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Hyman agrees to talk to Tennessee official

Athletic director still says he isn't up for job

BY BRANDEN HOWELL

Staff Reporter
Athletic Director Eric Hyman acknowledged Wednesday he was contacted by and has agreed to talk with a representative from the University

of Tennessee.

Hyman said he knows the Knoxville News Sentinel has reported him to be one of two finalists for Tennessee's athletic director position, but would not comment on what he expects the conversation to be about or when it will take place. But Tennessee President John Shumaker has set April



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30 as the target date for naming a new athletic director. Shumaker could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Hyman said a Tennessee representative contacted him within the past week. Previously, Hyman said his only involvement with the search was a brief conversation he had six or seven weeks ago with a head-hunter.

However, Hyman said, he does not consider himself a candidate for the job.

"I just finished refinancing my house," Hyman said. "Would I have

done that if I thought I was a candidate?"

Hyman said having a big school like Tennessee interested in talking with someone from TCU is flattering, and a tribute to the success of the athletic department.

In several articles in last week's Knoxville News Sentinel, Hyman was reported to be a finalist, along with current Tennessee Associate Athletic Director Mike Hamilton, to succeed current Athletic Director Doug Dickey who is retiring in June.

Dickey said Tuesday that he is not

involved with the search for his replacement, and would not comment on who the possible candidates are or who he would like to see succeed him. But a Knoxville News Sentinel story from this week cites sources saying Dickey supports Hamilton. Tennessee search committee members could not be reached for comment.

Tennessee officials hired the search firm Heidrick and Struggles to identify top candidates for them. Eric Sodorff, communications manager for Heidrick and Struggles, would not

comment on the firm's involvement with the search.

"We work with the client to figure out what their needs are, then we provide them with a slate of qualified, interested individuals," Sodorff said. "We then do interviews and referencing from prospects previous jobs, then we turn it over to the university."

Hyman said he has not been contacted by anyone from Heidrick and Struggles.

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COLLEGE STUDENT, EVEN IF FOR A DAY

High school students get a taste of college life at TCU

BY JESSICA SANDERS

Staff Reporter

Though she looked a little out of place, 12-year-old Krystian Williams sat confidently in the front row of a junior-level sociology class Wednesday.

Williams, a student at Glencrest Junior High School, said she thought college classes were going to be hard and professors were going to be mean, but that she changed her mind after spending a day on campus.

"The fun part is walking around seeing other places, the things that a college student gets to do," Williams said. "It's all a new adventure, a journey to college."

Sixty-five high school and middle school students from Fort Worth ISD participated in College Student for a Day by shadowing TCU students, said Shelley Marshall, volunteer coordinator for Communities in Schools, a national stay-in-school program.

College Student for a Day was coordinated by Student Government Association and Communities in Schools, said Brad Thompson, SGA president.

The program shows those in junior high and high school about college life in a fun way and encourages them to stay in school, Thompson said.

"The fun part is walking around seeing other places, the things that a college student gets to do."

— Krystian Williams
student at Glencrest Junior High School



Krystian Williams, a Glencrest Junior High School student, got to be a college student for a day when she joined 64 of her peers in shadowing TCU students on Wednesday. The program was set up by SGA and Fort Worth ISD.

Ty Halasz/Photo editor

get them thinking about staying in school and realize that college is an option if you work hard."

Paul DeLuna, 14, from Paschal High School, said he has changed his mind about college after

participating in College Student for a Day. "I didn't think I was going to come to college because I wanted to be a chef and I was going to go to chef school," DeLuna said. "But I saw (TCU) and I think I'm going to go to college now."

Matt Rubenstein, a freshman radio-TV film major, said the program allowed him to show high school students what daily life is like in college.

"I remember what it was like when I was in high school and I had no idea what college was like," Rubenstein said. "I would have really liked to have someone take me around and show me what it was all about, which is why I am more than happy to do it for some high school kids."

Robin Williamson, the director of com-

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Toasting the future



Chancellor Michael Ferrari discussed plans for the future with senior engineering major Jen Jewers and others at the Senior Toast Wednesday evening in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center.

Roet makes geography fun

Globe trotter makes world cultures come alive to students

BY PIPER HUDDLESTON

Skiff Staff

The only thing Jeff Roet, a geography lecturer, said he regrets about his teaching career is not making enough money to provide all of his geography students with paid-for trips and excursions throughout the world.

Roet, known as Dr. Jeff to his students, said his love for geography is rooted in his curiosity about the world. He said he desperately wants to know and understand how physical environments relate to the history and culture of a people. Roet said he has traveled to 31 countries and been to every continent except Antarctica.

Inside his Reed Hall office, surrounded by colorful maps, photographs and postcards his

students have sent him from destinations all over the world, Roet plans and organizes study abroad excursions. His most recent projects are two study abroad trips this summer, one to Australia and one to Rome and Pompeii.

Instead of transporting students to exotic locations, he arranges budgets, accommodations, sightseeing destinations and transportation to ensure that his trips are both appealing and affordable to his students.

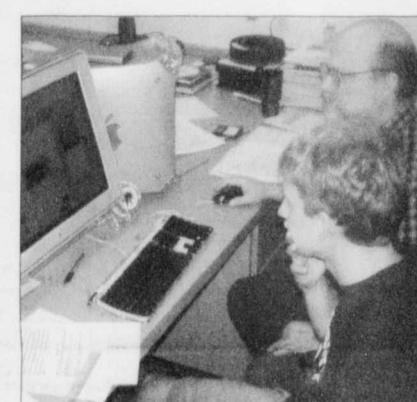
Being a geography teacher can be challenging, Roet said. He said his ultimate goal is to create mental pictures in students' minds using photographs, slides and colorful language to help them develop an intellectual understanding of geography.

Ben Tillman, an assistant professor of geography, said he has no doubt that Roet's zeal and love for geography is effective enough when teaching.

"Jeff's enthusiasm is infectious," Tillman said. "He is able to make places come alive for students."

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Symposium lets students show work



Emily Turner/Photographer

Arthur Busbey, an expert in paleontology, assists Doug Sharkey in using Canvas software to create his presentation for the Student Research Symposium.

BY LARA HENDRICKSON

Staff Reporter

One hundred and fifty students will be presenting posters in the first Student Research Symposium for the College of Science and Engineering today, Lyn Dart, chairwoman of the SRS organization committee, said Tuesday.

