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## Feelings mixed after Bush issues ultimatum

BY JESSICA SANDERS  
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President George W. Bush's televised speech addressing the situation in Iraq met with mixed reactions from TCU students and faculty Monday night.

Bush gave Saddam Hussein a 48-hour deadline to leave Iraq or face a U.S.-led invasion. "The tyrant will soon be gone," Bush vowed as 250,000 American troops stood poised to strike.

The president told the Iraqi people, "The day of your liberation is near." He said that if Saddam does not leave, the United States will attack "at a time of our choosing."



BUSH

Ralph Carter, a professor of political science, said he had hoped for a more peaceful resolution to the conflict.

"It would have been my hope that diplomacy could have been used," he said.

However, if Saddam Hussein's timeline began in 1999 when U.N. Security Council ordered Iraq to disarm, then we have given them plenty of time, Carter said.

Adrienne Burch, a sophomore education major, said it is time to take military action against Iraq.

"I think they've already had way too much time (to disarm) and they've lied to us repeatedly," Burch said.

Greg Beauchamp, a sophomore international relations major, said he agrees that Iraq should disarm, but that it does not justify war.

"I think that due to the U.N. resolution that was passed they should disarm, and they obviously haven't done that," Beauchamp said. "However, that's not the major reason we're going to war and it's not an ethical justification for going to war."

Bush's main reason for taking military action is to discourage terrorism,

Beauchamp said, but by attacking Iraq the United States will be at risk for more terrorist attacks.

Carter said threats of terrorism should not keep the United States from taking action.

"I don't think any country would want to be held hostage to the threat of terrorism attacks."

Carter said he was interested by Bush's appeal to Iraqi citizens and troops.

"The U.S. government is investing some real effort to encourage Iraqi commanders not to participate in battle."

Beauchamp said the Iraqis will not listen to Bush's appeal.

"They are going to fight for what they think is right, just like we would," Beauchamp said.

However, Tyler Kirk, a sophomore marketing major, said Iraqis may want to be under a new leader.

"I think the Iraqis will be pleased

with getting rid of Saddam," Kirk said.

Kristin VandenBelt, a junior political science major, said Bush is set on the idea of war.

"The U.N. said they would take strong action, but Bush's view of strong action and the U.N.'s view of strong action don't agree," VandenBelt said. "Any action short of military action was not going to be enough."

As Bush put the nation on war footing, he also raised the terror alert to the second-highest level, warning that terrorists may strike U.S. interests at home or abroad in response to action against Iraq. He has ordered increased security at airports and along U.S. waterways.

Bush issued his ultimatum after U.N. allies refused to back his bid

for a resolution sanctioning military force. The diplomatic defeat forced Bush to move toward war accompanied by Britain, Spain, Australia and a handful of other nations in his self-described "coalition of the willing."

The American public's opinion was evenly divided when people were asked about going to war with Iraq without an attempt to gain U.N. backing, according to a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll out Monday.

White House and congressional sources said Bush intends to send Congress a bill seeking more than \$70 billion to pay for the war.

This story contains information from the Associated Press.

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## Outage causes e-mail failure

Officials say lost e-mails should be delivered soon

BY SARAH CHACKO  
Staff Reporter

An electrical power outage Friday morning left faculty and staff up the information highway without a paddle.

Technical Services Manager Bill Senter said voltage feeding the computer room where the server is set up dropped to a point where the uninterruptible power source (UPS) could not power the room a little after midnight.

The UPS should have switched to a battery power while a generator starts up to take over the load, Senter said. However, the UPS failed to switch to the battery backup and power to the computer room was lost abruptly, Senter said. The generator restored power a few minutes later with no recognizable

damage or loss, he said.

At about 9 a.m., power was lost again, Senter said. When power was restored, the e-mail system holding the faculty and staff server would not load due to a file corruption, he said.

"When the system is brought down, you want it to be done gently and orderly, or they crash," Senter said.

Attempts were made to repair the server, but could not be completed successfully, Senter said. The first power failure corrupted backup from that day, so backup had to be restored from the Thursday's tapes, Senter said.

While students only lost e-mails from about 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, the faculty/staff server lost e-mails received from 1 a.m. Thursday to Friday morning, Senter said. The faculty/staff server was kept down until Sunday afternoon, but the mail sent during that time should eventually be redelivered, Senter said.

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## March madness



Senior guard Candice Baldwin rejoices with fellow senior Tricia Payne after hearing news that TCU is the ninth seed in the East bracket of the NCAA women's tournament. TCU will play Michigan State in Storrs, Conn., at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Ty Halasz/Photo editor

## Record number apply to TCU

BRENT YARINA  
Staff Reporter

The admissions department has been busier this year than in the past handling a record number of applications, but the added workload is a sign of TCU's increasing popularity, Dean of Admissions Ray Brown said Monday.

Brown said the university received a record 7,496 applications this year, yielding a 22 percent increase from the previous year. He said last year TCU

"I really think that more and more people are discovering the extraordinary institution that TCU is and they want to be part of it."

— Michael Ferrari  
chancellor

## Anthropology professor toils to dig up secrets of Mayan city

BY EMILY BAKER  
Staff Reporter

He may not race through the Egyptian desert trying to save the

world from the Nazis, but Tom Guderjan is the closest thing TCU has to Indiana Jones. He even has a mug in his office with both his name and In-

diana Jones' name inscribed on it.

Guderjan is an archeologist and an anthropologist. For the last 10 years, he has been unearthing secrets of a Mayan city in Belize.

