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## SGA sets budget for fall semester programs

BY JESSICA SANDERS  
Staff Reporter

Although Student Government Association's budget for the next academic year showed a \$5,000 increase, student fees will stay the same at \$20 a year because next year's expected enrollment increase will spread the cost, said Brad Thompson, SGA president Tuesday.

A significant addition to the budget is the \$2,200 allocated for a new Community Service Project account that will include programs like College Student for a Day, in which middle and high school students go through a day with a TCU stu-

dent.

Previously, money for such programs came from leftover funds, but this year SGA wanted to be sure there was money set aside for community service, said Thompson, a junior radio-TV-film major.

"Our theme for the year was community service," Thompson said. "So we wanted to include programs that offered that."

Thompson said they want to make a

strong effort to better connect TCU with the local community.

The budget also included \$500 for an online book exchange for students to sell their used books directly back to other students, but administrative resistance has brought the project to a stand-still, Thompson said.

Chris Mattingly, SGA treasurer, said if the money is not used for the book exchange, it will be

used for other expenses.

"Oftentimes, other areas may need to go over-budget or there may be an event that we didn't necessarily prepare for that requires financing," said Mattingly, a senior international finance major. "If that money is not used for the book exchange program, it will be used for overspending in other departments, or a project that doesn't have funding in other areas."

Programming Council treasurer Katrina Shutt said the new structure with program directors planning all events has made it easier to create a budget because they only have to plan for the next se-

mester.

Though the programs are not changing, specific accounts were only made for fall programs because program directors will change each semester, said Shutt, a sophomore marketing and finance major.

"We felt that our group should not be planning projects for the next group," Shutt said. "We allocated enough money but we didn't assign it to spring projects."

The budget for the 2003 fiscal year was presented to the House of Student Representatives April 8 and passed unanimously.

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## FOLLOWING THE EASTER BUNNY'S TRAIL



Rise School students, accompanied by their parents and teachers, go Easter egg hunting at the playground near Colby Hall.

Special to the Skiff

## Staff Assembly, Rise School combine to put on Easter egg hunt

BY LAUREN HANVEY  
Staff Reporter

Children scurried around the slides and ladders at the Rise School playground Tuesday in search of brightly-colored plastic eggs at the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Staff Assembly.

Although many of the children were more interested in playing on

the playground equipment than putting eggs into their baskets, 4-year-old Marshall Howard filled his in just a few minutes after he discovered the animal crackers inside.

The Easter event included an egg hunt, egg-dyeing party and pictures with teacher assistant Miranda Kelly dressed up as the

Easter bunny. This year, the Rise School's Grandparent's Day coincided with the Easter party, so there were plenty of grandparents on hand to help out.

Kristen Adams, a Rise School teacher, said the Easter party is stressful for teachers and organizers but still a lot of fun for everyone involved.

"It's a little bit of a crazy day, but the kids do really well with it," she said.

Staff Assembly really enjoys doing this event because it wants to foster a strong connection between TCU and the Rise School, said Julie Graven, community

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## Officials say TEG cuts will do harm

BY BRENT YARINA  
Staff Reporter

Rumors of an expected 20 percent cut in the Tuition Equalization Grant could mean the university will lose as much as \$400,000 of funding next year, Director of Scholarships and Student Financial Aid Mike Scott said Tuesday.

Scott said the Texas legislature created the TEG in 1971 to help students from all socioeconomic backgrounds afford tuition at independent institutions of higher learning. He said the program has been granting qualified students up to \$3,500 if they choose to attend TCU.

Next year,

Scott said,

the

amount of

money

awarded

through

these

grants

could be

greatly de-

creased, depending on the sig-

nificance of the cut.

He said the program is ex-

pected to be cut anywhere from

12.5 percent to 20 percent.

"This whole situation really

frustrates me," Scott said. "I'm

disappointed that there has to be

a cut, but we will make up for

any losses to prevent cutbacks

on any awards."

Scott said he does not agree

with the state's decision to cut

TEG grants, especially con-

sidering that the money saved

from the grant will be used to

increase funding for other

grants. He said the state thinks

these cuts are bettering higher

education, when they are only

benefiting public institutions.

With the money saved from

cutting TEG funds, he said, the

state hopes to provide additional

funding for the Texas Grant, which provides grants to stu-

dents at public institutions.

Scott said as TEG funds de-

crease, the state fails to provide

adequate funds for private col-

leges and universities.

"The state claims that by in-

creasing the Texas Grant, it will

make up for the money lost in

the TEG, but it doesn't," he said.

"The state is simply increasing

money to a pool that TCU can't

ever spend to begin with because

of Texas rules."

Scott said providing

additional funding to the Texas

Grant fails to benefit the univer-

sity because it reserves only 14

percent of its annual grants for

private institutions.

"However you look at it, in-

creased funding for the Texas

Grant doesn't come close to

equaling what the university

will lose from the TEG," he

said.

Larry Lauer, vice chancellor

for marketing and communica-

## Iraqis, U.S. meet to work on new government

### Sides look to mix democratic rule with Iraqi traditions

BY DAVID ESPO  
Associated Press

Iraqis met under American auspices to shape a new government Tuesday and said "the rule of law must be paramount" following Saddam Hussein's fall. In a war dividend, U.S. officials said they had taken Palestinian terrorist Abul Abbas into custody in Baghdad.

