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Mills withdraws from pres. consideration

Vice chancellor says goals were better met here

BY SARAH KREBS
Staff Reporter

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Don Mills said Monday he was withdrawing as a candidate for the presidency of Barton College in Wilson, N.C.

"I am announcing that I have withdrawn my name from further consideration by Barton College," Mills said in an e-mail. "After serious soul searching, (my wife) Mitzi and I decided that our long-range goals will be better met at TCU and in Fort Worth."

Mills was one of three finalists out of 84 applicants for the president position at Barton College. Mills visited the college from Tuesday to Thursday and met students, faculty and administrators at a dinner Wednesday.

MILLS

"There are a lot of things I haven't done yet at TCU," Mills said.

K.D. Kennedy, chairman of the search committee for Barton College, said the position did not quite fit Mills.

"Don has been at a big college since 1969, and he saw that he wouldn't fit as well at Barton," Kennedy said. "He's a very good man; he is smart and does a good job at TCU."

Kennedy said the other two candidates had small college training and were better fitted for the job.

"I wish (Mills) the best in the future," Kennedy said.

Mills said he made the decision because the longer he and his wife looked at what it would take to move from Fort Worth, the more they wanted to stay close to their family.

> *"I would definitely like to be president if the right opportunity comes along and maybe is closer to Fort Worth."*
>
> **– Don Mills**
> *vice chancellor of student affairs*

"We didn't feel like Barton College would be able to meet our goals and we realized we loved the people at TCU," Mills said. "We asked ourselves 'What are we doing?'"

The delay of the final decision on the president gave Mills and his family more time to discuss the pros and cons of leaving TCU, Mills said.

"I would definitely like to be president if the right opportunity comes along and maybe is closer to Fort Worth," Mills said.

Judge Sydney Eagles, chairman of the Barton College Board and member of the search committee, said Mills was an extremely qualified candidate and that he will bring a lot of talent to wherever he ends up working.

Eagles said the committee discussed most of Saturday about which candidate they wanted to choose, but still had not made a final decision.

"Each candidate had strong boosters from the search committee," Eagles said. "It's hard not to be behind a certain one."

Mills said he informed a Barton College trustee of his decision to withdraw and that the trustee said it had been a wonderful opportunity for both Barton College and Mills.

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Self-study finds TCU lacking

BY CRYSTAL FORESTER
Staff Reporter

The academic advising process and basic student computer and oral communication skills were found inadequate with TCU's self-study report requirements said George Gilbert, chairman for the subcommittee of undergraduate education.

Gene Smith, chairman of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Educational Program, said undergraduate academic advising is less than adequate with TCU's self-study report.

Since the online registration began it has become somewhat optional for students to seek advising, Gilbert said. The result of undergraduates not seeking advice is they are messing up their schedule or delaying graduation by a semester, he said.

Faculty and staff met with the Parents' Council in April 2002 and made suggestions to the self-study committee, Gilbert said.

The committee suggested the university to return to mandatory advising, develop an online summary to help students note their progress towards a degree for each major and ask students what problems they are having with the advising process.

"I would like to think that the suggestions will be put into place," said Gilbert. "If the SACS visiting

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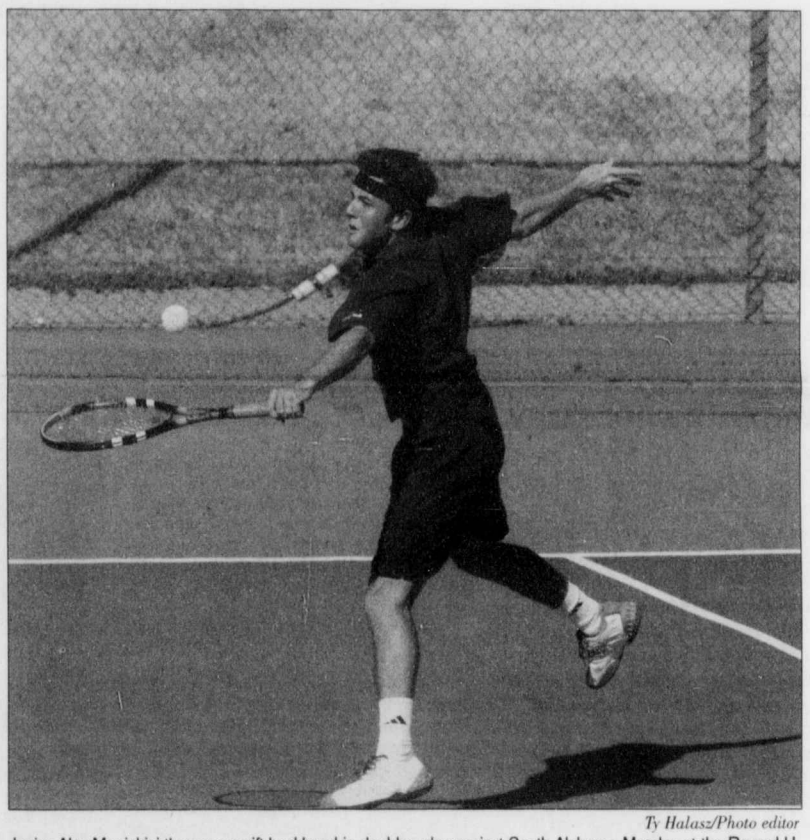
Swinging ahead



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Junior Alex Menichini throws a swift backhand in doubles play against South Alabama Monday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

Tucker Center still lacks funding

BY SARAH KREBS
Staff Reporter

The William E. and Jean Jones Tucker Technology Center is one of many newly opened buildings on campus without an endowment to cover operating costs, officials say.

The Tucker Technology Center, University Recreation Center and the Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurs Hall all add to the costs of regular cleaning and upkeep for the entire campus, Vice Chancellor of University Advancement Bronson Davis said.

"In all the building projects we do, we build in an endowment," Davis said. "Previously we never began construction until we had all the project costs and until we had an endowment, but we felt the technology building was important for student academics and we knew it would cost more to build it if we waited."

The Tucker Technoloy Center originally started as an engineering building with a fund-raising goal of $8 million from one foundation and then became a technology and engineering building to make the fund-raising pitch easier, which also increased the cost to about $12.2 million, Davis said.

"We met all goals except the endowment and since the project lasted so long, it ran right into the recession and we lost two commitments of $2.5 million," Davis said.

TCU is working on fund raising primarily for the Entrepreneurs Hall, the recreation center, a basketball practice facility and a number of projects like the Center for Texas Studies, Davis said.

TCU is going forward with development even though it is $6 million short on the Tucker Technology Center, because the university has built the building and absorbed the costs, Davis said.

