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Professors concerned about research budget cuts

Ferrari says budget cuts will not set precedent

BY LAUREN HANVEY AND SARAH CHACKO
Staff Reporters

Faculty Senate members expressed concerns about funding cuts in faculty grants Thursday. Members said they were unaware of the cuts and uninformed as to how deep they would be. According to a handout from the

Faculty Senate, containing information provided by Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs William Koehler, \$83,000 is being cut from the Research and Creative Activities Fund (RCAF). Instructional development funds will be cut by \$20,000, leaving only funds for new faculty grants and some amount for international experiences for faculty, according to the handout.

More than 60 faculty members attached their names to an e-mail petition complaining about the loss of funds. The e-mail was sent to deans, administrators and all faculty. The letter

said faculty members understand the budget is tight, but they are concerned this cut may negatively impact the academic mission of TCU.

"RCAF has traditionally provided crucial materials, travel expenses for essential research and other support, without which faculty research and creative activity could not take place," the letter said. "With the elimination of the research fund, some of the essential mission of the university — the creation of knowledge — is not going to be accomplished next year."

Koehler sent out an e-mail re-

sponding to the complaints. In the e-mail, he said endowment revenues are decreasing and money had to be reallocated. He said he tried to do this in a way that would not mean cutting jobs or reducing operating budgets. He also said remaining money would go toward research for new faculty so they can start their research and get outside funding as a result of that research.

"Do I like to reduce budgets?" he said. "Certainly I do not. But when revenues are declining, options are limited."

But professors say research is cru-

cial to the function of the university.

"Research in itself benefits the classes that we teach," said Lee Daniel, a professor of Spanish and Latin American studies.

Students have an advantage when professors bring them the latest trends, ideas and research in their field, he said.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the cut is relatively small and that, despite faculty concerns, this budget will not set a precedent for the fu-

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Illinois St. looks to move on

Boschini isn't running out on school, some say

BY SARAH CHACKO
Staff Reporter

Illinois State University officials say President Victor Boschini Jr. will be missed by the students, faculty and staff he has served, but the legacy he left will keep them going.

Nick Maroules, an ISU student, said no one really anticipated Boschini's departure this soon. After the news started covering it more, ISU began to understand what Boschini's being offered is more along life-term career goals, Maroules said.

Richard Dammers, assistant to the president, said Boschini's announcement as the chancellor-elect was surprising mainly because of TCU's strict confidentiality during the chancellor search.

"I am convinced that the many positive things happening at ISU because of Boschini will continue successfully," Dammers said. "He has given many people the encouragement and motivation to make good things happen, and the legacy will bring lasting benefits to ISU."

Dammers said Boschini is an outstanding leader because of his commitment to the people of ISU. Students, faculty and staff know he cares deeply about them and wants each of them to be successful in the university environment, he said.

"He consistently seeks to improve the university, and his annual goal statements, as well as his actions, speak to this very clearly," Dammers said.

Bill Sulaski, chairman of the ISU Board of Trustees, said because of his communication style, Boschini took an active role in legislative and political processes. Boschini frequently attended functions where legislators were present to develop professional relationships and seek out financial support, he said.

According to the ISU Web site, the university is working on a comprehensive fund-raising effort that will touch every aspect of the university. The campaign will help ISU meet the needs of future students and faculty, promote partnerships with the community and businesses, elevate the university's stature and enhance the value of an ISU degree for the students and alumni, according to the Web site.

Sulaski said many people doubted the goal to raise \$88 million by December 2004. As of Dec. 1, ISU had raised more than \$60 million, he said.

Though Illinois is undergoing budget cuts across the state, the university is not dependent on the president alone but the entire community, Dammers said. The energy and processes Boschini put in practice will stay in place, he said.

Maroules said Boschini brought values and ideas to the campus that

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NewsBriefs

Zan Holmes honors campus with ideas about diversity

The Rev. Zan Holmes, a noted public speaker, said Thursday he is working toward promoting equality and strengthening community ties through his public speaking.

Holmes was the keynote speaker at a student forum Wednesday night in Ed Landreth Hall and at a breakfast Thursday morning.

Holmes said working toward equality is important and that even if results are not immediately seen, it does not mean everyone should not try.

"We don't always see the fruit ourselves," Holmes said. "Sometimes we just have to plant the seeds for someone else to see the harvest."

In recognition of Black History Month, a Martin Luther King Jr. committee, which consisted of faculty, staff and students invited

Holmes to educate the campus about breaking down diversity barriers, said Phyllis Bodie, assistant director of the Student Center.

"We wanted to pay tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.," Bodie said. "His struggles were not just for black people, but for all people."

Cyndi Walsh, director of the Leadership Center, said Holmes' speech was important because all schools should strive toward increased diversity.

"I think he was very insightful and inspirational," Walsh said. "It's nice to have a resource to help renew our goal (of increased diversity)."

Rev. John Butler said welcoming Holmes was an honor.

"We truly have a role model with us for these two days," Butler said. "He lives the vision we talk about in our community."

— Lara Hendrickson

Ferrari's portrait painted by former student

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said he sat motionless longer than he ever has in many years as his portrait was painted by former student, Vilas Tonape.

Ferrari said this was a creative project that was more about the artist than the subject. Tonape came to TCU in 1994 from India and earned his masters in fine arts.

Tonape said the art department's faculty were like a family to him, always open to new ideas and expressions.

"I have been in love with TCU since the moment I got here," Tonape said.

Tonape said Ferrari's gaze is his most dominant feature, and it tells a lot about the chancellor's power of observation.

"I hope that part of Ferrari's character will be seen in his portrait,"

Tonape said.

Ron Watson, art department chairman, said he suggested Tonape to the chancellor for two reasons. Tonape is a very good portrait painter, Watson said, and has experience with the portrait style. Since Tonape is also a graduate, Watson said, it was a good opportunity to use his talents.

"He was enthusiastic to do this," Watson said.

Jim Woodson, a painting instructor, said portrait painting is like another style of painting in that you start with the general outline first, then move to more specific details. Parts of the subject that aren't normally seen in passing are caught when details are closely observed, Watson said.

"This starts as a general form, and suddenly, with minor changes, it's (Ferrari)," said Woodson.

— Sarah Chacko



Ty Halasz/Photo editor
Chancellor Michael Ferrari has his portrait made by former TCU student Vilas Tonape in Moody Building North Thursday.