Four weeks after U.S.-led forces unleashed their assault, President Bush

promised to "liberate every corner" of Iraq and American troops hastened to redeem his pledge. Marines solidified their grip on Tikrit, Saddam's hometown, and American officials said fighting had ended in Qaim, a town near the Syrian border.

Acting on a tip, commandos searching a home in Baghdad found a weapons cache with a sizable chemical laboratory and documents they said were instructions on making chemical and biological weapons. They also reported finding a bomb concealed inside a bottle, another in an umbrella and a third in a telephone.

The U.S.-organized meeting on a new government drew scores of Iraqis to a gold-colored tent erected in Ur — bibli-

cal birthplace of the Jewish patriarch Abraham — and anti-American protest in a nearby city.

"No to America and no to Saddam," chanted thousands of Shiite protesters in Nasiriyah, exercising their new freedom of speech to object to the imminent creation of an American interim governing authority.

Inside the meeting, White House envoy Zalmay Khalilzad said the United States has "no interest, absolutely no interest, in ruling Iraq."

He added, "We want you to establish your own democratic system based on Iraqi traditions and values."

A 13-point statement released after the

(More on IRAQIS, page 2)

## Picking pictures



Freshman premajor Holly Jeter looks at the framed posters in the Student Center Lobby Wednesday afternoon.

Stephen Spillman/photographer

## The Weather

## WEDNESDAY

High: 82; Low: 54; Mostly Sunny

## THURSDAY

High: 82; Low: 61; Partly Cloudy

## FRIDAY

High: 78; Low: 62; Isolated T-Storms

## Looking Back

1943 — In Basel, Switzerland, Albert Hoffman, a Swiss chemist working at a pharmaceutical research laboratory, accidentally consumed LSD-25, a synthetic drug he had created in 1938. The effects of the hallucinogen were discovered.

1972 — Apollo 16, the fifth of six U.S. lunar landing missions, was successfully launched on its 238,000-mile journey to the moon.

## 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.

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## CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

**Nutritious, Active and Fun — All in One!**, a nutrition seminar, will be held at noon today in the University Recreation Center, Room 48. For more information, contact Julie Mangelsdorf at (817) 257-7061.

**Amnesty International** will have a meeting 6 p.m. today in the Student Center Basement, Room 9. For more information, contact Lauren Kelley at (817) 257-8635.

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.** will host Zeta Showcase from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at Frog Fountain. For more information, contact Star Mitchell.

**Celebration of Community Service**, a reception sponsored by Community Action Network to honor accomplishments in volunteerism, will be at 7 p.m. today in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center. For more information, call Robin Williamson at (817) 257-7830.

**Circle K International** will have their last meeting of the semester at 9 p.m. today in Student Center, Room 205. For more information, contact Heather Stephens at (817) 257-8738.

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## EASTER EGG

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service chairwoman for Staff Assembly. There were about 30 Staff Assembly volunteers coming in and out throughout the morning, she said. Graven said her favorite part of the egg hunt is getting to spend time one-on-one with the children while she helps them put the eggs into their baskets.

Adams agreed it is important for TCU and the Rise School to work together.

"I want TCU to feel like they're a part of us and we're a part of them," she said.

Even though this is the third year for the event, Staff Assembly just started sponsoring it last year, Graven said. She said this is the first time for grandparents to play a part in helping their grandchildren with the hunt and that she enjoyed the new dynamic.

Dorothy Mae Busby, 3-year-old Kailey Hernandez's great-grandmother, said this is a great play-learning experience for the children.

"It's teaching them to associate with others through the play experience," she said.

Busby said Kailey has had a very positive experience in the Rise School and that her developmental process has really improved.

"This is really a foundation for their wonderful little lives," she said.

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## BUDGET

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Mattingly said he wasn't surprised at the budget's acceptance because many members of House and Programming Council had worked on it before it was voted on.

"It's passed so many eyes by this point that the majority of the kinks have been resolved," Mattingly said. "The majority of people that had comments or questions had resolved those issues before it came to the House floor since this has been an ongoing process."

Though the budget is very thorough, the actual amount of money that will be spent in SGA cannot be determined in advance, Thompson said.

"The budget is an estimate," Thompson said. "We won't know the final numbers until well after school starts in the fall."

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## NewsBriefs

### House elects committee chairpersons for 2003

The House of Student Representatives chose committee chairpersons for next semester during its meeting Tuesday.

George Ferguson, a freshman business major, was elected Dining Services Committee chairman and said one of his first actions will be to ensure cold drinks for students.

"One of the main things I want to hit on as soon as I get the position is the drinks in Frogbytes," Ferguson said. "We pay a lot of money and they're lukewarm."

A bill to allow swipe cards at concession stands at baseball and basketball games passed unanimously.

Blake Eason, University Affairs Committee chairman, said there is no way the swipe cards can be used at football games because football concessions are not supplied by Sodexho.

Also during the SGA meeting: Jose Luis Hernandez, a freshman music major, was re-elected chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee.

