

SPORTS

On the road

The Frogs enter a three-game series with UAB this weekend. **Page 6**



OPINION

Fake degrees are a cop out and more needs to be done to stop them. **Page 3**

OPINION

Choose your battles carefully but remember that sometimes you get second chances. **Page 3**

TCU DAILY SKIFF

100 years of service to Texas Christian University

Vol. 100 • Issue 99 • Fort Worth, Texas

www.skiff.tcu.edu

Friday, April 11, 2003

Kirkuk seized as northern forces crumble

One Marine is killed, 22 injured in 7-hour battle

BY DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

Opposition forces crumbled in northern Iraq on Thursday as U.S. and Kurdish troops seized oil-rich

Kirkuk without a fight and held a second city within their grasp. U.S. commanders said signs pointed to a last stand by Iraqis in Saddam Hussein's birthplace of Tikrit.

Despite the gains, one Marine was killed and 22 injured in a seven-hour battle in the Iraqi capital. Four more were wounded in a suicide bombing. "Baghdad's still an ugly place," said Maj. Gen. Gene Renuart.

Widespread looting persisted 24

hours after the city celebrated the regime's fall.

Increasingly, the U.S. military focus was away from the capital. Kurdish troops set off celebrations in Kirkuk when they moved in, and there were hopes that Iraqis would surrender in Mosul, another northern city, on Friday.

Nearly 100 miles to the north of Baghdad, U.S. commanders said Tikrit was the likely site of a last

stand by Iraqi forces — if there is to be one. Iraqi defenders were believed to have moved there from other parts of the country. U.S. commandos were in the region, and warplanes were attacking.

U.S.-led fighters and bombers also hit Iraqi positions near the border with Syria, where special forces were trying to prevent regime loyalists from slipping out of Iraq and to keep foreign fighters from entering.

There were signs of difficulties ahead in efforts at building a new society.

Two Islamic clerics were hacked to death in Najaf by a furious crowd at one of Shiite Islam's holiest shrines, witnesses said.

One of the clerics killed, Haider al-Kadhar, was a widely hated loyalist of Saddam, part of the Iraqi leader's min-

(More on BATTLE, page 2)

Foreign students face visa backlog

BY BILL MORRISON
Staff Reporter

A panel of college experts warned the U.S. House of Representatives Science Committee that something needs to be done about the backlog of visa applications, but TCU officials said they haven't encountered any problems yet.

The hearing focused on the immigration problems facing foreign graduate students in mathematics, science and engineering, who have come under increased scrutiny since the terrorist attack in 2001. John Singleton, International Student Services director, said it is too early to tell if they will have any problems.

Singleton said they have just started sending out 1-20 applications, which are university forms verifying full-time student status, and that they should be getting responses back in two to three months. He said response time varies from embassy to embassy because there is not a universal system for handling visa request.

"Most students are writing back that it is taking them at least a month and a half to get an appointment with the embassy."

— John Singleton

International Student Services director

"Most students are writing back that it is taking them at least a month and a half to get an appointment with the embassy," Singleton said. "They don't know how long the wait will be after that to get the visa."

Thus far, Singleton said, there have been no more visa denials than usual. Several people have been denied, Singleton said, but it is not uncommon for people to be denied. Applications to graduate programs in physical science, biology and chemistry will be looked at closely and be harder to obtain than other visas, Singleton said.

"Now, with the potential for terrorist scientists, any science that might be manipulated by someone with means other than academic, we anticipate to be tough areas to get a visa," Singleton said.

Problems for scientists stem from the expansion of the Technology Alert List, which the State Department created to prevent the export of sensitive information. Singleton said for students whose field of study is on the alert list, they can expect to wait a minimum of 45 days for background checks to be run.

Janice Jacobs, deputy assistant for visa services at the State Department, said the program that approves visas for those students has seen a huge increase in cases and refusals. At any one time, she said, they have 2,000 cases pending.

One field where it remains difficult to obtain a visa for is Intensive English, Singleton said. He said they are seeing more students accepted under a new combination program though.

New students aren't the only ones who must worry about getting visas, Singleton said. He said

(More on VISA page 2)

'Road Bikers' to ride from Houston to Austin

Bicycle trek benefits multiple sclerosis patients

BY NYSHICKA JORDAN
Staff Reporter

A road trip from Houston to Austin with friends is all about having a good time. But taking the whole 150-mile trek on a bike is a little different.

The Confused Road Bikers, a group of TCU students, staff and alumni, will ride in the BP MS 150 beginning Saturday to benefit people with multiple sclerosis. BP MS 150 is a two-day cycling adventure organized by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, according to (www.ms150.org).

Heather Estey, a junior kinesiology major, who participated in the event last year, said she decided it would be more fun to do the event with a group because riding alone is a more daunting task.

"I think the whole ride is a lot easier to do with other people than doing it by yourself," Estey said.

To recruit people, Estey said she sent out an e-mail to people she knew and that the network developed from there.

Estey said she decided to do the event last year when a friend introduced her to the ride. She said she has known two people who have suffered from multiple sclerosis and will wear a family friend's name on a bandana during the long ride, which is called a pedal pusher.

But what made her different from the pack last year was that Estey was one of the few people to

be on a mountain bike when most riders were on road bikes.

However, this weekend Estey will be in good company because most of the Confused Road Bikers will be on mountain bikes as well, she said.

Scott Hamilton, a senior e-business major, said this will be his first benefit ride. He said he came up with the name the Confused Mountain Bikers, but that the group decided on the Confused Road Bikers instead.

"It just worked out that we all had mountain bikes," Hamilton said. "It's kind of a whole theme now."

"It's a sacrifice — the time and the training, and it's a commitment to the organization."

— Scott Hamilton
senior e-business major

Hamilton said mountain biking is more technical than road biking and that mountain bikes are heavier and made to ride on non-traditional surfaces. He said road biking is more of an endurance event.

Hamilton said he decided to participate because it was a good cause and was something that would challenge him.

"It's a sacrifice — the time and the training, and it's a commitment to the organization," Hamilton said. "You can't just hop on a bike and say I can ride 150 miles without a problem."

He said to train for the event he has ridden on Trinity Trail and Benbrook Lake. He said his longest distance has been 50 miles in a day.

Estey said during the ride, bikers are allowed to stop and have lunch.

Besides the training time that team members have put in, they also

(More on BIKERS, page 2)

PEACEFUL GATHERING

BY EMILY BAKER
Staff Reporter

TCU Peace Action took advantage of sunny skies and a pleasant spring breeze Thursday afternoon to host the third annual Peace Fest, a festival designed to celebrate what peace there is in the world, said Jeff Brubaker, Peace Action president.

"Right now it is hard to think of what peace we have left," said Brubaker, a junior history major. "Even though we are at war, we have to savor what peace we have left and enjoy the freedom we have now that we might not have tomorrow."

"This isn't a protest but an event to get students out on the lawn having a good time celebrating peace."