Fair promotes health for body, mind



Stephen Spillman/photographer
Senior nursing major Molly Pettigrew has her blood pressure checked by Andrea Bachim, a senior nursing major.

BY LARA HENDRICKSON
Staff Reporter

TCU's first Health and Wellness Fair Thursday focused on different health issues and new programs available at the University Recreation Center, said Mary Ellen Milam, associate director of Campus Recreation.

The "Wellness Explosion" fair, which was hosted by the recreation center and community organizations, was free to the public and lasted 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Complimentary classes such as pilates and kickboxing were offered.

More than 30 booths were set up, providing screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, mammography, cholesterol, hearing, skin cancer and vision. A blood drive was also sponsored by Carter BloodCare.

Rachel Julian, director of fitness and wellness for Campus Recreation, said they had been planning extensively for the fair by collecting business cards of wellness programs that would be interested in setting up booths.

She also said she wanted to start the program for students and faculty, so they could better understand total wellness and be able to approach her with any comments.

"I welcome any suggestions," Julian said. "This is for them, not for me."

David and Rita Flora were asked to participate in the fair to represent their company, Vision for Life.

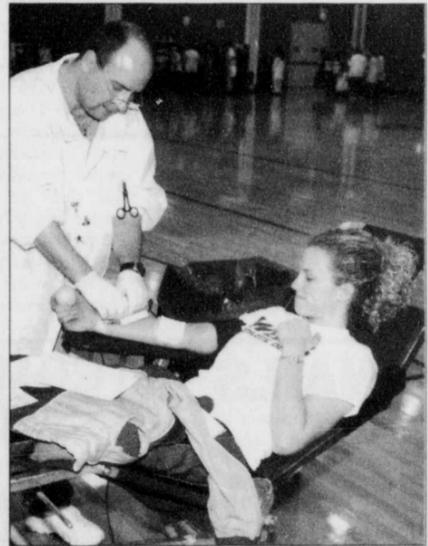
Rita Flora said they were excited to have this opportunity.

"We wanted to show people the products that make them feel better daily," Rita Flora said. "And we wanted to promote our business."

"I learned a lot about general wellness from all the booths, I am really glad I came and would definitely attend again."

— Ashley Fisher

junior fashion merchandising major



Ty Halasz/Photo editor
Carter Blood Care team leader Robert Lloyd takes freshman speech pathology major Cici Walker's blood.

Ashley Fisher, junior fashion merchandising major, said she was on her way to work out when she noticed the health fair and ended up looking at the booths.

"I learned a lot about general wellness from all the booths," Fisher said. "I am really glad I came and would definitely attend again."

Julian said between 1,500 to 3,000 students were expected to attend the fair.

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The Weather

FRIDAY
High: 37; Low: 27; Partly Cloudy

SATURDAY
High: 49; Low: 31; Partly Cloudy

SUNDAY
High: 50; Low: 35; Mostly Sunny

Looking Back

1914 — Charlie Chaplin, 24, made his first appearance in his popular "Little Tramp" role, in Kid Auto Races at Venice.

1915 — The first wireless message was sent from a moving train to a station. The desire to keep contact with trains, ships, military troops and other mobile operations motivated much of the research that led to modern telecommunications.

1938 — Harvey S. Firestone, founder of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, died in Miami Beach, Fla., at 89.

Watch For

Looking for love this Valentine's Day? If you can't find it, read about it on Thursday's Features page.

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

■ **The Horned Frog Yearbook** will have complimentary photo sittings from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. For more information, contact Kathy Hamer.

■ **TCU Baseball vs. UTSA** will be 3:30 p.m. today at Lupton Baseball Stadium. For more information, call (817) 257-7967.

■ **A guest organ recital** featuring Benjamin Saunders will take place at 7:30 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Auditorium. For more information, call (817) 257-7602.

■ **Men's Basketball vs. Memphis** will be at 1 p.m. Feb. 8 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For tickets or more information, call (817) 257-7967.

■ **Talent Show Auditions** for International Week will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 8 in Student Center, Room 111. For more information, contact Niha Eapen at (817) 923-8215 or Priya Chandy at (817) 257-4995.

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ture. If the people who sent the letter had any questions, they should have asked the provost, he said.

"Nothing was done any differently than it has been in previous years," Ferrari said in reference to the budget-making process.

He said everyone is feeling stresses from the economy, including students, and that issues such as student financial aid are more important right now.

After receiving Koehler's reply to their letter, some professors said they were more understanding of why the cuts were made to their research funding.

"(Koehler) would be the last person who would want to do this," said Richard Enos, chairman of the English department. "He's doing a very responsible thing in a very difficult time."

The most important priority is that the new faculty gets money, said Gregg Franzwa, a professor of philosophy.

"It's kind of a rock and a hard place situation," he said.

Koehler agreed to meet with the Faculty Senate Executive Board to further evaluate the funding issue.

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Leadership classes see jump in enrollment

BY BILL MORRISON
 Staff Reporter

Carson Caraway, a freshman premajor who took the Connections leadership class in the fall, is just one of many who has chosen to stay with the program.

"I did Connections and I liked what I learned, so I thought I would stick with the leadership program," Caraway said. "Foundations (of Leadership) teaches me how to become a leader and it's a great way to meet new people."

With more than 300 students signed up for leadership classes, some students were forced to sign up on a waiting list, said Cyndi Walsh, director of the TCU Leadership Center.

Walsh said out of the four leadership classes offered, the Foundations of Leadership and Global Leadership classes used a wait list because so many people wanted to stay in the program.

She said that as of Jan. 27, the last two students were able to get off the wait list after making additional classes.

Carrie Zimmerman, director of the first-year Connections class and a staff coach, said one of the reasons for the increased interest

in the classes was because it was pushed heavily at orientation and Frog Camp. Zimmerman said she has also seen a trend in students wanting to become more involved.

"This year had the largest number of Connections participants, and they are typically those students who go on to Foundations in the spring," Zimmerman said. "Mostly in first- and second-year students I've been seeing a trend that the millennial generation is really interested in new ideas and personal development."

Walsh said there are six classes with room for 210 students in Foundations, but that 221 signed up. She said the classes originally had a maximum of 35 students a class, but this semester, to accommodate the increased demand, some classes have more than 40 students.

Walsh said this is the first year they have had student coaches. She said before the classes were led solely by faculty or staff members, adding that the recent change was received positively.

