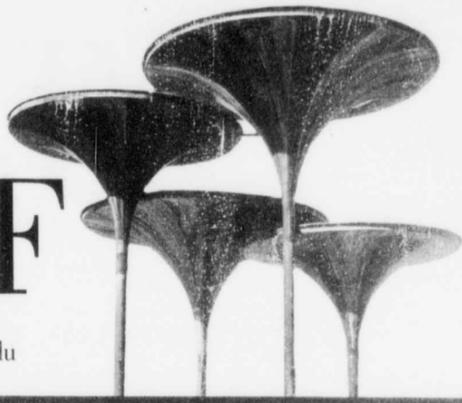


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Today's News

STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

VIDOR — Officials uncovered an apparent plot by five Vidor High School students to shoot more than 20 other students and four administrators, the school district superintendent said Tuesday.

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NEWARK, N.J. — Workers recently arrested in federal raids filed a racketeering lawsuit accusing Wal-Mart of conspiring with contractors in a criminal enterprise that violated the civil rights and wage protections of immigrants who cleaned its stores.

News Digest on page 4

ABILENE — A man charged with running over and killing a fifth-grader while she walked to school nearly three weeks ago has surrendered to authorities.

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OnCampus

Group protests products being sold to Israel

AMES, Iowa — Twelve people marched in protest of Caterpillar Inc. on Friday in an effort to halt the U.S.-made equipment from being sold to Israel. The group shouted, "Caterpillar, stop bulldozing homes," and said the equipment is being used by Israelis to ruin Palestinian lives.

The protesters timed their protest with the dedication ceremony of the Caterpillar Mechatronics Laboratory in Hoover Hall at Iowa State University.

"Israelis use [the Caterpillar bulldozer] to destroy homes and olive groves," said protester Cheryl Brodersen, aunt of Rachel Corrie, who was killed March 16 by an U.S.-made Caterpillar bulldozer.

Corrie was a member of the International Solidarity Movement, a nonviolent protest group. She was trying to prevent the demolition of homes owned by Palestinians when she was killed by a bulldozer, Brodersen said.

Bonnie Brodersen, also an aunt of Corrie, said her niece wrote e-mails from Rafah, Gaza, about devastation and destruction the Israeli army was causing.

— Iowa State Daily

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The Weather

TODAY

High: 74; Low: 42; Isolated thunderstorms

THURSDAY

High: 52; Low: 43; AM showers

FRIDAY

High: 54; Low: 48 Few showers

LookingBack

1996 — Reverend Jesse Jackson turned up the heat on Texaco, threatening to lead a potentially crippling boycott against the company if the oil giant failed to settle a lingering racial-discrimination lawsuit.

Trustees OK practice field construction

BY BLAIR BUSCH

Staff Reporter

The Board of Trustees voted Friday to start construction on a new football turf practice field, Athletics director Eric Hyman said.

He said preparations for the field should begin soon. Hyman also informed the board about the recent changes with Conference USA.

"I only gave them the lay of the land. There had been a six-month window since the last time the board met," Hyman said.

"There is an entirely new landscape nationally as far as conferences are concerned."

Hyman said he would not make a decision about a possible conference change without the Board's approval.

The Board also decided to wait on revising bylaws that would more clearly specify titles for committees and board members, said William Koehler, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The changes to the bylaws were part of the recommendations



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from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

John Roach, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said there is no rush to pass the bylaws because the recommendations

would not cause significant changes for the university and the trustees will make every effort to accommodate those recommendations.

The Berry Street Initiative was also on the list of topics discussed in the meeting.