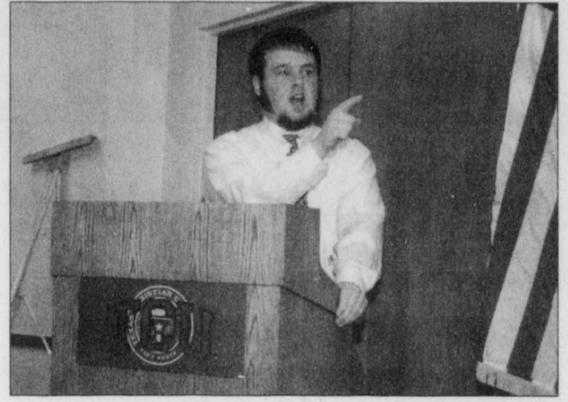
Nick James, a sophomore political science major, was re-elected chairman of the Elections and Regulations Committee.

Tom Casey, a freshman political science major, was elected chairman of the University Affairs Committee.

David Watson, a freshman business major, was elected chairman of the Permanent Improvements Committee.

Ray Miller, a freshman religion major, was elected chairman of the Residential Concerns Committee.

— Jessica Sanders



Ty Halass/Photo editor  
 Student Government Association elections and regulations chairman Nick James briefs SGA members at Tuesday's meeting in the Student Center.

## IRAQIS

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ing — picking the site near Ur, the biblical birthplace of Abraham — and flying in reporters.

Dozens of representatives from Iraqi factions attended, exiles and in-country residents among them.

Others boycotted, though, amid opposition to an interim authority to be established under the direction of Jay Garner, a retired U.S. general.

The group released a 13-point statement that said the new Iraq must be democratic, the rule of law must be paramount and Saddam's Baath Party "must be dissolved and its effects on society must be eliminated."

It wasn't immediately clear whether the paper was drafted by U.S. officials in advance of the meeting.

Participants voted to meet again in 10 days. Half a world away, Bush stopped short of a formal declaration of victory in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Today the world is safer, the terrorists have lost an ally, the Iraqi people are regaining control of their own destiny. These are good days for the history of freedom," he said.

There was another sign that the war was nearing an end. French President Jacques Chirac, a prominent critic of the war, telephoned Bush. In their first conversation in more than two months, Chirac appeared to soften his demand that the United Nations have a central role in postwar reconstruction.

After nearly a quarter-century of living under a regime that punished dissent with death, Iraqis experimented with freedom of speech.

"No to America and no to Saddam," chanted thousands of Shiite protesters in Nasiriyah, objecting to the U.S.-sponsored conference held not far outside that southern city.

"Americans are against freedom and democracy," shouted one man in Tikrit, Saddam's birthplace and the last major population center to fall to U.S.-led forces.

And in Kut, military officials said hundreds of protesters blocked Marines from entering city hall to meet a radical anti-American Shiite cleric who has declared himself in control.

There were ample signs, though, of Iraqi welcoming and cooperating with the American forces who established an armed presence in their midst. Some Marines in Tikrit wore flowers in their uniforms, gifts from residents of the city.

Joint Iraqi-U.S. patrols made their first forays into Baghdad. American commanders reported ample assistance from Iraqis eager to help the troops uncover some of the regime's secrets.

"We're getting millions of these tips, some credible, some not so credible," said Lt. Col. Philip DeCamp. The United States was offering incentives, too. Defense officials said the Pentagon would pay rewards of up to \$200,000 for information on the whereabouts of regime leaders.

Soldiers patrolling northern Baghdad found a mobile AM radio station in a warehouse at the Iraqi railroad yard, and worked to clear a city park from hundreds of munitions left from an Iraqi artillery and mortar position.

In his remarks, Bush said the war marked a "crucial advance in the war against terror." And despite accusations leveled against Syria in recent days by administration officials, Secretary of State Colin Powell said there are no plans for a military move against the Damascus government.

Powell said Iraq was "a unique case" that re-

quired U.S. military action.

Officials have accused Syria of having a program to develop weapons of mass destruction, and of providing safe harbor to regime leaders fleeing Iraq. Syria has denied the charges.

The meeting near Ur took place close to a 4,000-year-old ziggurat, a terraced-pyramid temple of the ancient Assyrians and Babylonians. Participants included Kurds, Sunnis and Shites from inside the country as well as others who have been in exile.

Americans picked the groups to be represented, but each faction selected its own representatives.

There were some boycotts, one of several indications of the difficulty confronting those attempting to build a government where religious and ethnic rivalries flourish. In addition, some Iraqi opposition leaders fear the United States is trying to impose Ahmed Chalabi, head of the Iraqi National Congress opposition group, as leader of a new Iraqi administration.

Even some of those at the meeting said they opposed U.S. plans.

"We will press for any Iraqi civilian administration regardless of what the Americans say. An administration by Garner is not acceptable," said Mowaffak al-Rubaie, an Iraqi physician and opposition activist.

Ibrahim al-Jaafari, one of the leaders of the Daawa party, an influential Shiite group, turned down his invitation. "We have our reservations against attending a meeting called for by a military side," he said.

"Iraq needs an Iraqi interim government. Anything other than this tramples the rights of the Iraqi people and will be a return to the era of colonization," said Abdul Aziz Hakim, a leader of the largest Iraqi Shiite group, the Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

## TEG

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financial aid, admissions or the university itself next year because the cut has not been finalized.