Dart, a nutritional sciences professor, said this is the first year the college has come together to do a project and that it is a huge celebration of student research.

"This is giving them a chance to mingle and to showcase their research," Dart said. "It is extra special for science students to be able to do that. Usually, they don't mingle at all. It is just physics

"It's really a treat for TCU to give us the chance to work together and brainstorm."

— Karyn Purvis

doctoral student of psychology

with physics, psychology with psychology."

Dean of the College of Science and Engineering Mike McCracken said one goal of the student research symposium is to form a bond between the different departments in the college of science and engineering.

"In three different buildings, it is often difficult for faculty to know what is going on in other departments," McCracken said. "If we can come together as a college, we can get a better sense of the scope and variety of all the different research projects."

McCracken said he approved the symposium with great confidence because of the benefits it offers students.

"We wanted to provide students with opportunities to organize research," he said. "This was a very good learning experience for the students."

Karyn Purvis, doctoral student of psychology,

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■ **Improv Comedy Troupe** will be performing at 9:30 p.m. today in Moody Building South, Room 320.

■ **Saxophone Studio Recital**, with director Andy Dahlke, will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information, call (817) 257-7602.

■ "Height Doesn't Matter" basketball tournament, presented by Asian Student Association, will be Saturday and Sunday in the University Recreation Center. For more information, contact Melinda Pritchett or e-mail (tca_asa@yahoo.com).

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said she is presenting three posters in the area of developmental research and that she has been working 80 hours a week to prepare for the symposium. Purvis said she thinks this is a good opportunity for an interchange of thoughts.

"It's really a treat for TCU to give us the chance to work together and brainstorm," Purvis said. "This is a step towards the practical application of our mission statement."

Dart said all student participants have spent a great deal of time preparing for the event and it is the perfect opportunity for them to exercise what they know.

"This is really a good thing," Dart said. "They have been planning all year long, and it has been a lot of work. We're expecting it to get better and better in years to come."

Dart said she has already had many re-

sponses to the event and that faculty, student participants, members of the community, scientists and people who did collaborative research will be in attendance.

"I'm just wondering if we will have enough food," Dart said.

McCracken said he hopes in years to come, even larger numbers will be in attendance, and that this year's symposium has already achieved their objectives.

"I have been quite impressed by (the symposium)," McCracken said. "It has exceeded my original expectations."

Dart said the symposium will be held on all floors of the Tucker Technology Center, and that Blue Mesa and Central Market will both have food there. She said the TCU Dance department will be performing, and there will be exhibits and hands-on activities at the event.

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munity service, said she hopes College Student for a Day will continue to expand and will possibly include a mentoring program in the future.

"The more TCU students who sign up, the more kids we can bring," Williamson said. "In the fall when we start it up again, we will probably have more publicity about it and hopefully the word of mouth from TCU students who have done it will get more of their friends involved."

Thompson said College Student for a Day is an easy and rewarding way for busy college students to get involved with the community.

"It's a great way to spend your day," Thompson said. "It doesn't put you out, you just do your thing and they follow you and you talk to them."

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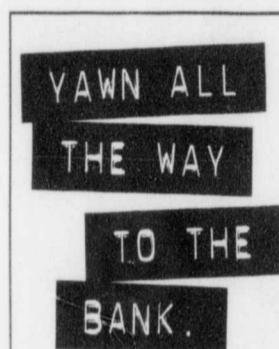
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Hyman was hired as TCU athletic director Dec. 8, 1997. Since his arrival, Hyman has worked on improving athletic facilities and elevating TCU athletics to a nationally prominent level.

During Hyman's tenure, he has overseen the fund raising for the construction of the Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium, the Lowden Track and Field Complex, the John J. Justin Athletic Center and the Lupton Baseball Stadium.

Hyman also helped orchestrate TCU's invitation to join Conference USA.

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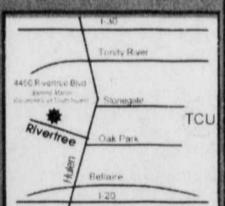
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The Skiff View TIMELY?

Surely GOP isn't using Sept. 11

The Republican convention will undoubtedly be a sight to see next fall.

The nominating convention will be held in New York City, and, according to *The New York Times*, President Bush is scheduled to make his acceptance speech Sept. 2 — just nine days before the three-year anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. It will be the latest nominating convention in the Grand Old Party's history — a full month after the Democrats are to nominate their candidate — but it will surely be breathtaking.

The president is expected to hop back and forth from the convention and memorial services at Ground Zero, according to the *Times*. There will be undoubtedly be plenty of flag waving and confetti that will bring back memories of the president standing at Ground Zero, his arms around a firefighter, vowing to get revenge. (It wouldn't surprise us to see footage of that defining moment at the convention.)

Advisers to the president say the GOP is scheduling the convention so late, the *Times* reported, in order to take advantage of public financing laws. Candidates who accept public funds, which both candidates are expected to do, have \$75 million to spend between the convention and election day. By scheduling the convention in September, Republicans can unleash a concentrated advertising blitz that could wipe out the Democratic candidate.

Of course, we all know the president isn't trying to capitalize on the trauma of Sept. 11.

Surely our president wouldn't do a thing like that.

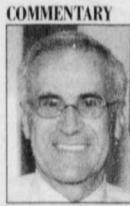
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Ferrari family will cherish memories of TCU

My wife and I will soon be departing TCU after spending five of the most invigorating, fulfilling and rewarding years of our lives here.

Since the day we arrived, we have had the privilege of becoming part of an extraordinary university and a dynamic community. Over these years we have had the marvelous opportunity to see, feel and touch the richness and depth of TCU in ways too numerous to recount. Our interaction with faculty and staff has been inspiring, and we have marveled at their collegiality, genuine concern for students, and impressive dedication to this university.

The members of the Board of Trustees have displayed generous and thoughtful support. They have imagined with us the possibilities for TCU, they have demonstrated their commitment to embracing with enthusiasm the dramatic physical transformation of our campus during the past five years and they have shown their eagerness move forward with a bold blueprint to realize and secure the future of the university. Our visits with alumni from Houston to



Michael R. Ferrari

Chicago, from California to Florida, from El Paso to New York have been exhilarating.

