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The Frogs hit a few milestones, but still lose 88-85 to UAB.

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Well, it's a guys' movie, but what did you expect with "Old School." Page 5



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Café à la cart moved from Moudy Building

BY BILL MORRISON
Staff Reporter

Prior to the first sandwich being sold, the Café à la cart was moved in and out of Moudy Building South's green room before a single person was served.

Dean of the College of Communications William Slater said Café à la cart was removed because some of the radio-TV-film faculty expressed concern the food service would disrupt classes. Slater said he liked the idea of the kiosk because there is no place on the north side of campus for students to get food.

"I talked to Richard (Flores) a few months ago and we all thought it was a good idea," Slater said. "(It closed) as the result of fear from some radio-TV-film faculty that classes in 164 would be disrupted."

Flores, general manager of Sodexo Campus Services, said though the green room is a good location because it already had the power, network and space necessary for the kiosk, he understood why faculty members were opposed to

the location.

"It's not our space," Flores said. "The faculty's main concern is to make sure you have an environment you can concentrate in and do your studies, and we respect that."

Roger Cooper, radio-TV-film chairman, said having Café à la cart in the green room would be a definite disruption to classes. He said there is already a noise problem with the vending machines and students congregating in the green room and that Café à la cart would make it worse.

"I am adamantly opposed to it," Cooper said. "I think (the noise) would be a lot bigger problem if there was an à la cart in the green room."

Flores said Sodexo Campus Services planned to move Café à la cart out of the hall way between Dan Rogers Hall and Charles Tandy Hall once Sub Connection opened in the Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneur's Hall. He said the Moudy Buildings seemed to be the best location and he contacted Slater to see

about putting Café à la cart into Moudy Building South.

"Dean Slater was very much a proponent of getting the service for the students in (the green room)," Flores said.

Cooper said he is not opposed to having a dining service in Moudy, just the location that was chosen.

"I understand and support student desire to have (Café) à la carte over in Moudy," Cooper said. "I have been most adamant, not about (Café) à la cart per se, it's just about putting it right there. Room 164 is a renovated theater and all the noise would really hurt the aesthetics."

Ambyr Davis, a senior radio-TV-film major, said it would be great to have a closer place to get something to eat. The only problem, Davis said, is that a lot of students study in the green room and the increased traffic would disrupt them.

"I would definitely like to see something over here, but I don't think it's a

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Advising task force formed

Task Force to ensure trained advisors help in class selection

BY JESSICA SANDERS
Staff Reporter

Complaints from students that more training is needed for academic advisors have encouraged the Student Government Association to form an academic advising task force, David Reese, task force chairman, said Tuesday.

Reese said the first solutions the task force will consider are faculty training, an advising network and improving the freshman advising process.

SGA President Brad Thompson said he established the idea, at the beginning of the semester, for an academic advising task force in order to make the process more consistent between departments.

"My goal is to see if we can create a network of dedicated trained advisors who can advise all across the campus," Thompson said. "If (the advisor) doesn't know the answer, they will be connected to someone who knows the answer."

Advisor and sociology professor Jean Giles-Sims said she is not sure about the details of the potential formal advising system, but that the informal advising network professors already have works well.

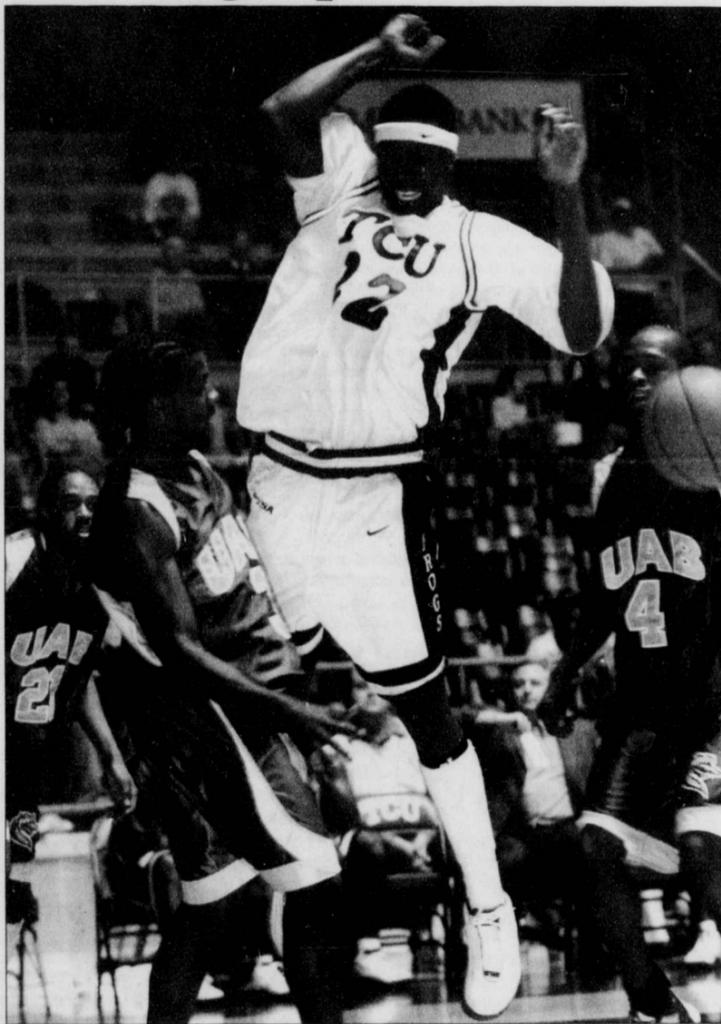
"We know a lot of the faculty and can say to a student, 'I know that one teaches a good class,'" Giles-Sims said.

The members of the task force also plan to educate professors on the advising process and keep them current on curriculum requirements, Reese said.

Junior biology major Marna Jane Williams said she had to go to the premed advisor because her assigned advisor was unsure of how to help her prepare

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Coming up short



Freshman sensation Chudi Chirweze gets stripped of the ball late in the second half against UAB on Tuesday night in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs came up short 85-88 in overtime.

Making plans



Student Government Association secretary Todd Clower discusses plans for the communications committee at Tuesday's SGA meeting in the Student Center.

SGA creates task force, sets further programs

The academic advising task force was made an official task force during Student Government Association's meeting Tuesday.

A resolution to grant the task force official status passed with only one abstention.

Chris Ray, a senior entrepreneurial management major, said the resolution will help re-emphasize the importance of seeing an advisor.

"This is my fourth year at TCU and I will be here another semester due to the fact that I hardly ever used an advisor," Ray said.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, Sebastian Moleski, a sophomore international economics major, was named Representative of the Week.

Moleski was nominated by Nick James, chairman of the elections and regulations committee.

"He obviously has a burning desire to do something good on this campus," said James, a sophomore political science major. "And as far as I can tell he is doing a hell of a job."

Several other announcements were made during the meeting.

■ SGA President Brad Thompson said he will contact O.D. Wyatt High School to discuss reinstatement of the "Adopt a School" program.

■ Katie Low, a graduate student at Brite Divinity School, said a discussion panel on the political situation in Iraq will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 3 and 4 in the Student Center Lounge.