— Andy Walker

junior engineering major

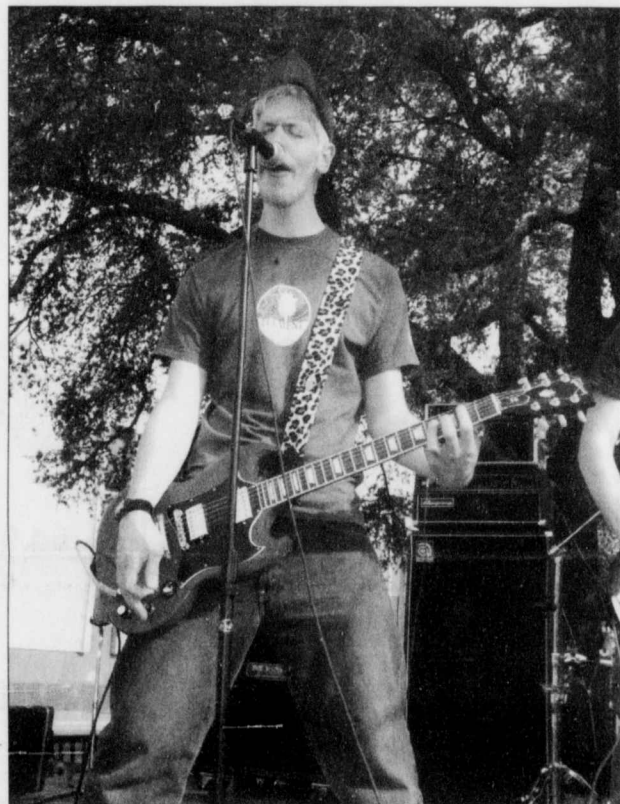
Peace Action members tie-dyed T-shirts to raise money for a trip to participate in a protest this fall in Fort Benning, Ga., Brubaker said. Amnesty International also attended to ask festival participants for signatures on letters protesting the development of oil pipelines in Ecuador.

A moderate-sized group of people attended the event, which began at 2 p.m. and lasted all afternoon in front of Frog Fountain. Several students said the main reason they attended was to listen to the live music.

Recent TCU graduate Sean Grost said he came to play music and promote peace.

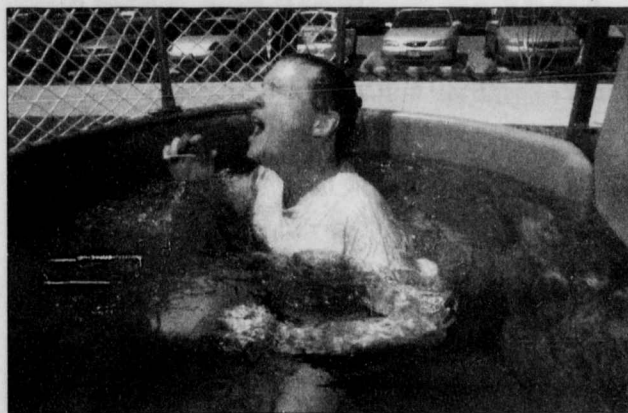
Michael Misquiston, a freshman business major at Tarrant County College, said he writes music with Grost and that the two

(More on PEACE, page 2)



(Top) John Spivey of The Color of May performs at Peacefest Thursday evening outside the Student Center. (Below) Junior engineering major Andy Walker plays with "mystix" at Peacefest near Frog Fountain.

Plunging in



Ty Halasz/Photo editor

Director of entrepreneurial studies David Minor takes a splash in the dunking booth outside of Smith Hall Thursday afternoon.

TCU graduate receives Cronkite Award

BY LAUREN HANVEY
Staff Reporter

A TCU graduate is standing out in the world of broadcast journalism. And that's the way it is.

Jay Warren, a 1994 graduate, was honored Tuesday in Las Vegas with the Walter Cronkite Award for Individual Achievement given by the University of Southern California Annenberg School of Communications.

Warren has worked for the NBC affiliate station in Roanoke, Virginia since 1998 and is the chief



WARREN

political reporter and weekend anchor at WLSL. He received the award for two news series reports he did about the

2002 congressional elections. Warren said he feels honored to have received the award.

"To be listed among a group as distinguished as this is truly humbling,"

Warren said. "I think much of the credit should go to my station's management. They've shown a strong commitment to covering political and government stories."

Warren said his interest in poli-

tics dates back to his TCU days. As an undergraduate, he was vice president of the Student Govern-

ment Association and interned at the White House.

Tommy Thomason, chairman of the journalism department, said there was never any doubt that Warren would succeed when he was at TCU.

"He was a very good student — hard working kind of a guy," he said. Thomason said Warren was al-

"It is gratifying to see that our journalism in this important area has been recognized as some of the best in the entire country."

— Shane Moreland

news director

(More on AWARD, page 2)

The Weather

FRIDAY
High: 76; Low: 50; Sunny

SATURDAY
High: 78; Low: 51; Sunny

SUNDAY
High: 77; Low: 56; Sunny

Looking Back

1917 — Composer Scott Joplin, the "King of Ragtime," died. His "Maple Leaf Rag" of 1899 launched a national craze for ragtime music.

1970 — The Beatles' "Let It Be" hit No. 1 on the pop charts. The day before the song hit the top position, Paul McCartney formally announced the group's breakup.

1996 — Time Warner and CompuServe announced a partnership giving CompuServe users exclusive access to a portion of Time Warner's Pathfinder site.

Watch For

For some, it's become a home away from home for the semester it has been open. On Thursday's Features page, see the pros and cons in our review of the University Recreation Center.

Inside Skiff

The Pulse/Campus Lines	2
Opinion	3
Etc.	5
Sports	6

THE PULSE

www.skiff.tcu.edu

CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

■ **Theater Department** presents "Twelve Angry Men" and "Twelve Angry Women" at 8 p.m. today and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information and reservations, call (817) 257-5770.

■ **Saxophone Quartet Recital** featuring Aron Lee, Melody Osborne, Mark Robertson and Justin Lucero will be at 7:30 p.m. today in PepsiCo Recital Hall. For more information, call (817) 257-7602.

■ **Victory Over Violence**, a 5K Walk/Run benefiting anti-violence programs of The Women's Center, will start at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Trinity Park Pavilion. For more information, call (817) 927-4006.

■ **Concert Chorale**, with director Ronald Shirey, will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in PepsiCo Recital Hall. For more information, call (817) 257-7602.

■ **Percussion Ensemble**, with director Brian West, will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information, call (817) 257-7602.

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. 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.

TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU Daily Skiff is an official student publication of Texas Christian University, produced by students of TCU and sponsored by the journalism department. It operates under the policies of the Student Publications Committee, composed of representatives from the student body, staff, faculty and administration. The Skiff is published Tuesday through Friday during fall and spring semesters except finals week and holidays. The Skiff is a member of The Associated Press.