What has been especially memorable for us, however, has been our interaction with students. We knew from the moment that we set foot on campus that TCU students were really special, that they were different from any students we had been associated with over the years. They consistently display a level of maturity, civility and social presence that set them apart from their counterparts elsewhere. And they have indeed enriched our experiences and our lives here in ways that are hard to describe.

When we came to TCU, I said that this was an uncommon university with an uncommonly bright future. How true it was then, how true it has been during the last five years and how true it remains today as we look to the future and the welcoming of a new chancellor and his family to lead the next stage of TCU's progress.

We will cherish always our days, weeks, months and years at TCU. The memories are surely sweet, and the comrades true. We thank you for the honor you have given us to be part of this university. We thank you for the spirit of collegiality and friendship you have bestowed upon us. We thank you for permitting us to join you in the continuing and noble effort of building a great university.

Praise to thee, TCU, and praise and best wishes to each and every one of you!

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari is retiring at the end of the school year.



What I've learned at college

Yeah, so ... graduation. The time when you begin to wonder why you actually paid for four years of intense stress caused by trying fit your hopes and dreams into another person's syllabus. I don't feel any smarter, just sad and melancholy. And poor. Very, very poor.

The nature of graduation is that it makes one ponder what effect the four years have had. And while I may not have picked up as many academic skills as I would like for my professors to believe, I realize that I have learned some things. Here, then, is what I got out of my college education. See Mom and Dad, your money hasn't been wasted.

College Lesson No. 1: College does absolutely nothing to prepare you for the real world. Sure, I can discuss theories of media ethics or sociological theories of religion. I could even do some in Japanese. But, I don't know where to get car insurance. Or what a tax form looks like. Or how to fend for myself once I'm kicked off campus.

Now, to be fair, Career Services did sponsor a senior weekend earlier this semester to cover these topics. Unfortunately, it was a very expensive senior weekend, and I was a very poor college student worried about being a very poor alumnus.

College Lesson No. 2: If you graduate in four years, you'll leave most of your friends behind.

College Lesson No. 3: People are not in deep competition to give you a job like you think they'll be. I used to think I could graduate with my pick of jobs. That was before a friend of mine met a man who graduated from TCU eight years ago and was manning the cash register at Target.

College Lesson No. 4: I need a job. This isn't so much a lesson as it is a shameless plug. If anyone is looking for a young, funny writer to throw an excess-

sive amount of money at, I've got a good suggestion.

College Lesson No. 5: In your time here, you will have hurt, and been hurt, by people. You need to deal with the ramifications of both.

College Lesson No. 6: No matter how talented or important you believe you are, there's always someone just as talented and important waiting to take your place. College is full of 22-year-old has-beens. Just remember, there's always somewhere else to move on to. You just have to know when to move on.

College Lesson No. 7: Sometimes good friendships just die off. It's no one's fault, you just stop being as close as you once were.

College Lesson No. 8: When you're looking for a job, writing papers becomes extremely unimportant. As does going to class. Sorry about that, professors.

College Lesson No. 9: What you will carry with you, what will actually shape you, are your memories. Like how the campus looks at 3 a.m. when you're walking home. The feeling of standing next to your friend as he marries the girl of his dreams. Getting to watch someone you are close to stand on stage and sing the song she was born to sing. Tasting elation, and loneliness, and pain and love, all in the same week.

If college has accomplished anything, it's that I'm not the same person who showed up at orientation that August four years ago. I'm very thankful for that.

Thanks to everyone who has taken this journey by my side. I am who I am because of something you were, or are. And I'm sorry to those I hurt along the way. Please understand that I had a lot to learn along the way, and still a lot more lies ahead.

That is, I think, what college ultimately teaches you — still more lies ahead.

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Graduates should be voice of change

When an editor asked me to write a senior column a couple of weeks ago, it was an opportunity I couldn't pass up — an opportunity I've actually been waiting for since my freshman year. Finally,



James Zwilling

it was my chance to say one last word, reflect on all those college memories and thank the people who've made my last four years here a remarkable and rewarding journey.

But I'm unable to reconcile in my conscious such a waste of space on trivial matters when my heart tells me that there is so much more that could be said in this column space.

As the class of 2003 enters the workforce, or graduate studies, our world faces the most uncertain times any of us have seen. Four short years ago, we entered college in a thriving economy, with an elected official (not a court-appointed Republican puppet) leading our country.

The word terrorism meant something that happened to somebody else, in some other place. People didn't think much about their civil liberties because they weren't being threatened by a reactionary, unnecessary Department of Homeland Security, an agency created by the Republicans to protect us from terrorism — terrorism in response to America's unnecessary and hostile actions toward other nations.

The government didn't have the right to check my library records to see if I was reading about ter-

rorism or Islam, and a simple class geology trip to a water treatment plant didn't require names and photo IDs from all participants.

Today, our country is at war — trying to rid the world of evil, as President Bush would say. In the process, thousands of Iraqi's, American's and coalition forces will perish.

The Bush administration calls the war Operation Iraqi Freedom. Its goal is to create a democracy for the people of Iraq — a democracy that will unarguably benefit the United States in terms of oil.

Yet while the men and women of the armed forces are fighting for Iraqi freedom, we as Americans, are watching our democracy crumble. A country founded on the principle of free exchange of ideas now punishes those who speak out.

Musicians are called traitors for speaking their minds, film stars become a publicity threat, and the average American who speaks up in protest like myself, is called unpatriotic.

The very people and the very country that take pride in the first amendment right to free speech have damned us. The president and his administration say now is not the time for protest.

The war in Iraq is already being called a success and a possible blueprint for future wars all over the world. So quickly has the world forgotten the United States' snub of the international community, the lies being told by the administration and the military's inability to locate any great quantities of weapons of mass destruction that Bush and his comrades

have been preaching about. There is no greater time for protest, my friends, than right now.

People continue dying daily at the hands of our government and we have a responsibility to stand up for those people. The big picture is not as important as the government would like us to believe. Human life is the picture that we need to think about. One death — be it an American or an Iraqi — is too many deaths to be tolerated.

We must come together as Americans, and as the future of tomorrow, and say enough is enough. Our world has reached a point where it must begin maturing if we will ever have a truly global community.