Jennifer Jewers, a senior mechanical engineering major, said focusing on other areas besides the endowment for the Tucker Technology Center is all right.

"I think all areas of the campus deserve to grow, and since we have the building, they should focus on other academic areas," Jewers said.

The Tucker Technology Center, including the dean's office, ended up costing $19 million, Davis said. Out of the $229 million budgeted for 2004, $20.3 million of it goes to general operating costs, utilities and repairs, which will be burdened with the cost of operating the Tucker Technology Center, Davis said.

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Ty Halasz/Photo editor

The Tucker Technology Center needs $6 million to run. Its endowment has been absorbed into the general operating budget, causing budget cuts in other areas on campus.

'A Funny Thing' happened during rehearsals

Cast members hope fun carries into performance

BY NYSHICKA JORDAN
Staff Reporter

Sure a funny thing could happen on the way to a forum, but even funnier things can happen in a rehearsal.

Cast members of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" said the fun they have been having in play rehearsals will carry over to their performances and give the audience a good time.

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday, with matinee shows at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the University Theatre.

Travis Willingham, a senior theater performance major, plays Miles Gloriosus, who Willingham said is "God's gift to women." He said the cast has worked hard in rehearsals, but the work did not come without laughter each night.

"It's so much fun," Willingham said. "You look forward to coming to rehearsal."

Director Craig Lee said the play is a musical farce about a Roman slave who will be granted his freedom if he finds a woman for his master.

Willingham said the entire cast is giving their all in their performances and that will benefit the audience's experience come show time.

"If you hold back, you limit the character's power," he said.

During a practice, Willingham made sure that Miles Gloriosus' provocative personality traits came to life when, he said, he pulled a prank by wearing a bed sheet toga-style, without a shirt underneath, and cast it off. He said he did it to keep things interesting.

"In rehearsal, anything goes," Willingham said.

Ben Thompson, a senior musical theater major, plays the lead role, Pseudolus and said this is his first lead role at TCU. He said being in a comedy is more draining than being in a drama.

"It's harder to do because you have to be quick, but it is more fun," Thompson said.

He said the script is good because all the rhythm needed to put on the show is already present and all the cast has to do is create timing, trust the script and feed off of each other.

> *"I know that when I am genuinely laughing, things are going well. I feel very confident going into the opening that the audience will have a good time."*
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> **– Craig Lee**
> *director*

Lee said the entertainment at rehearsals gives him confidence the show will run successfully.

"I know that when I am genuinely laughing, things are going well," Lee said. "I feel very confident going into the opening that the audience will have a good time."

Kymberli McKanna, a sophomore musical theater major, plays Gymnasia, a buxom courtesan.

She said her role is small, but it is still great to play because she gets to create more of Gymnasia's character because personality quirks are not written in the script for small roles.

McKanna said she is "pumped" for the opening.

"Opening night is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow," she said.

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Correction

An article in the Jan. 31 edition of the *Skiff* should have said enrollment of transfer students increased by almost 25 percent from January 2002 to January 2003.

The Weather

TUESDAY
High: 65; **Low:** 49; Partly cloudy

WEDNESDAY
High: 59; **Low:** 43; a.m. Clouds, p.m. Sun

THURSDAY
High: 57; **Low:** 50; Showers

Looking Back

1929 — The Academy of Motions Picture Arts and Sciences announced the winners of the first Academy Awards. "Wings" won for Best Picture; Janice Gaynor won Best Actress; Emil Jannings for Best Actor; and Frank Borzage and Lewis Milestone both for Best Director.

1930 — Pluto, the ninth planet from the sun, was discovered at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., by astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh.

Watch For

Grammy, Grammy who gets the Grammy. See who will win and who should win on Thursday's entertainment page.

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

■ **Women's Resource Center** is hosting "Sister Gumbo, Life, Sex and More Sex" with speakers Ursula Kindred and Mirranda Guerin-Williams 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, Cox A. For more information, contact Marcy Paul.

■ **Ad Club** will have speakers from the Murray Brown Creative Group at a meeting at 5 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 271. For more information, contact Whitney Irion at (w.v.irion@tcu.edu).

■ **Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization** will have guest speaker, Al Micallef, owner of JMK Holdings Management Company, at a meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in Steve and Sarah Smith Entrepreneurs Hall, Room 314. For more information, contact Jason Ruth.

■ **Men's Basketball vs. Alabama-Birmingham** will be at 7:05 p.m. today in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. For tickets, call (817) 257-7967.

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team agrees with the self-study report then maybe it will be given a bigger push to get going."

A survey taken among undergraduate students found that 49.7 percent of freshmen were either "not at all satisfied" or only "somewhat satisfied" with the quality of the advising program. The number decreased to 39.5 percent in the senior class. When faculty were surveyed, 66.2 percent were "somewhat satisfied" or "satisfied" with the efforts their department was making to discuss the students' future.

The self-study report also found there is no way to verify undergraduate's computer skills or oral communications skills, Gilbert said.

The current University Core Requirements do not require students to take a computer literacy course, although some departments require it, Smith said.

"Computer literacy is a skill that everyone needs," Smith said. "Hopefully with the new curriculum we will have a way to ensure are students are getting the skills they need."

According to the self-study report, the university must define which basic computer skills and oral communications skills undergraduates will know when they graduate.

TCU is currently in the middle of redefining the core curriculum for undergraduate students, Smith said. Computer skills and oral communication skills should be defined in the new curriculum, he said.

The new curriculum will specify exactly what courses students will be required to take, Gilbert said.

"Every student in the university will be required to take some sort of basic computer skill and oral communications skill class," Gilbert said. "As of right now we have nothing to ensure that students even have any computer knowledge."

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TUCKER

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"It was a very tough process, but we don't get down to calculating tit-for-tat how we are going to compensate for specific increases in the budget," Davis said.

To compensate for the increase in budget, TCU instituted a 7.9 percent tuition increase and each vice chancellor implemented a 1 percent budget cut, Davis said.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the construction costs have been met, but that it is always more challenging to raise money for an endowment for the building.

"We've been trying to raise an additional sum, about 20 percent of construction costs, for a new facility to help meet these costs through a special endowment," Ferrari said.

Most buildings do not have an endowment, which puts pressure on the general operating budget that pays for heating, lighting, cooling, cleaning and general upkeep, Davis said.

"If you see the building standing there, we obviously built it," Davis said. "We're not going to stop cleaning buildings just because they don't have an endowment."

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Few pieces of Columbia turning up

BY MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — As the days become weeks since Columbia's disintegration over Texas, fewer and fewer pieces of space shuttle wreckage are turning up, even though the calls keep coming in.