■ Programming Council Vice President CiAnn Ardoin said there will be an oratorical contest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in Student Center, Room 222. Cash prizes will be awarded to the contest winners, said Ardoin, a junior radio-TV-film and sociology major.

— Jessica Sanders

Bank One building to become apartments, shops, restaurants

City Council approves \$7.4 million in grants, tax abatements

BY ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press

FORT WORTH (AP) — The glaring 37-story remainder of the tornado that ravaged downtown three years ago is set to be refurbished instead of demolished.

The building that once housed Bank One, 200 attorneys' offices and the upscale Reata restaurant has been shuttered since shortly after the March 2000 twister, prompting many to call it an eyesore.

Developers say they plan to build 270 apartments with balconies and, on lower floors, some stores and restaurants. The Fort Worth City Council on Tuesday approved

\$7.4 million in tax abatements, economic development grants and other incentives for the project.

"I was opposed to giving (tax abatements) at first, but people I've talked to say we need to get that icon back into use," City Councilman Chuck Silcox said Tuesday. "It's a sore thumb in the middle of downtown."

The total public funding package is about \$17 million, including nearly \$10 million from Tarrant County and the hospital district, which have not yet approved it.

The glass-facade structure went up in the early 1970s to house the old Fort Worth National Bank.

Most of its 3,540 windows were boarded soon after the tornado to keep broken glass and other debris from falling onto the street. The Tarrant County storms killed five people —

none downtown — and caused \$450 million in damage.

The owner, Loutex, said repairs were too costly and sold the building to Block 82 Partners, led by Fort Worth investor Ed Bass, who is worth \$1.3 billion, according to an October 2000 estimate by Forbes magazine.

The new owners announced plans to demolish it, but the project was delayed after asbestos removal took longer than planned and nearby business owners complain'ed that an implosion would hurl debris into their buildings.

Then last year the owners said they planned to dismantle the building floor by floor.

They asked the city to provide security, landfill space and to block off nearby streets, which would have cost the city up to \$800,000 in out-of-pocket expenses and \$750,000 in lost

revenue. But the City Council never was presented a formal request on which to vote.

TLC Realty Advisors teamed up with Greenfield Partners, a national pension fund adviser, to buy and redevelop the building this year, said Tony Landrum, TLC president.

Many in Fort Worth say they are glad the structure won't be torn down.

"For people who work next to it every day, you get used to it. But for people coming into downtown, their reaction is, 'What's wrong?'" said Doug Harman, Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau president and CEO. "This is going to be a very dramatic improvement."

Meanwhile, Bank One last year opened its new 12-story brick building on what had been a parking lot beside its former home.

Reata, which spent nearly \$1 million in repairs and reopened on the skyscraper's 35th floor a few weeks after the tornado, opened in its new downtown location last spring.

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— Chuck Silcox
city council chairman

The Weather

WEDNESDAY

High: 60; Low: 49; Mostly Cloudy

THURSDAY

High: 62; Low: 49; Showers

FRIDAY

High: 62; Low: 38; Scattered T-Storms

Looking Back

1807 — Former U.S. vice president Aaron Burr was arrested in Alabama on charges of plotting to annex Spanish territory in Louisiana and Mexico to be used toward establishing an independent republic.
1942 — U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 10 weeks after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, authorizing the removal of any or all people from military areas as deemed necessary.

Watch For

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

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■ **Study Abroad Fair** will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. For more information, contact the International Education Office at (817) 257-7473.

■ **Society of Professional Journalists** presents "Column writing in an hour ... or less" in a meeting at 6:30 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 271. For more information, call Brandon Ortiz at (817) 253-6712.

■ **KinoMonda Film Series** will present "Earth" (India) at 7 p.m. today in Sid Richardson, Lecture Hall 1. For more information, call (817) 257-7292.

■ **"The Girlfriends Game"** hosted by the Beta Rho chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will be at 7:20 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. Five pairs of girlfriends prove how well they know each other. For more information, contact Starr Mitchell at (817) 257-8722.

■ **Circle K International** will have a meeting at 9 p.m. today in Student Center, Room 203. For more information, contact Dev Branham at (817) 257-2246.

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ADVISORS

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for physical therapy school. "Freshman year I went to my advisor and all he could do was hand me a sheet and tell me this is what you need to get a B.S. in biology," Williams said. "When what I needed was someone to say, 'If you are going into physical therapy, these are the things you need to be looking at.'"

Gary Ferguson, a biology professor and advisor, said mandatory advising and a uniform advising system could make things easier for professors and students.

"I wouldn't mind having a professional advisor," Ferguson said. "Someone who is trained in advising and trained in the subject because sometimes (professors) have trouble keeping up with changes."

Ryan Eloe, a senior international economics major, said he has not really used the advising in his own department.

"I can look in the book and figure it out myself," Eloe said.

Task force member Andrea Heitz, an advancement research officer, said some students may be able to successfully advise themselves.

"If they are doing it and it's working, more power to them," Heitz said. "But there are students for whom it isn't working and we've had a few of them come to (task force) meetings and tell us in some detail how they got messed up and were here for six years."

Ryan Burns, a task force member and speech communication professor, said some professors are not willing to be trained in advising because they believe it is the students' responsibility.

Senior English major Tricia Ajello said it is difficult for students without a major to plan their own schedules.

"For those who don't have a direction, academic advising won't do any good," Ajello said. "They won't point you in the right direction unless you go to the career center."

Reese said many students have had difficult experiences with advising at orientation.

"A lot of problems we find stem from orientation, from the day you step on campus," Reese said. "We are devoting a whole session (of the task force) to orientation and what we are going to do about it."

By Jessica Sanders

VENDING

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good idea to put it in the green room," Davis said. "Right before a test that room is packed. The seats are filled and students (are) on the floor studying two hours before a test. If there were people hanging out there getting food it would be a distraction."

Nena Madonia, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, said she would like to have Café à la cart here, but said noise from the green room is already a distraction for room 164.

"It would be fantastic to have food (in Moudy Building South), but I don't think the green room is appropriate," Madonia said.

Karen Holcomb, facilities administrator for the M.J. Neeley School of Business, said that despite concerns about the disruption the original Café à la cart would cause, once it was open it couldn't have gone better.

By Bill Morrison
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More briefs filed to U.S. court

BY MARYANNE GEORGE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT (KRT) — Although a massive East Coast snowstorm forced a change in plans, University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman marshaled the troops supporting University of Michigan's race-conscious admissions policies Monday via satellite television.

Retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, former Secretary of Defense William Cohen and Daimler-Chrysler Corp. were among the newest soldiers joining the university's side, announcing Monday that they were filing briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court.

General Motors Corp. which filed the first corporate brief supporting the University of Michigan in 2000, also will file a brief with the high court. Ford Motor Co. said through a spokeswoman that, although it supports the university's desire to have a diverse student body, it will not file a legal brief.

More than 60 briefs from more than 300 organizations are to be filed with the court, along with the university's own briefs, by midnight Tuesday.

Coleman praised the size and diversity of the University of Michigan's supporters.