During the school year, Guderjan, an assistant anthropology professor, teaches anthropology and archeology classes. And he said he gets his fair share of Indiana Jones comments.

"Those movies did more to support archeology than anything in the last 30 years," Guderjan said. "Archeology is an adventure. Wandering around in the South American forest and getting lost is pretty weird. And there isn't anything like the feeling when you find something."

He said he has helped discover the world's third largest jade collection in Belize. He also is piecing together the relationships between the Mayan social structure.

"The intellectual challenge makes it exciting," Guderjan said. "It is exciting to learn about societies that

haven't existed for the last thousand years."

Archeology also teaches the post-modern world about itself, he said.

"Understanding humans in the past gives us insight into what civilization is all about," Guderjan said.

Guderjan also enjoys meeting volunteers and students who come from all over the world to work on the Mayan project at Blue Creek.

The project is located near an Amish city. Guderjan said the people who live there are now some of his closest friends.

According to Guderjan, the Mayan project has been one of the greatest causes of marriages and divorces. Guderjan met his wife, Colleen Hanratty, whom he married last May, while working on the project.

Each year, 10 students travel to

the Mayan city to work, Guderjan said. Senior anthropology major Meghan Dennis said she credits her pursuit of archeology to Guderjan and the trips she has taken the last two summers to Belize.

"From the first class I had with (Guderjan), he sold me on the Maya," Dennis said. "From the first moment I stepped foot onto camp in Belize, I was sold on field-work."

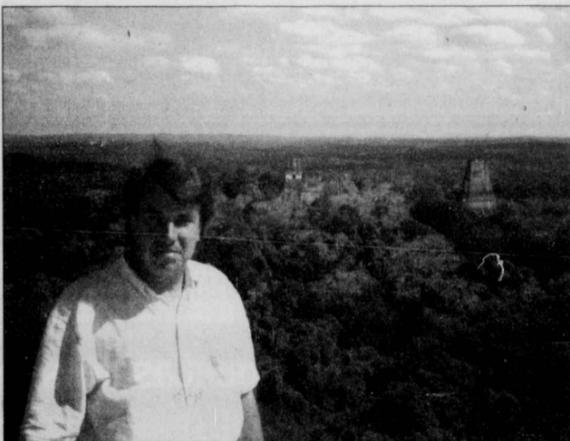
Dennis said Guderjan is not just a good archeology professor.

"He's great for his students when we're on a project," Dennis said. "I've seen him comforting a student whose grandmother passed and who was worried about going back out to do burial archaeology. I've seen him arranging transportation for a lovesick student's fiancé, so that

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*"It is exciting to learn about societies that haven't existed for the last thousand years."*

— Tom Guderjan  
assistant anthropology professor



Special to the Skiff

Assistant professor of anthropology Tom Guderjan poses in front of Mayan ruins in Belize.

## The Weather

## TUESDAY

High: 64; Low: 43; Partly Cloudy

## WEDNESDAY

High: 70; Low: 50; Partly Cloudy

## THURSDAY

High: 66; Low: 40; Few Showers

## Looking Back

1850 — American Express, the brainchild of Henry Wells and William G. Fargo, was founded. American Express has since mutated into a giant finance and travel with offices across the globe.

1947 — William C. Durant, the founder of General Motors, died in New York City at age 85.

1999 — Three women were murdered in Yosemite National Park by 37-year-old Cary Stayner.

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## CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

■ **William L. Adams Center for Writing** presents a public reading entitled "The Toll; Land Without Shadow and The Year of the Gun" by Michael Mewshaw at 3:30 p.m. today in the University Recreation Center, Room 244. For more information, call (817) 257-6537.

■ **The Ad Club** will have a meeting at 5 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 271. Trey Sprinkle will give resume and interviewing tips. For more information, contact Kristin Blackham.

■ **Peace Action** will have a meeting at 6 p.m. today in the Student Center, Room 111. For more information, contact Jeff Brubaker.

■ **Artist Diploma recital** featuring pianist Biliana Dimitrova, will be at 7:30 p.m. today in PepsiCo Recital Hall. For more information, call (817) 257-7602.

■ **KinoMondo Film Series** presents "Antonia's Line" (Netherlands) at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Sid Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. For more information, call (817) 257-7292.

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

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## E-MAIL

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George Bates, manager of electrical maintenance, said the power outage occurred after a circuit breaker tripped. The breaker is calculated to give maximum protection but can then only be set at the minimum required to ensure reliability, which means it can trip at the smallest power drop, Bates said. The breaker is currently being investigated to recalculate its protection and reliability balance, he said.

Sender said new hardware is being implemented to backup the system on disk. Disks allow much faster recovery and will minimize time lost, he said. The UPS switch that failed to turn on the battery backup has also been replaced, Senter said.

Many faculty said it was fortunate that the incident occurred during Spring Break, and that the situation was handled quickly. However, officials said the problem is never really eliminated.

"We don't anticipate having a problem again like this, but I didn't anticipate this either," Bates said.

Travis Cook, director of business services, said in his 25 years of working in technology, this was the first time he lost e-mail and could not recover it. While he could not conduct his normal business and a few things had to be delayed until Monday, the good e-mail does far outweighs potential for failure, Cook said.

"For better or worse, (e-mail) is a fact of life," Cook said. "If you don't have e-mail these days, you're not communicating."

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## APPLICATIONS

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matic increases from very good high school students that TCU is receiving," he said.

Ferrari said the most important factor in attracting prospective students to the university is the quality of education TCU provides.

"The application rates confirm the perceived value and quality of a TCU education, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and a genuine, caring atmosphere for students," he said.