"We followed the Connections model of having a peer mentor," Walsh said. "It offers students taking the class a peer to relate to."



Students take part in one of the university's many leadership classes. *Ty Halasz/Photo editor*

Walsh said Connections is designed for first-year students. She said the class is taught by two upper-class students and a faculty sponsor.

Rebecca Whitesell, a senior biology major and a Foundations coach, said the core ideas haven't changed much from the fall, but the way the information is presented has changed.

"The coaches brought information on what did and didn't go well back to (Walsh) after last semester's classes," Whitesell said.

"Based on that information we kept the same basic principles, but the way students and staff are doing the classes is totally different."

Whitesell said Foundations is designed to teach necessary leadership skills and help students become productive and successful leaders. She said classes meet once a week for eight weeks.

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ILLINOIS

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helped set up a new leadership framework. Boschini maintained strong relations with all his constituents and worked hard to avoid tensions between different administrative groups, Maroules said.

"When Boschini stepped in as president, he transformed the way of thinking," Maroules said. "He's inspired us to work together to make things better."

Dammers said Boschini has the ability to speak to a variety of constituents and that he values a collaborative atmosphere. He said Boschini incorporates people into the decision-making process and makes a point to keep every aspect of the community in mind.

Maroules said the personal relationships Boschini developed with the students will be missed the most. Boschini was the vice president of student affairs before he became president and he brought a lot of those ideas and qualities that set him apart, Maroules said.

"(Before Boschini) students were treated like they didn't understand what was going on," Maroules said. "We may not understand every aspect of policy-making, but Boschini knew that the understanding we did have was important."

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Private interview secured

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
 Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Iraqi arms expert submitted to a private interview with U.N. weapons inspectors Thursday, a top Iraqi official said hours after the top U.N. nuclear inspector demanded a "drastic change" to improve Iraq's cooperation.

A U.N. spokesman Hiro Ueki, confirmed that a private interview had been scheduled with a biologist this evening, but he offered no further details.

The interview would be the first time a scientist linked to Iraq's weapons programs has spoken to inspectors without Iraqi officials present. Such interviews have been a top demand of U.N. inspectors, hoping the scientists will reveal clandestine weapons programs.

"One of our scientists is being interviewed alone, as we speak," Iraqi presidential adviser Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi told a Baghdad press conference. He did not give any details or identify the scientist.

Earlier Thursday, top U.N. nuclear inspector Mohamed ElBaradei demanded Baghdad show greater cooperation, as he and fellow chief inspector Hans Blix briefed British Prime Minister Tony Blair on their way to Baghdad for talks this weekend.

"They need to show drastic change in terms of cooperation," El-

Baradei said. "Our mission in Baghdad this weekend is crucial. We hope we will secure full, 100 percent cooperation on the part of Iraq."

Blix and ElBaradei are to present their latest report to the U.N. Security Council on Feb. 14, and Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday that their visit to Baghdad would be key to seeing if Iraq intends to cooperate.

In Washington, Powell told senators Thursday that "within weeks" the Iraqi situation will be brought to a conclusion "one way or another."

A day earlier, Powell laid down the U.S. case against Iraq in a speech to the Security Council, presenting tape recording, satellite photos and testimony he said constituted "irrefutable" proof that Iraq was hiding weapons of mass destruction.

Blix and ElBaradei will challenge Iraqi officials to respond to issues raised by Powell at the Security Council Wednesday, said Hiro Ueki, their spokesman. Al-Saadi and other Iraqi officials dismissed Powell's testimony as full of fabrications.

Preparations for a possible U.S.-led war on Iraq moved forward as Turkey's parliament voted to allow the United States to begin renovating military bases and ports, a first step toward opening the way for the deployment of U.S. troops.

Honoring Honest Abe



Jim Atwood, a religion instructor and assistant to the dean of admissions, speaks about Abraham Lincoln at the Minister's Week complimentary luncheon in the Student Center Ballroom. *Ty Halasz/Photo editor*

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The Skiff View

DONATION

Don't wait for CDC visit to give blood

The combination of blood and needles makes some people queasy.

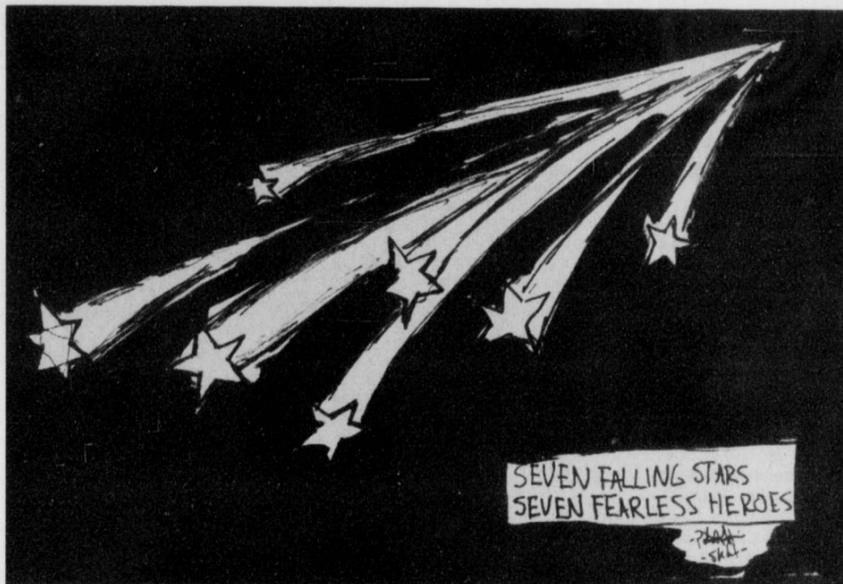
Yet giving a pint of blood and the benefits it provides to someone else are important. The Red Cross Web site says you can save up to three lives with each blood donation. Unfortunately, not enough people roll up their sleeves and share a pint.

Thursday, representatives from Carter Bloodcare were at the Health and Wellness Fair in the University Recreation Center so students, faculty and staff could donate pints of blood. But we don't have to wait for an on-campus occasion to give blood. There are two Carter Bloodcare facilities in close proximity to campus. One is on Forest Park, the other is on South Hulen.

You might have read this week about a blood quarantine in Georgia and Tennessee after unknown particles were found in donations. The CDC is currently running tests to learn more about the particles, which they believe to be blood clots, but they do know they are not infectious.