"They represent universities, faculty, more than 13,000 law students, over 60 Fortune 500 corporations, the AFL-CIO, the UAW, the American Bar Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges, dozens of civil rights and religious organizations, 16 states, members of Congress and more than two dozen high-ranking military and civilian defense officials," Coleman said.

The court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in the two lawsuits filed against the University of Michigan on April 1. Three white students sued in 1997, claiming they were denied admission to the undergraduate and law schools in favor of less-qualified minorities.

The high court's ruling, expected by June, could alter college admissions nationwide.

Coleman was scheduled to be the keynote speaker Monday at the American Council on Education's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Afterward, educators, politicians, retired military officers, labor leaders and corporation



Jared Miller, a University of Michigan junior business major from New Jersey, points out spots on campus as he leads a group of perspective students and some of their parents on a walking tour on the historic block "M," a gift from the class of 1953.

presidents were set to release legal briefs supporting the university's defense of its race-conscious admissions policies.

Charles Vest, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a former University of Michigan provost, spoke on behalf of MIT, Stanford University, DuPont, IBM, the National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Science and the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, which joined together in one brief submitted to the court.

"The suits brought against U-M do not merely threaten some technical detail in their processes for admitting students. They threaten the quality of education in all of our institutions," Vest said.

A brief filed on behalf of 28 former top-ranking military officers and civilians, including Schwarzkopf and Cohen, argues that the military

relies on diverse colleges to fill its ranks. While 40 percent of enlisted soldiers are minorities, only 19 percent of officers are minorities. The nation's three military academies use race as a criterion in admissions, according to the brief.

The signers asked the court to reaffirm its 1978 Bakke ruling, which allowed the use of race in admissions.

In the University of Michigan's briefs, lawyers argue that overturning Bakke would lead to re-segregation.

Also Monday, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm said she had filed a brief supporting the university on behalf of the state.

Sheldon Steinbach, general counsel for the American Council on Education, which filed a brief representing 40 educational groups, said the number of briefs may overwhelm the high court and obscure the message.

Charges filed in Chicago night club tragedy

Owners say they had deal to keep club open

BY MIKE ROBINSON
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The city will file criminal contempt charges against the owners of the nightclub where 21 people were killed in a stampede, because a court had ordered the club to be closed,

Mayor Richard M. Daley said Tuesday.

"This tragedy is especially heartbreaking, first because the victims were so young," Daley said. "Secondly, because it was a disaster that absolutely should never have happened."

Daley and other city officials rejected the contention by owners of the E2 nightclub that they had a deal to stay open, despite a list of building code vio-

lations including failure to provide enough exits.

"Obviously these people were intent on breaking the law, and they broke the law," city corporation counsel Mara Georges said at a late morning news conference.

Hundreds of people packed

into the second-floor E2 club on the city's South Side stampeded down a stairwell early Monday after security guards broke up a fight and someone sprayed pepper spray or Mace. A lawyer for the club operators suggested someone might have shouted a warning about a terrorist attack.

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The Skiff View

OPTIONS

Café needs to be returned to Moudy

It was gone before we knew it. Monday afternoon, Café à la cart appeared to be on its way to the first floor of the Moudy Building South.

But, some of you may not have even known that the equipment was ever there. By the next day, all traces had vanished. Before a single sandwich had ever been sold, the kiosks were gone.

Now Moudy students hoping for a quick bite will have to go elsewhere on campus or look hopelessly for a candy bar from the vending machines in Moudy Building North.

Rumor has it the Café à la cart was carted off because some thought mingling students and the clattering of cash registers would disrupt classes.

Baloney.

All one has to do is visit Tandy and Dan Rogers Hall. The kiosks there offer fresh food on-the-go to hungry students and, to the best of our knowledge, has not caused much trouble.

True, the "Green Room," the room next to Moudy South's entrance where the kiosks would have been placed, has chairs and tables in it, meaning some students will be inclined to eat lunch there and congregate.

But, the room was already a lounge of sorts anyway. It's not unusual to see students in the room studying, buying a soda, chatting on the phone or just reading the newspaper.

Students on this side of campus need new dining options. We admit we're a little biased (the Skiff is, after all, located on the second floor of Moudy South), but we hope that Café à la cart will return soon, if not in Moudy South, then at least some where nearby.

We're hungry. (And we promise not to chew too loudly.)

Your View

Letters to the Editor

Actions can in fact speak louder than words

I would like to comment in response to Emily Turner's article, "Schedule Time to Help Others Out", recently published in the Skiff. Turner shares with her reading audience that after visiting Cook Children's Medical Center with a group of friends, they realized that "students have the responsibility to volunteer and give to others." She also made the claim that "students should make an effort and a commitment to reach out to those less fortunate than themselves."

Students who live on campus most likely eat a meal prepared and served to them by TCU Dining Services at least once a day, without even contributing a smile or saying thanks. I could not agree with Turner more when she says, "it's about treating others the way you want to be treated." As I stood in line to get lunch, a student who appeared to be in her freshman year stood with her father in line to get sandwiches. The line was long, but instead of being rude, or angry, both the father and daughter cheerfully smiled at the women making their sandwiches. Their attitudes reminded me of what was said in Turner's article and how her observations are truly relevant on TCU's campus.

—Brittany Haney, sophomore fashion merchandising major

Parking still an important issue that needs discussion

I have heard very few complaints from TCU students about their college experience. Even the 7.9 percent increase in an already

expensive tuition has not even been discussed at length. What remains to be at the top of everyone's list is the parking shortage. It seems that every time I look in the Skiff there is either a student complaining or a staff member refuting the claim that there is a problem. A student discusses the problem, then Don Mills denies the lack of spaces or even implies that the students are "lazy." This problem needs to be solved.

By not forcing the school to improve the situation, the students have submitted to the school. The students (myself included) need to take a stand and force the school to remedy the situation.

Don Mills is confident in the fact that there is plenty of parking, that the students are spoiled and just want the closest spot to their class and will not accept anything less.

I have seen the numbers that TCU gives. By that data, there are far more spots than permits given. I don't really know where they are, but if there are that many places to park, why do students' cars line the streets in the adjoining neighborhoods?

My challenge to Don Mills' confidence is to open all spots to everyone. If there is as much parking as Mills claims, then he and the rest of the staff should have no problem finding spots and walking to their respective offices. If there are no complaints about parking after that move, then Mills is right. If he will not consider the test, then it will be obvious that there really is a problem, and perhaps Mills will be named the "lazy" one.

—Kevin Mycoskie, senior psychology major



We win with pop culture

We are at level orange terror alert, meaning there is a high risk of terrorist attacks.

The Homeland Security Department said it has received the most specific threats of imminent terrorist attacks since Sept. 11, 2001. Anti-aircraft missiles have even been placed strategically around Washington D.C. in the wake of the heightened terror alert.

Osama bin Ladin recently released a tape urging all Muslims to become martyrs if the United States attacks Iraq; this has been interpreted as encouraging suicide bombings in the United States. The government has said people should dedicate a safe room in every home and stock up on water, canned food, plastic sheeting and duct tape in case of a biological or chemical attack.