However, Lauer said, the university is working hard to limit the cut to 12.5 percent. He said the chancellor and other school officials are writing letters to their legislators, asking them to limit the TEG cut. Lauer said the officials are also encourag-

ing students and parents to do the same.

Board of Trustees Chairman John Roach said a number of board members have displayed their opposition to the cut in TEG funds by participating in lobbying efforts.

"We have no control over this, it's being done to us," Roach said. "How it turns out remains to be seen. But we're trying to make our best efforts to minimize the financial impact on TCU and its students."

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## The Skiff View

### PARKING

Shuttle service is better than nothing

Neighborhood residents, the City of Fort Worth Transportation and the Public Works Department are all joining efforts to keep students from parking on residential streets around east campus.

They want to make it illegal to park on much of the area of these streets and for those brazen students' cars to be towed, instead of just ticketed, when they do park illegally.

Now it is time for TCU to do something about the situation.

Neighborhood residents have a right to be upset about being stuck in their own driveways and not being able to navigate through their own streets, even if they are being a little too heavy-handed with the plan to tow cars before ticketing them. But students often have little choice but to park on residential streets much of the time.

Currently, students would rather park on residential streets illegally and pay a \$12 to \$30 ticket rather than park on campus and risk paying \$75 to \$150 for a ticket. It's simple math really.

So, what are the options? The best option seems to be a parking garage with at least 600 spaces. However, administrators often cite a lack of funding and the reluctance of alumni donors to contribute to a building intended solely for parking.

A shuttle service could be developed to drop off students on east campus from the lot west of the stadium. But, once again, administrators have said in the past that surveys indicate a lack of interest from students in developing such a service.

But if students are going to be even further restricted from residential streets and if the garage just isn't in the cards, then the shuttle issue may just have to be revisited.



### Iraq may be liberated, but the fight is far from finished

And with Baghdad liberated and Iraqis breathing the sweet air of freedom, America mounted its great white steed and rode off into the sunset.

COMMENTARY

Writing a story about a country that completes its immediate goal of conquest in well short of a month could easily warrant an ending very similar to the one above. Even to the most cynical observer, this conflict was nothing less than a success.

I fear the next story might start: An irreconcilable darkness swept over Iraq with a lengthy occupation and continued loss of life that frustrated all parties involved for longer than could have ever been anticipated.

*"I am glad that the war ended quickly but now we must correct the wrongs that the Iraqi people have been made to bear, both by the recent military campaign and by their former dictator."*

In order to avert this there are certain things we must do, things we must avoid and things we must simply be aware of.

I am glad that the war ended quickly but now we must correct the wrongs that the Iraqi people have been made to bear, both by the recent military campaign and by their former dictator. Many civilians have died (roughly 1,300 by one count) and the number is still growing at an alarming rate.

Most of those who died are hardly different from us. In The New York Times on March 14, there was a prominent article telling the story of a family whose house was struck by a U.S. missile. The article focused on the father and his recent return from the hospital where he was treated for a broken ankle and other less serious injuries. He had thought his three daughters were still hospitalized, but his wife was trying to find a way to tell him they were dead.

This is only one of many stories that we will be told soon. We must give them our sympathies.

The notion of American superiority that our culture is often criticized for should be suppressed. We must respect Iraqi culture and society. By avoiding this ethnocentricity, many of the social conflicts and criticisms that may arise could be at least lessened if not completely negated. One of the easiest ways to avoid this convenient trap is by recognizing propaganda as such.

There are still many questions that need to be answered and without these answers world opinion will never be swayed and this will hurt our long term credibility.

Where are the weapons of mass destruction? Can we fix the damage done by 12 years of sanctions? Can we afford what we have already done and what is yet to come? How, exactly, do we plan to rebuild Iraq?

I don't see these being answered any time soon. In fact, it might just be easier to distract us. The threat of weapons of mass destruction was the initial reasoning for invading Iraq (for those who have forgotten) and we have a responsibility to those who have lost their lives to find them.

If we do not find them, we have no choice but to admit that we made a mistake. I sincerely hope that we have eliminated a serious threat and didn't wage war on a hunch.

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### Hard work key to landing job

For many seniors these past months and those quickly approaching will be filled with one thought: What in the world am going to do after May?

COMMENTARY

The job, internship or whatever makes-me-money hunt has begun for a lot of us.

Taryn Fears

And in this tight job market, we all take extreme measures in securing and keeping whatever position we happen to land. Graduating seniors looking for employment and their ramp onto the career fast lane should be about promoting themselves.

Even underclassmen looking for internships should work extra hard at establishing connections in the work force.

We shop ourselves. Print out souped-up resumes on glossy paper, spend a fortune on a new suit and even more on straightening and whitening our teeth.

We want to get hired fast. Ambition is a good thing. Having a determination and a drive to succeed in life is an admirable trait in anyone.

But this ambition does not have to come at the expense of a person's self-respect and dignity. "Brown nosing" is not cute. Neither is it profitable.

Jenny Chatman, a professor at the University of California-Berkeley, conducted a study of over 120 job-seeking students.