Circulation: 6,000
 Subscriptions: Call 257-6274. Rates are \$30 per semester.
 Mailing address: Box 298050, Fort Worth, TX 76129
 Location: Moudy Building South, Room 291, 2805 S. University Drive, Ft. Worth, TX 76109
 On-campus distribution: Newspapers are available free on campus, limit one per person. Additional copies are \$.50 and are available at the Skiff office.
 Copyright: All rights for the entire contents of this newspaper shall be the property of The TCU Daily Skiff. No part thereof may be reproduced or aired without prior consent of the Student Publications Director.
 The Skiff does not assume liability for any products and services advertised herein. The Skiff's liability for misprints due to an error is limited to the cost of the advertising.
 Main number (817) 257-7428
 Fax (817) 257-7133
 Advertising/Classified (817) 257-7426
 E-mail skiffletters@tcu.edu
 Web site <http://www.skiff.tcu.edu>
 Editor in Chief Jacque Petersell (817) 257-6269
 Advertising Mgr. Karla Williams (817) 257-6274
 Web Masters Megan Stroup, Elizabeth Serio
 Student Publications Director Robert Bohler (817) 257-6556
 Business Mgr. Bitsy Faulk (817) 257-6274
 Production Mgr. Joanne Can Preisher (817) 257-7427
 Journalism Department Chairman Tommy Thomason

BIKERS

From page 1

had to raise \$300 each to participate.

John Singleton, director of International Student Services, is on the team and said that group members raised money through individual means and that he solicited business contributions from Blue Mesa Grill and Saprستی restaurant.

Singleton said the bike ride is about being grateful for having the physical ability to ride and to publicize that the disease is present.

"The fund raising is important, but just as important is the publicity that this generates," Singleton said.

International Student Services is donating team jerseys to the team, Singleton said.

Nyshlicka Jordan
n.d.jordan@tcu.edu

PEACE

From page 1

came to perform at the festival.

"I feel war is immoral, and it goes against everything I believe," Misquiston said. "It isn't good for children to watch 24-hour war coverage. We teach parents not to spank their children, and then we go to war? The inconsistencies don't make sense."

Grost said he also cautions against inconsistencies and suggests that people research their views to determine their validity.

Junior engineering major Andy Walker said he attended the festival for several reasons.

"I love to tie dye, I love live music and I love peace," he said. "This isn't a protest but an event to get students out on the lawn having a good time celebrating peace."

Other participants said they

were attending just because they wanted to perform.

Rob Harris, a guitar player for Nectarr, said he wasn't really sure what Peace Fest was, but he came anyway so he could play music.

"I'm pretty indifferent about the war, but it is cool that people want to come together for this," said Harris, a sophomore telecommunications major at Baylor University.

Brubaker said that even though no government authorities or decision-making bodies were present, the event could make a difference in the world.

"It only makes a difference if you want it to," Brubaker said. "The people who came all want change, and they are here saying they want change. Some people don't want change, and that's cool. But this is just a big jubilee and a big party."

Emily Baker
e.k.baker@tcu.edu

VISA

From page 1

students have expressed concern that once they leave the country, they will have trouble getting back in. Of the two students who

have already left and sought re-entry, one has had trouble getting in. David Ward, president of the American Council of Education, strongly recommended that the State Department create a temporary validation system for foreign students traveling for a limited time. This is some-

thing that Jacobs said the State department is working on.

This report contains information from the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Bill Morrison
w.c.morrison@tcu.edu

AWARD

From page 1

ways willing to make sacrifices in order to meet his goals.

According to a news release, the stories that won Warren the Cronkite Award impressed the judges with their innovative approach to election coverage. The judges said the first

series showed how viewers would be personally affected by the election results, while the second series revealed how the power of incumbents make a race less competitive.

Warren's news director, Shane Moreland, said he is continually impressed with Warren's reporting.

"Jay Warren has a strong drive to take our political reporting out of the traditional politicians' point of view and make it count to the everyday per-

son," he said. "It is gratifying to see that our journalism in this important area has been recognized as some of the best in the entire country."

Gene Alpert, senior vice president of the Washington Center where Warren interned in college and later worked full time, said Warren is deserving of the award.

Lauren Hanvey
l.e.hanvey@tcu.edu

BATTLE

From page 1

istry of religion. The other was Abdul Majid al-Khoei, a high-ranking Shiite cleric and son of one of the religion's most prominent spiritual leaders, who was persecuted by Saddam. They were killed at a meeting meant to serve as a model for reconciliation in post-Saddam Iraq. The U.S. military had flown in journalists aboard two helicopters to witness it, although they arrived after the violence.

An American plane beamed taped addresses by President Bush

and British Prime Minister Tony Blair to the Iraqi people. "Your nation will soon be free," Bush said.

There was looting in Baghdad and elsewhere, in the wake of the disappearance of civilian authority. One senior Pentagon official said military commanders have asked religious leaders in the capital to help calm the populace and reduce the looting. One Marine commander said he would institute a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

Some Iraqis did what they could to prevent looting.

At al-Kindi hospital, medical students were sent into neighborhoods to retrieve medicine that had been taken on Wednesday. They returned

with double-decker buses loaded with boxes of badly needed supplies.

In Washington, one administration official told Congress the Pentagon envisions parallel ministries run by Americans and Iraqis after the war until an interim government can be established. Paul Wolfowitz, deputy secretary of defense, offered no timetable for creation of the interim government or how long U.S. troops would remain in Iraq.

After three weeks of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Air Force Secretary James Roche told CNN: "We effectively have won the conflict. The regime is gone."

Snookie's
BAR & GRILL

2755 S. Hulen
(817) 207-0789

Tuesdays
AFTER 4P.M.
TWO FOR ONE
CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
EVERY TUESDAY

Texadelphia
EST. 1985

\$4.95 TCU SPECIAL
• Reg. Beef or Chicken
Cheesesteak
• Chips
• Drink

\$4.00 Pitchers

Pool Table • Golden Tee Golf
Ms. Pac Man • Satellite TV
Dine In • Take Out • (817) 920-1712

GRILL ALWAYS OPEN UNTIL 2 A.M.

SC

STONEGATE CROSSING
South Hulen Street & Stonegate Boulevard • Fort Worth

TCU does not encourage the consumption of alcohol. If you do consume alcohol you should do so responsibly, and you should never drive after drinking.

Skiff Advertising
TCU
 817-257-7426

Fiesta

Mexican Food
Restaurant & Catering

DISCOUNT
WITH TCU ID

MONDAY-THURSDAY
11am-8pm
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
11am-10pm

3233 HEMPHILL
FORT WORTH, TX 76110
(817) 923-6941

TCU Introduces Campus Storage!

Summer vacation is on the way! What will you do with all your "Stuff" for the summer?

TCU Residential Services brings you **Campus Storage**, a simple solution that will get you off to summer vacation fast for just \$31 - \$300, including pick-up, storage and delivery to and from your residence hall.

Take advantage of this great service in three simple steps:

- Register on our website at www.campusstorage.com
- Bring your stuff to the drop-off point at your scheduled time
- Head off for vacation, we take care of the rest

For more information call **866.4.STOR.EZ** or log on our website www.campusstorage.com

campus

storage

safe, affordable, delivered.

Stop by and see us at the Student Center from 10 - 4 on April 8 & 11

Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m. on April 20, 2003
on the lawn of Sadler Hall

"A tradition spanning more than three decades."

A Worship service led by TCU students and a presentation by the Sunrise Players

University Ministries

The Sunrise Service serves as the Liturgy of the world for the Catholic Community Mass Liturgy of the Eucharist immediately following in the Bass Building Room 107.