The American public has fought back loud and clear to these new terror threats by carrying on with life as usual and watching "Joe Millionaire," "The Bachelorette" and "American Idol."

This may not seem like an effective way to fight terrorism, but I think it is the best we can do.

Think about it. What would upset religious radicals more than knowing that millions of Americans spend their time watching generously endowed women wearing hardly any clothing while vying for the attention of a man they think is a multi-millionaire? I know "American Idol" originated in

England, but what is more American than a cocktail waitress from Burlington winning a contest and becoming a superstar in a matter of months?

The fact we continue to watch these shows despite being bombarded with threats of terrorism every day sends a clear message to terrorists: you can threaten us all you want, but you cannot disrupt our way of life, or our poor taste in television programs.

I applaud the American public for watching these shows and the networks for supplying us with mindless, yet entertaining, television. Popular culture is a big part of

American life. By not letting these terror threats disrupt it, we are winning a small but important battle.

The point of terrorism is to instill terror in people, to the point that it disrupts the way of life and causes change.

It is important to take note of terror threats and to be aware of what is going on. Perhaps it is more important, however, not to

live in fear, but to continue with life as if there were no threats. If all Americans stayed huddled in their bathrooms, covered with plastic sheeting and duct tape and eating cold Ranch Style Beans from a can, our way of life would be disrupted — and the terrorists would win.

We have to keep on watching "Survivor," go see "Daredevil" and buy a J.Lo CD. We must keep our pop-culture going, even if it is silly sometimes.

If we keep our way of life, we win.

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Libertarians choice right, wrong

Boys like to shoot things. As my mother likes to say, you can keep toy guns away from a kid and he'll just shoot you with a banana. My parents didn't let me play with toy guns, but that didn't keep me from shooting at everything in sight with bananas, hair dryers, rulers, socket wrenches and the ever-popular index finger.

Last week, the Manhattan Libertarian Party stood up for the rights of little cowboys everywhere. Party members riled city officials by staging a "Guns for Tots" campaign, handing out plastic guns outside a public school in East Harlem. The stunt protested a harebrained new proposal to ban practically all toy guns from the city of New York.

In 1999, after a series of incidents involving toy guns, the New York City Council outlawed the sale and possession of any toy gun that wasn't white, red, orange, yellow, blue, green, purple or transparent. This was supposed to make it obvious which guns are real and which are fake.

But thugs were resourceful. They quickly figured out that they could cover their squirt guns with black tape and use them to hold up liquor stores. A few of them ended up getting shot when they waved their fake guns at police officers. Council members seemed shocked and amazed that their efforts did not reduce gun deaths.

The solution? Outlaw squirt guns! If some council members have their way — and it looks like they will — parents in New York

will no longer be able to buy squirt guns for their kids. A new bill would make it "unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale, possess or use or attempt to use or give away, any toy or imitation firearm which substantially duplicates or can reasonably be perceived to be an actual firearm." Depending on how strictly the law is interpreted, even bananas might be outlawed.

Jacob Rieper of the New York National Rifle Association put the issue this way in an Associated Press story: "Every now and then, some idiot buys a toy gun, paints it black and tries to scare someone with it. And every now and then, that idiot gets shot. So now, no one will be allowed to have a water gun fight. Great."

The pattern should be familiar by now. When a tragedy occurs, someone proposes a useless symbolic solution. The "solution" is accepted in the name of compassion and personal freedoms are chipped away.

We can always count on Libertarians to stand up for personal freedom. "Guns for Tots" brought much-needed humor to an absurd situation and perhaps punctured some of the hysteria surrounding urban violence. Predictably, anti-gun zealots are fuming over the toy gun campaign. But parents are the ones who should be outraged. City officials want to take away their right to raise their kids as they see fit.

Unfortunately, the Manhattan Libertarians are sending a mixed message. Their Web site says the party "rejects any argument that the government can take care of

your children and make your parenting choices better than you can. The Libertarian Party thinks that the choice and selection of toys should be left up to the parents, not the government." But if the choice belongs to parents, why are party members handing out toy guns without parents' consent?

The Libertarian Party made the same mistake as the city council. Last week's gun giveaway was an end-run around parents' choice.

Parents can intelligently disagree about whether their kids should have guns. Some choose to buy their kids real guns and in most cases they teach them to use firearms responsibly. Some choose to buy them toy guns, believing squirt gun fights to be fun and harmless. Some choose not to give their kids guns at all, preferring to steer clear of even pretend violence. My mother made a careful decision not to give me toy guns. Later, she changed her mind and made a careful decision to let me have a BB gun and, eventually, a real gun. Now she and I go to the firing range together.

Hard choices like this belong to parents, not city councils. The sponsors of the squirt gun bill should consider the unintended consequences of assaulting parental authority. Urban despair will not be reversed by weakening families further, but by strengthening them. The real enemy here are those meddlers who want the state to usurp the prerogatives of the family. But Libertarians are not off the hook. They should support New York City families, not undercut them to make a political point.

Max Goss is a columnist for the Daily Texan at the University of Texas at Austin. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Real world doesn't match up

I received a scary envelope in my TCU mailbox last week.

It wasn't test results or a letter from a relative. It wasn't even hate mail from some past reader of an article I had written, infuriated with my opinion.

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It was worse: a letter asking if I would like to apply to the Mortar Board for my fourth and final year at TCU.

The reality of the situation set in as I read the first line: "Dear Seniors ..."

Ahhhh! Seniors!

It was at that moment that I realized they were indeed, addressing me and no it had not been a mistake. The point in my college years that I feared the most was now finally coming to fruition.

You may be wondering why I fear becoming a senior and moving on to bigger and better things. It's not from a lack of preparation, because after three years of being hounded by my parents to join every club, society and accept every internship opportunity offered, my resume seems up to the challenge of facing the real world. All that's left is the interview process, complete with my plastered on "sorority rush" smile I've patented these past three years.

My parents even tried to bribe me with half my tuition money to graduate a semester early and leave TCU in search of a job. I think the silence on my end of the phone line was answer enough for them.

The person who first wrote that college is a four-year paid vacation is the embodiment of why leaving college for the drudgery of the real world seems so unappealing. Sure, the parties get old, seeing the same people gets old and the classes certainly do get old, but being in college surely can never get old, even if you are by that point.

After two summers of internships that were for the most part good learning experiences (I became an eBay expert during one and read the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy at the other), I can safely say that I've seen what's out there, and while it looks fine and dandy, I prefer my college-sleeping-until-1 p.m. schedule over the sitting-in-the-cubicle schedule. This whole process of actually thinking about life after graduation has even scared me enough to consider law school.

We all know what happens once you go out into the real world. It's a 9-to-5 schedule, not going out on weeknights and if you do, you'll pay at work the next morning. Happy Hour is your night out, not the beginning of it. It's when your mom and dad start bugging you to settle down and start a nice family, like they did a quarter of a century ago when people got married at, say, 14.

So when I get those mass e-mails advertising Career Night that begin "Hey Seniors ... Doesn't that sound nice?" my answer is a resounding no. I'm still hoping some of the current seniors will hang around and make life more interesting.

