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## Chancellor candidate visits university

Search could be over by Friday, source says

BY JACQUE NGUYEN  
Staff Reporter

The possible candidate to occupy the chancellor's office in Sadler Hall is scheduled to be on campus today.

Credible sources confirm that the president of Illinois State University, Victor John Boschini Jr., is the final candidate expected to take over Michael Ferrari's position as chancellor.

A university official, who asked to re-

main anonymous, said the decision will be made before Boschini leaves TCU Friday. The source said the position is Boschini's barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Geology professor and Chancellor Search Committee member Nowell Donovan declined to comment or confirm any information.

The anonymous source said the search committee met Monday and was given Boschini's name as the final candidate.

Kelli Horst, director of communica-

tion, said the final candidate will be on campus to meet with different university groups. She said she cannot confirm any of the events scheduled for later this week.

"It's just part of the search process," Horst said.

Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs William Koehler confirmed the candidate will be on campus today. He said the candidate will be meeting at 9 a.m. with the academic deans.

A luncheon with the candidate is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. today in the Chancellor's Ballroom.

Koehler said the Board of Trustees will have committee meetings Thursday fol-

lowed by a dinner that evening. The Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Friday morning, he said.

Koehler said he is unsure if the Board will vote on the candidate at the Friday meeting. The anonymous source said the decision will be made before Boschini's departure Friday.

According to the ISU official Web site, Boschini assumed office as the 16th president July 1, 1999. He originally came to the university in 1997 as vice president for student affairs. Boschini is also an associate professor in

the Educational Administration and Foundations Department in the College of Education.

Ferrari announced last summer that this would be his final year at TCU. Ferrari said he is ending his five-year tenure at TCU in May to spend more time with his family in Chicago, Ill.

According to the official TCU Web site, Ferrari became the ninth chancellor July 1, 1998, bringing to the position more than 30 years of experience in higher education teaching, administration and research, including 14 years as president at Drake University in Iowa.

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"It's just part of the search process."

— Kelli Horst  
director of communications

## Director's outlook optimistic

BY EMILY BAKER  
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As he finishes his first calendar quarter as director of the Executive MBA program, Tim Neuman says he is optimistic about the future of the young program.

"I inherited a program that is very sound and well respected," Neuman said. "Fortunately, I was able to walk into a good situation."

Neuman said he was interested in the position because he liked the idea of returning to his alma mater.

"I have always been a big supporter of TCU," Neuman said. "I was actively seeking out opportunities to come back to TCU, and this was the perfect opportunity to do so."

"I inherited a program that is very sound and well respected. Fortunately, I was able to walk into a good situation."

— Tim Neuman  
director

Former Director Denise Bynum stepped down shortly after the start of the fall semester in order "to pursue other things," said Charlotte Cole, assistant director. She declined to elaborate.

Neuman, who took the director's position Nov. 6, said his main goal is to continue to build on the 3-year-old program's already respected status.

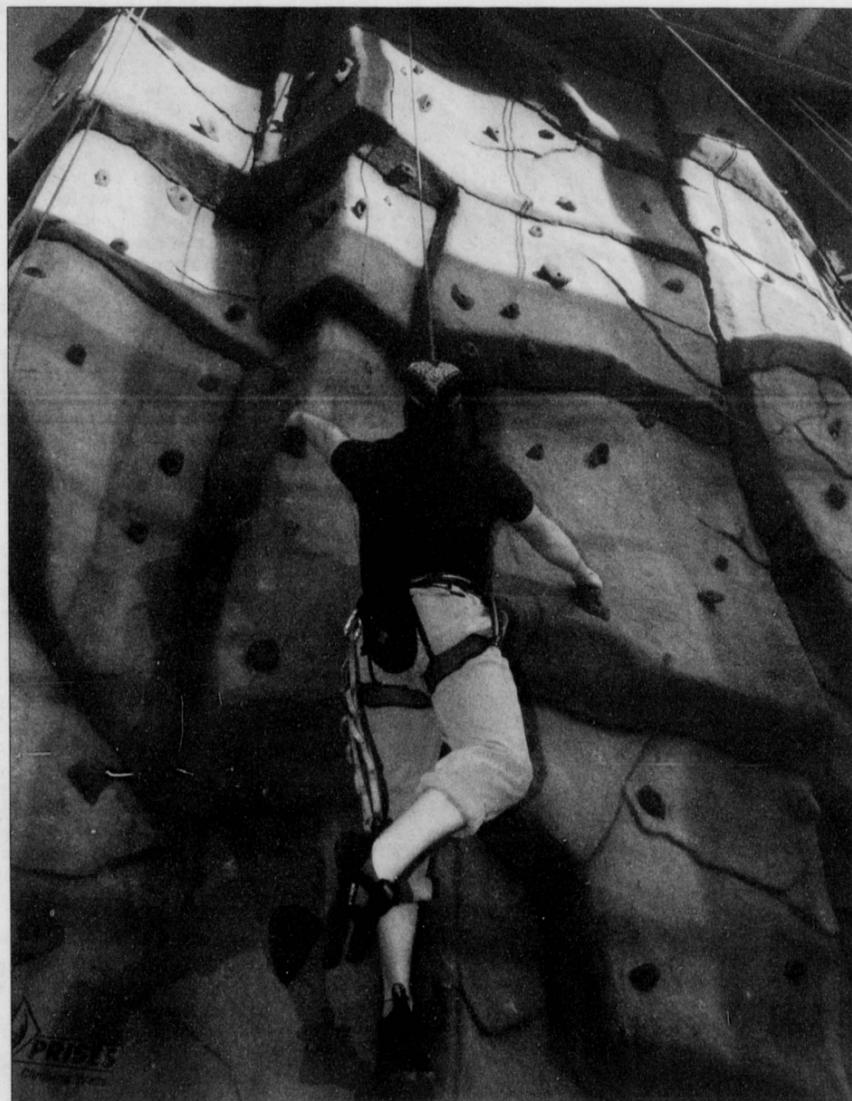
"I hope to enhance the prominence and reputation of the program in Texas and nationally," Neuman said. "We hope to grow the number of students and sup-

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Ty Halasz/Photo editor  
Executive MBA Director Tim Neuman works in his office on the second floor of Dan Rogers Hall.