It keeps more than memories alive.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION
MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES
1-800-AHA-USA1

This space provided on a public service. ©2003 American Heart Association

If Mom calls, I'm at the Library.

SUNDAY \$1 Domestic Draft \$1 Well Drinks	MONDAY \$5 Domestic Pitchers \$1 Well Drinks	TUESDAY \$1 Domestic Bottles \$1 Well Drinks	WEDNESDAY \$1 Domestic Draft \$2 Import Draft \$1 Well Drinks	THURSDAY \$1.50 Any Bottled Beer in the House \$1.50 Well Drinks	FRIDAY & SATURDAY \$2.50 Jumbo Long Island Iced Teas
--	---	---	---	--	--

All specials from open to close.

TCU does not encourage the consumption of alcohol. If you do consume alcohol you should do so responsibly, and you should never drive after drinking.

LIBRARY

Houston Street, Ft. Worth, Texas
817.885.8201

OPINION

Your place for the opinions that shape your world | www.skiff.tcu.edu

The Skiff View BURNING

Guaranteed under First Amendment

For decades, cross burning has served as a symbol of racial terror in America, especially in the South.

Under a 5-4 decision handed down from the Supreme Court Monday, states now have the right to prosecute cross burners as long as the government can prove that the act was intended as racial intimidation.

According to the ruling, state laws that declare that cross burning is automatically assumed to be evidence of intimidation, are unconstitutional.

This decision will probably be unpopular, but no matter how you look at it, it is an attempt on the Supreme Court to protect Americans' freedom of expression.

It is very likely to arouse hate and anger in many people, as the burning cross has been associated with violence and terror for decades. But that reason alone is not enough to categorically ban all cross burnings.

Whether you agree with it or not, the right to burn a cross, just like the right to burn a flag, is a privilege that we are guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Someone who uses a burning cross for intimidation purposes is violating that privilege and, as such, will be subject to prosecution under the law.

The court's decision offers middle ground to a case that deals with extremely volatile emotions on both sides.

It upholds a 50-year-old Virginia law that was used in two separate prosecutions.

The court supported the law's use to jail two men who burned a four-foot cross on the front lawn of a black neighbor. However, they rejected Virginia's use of the same law to prosecute a Ku Klux Klan leader who burned a 30-foot cross at a rally held on a willing owner's private land.

QuoteUnquote

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

"He will destroy you like an academic ninja. He teaches well, invites questions and then insults you for 20 minutes. This class is boring, but I learned there are 137 tiles on the ceiling."
— Posts on (www.RateMyProfessors.com)

"If the Supreme Court overturns these sodomy laws it will be a great victory indeed. It would represent a new age of equality and an age where civil rights are still being supported by the U.S. government."
— Matthew Flinchum, eQ Alliance president

"It's not that I am worried about finding a job, I'm worried about finding one where I want it to be."
— Jason Seals, a master's of education student, on teaching in Fort Worth

"Our goal was to get off the field without anyone getting hurt and let everybody's family see them play."
— Gary Patterson, head football coach, on the Purple and White Spring Scrimmage

"Basically all (the police) can do is sit at the bottom of

the hill and watch them speed."

— Jo Ann Henk, a Tanglewood Neighborhood Association board member and captain of the Citizens on Patrol, on speeding in the neighborhood

"Jack is a consummate professional, but he's also one of the best storytellers and one of the funniest people I know. We'll miss his humor, his irreverence, his never-ending stock of great stories."

— Tommy Thomason, chairman of the journalism department, on retiring professor Jack Raskopf

"It seems egocentric to nominate myself as a philanthropist."

— Billy Prewitt, a senior economics and finance major, on having to nominate yourself for the Michael R. Ferrari University Mission Award

"I don't feel like it's a nomination as much as a simple application process."

— John Billingsley, a senior accounting major, on having to nominate yourself for the Michael R. Ferrari University Mission Award



Choosing life's battles

If there is one thing that I learned during my time as an intern in Washington D.C., it is that the system that we live under is not finite.

COMMENTARY

Ryan Salzman

Instead, I came to realize that what I experienced was nothing but a small part of a constantly evolving state of existence. Most of the legislation that we see has been in the works for years and years. Many times, legislation proposed during one session of Congress doesn't even come up for vote until another Congress has been elected.

It is this fluidity that got me thinking about the grander scale of life.

In my years here at TCU, I have known many people who treated every day as if it were do-or-die. This constant fretting and pushing caused them to burn out to the point where they did not know what to do and instead decided to do nothing.

We're never told that we should take it easy and not worry about something that could seem important. Each professor believes that his or her work is the most important and that extra time should be spent completing it. Never do they say, "Hey, if I were you, I would take the evening off and concentrate on living a healthy college life."

How, might you say, should I

do that? The professor would then say, "Spend some time with your roommate and go see that movie that you are both interested in seeing," or "go to the bar, take some shots and flirt with a stranger." I am not trying to say that students should be encouraged to engage in deviant behavior, but there is a place in college life for having fun and doing things that typical college kids do.

Life, like our governmental system, is fluid. There are many aspects of life that are first introduced to students when they move away to school. If these aspects are not given adequate attention then many of life's lessons will go unlearned. Doing laundry, washing dishes, cleaning and basic home upkeep are very important. These things will be necessary for the rest of our lives, and college is the time to learn how to do them correctly. Making appointments and paying bills on time are also important. Life is long and many times, arduous and simple repetitive tasks such as these can go a long way in determining one's success.

Having a healthy social life is also important. What good is a 4.0 GPA if you have no one to celebrate it with? In fact, all relationship building is important whether platonic or romantic. I learned in D.C. that networking, not your GPA, is the way to a good job. There are many important parts of

life that cannot be taught in a classroom, and these all deserve attention.

Now that the Major League Baseball season has started, I find it appropriate to draw a comparison between the sport and life. The Rangers this year have a team that is predicted to do as poorly as those in recent memory. The fact is that they will probably finish last, but in finishing last will win around 70 games. They will lose upwards of 95 games, but it is still impressive that a team who is supposed to be a disappointment will win so many games.

That is how life is. Victories and losses come in all sizes whether it is failing a quiz worth less than 2 percent of your grade or getting in to your top choice of grad schools. The fact of the matter is, these events are just a drop in the lake of life, not world-ending events, and they should be taken as such.

Choose your battles carefully. Too much energy spent in the wrong battle could be extremely detrimental just like the Rangers lack of focus on pitching or our government's lack of focus on anything that is important to most people.

But no matter how bad you screw up, there will always be another chance.

Ryan Salzman is a senior political science major from Temple. He can be reached at (r.salzman@tcu.edu)

Your View

Letters to the Editor

Soldiers choose to fight and will never be forgotten

After reading Monique Bhimani's article on our soldiers in Iraq being too young to fight, I instantly thought of my 19-year-old cousin who's out there fighting for our country.

You're right, 19 is too young to die, but to call him a baby is pure ignorance. He votes and pays his own bills, which is more than I can say for the majority of the students at this school. If my cousin died tomorrow, I will never believe that he died in vain, and I know that he will not be forgotten.

True, he may not have a wife or child or even a brother or sister, but he is a son, grandson, nephew and cousin. Do you honestly think that only a direct descendant would remember why he died?