So juniors, run and hide, flunk some of those classes and retake them. There's no need to overachieve when you can hang around school for a little longer. Maybe the economy will get better while you're hanging around. Sure, it won't be the same with all your friends gone.

But you can have a hearty laugh when they're getting up at 6 a.m. and you're sleeping until noon after a good night out after a hard mid-term.

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National/International Roundup

Future EU members give Iraq last warning, hope to improve relations

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Future European Union members endorsed an EU position Tuesday warning Saddam Hussein he has one last chance to disarm, an effort to mend Europe's bitter rift over a possible U.S.-led war on Iraq.

Thirteen countries slated for EU membership next year backed the statement, a hard-fought agreement that — though a compromise between pro-Washington nations and those who oppose using force to disarm Saddam Hussein — gives Europe a common position.

EU leaders, who reached their resolution Monday in an emergency meeting, have been painfully aware that their prolonged and acrimonious split over Iraq has undermined their push for a strong, shared voice in world affairs.

"We had extensive, very effective and constructive consultations and we have reached an agreement," on the EU summit declaration, said Greek Prime Minister Costas Simitis, whose country holds the rotating EU presidency.

The declaration was a balancing act between supporting the United States and following France and Germany, who continue to oppose imminent military action against Baghdad.

In the joint statement, those who support the U.S. stance went along with France and Germany's insistence that the U.N. weapons inspectors "must be given the time and resources that the U.N. Security Council believes they need."

However, in language likely to please Washington, they acknowledged that "inspections cannot continue indefinitely."

The EU statement also stressed that "war is not inevitable." But Germany, which has fiercely opposed any talk of military action, agreed that force could be "a last resort" and went along with a strong warning on the failure to disarm and cooperate with the U.N. inspectors.

"Iraq has a final opportunity to resolve this crisis peacefully," the declaration said. "The Iraqi regime alone will be responsible for the consequences if it continues to flout the will of the international community."

President Jacques Chirac signaled he would use his veto on the U.N. Security Council to block a resolution authorizing war, but French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin played down that idea on Tuesday.

Army veteran seeks clemency from Bush for murder of female soldier

LUBBOCK (AP) — A decorated Army veteran who blames childhood abuse and exposure to nerve gas during the Gulf War for his killing of a female soldier has asked President Bush to spare his life.

As the president considers sending thousands of Americans into another war against Iraq, Louis Jones Jr. is scheduled to die by lethal injection March 18 at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind. He has exhausted his appeals.

Jones, 52, admitted killing Pvt. Tracie McBride in 1995 after kidnapping her from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo and raping her.

During his 1995 trial in Lubbock, defense experts testified that he suffered from brain damage from abuse as a child and post-traumatic stress from his combat tours in Grenada and the Gulf. Prosecutors brought in their own experts to dispute the claims.

After the trial, a Dallas researcher who has studied veterans of the 1991 war against Iraq concluded that Jones suffered from a severe form of Gulf War Syndrome from exposure to sarin nerve gas and other toxins.

Jones' attorney filed a clemency request with Bush in December, seeking a life sentence without parole. Jones has also written personally to the president, admitting his crime and expressing remorse.

The Justice Department is consulting with the White House on how to respond to the clemency request. Prosecutors oppose the request.

Jones grew up in Chicago and spent 22 years in the military before retiring in 1993 as a master sergeant in the Airborne Rangers. His honors included a meritorious service medal, a Southwest Asia service medal with three bronze service stars, a Kuwait liberation medal, badges for marksmanship and parachuting, and a good-conduct medal, according to his plea for clemency. But, the petition says, Jones was a changed man after returning from the Gulf in May 1991.

"It solves the mystery that was at the heart of the trial: how and why someone with the background and character of Louis Jones could have committed such a horrible crime," the petition says.

Girl who received incorrect organs not expected to live much longer

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A 17-year-old girl who mistakenly received organs from a donor with a different blood type is not expected to live more than a few days, a family friend said Tuesday.

Jesica Santillan, whose family moved to the United States from Mexico so she could get a heart and lung transplant, was in critical condition, said Richard Puff, a spokesman for Duke University Hospital.

"She's only got a couple of more days to live on this heart-lung machine, and she's already experiencing damage to her kidneys," friend Mack Mahoney told ABC's "Good Morning America."

The girl's own antibodies are attacking the organs, he said, and she almost died from a heart attack Feb. 10.

Duke Hospital, which did the transplant, has accepted responsibility for the error.

Jesica was suffering from a heart deformity that prevented her lungs from pumping enough oxygen into her blood. After a three-year wait, she received a transplant Feb. 7 with a heart and lungs flown in from Boston.

The organs were sent with paperwork correctly listing the donor's blood type, said Sean Fitzpatrick of the New England Organ Bank, which sent the organs.

Speaking through an interpreter, the girl's mother, Magdalena Santillan, told "Good Morning America" the hospital told her they had received the same blood-type organs and that they fit exactly to her daughter's measurements.

Yet somehow, the type-A organs were transplanted into the girl with type O-positive blood.

"This was a tragic error, and we accept responsibility for our part," said Dr. William Fulkerson, chief executive of Duke University Hospital. "This is an especially sad situation since we intended this operation to save the life of a girl whose prognosis was grave."

Mahoney said Jesica would have died within six months without a transplant.

The natural antibodies most people have in their blood will try to destroy an organ from someone of a different blood type. Some hospitals have found ways of filtering the blood so that an organ from a donor of a different blood type is not rejected.

U.S., Britain plan to press military action

Many countries are opposing the force resolution

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Despite stiff opposition in the Security Council, the United States and Britain still plan to press ahead this week with a new resolution seeking authorization to use military force to disarm Iraq, diplomats from the two allies said.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte and British Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock met Monday afternoon to discuss the content and timing of a second resolution, which diplomats say will likely be circulated late today after a two-day open debate on Iraq in the Security Council.

"We are working with our friends and allies to see if we can get a second resolution," President Bush said Tuesday in Washington, though he reiterated that Washington already has the authority it needs to act militarily.

The United States and Britain face an uphill struggle following last Friday's modestly upbeat reports from top weapons inspectors and calls from the overwhelming majority of council members led by France for inspections to continue.

Buoyed by weekend demonstrations around the world that attracted millions of people, the anti-war forces are likely to get another boost at the debate that starts Tuesday afternoon, when nations that aren't on the 15-member Security Council can express their views on the Iraq crisis.

The debate was scheduled at the request of South Africa, which heads the nonaligned movement of 115 mainly developing nations that are overwhelmingly opposed to the war. Sixty countries had signed up to speak by early Tuesday afternoon, and the session is not expected to conclude until this afternoon, when Washington and London are likely to circulate their proposed resolution.

Signaling the opposition ahead, 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.

On Tuesday, French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin downplayed the talk that France might use its veto.

Raffarin said the veto was a "very strategic element" for France that allows Paris to act independently on the world stage. But he said that the current strategy on dealing with the Iraq crisis "consisted of maintaining the unity of the international community."