I'm reminded of Martin Niemoller's remarks following World War II: "In Germany they came for the communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. They then came for the Jews and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists but I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. They then came for the Catholics and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. They then came for me and by that time, no one was left to speak up."

We have a chance as a world power to speak up and set an example. Human life does not need to be shed to attain peace, and we, the graduating class of 2003 do not need to be ashamed to be the voice that sets those events in motion.

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Don't forget your semester acquaintances

College life ... filled with many unsolved and incomprehensible events and people. In my six years of college life, there remains something that I continue to find an enigma. Well, honestly speaking, there is more than one particular aspect that remains a mystery to me, but among the many events and issues, today I will focus on one particular issue to share with our readers. This issue's mystery will be what I would like to call "semester friends."

A semester friend is someone who is your friend until the semester ends. Then that person vanishes or becomes so busy with her or his schedule that those interactions in class become nothing more than a mere memory. Unfortunately with a diverse student body, I have learned that making friends in college is not as easy as making pancakes. Let's start with a little flashback in personal relationship development.

During our first 12 years of school we learn what friendship is all about. Starting in elementary school, we learn everyone in the classroom is our friend.

The teacher was there to unite the class in a friendly atmosphere; creating a positive arena for our friendship to grow with everyone. Remember on your birthday, when you wanted to invite everyone in the classroom to come and celebrate? On the other hand, in high school we learned where we stand in the high school society. If we were not accepted in a certain group, we continued to search for peers who would accept us, or we would do what we felt was necessary to be accepted with the "in" crowd. Then after graduation, we enter college.

Finally a chance to change one's status; those whom were invisible in high school have a chance to be seen. With the maturity level in college assumingly higher than that of high school, during the semester you begin sharing interesting and intimate aspects of your life with your peers, especially if it is one of those deep and life affecting classes. Suddenly, you are asked to participate in study groups, where you learn more about each other and even take in a movie or two together. Ah yes, the beginning of the formation of a social circle. Finally, people who understand and see eye to eye with you on certain issues. However, when the semester ends suddenly you are back at ground zero.

Ground zero! What happened to all the meaningful, life sharing experiences that we had during the semester? Umm ... I don't know. It would appear it all has disappeared into that void of lost knowledge, much like everything else you learned from the semester. But have you ever noticed that when a class ends and you are walking around on campus, you notice someone from a previous enrolled class and you wave to them? Shockingly, they do not wave back. Suddenly a dried hay ball goes flying in front of you and you feel like you are alone in the universe. Perhaps they did not see you? Even more disturbing, the members of your study group have not made any contact with you after class.

Where did that bond between peers go?

This is what I mean by a mystery in college. Suddenly after spending 16 weeks together, everything is reverted back to the way it was in the beginning. Granted there will be at least one class where you will meet someone and develop a strong relationship (friend or otherwise), generally speaking, it is difficult to form a meaningful relationship, or continue the relationship once the semester ends.

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U.S. helps Iraqis restore oil production, power to Baghdad

Three Marines die when grenade launcher malfunctions

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Oil from Iraq's southern fields began flowing through pipelines Wednesday for the first time since the war, and power at last was restored to parts of Baghdad. In the holy city of Karbala, thousands of Shiite Muslims demonstrated against the United States.

An accident took the lives of three Marines near the southern city of Kut. They were trying out a rocket-propelled grenade launcher when it malfunctioned on Tuesday, and seven other Marines were wounded, U.S. Central Command said.

The southern oil fields had been among the first installations secured when U.S. and British forces launched the ground war March 20. Wednesday, coalition forces, aided by Iraqi oil workers fired up a gas-oil separation plant that sent oil to a pumping station and storage tank outside the southern city of Basra.

"Our focus in restoring the oil is to give the biggest benefit to the Iraqi people," said

Brig. Gen. Robert Crear, the top U.S. official charged with getting Iraq's oil production up and running.

Many Iraqis have complained bitterly about U.S. forces rushing to secure oil fields and the capital's oil ministry, leaving other ministries, universities, museums, hospitals and businesses to be looted and burned. U.S. officials have acknowledged that they were surprised by the rampage, and said troops were too occupied by combat to intervene when they first reached Baghdad.

Crear said the southern Rumaila oil field could be producing up to 1.1 million barrels a day in six to 15 weeks. Northern oil fields around Kirkuk remain out of production;

when they are reopened, Crear said Iraq could move toward its prewar production of 2.8 million barrels a day, and provide crucial revenue for reconstruction.

The first group of U.N. international staff returned to northern Iraq since the war started when a half-dozen workers crossed the border from Turkey on Wednesday. They had waited more than a week for clearance to fly in.

In Egypt, President Hosni Mubarak urged the United States and Britain to withdraw their forces from Iraq as soon as possible. He urged a "concerted international effort" to help form legitimate government chosen by Iraqis.

In the holy cities of Karbala and Najaf, Wednesday was the climax of an emotional

pilgrimage that has drawn an estimated 1 million Shiites. With Saddam Hussein's regime toppled, it was the first time since the 1970s that Iraq's Shiite majority could participate freely in the march mourning the martyred grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

Thousands of the pilgrims took part in an anti-American demonstration Wednesday. Among the banners were some that read, "No to America, no to Israel, yes to Islam."

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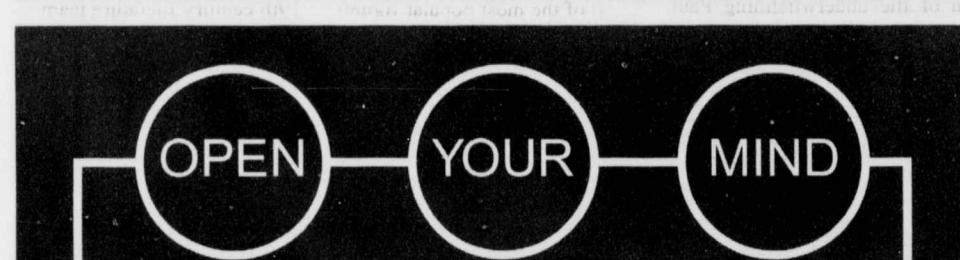
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Summer Movie Preview

BY TAYLOR GIBBONS

Skiff Staff

The summer movie season is probably the time of year most anticipated by both audiences and movie studio financiers. It's a time when Hollywood breaks out its biggest and most expensive pictures, and lines of hardcore devotees form around the block to see movies they've been anticipating for months.