Don Mills, vice chancellor of student affairs, updated the trustees on the initiative and said that the construction for the first facility is no longer in a committee phase. The master plan for the project is still in the discussion stage, and a consultant will be appointed to plan the

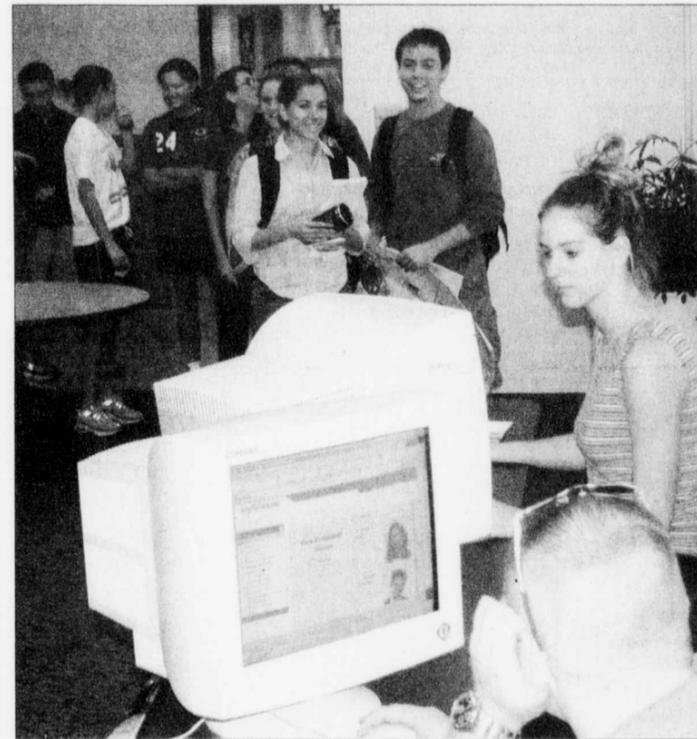
development.

"The trustees were very pleased with the progress so far," Mills said. "They are looking forward to seeing the design and schedule for the first facility to be built. Overall, I would say the response continues to be very positive."

Mills said he hopes the master plan will be finished a year from now and that other store owners along Berry Street will redevelop their property as well.

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Possible violation delays SGA presidential results



A line of students in the Student Center Lounge wait to cast their vote in the election Tuesday.

BY DANNY GILLHAM

Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association presidential race is still undetermined.

Elections and Regulations Chairman Nick James said a campaign violation has been filed, but he declined to comment further.

"All I will say is a violation has been filed, and we will deal with it in the morning," said James, a junior political science major.

Presidential candidate Jay Zeidman said he is fed up with the situation.

"I don't know what's going on," said Zeidman, a political science and economics major. "Nick James would not tell me anything. Most of the candidates have tried to run an ethical campaign. I'm very frustrated."

Zeidman said he was told a candidate was knocking on residential doors Tuesday. According to TCU's election code, campaigning on election day is illegal.

Blake Eason, also a presidential candidate, declined to comment on the phone, but said in an e-mail that communication has been broken and scattered.

"At this time, the details of the violations have not been clearly communicated to me," said Eason, a junior finance

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Workers injured by power lines

BY MATT POTTER

Skiff Reporter

Two workmen were seriously injured at the Bellaire Ranch apartments Tuesday when the scaffold they were moving was pushed by a gust of wind into a power line, Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman Lt. Kent Worley said.

The two men were working on the gutters when they moved beyond a windbreak and the wind caught the scaffolding, pushing it into an adjacent power line, Worley said. The men were hit with 7,200 volts of electricity, he said.

One of the men was taken by Care Flight to Parkland Memorial Hospital with serious burns, and the other was taken by ambulance to Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital with

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Electric company workers survey the damage after a scaffolding collapsed.

VP of House	VP of PC
 Megan Brown ✓	 Sebastian Moleski ✓
Secretary	Treasurer
 Corrie Lockhart ✓	 David Watson ✓

The Results are in

Results pending due to a possible campaign violation ?

"On the Town" to premier on campus

BY KRISTI WALKER

Staff Reporter

TCU is bringing Broadway to campus in the student-performed musical "On The Town."

The story follows three Navy sailors on a 24-hour shore leave in New York City during World War II.

"Audiences will love this funny and romantic musical about three sailors desperate to find love on a one-day leave,"

said Harry Parker, theater department chairman.

TCU has a long history of excellence in musical theater performances and has more musically talented students this year than ever before, he said.