As his cousin, I'd remember that he was willing to fight and die for everything that we have in this country.

Never has it crossed my mind that all the soldiers on the front line are seasoned veterans. In fact, I've always realized that our typical soldier is under 30 and more likely under 25. Even 19 is older than the majority of soldiers who have fought in previous wars for this country. And according to the Brookings Institution, there are presently over 300,000

children under the age of 18, both male and female, forced to fight in approximately 75 percent of the world's conflicts.

At least in America our soldiers have a choice whether or not to join the military. Therefore, in comparison to the rest of the world, our soldiers aren't "babies," and if you think they are, then so are you and why should your words have any validation?

—Dana Szucs, senior graphic design major

Lesbians and gays deserve equal rights in Texas

I am writing to openly commend Lara Hendrickson for her very well written, in-depth story on the push for the elimination of sodomy laws. The state of Texas is far behind the times in ridding us of this horribly discriminating law, and I hope that the on-campus awareness created by Miss Hendrickson's article will urge students to write their state representatives in support of its demise. I am a heterosexual male who is very much in favor for complete and total equal rights for lesbians and gays and can only hope that this is a step toward the legalization of same-sex marriages, equal tax credits and the social acceptance of homosexual lifestyles. Thank you for educating us all.

—Joshua Doss, senior theatre major

Soldiers show strength and bravery regardless of age

On April 8, 2003, an opinion article entitled "Bring the kids home" struck a nerve, and I feel obligated to reply. Of all the falsities put forth by the author, I will respond only to the most blatant.

First, to refer to American servicemen as "babies" truly displays the author's ignorance of the bravery, toughness and rugged beauty of the American soldier. The author has clearly never held an M-16 in her hands, marched 20 miles a day, or risked her life for the sake of others at home. These are not the actions of babies, but of heroes, the bravest and strongest America has to offer.

Next, the author reasons that these American soldiers should be returned home immediately because they have family at home praying for them. I must ask, then, how might this be different if the soldiers were older? Would America mourn a 25-year-old veteran less than an 18-year-old private?

Soldiers assume the risk of losing their life when they join the armed forces, and to say that the young Americans who are dying in Iraq now were not capable of entering that agreement freely is doing a disservice not only to the soldiers, I beg the author to don some BDU's and live a single day in the life of the American soldier.

—Jace Taylor, senior biochemistry major

Fake degrees are a cop out

Wish your transcript looked better? Want a college diploma already? Would you like to have your very own Harvard Law degree before Memorial Day? Well, if you've got a few hundred dollars to burn, you could have it all.

COMMENTARY

Hilal Nakiboglu

Thanks to the rapid proliferation of entrepreneurial Web sites, phony document trafficking is reaching an eyebrow-raising high. Accordingly, the number of people trying to use falsified documents to secure jobs and entry into graduate school is up as well.

Research conducted by Scrip-Safe, a company that manufactures college transcript paper, estimates that at least half a million people lie to their employers each year about having graduated from college.

Although forgery of academic documents in particular is by no means new, the Internet appears to have made the process faster and considerably easier.

The site (www.Backalleypress.com), for instance, offers customers "1,000 replica novelty degrees, diplomas and transcripts from universities all around the world." With its main office located in China, the company allows you to pick your own GPA and fill in your desired major. If you transfer \$630 to a bank account they've set up in Estonia, for instance, you can expect a doctoral degree complete with a "customized set of transcripts" in just 10 days.

Frustrated, some higher education lobbying groups have asked for the government to crack down on these companies. Although legislation in Illinois and North Dakota is being proposed that would make the use of such documents a misdemeanor punishable by law, other states have been slow to follow suit.

It seems to me that simply sending e-mails to companies like Fakedegrees.com isn't the answer here. Looking to curb document fraud, colleges would be well-advised to tighten up their own internal processes instead. There can be no excuse for people like Kole and Troupe to exist and publicly thrive in the higher education system by relying on false documentation.

While visiting the Backalleypress.com site last weekend, I considered ordering a Yale diploma for my cousin's new pet turtle Jimmy Dean. It certainly would look nice on the wall behind Jimmy's aquarium. Browsing through the site, I noticed the clear disclaimer that the company is "in no way affiliated with any school or government agency" and consequently, can't "put you or your attendance on any school records."

Catching a person who tries to use a fake diploma should be simple. It's up to admissions and human resource officers to do their part in keeping out the dishonest. The technology exists to help officials detect morally decrepit applicants. If Jimmy Dean gets an acceptance letter to medical school, then wouldn't blaming Backalleypress.com just be an easy, finger-pointing cop out?

My sense is, absolutely.

Hilal Nakiboglu is a columnist for the Daily Pennsylvanian at the University of Pennsylvania. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

TCU DAILY SKIFF

EDITORIAL BOARD

JACQUE PETERSELL, EDITOR IN CHIEF

KELLY MORRIS, MANAGING EDITOR
JORDAN BLUM, CO-NEWS EDITOR
LAURA MCFARLAND, CO-NEWS EDITOR
JULIE ANN MATONIS, CO-OPINION EDITOR

BRANDON ORTIZ, CO-OPINION EDITOR
MONIQUE BHIMANI, COPY DESK CHIEF
DAVID REESE, FEATURES EDITOR
TY HALASZ, PHOTO EDITOR

Editorial policy: The content of the Opinion page does not necessarily represent the views of Texas Christian University. Unsigned editorials represent the view of the TCU Daily Skiff editorial board. It does not necessarily represent the view of other Skiff staff members. Signed letters, columns and cartoons represent the opinion of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editorial board.

WriteUs

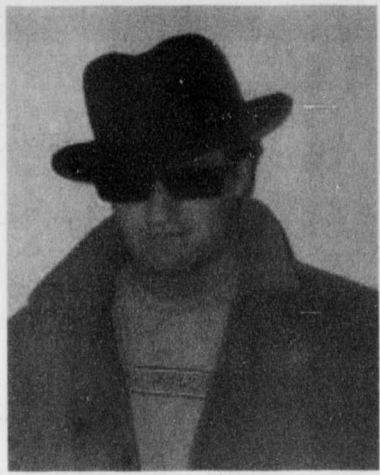
Letters to the editor: The Skiff welcomes letters to the editor for publication. Letters must be signed and limited to 250 words. Only letters delivered via e-mail or floppy disk will be considered. Letters must include the author's classification, major and phone number. The Skiff reserves the right to edit or reject letters for style, taste and size restrictions.

e-mail: (skiffletters@tcu.edu)

Mail: TCU Box 298050
Fort Worth, Texas 76129

Campus delivery: Moudy
Building South, Room 291

PADDY MURPHY AND HIS GANG



Paddy Murphy

Bryce "Ghetto Fabulous" Grisoli
Last seen eating at the Storer



Tim "The Loveboat" Vestal
Paddy's I-35 connection
Last seen replacing his headboard



Matt "I Can Buy, Sell, & Trade You" Andrews
Paddy's fashion consultant
Last seen looking for a happy ending



Adam "I Swear I don't look like a New Kid" Wheelless
Paddy's boy band consultant
Last seen dethroning the King