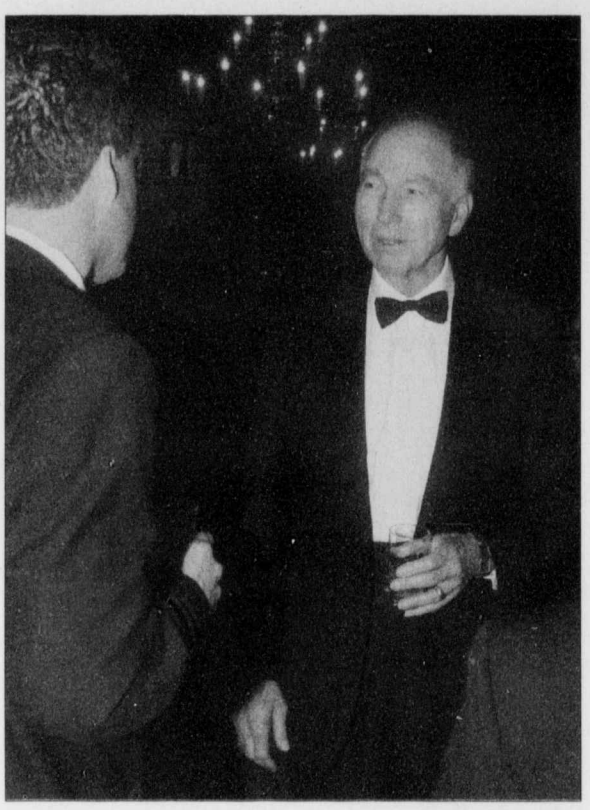
On Monday, NASA asked farmers and ranchers out West to be on the lookout during spring plowing for anything that might have fallen from the sky on Feb. 1. The plea came as a reported 1,300 state and federal personnel took part in search and recovery efforts in Texas and Louisiana.

"It's kind of a mixed thing. There's a tremendous amount of information available already, even though not everything directly points to a particular thing. There are a lot of circumstantial things," said NASA's Steve Nesbitt, who is serving as the spokesman for the accident investigation board.

He added that "there's a continuing belief and feeling that things are going to continue to develop" and that more debris may be found.

Now that the investigation board is back in Houston following a series of road trips to other NASA centers, the members can settle into a routine and start digging into all of the information being accumulated, Nesbitt said.

Trophy time



Ty Halasz/Photo editor
Former Green Bay Packers quarterback Bart Starr discusses his Superbowl wins with Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning.

NewsBriefs

University holds forum to educate others about SACS

TCU officials will hold an open forum 4 p.m. today to answer questions about the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools site visit.

Students, faculty and staff are free to ask questions about the visit or any part of the reaffirmation process, said Bonnie Melhart, director of the SACS self-study.

The forum will be in Moudy Building North, Room 141.

Some individuals are already informed about the reaccreditation process, but the forum is a way for the those who are not as informed to get a better understanding of it, Melhart said.

"It will be an open meeting without a lot of structure and will be an opportunity for people to ask questions (about the process)," Melhart said.

Melhart said the forum will help the campus prepare for the visit when 18 visitors assigned by the Commission of Colleges are on campus Feb. 24 to Feb. 27.

Some faculty and staff have already been requested by the visitors to be interviewed, and the forum will give these constituencies a chance to ask questions to prepare for the interviews.

Members of the self-study steering committee and officials from the provost's office will be at the forum with Melhart to answer questions, Melhart said.

— Jacque Nguyen

Bush weighs options for Saddam

BY GINA HOLLAND
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is mulling its next move in the showdown with Saddam Hussein, including a possible attempt to push a new United Nations resolution authorizing force against Iraq.

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said Sunday it was becoming more obvious that the Iraqi president would not disarm voluntarily, and that the U.N. Security Council was letting him get away with it.

"The Security Council has to be an instrument of peace, but it has to be an instrument of peace that has teeth, or it is never going to be able to deal with the myriad difficult actors out there in international politics who intend to disturb that peace," Rice said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But the United States has encountered stiff opposition from many of its allies, including France and Germany.

French President Jacques Chirac said Monday his country would oppose any effort to draft a new U.N. resolution to explicitly authorize war against Iraq at this time.

"There is no need for a second resolution today, which France would have no choice but to oppose," Chirac said as he arrived for a European Union summit.

The White House had a long holiday weekend to weigh options after being rebuffed Friday as most members of the Security Council lined up behind France's call for more weapons inspections and against military action.

Rice said on "Fox News Sunday" that the administration may ask the council to take up a new resolution authorizing force against Iraq, although she said that wouldn't be necessary to take action to forcibly disarm Saddam.

David P. Gilkey/Detroit Free Press
Lt. Col. Doug Harding, center, Battalion Commander of the 1-10 Field Artillery from Fort Benning, Ga., looks over the Udairi Range as shells land after being fired from Paladin M-109 A6 Howitzer guns during a division wide firing exercise with the 1-10 in northern Kuwait.

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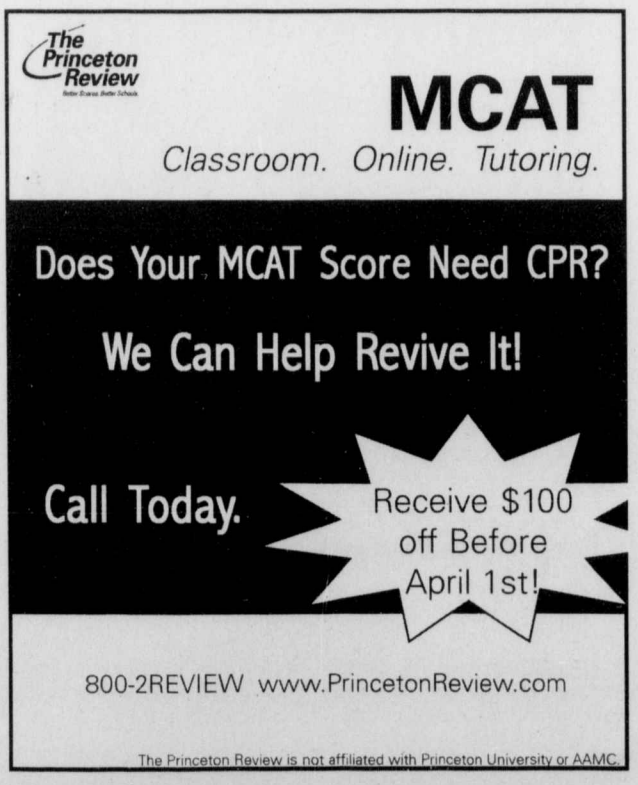

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The Skiff View

ALERTS

We need more information

Red, orange, yellow, blue, green.