Cody Perret, a senior theater major, plays the part of Gabey, one of the sailors. When trying to decide how to portray a character like Gabey, Perret said he

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Students get house calls

BY JOHN ASHLEY MENZIES

Staff Reporter

Student Affairs staff members went knocking on doors of freshmen dorm room Tuesday night in an effort to understand how freshmen are handling their first semester.

Barbara Herman, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said the 28 staff members went to the residence halls to try and make a personal connection with the first-year class.

"Each class will have some

Student Affairs seeks feedback from freshmen

identity," Herman said, as she walked through Colby Hall. "We want to schedule programs and events to help meet the needs of the students."

Emily Burgwyn, director of Student Affairs Information Services, took down comments from students and phone numbers

to follow up on situations.

Staff members asked students general questions about how their first semesters have gone and about any complaints they may have.

Student complaints ranged from having rooms that were too cold, parking, too many cats around campus and confusion about transfer hours.

Ashley Mims, a freshman theater major, said parking is bad and that she is concerned

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■ **Creative Writing Contests** have begun. Submissions for 25 different contests are due Monday. Contact Charlotte Hogg at c.hogg@tcu.edu or (817) 257-6257.

■ **Summer 2004 Study Abroad Programs** are now enrolling in Sadler Hall, Room 16. Those wishing to enroll need to come by Sadler Hall, Room 16 to pick up a permit number and pay a \$500 deposit. Contact t.williams@tcu.edu for more information.

■ **The Center for Writing** is located on the top floor of the Rickel Academic Wing of the University Recreation Center, across from Moncrief Hall. Students who want to discuss some of their writing can stop by the Center for Writing or call (817) 257-7221 for an appointment.

■ **Residence Hall House Calls** will take place tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. About 25 staff members from Student Affairs will knock on freshmen's doors in their residence halls to see how their TCU experience is going. Assistant Dean of Campus Life James Parker said the event is a way to promote retention.

■ **TCU Community Band** is looking for musicians. The ensemble meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday nights in the band hall in the Walsh Center for the Performing Arts and is open to all faculty, staff and student musicians. Contact Duane Niles at d.niles@tcu.edu or (817) 257-6702 for more information.

■ **TCU's production of "On the Town"** will run Thursday through Sunday at Ed Landreth Auditorium. For more information call (817) 257-7625.

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ELECTION

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major. "Without knowledge of what the violations are, there is no way that any candidate can move forward with their cam-

paign."

Eason won an appeal last week, after receiving a campaign violation for announcing his presidential candidacy at an SGA meeting after stepping down as parliamentarian Oct. 14.

Jason Ruth, a presidential candidate, said he was also told nothing, and candidate Anthony Oppermann could not be reached for comment.

James said an estimated 2,200 students voted this year. "At 8,000 students, that is

27.5 percent," James said. "I challenge any school to show they had nearly 30 percent of their campus vote. You can probably count them on one hand."

Last year, 1,123 students voted.

In other races, Megan Brown was elected vice president of House, and David Watson was elected treasurer. James declined to give the margin of victory, only saying both won by a considerable margin.

Both Brown and Watson said they were not told their margin of victory.

Watson, a sophomore entrepreneurial management major, said he looks forward to learning all he can from current SGA Treasurer Chris Mattingly.

"I want to get a head start for next semester," Watson said. "At the same time, I want finish my term as permanent improvements chairman strong and continue to make positive changes to this campus."

Brown, a sophomore political science major, said she is excited but won't be satisfied until she knows who the president will be.

Two positions ran unopposed in this year's elections.

Sebastian Moleski will take the office as vice president of Programming Council. Moleski, a sophomore international economics major, is currently the director of programming and development.

Corrie Lockhart, a sophomore advertising public relations major, will return to SGA as secretary after holding the position for one semester.

SGA adviser Larry Markley said candidates usually do not run unopposed.

He said PC has had a couple of years where the number of returning members have been down.

Stephen Spillman/Photo Editor



Freshman theater major Michael Cook, dressed as a giant chicken, campaigns Tuesday for Anthony Oppermann during Student Government Association officer elections in the Student Center.