This scare only underscores the need for more blood. Donations are thoroughly tested for safety, and if units have to be discarded as in Georgia and Tennessee, surgeries must be postponed and blood must be shipped from other parts of the country.

Yes, giving blood is not the most fun thing to do, but after the initial needle prick, how much pain are you really in? You even get juice and a cookie when its over. Wouldn't the world be a better place if we all got juice and cookies after we did things we weren't excited about doing but knew we should anyway?



Joe could oust Bush

The Democrats have a problem. They have one presidential candidate with a decent chance to beat Bush in 2004. However, this petitioner may not survive the primaries. He is, unfortunately, a moderate.

His name? **COMMENTARY**

Joseph Lieberman. He is the closest shot we have to put a Democrat in the White House. He enjoys name recognition from the 2000 presidential election, has a reputation for sticking to his principles and is moderate enough for swing voters. He seems like the perfect candidate -- unless you're a liberal.

Mainstream Americans may love moderates, but the die-hard, left-wing voters who show up for primaries hate them. Lieberman's conservative stance on many key issues may spell out his demise early in the campaign.

First, Lieberman supports a war with Iraq. He has gone so far as to criticize Bush for not spending enough money on domestic security. He co-sponsored the Homeland Security Act, which played a vital role in creating the Office of Homeland Security.

This is enough to deter many liberals, but his semi-conservative views extend beyond national security. He supports school vouchers, which allow students to choose the school they attend. Vouchers leave poor schools with less money and make bad schools worse. Lieberman even favors the death penalty for adults and minors.

No wonder liberals are worried. Many think Lieberman has nothing to offer Democrats next year in the presidential race.

They are wrong. He may lean to the right on certain issues, but his core beliefs are in tune with those of his party.

Economically, Lieberman is all Democrat. In the Senate, he voted to allow citizens to sue their HMOs. He supports increased federal funding for health coverage. He is utterly against privatizing social security, and two years ago, he voted against Bush's ill-conceived tax cut.

His voting record speaks for itself. He voted to close the gun show loop hole. He also voted to expand the scope of hate crimes to include homosexuals, a group whose interests are not taken seriously enough in our country. In a truly progressive moment, he voted for condom distribution in high schools.

Most importantly, he supports abortion rights, and while in office, will fight to protect the right to choose. This means appointing judges who support this right to the Supreme Court.

I would love to have a liberal in the Oval Office, but if we want a candidate who can beat Bush, we have to be realistic. We need a candidate who can win. Lieberman is not ideal, however, he is not that bad either. This year, Democrats must resist the temptation to nominate a liberal and vote for someone who can get Bush out of Washington for good.

Lieberman has the best shot at the presidency of any Democrat in the race. His stance on the issues are moderate, unbiased and well-considered. He may not be a liberal, but he will make a good president.

Rebecca Martin is a columnist for The Daily Aztec at San Diego State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Bush's proposed tax cut does not only benefit rich, as many believe

Many people would lead you to believe that the current tax cut and economic stimulus package proposed by the Bush administration is one that caters to the wealthy.

I have read opinions on this page citing evidence that the richest 1 percent of taxpayers will receive an average tax break of more than \$24,000 and that middle income taxpayers will receive a mere \$265.

But we should look at just who the wealthy are to spur consumer spending. Implementing the president's across-the-board tax cut package means that upper-income earners will be saving about 4 percent of their income in tax savings. Likewise, Americans for Tax Reform, a conservative think tank, reports that the average family of four with two earners making \$39,000 a year, just like my family, would receive a tax break of \$1,100 -- or 3 percent of their income in tax savings.

Sixty percent of those upper-income earners are small business owners. These tax savings for the wealthy create more opportunity for them to invest in their own businesses, creating a higher demand for labor, which in turn creates more jobs. This leaves us with more Americans with jobs who if the president's across-the-board tax cut is in place, will be paying a smaller percentage of their income in taxes and have

more disposable income to spend as consumers and help spur the growth of this sluggish economy.

More disposable income equates to more opportunity to spend and save. Bush's proposal of erasing the dividend tax combined with the higher opportunity to save more will allow the 9.8 million seniors to save an average of \$900.

The bottom line is that this tax cut isn't just for the wealthy. This tax cut is for everyone and actually means that the upper income taxpayers will be paying a higher percentage of the tax revenues.

The Wall Street Journal reported in 2000 that the IRS found the top 50 percent of income tax payers paid 96 percent of the tax revenues for that year. Furthermore, due to more exemptions, deductions and credits proposed in the Bush tax cut, fewer and fewer people will actually be paying taxes in the lowest tax bracket -- 3.8 million -- meaning that the top 50 percent of tax payers will now be paying more than 96 percent of income tax revenues, thus creating a more progressive tax system -- that doesn't sound like Bush is catering to the wealthy to me.

This tax cut equates to Americans keeping more of their hard-earned money in their own pockets instead of sending it to wasteful government programs. Milton Friedman, a Nobel laureate in economics, said "[he has] never seen a tax cut that [he] didn't like," and I concur wholeheartedly.

I also recognize the responsibility a government has when talking about cutting revenues. That means cutting spending too, and I hate deficits as

much as any Democrat. The Treasury Department says that under the Bush plan, tax payers who earn less than \$30,000 a year will see a 17 percent reduction in income taxes, those earning \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year will see a 20.1 percent reduction and those earning more than \$200,000 will see an 11.2 percent reduction.

But suddenly, I realize, President Bush's tax cut doesn't seem to lean as heavily toward the wealthy as some might lead you to believe.

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QuoteUnquote

Quotes we ran that made you think ... or laugh

"To this day, (the enrollment of James Meredith at Ole Miss) remains the most terrifying moment of my life."

— Bob Schieffer, chief Washington correspondent CBS News and TCU alumnus, speaking to students

"At age 6 or 7, I helped my mom to get food into my stomach faster."

— Provost William Koehler, on how he became interested in cooking

"I'm looking forward to the 'Gunn Battle.'"

— Head Football Coach Gary Patterson, on quarterback signee James Battle and current quarterback Tye Gunn

"I am a big believer in management by walking around. It's fun for us to interact with students."

— Victor Boschini Jr., chancellor designate

"Sometimes I cringe because I can't believe he just said that. (His jokes) are funny but offhand, and they are very well received."