She found those who told employers what they wanted to hear landed jobs at a rate twice as fast than "more reserved but equally

qualified peers." Chatman's study suggests "brown nosing" is the key. "People are happy to be ingratiated upon," she stated.

Michael Schermer is the director of Illinois State University's Career Center and also the head of the Daily Vidette's — the Illinois State campus newspaper — publication board.

He said employers are looking for good workers.

"We want to get hired fast. Ambition is a good thing. Having a determination and a drive to succeed in life is an admirable trait in anyone."

When interviewing, Schermer said "doing your homework," knowing about the company and making that known to the employer is not "brown nosing" — it's smart.

"Being polite, kind and energetic is one thing, but there is only so much you can do," Schermer said.

There should be only one thing to do: Work!

I've experienced some success as a young writer. Doors have been opened for me through my time at the Vidette.

I've been recommended for internships, awards and other job opportunities.

Not because I run across to BigFoot gas station every morning to get the general manager a Dr Pepper. Nor have I spent inordinate amounts of time telling my professors how cute their kids are.

I just worked and behaved like

a well-mannered, educated young woman.

Hard work, good work and an easy going nature and positive attitude can help a newcomer gain favor faster than some strategically placed compliment.

Note to self: Compliment boss on tie before Monday's meeting and on his bevy of innovative ideas immediately following.

No, things are more sincerely given and wholly accepted when they are genuine. Making a daily ritual out of growing an

inch into an employer's favor can stunt professional growth.

Ana Complain-Romero, media specialist for State Farm Insurance, said recruiters base their decisions on the knowledge, skills and ability of potential employees.

Appearing excited about an opportunity is all right. But trying to curl up around their feet like a content home-fed kitten is a bit much.

It's easy to be an energetic "go-getter" without being a note taking, false praising brown-noser.

Beware — the eager kid can quickly become the annoying little grunt.

Taryn Fears is a columnist for the Daily Vidette at Illinois State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

## The Other View

### Paper was wrong but shouldn't be shut down

Some holidays just don't belong in the newspaper.

Stetson University in Florida had its student newspaper removed from campus for an extremely offensive April Fools' Day edition. *The Reporter*, renamed *The Distorter* every April Fools', featured profanity, racism and a sex column abdicating rape. Needless to say, campus officials weren't pleased and the paper was shut down for a year.

*The Reporter* was the first campus newspaper in the state of Florida, and since Stetson University is a private college, it is within the university's rights to remove the paper. Should action have been taken? Absolutely. Should the paper have been shut down? No.

A newspaper carries the duty to inform its constituency. It has an obligation to do so, and shutting it down prevents any such thing from happening. *The Reporter* should carry on publication with a brand new staff at the helm. Anyone involved with the tasteless exploits of *The Distorter* should be fired and prevented from ever working for the campus publication again.

Even if *The Reporter* didn't step so far out of line, its credibil-

ity would have still been questionable with the publication of *The Distorter*. College publications receive enough criticism for being vain attempts at real journalism, and fully embracing April Fools' Day is not the way to go about building credibility. Satire is a respectable art but not in the manner of *The Distorter*.

College publications are designed to help journalism students learn their craft, but they are not simple teaching tools. A college newspaper holds an awesome amount of responsibility and power, both of which the students at Stetson University abused. If *The Reporter* is not returned to campus, however, future journalism students will not receive an effective education.

A publication is a living, breathing entity and when managed and composed of nothing but students, it is the most effective form of journalism education, surpassing the knowledge instilled in the classroom.

*The Reporter* has lost all facets of being a respectable news source, but the work of future students can return it to credibility, if they're given the chance.

This is a staff editorial from the Daily Mississippian at the University of Mississippi. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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### United Nations needs to take charge

Over the last few weeks, the people of America and the rest of the world have witnessed and lived through the first war of the 21st century — a war currently aimed at

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Jose Luis Hernandez

defeating the brutal Iraqi regime and liberating its people from political oppression. The recent images and sounds of warfare speak louder than words — thundering cannon sounds and astonishing pyrotechnic sights.

Television networks, supported by state-of-the-art communications technology, have broadcast the most dramatic and powerful images of war in the history of our generation. War is a terrible thing, but when diplomacy fails, war becomes a necessary evil. Unfortunately, sometimes sacrifices must be made in order to achieve peace. This event will remain in history and in our memories forever.

I commend the courageous men and women of the American and coalition armed forces as they fight for freedom and democracy, peace and the liberation of the people of Iraq. They are an example to all of us who treasure the universal principles of equality,

liberty and justice for all.

Let us not claim an early victory just yet. As American and coalition forces finish the war in Iraq, it is imperative that forces begin to invest their efforts in focusing on the anticipated central mission and motivation of this military operation: the location of weapons of mass destruction.

A true victory will come only when American and coalition forces secure existing weapons of mass destruction, bring Saddam Hussein into custody and carry out a plan for constructing a well-defined future for the people of Iraq — a future of social progress, political stability and economic freedom.

Achieving these objectives will not only help justify this war before, but prove that this war is indeed just, fair and necessary.

The most difficult part of the mission is yet to come. We must be patient. Rebuilding a country that has been oppressed by an authoritarian regime for decades will take a considerable amount of time, effort and sacrifice from our

military men and women, government officials and leaders of the international community.

