tasks instead of doing all tasks within a zone," Laster said.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said a team concept is necessary as the campus expands and for the special skills required for certain buildings and labs.

"Rather than having a person or persons assigned to a particular building to handle all maintenance

and housekeeping functions, a team will be assigned to meet the various needs in various facilities," Ferrari said.

The new process is designed to save work hours and eliminate preparation times for each assigned task in the current zone process, Laster said.

Despite saving work hours, these changes are not expected to result in

layoffs or pay cuts, Laster said. A few housekeepers said they were worried their jobs may be replaced by contract workers.

Laster said Facility Services is trying to provide competitive services. If outside work was contracted, the current housekeepers would receive less pay and no benefits, he said.

"In this business there is always

contract work that wants to encroach on the in-house cleaning," Laster said.

However, Laster said there are no plans to head in that direction.

Shelton Riley, assistant director of Facility Services, said the changes are expected to save the university \$2.5 million in housekeeping expenses over the next 10 years. The specialized training the housekeepers will go through will also make their job easier, Riley said.

Team members will usually remain on the same crews and work in the same buildings, Laster said. Facility services has six custodial crews, two day and four night, one

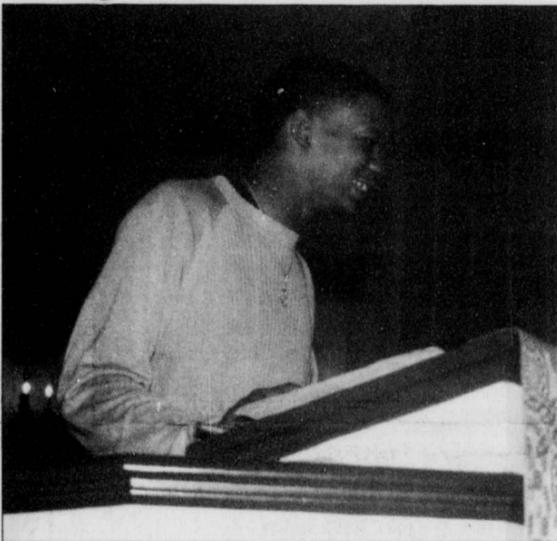
special services crew and an administrative section that will undergo the change, he said.

Maricia Reeves, an administrative assistant in Sadler Hall, said she always addresses all her needs and requests to the housekeeping supervisor on her floor. But, she said a change of pace might be beneficial to keep the housekeepers out of a monotonous routine.

"As my mother used to say, 'A new broom sweeps clean,'" Reeves said.

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'King'-sized celebration



Ty Halasz/Photo editor

Students and faculty gathered on the Student Center steps Wednesday to participate in a celebration honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

The crowd marched to Robert Carr Chapel led by King Kids, a gospel choir made up of Fort Worth students.

King's message is important to life in modern America, said speaker Chris Peoples, a junior psychology major.

"It isn't a message for one race but a message for many races and religions," he said.

King Kids ended the celebration with a performance that included selections from King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

"(King) stood up for what was right," said choir member Destinee Osby. "If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have my rights. I wouldn't have my freedom."

Choir member Terry Carter said, "King exemplified what it is to be an American."

Brandon Simmons, a senior history major, said it's important to celebrate King's message because things are still unequal in America.

Other events include sessions with Roger Wilkins, author of "Jefferson's Pillow" and former Assistant Attorney General of the United States, at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom and the Rev. Zann Holmes, one of the first African American legislators in the Texas House, at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium.

— Jessica Sanders

Citizens team up with police

BY SARAH KREBS

Staff Reporter

Police officials say Code Blue: Citizens on Patrol, a program where citizens help patrol their own neighborhoods, helps deter crime in Fort Worth including neighborhoods surrounding TCU.

TCU Police Detective Kelly Ham said although citizens do not patrol on campus, the program improves communication between the community and the police officers and helps decrease the crime rate around TCU.

The C.O.P.s patrol their neighborhood and report knocked over stop signs, broken water pipes, overgrown yards, illegally parked cars and any other suspicious activities, said Thomas Schmidt, Fort Worth Police Department neighborhood patrol officer.

"They are an extension of our eyes and ears," Schmidt said. "Officers are zipping from one call to another and don't have as much time to develop a personal relationship with the people in the neighborhoods."

The participating groups around TCU include the Park Hill patrol group, north of campus, and the Frisco Heights patrol group, east of the campus, Schmidt said.

The patrol officers are all regular citizens who wear a light blue uniform and have no authority other than a direct line to the police, Schmidt said. Each patrol officer is part of one of the 200 groups in Fort Worth that

have their own radio and use a different channel than the police to communicate throughout the city, Schmidt said.

Betty Richards, captain of the Frisco Heights patrol group, said she started patrolling about a year ago because she wanted to help out in the community.

"I don't really see much, but we really try to be observant, particularly with all of the car break-ins," Richards said.

C.O.P.s started in 1990 when the late Fort Worth Police Chief Thomas R. Windham realized the police needed more community involvement in solving crimes. He began an initial citizen training class with 115 people, Schmidt said.

