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Professors express concern over new curriculum

BY SARAH CHACKO
Staff Reporter

Some faculty members say they are concerned that proposed design changes to the current core curriculum could place the integrity of courses at stake.

Recently proposed design changes to the current core curriculum will put more focus on student interests and less on department boundaries, said Nowell Donovan, a member of the core curriculum committee.

"The core rests on an outcomes-

based philosophy," Donovan said. "What experiences, character, skills do we want students to take from this, how does the course meet that, will that outcome meet the mission of TCU?"

Daryl Schmidt, a humanities representative in the core committee, said the proposed design changes the perspective of education from teacher-end to learner-end.

"The question is what should you be getting out of it, instead of what am I giving," said Schmidt, religion department chairman.

Professors expressed concern that the proposed core is moving further away from TCU's mission statement than it is focusing on it.

Gene Smith, a history professor, said educating individuals to think as ethical leaders and responsible citizens requires a historical understanding of leadership responsibilities. History as a discipline, without being placed in a broader context, will lose its principles, he said.

"Where we, as a human society, are going derives from where we

come," Smith said. "If we don't know from where we come, how can we make accurate choices that influence where we are going."

Donovan said the new core is a basic start for the entire student body — a minimum to be added to. This independent outline is about student's following their own wishes and allows more possibilities, he said.

"It improves students' academic freedom, their freedom of choice," Donovan said.

This freedom requires the break-

down of departments and the power they hold over courses, Donovan said. History classes will be required, he said, but they may not come directly out of the history department.

Faculty Senate Chairwoman Peggy Watson said other departments, like fine arts, may propose courses that meet history requirements. Watson said the vast majority of history classes will come from the history department because it un-

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Appeals plan allows for more options

BY LAUREN HANVEY
Staff Reporter

Non-tenured faculty members now have a new appeal option in their annual department evaluations after the plan received approval at the Board of Trustees meeting on April 11.

Each year non-tenured faculty members working to gain tenure, a status that protects one from a quick dismissal, must undergo an evaluation by the chairman or chairwoman and tenured faculty of their respective department, said Mary Volcansek, dean of Add Ran College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Until now, there was not a higher official that non-tenured faculty could go to if they were dissatisfied with an evaluation they received, said William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. The only recourse was to request a meeting with the chairman or chairwoman and tenured faculty of the department to discuss the evaluation, he said.

Under the new policy, if a professor still does not like his or her evaluation after meeting with the department, he or she can appeal it to the dean of the college and the vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, he said.

"In other words, the faculty member has an expanded avenue of appeal," Koehler said.

He said the new policy was created because there have been situations when the chairman or chairwoman and department have been very firm in their evaluations even though the person being evaluated thinks the evaluation is unfair.

The evaluation is intended to help non-tenured faculty members know what they are doing right or wrong and what changes they may need to make before they are up for tenure, Volcansek said. But, the annual evaluation does not necessarily determine whether someone will be tenured, so the appeal is not related to appealing tenure denial, she said. However, she said, if someone receives three or four bad evaluations in a row, it is an indication that they should start looking for another job.

Donelle Barnes, an associate professor of nursing, said the change sounds like a good idea. She said, it gives faculty the opportunity to go outside the department with their appeal.

"As I understood it, the way it (More on TENURE, page 2)

Monday at TCU gets alternative

BY JESSICA SANDERS
Staff Reporter

The large number of high school students interested in Monday at TCU has led the admissions office to offer a Wednesday program as an alternative, said Carrie Wright-Brown, coordinator of Monday at TCU.

Ray Brown, dean of admissions, said the idea for the program, called Spring Preview, was developed by members of the admissions staff in order to accommodate the growing number of students who want to visit TCU.

"Our Monday at TCU programs essentially all year have been bursting at the seams," Brown said. "The final Monday at TCU program of the year on April 7 was so heavily requested that we knew we had to do something else even this year."

Brown said Spring Preview will be very similar to Monday at TCU, but just on a different day.

"It is, indeed, on Wednesday," Brown said. "Other than that, the most substantive difference is that the academic sessions in the afternoon will be supplanted by brief speeches by selected faculty members."

The only Spring Preview for this year is scheduled for today and, because of its late date, is aimed at high school juniors, Wright-Brown said.

Wright-Brown said 176 students are signed up for Spring Preview, as compared to an average of 340 to 350 students for each Monday at TCU.

"We've had such a high demand for students to visit cam-

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U.S. continues to remove threats

Shiite Muslims worship without fear of persecution

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Hundreds of thousands of Shiite Muslims crowded two holy cities Tuesday in a fervent pilgrimage that had been banned for decades under Saddam, while at the United Nations, France proposed suspending sanctions targeting Iraqi civilians.

The surprise move by France's U.N. ambassador, Jean-Marc de La Sabliere, would be an important step toward the U.S. goal of ending trade embargoes that have crippled Iraq's economy.

U.S. soldiers trying to stop looting discovered more than \$600 million in \$100 U.S. bills behind a false wall in Baghdad, Central Command spokesman Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks confirmed. More than 800 explosive suicide vests also have been found in various places, he said.

In northern Iraq, Jay Garner, the retired American general overseeing the rebuilding of Iraq, got a warm welcome when he visited the Kurdish region. "You always make me feel at home," Garner told one Kurdish leader.

At the largely peaceful Shiite pilgrimage in the southern city of Karbala, U.S. military officials said police arrested six men who had been planning to blow up two of Karbala's mosques. Five of those arrested were members of Saddam's Baath Party, and one said he belonged to al-Qaida, said Army Capt. Jimmie Cummings.

One of Saddam's most-feared lieutenants — Muhammad Hamza al-Zubaydi — was captured Monday by the Iraqi opposition and turned over to American authorities for trial on war crimes charges. He is the highest-ranking figure — No. 18 — on the U.S. military's most-wanted list to be caught so far.



Retired U.S. Lt. Gen. Jay Garner (second from right), his deputy British Gen. Tim Cross (second from left) and Karim Hassan (right) of Baghdad's electricity board get a briefing from U.S. Army engineer Maj. Andy Backus on the power situation in the Iraqi capital at Baghdad's southern power station Monday.

Al-Zubaydi was known as Saddam's "Shiite Thug" for his role in the bloody suppression of the Shiite uprising of 1991. Tens of thousands of people died in the revolt. Iraqi opposition groups have also accused al-Zubaydi of the 1999 assassination of a top Shiite cleric.

A Shiite himself, al-Zubaydi was once featured in an Iraqi videotape brutalizing Shiite dissidents.

"This is very significant — he is one of the most hated men in the former regime," said Haider Ahmad, a spokesman for the Iraqi National Congress, a leading exile group.

Eight of the 55 most-wanted are now in custody. A ninth figure, Ali Hassan al-Majid — known as "Chemical Ali" for his use of poison gas against Kurds — is believed to have been

killed in an airstrike.

Shiites streamed toward Najaf — burial shrine of Imam Ali, son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad — and Karbala, where Hussein, Muhammad's grandson, was martyred in the 7th century.

During Saddam's rule, the Shiites were forbidden to march. This year, they marched openly under black banners of mourning.