Brown said despite the number of applications TCU has received, the university made the decision last year to keep the undergraduate population between 6,800 and 7,000.

"It amazes me, but we still continue to receive applications nearly every day," Brown said.

He said even though TCU continues to receive applications, the university will not admit any more students. Brown said the university wants to admit 1,650 students in the freshman class next fall.

"The pressure is to remain mid-sized," he

said. "That gets tougher with every increase in applications since so many more folks want to be a part of this place that's the hottest in the land."

Ferrari said one of the best recruiting tools the university implements is its Monday at TCU program. He said the program creates a more popular institution because it exposes prospective students and their families to the numerous qualities the university has to offer, including a friendly campus population and excellent academic and residential facilities.

"I really think that more and more people are discovering the extraordinary institution that TCU is and they want to be part of it," he said.

Beth Kolodkin, a student who attended Monday at TCU this week, said TCU is her first choice because the university's students and faculty members are friendly and make everyone feel welcome.

"TCU makes you feel like a student, not a number," Kolodkin said.

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## GUDERJAN

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they could share a field experience together."

Jared Fuller, a junior anthropology and radio-TV-film major, traveled to Belize last summer. He said it was one of the most intense learning experiences he has had.

"Dr. Guderjan has a lot of genuine respect for what his students have to say and treats them as friends and colleagues," Fuller said. "I think a lot of people's first reactions to Dr. Guderjan is that he reminds them of Indiana Jones. Dr. Guderjan would focus on teaching us while we were working in the field, but after the day's work was completed, he would hang out with us like he was just another student."

This year, Guderjan and a group of students are beginning an archeology project at an ancient trade city in Mexico known as Chetumal.

"We are renting a hotel on the beach that has six restaurants next door to it," Guderjan said. "The site is two miles away on a road, which will be

nice."

During the time the group will be in Mexico, the Mexican government is uncovering and opening an ancient tomb, Guderjan said. The group will get to be at the tomb site when it is opened, he said.

There is still limited space for the trip to Mexico and space to work in Belize, Guderjan said. For more information about these trips, contact Guderjan at (817) 257-5943.

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## Family affair

Pummills spend break touring East Coast performing ClaviVoce

BY BILL MORRISON  
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After the children have graduated college and begun to move away from home, many families struggle to find the time to get together, let alone put on a concert.

This is not the case for the Pummill family, who got together during Spring Break to tour.

Janet Pummill, a resident staff accompanist and coordinator of accompanying, and her three TCU alumnae daughters, Sallie, Amy and Julie, spent the break touring the East Coast performing ClaviVoce.

ClaviVoce features all four family members singing and playing the piano. The idea began back in 1999, Janet Pummill said, when they played a four piano concerto with TCU's Symphony Orchestra.

"That's kind of what started it all because we had so much fun doing that," Janet Pummill said. "We felt a real magic together."

Julie Pummill said it was their father, Doug Pummill, who came up with the idea for them to tour. She said he went out and got someone to invest in four digital grand pianos for them to use while touring. Julie Pummill said they first began touring in September 2001.

"It was actually our dad; he had this dream and said we're going to get four pianos," Julie Pummill said.

Janet Pummill said since they are family, their voices blend well together.

"It's so much more rewarding to play with someone else and especially your own family," Janet Pummill said. "Singing together, the fact that we are all one family, our voices naturally blend very well."

The concert begins and ends with all four playing piano, with different combinations of vocal and piano in between, Janet Pummill said.

"We do every combination with four singers and four pianists you can imagine," Janet Pummill said.

With two of her daughters in New York and her teaching commitments at TCU,

Janet Pummill said it's a real challenge to find time for their performances. She said she tries to plan the concerts around school breaks.

"It's a real challenge because I (work) full time here at TCU, so I have to arrange my schedule, so I'm here when I'm needed," Janet Pummill said.

The fact that they don't have much time to practice together isn't a problem, Julie Pummill said. She said they each spend a lot of time on their own practicing. In addition to practicing individually, Julie

Pummill said they get together a few days before a tour and practice as a group.

Performing and touring across the country is invaluable for teaching, Janet Pummill said. She said gaining actual

experience helps in teaching her practical skills class. Touring allows her to show students how they can make money as musicians, Janet Pummill said.

"Touring is absolutely an advantage for teaching," Janet Pummill said. "You can't really learn it from a book, you've got to get out on the stage night after night."

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Courtesy of Randy Scoggin  
 Janet Pummill, surrounded by daughters Sallie, Julie and Amy, toured the East Coast performing their show ClaviVoce.



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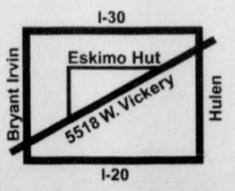
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## The Skiff View FAILURE

U.S. should not go at war alone

Any lingering questions have now been answered: Unless Saddam Hussein leaves Iraq, the United States will go to war with Iraq — without U.N. support — to remove him from power.

Diplomacy has failed. Whether President Bush's stature among the American people will diminish is unclear. But his prestige in the court of worldwide public opinion will be irreparably damaged — and so might America's.

By failing to win U.N. approval, President Bush managed to do the impossible — he lost a public relations battle with a sadistic dictator. Peace protesters have not marched against a man who starves and kills his own people, but instead have held demonstrations against the president of a nation that billions have immigrated to for its freedom and opportunity.

It's not just a few stubborn countries that have refused to go along with war; much of the world is against us. And this comes just a little more than a year after goodwill toward America had reached new heights because of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

But that moral authority has been squandered by an air of arrogance that surrounds the administration.