"It has definitely been proven in the last 10 years that the city of Fort Worth would not be enjoying such a low crime rate without the help of the C.O.P.s."

— Thomas Schmidt
Fort Worth police department
neighborhood patrol officer

would not be enjoying such a low crime rate without the help of the C.O.P.s," Schmidt said. "Without their help, there is no way we could accomplish this."

Katie Walker, a senior Spanish major who lives in the Frisco Heights area, said she did not even know there were citizen patrol officers in her neighborhood.

"I think they could maybe send e-mails to the students and maybe put (the information) in the neighborhood newsletter, then more people would know about it," Walker said.

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Aliene Ziegler, a patrol officer for the Frisco Heights citizen patrol group, stops to inspect a vehicle between police officers and R.L. Senior Paschal High School students in the parking lot on Berry Street and Sandage Avenue.

Sarah Krebs/Staff Reporter

Speaker: U.S. prepared to confront bioterrorism attack with resources

Caskey cautions against faster bioterror research

BY EMILY BAKER

Staff Reporter

The United States has the means to guard against bioterrorism and needs to help protect the rest of the world, human genetics expert C. Thomas Caskey said Wednesday morning in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

The M.J. Neeley School of Business hosted the event as part of the Charles Tandy Executive Speakers Series.

Caskey, CEO and President of Co-

gene BioTech Ventures, Ltd., said U.S. medical centers, particularly those in Texas, have the resources already in place to manage against a bioterrorism attack. Those resources include triage centers in case of terrorism acts like suicide bombs, transplant centers in case of nuclear attack and isolation facilities in case of the use of infectious agents, he said.

"There is nothing on this list we don't handle already," he said. "We just have to be prepared."

Acts of bioterrorism would impact a third-world country more severely than they would here because the United States has the diseases caused by infectious agents in biological weapons under control, Caskey said.

Becky Luce, an assistant professor in the management department, was

in attendance and said some of her fears were quelled.

"I thought it was really interesting," Luce said. "He pointed out that the American public is overreacting and that we are better positioned to handle an attack than we think we are."

The risk to the United States varies by infectious agent, Caskey said. He said tuberculosis is a "great world problem" and that most cases in the United States occur in immigrants.

Smallpox is considered to be a potentially more serious threat, Caskey said. He said smallpox is not easy to manufacture and that the United States could handle an outbreak. He said standard medical practice could contain the problem even back in 1903.

A problem with preparing for a smallpox outbreak comes in the complication rate in vaccines given to health-care workers, Caskey said. About 1,256 people for each one million vaccinated have complications from the vaccine, he said.

Deb Baker, director of the Charles Tandy American Enterprise Center, said the speech was thought-provoking, particularly the ideas presented about anthrax.

"The reaction to the anthrax scare was pretty high when you consider only (a few) people died from the outbreak and prevention could cost billions of dollars," Baker said.

Federal funding for bioterrorism has become more of a priority in the last year, Caskey said. More money

is now devoted to bioterrorism research (\$1.7 billion) than research for diabetes (\$1.6 billion), a major killer of Americans, Caskey said.

Caskey cautioned against public demand for speeding up bioterrorism research.

"The best strategy is terrorist intervention — stopping it from happening," Caskey said. "Whatever it takes to determine who these individuals are should be done."

The next lecture in the Charles Tandy Executive Speakers Series will be May 8. James Cash, a TCU alumnus and a Harvard faculty member, will speak about corporate governance.

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C. Thomas Caskey lectures to TCU students and sponsors on disease and bioterrorism for the Charles Tandy Executive Speaker Series at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

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1849 — Elizabeth Blackwell was granted a medical degree from Geneva College in New York and became the first female to be officially recognized as a physician in U.S. history.

1973 — President Nixon announced that Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, the chief North Vietnamese negotiator, had initialed a peace agreement in Paris "to end the war and bring peace with honor in Vietnam and Southeast Asia."

Watch For

Remember when the Student Government Association moved students court-side in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum? See if the atmosphere has changed in Friday's Skiff.

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CITIZENS

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"There are lots of families who live around me and I'm sure the parents would be willing to help."

Police also began advanced training for citizen patrollers Tuesday to aid in disaster situations and better utilize the manpower provided by the citizen volunteers, Schmidt said.

Molly Roussin, captain of the Burton Hill patrol group, said the additional training will give police officers more time which will allow them to do their job more efficiently.

Roussin said she has been a patroller since 1995 and was made a captain five years ago. She also said her neighborhood participates in the Great American Clean Up, National Night Out and has received a \$17,500 grant of to pay for neighborhood improvements.

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ACLU asks for gay-straight club recognition

Students' rights violated under Equal Access Act

Associated Press

ASHLAND, Ky. — The American Civil Liberties Union is asking federal judges in Kentucky and Texas to force two school districts to allow students to form Gay-Straight Alliances on campus.

The ACLU claims in lawsuits filed Wednesday that Boyd County High School in Cannonsburg and Klein High School in Klein, Texas, violated students' rights under the federal Equal Access Act and the First Amendment.