Sound like a box of crayons? Or maybe part of the color spectrum you learned in a science course?

While the colors are the same, they do more than produce white light.

They have actually caused a mad rush as people flocked to stores to buy plastic sheets and duct tape.

These colors, also known as the Homeland Security Advisory System, were created to "provide a comprehensive and effective means to disseminate information regarding the risk of terrorist acts to federal, state and local authorities and to the American people," according to the Homeland Security Web site.

Or so the government thinks.

In essence, the colors do little more than send panicked people racing to a hardware store and leave the rest of us scratching our heads.

Examining the chart alone provides no information. The chart starts at green (low risk of terror activities), then moves to blue (guarded or "normal" risk), yellow (elevated or "significant" risk), orange (high risk) and finally ends at red (severe risk).

Minus a few "protective measures," this is pretty much all the information the government is feeding us.

All the while, Attorney General John Ashcroft and Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge keep telling us to go about our daily lives. They can't tell us why they decided to up the warning. They can't really tell us what to do to prepare.

Maybe they should spend more time telling us what is going on than playing with colors.

Your View

Letters to the Editor

TCU needs to tell students about traffic problems

As a TCU student, I enjoy going to sporting events to support my school and its teams. I also don't mind the occasional traffic problems that sometimes occur with these events. But why TCU decided to host a high school basketball game and block traffic before and after night class is ridiculous. I got caught up in all of it (meaning the traffic and all the vagrant people milling about in the street) and when I asked a cop what was going on he told me it was a celebration. For what? I later found out, but next time TCU needs to do a better job of communicating what is going on around campus especially when they make a poor decision such as hosting Tuesday night's game. They love to send e-mails out telling us where to park, how about one apologizing for the confusion.

— Brian McGee, junior marketing management major

Cartoon not journalistic quality, insensitive

In your Feb. 11 "Your View" column, the letter entitled, "Cartoon is degrading for minority students" is given a "standard" journalistic response, namely, "Cartoons ... do not necessarily represent the views of the *Skiff* editorial board." This response however, does not address, nor does it apologize for, the insensitivity shown by the *Skiff* in its original publication of the offending cartoon. Journalists may well have the right to express whatever sentiment they prefer but editorial boards exist to make decisions on what to publish. Your "standard," and in this context, flippant retort does no credit to the *Skiff* as a journalistic endeavor.

— Sgt. JC Drake, TCU Police Department

Dining Services personnel need to work on attitudes

Countless students and Student Government Association officers have tried to change Sodexho's food, and have failed. While it's true that TCU's food is poor, it's not the only problem I see.

Since beginning my education at TCU last semester, I have been treated with disrespect countless times by those working behind the counters. I'm not saying that everyone is a problem — many of those who serve us food are polite and courteous — but there is a large group of workers who do not act appropriately. When I pay $8 for a meal, I expect someone to smile at me and be friendly. Instead, I've received grunts in response to my polite queries of "how are you doing today?" Much of the time, I never hear one "have a nice day" or "thank you very much" from any of the Dining Services workers. Beyond that, I've had workers scowl at and use unnecessarily harsh tones with me.

Some may argue that their job is difficult and that we should bear with them. Tough. It's difficult to work at McDonald's and other restaurants, but their employees treat customers with respect. If TCU Dining Services were a restaurant, it would never survive. If you work for a company in a position where you must deal with people, treating them with respect is in the job description. If you cannot fulfill that requirement, you should be let go.

TCU Dining Services needs to fix this problem quickly. I'm amazed that, in a university so obsessed with its image, TCU allows this kind of disrespectful behavior to continue.

— Brian Wooddell, freshman news-editorial journalism major

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Good cartoonists are online

COMMENTARY

Josh Deitz

When Charles Schultz died, controversy ripped through the comics industry. Should "Peanuts" remain on the comics page as a tribute to an admitted master or should the spot be opened up for new artists? When would the tribute end? As "Peanuts" grew more and more outdated, how long would it take to be pulled from the comics page?

Rather than let their comics suffer from lack of creative spark, Bill Watterson and Berke Breathed chose to end "Calvin and Hobbes" and "Bloom County." In the case of "Peanuts," the decision was in the hands of readers and editors. For now, "Peanuts" continues to run in most newspapers around the country.

Last November, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* sent out surveys intended to give readers a formal part in deciding the makeup of the comics page. Readers were asked how often they read each comic. A few weeks ago, David House, reader advocate for the *Star-Telegram*, gave readers an initial look at the results of the survey. Unfortunately, these results had to be taken with a grain of salt. The response from readers age 55 and older was so great that the survey had to be weighted in order to give a more accurate look at the newspaper's readership.

With that said, our generation's apathy may cost us. The top 10 most read comics are absolutely embarrassing. "Family Circus" ranked number one and yes, it is the same "Family Circus" that the movie "GO" called so bad. The rest of the top 10 are "Hagar," "Beetle Bailey," "Dennis the Menace," "BC" and "Pluggers." Do any of you actually read these?

The bottom 10 were even more embarrassing. "Mutts" and "Get Fuzzy" ranked seventh and eighth from the bottom. These strips tread new ground and bring freshness into an otherwise stale genre, while most of the top 10 have not changed in decades. Today, "Family Circus" and "Hagar" are identical to what they were 20 or 30 years ago. Is it too much to ask for some originality on the comics page? The sheer mediocrity of it should be offensive to anyone with a sense of humor or a talent for cartooning.

Its tough to break into comic syndicates because of the dominance of people over age 55. Even brilliant comics like "Get Fuzzy" or "The Boondocks" have trouble finding a place. So where are our generation's cartoonists? Where are the original voices in comics? Like most everyone else, they have gone online.

Cartoonists no longer need the syndicates. The Web-comic community is growing at an incredible rate and routinely producing better work than the syndicates. Artists such as Scott Kurtz (pvponline.com) and Tatsuya Ishida (sinfest.net) turn out daily strips that put "BC" and "Garfield" to shame. Sites like Serializer.net, Modern-tales.com and Keenspot.com demonstrate the variety of the movement in their collections of comics. The online community is producing dramas (smallstoriesonline.com), personal journals (drewweing.com) and Japanese comics like manga (megatokyo.com).

There is no shortage of talent in the comics industry. There is simply a shortage of vision in the comics industry.

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War with Iraq is justified, but cost may be too much for us to sustain

COMMENTARY

Peter Cunniffe

War is in the air. What we're hearing now is that the deal is done; we're just a couple weeks from war with Iraq.