"We were prohibited from visiting these shrines for a long time by the Baath Party and their agents," Abed Ali Ghilan said in Karbala. "This year we thank God for ridding us of the dictator Saddam Hussein and for letting us visit these shrines."

Karbala was packed shoulder-to-shoulder with hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, waving black and green flags, chanting and beating their chests. Others carried photos of revered Shiite clerics.

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— **Abed Ali Ghilan**

Task forces give reports from semester

BY JESSICA SANDERS
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association task forces presented their proposals for the coming year at the House of Student Representatives meeting Tuesday.

The Academic Advising Task Force decided that mandatory first-year advising and faculty training will begin when the new core curriculum begins, said David Reese, task force chairman.

"There are many incon-

stancies in the delivery of advising information," said Reese, a senior news-editorial journalism and speech

communication major. "We're going to train all the advisers on the process and provide all the advisers with an advising manual."

Reese said the task force believes that improving advising

will help boost student involvement and retention.

"A lot of people don't even know about stuff that's offered with their major," Reese

said. "Hopefully with this you can see somebody who can turn you on to that."

The Integrity Council Task (More on SGA, page 2)

"Jumping into it too quickly wouldn't do anybody much good."

— **Katie Gordon**
task force chairwoman

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Stephen Spillman/photographer
Betty Buckley, a 1968 graduate, winner of a Tony Award and actress on the HBO show "Oz," speaks about her philosophy in acting.

The Weather

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High: 68; Low: 63; Strong Storms

THURSDAY

High: 84; Low: 55; Partly Cloudy

FRIDAY

High: 79; Low: 54; Sunny

Looking Back

1014 — Brian Boru, the high king of Ireland, was assassinated by a group of retreating Norsemen.

1564 — According to church records of his baptism, the great English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-on-Avon.

1956 — Elvis makes his first appearance in Las Vegas. The audience was so unimpressed with the rock 'n' roll star that his two-week run was canceled after only one week.

Watch For

The semester is ending and many TCU students are graduating. Check out the Opinion page all this week to read columns from senior Skiffers.

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CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

■ **Society of Professional Journalists** will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 279. For more information, call (817) 257-7428.

■ **"The Living Legacies of the Vietnam War,"** a lecture by History Department Green Chair speaker Robert Schulzinger, will be at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building North, Room 141. For more information, call (817) 257-6299.

■ **Picnic at Frog Fountain,** a reception honoring Chancellor Ferrari and retiring faculty members, will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday following the Retirement and Service Recognition Awards. For more information, call (817) 257-7808.

■ **Radio-TV-Film Department** presents "North by Northwest" (1959) at 7 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 164. For more information, call (817) 257-7630.

■ **Symphony Orchestra Concert,** with conductor German Gutierrez, will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information, call (817) 257-7602.

■ **Theater Department** presents "The Star-Spangled Girl," a production by Neil Simon, at 5 p.m. Thursday to Saturday in the Studio Theatre. For more information and tickets, call (817) 257-5777.

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Texas A&M may offer degree program in Qatar

BY LINDA K. WERTHEIMER
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (KRT) — Howdy, Doha. Qataris soon might get the chance to become Aggies if Texas A&M University gets state approval this week to open a branch campus in the Middle Eastern country. Texas A&M wants to join an unusual venture, known as Education City, in Doha, the capital of Qatar. The oil-rich nation has been home to the U.S. military's Central Command during the war with Iraq. Qatar's rulers recruited Texas A&M to provide the engineering school for Education City, a high-profile project in a Muslim country that some say is determined to become more democratic and modern.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board members will vote Thursday on Texas A&M's proposal, which won't cost the state or the university a cent. The private, nonprofit Qatar Foundation will

foot the bill with a 10-year, multimillion-dollar contract that covers faculty pay, housing and a management fee for the university. The final amount is being negotiated.

State officials say the proposal probably will pass, but they predict some interesting discussion about the concept of plunking down a branch of Texas A&M — home to the Bush Presidential Library — in the Middle East.

The Qatar program is rare, partly because of its location and because the universities are offering full degree programs.

"The real difference is where it is," said Marshall Hill, an assistant commissioner of universities at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. "The world has not paid much attention to Qatar until recently. We see daily briefings from Armed Forces delivered from Qatar."

"The idea that a Texas public university would establish a branch campus in such a place grabs

your attention."

State officials are concerned about the timing because the hostilities in Iraq are not over, said Don Brown, the Texas Higher Education commissioner.

"Everybody expects that one of the challenges will be to get the necessary faculty there," Brown said.

But Texas A&M officials have done a lot to show that they will protect professors, said Adair Margo, a coordinating board member. Qatar is at least 700 miles from the Iraqi border.

Texas A&M is making sure its agreement with Qatar addresses safety. The foundation has agreed to reimburse the university for evacuation expenses if the school believes that it's not safe for its faculty to remain there.

"It's a huge opportunity for Texas A&M and for this nation," Margo said. "I like the way they're moving ahead with boldness."

Texas A&M wants to start offering classes in Qatar in September.

NewsBriefs

Speech communication to undergo name change

The department of speech communication is changing its name to the department of communication studies said Chris Sawyer, speech communication chairman.

Sawyer said the official name change is set for June 1. He said catalog bulletins will remain under the title "speech communication" until the spring.

Sawyer said the department made the decision to change its name because many publications and associations are moving away from the term "speech."

"The field is more than just traditional studies focused on public speaking," Sawyer said. "It includes organizational communications, interpersonal communications and intercultural communications. Also, when people hear the word 'speech' they sometimes presume we deal with speech impediments, which we do not."

However, Sawyer said the curriculum will remain the same.

"We're just updating ourselves," Sawyer said. "We feel the new name will more accurately reflect our discipline."

Sawyer said department name changes happen regularly, and that nothing else within the department will change in the near future.

"This is just business as usual," Sawyer said.

Junior speech communication and child psychology major Tiffany Evans said while she has not heard a great deal about the name change yet, she thinks it could benefit the department.

"The new name sounds much more sophisticated," Evans said. "It might get people's attention and make them more involved in the communications program."

— Lara Hendrickson

TENURE

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used to work was that your appeal went to the very person that gave you your evaluation," Barnes said. "So, it doesn't matter if you appeal once or ten times, they will still have the same opinion."

This change is not a major issue, Volcansek said. The evaluation process is already designed to be more helpful than hurtful to tenure-track professors, she said.

Staff Reporter Bill Morrison contributed to this story.

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MONDAY

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pus," Wright-Brown said. "So we just wanted to give them another opportunity."

Wright-Brown said 1,300 students and 1,350 parents attended Monday at TCU during the 2002 to 2003 academic year.

The number of Monday at TCU programs increased from eight last year to 10 this year because so many students were interested in visiting campus, Wright-Brown said.

Ryan Mitsuhashi, a member of

TCU Ambassadors, said groups like Student Foundation and the ambassador program try to provide personal attention to students at Monday at TCU, even if there are large groups.

"I think some people would like it smaller, especially for one-on-one interaction," said Mitsuhashi, a freshman mechanical engineering major. "We try to make it as personal as possible."