## Mountain climber



Ty Halasz/Photo editor  
Adam Stadler, a junior marketing/management major, scales the new rock climbing wall Tuesday in the University Recreation Center.

## SGA begins group to tout ethics on campus

Integrity Council to draft honor statement

BY JESSICA SANDERS  
Staff Reporter

Members of the new Integrity Council formed by the Student Government Association intend to increase ethics on campus and eventually draft an honor code, said Shelley Story, Campus Life coordinator.

"The code is something that may come somewhere down the line, but the goal of the council is to increase awareness about cheating," said Story, Integrity Council advisor. "My hope for this council is that (it is) going to be a group of students, faculty and staff who are willing to say to the rest of the community that this behavior is not appropriate."

The first action will be to draft an honor statement to present to the new freshman class, SGA President Brad Thompson said.

The honor statement will explain what it means to have honor and integrity and will be signed by the new freshman class, said Thompson, a junior radio-TV-film major.

Thompson said a draft of the honor code could be finished by December. He said he hopes the honor statement will be finished by May.

Students have mixed opinions on the effectiveness of an honor code.

Becky Saltzman, a junior nursing major, said integrity is a problem on campus but an honor code may not be the solution.

"If they already lack the integrity not to cheat, they are not going to mind lying on an honor statement,"

Saltzman said.

However, Josiah McLeod, a sophomore economics major, said an honor code would be beneficial.

"I think it would be a good idea to have a system in place that would encourage more ethical behavior and increase awareness," McLeod said.

Katie Gordon, chairwoman of the Integrity Council, said the honor statement will be effective because it will be created by students.

"An honor code by itself, I don't think, will do a whole lot," said Gordon, a senior electrical engineering major. "But forming a group of people on campus who want to promote integrity as a whole is really going to make a difference."

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— Josiah McLeod  
sophomore economics major

Gordon said she is looking for ideas by researching honor codes from schools such as Southern Methodist University and the U.S. Naval Academy.

"We are looking for honor codes that work, that have been in place for a long time," Thompson said. "We are looking for codes that have withstood the test of time."

The Integrity Council consists of 12 students, five faculty members and five staff members, Gordon said.

Members were chosen from all areas of campus, not just SGA, so that many views would be represented, she said.

"We were looking for a diverse

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## Street parking may be banned

BY SARAH KREBS  
Staff Reporter

Residential street parking could be restricted in all areas surrounding campus if a city proposal by Frisco Heights residents passes, police officials say.

Frisco Heights Neighborhood Association members said they want the city to put up signs to not allow student parking from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the week in the area west of Park Hill Drive and north of Berry Street.

However, Fort Worth Police Depart-

ment Officer Jamie Johnson said they may decide to put up the signs all around campus and not just in the Frisco Heights neighborhood in order to enforce uniform wording on all signs.

Johnson said keeping the signs uniform throughout the area makes it easier to enforce and creates, as a result, a safer and less crowded neighborhood.

Randy Burkett, City Traffic Engineering Department representative, said the city will decide in about two weeks.

The city is reviewing the proposal

to see if there is a safety issue and then will decide on putting up the no parking signs all around the TCU campus, Burkett said.

Frisco Heights residents met Jan. 21 with Burkett and Johnson to discuss the proposal.

Don Mills, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said he met with city officials two or three times over the last few months to discuss ways to solve the issue. There are a few proposals

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Ty Halasz/Photo editor  
Cars line the edge of Green Street behind the Moudy Building. Residents of the Frisco Heights neighborhood have complained to the city about the crowded streets.

**The Weather**

**WEDNESDAY**  
High: 54; Low: 38; Partly Cloudy

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High: 55; Low: 38; Cloudy

**FRIDAY**  
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**Looking Back**

**1820** — King George III, the British king who lost the American colonies, dies at the age of 82, ten years after mental illness forced him to retire from public life.

**1861** — The territory of Kansas is admitted into the Union as the 34th state, or the 28th state if the secession of eight Southern states over the previous six weeks is taken into account.

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■ **Campus Life** will present Roger Wilkins, former U.S. Assistant Attorney General. He will be giving a speech at 3 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom. For more information, call (817) 257-5233.

■ **University Recreation Center Grand Opening Party** will be from 7 to 11 p.m. today. There will be free food, giveaways, a casino night, wax hands and much more. For more information, call (817) 257-5233.

■ **Community Action Network** will have a meeting at 7 p.m. today in Student Center, Room 111. For more information, contact RuthAnn Hubbard at (817) 257-8429.

■ **KinoMonda World Film Series** will be showing "Tokyo Drifter" at 7 p.m. today in Sid Richardson Hall, Lecture Hall 1. For more information, call (817) 257-7292.

■ **The TCU Philosophy Club** will have its first discussion night on the topic "Protest Art and Artistic Protest" at 7 p.m. Thursday in Reed Hall, Room 104. For more information, visit (www.phil.tcu.edu/club).

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

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## PARKING

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for a parking garage, but more ground level parking and shuttle services are being considered first, Mills said.