Who are you with? The protesters telling us it's all about oil? Or television's gung-ho graphics and theme music driving for that big story?

Whatever the ups and downs of the polls might say, I get the impression that most people are on the fence about this one. Toppling Saddam Hussein sounds like a good idea and annoying the French appeals to many, but people just can't shake the nagging feeling that for all the national interests being asserted and unintelligible satellite photos being bandied about, this just isn't something we need to do.

Can you support a war that may be justified for many reasons, but just isn't necessary for your own security?

As for justifications, there are many: Saddam Hussein starves Iraqis by using money from oil to buy personal luxuries and maintain his military rather than feed his people. His proclivity for invading his neighbors is well known and his brutality to his own citizens is terrifying. According to Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, Iraq is a place of mass arrests and summary executions; of "disappearances" by the thousands; of political prisoners being beheaded in front of their homes; of gouging out eyes of dissenters; of punishment for crimes of family members; of the tongues of government critics being cut out and much worse.

The anti-war argument that goes, "So what, things like this happen all over the world, why should we only do something about it here?" is unconvincing.

Maybe it's time we started doing this in more places. There are certain values I hope we have the courage to say are universal. It's the tip of the iceberg, but if nothing else, can't we draw the line at summary executions and torture? Yes, lots of countries do these things, but by any measure, Iraq is a particularly egregious offender.

"Can you support a war that may be justified for many reasons, but just isn't necessary for your own security?"

A pro-war argument that I'm partial to is that this will free the Iraqi people. Whatever happens, Iraqis would certainly be better off without Saddam, no matter what the consequences in blood, money and hatred for us.

There will, of course, be costs borne by innocent Iraqis in a war. Saddam will make sure of that. But a less sociopathic government will save and improve lives, as will the sure end to U.N. sanctions after Saddam is gone.

The most common pro-invasion argument is that Iraq is a danger to us — that it is building weapons of mass destruction and directly or through distribution to terrorists, they will be a threat to us. Good reason. It seems to me, however, that the logical conclusion to that line of reasoning is not full-scale invasion, occupation and a never-ending al Qaeda-like hunt for the bad guys that get away, but continued containment and possibly military action against only those sites where we know or strongly suspect that weapons of mass destruction are being produced.

Invasion might be the only sure solution, of course, and the sheer humanitarian reasons for removing Saddam are compelling. But looking at what this war may cost us, I wonder if any of it is enough.

I'd really like to see Saddam Hussein gone, but I can't stop thinking we're sacrificing an awful lot to see it happen. That's why I'm having trouble getting off the fence.

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Space work should persist

COMMENTARY

Bryan Register

We forget — even those of us who are devoted to the exploration of space — that there are people floating at the end of a long, delicate tendril of technology at the edge of our atmosphere, that periodically human beings ride skyward on an exertion of energy beyond the comprehension of earlier men. We forget that they place themselves at the mercy of these technologies in order to test them. We forget that the exploration of space is a scientific endeavor and that science proceeds by trial and error.

The crew of Columbia sent back reams of scientific data from the dozens of experiments they completed, but it may be that their most important contribution to science will be a grim one: what we learn from the destruction of their ship.

When people risk their lives for science, even their deaths become valuable data. Here is something else that we forget: that though we write through tears, our grief must eventually be moderated by scientific objectivity in the search for answers to the narrow questions about why they died — because it's important that future explorers not meet the same fate.

We won't understand the effects of our technology on our planet without looking in from the outside. Space travel has generated spin-off technology that has made life better for almost everyone in the societies that it has touched. A host of medical procedures rely on technology designed to make space livable for human beings. The benefits to agriculture and commerce of weather and communication satellites are obvious.

"Our true Manifest Destiny will have no victims — only those who risked and lost their lives in the greatest endeavor in human history."

Space travel will bring the mineral and chemical wealth of the entire solar system within our grasp. In centuries to come, the residents of a terraformed Mars will benefit from space travel. The emptiness of space allows for the use of virtually any industrial technology with no possibility of environmental degradation, for the exploitation of limitless resources with no possibility of the exploitation of native peoples, for colonies without colonialism and for the creation of communities that will explore different ways of living without coming in conflict with one another.

The exploration of space will have everything that was ennobling about the conquest of the American West, without the crimes committed for the sake of that conquest. Our true Manifest Destiny will have no victims — only those who risked and lost their lives in the greatest endeavor in human history.

This dream of technological advance and peaceful cultural diversity is the American dream, and so the exploration of space is the ultimate calling of our nation. When the balance books of history record the achievements of America, such efforts as freeing the slaves and defeating Hitler will not appear. That the American flag adorns a spacecraft that will soon leave our solar system and will travel the heavens for millions of years, will. That the first man on the moon was an American, will. That America has a vision of such extravagance and exuberance that nothing short of leaving the planet of our birth could satisfy us, will.

But if we narrow our vision, if we allow ourselves to be satisfied with less, then perhaps history won't remember us at all.

Every time a rocket leaves the earth, children watch it. And some of them see something for which we lack a non-religious language. To say that the child looks in wonderment, or sees the very essence of humanity in this technical achievement, would be true but inadequate. Even an atheist can't put it any better than this: to see human beings ride to the heavens on a pillar of fire is to see the face of God.

Make space our destiny.

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National/International Roundup

France to oppose U.N. war resolution, president says

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — French President Jacques Chirac said Monday his country would oppose any effort to draft a new U.N. resolution to explicitly authorize war against Iraq at this time.

"There is no need for a second resolution today, which France would have no choice but to oppose," Chirac said as he arrived for a European Union summit.

Chirac's statement strongly reaffirmed Franco-German efforts to prevent a war, resisting pressure from the United States and its strongest European ally, Britain, who say time is running out.

France and Germany, backed by Russia, proposed expanding U.N. weapons inspections in a joint statement last week.

In Washington, President Bush's national security adviser said Sunday the White House might push a new U.N. plan to force a showdown with Saddam Hussein.

Condoleezza Rice said on "Fox News Sunday" that the administration may ask the United Nations to take up a new resolution authorizing force against Iraq, although she said action already was sanctioned by a previous resolution.

The Bush administration was evaluating all options after being rebuffed Friday at the U.N. Security Council, where members lined up behind France's call for more weapons inspections and against military action.

London traffic takes its toll amidst driver discontent

LONDON (AP) — Tens of thousands of motorists paid an $8 toll to enter central London on Monday as a hotly disputed plan to ease the capital's paralyzing traffic came into force with few problems.

The toll, billed as the world's most ambitious anti-gridlock effort, is the highest-profile change Mayor Ken Livingstone has effected since he became mayor in 2000, and his political future is widely believed to hinge on its success.