Mitsuhashi said he doesn't mind the size of Monday at TCU but thinks Spring Preview is another good opportunity for students to visit.

"I think it has become a need

because the school is getting an increased number of applications," Mitsuhashi said.

Brown said the admissions office may have to come up with other ways to accommodate potential students if the number of student visitors continues to increase.

"We're going to have to rethink our entire visitation program for coming years," Brown said. "Particularly if the interest in TCU continues on the trajectory it's been for the recent past."

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MUSLIMS

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Two groups of 100 men in white robes slashed open their own heads with swords, splattering blood. Waving the bloody blades toward the shrine and screaming with joy, some were taken away in cars for medical attention. Others washed at a traditional Iraqi bathhouse.

The U.S. military has continued to encounter pockets of resistance. Near Mosul, coalition forces took fire from a small, disorganized force and repelled it, Brooks said. "This reminds us that there will still be firefights like this," he said.

The Army's V Corps took responsibility for security over all of Baghdad, expanding into the eastern part of the city previously overseen by the Marines, Brooks said.

The United States also increased its troop presence in the ethnically tense northern city of Mosul, sending in an Army brigade to reinforce special forces and Marine units that had been struggling to restore order after the collapse of Saddam's regime touched off looting, arson and gunfire. Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, is divided between Arabs and Kurds.

The latest reported discovery by U.S. weapons experts could help prove the existence of the weapons of mass destruction that President Bush cited as the reason for going the war.

The find was made several days ago with the help of an Iraqi scientist who claimed to have worked in Saddam's chemical weapons program.

U.S. military officials refused to name the scientist or identify the material, which had been buried in the ground. Many chemical weapons ingredients have nonmilitary purposes and officials cautioned that the findings, which are being analyzed, do not confirm the presence of chemical weapons.

SGA

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Force will present incoming freshmen with a non-mandatory honor pledge at orientation, said Katie Gordon, task force chairwoman.

"All the freshman will see this pledge," said Gordon, a senior electrical engineering major. "There will be a big banner with this pledge on it and they will be asked to sign this."

The Integrity Council will speak to incoming freshmen about integrity and will also collect surveys from students and faculty to gather their ideas about an honor code and integrity on campus, Gordon said.

"At the beginning of the semester, we decided that the best thing we could do at this point was to lay groundwork for an honor code," Gordon said. "Jumping into it too quickly wouldn't do anybody much good."

The Disordered Eating Network Team Task Force presented their results for the semester and future plans.

Celia Moncrief, a task force member, said the group has been working to raise awareness of eating disorders and is pleased with the results of this semester.

"And we're going to start a friends-of-support group for people who have friends with eating disorders," said Moncrief, a freshman psychology major.

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CURRICULUM

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derstands the discipline. However, the option is open for other departments to propose courses that investigate their own history, she said.

With the new core overlays, department courses will overlap under the Heritage, Mission, Vision and Values (HMVV) category. Though this might seem to call for course, and ultimately, faculty cuts in the future, Watson said, it will instead allow more room for departments.

German professor Jeffrey Todd said he is not worried that cutting the language requirement will decrease enrollment in language courses. However, he said, the cuts go against the university's mission statement.

Philip Hadlock, a French professor, said that by not including a university-wide language requirement, TCU is overlooking an important part of its mission statement.

"It would seem that some initiation into the languages and critical traditions of other cultures would play a key role

in achieving the sort of 'global-mindedness' that the university envisions," he said.

Donovan said newly designed courses go through the department they are designed for and the HMVV committee, which assess the course's objectives to see if they meet its established outcomes. The HMVV committee that decides the integrity of these courses will probably be Faculty Senate elected, the balance of which must reflect all interest groups, he said.

Smith said he understands anytime a new core is introduced, there are growing pains.

The Faculty Senate hopes to implement the proposed core for first year students by fall 2004. Part of the proposal is that the core curriculum be assessed every five years to evaluate its effectiveness.

Andy Fort, Faculty Senate assistant secretary, said the core has evolved a great deal through the years, and its four-year goal for implementation will be an evolutionary process as well.

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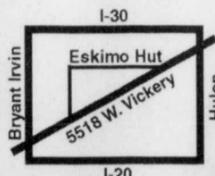
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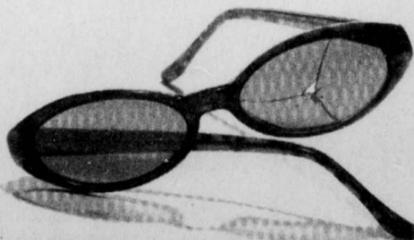
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The Skiff View

VISITING

Campus tours should be more personal

We've all seen those massive groups touring campus early Monday mornings. Hundreds and hundreds of people trying to listen to tour guides as they stand in front of the library and the chapel.

Monday at TCU has become a popular program for prospective students and their families. So popular that a Wednesday program has been added to accommodate the large number of visitors. Today, Spring Preview, the name for the new program, will welcome 176 prospective students. This is almost half the size of Monday at TCU groups.

Programs like Monday at TCU give students and their families information about all areas of academic, residential and social life. Special sessions and interactions with current students, faculty and staff are scheduled throughout the day.

Unfortunately the popularity of the programs prevents many visitors from experiencing the campus in a personalized setting. Tours are given during the week and Saturdays. Some groups are as small as one family. But during Monday at TCU, tour groups can be more than 50 people. What kind of impression do you think they have of straining to hear a tour guide compared to the smaller group who basically has a conversation with their tour guide?

Increasing the number of tour guides is one obvious solution. Student groups who give tours need to get more of their members to participate. The number of people who attend the program at one time should also be restricted. It's not a service to anyone if so many people attend that they don't feel they received any personal attention.

Spring Preview will give more students the chance to visit the campus with at least half the size of the bigger Monday at TCU events. A smaller personal experience is what TCU should be all about.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Liberation for Iraqi people doesn't end their problems

The streets of Baghdad are in chaos. There are fires, looting and mounds of trash on the streets. Basic needs like medical care, clean water and electricity are not being met. Although Saddam has been driven from power, the Iraqi people are still suffering.

Some Iraqis are growing frustrated with the situation. Firas Ibrahim, 30, told *The New York Times*, "Now we are satisfied that Saddam Hussein has left. But if this situation keeps up, we will all become volunteer Fedayeen (Hussein's militia). This situation is too much to bear."

While it's true that only a few weeks have passed and rebuilding Iraq will take many years, the future of the newly liberated country is not as bright as Bush has made it seem.

Retired U.S. General Jay Garner has been chosen by the Pentagon to be the postwar governor of Iraq. He will be the man in charge of establishing civil order and providing aid to the Iraqi people. But he already has several black marks against him.

First, Garner has drawn criticism from Arab leaders. They worry about his credibility because, in 2000, Garner signed a statement by the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs. Arab leaders have a problem with that statement because it said the Israeli military "exercised remarkable restraint" when they were dealing with the Palestinian authorities' atrocious actions.