According to U.S. Department of State officials, the job of reorganizing a country of 23 million people will be too expensive and complex for a single country to handle on its own. For this reason

it is imperative that the United Nations begin to take a major role in the reconstruction and liberation process of the

people of Iraq.

Allowing the United Nations to enter the scene will serve to restore the organization's validity and credibility and help mediate diplomatic relations between members of the international community and a post-war Iraq. As we move closer to the resolution of this conflict, it is essential that the United Nations take charge in the planning of a democratic Iraq. It is now the United Nations' responsibility to act.

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## National/International Roundup

### French president speaks with Bush on Iraqi affairs

PARIS (AP) — French President Jacques Chirac, seeking to repair ties frayed by the Iraq war, spoke with President Bush for the first time in more than two months Tuesday and appeared to temper earlier demands that the United Nations be at the center of Iraq's reconstruction.

Chirac called Bush and told him in a 20-minute telephone conversation that France is willing to adopt a "pragmatic approach" on postwar issues, said the French leader's spokeswoman, Catherine Colonna. Among the issues cited by Chirac were Iraq's administration and reconstruction, its rich oil resources, international sanctions still in place against Iraq, and plans for an interim government, Colonna said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer called the conversation "businesslike."

He said the two leaders agreed Syria should not harbor Iraqi leaders, and they discussed Iraq reconstruction and Mideast peace.

### Water delivery plans to happen despite delay

GENEVA (AP) — The United Nations delayed the return of its first foreign staff to Iraq Tuesday, though the U.N. Children's Fund said it would move ahead with plans for a convoy of trucks with water for southern Iraq.

About 30 staff members were to begin re-establishing a permanent presence with a mission to assess humanitarian needs in the north, but the flight from Cyprus was delayed for a second day to wait for air corridor clearance from coalition forces, said Elizabeth Byrs, spokeswoman for the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

### U.S. will pay for whereabouts of leaders, weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon will pay rewards of up to \$200,000 for information on the whereabouts of leaders from Saddam Hussein's toppled regime and its hidden weapons, defense officials said Tuesday.

In addition to cash payments, U.S. forces in Iraq also can give food, basic necessities and other incentives to encourage Iraqi citizens to "provide information and other assistance ... including the delivery of dangerous personnel and weapons," said Defense Department spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Barbara Burfeind.

With major Iraqi fighting forces defeated, American troops have been focusing on trying to eliminate remaining pockets of resistance, finding key regime leaders and building up programs for the distribution of humanitarian aid.

Officers in the field may authorize rewards of up to \$2,500, and the war commander, Gen. Tommy Franks, can authorize up to \$50,000. Rewards beyond that — up to the \$200,000 limit — must be approved by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Burfeind said.

## American pilots approve wage

BY ANGELA K. BROWN  
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — American Airlines pilots and ground workers approved wage and other concessions that the airline said it needed to avoid filing for bankruptcy, the pilots' union announced Tuesday.

American, the world's largest carrier, waited for results of voting by flight attendants, which were also expected Tuesday.

Airline officials had vowed to file for bankruptcy as early as Tuesday if any of the three unions rejected the concessions. American is trying to cut labor costs by \$1.8 billion a year, or more than 20 percent.

Underscoring American's financial troubles, auditors for its parent company expressed doubt Tuesday about the company's ability to stay in business, citing large losses and the need to cut labor costs.

Leaders of American's three main unions had reluctantly supported the concessions as a better alternative than bankruptcy. They feared that American could use the bankruptcy process to impose even harsher cuts and reduced pension benefits.

"To willingly take our airline and our company into bankruptcy would not be a better alternative," said John Darrah, president of the pilots' union, while announcing the results of the pilots' voting. "There is no upside to bankruptcy."

But angry employees packed union meetings to complain that terms of the concession deals were too harsh. They objected to the length of the deals — nearly six years — and small raises in later years.

American sweetened the deals last week by offering one-time bonuses of up to 4.5 percent in 2006 or later if the company's credit ratings improve sharply.

The Allied Pilots Association said its members approved the concessions 69 percent to 31 percent.