From the beginning, this administration has shirked multilateralism. Bush rejected participation in treaties on global warming and biological weapons, withdrew from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty, increased steel tariffs and has shown disdain for the opinions of other nations.

And now the hen has come home to roost.

A war to disarm Iraq is just, making it all the more amazing Bush could not convince more nations to support such a war.

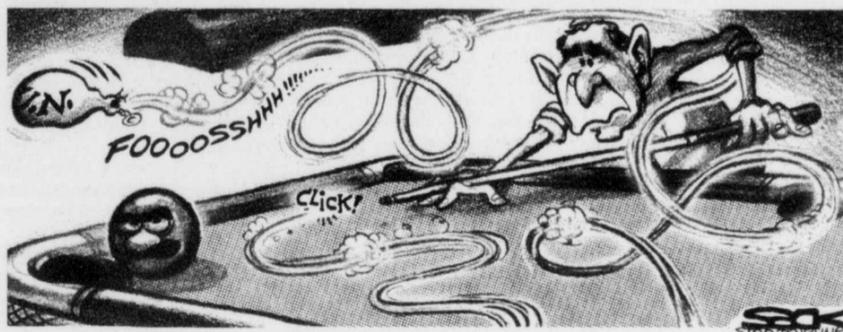
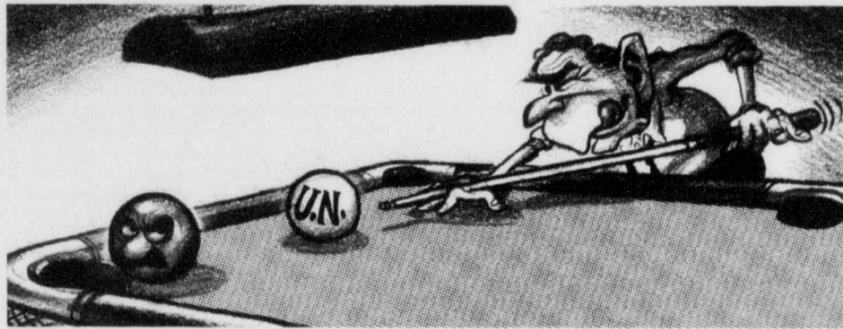
Hawks argue that if a war is justified, so is unilateralism. They're right on that point, but they ignore what should be an important clause — only if every available alternative has been exhausted.

From the earliest stages of diplomacy, Bush made it clear he would act with or without the United Nation's blessing. By doing so, he essentially said the concerns of other nations do not matter.

Diplomacy, most experts will tell you, is an art of give and take — something Bush has sneered by bullying and bribing dissenters for support. But in the end Bush couldn't twist every arm.

The administration may soon discover something most of us learned on the playground: Even if you're the biggest kid on the block, you still need to listen to the other kids because no matter how strong you are, you might need their help someday.

The United States will easily defeat Saddam but it cannot go it alone forever, especially if it wants to win a War on Terrorism. Should America ever stumble, nobody may be there to pick us up.



## Rejecting diplomacy unwise

With the decision Monday morning to withdraw its joint U.N. Resolution, the American/British alliance seems ready to eschew diplomacy and pursue unilateral war with Iraq.

COMMENTARY

Josh McDonald

Many Americans would place blame on allies like France and Germany for opposing the U.S. stance, but the responsibility for diplomatic failure falls much closer to home. President Bush, who as recently as Sunday recognized the importance of the United Nations in waging modern wars, failed to win support for his cause and undermined U.S. prestige abroad.

As a result, the collateral damage in this war will affect not only the U.S., but the U.N. as well.

The Bush administration's diplomatic miscues have been serious and significant. Not only has it failed to win the support of key U.N. Security Council votes, but it has also failed to win the support of key regional allies like Turkey.

While French-bashing and eating "freedom fries" may appeal to some, it was Bush who courted the United Nations while simultane-

ously pushing it away. Threatening to lead a "coalition of the willing" undermined the administration's appeals for support, and it now appears that Bush himself — not U.N. allies — has made the organization into an irrelevant debate society.

Consequences for the United States are clear. Without additional support, the war itself will likely still be swift and the United States likely victorious. Post-war efforts, however, will be much more difficult. U.N. humanitarian organizations have already declared that without a second resolution, they will be unable to participate in the crucial rebuilding efforts. Thus, lacking international consensus, a humanitarian crisis looks unavoidable.

Burden sharing — the deferring of war costs from the United States to our allies — will also be impossible without international support. Given its failure in court- ing allied help, the Bush administration can no longer count on

smooth nation-building in its attempt to remake the Middle East.

The more costly consequences of diplomatic failure, however, will be those incurred at the United Nations. As the first President Bush has noted, post-Cold War foreign policy presents the United

States with a "new world order" in which the United Nations plays a crucial role.

The current president, to his credit, recognizes this as well but has shown little ability in putting it to practice. Now, with the United States pressing for unilateral war in Iraq, the United Nations is without a part to play.

The inspectors, once empowered by a U.N. resolution, will soon come home, taking with them the air of legitimacy and the blessing of international law that comes only with U.N. authority. They will be replaced, it seems, by troops, tanks and bombs bearing the flag of the United States.

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## Your View

Letters to the Editor

### Congrats to the Lady Frogs for the tourney win

Congratulations Lady Frogs. We followed you throughout the Conference USA Tournament, from the frustrating first game with East Carolina on Thursday evening to what Memphis sports writer David Williams called "the best basketball game of this season at The Pyramid"—the tournament-winning game on Sunday after-

noon against the Cincinnati Lady Bearcats.