"Right now students are taking advantage of parking on the street at the expense of the people who live there," Mills said. "There is no shortage of parking spots, but there is a significant shortage on parking close to the classrooms."

Mills said he wanted students to park responsibly and legally on campus even if that meant they would have to walk a lot farther.

Most students would rather pay a cheaper ticket to Fort Worth than a \$100 ticket to TCU, said Ashley Monroe, a sophomore accounting major.

Maria Salvado, a junior business major, said she commutes and parks on the street, sometimes illegally, because she cannot find a place to park.

"There aren't any parking spaces anywhere," Salvado said. "TCU should do something about that because there aren't any spaces."

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Marsha Cowdin, a member of the Frisco Heights Neighborhood Association traffic committee, said they also would like to have no parking anytime at least 30 feet from the intersections because of cars hampering visibility.

Johnson said he has the authority to ticket and even tow cars parked too close to the corner of the intersection, but that sometimes the student will move the car before the tow truck arrives eliminating the problem and the penalty involved.

Cowdin said she talked to the Fort Worth Fire Department and had them drive the streets and said they were appalled the area had gotten this crowded.

"They have parking facilities but they don't want to use them," Cowdin said. "If you do park at TCU, you pay a hefty fine and that pushed them out into the neighborhoods. Now we are having to deal with it, and I want to push them back into their own parking lots and let them use the shuttle bus."

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## SGA

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group," Gordon said. "We have some people who are freshmen and some who are head resident assistants."

The Integrity Council was originally called the honor code task force, but was renamed to emphasize the focus on integrity, Story said.

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"We didn't want people instantly associating the honor code task force with the honor code," Story said. "We changed it to Integrity Council because 'integrity' makes people stop and think."

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## DIRECTOR

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port from the business community."

Neuman said the program is in the middle of recruiting for the fall semester. He said even though the economy is in a downturn, he is encouraged by the recruitment results.

Executive MBA students said they are pleased with the new director.

"He is a really hard worker," said Mark Muller, executive MBA student and assistant director of the Ryffel Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. "He's enthusiastic and dedicated to the program and to TCU in general."

"It seems like he's got a good marketing background which should help bring in students," Muller said.

Executive MBA student Ovi Alfaro said Neuman's friendly personality is his strength.

"He is very talented as far as meeting new people to bring into

the program," said Alfaro, a reservoir engineer for Rosewood Resources of Dallas.

Alfaro said Neuman understands the demands of the Executive MBA student who usually has a full-time job as well as the typical class load.

Neuman graduated from TCU with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice in 1990. He earned his MBA in marketing from TCU in 1992. He then entered the professional world working in advertising and strategic marketing and strategic planning, Neuman said.

The Executive MBA program is different from other MBA programs in that its students are already in the work force, Neuman said.

"The typical student has about 10 to 15 years experience," Neuman said. "This program grooms (the students) to apply new knowledge to their current jobs."

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## SGA sets goals at first meeting of semester



Andrea Reed, House of Student Representatives vice president, alongside former vice president John Billingsley, swears in the new representatives at Tuesday's SGA meeting.

Student Government Association's goals for the semester will focus on service to the TCU community, SGA President Brad Thompson said Tuesday.

Committee chairpersons presented their goals during the first meeting of the semester.

• Secretary Todd Clower said he wants to keep the SGA Web site and TCU Announce updated so that students will be aware of upcoming events.

• The academic affairs committee will research and recommend ways to improve the academic advising process, said Chairman Jose Luis Hernandez.

• Dining Committee Chairwoman Corrie Lockhart said Dining Services is considering changing the meal selection and will open the pasta bar in The Main on weekends.

• Permanent Improvements Committee Chairman Tom Casey said he wants to make sure the campus is adequately lit by having committee members walk around the campus at night to make sure all areas have sufficient lighting.

— Jessica Sanders

## Bush pushes economy, war in address

BY RON FOURNIER  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Building a case for war against Iraq, President Bush said Tuesday night he will present fresh evidence to the United Nations next week of Saddam Hussein's illegal weapons and vowed the United States will lead a campaign to disarm the Iraqi regime if he refuses to surrender its arms.

"The course of this nation does not depend on the decision of others," Bush said in his second State of the Union address.

"We will consult, but let there be no misunderstanding: If Saddam Hussein does not fully disarm for the safety of our people, and for the peace of the world, we will lead a coalition to disarm him," the president said.

Speaking to Congress and a global television audience, Bush presented a laundry list of Saddam's alleged offenses, some of them newly revealed to the public. He said intelligence sources have reported that thousands of Iraqi personnel are at work hiding documents and materials from the U.N. weapons inspectors.

Specifically, Bush said Saddam has not accounted for up to 25,000 liters of anthrax, 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin, 500 tons of sarin, mustard gas and VX nerve agent and upwards of 30,000 munitions capable of delivering chemical weapons.

"If this is not evil, then evil has no meaning," Bush said.

For the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks transformed him into a wartime president, Bush faced serious questions about his leadership. Polls show most Americans don't approve of his handling of the economy and only a bare majority support his policies on Iraq — an area where the president enjoyed support of more than 80 percent a year ago.

"This country has many challenges. We will not deny, we will not ignore, we will not pass along our

problems to other Congresses, other presidents and other generations," Bush said.

The speech was delivered amid intense security as lawmakers, Cabinet members, military leaders and Supreme Court justices gathered for the annual event. Several hundred people massed on the Capitol lawn to protest Bush's policies, ranging from a possible war in Iraq to his approach to health care.

The first half of Bush's address was devoted to domestic policy, a reflection of his desire not to let Iraq overshadow a presidential agenda geared toward the 2004 re-election campaign.