This summer should be no different, as Hollywood is offering up a slew of blockbuster films replete with big names, big budgets and big hype.

First out of the gate is "X2: X-Men United," which will be kicking off summer a month early with a May 2 release date. This sequel to "X-Men," released in 2000, will feature familiar mutants, as well as a few new faces including Alan Cumming as the agile Nightcrawler and Brian Cox as the nefarious Gen. William Stryker. Having reportedly been made on a budget and timetable significantly more generous than the original, and based on an original story (unlike many sequels), X2 stands a good chance of besting its predecessor, both critically and commercially.

Opening May 9 is "Daddy Day Care," in which Eddie Murphy plays a hapless dad at odds with a gang of rowdy children. After losing his job, Murphy's character decides to open a daycare service along with his friends, played by Steve Zahn and Jeff Garlin. Hijinks ensue. Like most people, I'm a fan of Eddie Murphy's early comedy, and although I try not to judge him too harshly, I simply lack the imagination required to envision a world in which I could enjoy "Daddy Day Care." But that doesn't matter, since it's a kid's movie and they'll likely eat it up.

"The Matrix: Reloaded," perhaps this summer's most hotly anticipated movie, opens May 15. Fans of the original can expect more of the sort of high-kicking, high-tech action that made the first film such a success. In this, the second "Matrix" installment, the surviving freedom fighters from the first movie are forced to take the fight beyond

the virtual world in order to protect Earth's last human city. "The Matrix: Reloaded" promises to be a solid sequel, and a safe bet for movie watchers this summer.

Jim Carrey returns to comedy this summer with "Bruce Almighty," opening May 23. Carrey plays Bruce, a well-liked guy with a beautiful girlfriend (played by Jennifer Aniston), who is nonetheless discontented. After the worst day of his life, Bruce verbally lashes out at God, and God (played by Morgan Freeman) responds, endowing Bruce with all of his powers and challenging him to do a better job. Lighthearted and fun at best, limp and innocuous at worst, "Bruce Almighty" will probably be successful, then permanently forgotten.

On May 30, movie fans will be treated to "The Italian Job." A heist movie starring Mark Wahlberg, Edward Norton and Charlize Theron, "The Italian Job" centers around a car

full of stolen gold by causing Los Angeles' biggest traffic jam. Featuring a slick premise and some top notch talents, there's no reason why "The Italian Job" shouldn't be a perfectly enjoyable piece of popcorn cinema.

Car theft enthusiasts who enjoyed 2001's "The Fast and the Furious" may be disappointed with this summer's "2 Fast 2 Furious," set to be released June 6. Vin Diesel, one of the key elements of the success of the original, is gone, along with the rest of the original cast (with the exception of the underwhelming Paul Walker) as well as the original director. So what's left? From the looks of it, not much. "2 Fast 2 Furious" promises to be little more than a lame warming over of all the elements made the original such a fun movie. This is just the sort of sequel nobody wants to see.

Next up with a June 13 release date is "Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd." Although ostensibly a prequel to 1994's goofball comedy "Dumb and Dumber," "Dumb and Dumberer" has little more than a name in

common with its predecessor. Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels, the original Harry and Lloyd, are gone, replaced by a duo of younger actors who bear a passable resemblance to them. The movie takes viewers back to the high school days of the dull-witted duo as they bumble their way through their education and fight to stay out of "special" classes. Despite suffering from an uninspired premise, this summer spinoff has the potential to be a fun goofball comedy.

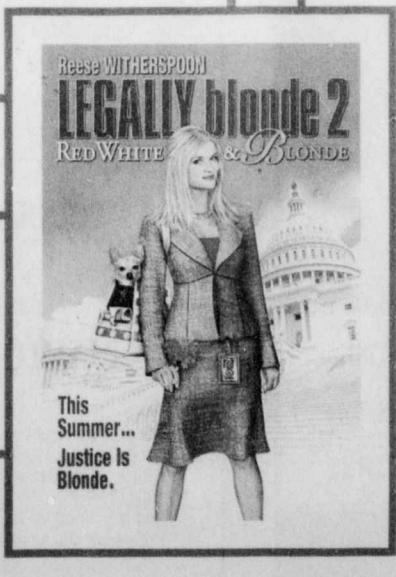
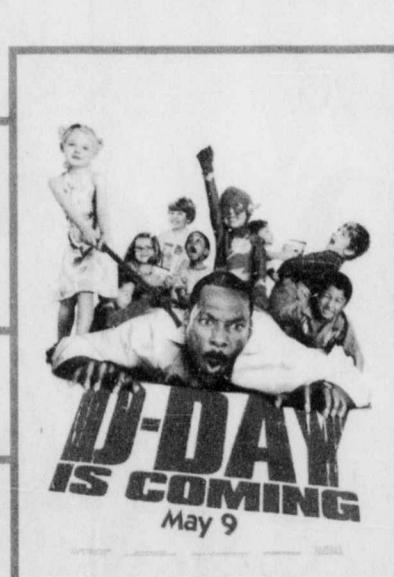
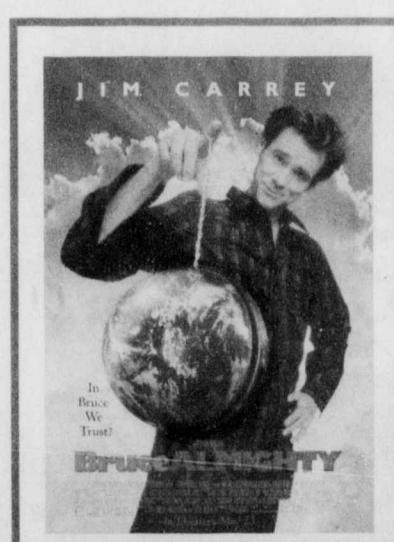
"The Hulk" smashes into theaters June 20, bringing yet another one of Marvel Comics' flagship titles to the big screen. "The Hulk" stars around Bruce Banner (played by Aussie funnyman Eric Bana), an emotionally repressed scientist who, thanks to a freak accident, transforms into rampaging beast whenever his ire is raised. Also along for the ride are Bruce's girlfriend Betsy Ross (Jennifer Connelly) and her disapproving father General Thaddeus "Thunderbolt" Ross (Nick Nolte). This is going to be another "must see" for fans of the original comic. Here's hoping it doesn't disappoint.