What a game. To quote Cincinnati coach, Lauri Pirtle, "Give credit to them and their coaching staff to get those kids mentally tough and to play with that kind of guts. They were definitely on a mission."

Thanks also for the TCU Women's Basketball "Part of the Family" T-shirts. We were proud to wear it during the tournament.

—Rev. Joe and Betty Bryan, class of 1951

COMMENTARY

Emily Smith

According to an article published on March 8 in the *Chicago Tribune*, the supplement industry is growing at a rate of 15 percent a year, and currently produces annual U.S. sales of \$19 billion. It seems that everybody is in on this supplemental fad; especially students in need of energy for these "I'm so tired" years.

But when all the facts are weighed in, it's quite scary. The Food and Drug Administration, which regulates dietary supplements, doesn't actually regulate them at all. When Clinton signed the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act in 1994, the sole responsibility for making sure a supplement is safe was placed in the hands of the manufacturer. Prior to this, supplements went through the same regulation requirements as other foods.

But now, thanks to Clinton and the laziness of the FDA, manufacturers and distributors do not need to provide any evidence to the FDA that their products are safe or effective. A firm doesn't even have to register itself with the FDA before selling its product.

It's as if the FDA reviews and approves nothing anymore when it comes to dietary supplements. Since the FDA is in the dark about what is going into these pills, consumers with questions regarding the ingredients or dosage suggestions of a supplement are supposed to call the manufacturer. According to the

FDA's Web site, the FDA does not have "the resources to analyze dietary supplements sent to the agency by consumers who want to know their content." DSHEA even required manufacturers to print their location and information on the label, ensuring the FDA have even less responsibility.

DSHEA did require a nutrition label to be placed on the product. But since nobody "regulates" the supplements or checks to see if the manufacturer is correct, how can we be sure that it is safe? The truth is, we can't. So it shouldn't be surprising that the number of consumer complaints

*"A firm doesn't even have to register itself with the FDA before selling its product."*

last year to the FDA concerning dietary compliments was 1,214, and included everything from headaches to deaths. In 2001, the number was 553. The figure more than doubled in just one year.

Now here's the kicker: Manufacturers and distributors are not required by law to report consumer injuries or illnesses due to their supplements. If you have a problem and complain to the manufacturer, they don't have to tell the FDA if they don't want to.

It's the manufacturer's job to make sure the product label is accurate. They are simply trusted not to lie or mislead. Nobody watches over their shoulder or runs tests. No regulation is done by the administration responsible for regulating supplements before they hit the shelf.

It's the FDA's job to take a supplement off the market. But before a product is restricted from the shelves, the FDA must find it "unsafe." Then they take action to have it removed. Keep in mind, however, that the manufacturers are under no obligation to provide evidence of the safety of their products; and the FDA isn't equipped to "analyze" the supplements. That has to be a tricky task for the FDA.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, one dietary manufacturing firm recalled its product after they realized they had accidentally mislabeled the supplement, which had 10 times more niacin than what is considered safe. With so many deaths and issues emerging lately concerning ephedra, excess lead and other cases, the FDA finally made a baby step toward doing its job.

On March 7, the FDA proposed a rule that manufacturers must accurately label their products and the amount of each ingredient in it. Such an elementary requirement should have been implemented years ago.

The proposed rule will make manufacturers say exactly what is in their product, but they still don't have to prove its safety. They still don't have to report illnesses or complaints they receive to the FDA. And they still don't have to prove that their product is effective.

To be on the safe side, I'm going to eat my fruits and vegetables, get plenty of sleep and stay away from supplements for a while.

Emily Smith is a columnist for The Columbia Chronicle at Columbia College. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

## National alert bill bad idea

Last week, the United States' collective parental instinct was aroused as news of finding Elizabeth Smart flooded the airwaves. The 15-year-old Utah girl was back at her home in an upscale Salt Lake City suburb, and her father, Ed, was hamming it up before the television cameras just as he had in the weeks following Elizabeth's disappearance last summer.

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A day later, Ed Smart was doing what many parents whose children have suffered a traumatic experience do: He was pushing for legislation to ensure that no child or family would have to go through what the Smarts went through. But, like many parents who act on their cresting emotions in an attempt to legislate the world we live in, Ed Smart would be wise to take a step back and focus his efforts away from throwing bureaucracy and money at timeless problems.

Ed Smart was in Washington, D.C., supporting the passage of a federal Amber alert plan to the tune of \$25 million. U.S. Rep. James Sensenbrenner, D-Wisc., included the plan as part of the larger Child Abduction Prevention Act, which stalled in the House last year, but Smart and others, including U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, want the swift passage of the stand-alone Amber Alert Bill.

A federal Amber alert would be similar to systems currently in place in Texas and 37 other states, which coordinate the dissemination of information regarding missing and abducted children via television, radio and roadside electronic message boards during the crucial first hours after a child goes missing. Which is exactly why there does not need to be a national Amber alert system.

Child abductions are a local issue, not one for which the federal government should issue alerts every time an estranged parent picks a child up from school. Americans already take terror alerts with a grain of salt, and it's not a stretch to assume that, with about 2,000 children reported missing every day, the deluge of Amber alerts will leave the public indifferent to the issue of missing children.

There is also little evidence to suggest that a national Amber alert would make any difference when it comes to finding missing children. Elizabeth Smart spent much of the past nine months within a few miles of her home, and Amber Hagerman, the slain Arlington girl for whom the alert was named, was found four miles from where she was abducted. Alerting people in Vermont to an incident in Utah or Texas immediately after the incident would have, at best, a minuscule impact on the chances of finding a missing child alive and could strain resources as dogooders flood local phone lines with baseless tips.