Brett "Me Love You Long Time" Gall
Paddy's asian ambassador
Last seen Nagano, Japan



Matt "Dumb Dumb" Ball
Paddy's Hair Stylist
Last seen looking in the mirror



Bryan "Born Again" Perkins
Paddy's Image Consultant
Last seen eating



Preston "Do you Know my Grandfather" Douglas
Paddy's dub advisor
Last seen trying to grow a ponytail



Tommy "Cling to His Card" Taylor
Paddy's spring time advisor
Last seen on the sideline



Matt "Greatest Hits" Lopez
Paddy's arms dealer
Last seen at Cheerleading practice



Ross "Keep it in the Family" Harrison
Paddy's Border Patrol
Last seen removing a nose ring



Scott "I Don't Care What My Friends Think" Osborne
Paddy's true love advisor
Last seen eating Whataburger in bed



Blake "Why Did I Dump Her" Wegener
Paddy's shoe connection
Last seen chewing on the fat



Vincent "My Blinds Don't Work" Guerin
Paddy's IT consultant
Last seen writing to Italy



Kevin "Will You Pose for Me?" Mycoskle
Paddy's Paparazzi
Last seen under the mirrors



Zach "The Motivator" Meyer
Paddy's alarm clock
Last seen in search of his brain



David "The Gremlin" Peterson
Paddy's coach
Last seen in the Rickel doing calf raises



Will "I Love You" Link
Paddy's groomer
Last seen bumpin reds



Nick "The Bicep" Ratliff
Paddy's weight trainer weighing in at an angry 225
Last seen squaring away his bunk



Chris "The Optimist" Rush
Paddy's relationship counselor
Last seen on Cheech & Chong's fishing excursion



Chrisman "The Hobbit" Liverman
Paddy's interior decorator
Last seen solo at a John Price concert



Adam "Yahoo" Shirley
Paddy's cell mate
Last seen returning video tapes



Jason "Paddle" Long
Paddy's BEST FRIEND
Last seen in a private conference with Larry Shackelford



Chris "Jenkins" Petty
Paddy's pharmacist
Last seen South bound I-35



Andrew "Close Your Mouth" Dyer
Paddy's dealer
Last seen on the moon



Andrew "Backdoor Bandit" Calovich
Paddy's janitor
Last seen wearing his letter jacket on www.dateasingle.com



Jared "You're to Drunk to Drive" Fuller
Paddy's groupie
Last seen in the Bel Air Apt. bushes



Todd "The Colonial" Davenport
Paddy's Oldest Accountant
Last seen with his dad's best friend, somewhere pricey



Will "Nate Dogg" Bridges
Paddy's wingman
Last seen trying to regulate some fools trying to mess with Paddy



Judd "Drop Your Purse" Harrison
Paddy's ranch manager
Last seen changing his personality at the stroke of midnight



Tyler "the pretzel" Droege
Paddy's boyfriend
Last seen on the road to Creighton with a broken heart



Scott "the Total Package" Wendell
Paddy's Loan Officer
Last seen very confused



Wes "Mad dog" Bender
Paddy's debt collector
Last seen practicing with the girls soccer team



Andrew "Paul Mitchell" Porteous
Paddy's stylist
Last seen applying at Johnny Landoff Chevrolet



Chad "Probably" Campbell
Paddy's tutor
Last seen perfecting long division



Jordan "SPF 85" Nichols
Paddy's cornerman
Last seen egging on Nick Ratliff to fight



Leighton "Paper or Plastic?" Greenwood
Paddy's fusball partner
Last seen shopping for Birkenstocks



Michael "Karate Kid" McKeller
Paddy's swim coach
Last seen at a rush party



Neal "Rodeo" Wade
Paddy is his best man
Last seen around Mary's Finger

ETC.

Your place for entertainment | www.skiff.tcu.edu

Today's Funnies

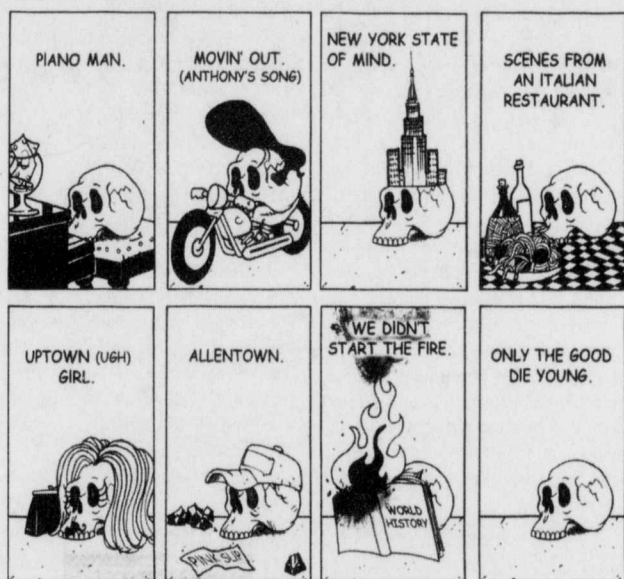
Paul

by Billy O'Keefe



Skully

by William Morton



Quigmans

by Hickerson



PurplePoll



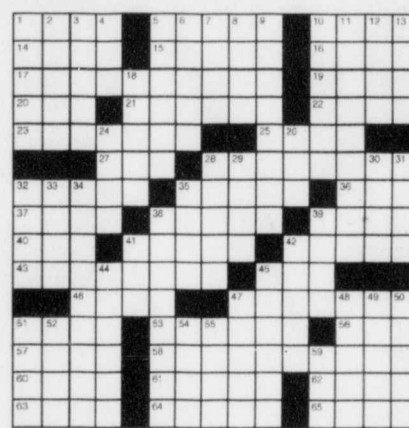
Q: Did you go to Neeleywood Thursday?

A: YES 8 NO 82 HUH? 10

Data collected from an informal poll conducted in TCU's Main Cafeteria. This poll is not a scientific sampling and should not be regarded as representative of campus public opinion.

Today's Crossword

ACROSS
1 New Zealand bird
5 "Endymion" poet
10 Cabbage dish
14 Motel room
15 Borden's cow
16 Sound properly
17 Thrill-seekers
19 Trigger treats
20 Individual
21 Tatum and Ryan
22 Make booties, e.g.
23 Tranquilizes
25 Middle of the month
27 One of those girls
28 Entered swirling
32 Tramps
35 Chili con
36 Miss neighbor
37 Pact partner
38 Fists
39 Fedora feature
40 Greek cross
41 Expand
42 Elbows
43 Uniformity
45 Joey in Australia
46 Salamander
47 Halftime inspiration
51 Mixer setting
53 Ethiopian's neighbor
56 Sandra of "Gidget"
57 U.S. rocket launchers
58 Start of festivities
60 Agam
61 "Mack the Knife" singer
62 Otherwise
63 Revel (in)
64 Smart follower?
65 off (angry)



© 2003 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All rights reserved.

04/11/03

Thursday's Solutions



TCU DAILY SKIFF CLASSIFIEDS

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted!
Perfect for college students. Gingiss Formalwear is now hiring for our very busy prom, spring formal, and wedding season. Seasonal and long term positions available. Part time positions available at Hulen, Ridgmar and North East Malls. No experience necessary. Flexible hours, fun atmosphere and great pay. Call Mr. Branch 817-307-4753.