Choosing Garner seems like an incredible misstep by the American government. The postwar governor should be someone who not only can restore peace to Iraq, but

can also work with neighboring countries to ensure peace once a new government takes over. It is unlikely that Garner will be able to work with nearby countries when they already disapprove of him.

Even if another person had been chosen, successful reconstruction would not be assured. Just look at the "progress" in Afghanistan since the United States drove the Taliban out of power.

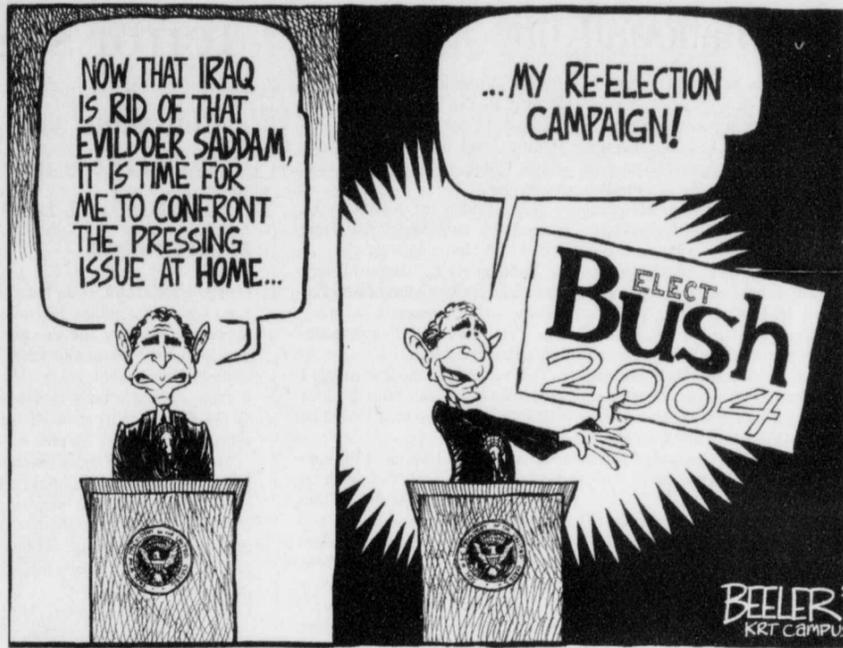
Afghanistan is still in crisis, and without a basic working government, 16 months after the end of the Taliban's rule. With a military that has been split by factionalism, an untrained police force and a religiously conservative justice system, the political situation is so dire that talks of rebuilding Afghanistan have gotten away from repairing infrastructure and humanitarian aid.

Despite this, the U.S. government continues to spend millions to train the new Afghan army.

Life hasn't changed much for the Afghan women. Repressed by the Taliban government, many women continue to wear the burka even under the rule for fear of insults or threats. The rights given to women after the fall of the Taliban are beginning to be taken away again by ultraconservatives inside the government.

If the U.S. government truly wants to liberate the Iraqi people, it must do more than drive out Saddam's regime. The government must look back and learn from the problems it faces in Afghanistan. If the United States doesn't learn from that situation, Iraq's people may not be much better off.

This is a staff editorial from The Columbia Chronicle at Columbia College. It was distributed by U-Wire.



Meaning still to be found

It's difficult to write objectively about my college experience while I'm still enclosed within the university's borders. I still live in the on-campus apartments with their Holiday Inn-esque furniture and paper-thin walls. I haven't yet packed up my four years worth of accumulated junk or walked across the stage to receive that coveted piece of paper.

I almost feel more suited to write a senior column about my high school experience than my college one. I know without a doubt how high school changed me. I remember coming home from the unfamiliar private Catholic school and crying almost every day for the first year. I also remember loving nearly every moment of my senior year. I didn't understand until after high school that my senior year would have been far less meaningful without the onerous freshman year.

I'm still too connected with TCU to analyze the past four years of my life. At this exact moment I'm just ready to be

done. I have a three-day-old headache caused by sleep deprivation, an internship, writing assignments and the 12 job applications waiting on my desk to be completed and sent off. There's not much time for sentiment.

Maybe in a year or so I will be far enough removed from TCU to be able to write an accurate, objective column about my experience here (not that I will actually write a column ever again). Maybe after I've spent time somewhere else, after I've seen who I am outside of TCU, then I can understand who I was at TCU.

When college friends are no longer minutes away, maybe I will then realize the value of those friendships. When GPA is no longer a concern, maybe I will then recognize my professors' wisdom and influence on my life. Maybe I will eventually identify the moments at TCU that shaped me, and maybe those will be the memories that last.

I don't yet know if I'm better prepared for the future because of TCU. I don't know if I'm a better person because of the uni-

versity. I do know that I'm grateful I was able to attend TCU (thanks Mom).

I also know that I don't regret any of my time here. There are moments that I wouldn't wish to repeat, but I can't take them

back now. Every mistake and achievement serves some purpose and teaches some type of lesson.

Soon we will rely on our memories to define our experiences at TCU. But just as important as memories, the future will determine the quality of our college experience. For many of us, that future remains uncertain.

Next year, I plan to teach middle school, pending employment. When I stand in front of those 7th and 8th graders the first day, I may quickly decide how wonderful college was and wish I were back there. Or I may discover that I should thank TCU for equipping me with the knowledge and confidence necessary for success. I'll find out soon enough.

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COMMENTARY



Bethany McCormack

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Life in 'Real World' is uncertain

Minus an F4 tornado, a shooting at Wedgwood Baptist Church, the fiasco of Election 2000, the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, a War on Terror, a War in Iraq, an economic recession and a record unemployment rate — all things considered — I might not have had much to write home about.

Without at least a few national tragedies, college might have seemed fairly uneventful for the leaders of the class of 2003 to live through on their own. And I know CNN's ratings would have suffered.

But what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, so we're told, unless it's SARS or anthrax or the use of Ephedrine-containing products, caffeine, nicotine or high fructose corn syrup.

And they say we should be proud of what we've accomplished — which we are — but maybe it's time for a mental break from accomplishment. From one over-achiever to an entire class of like-minded students, I thought these four years were to be a minivacation from that allusive "Real World."

Then popular culture goes and gives us Joe Millionaire and Fear Factor to prove that there are people who don't actually work for a living while we type 25-page papers in the crowded library. And

while an 18-year-old from Grapevine becomes an American Idol and debuts her CD at the local Wal-Mart, our former classmate Kristin Holt hosts the nationally popular show from Los Angeles as we dine in The Main.

With all due understanding, I've essentially just stopped listening to what my elders tell me — at least those with jobs secured already — and wait for the air to clear so we can see who's holding this smoking gun to the media's temples actually encouraging them to promote such fantasy lifestyles.

In my opinion, never before has a graduating class crossed the proverbial graduation stage balancing as weighty of a load as the class of 2003, but that could be because my shoulders are already wearing out from the past few semesters. Many of our classmates are aware that a \$2.13-an-hour job awaits them after graduation in the service industry to sustain them as they search for a job. And many more are thankful for their photocopying skills learned through unpaid internships and term papers that will speed up their training at their first office job.