— Megan Boschini, on her husband's sense of humor

"By now it is understood by most that interest in women's sports has increased, and women should have the opportunity to compete. It would be downright

sexist not to."

— Danny Gillham, sophomore broadcast journalism major

"Because much of my life has revolved around sports, I am positive that I would not be the person I am were it not for Title IX."

— Joi Harris, senior broadcast journalism major

"The fact is teaching is just as much a skill as is biology or any learned science. It takes work and thought to do it correctly."

— Jonathan Sampson, news-editorial journalism and sociology major

"TCU does everything in a first-class fashion. There's lots of value in the dollar at TCU."

— J. Roger Williams, trustee, on why TCU is still a bargain despite a tuition increase

"What we learn from space missions is as important as anything learned in a research lab on the ground."

— Patrick Jennings, freshman economics major

"We're just trying to get people to think. We don't need a war for lower gas prices."

— Jeff Brubaker, a junior history major, on holding protest signs at the Shell gas station earlier this week

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Bush needs more than good intentions to help economy

We have all grown up being told that money does not grow on trees. Apparently George W. Bush did not get the memo. The president outlined his plan for the nation Jan. 28 by throwing around terms like patriotism, tax cuts and God. The purpose of the speech was to try to instill confidence in an American public that is having trouble finding the silver lining to an administration that is quickly running out of time and excuses.

Our president desires a general downsizing in government that is typical for Republicans. The problem is that he has done nothing to fulfill that desire. Not only has government not downsized, but Bush has actually increased the size of our government. He has already created an entire department (the Homeland Security Department). He is orchestrating the beginning stages of a war that is predicted to cost \$80 billion dollars a year.

As the main point of his stimulus plan, Bush desires to make his recent tax cuts permanent.

By buying into President Bush's plan, our country will be putting itself into an uncomfortable place where we may soon find ourselves stuck. I believe that our president's intentions are good, but his methods are poor at

best. Our economy is not improving as our commander in chief would like us to believe. We have seen no proof of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq while another member of the "Axis of Evil" blatantly defies us with no apparent recourse. Yet we push on toward war.

In 2003, I do not find myself blindly trusting our leaders. Instead, listen to the voices who are crying out for change. We have been down this path before and it has brought nothing but pain to Americans, our friends and our enemies.

— Ryan Salzman, senior political science major

Organizations should be more clear with motives

I agree completely with Eric Czarnik's, "Ad wrongly accuses SUVs" (Jan. 24) but I would like to take his point further. The Detroit Project, an environmental group headed by Arianna Huffington, targets SUVs, but the U.S. government has also joined the game by targeting drugs. Both groups have the same goal in mind -- they are trying to tell Americans that we are aiding terrorist funds by using a lot of gas or by purchasing drugs whose profit goes to terrorist groups.

The commercials accusing SUVs are starting to become irritating. I suppose the media thinks

so as well, because I haven't seen the commercials run recently. But I suppose the fact that we live in Texas, the land of the SUV, could have something to do with it. My family alone could take out the United States single-handedly, considering we all drive trucks, jeeps and Suburbans.

Next, we have the drug commercials. The United States tells us drug money goes to terrorism. Shouldn't the government be telling us not to buy drugs because they are bad and cause bodily harm?

And by using something such as Sept. 11 to play on our sympathies, the government goes too far.

Both the Detroit Project and the U.S. government need to say what's really on their minds. The Detroit Project wants a cleaner environment. The government wants us to stop destroying our bodies. For these two groups, it's not about terrorism. Both organizations are using the threat of terrorism to their advantage. Why is it up to society to stop terror when the government or car dealers could also try and do something different? When will these groups, along with others that follow their lead, stop hiding behind this surreal mask and tell the public exactly what it wants without trying to play us for fools?

— Jay Davis, sophomore criminal justice major

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National/International Roundup

London police seek possible witness in artist's murder

LONDON (AP) — Police hunting the killer of a young American artist said Thursday they want to speak to a man seen jogging in the park where she died.

Metropolitan Police said the sighting was a "significant new lead" in the stabbing death of 27-year-old Margaret Muller.

Muller, a native of Falls Church, Va., who moved to Britain in 1998, was killed in east London's Victoria Park on Monday. Joggers and cyclists heard her screaming for help at about 8:30 a.m. and found her slumped on a path between a rose garden and playground.

On Thursday, bunches of flowers and handwritten notes lay amid wet grass at the murder scene.

An autopsy has confirmed that Muller died from multiple stab wounds, including one to the neck. Police said there was no evidence of sexual assault.

"There's been a sighting in the park on the morning that Margaret was killed of a young lady fitting her description in that she was wearing a green fleece similar to Margaret's," said Detective Chief Superintendent John Shatford. "At one stage she was seen to be in com-

pany with a man who ran beside her."

West Bank gunbattle claims Israeli, Palestinian lives

JERUSALEM (AP) — Two Israeli soldiers and two Palestinians were killed Thursday in a gunbattle near a West Bank neighborhood that is home to the biblical Samaritan sect.

In the Gaza Strip, fire from an Israeli helicopter killed two Palestinian nurses at a home for the elderly.

In northern Israel, police killed an Arab citizen after he stabbed an officer.

The violence came as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was building a coalition after his Likud Party won last week's election. The government taking shape is likely to feature hard-line parties demanding even harsher measures against the Palestinians.

Sharon has said he wants to team up with the moderate Labor Party in a centrist "national unity" government, but so far Labor has refused. Labor lost considerable support in its 20 months in Sharon's previous government, perceived as giving legitimacy to Sharon's escalating mil-

itary measures against the Palestinians.

Mourners vow revenge for against Gregg's murderer

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Several thousand Protestant extremists gathered Thursday to mourn the death of a Belfast commander and to vow revenge against the rival gang leader believed responsible.

The funeral for John Gregg, a commander of the outlawed Ulster Defense Association who was gunned down Saturday, attracted huge crowds to his power base of Rathcoole, a high-rise public housing project on Belfast's northern edge.

It followed a night of gunfire and fist fights between feuding UDA factions on the home ground of Johnny "Mad Dog" Adair, who is believed to have ordered Gregg's slaying.

The Red Hand Defenders, a name deployed by Adair's unit when claiming responsibility for attacking Catholics, said it was behind Saturday's ambush, which also killed junior-ranking UDA member Robert Carson. The men died when the taxi they were riding in was riddled with bullets while stopped at a red light.