Wanted PT/FT receptionist/cashier. Apply in person at Auto Perfections, 5201 Camp Bowie

Now Hiring Cadillac Drivers for Colonial Golf Tournament. Girls Only. Go to rentafrog.com for details.

Now Hiring Valet Parkers for Colonial Golf Tournament. Go to rentafrog.com for details.

Bartender Trainees Needed
\$250 A Day Potential. Local Positions. 1-800-293-3985 x411

Need someone to help with 3 school age children most afternoons, some evenings and weekends. Pay \$10 an hour, plus mileage and expense reimbursement. Must have reliable transportation. If interested contact Heaven O'Connell at 817-877-8879

P/T Bartender Showdown
No Experience Necessary
817-233-5430

SALES & SERVICES

ATTN: DIETS DON'T WORK.
LOSE 2-100 LBS
AND EARN \$\$\$
WWW.2URGOODHEALTH.COM
888-252-0723

Considering Adoption for your baby? Don't. Adoption harms women and children.
www.suziekidnap.com/fog, www.originsusa.org and www.exiledmothers.com

Experience Life Abroad Fall 2003. CEA awards over \$60,000 in scholarships. Apply by April 30 at www.GoWithCEA.com

FOR RENT

Moving to Austin? Best Apartment deals! No Rental/Credit. Sharon 1-512-826-5407

House for rent near TCU
4716 South Ridge Terrace
3 bedroom, 2 bath
\$1200/mo call 817-480-7726 or 817-597-6712

Call to advertise!
(817) 257-7426

Religion Directory

Baptist

University Baptist Church
2720 Wabash (across from Sherley dorm) Campus Bible study Sunday 9:20am Morning worship Sunday 10:30am Sish alt. worship Sunday 8:03pm Visit us on the web www.ubcfortworth.org/campus.htm 817-926-3318.

Disciples of Christ

South Hills Christian Church
Rev. Dottie Cook
Young adults-breakfast, fellowship, worship. Class at 9-45.
Worship at 10:50. Close to TCU. 3200 Bilglade Rd. Call (817) 926-5281 or www.shcc.ws (map).

Catholic

St Andrews Catholic Church
3717 Stadium Dr. (817) 927-5382
Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 pm. Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm. Daily Mass 8:00 am. sachurch@standrews.org www.standrews.org Franciscan Friars T.O.R.

Christian

University Park Church
University Park Church invites you to our FLIGHT Singles Sunday nights at 6:30. Worship, Bible study, fellowship & fun! And, it's close to TCU. For information call 817-336-2687

Church of Christ

Altamesa Church of Christ
4600 Altamesa 294-1260. 1.5 miles south of Hulen mall at Hulen and Altamesa. 9-45 college class. 11:00 worship. College Minister Mark. Small groups 6:00 PM. www.altamesa.org

First Congregational United Church of Christ
4201 Trail Lake Dr. 817-923-2990
Contemporary worship: Jesus, Justice and Joy 9:30. Traditional worship: 11:00 inclusive, welcoming, warm, heart, mind, spirit, listening, praying, searching.

Southside Church of Christ
2101 Hemphill St. Fort Worth, TX 76110
Worship: 9:30AM class: 11:00AM www.sscfc.org

Episcopal

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
10th & Lamar, Downtown Sunday: 8AM Holy Communion, 9AM & 11AM Morning Prayer, except First Sunday Holy Communion Anglican Worship. Evangelical teaching, 1928 BCP. Midweek Bible studies www.st-andrew.com 817-332-3191.

Bible Church

Christ Chapel Bible Church
3740 Birchman Ave. 817-731-4329
Sunday worship services: 9:45am, 5:00pm. College Impact 11:15am in the "Big White bullet"
FOCUS Acoustic Contemporary Praise Wednesday nights in Sanctuary 7-8pm Contact Ryan McCarthy Ryanm@christchapelbc.org

McKinney Memorial Bible Church
Sunday services at 9:00, 10:15, and 11:30 AM; College Crew at 10:15 AM in the SMB
817-377-4702 x233 See www.mckinneychurch.com for directions.

Lutheran

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1800 W. Freeway (Summit and I-30)
Traditional Service 8:00, 10:50am. Contemp. 11:00am. 9:30am Bible study. Wednesday Night Fellowship w/ \$1 meal - 8:00pm. Questions, Need ride? Contact Peter 817-810-9352. peter.couser@stplcfw.org

Call 817-257-7426 to advertise!

Let the Skiff work for you.
Skiff Advertising 817-257-7426

TRAFFIC TICKETS defended in Fort Worth, Arlington, and elsewhere in Tarrant County only. No promises as to results. Fines and court costs are additional.

JAMES R. MALLORY
Attorney at Law
3024 Sandage Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76109-1793
(817) 924-3236
Not certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

There is hope

There is **Volunteers of America**

Find out how you can help. Call 1.800.899.0089 or visit www.volunteersofamerica.org.

Volunteers of America
There are no limits to caring.™

Newly Renovated!

MONTICELLO-CROSSROADS

Apartments and Townhomes
150 St. Donoran
(817) 335-0305

Specials:

- \$15 application fee
- \$50 deposit
- \$150 to \$250 shopping spree!

Great Roommate Floorplans!

Minutes from TCU, Monticello Crossroads Townhomes is a gated community located in the heart of the cultural district, within walking distance to restaurants, live music and only 2 miles from downtown entertainment! Amenities include: Pool, gated community, covered parking, laundry facility, on-site 24-hour emergency maintenance, walk-in closets, and pets are allowed.

A New You

Feel more confident this summer with a Breast augmentation and find a new you, inside and out.

Bring this ad in for free consultation and \$250 off this procedure

jonathan heinstein, md
Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery

800 8th Avenue Suite 240 • Fort Worth, TX 76104
817.820.0000

FREE TRAINING!

We Can Train you for an exciting And financially rewarding career In the Insurance Industry

1-800-543-3553
agentinfo@farmranchhealthcare.com

First Year income should exceed \$100,000

SPORTS

Your place for sports news and features | www.skiff.tcu.edu

The Sideline

Frogs hold No. 2 seed in C-USA Championship

Tulane and TCU are the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, respectively, in the Conference USA Women's Tennis Championship, set to get underway

Saturday in New Orleans. TCU, which has a first-round bye, will play the winner of the DePaul/Marquette match on Sunday at noon.

TCU is 55th in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings.

Saturday's schedule is as follows:

9 a.m. — (7) DePaul vs. (10) Marquette

9 a.m. — (8) UAB vs. (9) East Carolina

Noon — (3) Houston vs. (13) Saint Louis

Noon — (4) Memphis vs. (14) Southern Miss

3 p.m. — (5) South Florida vs. (12) Charlotte

3 p.m. — (6) Louisville vs. (11) Cincinnati

— courtesy of www.gofrogs.com

Former Houston Astros pitcher signs with Braves

HOUSTON (AP) — Free-agent pitcher Shane Reynolds, cut by the Houston Astros just before the start of the season, is signing with the Atlanta Braves, his agent said Thursday.