Ed Smart has every right to be overjoyed at the return of his child; statistics suggest that the odds of Elizabeth still being alive at this point were astronomical. But the fact that his daughter was kidnapped by a worker his wife hired does not instantly make him an expert on public policy.

By mugging for the cameras and using his harrowing experience to effectuate change, Ed Smart has taken a nefarious page from the same lobbying book that organizations like Mothers Against Drunk Driving use. He is putting on a show with alternating tears and smiles but failing to urge the passage of legislation on rational grounds.

The world can be a dangerous place, even in wealthy suburbs, and no amount of legislation can change that. It's time Ed Smart came to his senses and realized that, too.

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## National/International Roundup

### Victims of grenade attack remembered in memorial

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Mourners remembered a U.S. Embassy worker and her daughter with flowers and tributes on Monday, a year after the two were slain in a grenade attack.

Barbara Green, who worked as an assistant in the U.S. Embassy's Human Resources Office, and her daughter, Kristen Wormsley, were killed when assailants hurled grenades into the congregation during a Sunday service at the Protestant International Church in Islamabad on March 17, 2002.

"Barbara was unfailingly sunny and helpful to everyone she met, someone it was impossible not to like," Ambassador Nancy Powell said in a brief speech to the remembrance gathering in a leafy corner of the U.S. Embassy's sprawling lawns.

Two other members of the church were killed, as was an unidentified person believed to have been one of the attackers. About 45 other people, mostly foreigners, were injured in the attack that was believed to have been carried out by Islamic radicals angered by Pakistan's support for the U.S.-led war against terrorism.

The observance took place next to a memorial for the mother and daughter. A bouquet of white flowers was placed alongside.

"Her mission colleagues remember her professionalism, her good nature, her sense of humor and her many acts of kindness," Powell said.

### Kidnapper considers Utah girl his wife, attorney says

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The self-proclaimed prophet accused of abducting Elizabeth Smart told his attorney he considers the 15-year-old girl his wife and wants her to be renamed "Remnant Who Will Return."

"He wanted me to tell the world that she is his wife, and he still loves her and knows that she still loves him, that no harm came to her during their relationship and the adventure that went on," attorney Larry Long said in an interview aired late Sunday on KUTV.

Long, who said he had agreed earlier Sunday to become Brian David Mitchell's attorney, was speaking for his client for the first time.

Long said Mitchell — whom he referred to as "the perpetrator" — would consider the girl's nine-month disappearance a "call from God," not a kidnapping.

Smart, who was snatched from her bedroom June 5, was found Wednesday with Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Barzee, in Sandy, Utah, when they were stopped by police.

Mitchell and Barzee remained in jail as prosecutors weighed their case against the pair. They had been expected to face charges Monday of aggravated kidnapping, but District Attorney David Yocom said no state charges would be filed yet. Conviction on that charge in Utah is punishable by a prison term of six years to life.

There was no indication that any federal charges were imminent.

Long suggested that giving his client a light sentence could encourage kidnappers to keep their captives alive.

"If we can somehow set up some structure where the message gets out that if you bring the girl back alive, that there's some kind of commutation of the sentence, we may be much better off as a society," Long said.

### Veteran on death row claims brain damage

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — With another war with Iraq looming, the federal government is poised to execute a decorated Gulf War veteran who claims severe brain damage from his exposure to Iraqi nerve gas led him to kill.

Unless President Bush or the U.S. Supreme Court intervenes, Louis Jones Jr. will be executed by lethal injection Tuesday at the U.S. Penitentiary near Terre Haute, Ind.

Jones, 53, admitted kidnapping 19-year-old Pvt. Tracie Joy McBride from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, raping her and beating her to death with a tire iron.

But Jones has asked the president to commute his death sentence to life

without parole, citing what he says is evidence he suffered severe, personality-altering brain damage from exposure to sarin nerve gas in March 1991, just after the Gulf War ended.

Jones' attorney, Timothy Floyd, said his client's exposure to the gas, decorated military career and lack of a prior criminal record make him different from the 23 other inmates on federal death row. He said severe brain damage from the nerve gas made him prone to violent outbursts.

"Compared with his whole life story up to that point, it's inexplicable that somebody like him could do something as horrible as he did," said Floyd, a law professor at Texas Tech University. "It's sort of a mystery, but the answer to it is what happened to him over there in Iraq."

In addition to seeking executive clemency for Jones, Floyd has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to halt his execution, claiming the federal death penalty is unconstitutional under a June 2002 court ruling.

Jones would be the third person — after Timothy McVeigh and drug kingpin Juan Garza — put to death by the federal government. Since 1963, he would also be the second Gulf War veteran, after McVeigh, who faced a federal execution.

Federal prosecutors oppose Jones' clemency request, pointing to evidence of his aggressive behavior before the Gulf War, including four incidents in which he beat up co-workers or fellow soldiers. He killed McBride on Feb. 18, 1995, two years after his honorable discharge from the Army.

### Fort Hood soldiers prepare for possible war with Iraq

FORT HOOD (AP) — Sgt. Benjamin Merker is anything but bitter about the irony of being shipped out with thousands of other Fort Hood soldiers.

Taking a break from a cleanup detail, Merker smiled as he recalled why he left the Navy after four years: Too many trips to sea for months at a time.

So Merker joined the Army. "It's not as bad," he insisted, "because home is just down the road."