"With these lawsuits we hope to put school officials on notice that we will no longer tolerate their dirty tactics and bureaucratic excuses to keep students from forming Gay-Straight Alliances," said James Es-seks, litigation director for the

ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "As these two cases so clearly show, there is a tremendous need for students to have a club where they can discuss how to deal with the anti-gay harassment they face."

The school board in Boyd County suspended all clubs in December in an effort, the ACLU contends, to prevent a group of approximately 30 students from forming a Gay-Straight Alliance. Seven students are listed as plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed against the school board in Lexington.

This norm would affect four other nonacademic clubs — the Human Rights Club, Pep Club, Bible Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. School Superintendent Bill Capehart said he thought nonacademic clubs were leading to "educational disruption."

Kim McCann, an Ashland attorney representing the school board, said board members felt the deci-

sion to suspend the clubs was correct and that it would help the high school to concentrate on educating students.

"I know the school district is disappointed that the ACLU and the Gay-Straight Alliance have taken this avenue," McCann said. "Now this lawsuit will just continue the debate over clubs rather than education, which is the primary purpose of schools."

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Lexington claims that school officials have permitted many clubs, including the Beta Club, drama club, student council, cheerleading and sports teams, to continue to meet since the school board's decision to suspend all clubs.

Besides claims under federal law, the lawsuit charges that the school board also violated state law.

"School officials in Boyd County deserve an F for the dishonest and bigoted tactics they've taken to keep

a group of students from talking about tolerance and acceptance," said Jeff Vessels, executive director of the ACLU of Kentucky. "It's shameful that the students have had to be the responsible ones and teach the educators about freedom and equality."

In the Texas case, the ACLU claims that school officials changed requirements for school clubs after students at the high school submitted their application to form a Gay-Straight Alliance in September.

Students resubmitted their application following the new rules. With the school year more than half over, the students have still not been notified by the school if they can meet.

"Officials at Klein High School have been sitting on the students' application far too long," said David George, an ACLU attorney in Texas. "It's time for the school to follow the law or face the consequences in court."

Correction

A cutline on the front page of Wednesday's *Skiff* should have identified Chris Mattingly in the SGA photograph.

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ON PATROL

C.O.P.s brings security to Fort Worth

Today people live in fear — fear of being robbed, victimized or hurt. All they want is to feel safe.

Members of C.O.P.s, Code Blue: Citizens on Patrol, are trying to bring that feeling of security to Fort Worth's residents.

The groups around TCU include the Park Hill patrol group, north of campus and the Frisco Heights patrol group, east of campus.

To help better the appearance of their neighborhoods, C.O.P.s members patrol their neighborhoods and report knocked over stop signs, broken water pipes, overgrown yards and cars parked the wrong way.

Reporting a knocked over stop sign might not seem like a big deal, but it is. It's a minor detail in the upkeep of a neighborhood, but it's something that would be overlooked if C.O.P.s was not in action.

Fort Worth Officer, Thomas Schmidt said C.O.P.s not only deters crime, but its members are extensions of the department's eyes and ears. Officers are busy handling one call after another and don't have as much time to develop personal relationships with residents in the neighborhood.

Members of C.O.P.s do. They want to develop personal relationships with the residents.

The patrollers have no authority other than a regular citizen. But these citizens are doing more than most.

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Governor took a good thing too far

Some changes happen in small steps. Others happen in giant leaps. Illinois governor George Ryan choose the giant leap approach when he commuted all 156 death sentences in his state

COMMENTARY

Patrick Jennings

In addition, he pardoned four men whose confessions were taken by methods described as "torture."

Ryan is not the first governor to act on problems with his state's death row. The former governor of Maryland, Parris Glendening, ordered a moratorium on executions until the state could look further into alleged misdeeds. Though ordering a moratorium may be a sensible action, cleaning out death row is not.

Let me make one thing clear. I'm against the death penalty. It doesn't

allow for new evidence to come to light — until after the fact — and DNA evidence has proved a few executed people innocent. As it stands, capital punishment costs more than life in prison. The extra guards and special facilities during the appeals process cost more than putting prisoners in a normal, maximum security prison for an extra 30 to 40 years.

It doesn't provide any real closure for the family of the victim. I recall a mother of one of the Oklahoma City bombing victims attending the execution of Timothy McVeigh. Seeing her daughter's murderer die didn't make up for her loss.

OK, if I'm against the death penalty, why am I not applauding Ryan's move? Simply put, he went a bit too far. The idea isn't to make your side happy. The right tactic is to

make the other side join your side. A wide brush stroke like this is more antagonistic to the other side than halting the executions until you can prove to the pro-death penalty supporters that there are indeed problems so deeply rooted the program must be halted.

I'm also not happy with the context of the move. When a chief executive is on his way out of office, it's fairly standard to pardon a bevy of white-collar friends. Clinton pardoned dozens, including his brother-in-law, right before leaving office in 2000. The message is a final "screw you" to opponents.

And why is Ryan the outgoing governor? Because he was involved in a nasty scandal last year that ruined his chances of even getting nominated for another term. His political career was over, and without

fear of political consequences, he did something for one of his favorite political causes.