Of my closest group of friends,

ranging in majors from business administration to speech communication, from Seattle to Richmond, Va., we all agree that more needs to be done to inundate the student body with either real life or real college life so that when we have a university that equates itself with at least the bare historical minimums of a college atmosphere — diversified enrollment, student

protests and the occasional graduation streaker — we will feel as if the \$50 in addition to the \$50,000 paid in tuition will be worth the price to have our names on a

brick outside the library commemorating 1999-2003, the college years.

In our remaining weeks here at TCU, it's hard to ignore the obvious facts and the uncertainty that awaits us post-May 10, 2003, but in reality we maintain a positive attitude and steady push toward the end. In the near future, you will see the leaders of our class wade through the battles that have been left for us and take charge of what someday will be the "Real World" that we've worked so hard to design.

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COMMENTARY



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Life at TCU was well worth the trip

If I was asked four years ago what would be the one thing college would teach me, I would have responded, "to enhance my journalistic craft." And although I will agree, compared to the very first feature article I wrote on an upcoming musician named Dot Allison (I know, who?), I really have enhanced that craft.

But the truth of the matter is that college has taught me much more than just a craft. It has taught me about me. As a freshman, I traveled some 1,400 miles away from my family and friends to a place I had only visited for two days some six months earlier. There was definitely the thought that "I am never going to make it," especially when my parents drove away and I was standing in front of Milton-Daniel Residence Hall.

"And although I credit numerous people, the truth is that my success is based on the fact that I didn't jump back into the car as my parents left that hot August day, or any other day."

I have seen many people leave because they could not adjust to this new type of life. And although I credit numerous people, the truth is that my success is based on the fact that I didn't jump back into the car as my parents left that hot August day, or any other day.

The university's flyers, pamphlets and admissions counselors always say how TCU is one big happy family and it is just a wonderful place to spend four years at (or five and six for some people). And actually, it really has been incredible. From my very first friend at the university in English 10103, Katie Swetala, to all of the people I have encountered over the years through residential services, student government and even the *TCU Daily Skiff*, I have found a home far away from my true family.

Since this is my last article for the *Skiff*, I feel like I need to share this space with those who have helped me become the person I am today. My educators and mentors: Peggy Watson, Todd Kerstetter, Anne Lucchetti, Melissa Young, Margaret-Rose Marek, Ryan Burns, Paul Herral and Earnest Perry. And especially Tricia Cerda and Karen Miller, my fourth grade teachers, who gave me my first journal to write my thoughts, stories or ideas because they saw my potential and believed I would one day become a writer.

Residence life has been a large part of my career at TCU. It was the first area of the campus that treated me like family and I feel like I have been a resident assistant forever. I want to thank all of the staffs I have ever been on.

I don't have a lot of space left but I want to mention some of the best friends I have ever had such as Swetala, Eric Lammers, Jen Gideon, Antoinette Vega and James Beasley.

Lastly, the people I owe this entire life to ... Mom, Dad, Jen, Grandma, Joe, Brie and God. Thank you for the guidance and support that has given me the power to spread my wings and take a lot of leaps in my life. I love you all and TCU, I love you too.

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National/International Roundup

More than 110 bodies recovered from disaster

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Rescue workers have recovered more than 110 bodies after two ferry boats capsized during tropical storms on different Bangladeshi rivers, and hundreds of people remained missing, authorities said Tuesday.

Some 108 bodies, including those of women and children, were recovered after a double-decker ferry, MV Mitali, sank Monday in the Buriganga River near the capital, Dhaka, the Shipping Ministry said.

Rescue workers using huge cranes partially lifted the sunken boat from the river bed and towed it closer to shore. Authorities have ordered another salvage ship to try to completely lift the boat, where many bodies are believed to be trapped inside.

More than 200 people still were missing from that ferry.

Survivors said the ferry's crew ignored passengers' pleas to return to shore as bad weather approached. They said dark clouds enveloped the river when the storm hit.

"We pleaded with the crew to turn and steer the boat closer to shore. But they ignored us and told us get back to our cabins," said Mohammad Iqbal, a survivor waiting on the river bank for news of his missing wife and sister.

Hasina Begum, a school teacher, wept in front of the body of her 2-year-old daughter, Mithila, who died in the accident.

Greenspan to be nominated for fifth term as chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Tuesday he intends to nominate Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan for a fifth term as chairman of the nation's central bank.

Greenspan, who turned 77 in March, has been serving as Fed chairman since August 1987. His

current term as chairman runs to June 20, 2004.

Bush gave his endorsement to Greenspan as the Fed chairman was preparing to undergo surgery for an enlarged prostate — a common problem for men his age. He is expected to return to work quickly.

In an interview with economic writers, Bush was asked whether Greenspan has done a good enough job to get another term. "Yes," the president replied. "I think Alan Greenspan should get another term."

Bush stopped just short of saying he intends to renominate Greenspan, but several senior White House officials said that was clearly the message he was sending. Congress would need to confirm the nomination.

Women U.S. sought held for questioning in Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Boston woman sought by the FBI for questioning about possible ties to the al-Qaida terror network is in custody in Pakistan, U.S. law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

Two officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Aafia Siddiqui, 31, was detained by Pakistani authorities in the past few days and was being interrogated at an undisclosed location. She originally is from Pakistan.

The FBI in March put out a global alert for Siddiqui, who has a biology degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and wrote a doctoral thesis on neurological sciences at Brandeis University in 2001. She also visited the Maryland suburbs near Washington in December or January, officials say.

'The Thrill Killer' set to die for multiple deaths

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A convicted killer believed responsible for at least a dozen slayings over a

five-month period while on parole headed to the Texas death house Tuesday for one of five murders authorities said he committed on a single bloody night in Dallas eight years ago.

Juan Rodriguez Chavez, 34, earned the nickname "The Thrill Killer" for the random attacks.

"It definitely fit," Jason January, one of the Dallas County district attorneys who prosecuted Chavez, said. "He was truly a living breathing killing machine..."

"He was one of the few people I dealt with in 15 years with the DA's office that clearly demonstrated he enjoyed killing."

Chavez would be the 13th condemned prisoner put to death in Texas this year and the first of two on consecutive nights.

Many of Chavez's victims were robbed or carjacked. Some were shot with a handgun, others with a shotgun. Some were mowed down by a stolen car or truck — their heads deliberately run over after they already had been shot.

"To shoot somebody, get a car and turn around and on several occasions take the tire of the vehicle and run over their heads, that's sadistic," January said.

Chavez, labeled an "equal opportunity assassin" by authorities, was condemned for the robbery and fatal shooting of Jose Morales, 39, gunned down July 3, 1995 while talking on a pay phone in northwest Dallas.

A witness said he grabbed Morales' wallet from his pants and shot him again before fleeing. The wallet contained \$2.

Chavez was arrested a month later when he reported to his parole officer. He had been released from prison the previous year after serving less than half of a 15-year term for killing a neighbor during a burglary. Chavez, a ninth-grade dropout, was 17 at the time of that slaying.

Terror suspect claims innocence

Moussaoui says prosecutors are withholding info

BY LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In between rants about the judge, his court-appointed lawyers and the attorney general, terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui has crafted a defense that contends senior al-Qaida captives will show he wasn't part of the Sept. 11 plot.