Merker soon will be leaving Texas with other soldiers from Fort Hood, the Army's premier installation for training and deployment of heavy forces. The nation's largest military post is named for Confederate Gen. John B. Hood, who was known for his willingness to fight.

President Bush has said the time for diplomacy has ended and has told Saddam Hussein to flee Iraq or face a U.S.-led invasion within days.

The 12,500 soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division received deployment orders in late January. Along with 17,000 more troops from the 1st Cavalry Division, the total number deployed from Fort Hood in the military buildup against Iraq will be almost 30,000.

For the eager troops and the adjacent city of Killeen, not knowing when the departure will begin is like sitting by the phone, waiting for it to ring.

Preparations on and off the 340-square-mile post have many wondering how life will have changed by the time they return to Central Texas. Merker, 27, considers his 7-month-old daughter.

"She'll probably be walking and talking by the time I get back," he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Alan Vanvalkenburg, after receiving instruction on proper use of his gas mask, said the training will help assure he returns safely to his wife and 11-year-old son.

"I have a family to come back to," he said. "That's very important."

Signs of the coming exodus are all over Killeen, a fiercely patriotic community of 100,000 that once adopted "Tanks for the Memories" as its official slogan.

Some merchants are enjoying brisk business now but girding for the inevitable slowdown.

The deployment is even being felt at animal shelters, which are being overwhelmed by the arrival of pets being given up by sometimes tearful soldiers.

On the post, pre-deployment preparations are taking on a sense of urgency in an atmosphere that always emphasizes training and preparedness.

## Friends, family mourn peace protester

### Israeli military says death was an accident

BY PAUL QUEARY  
Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Within hours of being crushed by an Israeli bulldozer, Rachel Corrie became a martyr and hero for the peace activists of her home town.

Candles burned and bitter tears flowed as several hundred people gathered Sunday evening in a waterfront park in this small liberal city.

Mourners held photocopied pictures of Corrie, 23, a student at Evergreen State College in Olympia who died Sunday in Gaza while trying to stop the bulldozer from tearing down a Palestinian physician's home. She fell in front of the machine, which ran over her and then backed up, witnesses said.

The Israeli military said her death was an accident.

The caption under the picture displayed by the mourners was "Peacemaker," while a hand-lettered banner read: "Rachel, your courage, your spirit of resistance and your joy for life will inspire us always to stand for peace and justice." Mourners put flowers on a mock coffin draped with a Palestinian head-cloth.

Her friends called on the United States to stop aiding Israel and avoid war in Iraq.

"Rachel shouldered the responsibility that her government would not bear," said Krissy Johnson, 24. "She was killed by a bulldozer paid for by U.S. tax dollars. In her name, we say: Stop the killing."

In an e-mail earlier this month, Corrie had described a Feb. 14 confrontation with another Israeli bulldozer in which she referred to herself and other activists as "internationals."

"The internationals stood in the

path of the bulldozer and were physically pushed with the shovel backwards, taking shelter in a house," Corrie wrote in the e-mail, distributed in a March 3 news release by the International Solidarity Movement.

"The bulldozer then proceeded on its course, demolishing one side of the house with the internationals inside," she wrote.

Just a few months before her death, Corrie had been organizing events as an activist in Olympia's peace movement and at Evergreen, a small campus known for its devotion to liberal causes.

Through a local group called Olympians for Peace in the Middle East, she joined the International Solidarity Movement, a Palestinian-led group that uses nonviolent methods to challenge Israeli occupation. Among their methods is standing in front of the bulldozers Israel sends into the area to destroy buildings it believes are used by terrorists.

Other protesters who were with Corrie in Gaza on Sunday said she was wearing a bright colored jacket when the bulldozer hit her.

"Rachel was alone in front of the house as we were trying to get them to stop," said Greg Schnabel, 28, of Chicago. "She waved for the bulldozer to stop. She fell down and the bulldozer kept going. It had completely run over her and then it reversed and ran back over her."

Israeli military spokesman Capt. Jacob Dallal said her death was an accident. State Department spokesman Lou Fintor said the U.S. government had asked Israeli officials for a full investigation.

A tearful Craig Corrie, Rachel's father, remembered his daughter Sunday as "dedicated to everybody."

"We've tried to bring up our children to have a sense of community, a sense of community that everybody in the world belonged to," he said from his home in Charlotte, N.C. "Rachel believed that — with her life, now."

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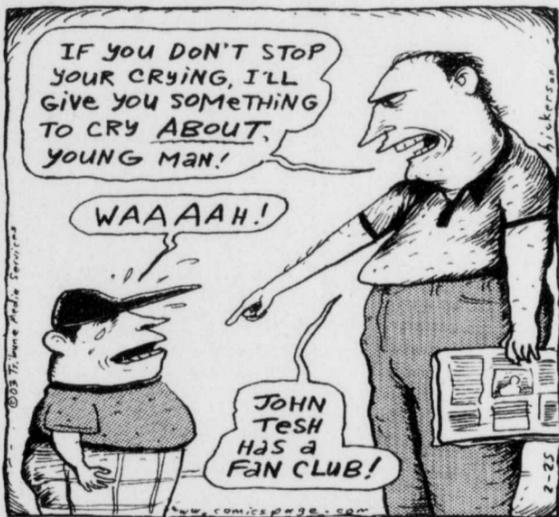
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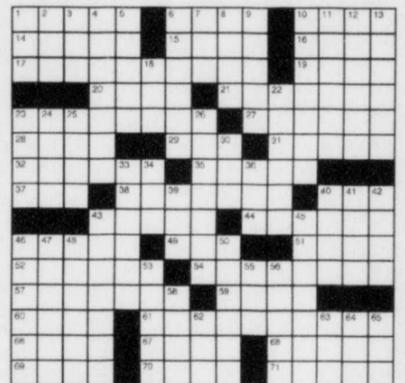
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## The Sideline

### Men's track team finishes 14th at NCAA Indoors

The men's 4x400 meter relay team took the silver medal, while Michael Frater and Jackson Langat earned all-America honors, as the Flyin' Frogs tied for 14th place at the 2003 NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships at the Randal Tyson Track Center on the Arkansas campus this weekend.