The odds appeared to be in Livingstone's favor Monday.

Despite complaints and small demonstrations around London, there was little sign of motorists driving around the crowded 8-square-mile area of central London to avoid the fee, drivers' groups and the city said.

Some said the plan even appeared to be helping.

"Places you thought would be congested ... were empty," said taxi driver Paul Butler, taking a coffee break at a central London cafe. "It's not that quiet normally."

A school vacation that began Monday was partly responsible for the light traffic, but there seemed to be even fewer cars on the roads than during other school breaks.

Livingstone insists the toll is needed to reduce congestion in the British capital, where traffic moves at an average of under 10 mph during the day and motorists spend half their driving time stuck in traffic jams.

Livingstone predicted a noticeable improvement within weeks.

"London is now one of the great cities closest to gridlock," he said. "We have to act now. We have to find a way to reduce car use."

London Underground said business was normal on the subway. The city's main bus service reported the same.

Many fear the toll will put further pressure on London's overcrowded buses and creaking subway when thousands of motorists abandon their cars for public transport.

Critics of the toll say its timing could hardly be worse. The London Underground is under added strain after a Jan. 25 crash on the busy Central Line, which remains closed. During rush hour, Kings Cross and Euston stations are regularly closed because of overcrowding on platforms.

21 die after panic in Chicago club

BY BRANDON LOOMIS
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Hundreds of screaming guests rushed the exits of a crowded nightclub Monday after someone used pepper spray or Mace, and at least 21 people were crushed to death or smothered in the panic, officials said.

Firefighters were forced to use sledgehammers and pry bars to open locked or blocked doors that prevented some club-goers from fleeing, Fire Commissioner James Joyce said at a late morning briefing.

"There are people trying to get out that could not get out," Joyce said. "Locked and blocked doors are a contributing factor. We can't explain how management or ownership would allow that."

The locked doors are a fire code violation, Joyce said.

Twenty-one people were confirmed dead in the tragedy at the Epitome Night Club, Chicago Police spokesman Pat Camden said. Hospitals reported treating at least 50 for everything from critical injuries to asthma-like symptoms.

"Everybody smashed; people crying, couldn't breathe," said clubgoer Reggie Clark. "Two ladies next to me died. A guy under me passed out."

Some witnesses reported that panic broke out after the guards used pepper spray or Mace to break up a fight, but authorities did not immediately confirm that. Police Commissioner Terry Hillard said investigators are trying to sort out conflicting stories about the source of the spray, and were retrieving a video from inside the club.

"We will get to the bottom of this," Hillard said. "Right now our investigation is at full tilt."

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– Reggie Clark
clubgoer

There were more than 1,500 people in the two-story nightclub when the spray was released sometime after 2 a.m., officials initially estimated. They could not immediately say what the legal capacity of the building was.

"It appears a disturbance from within led to a mass chaos where people headed for the door. Most of the fatalities appear to have been crushed or had injuries due to suffocation," said police Officer Ozzie Rodriguez.

The club is located in the Near South Side, a commercial district near the McCormick Place convention center.

Cory Thomas, 33, went to the club to pick up two friends. As he waited outside, he saw people inside the club start to back up against the glass front door.

"You could see a mound of people. People were stacking on top of each other, screaming and gagging, I guess from the pepper spray. The door got blocked because there were too many people stacked up against it," he said.

"I saw them taking out a pregnant woman," Thomas said. "She was in bad shape. I saw at least 10 lifeless bodies."

Kristy Mitchell, 22, was one of the people trampled on the stairway.

"People were stomping my legs," she said. "When they pulled me up, I was dizzy and I couldn't breathe."

Amishoov Blackwell, 30, was checking his coat on the second floor when people started rushing past him. The flow of the crowd pushed him back down the stairs and he fell on top of several people, he said. He was trapped on top of the others until firefighters rescued him about 30 minutes later.

"It wasn't nothing but two girls fighting," Blackwell said. "Why'd they have to spray Mace?"

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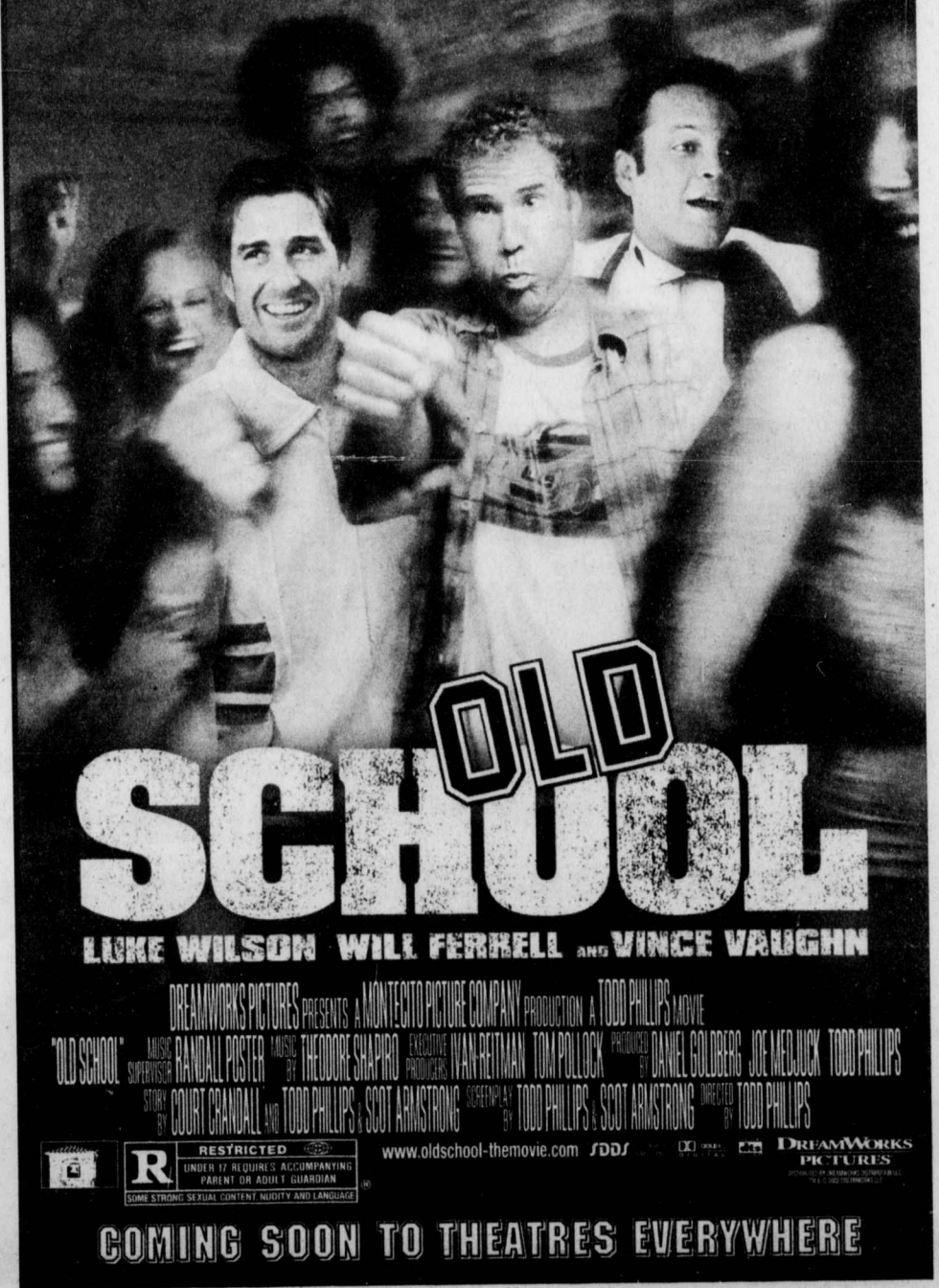