In the long run, this changes nearly nothing. There's no legislation, not now anyway, that will prevent someone from being put on death row tomorrow. Nationwide sentiment about the death penalty remains unchanged by Ryan's actions. Those 156 prisoners now get to rot in prison instead of having a date with the lethal injection table, but that's the only thing that's been changed. I would've gone the Moratorium route if I were in charge.

You can change some things overnight, but public opinion isn't usually one of them.

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Point/Counterpoint

Should a mandatory military draft be reinstated?

Proposal rightfully excludes no one

To be fair, draft must include everyone

Rep. Charles Rangel, the New York Democrat who recently introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to reinstate a universal and co-ed military draft, has a valid point.

COMMENTARY

Wayne Madsen

No one likes the idea of a draft. But if the chicken hawks in the Bush administration so fervently want to tweak the noses of Iraq's Saddam Hussein, North Korea's Kim Jong Il and Iran's Islamic rulers by sending American men and women off to war, then that risk should be shared equally among all draft-age Americans.

While Rangel's proposal has been criticized as an attempt to score cheap political points by the White House, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and even some fellow Democrats, only scant criticism was leveled at a similar but less equitable draft bill proposed by three pro-military House Republicans.

In the patriotic fervor after the Sept. 11 attacks, Reps. Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania, Roscoe Bartlett of Maryland and Nick Smith of Michigan introduced the Universal Military Training and Service Act.

Neither Weldon nor Bartlett served in the military, it should be noted. Smith was a squadron commander in the Michigan Civil Air Patrol.

The language of their bill is inter-

esting and instructional. It required "the induction into the Armed Forces of young men registered under the Military Selective Service Act." And it authorized "young women to volunteer, to receive basic military training and education for a period of up to one year."

In sharp contrast to the Rangel proposal, the GOP bill would exempt women from mandatory conscription. Perhaps the fact Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney each have two daughters influenced the male-only limitations in the GOP plan.

Under the GOP bill, males between 18 and 22 would be subject to the draft, conscientious objectors would be forced into a national service program, and deferments would only be allowed until the end of college semesters — long enough, perhaps, for the wealthy to arrange for foreign study programs and other "hardship" situations allowed for by the bill.

Rangel's plan would eliminate draft exemptions except for conscientious objectors and those not physically fit for military service.

However, the college deferment exemption — which was abused in the Vietnam-era by Cheney (five times, no less!), House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, Sen. Trent Lott and others currently clamoring for war — would be eliminated in the Rangel plan.

Rangel's bill also would stop sons of wealthy and influential families from hiding out during weekends and summer vacations in National Guard and military reserve units as was the case with

President Bush and former Vice President Dan Quayle.

Rangel understands that military service today has vastly changed since he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In that conflict, Rangel was severely wounded and later received both the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

But in the wake of World War II, the draft was fairer in those days. Whites, blacks, Hispanics, college graduates, blue-collar workers, poor Southerners and New England blue bloods — all were generally subject to induction.

Today's volunteer military, on the other hand, overwhelmingly consists of blacks, Hispanics and poor-to-moderately low-income whites from mainly rural areas.

It's easy for the likes of Bush and Cheney to order these young men and women into Iraq to secure the oil fields of Basra, Mosul, and Kirkuk. For the chicken hawks, dying for Chevron, Shell, BP Amoco and Halliburton is not so important if you happen to be a Chavez from El Paso, a Slowinski from Detroit, or a Jones from Tupelo.

But if Rangel's plan is adopted, the body bags and toe tags coming back from future war zones like Iraq and Korea could bear last names that are normally found among the elites who are featured each day in the Style section of The Washington Post.

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Draft would hurt, not help U.S. Army

Military draft would not solve social problems

When I served in the U.S. Army, many of my fellow soldiers believed that military service should be compulsory. Many people believe that a draft would bolster social equality in the military, strengthen patriotism and increase reluctance to use military force.

COMMENTARY

Eugene Chu

While strong arguments for a military draft exist, there are still arguments in favor of the all-volunteer military. Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, a Korean War veteran who voted against military authorization for Iraq, introduced a bill that would re-establish compulsory military service.

Rangel has argued that the number of military recruits from lower class or minority backgrounds was disproportionate. In a Jan. 13 Associated Press story, the Pentagon acknowledged that the military was 20 percent African-American. However, the Pentagon also said African-American service personnel only held 15 percent of combat positions, but held about 36 percent of support/administrative positions and about 27 percent of medical/dental positions. In socio-

economic status, 32 percent of recruits had fathers who graduated high school, while the U.S. general population was 31 percent. Twenty-two percent of recruits had fathers who graduated college, while the U.S. general population was 30 percent. While a draft might affect the military for the better, there is no socio-economic or minority problem that needs to be fixed.

Another controversial point in proposed military drafts is the role of women. The Rangel bill proposed that both men and women would be subject to draft status. An earlier GOP bill proposed that women be exempt from any draft status. I am against women soldiers in direct combat positions, but I have proudly served with many women soldiers in support positions. In Israel, although women serve under different conditions, both men and women are subject to a military draft. In my opinion, a military draft that conscripts men, but totally exempts women is discriminatory. To maintain equality, let the military remain voluntary for both men and women.