The heart of Bush's domestic agenda is his \$674 billion plan to revive the economy and a \$400 billion, 10-year plan to overhaul Medicare. His plans also include medical liability, the environment and energy policy as well as efforts to help religious groups offer federally funded community services, aides said.

Democrats challenged Bush's efforts both at home and abroad.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke, tapped to deliver the Democratic response to Bush, said that economic recovery would not happen until states and cities receive help from Washington — something missing from Bush's economic proposals.

"People are clearly worried about terrorism and Iraq but those concerns should not overshadow the pressing needs of the people here at home," Locke said.

The president described the nation as still recovering from recession, terrorist attacks, corporate scandals and stock market declines. "Our economy is recovering, yet it is not growing fast enough or strongly enough," Bush said.

He proposed spending new money for research to develop hydrogen powered cars and to tutor children of prison inmates. He also called for a new \$600 million drug treatment program in which federal money could go to religious community service programs.

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## The Skiff View

### CLEAN TEAM

Officials need to keep people informed

We need to save money. There needs to be a higher level of effectiveness and efficiency.

Or so the university says. University officials could be talking about anything on campus, from the cost of running an academic program to the way the university recruits students.

But we're talking about cleaning. We're talking about the people we see daily cleaning up what we leave behind and doing the tasks we take for granted.

To save money and increase effectiveness and efficiency, university officials have decided to move housekeepers from the area they have been cleaning, call them "specialists" and assign them specific tasks to do day in and day out.

Granted, officials say this little idea may save the university \$2.5 million over 10 years.

But more importantly, the university really isn't sure what path it is going to take. This "team cleaning" idea is still in the working stages.

And there's another "idea" weighing on housekeepers' minds — the idea of bringing in contracted work. Officials say it isn't in any of the plans, but it's been thought of and talked about, otherwise people might not be so worried.

The big problem here is that officials keep feeding the housekeepers and the departments different information. Sometimes people will shrug their shoulders at the news, and sometimes they will go into a frenzy about those they care for and work with.

Whether the housekeepers stay in their areas or are re-assigned, we need to be informed of changes to help smooth the process over.

### Latest Sniff story goes too far

The Sniff is back to its old tricks and, as usual, a handful of people are upset. But this time they have a good reason.

The Sniff bills itself as the unofficial, satirical newsletter of TCU. It usually publishes biweekly on the Web, and it is also placed inside newspaper bins.

COMMENTARY



Brandon Ortiz

The Sniff has made a name for itself for its over-the-top jabs at greeks, the business school and Chancellor Michael Ferrari.

In its 12 issues, it has written about fraternity and sorority members protesting a new core curriculum for fear it would take time away from partying and about the business school offering a class called "Getting Around Business Ethics." One headline read: "Lame duck Ferrari just phoning it in."

Few people know the identities of The Sniff's writers, and that's just how they like it.

It can be a little heavy on the swear words sometimes, but for the most part, it's pretty funny. (The chancellor jokes are getting stale, though.)

And in the middle of all the absurdity, a point — sometimes a very important one — is usually made.

But its latest work of fiction goes too far.

On The Sniff's front page, a picture of an English professor is

pasted on the head of a woman exposing her breasts in a "Girls Gone Wild" video. The headline reads: "Feminist Professor Caught on Tape!"

I'm not going to name the English professor because there's no reason to embarrass her further, but I'm sure most of you have seen the article.

She is not amused. "I don't know if I want to comment," the professor said. "I don't think it deserves it. I think that speaks for itself."

Phil Record, who teaches a course on media ethics and is the former national president of the Society of Professional Journalists, said the article could be libelous.

"From the surface of it, I think it is driven not just on humor, but on malice," said Record, a retired reader advocate for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I think this goes beyond humor and borders on maliciousness, which would give her grounds."

"She doesn't deserve this." Since the professor would not be considered a public figure, Record said, all she would have to prove is that she's been harmed to collect damages.

That might be something as minor as being laughed at in class or looked at differently by colleagues. The professor said she does not plan to sue.

In a letter to the Skiff, the editors of The Sniff said the professor was not the target of the article.

It targets "people who believe

that 'professional' and 'sexually liberated' are mutually exclusive concepts — that professors cannot be sexually active, and porn stars cannot be intelligent."

A valid point, perhaps, but poorly made.

A spokesman for The Sniff, who agreed to an interview only on condition of anonymity and wore a disguise, said he has the utmost respect for the professor.

"She is a person with a lot of dignity," he said. "She is a great professor; she is well respected, and she is a feminist. And we don't have any problem with feminists, but we think with any 'ism' there is room for attack."

But was it necessary to use a real professor?

"That's true, we possibly could have made the same point," he said. "But the whole point behind satire is to make people uncomfortable so they may question their beliefs. It may have gotten the whole joke across, but it wouldn't have accomplished the same point."

The Sniff points out that it has written far worse things.

"Dead hookers being found in Ferrari's trunk; that is not a big deal," he said. "Ferrari smoking dope; that's not a big deal."

"Why doesn't anybody laugh when we make alter egos for the English professor?," he asked.

Because there is a difference between lampooning people who thrust themselves into the spotlight and ridiculing average people who

do not. Ferrari knew he would be subject to criticism when he became chancellor, just like candidates for Student Government Association knew they might be ridiculed when they decided to run for office and columnists for the Skiff know they may be mocked when they write something.

The English professor, to my knowledge, has never aspired to be the center of attention. That's not to say she can't be criticized.

The Sniff's point is one that perhaps needs to be made, but not this way.

The Constitution guarantees freedom of expression in this country, but those who exercise that right have a great responsibility. The Sniff article did not live up to that responsibility.