June wraps up with "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" opening June 27. Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu and Drew Barrymore are all back for another round of irreverent humor, comic book martial arts and gratuitous cheesecake. If you liked the first, then you'll probably like this one, since it's roughly the same movie (although Bill Murray has vanished, replaced by Bernie Mac). Probably not the best movie of the summer, but not the worst either.

July can boast its share of eagerly anticipated movies; unfortunately, information on them was somewhat limited. After an absence of a decade, Arnold Schwarzenegger is finally back as the Terminator in "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines." Get ready for a heaping helping of blood and silicon as Ah-nuld attempts to re-establish himself as the king of the summer box office. For some reason, Paramount Pictures has decided to release "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life." The original was panned by critics and fizzled at the box office, and this sequel is based on a video game franchise which is no longer very popular, so where the heck did this movie come from? "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen," starring Sean Connery, holds the distinction of being the only movie based on a comic based on several books. In this unique action-adventure, some of the most popular figures of 19th century literature team up to fight crime. No, I'm not kidding. Will Smith and Martin Lawrence have rejoined for "Bad Boys II," a sequel that follows a duo of wisecracking cops as they attempt to bust up an Ecstasy-trafficking operation and prevent a bloody criminal turf war. Also entering the fray this July are another pair of sequels, "Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over" and "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde," and "The Pirates of the Caribbean," the only movie I know of based on a theme park ride.

This summer is promising to be one full of thrills, chills and copious amounts of star power. What better way to enjoy the break from school than with a little break from reality?

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Tillman said Roet makes an effort to get his students excited about geography by interacting with them outside of the classroom.

Roet said he occasionally takes his students out to lunch at different ethnic restaurants, like an Indian or Vietnamese restaurant, to discuss the food and how it relates to a par-



Ty Halasz/Photo editor
Jeff Roet, or "Dr. Jeff" as he is called by students, tries to make geography a part of students' lives, not just his own.

ticular culture.

Roet said the only way to truly experience geography is to travel and see different lands and cultures. He said geography can not be mastered in a classroom or from a textbook.

"Every teacher wants to see their students grow," Roet said. "With geography, the best way for students to grow is to take them places."

This is the basis of why Roet plans trips for his students. Taking students abroad has become an indispensable part of teaching for him.

Roet said since he arrived at TCU in 1999, he has taken students on eight different trips around the world, including Rome, Sicily, Guatemala, New York City, Paris, Honduras and Mexico City.

Roet stumbled upon his passion when he was 19 years old and took a year off at the State University of New York in Buffalo to travel in India. Fascinated by the variations of land and people in India, it occurred to him that he would love to be able to study different physical and human characteristics of regions and how they relate to each other. Upon returning to Buffalo, he searched for a major that would allow him to study regional characteristics. He was turned down at both the anthropology and economics departments, but was directed to the

geography department.

Will Brooks, a junior marketing major, traveled to Sicily and Rome with Roet in summer 2002. He said Roet does not waste any time while traveling. Brooks said he saw parts of Rome and Sicily that only natives know about.

"I thought about hiding his walking shoes from him one day just so we could take a break, but then I realized it was pointless," Brooks said. "He would walk around Italy barefoot before he would miss a day of exploring."

On Roet's New York excursions, he would take students to the top of the World Trade Center as a teaching tool. Geographers like to look at a city from a very tall building or a high point, like a mountain, he said.

During his last New York trip, he took his students to the site where the World Trade Center had been because he felt there was another lesson involved.

"My students went to go see where the World Trade Center had been and I felt that there were connections," Roet said. "Even though we lost something, there was still plenty of geography. My students couldn't go to the top, but they still understood the lesson of its importance."

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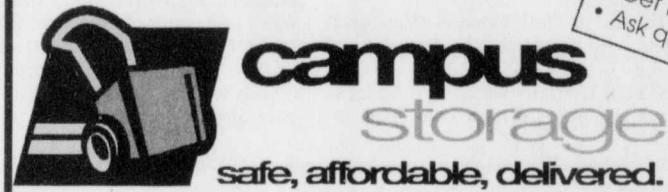
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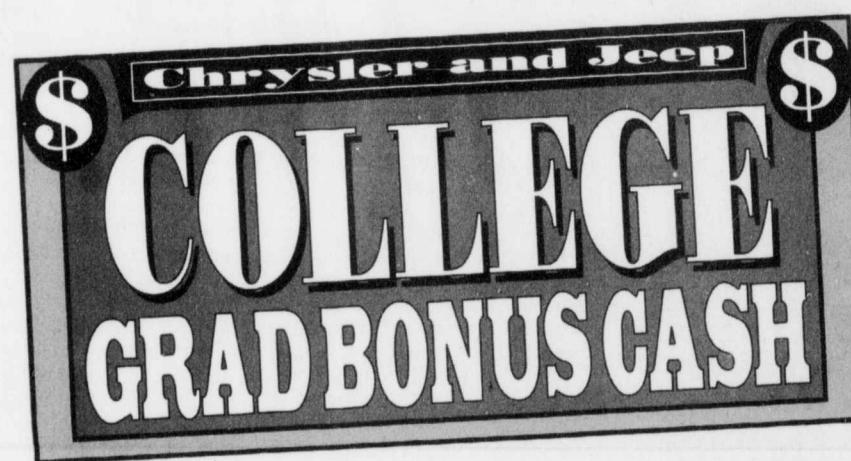