Along with the debate over social problems, public disapproval of a draft might cause drawbacks. According to various polls, the public does not favor reinstating a military draft. In the Jan. 14, 2003, online poll of the Bristol Herald Courier, only 38 percent of respondents approved of a military draft. With this low approval over

a draft, the United States might see a repeat exodus of people fleeing to Canada. I am referring to the Vietnam War, where a draft failed to instill reluctance towards the use of military force.

One of Rangel's other arguments is that a draft will make politicians think twice before deploying the military. He believes that with massive numbers of the public in the military, along with politicians' own offspring, the government would be more cautious about war and the risk of casualties. Unfortunately, a military draft did not stop the Vietnam War. From the Gulf of Tonkin incident to the fall of Saigon, a draft did not instill reluctance in government leaders, and conscripted soldiers fought for almost 10 years. In fact, the problems with the draft military of the past led to the transformation of the all-volunteer military of the present.

While there are problems with U.S. military policies, a military draft is not the answer. A military draft would not solve any supposed problem with minorities. A military draft might cause discrimination between men and women. A military draft may cause public backlash. A military draft may not stop potential wars in the future. While a drafted military may have some merit, I personally believe that the merit of the all-volunteer military outweighs it.

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The Sideline

NFL ends pool reporters for Super Bowl practices

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The NFL stopped pool reporters from watching drills Wednesday, even though that portion of practice has been open in the past.

Practices are closed to the public and the media, except for one pool reporter from each conference. Peter King of *Sports Illustrated* is covering the Oakland Raiders this year, while Dan Pompei of *The Sporting News* is covering the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

King and Pompei were allowed to watch players stretching, plus individual and special teams' drills. However, they were barred from watching offensive and defensive drills involving plays being practiced for Sunday's game.

"There were legitimate concerns raised by both teams," league spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Aiello said only 20-to-30 minutes of the practices were closed, and would be again on Thursday. The decision was made by the league after the teams asked them to do so on Tuesday.

Officials to review tape from Tech, Okla. game

LUBBOCK (AP) — Big 12 officials are reviewing video of Texas Tech's 69-64 overtime loss at No. 7 Oklahoma to try to determine whether there was a glitch in the game clock during the final seconds of regulation.

Television replays of the Monday night game, which was broadcast by ESPN, show that two pauses on the clock may have affected the final seven seconds of the second half and given Oklahoma extra time before a game-tying shot that forced overtime.

The outcome of the game cannot be reversed.

"We're aware of an apparent clock problem," Big 12 spokesman Bo Carter said Wednesday. "We're just going to evaluate things. We're working to correct any clock problems and doing a review with all the schools."

Frogs gain first Conference USA win

BY JOI HARRIS
Skiff Staff

The men's basketball team now has something in common with the Dallas Mavericks.

Both teams earned a win after recently going winless on a long road stretch.

There was one difference, however. Instead of having one hero, Raef LaFrentz to fend off the largest big man this side of Los Angeles,

sound guard play and second half rebounding aided the Frogs in defeating the Tulane Green Wave Wednesday night, 93-84.

The Frogs 7-9, (1-4) and the Green Wave 7-10, (0-4) each came into the game looking for their first conference win. However, the Frogs, who were picked by some in the preseason to finish No. 2 in the National Division of Conference USA, may have been feeling a lit-

tle more pressure.

However, Head Coach Neil Dougherty said the internal pressure the team put on itself was more intense than any coming from outside sources.

"I don't think it's in anyway possible that any person or fan can put any more pressure on us to perform than we do ourselves," Dougherty said.

The Frogs may have been feeling that pressure at the onset of the game, going scoreless in the first two minutes of the game. Tulane quickly jumped out to a 9-0 lead with the help of Waitari Marsh. The Green Wave's 6-foot-3 senior guard scored seven of those and finished the game with 20 points.

A halfcourt trap implemented by Dougherty gave the Frogs a spark, but relentless defensive rebounding from Tulane kept the Frogs down by a nine-point margin.

An offensive attack led by sophomore guard Corey Santee half way through the first half was reminiscent of the run and gun teams of old.

"(Corey) just did a good job of making decisions and finishing plays for us," Dougherty said.

A three-point play from redshirt freshman James Davis capped an 18-2 run and tied the game at 31. But the Green Wave still lead by two at halftime.