Suicide attempts climb

Fifth inmate in three weeks tries to kill self at Guantanamo Bay prison

BY PAULINE JELINEK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Thursday there has been another suicide attempt among inmates at its Guantanamo Bay prison for terrorist suspects, bringing the number to five in three weeks. An Amnesty International official called for an investigation.

"Medical and psychiatric teams are working to try to prevent further injury or attempts," Pentagon spokeswoman Navy Lt. Cmdr. Barbara Burfeind said, declining further comment.

Five new cases of prisoners trying to kill themselves have been confirmed since Jan. 16. Officials declined to say whether it was five separate men or cases of multiple attempts by any one man.

Including the 10 attempts in all of 2002, the new cases brought the total to 15 since the high-security prison was built on the U.S. naval base a year ago to house men captured in the fight against terrorism.

Following previous suicide attempts, the rights group Amnesty International has protested the prolonged detention and the uncertainty the men face about their future, saying it may cause physical and psychological harm.

"Clearly, five suicide attempts in a few weeks ought to give grave cause for alarm," Amnesty spokesman Al-

istair Hodgett said Thursday.

"At this point I think it's incumbent on the Department of Defense to investigate whether conditions of detention are contributing to these attempts — and make the contents of that investigation public," Hodgett said.

Some of the men have been held for more than a year under interrogation by the military without charges, trial or access to lawyers or their families.

The Bush administration has designated the men "unlawful combatants," saying they are not entitled to the same rights as prisoners of war but are being treated humanely. Officials decline to say exactly how many are held and what their nationalities are, though the roughly 625 men are believed to come from more than 40 countries.

The facility has shifted its handling of prisoners in recent months after coming under a new commander.

Army Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller, who took over in November, said in a recent interview he was going to offer more rewards for cooperative behavior, such as chances to sleep, eat and pray together in a new medium-security detention wing. Until now, all men have been held in isolation in high-security cells.

Officials have declined to say what other changes he has instituted, though one said Miller was sent in to improve performance of interrogations at a time when officials were frustrated at the amount of information coming from stonewalling prisoners.

Brig. Gen. Rick Baccus, the previous commander in charge of detention — meaning housing, guards, security and so on — left in October amid complaints from some interrogators that he had been too concerned about prisoner treatment.

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NASA's search for clues into disaster expands

BY PAUL RECER
Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — NASA is casting a wider net in the space shuttle investigation now that it has essentially ruled out a theory that a breakaway piece of foam may have caused Columbia to rip apart.

Other possibilities abound, from an accidental triggering of explosive devices on board to a collision with a piece of space garbage, or perhaps a flaw in a wing that caused the spacecraft to swing out of control and disintegrate moments before it was to land.

Space shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore said every theory was being examined.

"Was it something that happened after launch? Was it something that happened during the entry? Or was it something that happened during ascent (launch) and we didn't see it? Those are all possibilities," Dittmore said at a news conference Wednesday.

On Thursday, searchers returned to the woods of East Texas and Louisiana in heavy rain to scour the

ground for debris that could yield clues to the shuttle's destruction. Reports of debris as far west as Arizona and California — which could help experts determine what parts of the shuttle broke up first — were still unconfirmed Thursday morning.

For days, the investigation into the shuttle's breakup has centered on a 2 1/2-pound chunk of foam insulation that peeled off the external fuel tank during launch and smashed into the underside of Columbia's wing. The theory was that the collision damaged the thermal tiles that keep the craft from burning up during re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.

But Dittmore said a rigorous analysis concluded that the impact would not be strong enough to doom the shuttle.

"It just does not make sense to us that a piece of debris would be the root cause for the loss of Columbia and its crew," Dittmore said. "There's got to be another reason."

In one of several factors being examined, investigators have noted

that during Columbia's descent, its automatic control system struggled to maintain the craft at the precise angle required for a safe return to Earth.

The autopilot caused the craft to

rapidly move its control surfaces — devices like flaps and rudders — and eventually fired small rockets in a vain attempt to keep Columbia in proper alignment.



Brad Loper/Dallas Morning News
National Guard soldiers Staff Sgt. Mike Sisk, left, Staff Sgt. Sonny Wiseman and Maj. Beverley Simpson, right, load a piece of debris from the space shuttle Columbia near Nacogdoches.

Title IX to be evaluated

BY CAROLYN POLINSKY
U-WIRE

WASHINGTON — The Secretary of Education's Commission on Athletics agreed upon moderate recommendations for interpreting Title IX to ensure fairness for college athletes, after meeting in Washington last week.

Their report, which will be presented to Education Secretary Rod Paige at the end of February, backs methods that would make it easier for universities to be in compliance with Title IX even if an equal ratio of men and women are not members of school sports teams.

"I am very pleased that the Commission has agreed without objection on a number of reforms that will strengthen Title IX," Paige told reporters.

Title IX was passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972 and prohibits sexual discrimination in activities that are allotted federal funding. Most colleges and univer-

sities receive government funds and must comply with Title IX.

Before the measure was passed, less than 30,000 women competed in college sports. Today more than five times that many women are involved in college athletics and there has been a huge increase in the number of females playing high school sports.

Last week's panel supported the use of surveys to judge the level of interest in sports among genders at campuses and using the results to see if a school is fairly distributing funds. It also favors excluding non-traditional students when calculating the number of males and females on a team.

A diverse group of figures in sports makes up the commission of 15 people. It includes stars of professional women's teams, and university athletic directors and coaches. It is co-chaired by former WNBA all-star Cynthia Cooper, and Ted Leland, the director of athletics at Stanford University.