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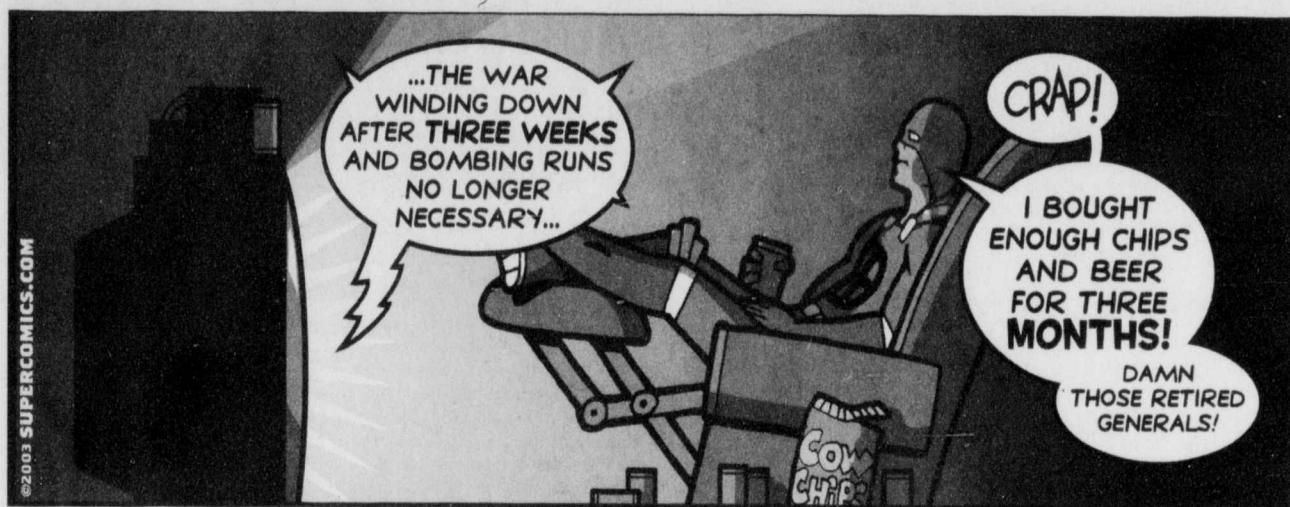
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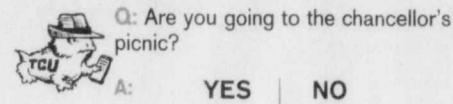
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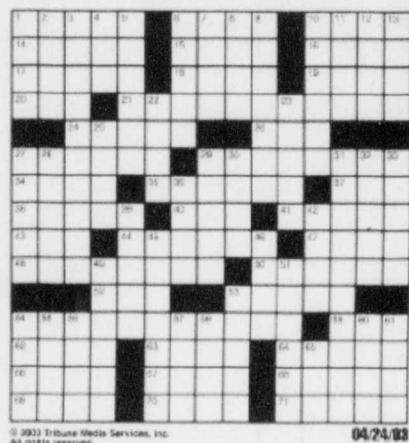
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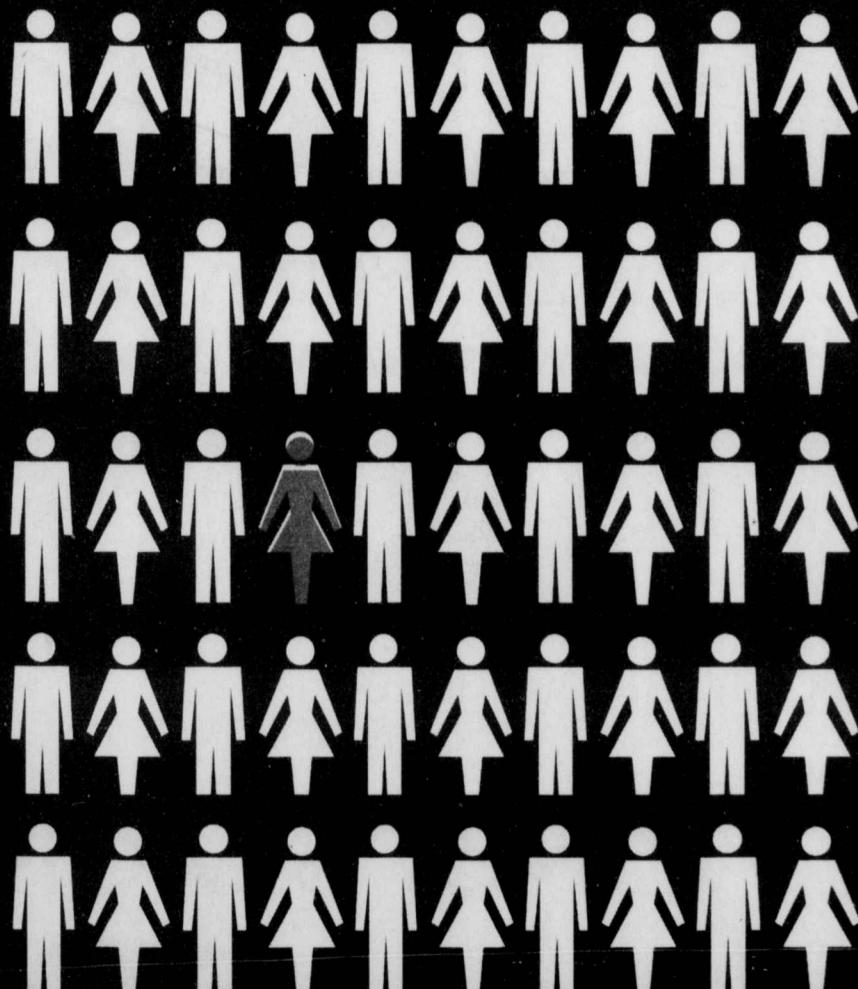
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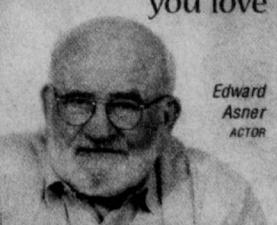
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"I have a lot of good memories during my time at TCU," Browning said. "I am transferring in order to pursue my personal and professional goals."

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Men's tennis ranks 27th in new ITA rankings

Wednesday's ITA rankings revealed not only places for junior Alex Menichini and senior Toni Gordon but also for the doubles duo of Fabrizio Sestini and Gordon. TCU also received a new team ranking of 27th.

Menichini came in ranked 89th and Gordon came in ranked 97th. The doubles team of Gordon and sophomore Fabrizio Sestini was also ranked at No. 43. This was the first doubles ranking for TCU all season.

TCU finished second in Conference USA behind No. 15 Tulane and is preparing for the NCAA Regional Tournament coming up May 9-11.

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Stars prepare for Ducks

Turgeon, Guerin and Arnott to return in round two against Anaheim

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
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DALLAS — The Dallas Stars aren't expecting anything to be easy about the rest of the playoffs, although they are the last of the Western Conference's top three-seeded teams still playing.