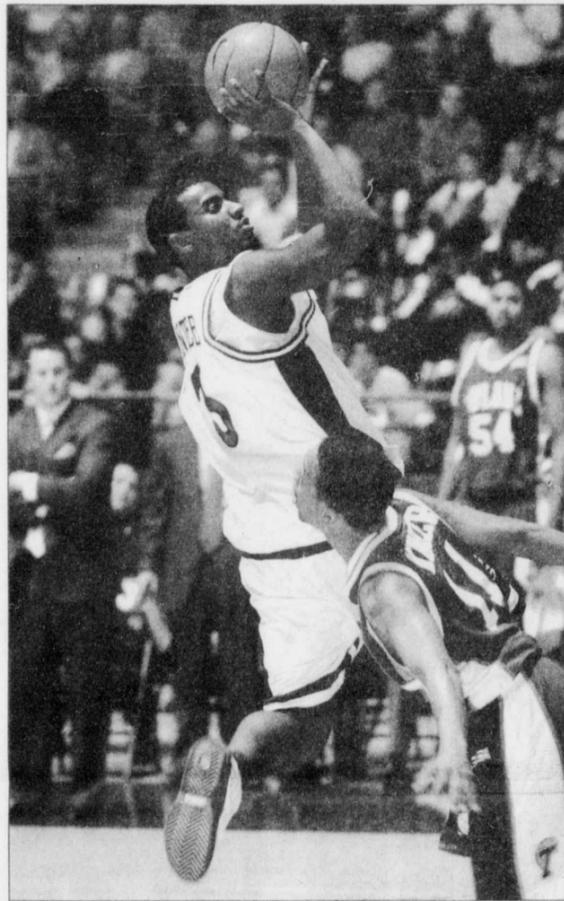
With 16:28 left in the game, the Frogs gained the lead and never looked back.

Senior forward Jamal Brown pulled clean up duty grabbing a game-high 14 rebounds. With 33.6 seconds left in the game, Santee hit two free throws to give him a season high 25 points.

Brown said the team played equally as hard in its recent losses, but Wednesday something was a little different.

"We know we played hard in each game last week, but we didn't come out with a win," he said. "(Wednesday) we just wanted it."

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Sophomore guard Corey Santee lays up over Tulane's Marcus Kinzer last night in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Brown and Co: get physical in Frogs' first conference victory

BY DANNY GILLHAM
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By now the Horned Frogs are used to being the little dog in the dogfight. However Wednesday night the team found an opponent its own size, and took full advantage.

Senior forward Jamal Brown had his fourth double-double of the season with 19 points and 13 rebounds, and freshman forward Chudi Chinweze had 10 points and seven rebounds in the Frogs' nine-point victory over Tulane Wednesday.

Facing a Tulane team starting only two players in the frontcourt, the Frogs used their muscle. TCU attacked the basket regularly and out rebounded the Green Wave 37-34.

Brown's 19 points on 7-of-11 shooting were a season-high and head coach Neil Dougherty said he was impressed with Brown's performance.

"Jamal was super again on the backboards, as well as finishing plays inside," Dougherty said.

Brown said the Green Wave were strong and physical, but it was nothing new to the under-sized Frogs.

"We expect that every night — big, strong and physical (teams)," Brown said. "We just got to box out and go get rebounds."

Dougherty said the Frogs will have to play in the post like they did Wednesday in order to continue being successful.

"We could play shirts and skins and you could find TCU by seeing the short team," Dougherty said. "We are going to be the small team and that is OK. We have got to do a lot of things well so that size differential doesn't hurt us."

The game was also the first back for Chinweze, who had been out since suffering a stress

fracture in his left leg against Centenary Jan. 4.

Dougherty said Chinweze provides much-needed depth for Brown and senior forward Bingo Merriex on the inside.

"It give us another good athlete (inside) that is strong and can battle," Dougherty said. "These guys the last few games have been playing heavy minutes and they have done a good job of doing it. But I think they are going to perform much better with slightly fewer minutes with more intense quality time."

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Freshman forward Chudi Chinweze grabs a rebound late in the first half against Tulane. Chinweze scored 10 points and had seven rebounds in his first game since suffering a stress fracture against Centenary Jan. 4.

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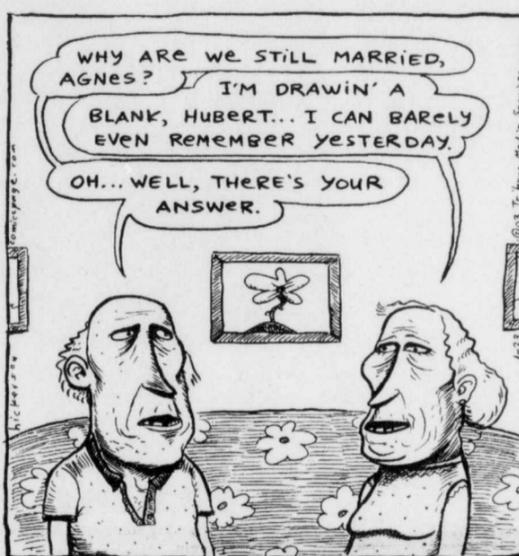
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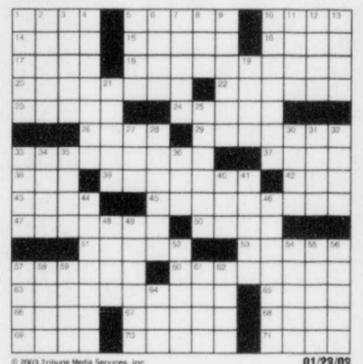
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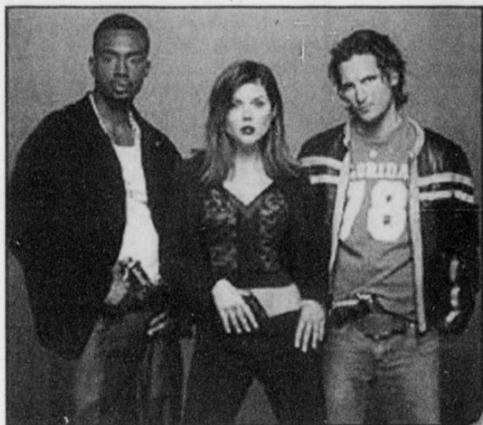
WORST OF TELEVISION