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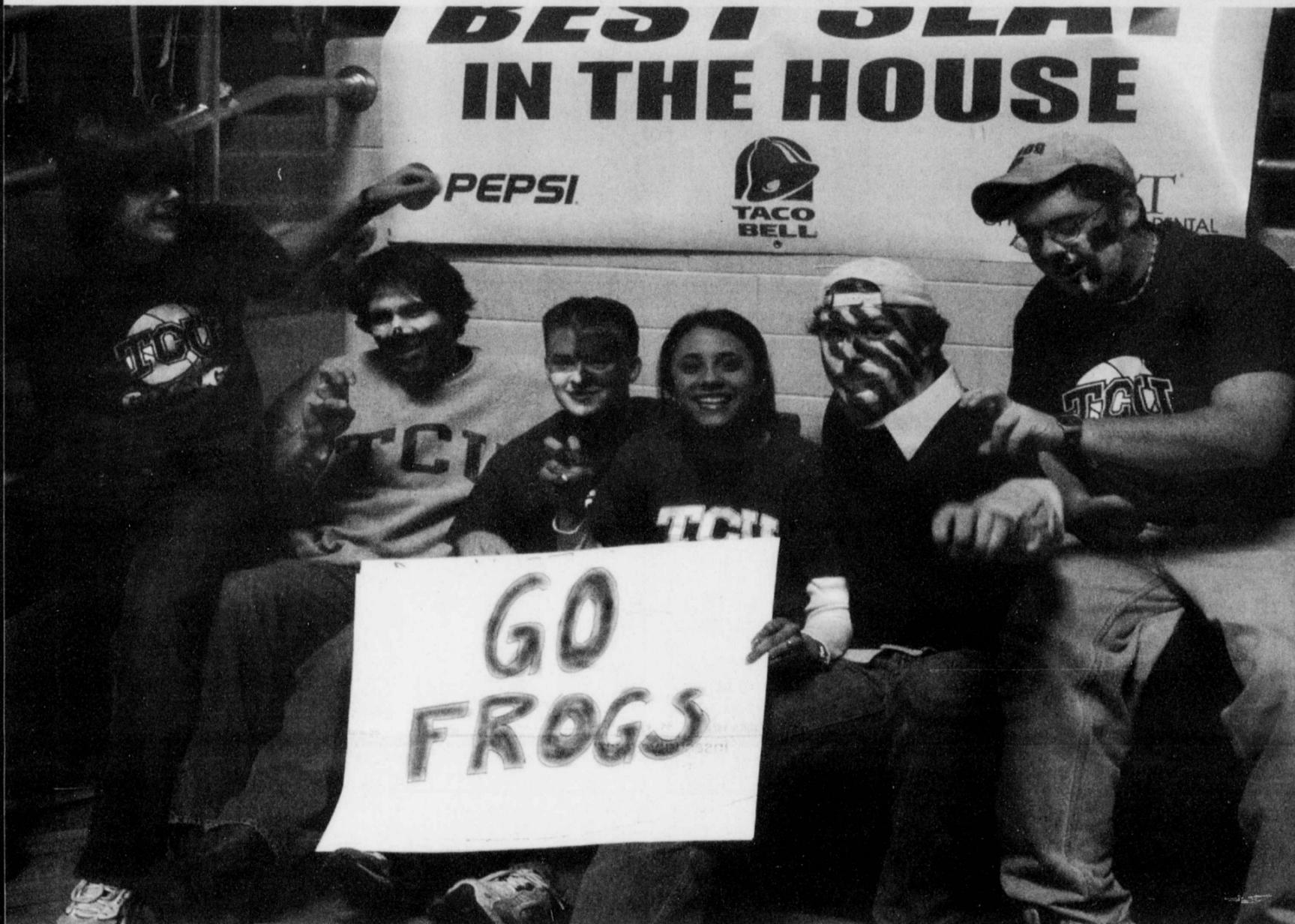
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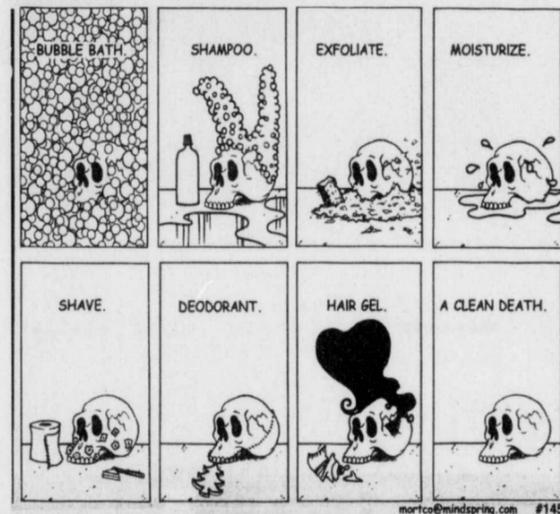
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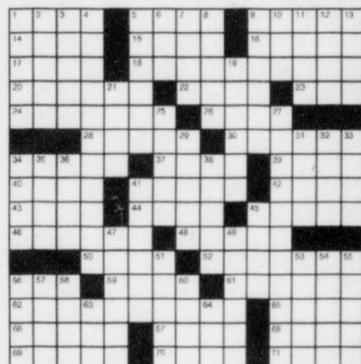
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The nationally-ranked TCU Flyin' Frogs return to the track Saturday when they travel to Colorado Springs, Colo. to take part in the Air Force Classic. Colorado, Colorado State and Air Force will also be competing in the four-team event.

Following this weekend's meet, the Frogs will compete just one more time (February 14 at the Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.) prior to the Conference USA Indoor Championships, which will be held in Houston, February 28 and March 1.

The TCU Flyin' Frogs men's track team is ranked eighth in the latest Trackwire 25 poll. The Frogs are slated to score 22 points at the NCAA Indoor Championships, down two points from a week ago. LSU, the defending outdoor champions, continue to hold the top spot with 62 points, just five points ahead of fellow Southeastern Conference school Arkansas. Stanford, the only non-SEC school among the top seven, figures to score 32 points, good for third overall. Florida (27) and defending indoor champion Tennessee (26) hold the fourth and fifth place positions, just ahead of South Carolina and Mississippi State, which are tied for sixth with 24 points.

The TCU men's team opened the season ranked in a tie for seventh with 22 points.

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Calhoun expected full recovery from surgery

FARMINGTON, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut basketball coach Jim Calhoun had his cancerous prostate removed Thursday, and a full recovery is expected.

The 60-year-old coach will be released from the hospital this weekend and will be able to resume coaching in three-to-four weeks, Dr. Peter Albertsen said. Albertsen, Calhoun's urologist, said there were no problems during surgery at John Dempsey Hospital.

"Coach Calhoun's cancer appears to be confined to his prostate," Albertsen said.

The coach was diagnosed with cancer Friday, and doctors said they caught the disease early.

Dallas tries to stop trend lead earlier

DALLAS (AP) — While Dallas has lost just once in its last 17 games, the Stars are concerned with how they've avoided the losses.

They keep having to come from behind.