Moussaoui's complaints that prosecutors are withholding crucial information have persuaded the judge to question whether the government can give the acknowledged al-Qaida member a fair trial in open court.

In one recent motion, Moussaoui cited news reports that suspected Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed had told interrogators the defendant was not part of the conspiracy to attack the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

He asked the judge "to force the United States to give me the exculpatory statement of my brother Mohammed," because "brother Mohammed has told to the U.S. official that I was not 9/11."

Moussaoui's unpredictable self-representation has entangled the government in appeals even before the case goes to trial. He contends prosecutors are changing their theory of the case against him.

In recent motions he contended the government planned to argue in its opening statement at trial that he was a "5th pilot" of "an imaginary plane going to the Dark House," his sometimes reference

to the White House.

"They keep it for the opening statement at trial to create some excitement," Moussaoui said. He asked how it was possible that "1 1/2 years after 9/11, the ... defendant does not know about it. Classified."

Some U.S. and foreign sources say Moussaoui may have planned to be part of a second wave of attacks after Sept. 11, 2001.

Legal experts say they're fascinated by the handwritten pleadings that place demands for access to witnesses and documents alongside insults and bizarre statements. Recently Moussaoui suggested the need to bang the judge's head against the wall, derided Attorney General John

Ashcroft's Christianity, described one defense lawyer as fat and others as the racist, the Kamikaze and the Jew.

Moussaoui doesn't cooperate with the court-appointed lawyers, who were retained to represent his interests against terrorism charges that carry the death penalty.

Michael Mello, professor at the Vermont Law School, characterizes Moussaoui as among those "mentally competent although crazy-behaving defendants who act in self-destructive ways."

Two weeks ago in Alexandria, Va., U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema warned prosecutors that she found merit in Moussaoui's demands for more information, and she questioned whether the government could proceed in a public trial while keeping documents and information secret.

Her comments followed by two

months her secret order that reportedly granted Moussaoui's request to interview al-Qaida captive Ramzi Binalshibh, a suspected coordinator of the Sept. 11 attacks who — the indictment says — wired Moussaoui money as part of a conspiracy.

More recently, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond asked Brinkema to invite the government to find alternative ways of using classified information in the case.

The appellate order appeared to signal an attempt to salvage the trial, which is tentatively set for the fall but remains in limbo until judges resolve the clash between safe-guarding sensitive information and Moussaoui's constitutional rights.

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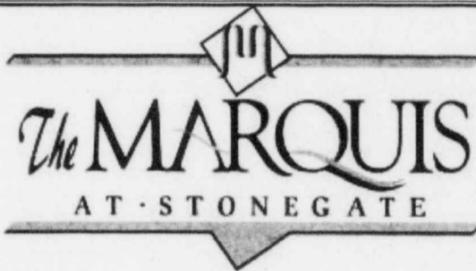
— Zacarias Moussaoui
terrorism suspect

Responding to the judge's skepticism and Moussaoui's demands, prosecutors said the defendant knows he can't see classified material. The government asserted he "is not entitled to a preview of the government's theory in this case," and called his motion "galling."

Stephen Dycus, a colleague of Mello at Vermont Law School, said Brinkema was obligated to raise questions about the government withholding information.

"It just sounds like a straight, by the book application" of the Classified Information Procedures Act, a law that guides courts in protecting a defendant's rights in a case involving classified information.

Other experts praised Brinkema for doing her constitutional duty despite a stream of insults directed toward her by Moussaoui.



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Locator services help avoid hassles of apartment searches, but buyer beware

BY KELLY MORRIS
Managing editor

When students sign up to live in residence halls on campus, everything is at their fingertips and all decisions are pretty much made for them.

Their only worry is deciding whether to bunk or loft their beds.

But when students decide to leave the convenience of on-campus residence halls for the freedom of off-campus apartments, everything is no longer so convenient and many decisions await them.

With so many apartments to choose from around the TCU campus, finding just the right one can be a daunting task.

Martha Maddox, a leasing agent at the Apartment Locator Service at 5412 S. Hulén Street, said locator services can be helpful in narrowing down a person's apartment search.

"It saves you a lot of legwork," she said. "If someone had to move next week, we'd get on the phone to make sure they have something available. If they don't have anything available, there's no reason to go out and look. It saves you time and gasoline."

Maddox said to begin the search, customers must fill out a form to specify what kind of apartment they are looking for. She said it is important to know the size, the location, the price range the customer is willing to spend, if they need a washer/dryer connection or have pets, she said.

"We can e-mail (the results), fax them or they can pick them up," Maddox said. "We like for them to pick them up, so we can go over it with them."

She said most apartment complexes take pets up to 20 pounds, but some have breed restrictions, like pit bulls. It can cost \$600 to \$800 to house larger dogs, Maddox said.

She said the locator service gets busier at the end of March and April, during which time there are many apartment specials like getting one to two months free rental or having a move-in cost of just \$99.

"Right now everyone is doing good specials, so we can give you the update on the moving specials," she said. "When it comes toward late spring and early summer, you're probably not going to have as many specials because they are going to fill up."

Maddox said searching the Internet has limited benefits when looking for apartments.

"You can go on there and get a list, but they're not going to be able to tell you the availability," Maddox said. "They may be able to give the specials, but as far as giving the availability, you'd still have to do that on your own."

Maddox said the free service she provides doesn't end until the customer finds an apartment.

"As long as they're still looking, I'm searching," Maddox said. "We try to follow up to see if they need more help because we strictly work on commission, so it's important for the client to put our name down on the apartment application."

But real estate lawyer Dan White said it is that commission that students should be careful of.

"Locators take you to apartments that pay them," he said. "Don't assume they're looking out for your best interest. They represent one thing and that's their commission."

Maddox said her office doesn't work that way.

"Some of them do it that way, but in this of-

ice, we don't do it that way," she said. "We are honest people and we try our best to find the best apartment for our customers. If it's a bad place, we're not going to send them there just because we have a commission there."

White said that apartments scams are not a terrible problem but that he sees most of his clients when they're trying to terminate their lease.

"Not all landlords are perfect," he said. "There are landlords that are just unscrupulous. It's a lot easier to get in an apartment than get out."

White said the reason why terminating a lease is more difficult than signing one is because most residents are unfamiliar with their hold-over or end of termination agreement, which gives residents either 30 days or 60 days to inform their complex they are leaving.

"If you put a deposit and an application fee down, and if you decide not to get the apartment, how many days do they have to get the deposit back?" she asked.

Maddox said the apartments around the Hulén Mall are cheaper than the ones located near TCU.

She said you can find a one bedroom near the mall for \$500 a month.

"It's great to live around the mall," she said. "There's five grocery stores, and there's no nicer mall in Fort Worth than the Hulén Mall."

She said the Park Ridge apartments located closer to campus are also a cheap find.

"They're a little older, but they're very inexpensive," she said. "A lot of the young boys don't care if it's real fancy. They just want a place to lay their head and a closet to put their clothes in."

She also said some complexes charge more a month depending on what floor your apartment is located on and whether it faces the pool.