TRUSTEES

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Chancellor Victor Boschini announced that the new university core curriculum will come into effect in fall 2005.

He gave the status of the provost search committee, which is reviewing applicants

and narrowing the list to a smaller group of semi-finalists.

Boschini also talked about strengthening the relationship between the university and Brite Divinity. Boschini said he wants to make Brite a priority and meet on a regular basis with Brite President D. Newell Williams.

"I want to get involved with their activities," Boschini said. "I will also serve on the Board of Trustees for Brite Divinity."

A new Student Center, Bailey Building and the Ballet Building were given higher priority on the list of projects for the second phase of the fund-raising

campaign, but no time frame has been set on when these projects will begin.

"I am waiting for the strategic planning committee to tell all of us what to do and when," Boschini said. "They are in the beginning stages right now."

Koehler said he was pleased with the discussions during the meeting and that a lot was accomplished.

"Overall, the meeting was excellent," Koehler said. "The discussions on a variety of issues were substantive and engaging."

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THEATER

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consults the music first before the words.

"I like to get familiar with the music first because that kind of sets the mood," Perret said. "Once I figure out the music, I try to find out what is going on underneath the words."

CJ Meeks, a sophomore theater and radio-TV-film major, is one of the three male leads. He said he is excited about the upcoming performances.

"This is my first musical at TCU and it is one of the most fun casts I have ever worked with. We have all really bonded together," Meeks said.

The show will run at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the TCU Fine Arts Guild. The funds raised will help provide scholarships for one student in each department in the College of Communication and the College of Fine Arts, Parker said.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children and TCU students. For reservations please call (817) 257-5770.

"It's going to be a terrific evening featuring great comedy and songs, exciting dancing, spectacular scenery costumes

and lighting, and a wonderful cast of 35 talented TCU students," Parker said.

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Michael Skinner/Special to the Skiff

Junior music major T.J. Hoffman, sophomore theater and radio-TV-film major C.J. Meeks and senior theater major Cody Perret practice for the production of "On the Town," running Thursday to Sunday.

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with the number of stray cats that are roaming campus.

Megan DeHority, Mims' roommate and a freshman biology major, said freshmen should be able to park in the faculty parking lot during the weekend.

"I look out there on the weekend and it is empty," DeHority said. "I think we should be able to park there."

Rebecca Swaim, a freshman pre-business major, said she had confusion about Spanish transfer credits from a community college in Houston.

"I was told something different by everybody," Swaim said. "They need to have a general policy to handle all transfer credits."

Burgwyn took Swaim's phone number so she could

"We want to schedule programs and events to help meet the needs of the students."

— Barbara Herman
assistant vice chancellor for student affairs

follow up with her in hopes of finding out what was happening with the credits.

Herman said Student Affairs wants to make sure they deliv-

er what students expect when they come to TCU.

"The more we know, the better job we can do," Herman said.

For the students who were not in their rooms, Burgwyn and Herman left cards that students could mail back to Student Affairs with their comments.

Herman said members of the class of 2007 can contact Carrie Zimmerman from Student Development Services or James Parker, the dean of the class of 2007, if they have any comments or complaints.

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The Skiff View

CHEERS

Student Affairs go door-to-door

If you want to know something, sometimes you just have to find it out yourself.

Instead of waiting for freshmen to come to them with comments on their first semester at TCU, 28 representatives from Student Affairs went knocking on doors Tuesday night to ask freshmen how they like being a Frog so far.

The staff members asked the students how their semesters were going and if they had any complaints so far. Students voiced concerns about everything from parking to cats around campus to transferring credit hours.

Comment cards that could be mailed back to Student Affairs were left at the doors of students who weren't in their rooms.

This is a good idea, and Student Affairs should be congratulated for it.

This program didn't involve bribing students with free pizza. It involved people taking time out of their busy day to just listen to the needs of students.

Even though TCU is kind of small compared to many other universities, it can still be easy for students to feel that their voices are not being heard.