BY DAVID REESE
Features Editor

WORST TELEVISION DRAMAS OF 2002

1. "Birds of Prey" (The WB)
2. "Firefly" (FOX)
3. "Family Affair" (The WB)
4. "Fastlane" (FOX)
5. "John Doe" (FOX)

The "true" television dramas have actually been flourishing on television but the dramas that have different spins like science fiction or thrillers have not had much success this year. The idea of "Birds of Prey" was strange anyway, a grown-up daughter of Batman and the other superhero types. The only show on the list with possibilities is "Fastlane." It has Tiffani Thiessen, Peter Facinelli and Bill Bellamy. If the show was written a little better and tightened up, the "Fast and the Furious" style of television might work.



There is something in the water of comedy writers this season. It makes them write stupid and lame sitcoms. The five selections for worst television comedies are just a few shows that need to either be canceled or revamped, immediately.

The comedy series, "The In-Laws," has Jean Smart, who is known as Charlene on "Designing Women" and her guest starring role on "Frasier." What happened? Smart needs to jump ship quick.

WORST TELEVISION ACTOR OF 2002

1. Dennis Farina, "The In-Laws"
2. Tim Curry, "Family Affair"
3. Jim Belushi, "According to Jim"
4. David Spade, "Just Shoot Me"
5. Mark Feuerstein, "Good Morning, Miami"

What is wrong with the world? Most of these men shouldn't even be actors let alone have starring roles on television. Dennis Farina has been funny on films in small roles, but his character on "The In-Laws" is so overdone and boring. Why would Tim Curry take a role on a remake of a show that was bad when it was on originally? David Spade used to be funny on "Just Shoot Me" as Finch but he has become stale and unoriginal.

WORST TELEVISION ACTRESS OF 2002

1. Courtney Thorne-Smith, "According to Jim"
2. Ashley Scott, "Birds of Prey"
3. Bonnie Somerville, "The In-Laws"
4. Suzanne Pleshette, "Good Morning, Miami"
5. Kimberly Williams, "According to Jim"

Courtney Thorne-Smith is a true example of a good actresses on a bad television show. Thorne-Smith use to have a good gig with a worthwhile show, "Ally McBeal." Then, she leaves the show to get her own starring role and "According to Jim" is what she got. She needs to quit the show and then fire her agent. Bonnie Somerville had a nice guest starring role on "Friends" last season as Ross' girlfriend and now she is on this terrible show. Suzanne Pleshette used to be sexy with that voice and look but that was the 1970s. You should have stayed retired and not taken this small, horrible role.



WORST TELEVISION COMEDIES OF 2002

1. "The In-Laws" (NBC)
2. "Good Morning, Miami" (NBC)
3. "Greetings from Tucson" (The WB)
4. "The Mind of a Married Man" (HBO)
5. "According to Jim" (ABC)

WORST OF MUSIC

BY MEGHAN YOUKER
Skiff Staff

WORST ALBUMS OF 2002

1. Various Artists "American Idol Greatest Moments"
2. O-Town "O2"
3. Jennifer Lopez "This is Me ... Then"
4. Papa Roach "lovehatetragedy"
5. Nirvana "Greatest Hits"

Eww. The wannabe pop idols of "American Idol" were bad enough on the television show. Tell me, I'm not the only one who doesn't want to hear them sing Aretha Franklin. O-Town's latest attempt at recording a "real life" album was worse than the first. Jennifer Lopez might as well forget her music career and focus on Ben Affleck and Papa Roach's sophomore attempt was disgustingly overproduced. And it's not that Nirvana is bad, Nirvana is great, but this album had only one new single, didn't contain "Rape Me" and cost \$15.

WORST ARTISTS OF 2002

1. Jennifer Love Hewitt
2. Britney Spears
3. Justin Timberlake
4. Whitney Houston
5. LeAnn Rimes

Jennifer Love Hewitt may have been a recording artist before she was on "Party of Five," but her vocal attempts have been both cheesy and pathetic. Cheers! Britney Spears' 15 minutes may finally be up, but the cutest member of 'N Sync has managed to record his own album. Pretty incredible that the most "talented" member of 'N Sync just so happens to be the best looking. Yep, just like Joey McIntyre and Jordan Knight were the most "talented" members of New Kids on the Block. Whitney Houston's drug problem may explain her crappy CD and LeAnn Rimes' experiments with pop in 2002 prove she should stick with country.

WORST GROUPS OF 2002

1. Creed
2. O-Town
3. Boys II Men (Yes, they still exist)
4. Nickelback
5. 3 Doors Down

In 2002, Creed proved religion, rock and leather pants shouldn't mix. ABC's efforts in making a band gave us O-Town. Let's face it, O-Town sucks. Boys II Men's attempt at harmonization reeked of the sixth grade, only worse. Nickelback's CD was little more than some inaudible guitar sludge with cutesy high school poetry lyrics. And 3 Doors Down, ha. Three doors down from what?