"I think we have a good defense for it," The Sniff spokesman said. "By printing The Sniff, we hope that the people who laugh at it recognize that criticism and take part in that criticism."

"Critical thought — discussion — is something that is really lacking on this campus."

No disagreement here. I just hope The Sniff remembers that if you offend too many in your audience, pretty soon you'll just be preaching to the choir.

And that doesn't foster any discussion.

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### StudentSpeak Out

Opinions from the TCU community

#### What is your favorite feature about the University Recreation Center?

"My favorite thing about the new Rec Center is the flat-screen TVs on all the treadmills."

— Elizabeth Bateman, sophomore early childhood education major



"The fact that it's finally open after all of the anticipation."

— Brett Kummer, senior economics/finance major



"I like the running track because in the winter it will be easier than running outside."

— Robyn Kriel, sophomore musical theater/broadcast journalism major



"The climbing wall — best deal for the money and it's lots of fun."

— Steve Witt, junior elementary education major



### People should try to have as much pride as Texans do

I had an experience in class the other day that made me realize I don't truly belong here in this state. My professor made the whole class relive our worst fears from elementary school by standing and introducing ourselves.

As the professor progressed around the room, I began to realize that everyone was from Texas.

And then the professor came to me. I stand up and then I have to admit I am from New Mexico. I point out that I am the only one not from Texas, and some people actually got a look of pity on their faces. I sat down almost feeling ashamed of the fact that I am from some state other than Texas. My professor then explains to me that it is OK and that no one will hold it against me.

I not only receive this discrimination in class but also among my friends. They are embarrassed to ride in my car because it has New Mexico license plates. Anytime we see another New Mexico car around town, they point out that there are some of my people. They usually refer to them as New Mexicans.

I have a friend who goes so far as refusing to call me when I am in my hometown. He claims his phone refuses to dial the area code. He sees it as just an open plain between Arizona and Texas.

So I wonder when we out-of-town folks can call ourselves Texans. Is there a waiting list people need to get on or someplace to sign up, like the DMV? Or maybe you just have to achieve that vast amount of pride that only a true Texan has.

Maybe I will go around calling myself a New Mexican. I don't think it will work. I don't have that much pride in my state to actually claim it.

I have never met people like Texans, who know so much about their state and are so proud to just live where they are. I don't know everything about New Mexico; I still don't know all the cities. I have never traveled the state of Texas and gone to all the major cities. People look at me like I am crazy when I tell them I have never been to Austin or Houston. Then I explain that I am not from here, and I get yet another pitying look.

All of my friends are from Texas for the most part, and I know one of the things they see as a major plus in Texas is the higher alcohol content. When any of my friends visit someone in another state, they make a stop at the strip to load up on beer.

That brings me to another point. Whatever the occasion, there seems to be a call for alcohol, whether someone won a football game or someone lost a football game. I've decided Texans make up any reason to drink, and some don't need a reason at all.

My friend told me that during Christmas vacation, she and her family got drunk on Christmas day. This seemed normal to her. I really can't see myself sitting down with the family and getting a beer out of the fridge and remembering all the other Christmases before.

Being a non-Texan and going to Texas Tech has given me a new outlook on life. I see what it is like to be proud of just being born and raised in a place. I have yet to meet anyone who is ashamed to be a Texan. I hope one day I will be able to call myself a Texan with as much pride as everyone else does.

Kellie Tolbert is a columnist for the University Daily at Texas Tech University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

### Rec Center not cause of too much excitement

My time is up. I've been dreading this week for months: The University Recreation Center is open. I had an excuse for more than a year. Now, there is no legitimate reason why I'm not working out at the new Rec Center. From this day forward, I will be branded lazy.

The campus is buzzing with excitement because the Rec Center finally opened. I've heard all about the rock-climbing wall, the return of the racquetball courts, the indoor pool and the usual treadmills and weights.

However, nobody seems to share my sentiments and the peer-pressure is back to haunt me. When everyone else is eager to test the new equipment, I'll be waiting for their reports. This isn't to say, as some people have suggested, that I will be sitting on the couch eating chocolates.

Too cliché. But I never worked out at the Rickel Building. For more than two years I made excuses. I did get dragged over there once by my well-intentioned friends. All the treadmills and bikes were full so I made a hasty exit. Crisis averted. Then came the great news: The Rickel was being renovated. Everyone else groaned and complained. I was ecstatic.

It's not that I've never been to the gym. The fact that I can count the number of times on my hands is beside the point.

I don't see the point in riding a stationary bike or walking on a treadmill. If I'm going to do either, I want to be going somewhere. The thought of putting all of my energy into riding a bike and never getting to see different scenery is exasperating.

It already drives me crazy that I can work for hours and still never seem to get through my to-do list. Why would I want to go to the gym, where I supposedly could relax, and have the same thing happen to me? That would drive me to early residence at a state mental facility.

Before you suggest I find some other way to work out, save your breath; it's not going to happen.

I will never be found rock-climbing and I'm not a champion swimmer. Playing a sport involving a racquet is just asking me to hit someone with it. Walking is my safest option.

Maybe I do have a few extra weeks of excuses left. The Rec Center is sure to be one of the busiest places on campus.

Once again, crisis averted.

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## National/International Roundup

### Catholic church offers apology, money to victim

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — The Roman Catholic Church offered a high-profile apology Tuesday and more than \$300,000 to a former altar boy sexually abused by a priest, the biggest individual settlement of its kind in Ireland, where hundreds of such cases have yet to face court.

In a statement read before the High Court, Cardinal Desmond Connell, archbishop of the Dublin archdiocese, expressed "profound regrets" about "the injury caused to Mervyn Rundle by Father Tom Naughton."