TCU scored 15 points in the meet, tying Southern California and Ohio State. Arkansas came away with the team title with 52 points. Houston, the Conference USA champions, scored four points.

TCU's 4x4 quartet of Brandon Simpson, Jackson Langat, Jabari Fields and Jerry Harris, challenged LSU the entire race, but came up just eight one-hundredths of a second shy of a national title.

Michael Frater had the best individual performance for the Frogs at the meet, placing fifth in the 60-meter dash finals with a time of 6.64 seconds.

### Lavin fired as head coach at UCLA after losing season

BY BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Steve Lavin was fired as UCLA's basketball coach Monday after the team's first losing season since 1948.

Lavin, who took the Bruins to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament five times in six years, was told about the expected move in a meeting with first-year athletic director Dan Guerrero.

"We went through the exercises officially," Guerrero said during a brief news conference on campus. "It was almost surreal. We had a very pleasant conversation. He talked about fresh starts for both of us."

UCLA went 10-19 overall and 6-12 in Pac-10 play. Its season ended with a 75-74 loss to Oregon in the Pac-10 Conference tournament semifinals Friday night.

It was a stunningly poor year for a program that has won a record 11 national championships: 10 under John Wooden in the 1960s and

1970s, and one under Jim Harrick in 1995 — when Lavin was an assistant coach.

Lavin was promoted to the top job in November 1996, when Harrick was fired, and went 145-78 overall.

"I take the long view, and I am grateful for the experience of teaching at one of the world's great universities," Lavin said in a statement. "I will remember most the lasting friendships I've made, and I remain optimistic about the bright future of the program."

Lavin had five years remaining on his contract. He will receive a buyout of one year of his full salary of \$578,000, and four years at the base salary of \$153,000.

Guerrero noted Lavin's accomplishments, including his teams' NCAA tournament showings. Duke's Mike Krzyzewski is the only other coach to take a team to the NCAA tournament's round of 16 in five of his first six seasons.

### Lady Frogs set to play Mich. State in first round

BY DREW IRWIN  
Skiff Staff

The women's basketball team will make its third straight NCAA Tournament appearance this week in Storrs, Conn.

At the team's Selection Party Sunday, the Lady Frogs found out they grabbed the ninth seed in the East Region and will play eighth-seeded Michigan State 2 p.m. Sunday in the first round of the tournament. The game will be televised on ESPN.

"It's an exciting day," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "We're going to face a difficult Michigan State team, and I expect a heck of a battle."

After starting conference play 0-3, the Lady Frogs battled back to win their first Conference USA tournament March 9 with a 85-76 victory against Cincinnati.

With that championship, TCU was given an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Loud cheers erupted from the crowd at Sunday's watching party when TCU's placement in the tournament was announced, but some people were disappointed to see the location so far from Texas. The Lady Frogs could have played their first-round game in closer cities like Lubbock or Norman, Okla.

"I'm surprised about the distance," Mittie said. "But I think that our team was tough to figure out where to place."

While the team is focusing on the first round, Mittie said, it is hard to ignore a potential second-round game with Connecticut. The winner of the TCU/Michigan State game will take on the winner of the UConn/Boston University match-up Tuesday.

Although UConn is coming off its first loss after a 70-game win-

ning streak, the team has been ranked No. 1 all season. The second-round game will also be played on Connecticut's home court.

"It's natural for everyone to look at UConn," Mittie said. "But I'm confident that our players will be focused on Michigan State, because they have a very good team."

Although the potential game with UConn would be a challenge, Mittie said there has been several other games where the Lady Frogs played well on a top team's home court. This year, TCU played four games on the road against top-25 teams.

"If you look at us, we've played well at Tennessee, Duke and other big places," Mittie said. "But it would definitely be a big challenge to play UConn."

TCU has a 2-0 against Big Ten

teams in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. It defeated Penn State, 77-75, in Ruston, La., in 2001, then beat Indiana, 55-45, in Durham, N.C., last March.

In addition to TCU's bid, four other C-USA teams were selected to the tournament. Charlotte, Tulane, DePaul and Cincinnati will join the Lady Frogs in the NCAA Tournament.

"Early (Sunday morning), I thought that we might get five teams from our conference in," Mittie said. "I think it's fantastic for our league, and it's very deserving."

The Lady Frogs have won their first-round game in the NCAA tournament two straight seasons.

They hope to make it three on Sunday.

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This Week in Sports							
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Basketball						Women @ NCAA Tournament vs. Michigan State	
Track					Dr Pepper Invitational in Waco All Day		
Baseball	vs. BYU 6:30 p.m.			vs. Saint Louis 7 p.m.	vs. Saint Louis 1 p.m.	vs. Saint Louis 1 p.m.	
Tennis	Women vs. Kansas State 2 p.m.	Women vs. Utah 2 p.m.	Men vs. AGU 9 a.m. Men vs. Wichita State 2 p.m.		Women vs. Marshall noon		



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Junior forward Amy Pack hugs senior Candice Baldwin after hearing the news of their upcoming tournament game with Michigan State.

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