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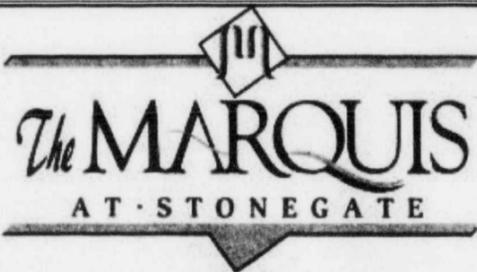
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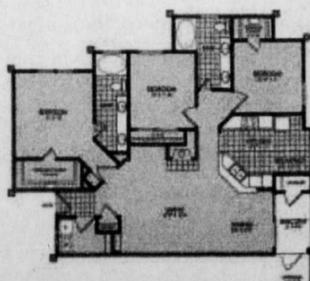
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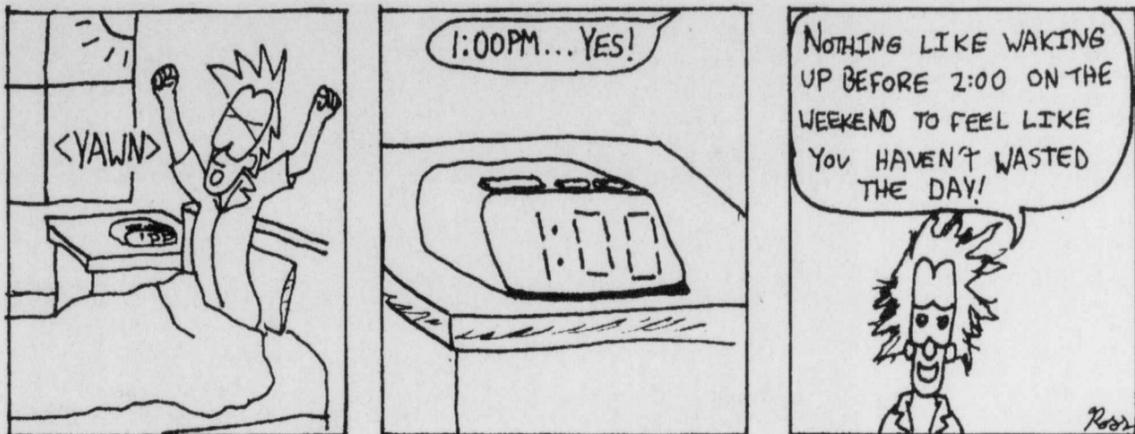
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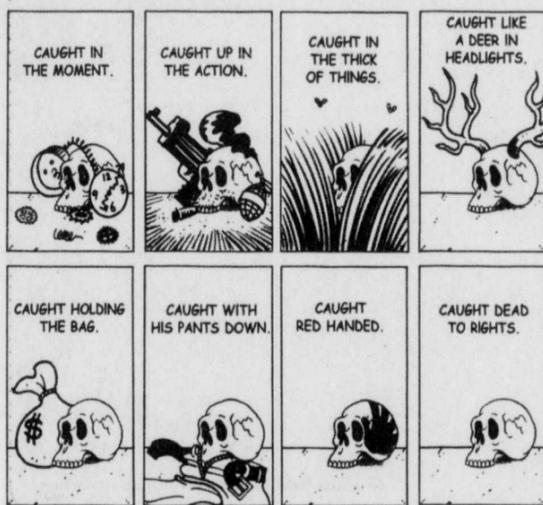
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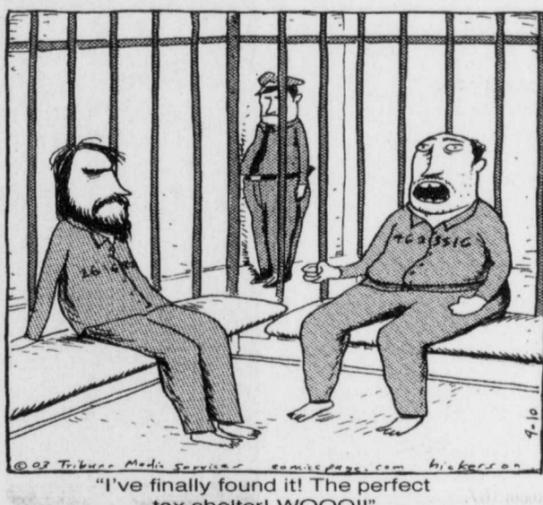
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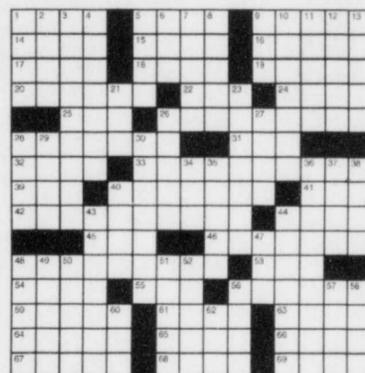
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- 5 Chums
- 9 Plots of land
- 14 Poetic tentmaker?
- 15 Landed
- 16 Puppeteer Lewis
- 17 Skirt type
- 18 Farm outbuilding
- 19 Turning point
- 20 Most senior
- 22 Vent
- 24 Give up
- 25 Genetic letters
- 26 Honorable citations
- 28 Speak haltingly
- 31 Calendar abbr.
- 32 Possesses
- 33 Kind of lens
- 39 Expression of distaste
- 40 Fine
- 41 Super serve
- 42 Accountable
- 44 Small, brown bird
- 45 Dashed
- 46 Most uneasy
- 48 Reporter's coworker
- 53 Poetic contraction
- 54 Actor Baldwin
- 55 Tennis shot
- 56 Thawed
- 59 Slightly adhesive
- 61 Address for a friend
- 63 Carpenter's groove
- 64 Host
- 65 Discard
- 66 Major Hoople's oath
- 67 Lion's laments
- 68 Meal scraps
- 69 Mus. sample
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- 30 Everlasting
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- 36 Lineage
- 37 Frosts
- 38 Piece of copper?
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- 44 Brandished
- 51 Stogan
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- 48 Provide food
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## SideLine

### Women's tennis team loses to Tulane at tourney

The 55th-ranked TCU women's tennis team couldn't pull off the upset win against the 28th-ranked Tulane Green Wave in the Conference USA Championship match Tuesday. Tulane topped the Horned Frogs, 4-0. TCU's record goes to 11-10 overall and 4-2 versus C-USA.