White said with a little research and time, students can have a hassle-free experience when they sign the dotted line.

"You need to read your lease and understand it the best way you can," he said. "A lease is not drafted in your favor. Make sure there are no blanks in it, or if there are blanks, know what they mean."

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Apartment know how

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- Don't let the apartment complex pressure you to sign the lease.
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- Call the Fort Worth Police Department to see how much crime has been committed at the apartment complex in the last six months.
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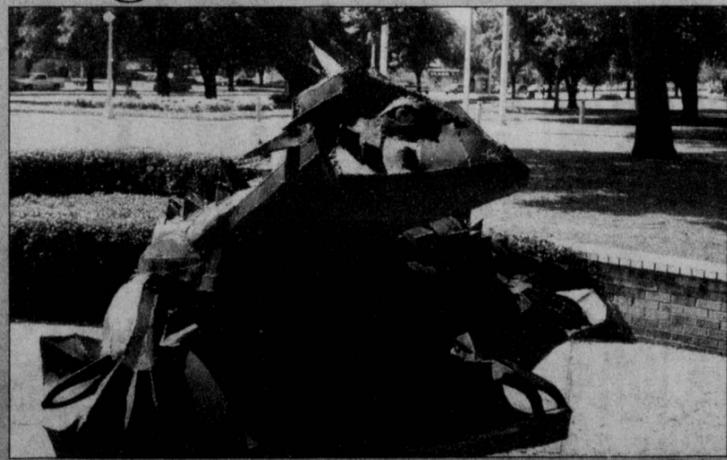
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*The information compiled below was from the Apartment Locator Service at 5412 S. Hulén St. in Fort Worth and from the TCU Apartments guide, which can be picked up in the Student Center.

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Frog of the Week



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The horned frog statue is located in the Sadler/Reed mall in the middle of campus. The statue represents Texas Christian University's pride in their mascot. Seppo Aamos designed the statue in 1984.

Congratulations to all of the spring recipients of Frog of the Week. We hope the readers of the Skiff got a little insight into some of TCU's finest Frogs.

- Jen Gideon
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Bush plans ways to fund rebuilding

Many countries have already offered assistance

BY ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even before issuing a formal declaration of victory in Iraq, the Bush administration is laying plans for an international donors conference to raise money for Iraq's rebuilding.

Dov Zakheim, the Pentagon's budget chief, said in an Associated Press interview Tuesday that the administration has no current estimate of how many billions of dollars it will take to reconstruct the country, which has been damaged by more than a decade of United Nations sanctions.

Defense Secretary Donald H.

Rumsfeld said Monday the war is not over yet, but more U.S. warplanes are headed home even as ground troops prepare for a longer stay to stabilize the country.

A first group of about 10 F-15E Strike Eagles will return to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., on Wednesday, and F-15C and F-16Cs are due back at other U.S. bases Thursday and Friday, Air Force officials said. B-2 bombers and F-117A stealth fighters already have returned.

Two of the five Navy aircraft carriers that participated in the war left the region last week.

Zakheim said a number of countries already are providing or pledging assistance for the earliest stages of stabilizing Iraq and laying a foundation for rebuilding its oil-based economy.

The United Arab Emirates, for example, is contributing a water purifi-

cation system for Baghdad, and Spain has promised to provide armed peace officers, which he described as constables. Eventually an international constabulary of several thousand officers will be needed, he said.

Zakheim said France, Germany and Russia — countries that strongly opposed President Bush's decision to invade Iraq — have not yet offered assistance. He would not say whether they would be welcomed as investors in Iraq's future.

Zakheim said he believed there will be more international interest in investing in Iraq's reconstruction than in the case of Afghanistan, which has less appealing prospects for economic revitalization. The initial donors conference on Afghanistan produced pledges of about \$2 billion, but the Bush administration complained for months that donors were slow in giving the money.

Schools look at charging for bus rides

BY KEN MAGUIRE
Associated Press

BOSTON — Lawmakers and school officials have a stark message for parents who think their taxes already pay for school bus transportation: No more free rides.

Cash-strapped public schools trying to hang on to their teachers are increasingly turning to busing fees to raise money. The move has angered parents and raised concerns that children may be forced to use more dangerous means — like walking — to get to school.

"It seems like this country can afford a lot of other things, but we can't send our students to school on buses?" asked Jane Million, spokeswoman for the National Association of Elementary School Principals. "To be able to get to school in a safe manner, we need to be able to provide that."

About a third of all school districts in Massachusetts already charge middle- and high-school students for busing. On Cape Cod, for example, the town of Barnstable raises \$350,000 per year by charging \$200 per child in grades 7 and higher.

Kids in kindergarten through sixth grade are entitled to free rides if they live at least two miles from school. But that may change soon as Massachusetts lawmakers warn communities and schools they will lose millions in state aid because of a \$3 billion budget deficit.

Sally Forbes, a parent in Hingham, supported her school board's recent rejection of bus fees. But she is reconsidering because the school board is threatening to furlough teachers to save money.

"The bottom line is trying to fill in these holes so you don't lose

teachers," said Forbes, mother of a second-grader and a high school freshman.

Communities in other states, including California, Texas, New Jersey, Montana, Hawaii, Kansas, North Dakota and Utah, also make parents pay for pupil transportation to and from school, with exemptions for the poor.

"It's certainly something that's become more acceptable," said Robin Leeds, a lobbyist for the National School Transportation Association, which represents private bus companies. "Rather than getting rid of transportation, they'll charge fees."

The fees are most prevalent in Massachusetts and California, said Mike Martin, executive director of the National Association for Pupil Transportation, an industry group. He said bus fees are not common — yet.

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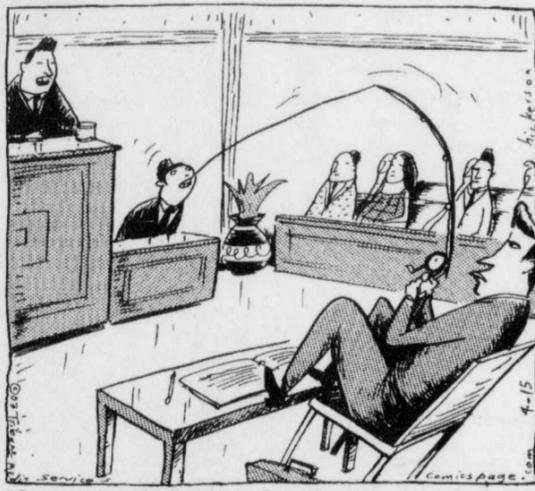
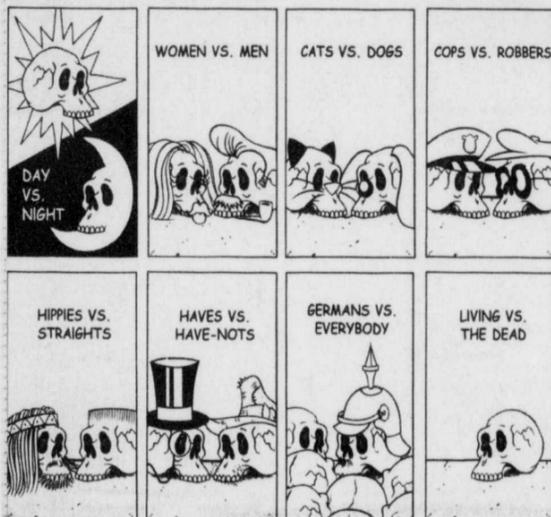