"We are not pursuing a course of isolation and blockage," Raffarin said when asked whether France would use its veto power. "To the contrary, we are pursuing a course of unity."

France, Russia and China are pushing to prevent a rush to war and let inspectors do their work while the United States and Britain insist that time has run out for Saddam to disarm peacefully.

Among the 10 non-permanent members, only Spain fully backed Washington and London in Friday's debate.

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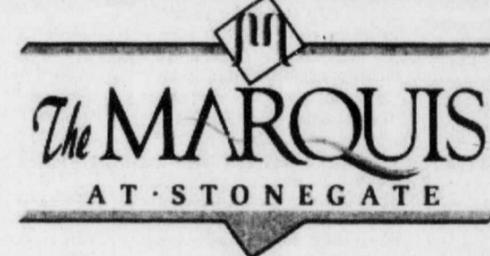
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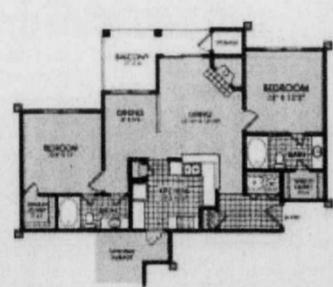
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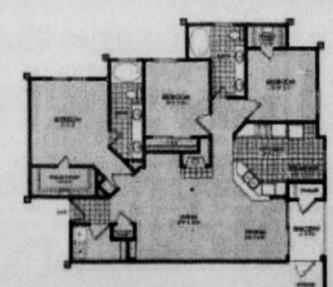
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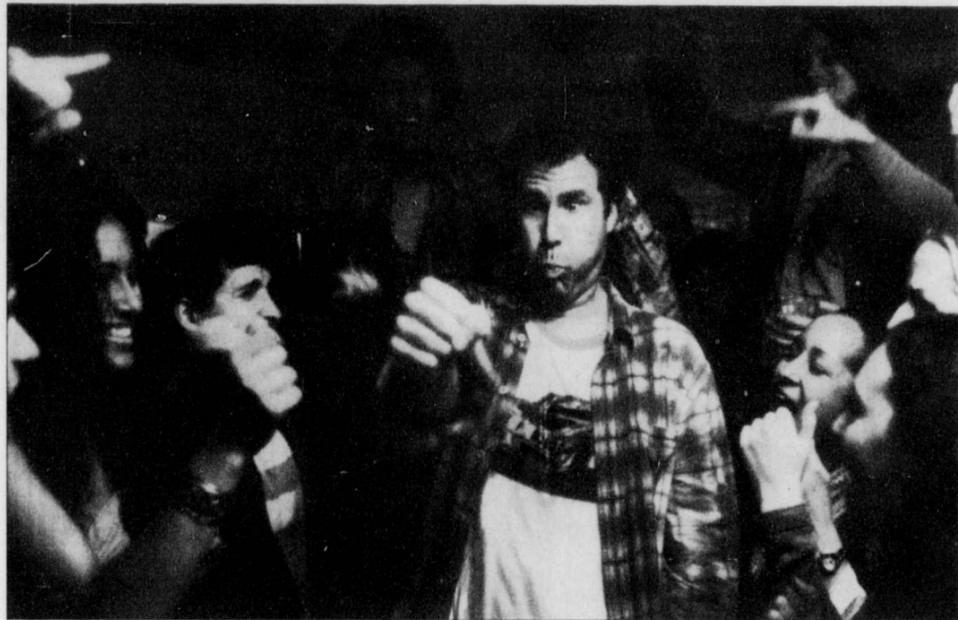
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Movie Reviews

Old School



Will Ferrell (center) stars along with Vince Vaughn and Luke Wilson in the DreamWorks SKG comedy about a group of 30-year-old men, who start a fraternity for all ages of men at a fictitious university.

BY JANELLE STECKLEIN
Skiff Staff

I have two words to say about the movie "Old School:" guy's movie.

Basically, the plot of the movie is similar to that of "Animal House." The movie starts with Luke Wilson taking an early flight home from a conference he was attending.

He arrives excited to see his girlfriend, but when he walks in she is having a "co-ed" sex party. Thus, he breaks up with her.

So, this 30-year-old man buys a house by Hanover College. His friends "Frank the Tank," played by Will Ferrell, and Vince Vaughn persuade him to throw a party to get over her.

This causes problems with the dean, who the three guys used to pick on when they were at school. The dean vows to close them down if the house is not used for a school function.

Thus, the guys decide to start their own fraternity. During the first pledge class, the dean continues trying to close them down, even while they are hazing their pledges.

If I tell anymore of the movie, I will spoil it. But, just like "Animal House," there is a massive amount of nudity.

There were at least two frontal scenes of women, and these were not brief flashes. They tended to last at least a minute or two. It got

to the point where I felt uncomfortable, as did other women I observed in the theater.

But the movie shares the nudity. I saw plenty of nudity of the guys, much of which I didn't want to see. I didn't really want to see long clips of butts. I definitely didn't want to see overweight people's butts, or those belonging to 70- or 80-year-old men.

The women's acting was pretty bad. They seemed to just be talking in normal voices and not really acting, sometimes sounding as if they were bored.

Luke Wilson's girlfriend has the most irritating voice I've heard in the movies in a long time. I was at the point of covering my ears and gritting my teeth because she was so annoying.

The movie did have some humorous parts, but during other parts, I was torn.

So if you're a guy, you'll probably enjoy the movie (as most guys in the theater seemed to enjoy it).

But if you're a female, beware. Two women I talked to felt the same way I did: the movie went a little overboard.

Over all, be cautious before you spend your money to see the film.

"The women's acting was pretty bad. They seemed to just be talking in normal voices and not really acting, sometimes sounding as if they were bored."

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SHANGHAI KNIGHTS

BY TAYLOR GIBBONS
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It's Oscar season, which means that for the last few weeks movie theaters have been glutted with what I like to call "prestige films." Movies which the studios think, for one reason or another, might be good enough to garner them a little golden statue. Now, I'm not against the pursuit of artistic excellence by any means, but week after week of such movies can get a little old. It was a breath of fresh air, therefore, when I recently got a chance to see "Shanghai Knights."

"Shanghai Knights," like its predecessor "Shanghai Noon," isn't exactly what you'd call a film with lofty ambitions. Also like its predecessor, "Shanghai Knights" more than accomplishes what it sets out to. There may not be much prestige in making buddy action/comedies, but "Shanghai Knights" proves that you don't have to have prestige to have a good time at the movies.

In "Shanghai Knights," the second round of what could very well be turning into a "Shanghai" series, unlikely partners Chon Wang (Jackie Chan) and Roy O'Bannon (Owen Wilson) reunite in order to help avenge the death of Chon's father. Their pursuit of the killer soon leads them to Great Britain, where they encounter the culprit, Lord Rathbone, a distant cousin of the Queen, who dreams of ascending to the throne. They also discover that Chon Wang's sister, Chon Lin (Fann Wong), has Rathbone figured out and has in fact already made an attempt on his life. In addition to their own personal reasons for wanting to get rid of him, the trio of heroes also becomes aware of a plot to usurp both the British and Chinese thrones using a valuable artifact stolen from Chon and Lin's father when he was murdered.