Rundle, now 28, was abused by Naughton when he was 9 and 10. He and his father initially reported the abuse to church authorities in 1985, but Naughton wasn't convicted of molesting boys until 1998, when he received a three-year prison sentence.

Connell acknowledged in his apology that even before Rundle was abused, allegations had arisen against Naughton that "had they been more successfully pursued, could have resulted in his being withdrawn from parochial duties."

"Lessons have been learned from Mr. Rundle's pain," wrote Connell, who earlier this year had all priests in his archdiocese read a general apology to worshippers.

Speaking outside the courthouse, Rundle said the church shouldn't have taken so long to act and that he had insisted on an apology as part of the settlement.

"I am delighted the Catholic Church has at last acknowledged the pain it has caused a frightened young boy for so long. I am not

sure how long it will take to forgive them for taking 18 years to do so," he said.

### NASA honors astronauts with moment of silence

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts joined Mission Control in a moment of silence Tuesday at the exact time 17 years ago that Challenger exploded in the sky.

NASA's work force, in orbit and on Earth, remembered not only the seven astronauts who died on Jan. 28, 1986, but also the three who were killed by a fire in their Apollo spacecraft at the pad on Jan. 27, 1967. At the launch site Tuesday, flags flew at half staff for the second day in a row.

The two tragedies, separated by 19 years and a single day, represent the space agency's darkest hours.

"It is today that we remember and honor the crews of Apollo 1 and Challenger. They made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives and service to their country and for all mankind," Columbia commander Rick Husband radioed a few minutes before the airwaves went silent.

"Their dedication and devotion to the exploration of space was an inspiration to each of us and still motivates people around the world to achieve great things and service to others."

### FBI agent testifies about letters in espionage case

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — An FBI agent who investigated accused spy Brian Patrick Regan said Tuesday the retired Air Force

master sergeant wrote letters to Saddam Hussein and Moammar Gadhafi offering U.S. intelligence information for a price.

Steven Carr, who headed the Regan investigation, testified that Regan requested \$13 million in Swiss francs for the information.

Carr said among thousands of documents obtained from Regan's laptop computer was a letter in which Regan said he was the Middle East North African analyst for the CIA and willing to spy against the United States.

Regan indicated that "\$13 million is a small price to pay for what you will receive."

Carr was the first witness in a spy trial that could result in the death penalty for Regan, 40, who has pleaded innocent to espionage charges.

If convicted, Regan could become the first American executed for spying since Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in 1953. The Rosenbergs were convicted of conspiring to steal U.S. atomic secrets for the former Soviet Union.

Under cross examination, Carr admitted that during weeks of intense surveillance, Regan did not meet anybody suspicious or make any phone calls that would raise concerns among U.S. officials.

He also acknowledged that Regan's co-workers at the National Reconnaissance Office could easily view him as he accessed classified documents.

Carr testified that Regan used his security access to obtain pictures of missile sites in Iraq and China, copied their locations and then used a special code he created to hide the information.

## Inspectors ask for time

BY DAFNA LINZER

Associated Press

The top U.N. weapons inspectors, noting increasing impatience with Iraq, said Tuesday, they would welcome more time to try to disarm the country but Baghdad must produce evidence fast if war is to be avoided.

Hans Blix, head of the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspections Commission, told the Associated Press the key would be "a changed attitude on the part of the Iraqis."

Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency charged with verifying Iraq's nuclear program, said he was asking for more time "on the assumption that Iraq will hear the message and come forward with evidence so we can move forward." His spokeswoman, Melissa Fleming, said "three or four months would be realistic provided we get pro-active cooperation from the Iraqis."

The two inspectors spoke a day after issuing vastly different assessments on Iraq's cooperation. The reports are crucial for Security Council members weighing the possibility of another Iraq war.

Blix had been tough on Iraq's failure to fully cooperate and suggested Baghdad was lying about its biological and chemical weapons. But ElBaradei was more upbeat and said there was no evidence Saddam Hussein was restarting his nuclear program.

In Baghdad, Iraqi Gen. Amir Rashid insisted Tuesday that Iraq holds no banned weapons and said the inspectors' reports did not represent the facts fairly or proportionally.

He said some facts were "amplified and magnified on what are called problems," adding that this created a "somewhat negative" impact on council diplomats. He also reiterated Iraq's claims that it is free of weapons of mass destruction.

## Malvo's trial to begin in November

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT

Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. — Lee Boyd Malvo will be tried in November on murder charges that could bring the death penalty for his alleged role in the sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Fairfax County Circuit Judge Jane Roush set Nov. 10 for the start of the teenager's trial in the slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot store. Franklin was shot through the head Oct. 14 as she was loading items into the trunk of her car.

Defense lawyers had objected to the date.

"I am not going to be ready by Nov. 10. It's an impossible date. It's not a realistic date," defense

lawyer Michael Arif told the judge. Arif had asked for the trial to start in February 2004.

The judge said a Nov. 10 trial allowed twice the time Virginia law would normally grant for a speedy trial. Prosecutors had asked for a trial in late June.

A grand jury indicted Malvo last week on capital murder charges. Prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr. has not yet said whether he will ask for the death penalty.

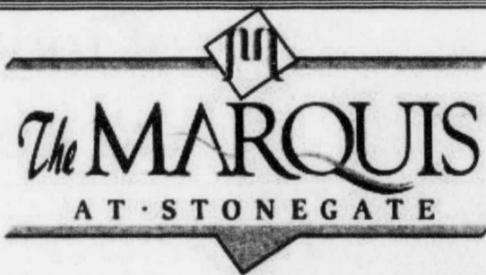
Malvo, 17, and John Allen Muhammad, 42, are accused of killing 13 people and wounding six in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. They are being tried first in Virginia because its laws allow the best opportunities for the death penalty.