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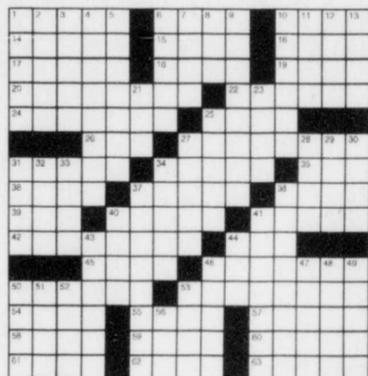


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Today's Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Puzzling problem
- 6 Financial hole
- 10 Head cook
- 14 Vibrant
- 15 Gummy ingredient
- 16 Abode
- 17 Waits for the green
- 18 Ardor
- 19 New York canal
- 20 Maternity ward
- 21 VIPs
- 22 Meet parts
- 24 Stored, as fodder
- 25 Cut short
- 26 Mick Jagger film, Kelly
- 27 Certified
- 31 Vipers' weapons
- 34 Layers
- 35 Park in NYC?
- 36 Alimony payers
- 37 \$1,000
- 38 Major tennis event
- 39 Pub potable
- 40 Plug projection
- 41 Exhausted
- 42 Carrot-tops
- 44 Addams Family cousin
- 45 Concludes
- 46 Long steps
- 50 Coop calls
- 51 Bugle
- 53 Impassiveness
- 54 Touched ground
- 55 Rend
- 57 Post-eruption depression
- 58 Sleeper spy
- 59 Tranquil rest
- 60 Avid
- 61 Equal
- 62 Funnyman
- Carey
- 63 Sty sound



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Tuesday's Solutions

- offerings
- 6 Took a nap
- 7 Scrapes (by)
- 8 Bikini part
- 9 Accomplished
- 10 Coop calls
- 11 Bugle
- 12 Give off
- 13 Charges
- 21 Mack or Knight
- 23 Contents
- 25 Scam
- 27 Arkin and Alda
- 28 Alternative to a CD
- 29 Fifty-fifty
- 30 Fender flaw
- 31 Cold feet
- 32 Shaft in a car
- 33 Requisite
- 34 Goats
- 37 Arranged by scores
- 38 Eyeglasses merchant
- 40 Await action
- 41 Flag feature
- 43 Thug's rod
- 44 Ice-skater Midori
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The Sideline

Twum receives C-USA award for second time

Senior sprinter Monica Twum has been selected as the Conference USA women's outdoor track and field Athlete of the Week for the weekend of April 19.

Twum finished first in 100-meter dash (11.29) and second in the 200-meter dash (23.12), notching career-best times in both events at the TCU Invitational Saturday. She also ran the anchor leg on TCU's winning 4x100-meter relay unit. All three marks were better than the NCAA Regional qualifying standards.

Twum, a three-time all-American, shared the award a week ago with East Carolina's Terri Davenport.

Twum will be competing in three events this weekend as the Frogs take part in the 109th running of the Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

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Men's track team ranked 20th by Trackwire poll

The TCU Horned Frogs men's track team is back among the nation's elite, according to the latest Trackwire Top 25 poll. The Frogs are slated to score 14 points at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, placing them in 20th in this week's poll.

Trackwire predicts a second place finish by the Flyin' Frogs in the 4x100 meter relay (8 points), a sixth place finish in the 4x400 meter relay (3 points), a seventh-place finish from Aundre Edwards in the long jump (2 points) and a eighth-place finish from Jackson Langat in the 800 meters (1 point). Michael Frater is also ranked among the nation's "Dandy Dozen" in the 100 (12th).

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Jerome credits curve ball, stadium for his awards

BY BRENT YARINA
Staff Reporter

Third time's the charm for TCU's ace pitcher Clayton Jerome.

On April 14, Jerome, who threw 16 consecutive scoreless innings in shutout victories over Alabama-Birmingham and Memphis the last two weekends, was named Conference USA's Pitcher of the Week for a league-leading third time this season.

The 6-3 right-handed junior received the award for his two dominating performances, when he posted strikeout totals of 13 and 12, respectively, while leading the team to two consecutive sweeps over conference opponents.

The six-game winning streak put the Horned Frogs in a second-place tie with East Carolina and just one game behind league-leading Southern Mississippi.

"We know what we need to do and we have a lot of talent this year," he said. "We're playing really good team baseball right now and are in a great situation if we just go out and play like we have been."

Jerome, a 2002 second team All-C-USA selection, said even though TCU does not play Southern Miss this season, the team still has a great chance at winning its first C-USA crown.

He said this year's team is in contention for the conference championship because it has a lot more experience than last year's team, which finished third in C-USA with a 30-29 record.

"This year we had a lot of players come back with a lot of experience," he said. "We're playing good ball and getting good pitching, hitting and defense."

Relief pitcher Ryan Weems said he credits the eight guys who play behind the pitchers every game for much of the team's success.

"The success of this team isn't on any specific one person," Weems said. "We've proved all year that we have a good all around team."

However, Weems said, there are not many players on the team more deserving of credit for this season than Jerome.

"We all know that he'll throw strong everyday,"

he said. "He constantly pulls his own weight and has thrown a lot of great innings. We wouldn't be where we are at without his conference wins."

Jerome said he attributes most of his success to his ability to consistently throw his curve ball for a strike and to the team's new home at Lupton Stadium.

"The new stadium has proved to be a pitcher's park because the wind has been blowing in and it's much bigger than the old park," Jerome said.

Despite averaging one strikeout an inning this season, Jerome said, he does not think of himself as a power pitcher and that he refuses to change his philosophy on the mound.

"I don't consider myself a strikeout pitcher," he said. "The past few times out I've been getting big strikeout numbers, but I'm still just



File photo

On April 14, Clayton Jerome was named C-USA's Pitcher of the Week for the league-leading third time this season.

trying to keep people off balance by changing speeds, getting ahead in the count and relying on the teammates behind me like I always have."

First baseman and designated hitter Chris Neuman said Jerome is an invaluable teammate because he brings a lot of confidence to the team.

"Every time he goes out there, we know he's going to get a win and he's not going to give up many runs," Neuman said. "He saves our pitchers for the weekend double-headers by going out and throwing complete games."

Brent Yarina
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Baseball schedule

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- Saturday at Cincinnati noon
- Sunday at Cincinnati noon
- Tuesday at Sam Houston State 2 p.m.
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- Saturday, May 3 vs. South Florida 3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 4 vs. South Florida 1 p.m.
- Friday, May 9 at Charlotte 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 10 at Charlotte noon
- Sunday, May 11 at Charlotte noon
- Thursday, May 15 vs. Louisville 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 16 vs. Louisville 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 17 vs. Louisville 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 21 Conference USA Tournament in New Orleans, La. TBA
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