Much like in the case of "Shanghai Noon," it's not the story

that's important so much as the telling, and "Shanghai Knights" proves more than apt at spinning a compelling yarn. The movie alternates between relatively simple comedy and some assuredly complex martial arts, providing just enough variety to keep things bouncing along at an engaging pace. Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson are as ever a great on-screen duo. Chan's tremendous talent for slapstick martial arts being perfectly complemented by Wilson's dry, unassuming wit. And although no one would ever accuse Jackie Chan of having too much depth as an actor, "Shanghai Knights" does give him a few opportunities to show comedic chops only hinted at in his earlier movies.

Though enjoyable, "Shanghai Knights" is still a sequel, and like all sequels, it carries with it its requisite flaws. The storyline, while not necessarily the central focus of the movie, is nonetheless weak. I realized about halfway through the movie that I didn't really care about the villains so much as I cared about when I was going to see Jackie Chan fight them.

Additionally, bits of the movie feel especially contrived or unnecessary — for example, the director's apparent desire to cram in cameos by every historical figure of the day for no apparent reason. Although it was certainly good in its own right, I have to admit that some parts of "Shanghai Knights" simply felt like a pale copy of "Shanghai Noon."

Although it probably won't ever get screened at The Modern, "Shanghai Knights" is nonetheless a movie worth seeing. It may not stick with you until the next day, or even until the car ride from the theater is over, but it will show you a good time for two hours, which is fine by me.

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"Although it was certainly good in its own right, I have to admit that some parts of 'Shanghai Knights' simply felt like a pale copy of 'Shanghai Noon.'"



(Left to right) Fann Wong, Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson star in "Shanghai Knights." The film is a sequel to the 2000 comedy entitled "Shanghai Noon."

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Frog of the Week



Loni Reynolds, a senior Spanish major and future international economist, plans to move up north to teach high school Spanish and become a professor after graduation.

BY DAVID REESE
Features editor

Loni Reynolds can usually be heard before you see her. Reynolds is famous on campus for greeting everyone with a smile and hello.

Reynolds, an only child, was born in Missouri City to Lonnie and Barbara. At age 2, Reynolds' parents divorced. Her mother re-married and the family moved to outside Chicago in Homewood, Ill.

Prior to the start of college, Reynolds' parents decided to move back to Texas and told her to go to school within the state. She decided to attend TCU because she thought the people were friendly and the university had a small population. Reynolds turned down acceptances from Rice University and Baylor University.

While at TCU, Reynolds has been highly involved in cultural awareness programs. She serves as the president of Organization of Latin American Students. She also serves as a TCU ambassador and the executive board of Students for Asian Indian Cultural Awareness.

"Spreading awareness about culture is my thing," Reynolds said. "Coming to Texas, I didn't see a lot of diversity."

Reynolds is a senior Spanish major with a minor in both economics and combined sciences. She said she would like to one day be an international economist or diplomat with the United Nations. Reynolds said she hopes to travel extensively as part of her profession.

Reynolds plans to teach high school Spanish classes right af-

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Siblings: none
Favorite TCU memory: While in Sherley Hall during freshman year, she started screaming over a giant bug in her room while her resident assistant tried to kill it.
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ter college because she may one day want to be a professor. She said she plans to move somewhere north to be in colder weather. "New York, Chicago or Seattle would be just fine with me," Reynolds said.

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If you are interested in nominating a TCU community member for the honor of Frog of the Week, please e-mail David Reese at (d.w.reese@tcu.edu).

Global war protests do not deter Bush

BY RON FOURNIER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush declared Tuesday he wouldn't be deterred by global protests against war with Iraq, saying "I respectfully disagree" with those who doubt that Saddam Hussein is a threat to peace.

He said such a war remains a final resort, but "the risk of doing nothing is even a worse option as far as I'm concerned." Amid heavy opposition at the United Nations and protests around the world, the Bush administration faced a decision whether to push ahead with Britain for a new Security Council resolution to support war to disarm Iraq.

Senior Bush advisers are considering whether it was worth risking defeat in the council and how to phrase a new resolution in a bid for support, a U.S. official told The Associated Press.

Bush said that the size of the protests against a possible U.S.-led war against Iraq was irrelevant.

"Size of protest, it's like deciding, 'Well I'm going to decide policy based up on a focus group.' The role of a leader is to decide policy based upon the security — in this case — security of the people."

Millions of people around the world took to the streets

over the weekend to protest such a war.

"Democracy is a beautiful thing," Bush said. "People are allowed to express their opinion."

"Some in the world don't view Saddam Hussein as a risk to peace," he added. "I respectfully disagree."

Bush said that Saddam Hussein continued to pose a very real threat to U.S. citizens and to the world — a message he pressed in a phone call on Monday to Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, a key ally in the region, who has questioned the need for military action in Iraq.

The president expressed confidence that the United States would come up with an acceptable aid package for Turkey, a close U.S. ally in the region who will play a vital role if there is military action against Baghdad.

Bush said Turkey has "no better friend than the American government" and that Washington and Ankara were still working out details of an aid package.

The U.S. military plans to use bases in Turkey both for aircraft and for ground forces in the event of an attack on

Turkey's neighbor to the south.

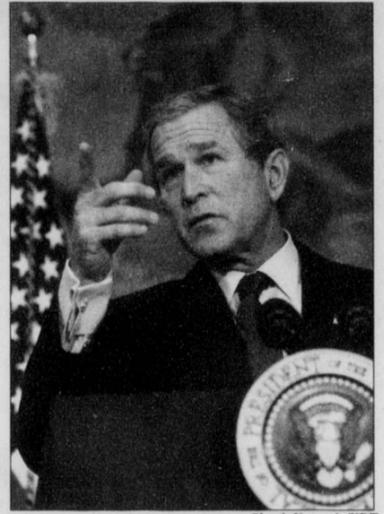
Bush indicated that he was running out of patience. Asked if he planned to set an ultimatum for Saddam's compliance, Bush suggested that would be pointless, like extending "another, another, another last chance."

"He knows my feelings, and that is, he needs to disarm — completely and totally disarm. He's a fellow that likes to buy time and buy it through deception and delay."

— George W. Bush
president

The global anti-war protests have put the White House on the defensive. Presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer began his daily briefing by reading newspaper clips about demonstrations against the staging of missiles in Germany in the early 1980s, and said, "This is not the first time there have been mass protests and in a previous instance America stood on principle ... and as a result the Berlin Wall came down."

He also told reporters that former President Franklin Roosevelt overcame protests from isolationists to lead America into World War II.



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President George W. Bush responds to media questions about Iraq and the United Nations after swearing in a new Securities and Exchange Commissioner Tuesday.