Tulane swept the lower three singles positions to clinch the championship title. As in doubles play, TCU battled back, but no matches were finished after the Green Wave clinched the win with Ana Saabi's 7-6, 6-2 victory over freshman Iris Jaklin at No. 5.

"We really played pretty close," said head coach Dave Borelli. "We were up in three matches at the end before the match was called. The kids rose to the occasion today."

### Sprinters named athletes of the week by conference

TCU sprinters Jabari Fields and Monica Twum have been selected as the Conference USA Male and Female Track and Field Athletes of the Week for their performances at the Texas A&M Invitational Saturday.

Fields, a junior, logged a pair of NCAA Regional qualifying times in both the 100 (10.31) and 200 (20.92) meters, while Twum, a senior, posted a season-best mark of 11.47 seconds in posting an NCAA Regional qualifying mark in the 100 meter dash.

They are the first TCU athletes honored by the conference during the 2003 outdoor track and field season.

### Conference USA honors men's tennis player

Conference USA announced athlete of the week honors Tuesday, naming TCU senior Toni Gordon and Joe Schmulian of Memphis as co-recipients of the weekly award.

Gordon is 12-7 overall this season and owns a career mark of 85-35 over his four years at TCU. He and doubles partner Fabrizio Sestini, a sophomore, defeated the SMU tandem of Eric Cohn and Ryan Mauck, 8-6, to help the Horned Frogs capture the doubles point Saturday.

## Cyclofrogs look to race ahead as club sport

### Official bike club focuses on friends, fun

BY BRADEN HOWELL  
Staff Reporter

Whether training for an upcoming race, or just looking for some exercise with good company, students interested in cycling have a common home.

Cyclofrogs is the official bike club of TCU. Two summers ago the club was nothing more than a small group of students who enjoyed spending their afternoons riding throughout the city, but due to the work of current club treasurer Casey Gordon, Cyclofrogs became an official club sport in January 2002, club president Ryan Lund said.

"When I was looking at colleges, I was trying to find one that had club cycling, but I chose TCU instead," Gordon, a senior advertising/public relations major, said. "Once we found an interest here, we knew we could do something with it."

In addition to Gordon and Lund, the 15-member club is headed up by vice president Justin Wallace. Although all three are competitive racers, Lund, a senior communication major, said the club offers something for cyclists of every skill level.

"We're not a crazy, spandex-clad, 300-mile-a-day club," Lund said. "Our group rides offer something for everyone. It's a nice way to get some exercise while hanging out with your friends."

Every week the club meets in front of The Main at 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for group rides. Lund said the type of ride the group does depends on who shows up each day, but that groups rides usually range from

20 to 60 miles and can be either road or mountain rides.

Wallace, a sophomore marketing and entrepreneurial management major, said the club is more about having fun, but that it's also a great opportunity to get people involved in competitive racing.

"Riding alone gets pretty boring so having a group is nice, and it's also good that we have people of every ability," Wallace said.

Gordon said he and other members of the club participated March 30 in the University of Texas at Arlington's race, the UTA Criterium, marking the first time the TCU students participated as a collegiate team.

The club is open to TCU students, faculty and staff, although only students are allowed to compete at races. Membership fees are \$75 for

the year, and included in the membership is a team jersey and discounts at local bike shops, Lund said.

Lund said the club also sells team jerseys to the general public for \$65 as a way of raising money for the club and students can pay for the jerseys using send-home.

"We sell jerseys to pay for entrance fees to races and for hotel rooms when we go to competitions," Lund said. "Everything costs money so the more jerseys we sell, the more opportunities we provide our members."

Gordon, a senior, said he has been pleased with the success of the club, but said his main goal is to see the club continue after he graduates.

More information about the TCU Bike Club can be found at the Cyclofrogs Web site at ([www.orgs.tcu.edu/biketcu](http://www.orgs.tcu.edu/biketcu)).

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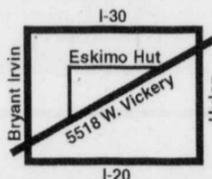
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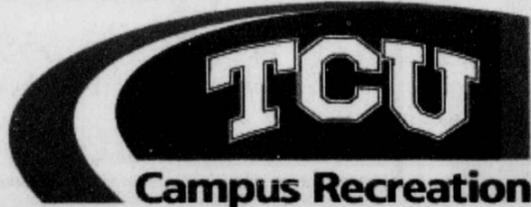
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Minutes from TCU, Monticello Crossroads Townhomes is a gated community located in the heart of the cultural district, within walking distance to restaurants, live music and only 2 miles from downtown entertainment! Amenities include: Pool, gated community,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



Campus Recreation  
[www.campusrec.tcu.edu](http://www.campusrec.tcu.edu)

Come be a part of our dynamic team!

Campus Recreation is now accepting applications for Summer and Fall employment opportunities in the following areas:

- Aquatic staff • Member Services • Weight Room Consultants/Monitors
- Outdoor Programs • Intramural Sports (Fall) • Office Staff

Application forms are available in the University Recreation Center  
Application deadline is Thursday, April 24  
For More Information Call 817.257.PLAY



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Class Gathering 9:30  
Worship Services 8:30 or 10:50