WORST SONGS OF 2002

1. Creed "My Sacrifice"
2. Jennifer Lopez "Jenny From the Block"
3. Kelly Clarkson "A Moment Like This"
4. Christina Aguilera "Dirty"
5. Avril Lavigne "Sk8er Boi"

Creed. "My Sacrifice." Need I say more? Jennifer Lopez and her 11 songwriters may be fooled by the rocks that she's got, but I'm not. Kelly Clarkson's "A Moment Like This" was the worst in manufactured pop of 2002. Christina Aguilera's nasty piercings and barely-there clothing earned her song title an extra R. And Avril Lavigne left me wondering exactly *what* a "Sk8er Boi" is. So, what is it?



WORST OF MOVIES

BY TAYLOR GIBBONS
Skiff Staff

WORST MOVIES OF 2002

1. "The Hot Chick"
2. "Stealing Harvard"
3. "Mr. Deeds"
4. "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever"
5. "Men in Black II"

On the 1997 single "Men in Black", Will Smith's backup singers chanted "Here come the Men in Black." Now that they've chanted for a second time, let's pray that they never return. "Men in Black II" was flat, derivative and completely lacking any of the charm of the original. Take note, Hollywood - this is how NOT to do a sequel. Later in the summer, viewers were molested by "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever," a movie with a title almost as long as its screenplay, although the latter didn't make as much sense. The script sounded like something Steven Seagal would turn down. Then again, I have no idea why this movie was even made. Next on the hit list we have "Mr. Deeds." Let me first make something clear - I thought "Happy Gilmore," "Billy Madison" and "The Waterboy" were hilarious. I really, really, don't want to hate Adam Sandler - but when he makes a movie like this, he leaves me little choice. "Mr. Deeds" is an Adam Sandler movie without funny jokes, which is like a scorpion without its stinger, or a bear without the ability to ride a unicycle - in short, almost completely worthless. At least Adam Sandler used to be funny. Some people, like Tom Green, were never funny, and continue that sad tradition to this day. Green appeared alongside Jason Lee in Stealing Harvard, an apt

title considering it stole two hours of my life that I can never have back. Finally, the very worst movie of the year was "The Hot Chick" starring Rob Schneider. This movie centers around a beautiful young woman who one day wakes to the Kafkaesque nightmare of being in a Rob Schneider movie. Oh, also she turns into a 30-year-old man. I think maybe this movie was supposed to be about personal growth through role reversal. In reality, it was more like a case study in why SNL alumni shouldn't be allowed to just haul off and make movies at will.



The makers of this movie somehow got it into their head that Rob Schneider plus women's clothes plus gay jokes equal comedic gold.

WORST ACTORS OF 2002

1. Rob Schneider
2. Adam Sandler
3. Gregg Henry
4. Will Smith
5. Tim Allen

The list of worst actors for 2002 reads like a wanted list of the people responsible for its worst movies. The only exception is Tim Allen, who in "The Santa Clause II" reinvented Saint Nick as a fat, elderly swinger. Incidentally, "Real Sex" on HBO features just the same sort of people. Will Smith retained his title as the king of summer movies, reusing his strategy from "Wild Wild West" of being approximately as entertaining as a heavily sedated koala. Gregg Henry occupied a largely unnoticed (and rightfully so) role in "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever," in which he either played the villain or a used car salesman who sneered a lot, it was hard to tell. Adam Sandler chronicled yet another chapter of his slow slide into the world of direct to video by playing in "Mr. Deeds," the same character he plays in virtually all of his movies - and somehow mucking it up. Finally, Rob Schneider earns the nod as the year's worst actor for being the central focus of the nightmarish acid flashback that was "The Hot Chick."

WORST ACTRESSES OF 2002

1. Qi Shu
2. Lucy Liu
3. Jennifer Lopez

Women fared a little bit better than men as far as celluloid crimes against humanity went last year. Maybe women really are smarter than guys. At any rate, I could only find three suitable female candidates for this little worst of the worst list. The first was none other than Jennifer Lopez (or as her publicity machine affectionately calls her, J. Lo), who starred in not one but two hokey pieces of nonsense this past year. The first was "Enough," which proposed kickboxing as the best means of escaping an abusive relationship. The second was "Maid in Manhattan," a Cinderella story with a modern day twist! Wait, did I say "modern day twist?" What I meant to say was "the ability to bore even lobotomized mental patients." In the Matrix, Keanu Reeves showed that you can go around delivering your lines like you're choking up cardboard for two hours and as long as you do it in a trench coat while shooting people, you're golden. Lucy Liu reaffirmed that in 2002 in "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever." Finally, the year's worst actress was without a doubt Qi Shu. She portrayed a spunky damsel in distress in "The Transporter," awkwardly delivering her lines in an accent so thick that half of the time she almost sounded like Shaquille O'Neal at his now infamous press conference. Combine this completely bewildering delivery with lines like "He was a bastard, but he was still my father" and you have the worst female performance of the year.