Dallas has given up the first goal in seven of the last eight games, and 10 of 13. In eight of the last 16 games, the Stars have gone into the third period trailing before managing at least a tie.

"It is definitely a disturbing trend," said Stars winger Scott Young said. "Giving up leads like that has got to stop."

TCU looks for first win of season this weekend

Frogs to play three games against Roadrunners

BY EVAN ERWIN

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The baseball team (0-1) will look to even its record against Texas-San Antonio today at the Charles and Marie Lupton Baseball Stadium. The Frogs have a three-game series against the Roadrunners this weekend.

The first pitch will be thrown 3:30 p.m. Friday. TCU will also play 3:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:00 p.m. Sunday.

The last time TCU faced off against UTSA was in 1994 when the Roadrunners swept a three-game weekend series. The all-time record between the two teams is 3-3. In 1993, TCU swept the Roadrunners in three games.

Senior second baseman Will Lewis said the team is still adjusting to the start of its new season.

"We're getting back into baseball," Lewis said. "We are working on getting leadoff runners on, bunting guys over, and getting into UTSA's bullpen."

UTSA does however have three returning middle relievers led by team captain Hector Rodriguez. Although UTSA's record last season was 25-29, the Roadrunners, who finished 7th in the Southland Conference, have eight returning starters.

"They are a pretty good team," head coach Lance Brown said. "We are looking to work out our kinks."

The Roadrunners still have a big hole to fill at third base. They lost All-American and team Most Valuable Player Mark Schramek to the Cincinnati Reds in the first round of Major League Baseball draft. UTSA looks to fill his position with Tulane's sophomore transfer Brooks Shankle. Shankle started at third base for the Green Wave in 2001 as a true freshman and batted .280 with four home runs and 35 RBIs.

TCU will likely have a hole of

its own to fill. Senior third baseman Jared Lundeen is listed as day to day with a hand injury he suffered in practice.

Brown said Chris Neuman, a junior transfer from Texas, will replace Lundeen today. Neuman won the National Championship with the Longhorns last season. He only committed two errors and batted .259 in two seasons with the Longhorns. The probable pitcher for UTSA today is

senior Mike Srp. He had a 5-6 record last year, with a 3.97 ERA and 41 strikeouts. Srp began his college baseball career at TCU, appearing in five games as a true freshman. The Frogs look to start junior right hander Clayton Jerome. As a sophomore, Jerome went 9-5 with an ERA of 3.33. His 74 strike outs in 110.2 innings pitched last season earned him TCU's Pitcher of the Year.

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second baseman



Senior infielder Will Lewis dashes for first base following a base hit.

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Lady Frogs seeing success with three pointers, senior guard ranks third in C-USA in three-point shots

BY DREW IRWIN

Skiff Staff

With the Lady Frogs' field goal percentage down from last season, head coach Jeff Mittie said they are depending on three pointers to make up for it.

"We use an inside out attack," Mittie said.



Senior guard Candice Baldwin pulls a fade-away jumper against Charlotte's Andrea Davidson.

"We attack the rim first and then come out with the three."

The team is shooting 35.7 percent from three-point range, hitting an average of 6.7 a game. Senior guard Tricia Payne leads the team with 18 three-point shots, ranking her third in Conference USA. She is also among conference leaders in shooting percentage with 42.7 percent from behind the arc.

"It's a compliment to our post players," Payne said. "Their work leaves open shots for our perimeter players."

A season highlight for Payne came against Marquette Friday. She had a career-high seven three pointers for 21 points.

"You'd like it to be like that every night," Payne said of her performance. "It was just my night."

Payne isn't the only player finding success from three-point range. TCU currently ranks sixth in the conference in three-point field goal percentage.

The Lady Frogs have seven players with at least ten three pointers on the year. No other team in C-USA has accomplished that task.

"If it's a good shot and they feel good about it, they should always take the three pointer," Mittie said.

Despite the success from behind the arc, Mittie said the Lady Frogs need to improve in other areas to win.

He said the team's passing needs to improve if the team is going to succeed.

"There are so many facets to the game, and three-point shooting is only one," he said. "Our three-point shooting has been good, but balance between perimeter and interior shooting is really important."

And when the team hasn't hit its threes, it has found it even harder to win. TCU has shot 41 percent from

three-point range in its nine wins but only 33 percent in its 11 losses this season.

"(Missing three pointers) affects our confidence to some extent," Payne said.

"But you can't let that get you because you can always help out others. If you aren't on, you give it to the person who is."

And while threes have mostly been a success for the Lady Frogs, their opponents have struggled with them this season. TCU is first in C-USA in opponents' three-point field goal percentage, holding opposing teams to 25.5 percent from behind the arc.

Not only that, the Lady Frogs have shut down the top three-point players in C-USA. DePaul's Ashley Luke, Cincinnati's Valerie

King and Louisville's Sara Nord were all held under their average three-point output against TCU.

"We've got good defenders, and we know their personnel from our scouting reports," Payne said. "We just put our good defenders on their best players, and we've done well."

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Women's basketball

TCU vs. Houston
2 p.m. Sunday, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Radio: KTCU 88.7 FM

TV: KFWB-52

Records: TCU (9-11, 2-5 C-USA); Houston (10-9, 2-5 C-USA)

About the game: TCU and Houston have the same C-USA records. TCU is looking for its first win against Houston this year. In their first meeting Jan. 12, the Frogs lost on the road 64-50. Houston's Chandi Jones had 24 points and 10 rebounds.

Junior forward Tiffany Evans said TCU needs to focus more on team defense in Sunday's matchup.

"We focused on Chandi a lot, and she had a pretty good game," Evans said. "We were too focused on her as a team and that caused the rest of (their) team to play better. (Shondra) Bush came in and scored 20."

About TCU: The Frogs are coming off a 76-68 loss against DePaul Sunday.

Head Coach Jeff Mittie said the team will have to change its approach against Houston.

"We've already seen Houston, and we know they're a talented team," he said. "We really need to keep them out of transition if we're going to win."

Evans said the team must start playing like a team.

"We need more team unity," Evans said. "We need to get used to each other and work on rotating the ball."

About Houston: Houston has lost two straight and five of six since its last meeting with the Frogs. Jones, who averages 27.1 points a game, has led her team in scoring in all but three games this season. Jones currently is No. 2 in NCAA scoring. Bush scores an average of 16.3 points a game.

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