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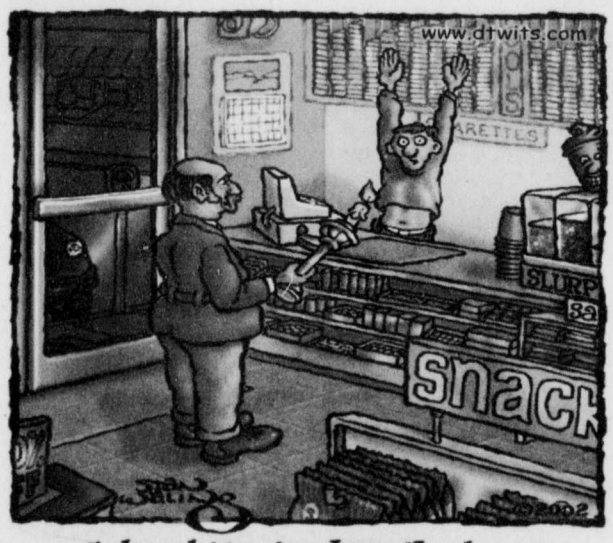

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by Hickerson

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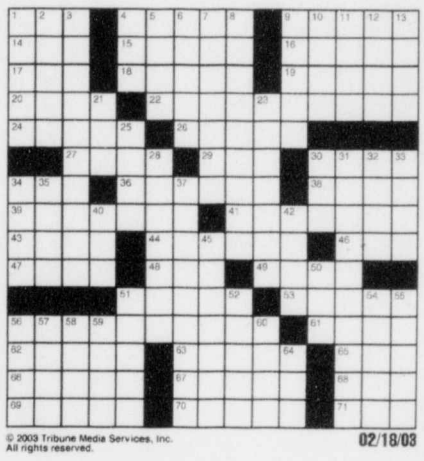

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TheSideline

Frogs win doubles victories against Southern Alabama

The men's tennis team defeated South Alabama 5-2 Monday. The Frogs climbed out of the doubles rut winning all three doubles matches against the Jags. The Frogs had not won a doubles point since defeating Saint Louis Jan. 24.

The Frogs became frustrated during singles after some missed shots and some disputed calls on courts one and three. On court four, USA's Aurelio Di Zazzo shouted at TCU's Jacopo Tezza regarding an out of bounds call, which was ruled in Tezza's favor.

During the No. 2 match, TCU's Toni Gordon shouted at a USA player who had already finished his match and was sitting in the stands heckling Gordon.

The deciding match was between TCU's Gordon and USA's Heinrich Heyl, which Gordon won in three long sets 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Alex Menichini cleaned up for the Frogs winning the final match 6-7; 6-4; 6-2.

The Frogs are gearing up for a trip to the ITA National Team Indoor Feb. 20-23.

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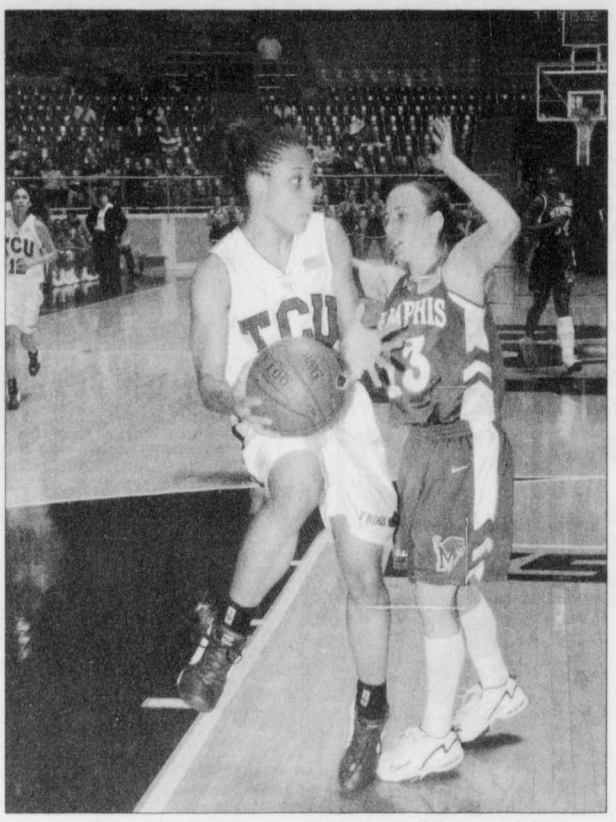

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Junior guard Ebony Shaw looks to pass to senior guard Tricia Payne Sunday against Memphis.

Lady Frogs even record

Basketball team beats Memphis, Saint Louis

BY DREW IRWIN
Skiff Staff

With its two victories this weekend, the women's basketball team (12-12, 5-5 C-USA) pulled both its conference and overall records to .500, after starting conference play at 0-3.

"We knew that 0-3 wasn't us," sophomore forward Sandora Irvin said. "We struggled early, but we fought through it. We're getting together as a team and getting ready for the conference tournament."

Coming off a Feb. 11 loss at Tennessee and playing four games in a week, the Lady Frogs responded well against a smaller Saint Louis team Friday night, beating the Billikens 65-54 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Junior guard Ebony Shaw had a team-leading 14 points.

"I thought the team worked together really well (against Saint Louis)," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "They are clicking, and I thought they played well."

The Memphis Tigers visited the Lady Frogs Sunday, and a tired TCU team pulled out a 61-53 win.