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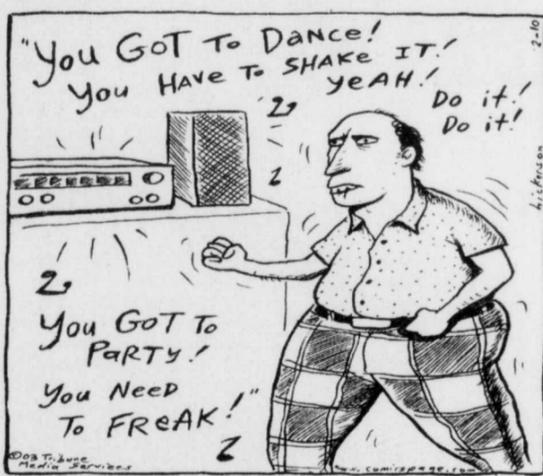
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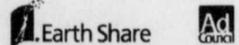
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The Sideline

Bonds to have minor surgery on left elbow

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Barry Bonds will have minor surgery on his left elbow today, and the San Francisco slugger is expected to miss only a few days of spring training workouts.

Bonds complained of tenderness to Giants trainer Stan Conte after arriving at camp Tuesday.

Conte said the pain stems from surgery in 1999, when doctors repaired a tear in Bonds' left triceps and removed a bone spur from the back of his elbow.

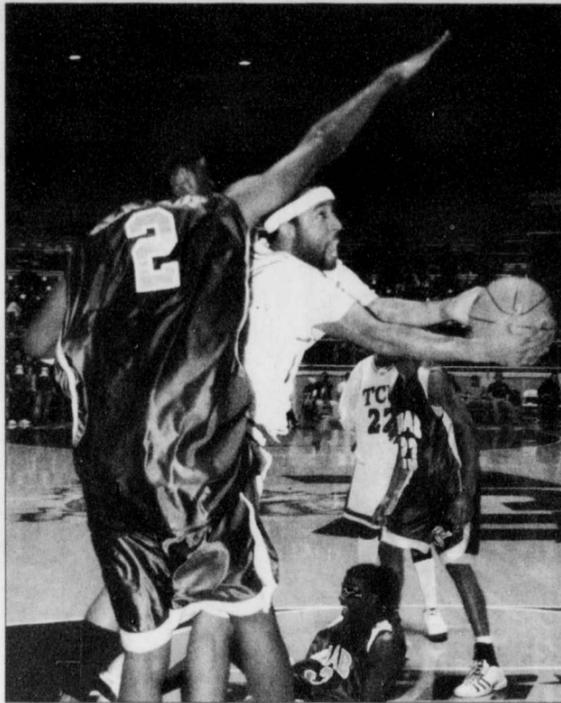
Conte compared Bonds' procedure to removing a thorn from the bottom of his foot.

Bonds, a five-time MVP, was an early arrival to camp. Position players for the defending NL champions officially report Wednesday.

Edwards snags Athlete of the Week award again

TCU long jumper Aundre Edwards was selected as the Conference USA Male Track and Field Athlete of the Week for the week of Feb. 15. He finished fourth in the men's invitational long jump competition at the Razorback-Tyson Invitational Saturday. He notched an NCAA automatic qualifying mark of 7.87 meters (25 feet, 10 inches), surpassing Cleavon Dillon's school record of 7.86 meters set last season. Edwards' effort ties for the third longest jump recorded in Division I indoor track and field this season.

The award marks the second time that Edwards has been honored by the conference this season.



Junior guard Nucleus Smith goes under UAB's Gabe Kennedy during an overtime loss in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Ty Halasz/Photo editor

Frogs hit milestones in loss

Blount, Merrix, Chinweze each earn honors

BY CARMEN CASTRO
Skiff Staff

Despite the Frogs' overtime 88-85 loss to the UAB Blazers, Tuesday night was a time for milestones.

Within the first three minutes of the game, senior guard Junior Blount reached the 1,000 point mark.

Blount is the 26th player in school history to reach this mark and only the seventh player to accomplish it in a two-year period. Blount finished with 20 points.

"For what it's worth, it's a good accomplishment but it'd be a whole better if I had the win," Blount said.

Coach Neil Dougherty said that he could not think of any other player under 6-feet that had reached Blount's milestone.

Senior forward Bingo Merriex had to wait a little longer for his

shinning moment. Merriex was 0-2 in field goal attempts at the end of the first half. He ended the first half with one point. Merriex finished the game with 10 points and made the top 10 all-time school scoring record.

Freshman Chudi Chinweze had a career high 28 points despite an aching body.

TCU (8-16, 2-10 Conference USA) and UAB (14-8, 6-5 C-USA) traded baskets for the early part of the game. With under seven minutes to go in the first half, the Blazers picked up the pace building a nine point lead at the half, 32-23. TCU gave up 17 points in the first half off of turnovers.

The Frogs took a strong defensive stand in the second half. Team members said they worked to not give up as many turnovers in the second half.

For the Blazers, it was a different story. Within the last three minutes of the game, UAB's forwards Gabe Kennedy and Demario Eddins fouled

out. Freshman guard Richard Jones also fouled out.

Blount said this match was déjà vu from the previous match-up between these teams on Jan. 29. In the last seconds of regulation, TCU had the ball and just could not get a good shot at the basket.

The match came down to the wire in overtime, with UAB outscoring the Frogs 12-9 in overtime.

Dougherty jokingly said that he should get to ask the questions tonight.

"I don't know who we were in the first half," Dougherty said. "I think some of our guys were feeling a little down and sorry for themselves.

"We should be celebrating two things right now," Dougherty said. "We just didn't get to bank one in."

The Frogs next match is at 1:05 p.m. Saturday when they host Marquette.

"We should be celebrating two things right now. We just didn't get to bank one in."

— Neil Dougherty
men's basketball head coach

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Canseco jailed for violating probation, not starting anger classes

BY TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI — Jose Canseco was sent to jail Tuesday after violating his probation for a 2001 nightclub brawl.

The former major league slugger could be held until a scheduled March 17 hearing, Judge Leonard E. Glick ruled.

"I understand that I have to take responsibility," Canseco said. "I ask for the mercy and understanding of the court."

Shortly after, Glick ordered Canseco into custody.

"No bond," Glick said.

Wearing a dark double-breasted suit, the 38-year-old Canseco handed his wallet and a thick silver necklace to his lawyer before being led out of the courtroom, his hands cuffed behind his back.

Glick issued a warrant for Canseco's arrest Friday after being told the six-time All-Star had failed to begin anger control classes and community service, and that he had left Florida for longer than 30 days.

Those were among the conditions of his three-year probation, as well as the payment

of court costs and sending monthly reports.

Canseco ranks 26th in baseball history with 446 career homers. He retired in May, finishing with .266 batting average, 1,407 RBIs and 200 stolen bases in 1,887 games with seven clubs, including the Oakland Athletics, Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees.

He and Mark McGwire teamed in Oakland as the "Bash Brothers," leading the team to three straight World Series appearances from 1988-90 and the 1989 title. Canseco won the 1988 AL MVP award.

"The subject does not appear to take probation seriously," probation officer Ileana Ortiz told Glick in a report filed last week and prompting the arrest warrant. Ortiz said Canseco had been in Los Angeles since Dec. 20.

"I ask for the mercy and understanding of the court."

— Jose Canseco
former MLB player

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