Unidentified sources quoted by the station said Reynolds is signing for \$300,000, the league minimum, plus a one-year \$3 million mutual option with a \$100,000 buyout.

Tanzer said Reynolds, 35, would be reporting to the Braves immediately.



File photo

Baseball team travels to UAB for three-game series

A well-rested TCU baseball squad returns to the road this weekend to face UAB for a Conference USA series at Jerry D. Young Memorial Field in Birmingham, Ala.

The Horned Frogs come into the weekend after losing back-to-back league series for the first time in their two years in C-USA.

The Frogs are 20-15 overall (7-5 in C-USA) and are in fourth place in C-USA.

TCU will also face a potent offensive attack from UAB. The Blazers are hitting .290 as a team and are led by outfielder Kyle Leon's .411 average, eight home runs and 39 RBI.

Game times are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. All three games can be heard on KTCU 88.7 FM and at www.gofrogs.com.

— courtesy of www.gofrogs.com

Bullpen, hitters key to Rangers win

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Carl Everett and Mark Teixeira provided the power and the bullpen saved the day for the Texas Rangers.

Everett hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth and Teixeira hit his first major league home run as the Rangers rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the Oakland Athletics 5-4 Thursday.

"It was an entire team effort and the bullpen came through," Everett said. "With the type of team we have, even when we're four runs down we're within striking distance."

Francisco Cordero (1-1) threw a hitless eighth inning to pick up the victory. Ugueth Urbina pitched the ninth for his third save to help the

Rangers stop a three-game losing streak despite issuing 11 walks.

"There were a lot of keys to the game," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "Anytime you walk 11 guys and win a ball game, that's something."

Four Rangers relievers combined to allow two hits over 5 1-3 shutout innings. Aaron Fultz had the biggest impact, escaping a bases-loaded, no-outs jam in the sixth as the A's failed to expand their 4-3 lead.

After Fultz walked Miguel Tejada to load the bases, Eric Chavez grounded back to Fultz, who threw home to start a 1-2-3 double play. Fultz issued an intentional walk to Jermaine Dye, then struck out pinch hitter Ron Gant to end the sixth.

"In that situation, I'm looking for a groundball and luckily it was a groundball to me," Fultz said. "I usually would gladly trade one run for two outs but it worked out better."

With the game tied at 4, Everett led off the eighth by lofting a solo homer inside the right field foul pole for his first of the season.

Bradford threw a 2-2 slider down and in, right in Everett's power zone.

"It should have been up a little more, not down and in," Bradford said. "I was hoping it would go foul."

Scott Hatteberg hit three doubles and reached base five times, and Dye homered for the Athletics, who had their nine-game winning streak against the Rangers snapped.

Masters called off due to wet grounds

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The first round of the Masters was called off Thursday for the first time in 64 years after more rain fell on an already water-logged course.

Tiger Woods' quest for a third straight green jacket is now set to begin today at Augusta National Golf Club. Officials hope to get in 36 holes then, though more rain was expected in the morning.

"We believe this golf course is unplayable," said Will Nicholson, chairman of Augusta National's competition committees. "This golf course will just not take any more water."

Intermittent rain and showers have fallen on Augusta since Sunday. The course didn't open for practice Monday, and the popular par-3 contest was shortened by rain Wednesday.

In all, nearly 4 inches of rain have fallen since the start of the week.

"I've never seen anything like this here," said Ray Floyd, the 1976 Masters champion. "I know the decision not to play was tough, but what else can you do?"

Woods, who was initially scheduled to tee off at 10:44 a.m., didn't come to the course in the morning. He hoped to get in some practice in the afternoon, but only if the rain relented.

"I'll just see how it goes," he said. "I feel bad for the fans, but given how wet the course was, I'm

sure tournament officials did the right thing."

The club did its best to get the first round in. A day earlier, the scheduled 8:10 a.m. EDT start time was pushed back 30 minutes in an attempt to repair the course.

Early Thursday, the start time was moved back again to 11 a.m. About 10 minutes before play was scheduled to begin, officials announced that no golf would be played.

It was ugly out there — the course was dotted with impromptu ponds and the temperature wasn't expected to crack 50 degrees.

Nicholson said the most troublesome hole was No. 3, a soggy mess after all the rain.

"We had a terrible time finding any place for relief from casual water," he said. "With more rain expected, I'm not sure we'll have any place for relief."

The greens were in reasonably good shape, thanks to an underground system that literally sucks water out of the grass.

Before the rain, "this course was never in better condition," Nicholson said. "The fairways were firm and fast. The greens were firm. The conditions were absolutely perfect to play the course the way it was designed. Unfortunately, we have not yet seen that."

After the storm front moves through, warm, sunny days are expected this weekend. The last time a Masters finished on Monday was 20 years ago.

Change is in the wind, be the wind in our sails, the inspiration for the new Skiff personality.

The Skiff is changing formats, and looking for fun creative people to help us with our new look. Apply Now for Design Team and Production Staff openings. Just come to Moudy Room 292 and pick up an application.

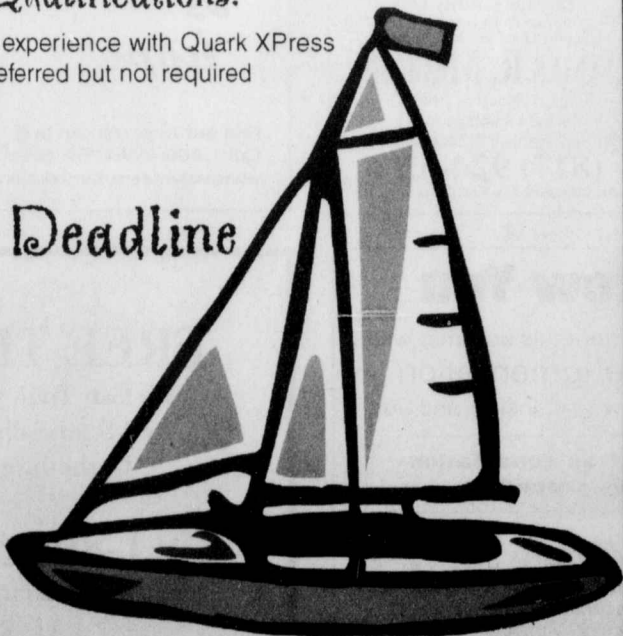
Design Team Qualifications:

- Creativity and High School or classroom experience with Quark XPress software
- Experience with Adobe Photoshop software preferred, but not required

Production Staff Qualifications:

- High School or classroom experience with Quark XPress or Pagemaker software preferred but not required

Application Deadline
April 24th



Want to Stand Out?

The Skiff is hiring students for the Advertising and Editorial Staff for the Fall Semester. The Skiff gives you hands on experience, flexible and convenient hours, and looks great on your resume. Come to the Moudy Building Room 294 South and pick up an application.

- Advertising Sales Representative • Advertising Production Staff
- Managing Editor • News Editor • Design Editor • Photo Editor
- Assistant Design Editor • Opinion Editor • Features Editor
- Sports Editor • Copy Desk Editor • Production and design staff

All Applications must be turned in by April 25 **SKIFF**