"I was concerned that they looked winded in the second half," Mittie said. "They weren't as locked in as they have been, so I'm glad to come out with a victory."

Senior guard Tricia Payne came off the bench with 11 points, including 3-7 from 3-point range. Several other players, however, struggled. Irvin, who averages almost 12 points and 10 rebounds a game, only recorded six points and three rebounds against the Tigers.

"It was fatigue," Irvin said. "But this week will be a good week to rest and get ready for next weekend because it's going to be a big weekend."

Irwin recorded her ninth double-double of the year Friday against Saint Louis and had 11 points and 12 rebounds. She was only a single block away from a triple-double, after blocking five shots in the final 2:30 minutes of the game.

In Sunday's win against Memphis, Irvin only recorded two blocks, but her first one was historic. At 11:29 of the second half, Irvin recorded her 100th block of the season, making her the first Lady Frog to reach the century-mark in blocks for a season.

"It was great," Irvin said. "It was something that I wanted to do from the beginning of the season."

Mittie said the team played well defensively in both games. It was the 10th and 11th time this season that TCU has held teams under 60 points. The team has won all 11 of those games.

The Lady Frogs were able to succeed defensively by shutting down their opponents' best players. TCU held Saint Louis' Harmonie King, who averages 11.8 points a game, to only two points Friday.

TCU limited Memphis center Shannon Hamp to 15 points, after she found herself in foul trouble in the first half.

"We attacked Hamp early, and she got some early fouls," Mittie said. "She's much easier to defend when she's on the sidelines."

TCU will try to improve its 1-4 road C-USA record when it travels to Southern Mississippi and Tulane this weekend.

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This Week in Sports

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Tennis			Men @ National Indoor All Day				

Orioles pitcher dies after suffering heat exhaustion

BY STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler died Monday, less than 24 hours after complaining of dizziness during a spring training workout.

Team officials said the 23-year-old prospect was pronounced dead at Northridge Medical Center, where he had been in intensive care overnight. His wife, Kiley, due to deliver the couple's first child in April, was at his bedside.

The 6-foot-2, 239-pound Bechler was pale and feeling lightheaded Sunday while completing his final conditioning run at Fort Lauderdale Stadium. The initial diagnosis was heat exhaustion and dehydration, but his condition worsened after he arrived at the hospital by ambulance.

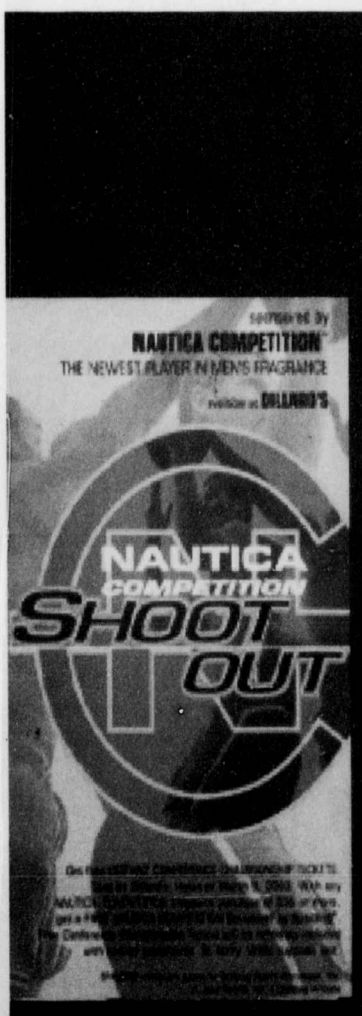
William Goldiner, the Orioles' team physician, said doctors who treated Bechler believe he died of "multi-organ failure due to heatstroke." He said Bechler's body temperature reached 108 degrees.

"He would rebound at times," Goldiner said at a news conference at the stadium. "They thought they were getting ahead of it, and then another organ system would fail."

Bechler, a third-round draft pick in 1998, made his major league debut last September, going 0-0 with a 13.50 ERA in three relief appearances.

Goldiner said he wasn't aware of any evidence that Bechler had been taking a dietary supplement such as ephedrine, an amphetamine-like stimulant that has been linked to heatstroke and heart attacks. Ephedrine has been banned by the NCAA and NFL but not by Major League Baseball.

The case was referred to the Broward County medical examiner's office.



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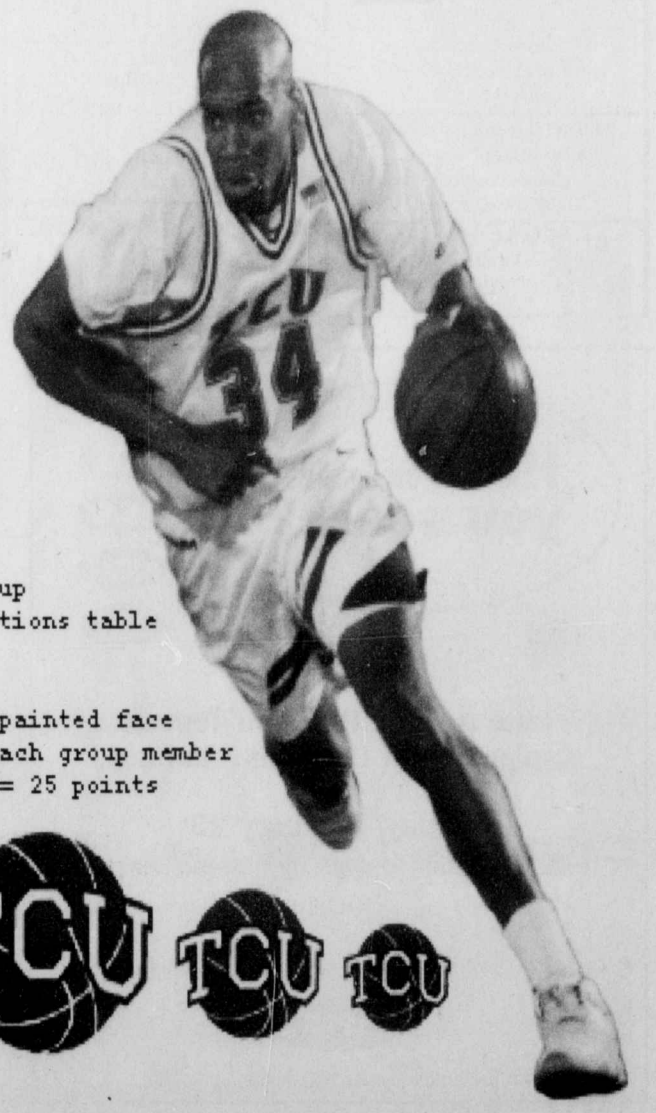

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