"That's a trap a lot of people are going to fall into. They are going to look at this and say those type of things," winger Scott Young said Wednesday. "We are not going to fall into that. We know if a team can beat Detroit, they can beat anybody."

Sure, the top-seeded Stars could be tempted to think otherwise since defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit and nemesis Colorado are already home for the summer after being knocked out in round one. But they know the postseason is filled with the unexpected.

The Stars begin the second round tonight against Anaheim, which completed its stunning first-round sweep of the Red Wings April 16. Game 2 will be played in Dallas Saturday before the series switches to the West Coast.

In the other Western semifinal series, Vancouver plays Minnesota, both after winning Game 7s on Tuesday night. The Wild posted a 3-2 overtime win over Colorado in their series clincher, and Vancouver beat St. Louis.

"I don't think anybody would have guessed the final four teams left," Stars center Mike Modano said.

Especially Anaheim.

"I think it surprised everybody that watches the game," Modano said. "You never expected them to beat Detroit, but then to sweep them is another thing you never would have guessed in a million years."

The Stars overcame Edmonton in six games, wrapping up the series Saturday with three straight wins after losing the first and third games to fall behind.

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Anaheim will be playing for the first time in eight days.

"The layoff has been great. It gives us a chance to get healthy and to get re-energized and gives us a chance to prepare," Ducks coach Mike Babcock said. "The first 10 minutes of the first game are always a concern with that time off. But saying that, I'd trade that in a second, because you want to get through a series as fast as you can."

While the Ducks are rested, the Stars are getting reinforcements.

Pierre Turgeon, out since breaking a bone in his ankle March 7, is expected to return to the lineup Thursday. All-Star forward Bill Guerin has been out since Feb. 27 with a thigh injury, but skated his second straight full practice Wednesday and seems on track for a Game 2 return.

"Everyday, he gets a little stronger and a little closer. He's to that day-to-day stage. I'll stick with not far away, but (Thursday) is not the day," Stars coach Dave Tippett said of Guerin. "Everybody else is available for selection."

That includes Jason Arnott, who missed Game 6 of the Edmonton series with an undisclosed injury.

Dallas won the season series over Anaheim 3-1-1, scoring seven goals off goaltender Jean-Sebastien Giguere, who didn't finish either of his starts against the Stars. But in the four-game series against Detroit, Giguere stopped 165 of 171 shots (97 percent).

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Teams told to be cautious in Toronto

Warning comes after health officials post SARS advisory

BY HAL BOCK
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NEW YORK — When the Kansas City Royals play in Toronto on Friday, they'll be cautious about where they eat meals, with whom they spend time, and how they sign autographs for fans.

Major league baseball warned teams to take precautions when playing the Blue Jays in Canada after health officials posted advisories about the dangers of SARS in the area.

Players were told to avoid crowds and contact with fans as the city deals with 140 cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome and 16 deaths.

Canada has been the most SARS-affected area outside Asia.

"The fact is SARS is there," said Dr. Elliot Pellman, MLB's medical adviser. "The other fact is there are 11 1/2 million people in Ontario, 2 1/2 million in the greater Toronto area. Take those figures and it's not an epidemic or the black plague. With proper precaution there is very little risk. Is there some risk? Yes."

Teams will be told to avoid crowds, hospitals and public transportation. If they want to sign autographs, Pellman said, players should use their own pens.

Baseball originally said it would advise players to avoid signing autographs, but later amended that.

"While it is a concern, the risk of actual infection is still incredibly small," said Rob Manfred, executive vice president of labor relations for the commissioner's office. "The advice

we're giving to the teams is basic health advice: wash your hands, avoid sharing food."

Toronto pitcher Tanyon Sturtze agrees with the precautions.

"I think right now we have to back off a little bit and make sure everybody stays safe until they find out what's going on," he said from Tampa, where the team is playing through Thursday.

"I think (fans) should understand what's going on because people are dying from this thing. It's not like people are just sick. People have died."

Representatives of baseball's players' union planned to meet with the commissioner's office Friday to discuss SARS. Medical consultants will also attend.

"I think we're on the same page," said Gene Orza, the union's No. 2 official. "The important thing is to make sure the players have a good feel for what's going on."

Some players were already taking precautions. Blue Jays pitcher Cory Lidle said his wife has left Toronto for their home in Las Vegas and is not coming back.

The Blue Jays open a nine-game homestand Friday, beginning with the Royals, and there are no plans to postpone the games.

But Paul Godfrey, president and CEO of the Blue Jays, said the SARS scare has already had an impact on the team's bottom line.

"There are people who are concerned. Our patronage is off. We've lost in excess of 5,000, close to 10,000 in group sales," he said. "And that doesn't count people holding back who have second thoughts. We can tell walkups are down 500 to 1,000 a game."

He also thinks there's been an overreaction to the SARS cases.

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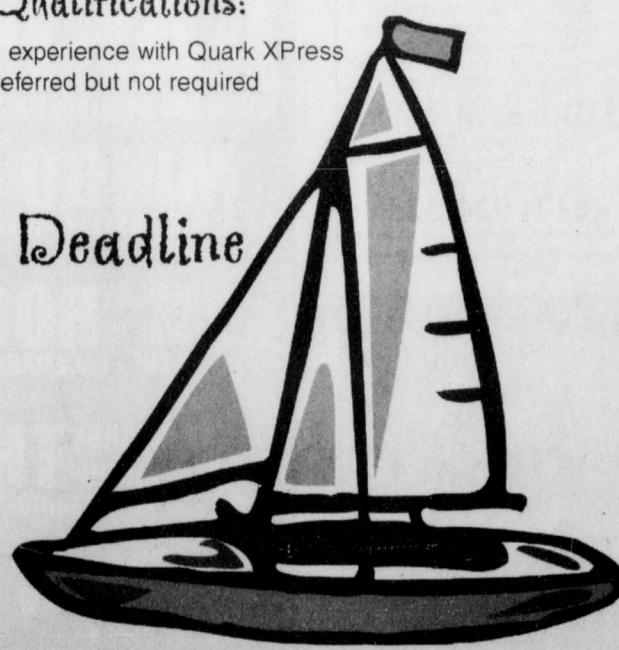
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