The November date for Malvo sets up the possibility that he and Muhammad will be on trial at the same time. Muhammad's own trial for the slaying of a man at a gas station is to begin in mid-October in neighboring Prince William County.

Malvo's lawyers said his trial could last up to 12 weeks; the prosecution estimated three weeks.

Arif said simultaneous trials could cause administrative problems. "Evidence is going to be all over the place," he said.

Horan said prosecutors are sorting through 50,000 to 70,000 tips given to police during the October shooting spree. He said most of them are worthless but he expects to turn over any potentially exculpatory tips to the defense on March 1.



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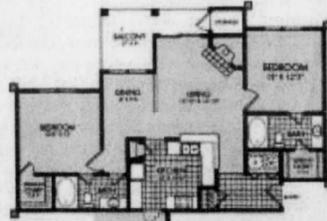
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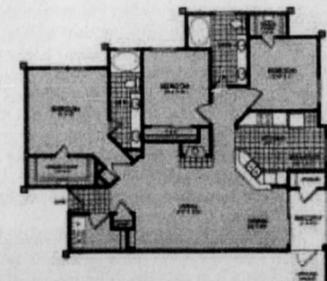
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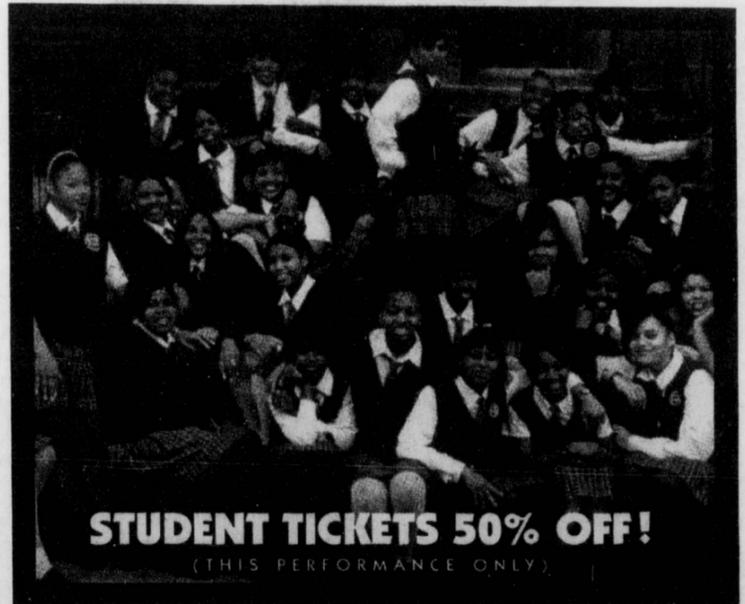
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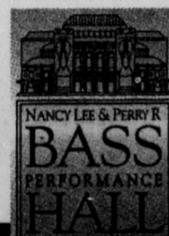
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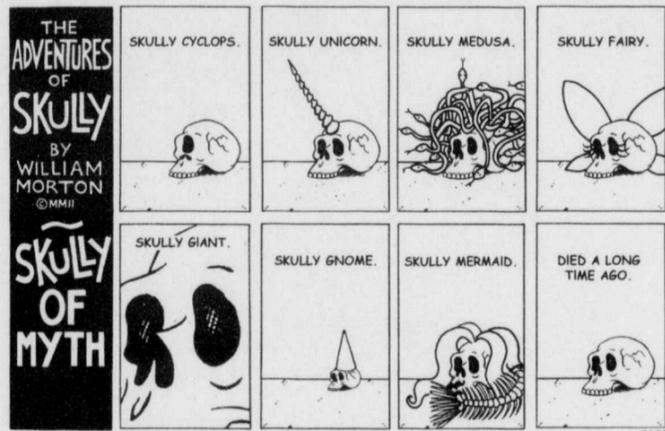


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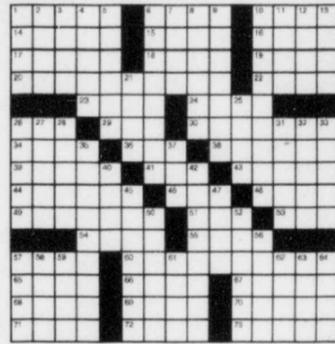
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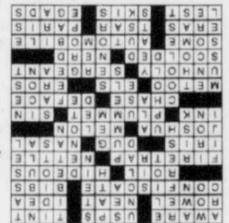
### Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Foolishy imitative
  - 6 Writer Sloker
  - 10 "Auld Lang"
  - 14 Free-for-all
  - 15 "The \_\_\_ of the Ancient Mariner"
  - 16 "This Is \_\_\_ Life"
  - 17 Trojan War story
  - 18 Summer drinks
  - 19 Speaking Asian starting
  - 20 Observatory users
  - 22 Playwright Hart
  - 23 Withered
  - 24 Attended
  - 26 Sitter's creation
  - 29 Cacophony
  - 30 Conceited one
  - 34 Long way off
  - 36 High peak
  - 38 Paycheck recipient
  - 39 Computer communicator
  - 41 Still
  - 43 Book ID
  - 44 Lrml
  - 46 Circle part
  - 48 Algonquian language
  - 49 Pittsburgh pro
  - 51 Eighth mo.
  - 53 CIA fore-runner
  - 54 Outskirts
  - 55 Teheran's place
  - 57 Thailand, once
  - 60 Bit changers?
  - 65 Unattractive fruit?
  - 66 Bathe
  - 67 Rest period
  - 68 Showdown
  - 69 Fulda leader
  - 70 Tusk material
  - 71 Diver Louisiana
  - 72 Lair
  - 73 Tightly stretched
  - 74 Acacia and tacobab
  - 75 Casting in
  - 76 Round legume
  - 78 Pinocle display
  - 82 Scorches



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### Tuesday's Solutions



- DOWN
- 1 Nice friends?
  - 2 Animal hide
  - 3 Pelvic bones
  - 4 Scorches
  - 5 Avoided a straight answer
  - 6 Shamelessly
  - 7 Commute
  - 8 Set an arbitrary punishment
  - 9 Moral of the story
  - 10 Balanced
  - 11 Callist Ma
  - 12 Sisters
  - 13 Important times
  - 21 Met highlight
  - 25 Castle protector
  - 26 "The Silence of the \_\_\_"
  - 27 In progress
  - 28 San Diego player
  - 29 Opening bars
  - 32 Monica of the nets
  - 33 Acacia and tacobab
  - 35 Casting in
  - 37 Round legume
  - 40 Pinocle display
  - 42 Workout leaders
  - 45 Entertained in style
  - 47 Milk part
  - 50 Overhauled
  - 52 Ploy
  - 56 Effrontery
  - 57 Warbled
  - 58 Composer
  - 59 Medicinal plant
  - 61 Tied
  - 62 Kind of Dodge
  - 63 Jolly old salts
  - 64 Acreas lone

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## The Sideline

### Three Mavericks players selected as All-Star reserves

Two-thirds of the Dallas Mavericks' Big Three is going to the NBA All-Star game.

Forward Dirk Nowitzki (22.4 points, 10.2 rebounds a game) and guard Steve Nash (18.3 points a game, 6.8 assists a game) were among seven Western Conference reserves selected Tuesday. The 29 NBA coaches chose the reserves for the Feb. 9 game in Atlanta.

It is the second straight year that Nash and Nowitzki have been named All-Stars, the second selection for both. Michael Finley (19.7 points a game, 5.9 rebounds a game) was an All-Star guard in 2000 and 2001.

### Modano named captain of conference All-Star team

Dallas Stars center Mike Modano has been named team captain for the Western Conference All-Stars.

Modano will make his fifth All-Star game appearance, the first as a starter, in Sunday's game in Sunrise, Fla. Bill Guerin will also be a starter for the Western Conference team and Stars goalie Marty Turco a reserve.

"It's a tremendous honor to be named captain," Modano said Tuesday. "Being voted in as a starter by the fans, as well as having Bill and Marty there, makes it even more special."

Modano is Dallas' career scoring leader with 1,033 points (436 goals and 597 assists) in 995 games. He has 56 points (20-36) this season, which is fifth in the NHL.

## Judge throws out statutory rape case

### Attorneys put girl's credibility into question

BY T.A. BADGER  
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Boxer Tony Ayala Jr. was freed Tuesday after state prosecutors dropped their effort to send him back to prison, saying defense lawyers had severely damaged the credibility of a teenage girl who accused him of having sex with her.

The Bexar County District Attorney's Office withdrew its motion to revoke Ayala's 10-year probation for a September 2001 burglary conviction.

Ayala, a 39-year-old middleweight, had been in custody since early December after he was accused of twice having sex with the 14-year-old girl in November. He had denied the statutory rape allegation.

"You know the saying, 'The truth will set you free,'" said an elated Tony Ayala Sr. after state District Judge Maria Teresa Herr ordered his son freed from jail.

Ayala Jr. left the courtroom through a side door after hug-

ging his attorneys and waving to his supporters. He did not immediately speak to reporters.

"When you're facing these kinds of ramifications — 10 years in prison, with so little of your boxing career left and maybe you'll be able to fight for a title — obviously it's a great relief for Tony Ayala," said Jimmy Parks, his lead attorney.

The 14-year-old girl spent most of Monday on the witness stand, calmly testifying that she aggressively pursued Ayala sexually after meeting him at his training gym, and that she eventually was able to seduce him.

She said that the pair had sex once in the backseat of the boxer's car in early November and again in his parents' house in San Antonio during Thanksgiving week.

But under intense cross-examination, the eighth-grader from suburban San Antonio conceded that she had told several different versions of her story about sex with Ayala to police, her friends and other people.

The girl also acknowledged that she had falsely accused her stepfather of sexually molesting her for four years. She told Parks that she made up that story because she was mad at her stepfather.

## Men's basketball

TCU at UAB  
7 p.m., Bartow Arena

Radio: KTCU 88.7 FM, Disney 620 AM  
TV: None

Records: TCU (7-10, 1-1) UAB (11-5, 3-2)

About the game: The Frogs are playing their fourth road game out of their last five contests. The all-time series between TCU and UAB is tied at 2-2. TCU is 1-0 at Bartow arena. Both TCU's Neil Dougherty and UAB's Mike Anderson are in their first years as head coaches.

About TCU: The Frogs are currently in last place in the National division of Conference USA. TCU is coming off a tough 89-79 loss at No. 10 Creighton Sunday. The Frogs led by 12 at intermission and as many as 16 in the second half. TCU's starting backcourt of Junior Blount and Corey Santee are averaging 35.1 points and 7.8 assists a game. The duo rank No. 1 and No. 2 on the team in six statistical categories. The Frogs are 2-7 on the road this season.

About UAB: The Blazers are currently first in C-USA's National division. Junior Forward Gabe Kennedy scored a career high 21 points in UAB's last game, a 75-72 defeat at Tulane. UAB is 7-2 at home this season with one loss coming to then-ranked No. 8 Mississippi State.

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Sophomore guard Corey Santee pulls a fade-away jumper on Tulane's Ivan Pjevcevic Wednesday.

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