Because freshmen are probably still uncertain about how most things work on campus, it can't always be easy for them to voice their concerns or ask all of the questions they want to.

When university officials take the time to come to the freshmen's rooms and ask how they are doing, they are showing that TCU values student opinions. They are building relationships with these students.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

We will miss the MAC.

It is undeniable that the recent move for Marshall to Conference USA will be a good one for athletics from a few standpoints.

If everything goes wrong for Marshall in C-USA, the university will still earn \$100,000 more than being in the MAC. That's if everything goes wrong.

Marcum said that C-USA's television package alone could be worth more than \$500,000 for Marshall.

The move to C-USA also means much more exposure for Marshall athletics and the university as a whole.

As the MAC is only considered a mid-major conference, C-USA is considered a major conference. Many of its schools are prestigious academic institutions. Good company for Marshall, as university president Dan Angel insists it will help direct Marshall toward national prominence.

Apart from more national television time and better company, by playing in bigger markets like Houston, New Orleans and Memphis, Marshall will gain media attention in areas it would not have in the MAC. The number of people aware of Marshall will only increase.

Marshall now becomes the northern most school in a southern conference. The national

travel will help with athletic recruiting.

This wasn't possible when Marshall's travel was limited to Ohio and Michigan, along with one school in each Indiana, Illinois and New York.

So why would we miss the MAC?

Because the travel was limited to Ohio, Michigan and the others. Traveling to away games was a possible day trip for those wanting to support Marshall athletics.

Now, the Thundering Herd's closest competitor is East Carolina, more than 400 miles away as opposed to the 80 miles it takes to get to Ohio University.

And with the move, what geographic, in-conference rival does that leave Marshall with? Having a rivalry with Alabama-Birmingham or Southern Methodist doesn't seem as fun as one with schools in a state just across the Ohio River.

But as the move to C-USA means both athletic and academic progress for Marshall, we'll deal. The school will develop new rivalries and supporters will make the longer trips.

Good bye, MAC. It's been a pleasure.

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'BAD NEWS, SIR. MORE SIGNS OF "MAJOR SUCCESS" REPORTED IN THE NORTH, INCIDENTS OF "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" ALL ACROSS BAGHDAD, AND "STEADY IMPROVEMENTS" ERUPTING FROM HERE TO TIKRIT! ...'

Party labels divide us

Last week, Republicans in Congress hit a new low in the battle between the parties. The health and education spending bill currently before Congress provides exactly \$0 for Democratic congressional districts in the House of Representatives.

That's right, if you voted Democrat, Tom DeLay believes you do not deserve any money from the government.

Guess what, Tom. Democrats are Americans too. So are independents, Green party members, socialists, libertarians and every other citizen of the United States. Denying Americans equal access to money for health and education makes Tom DeLay and his Republican flunkies no better than typical fascists.

It's become accepted practice for the dominant party in Congress to take the majority of money in appropriations bills. The split usually runs about 60-40. This isn't fair, but it ensures that money is spread out somewhat evenly across the country.

Party dominance does not make some Americans more deserving than others. Congress should be spending money based

on need, not party affiliation. This country has more deserving projects than we can fund, but national priorities should come before political parties.

Pardon me for putting the United States before donkeys and elephants. The U.S. would be best served by getting rid of the established political parties altogether.

"Congress should be spending money based on need, not party affiliation. This country has more deserving projects than we can fund, but national priorities should come before political parties."

Rather than investigating issues and voting based on the interests of their constituencies, most legislators simply follow party instructions. Similarly, voters tend to vote for the party rather than the representative.

There is a growing discontent with the traditional political system. We have abysmal voting rates because Americans feel disconnected. Between the massive influence of lobbyists and typical party shenanigans, the discontent isn't a surprise.

In the past few elections, we have seen relatively strong support for third-party candidates who present an alternative to the traditional Democrats and Republicans. John McCain, Ross Perot and Ralph Nader have all had large impacts on recent elections. More and more Americans are registering as independents precisely because neither party represents them well.

The biggest problem in American politics is that political parties put themselves before the good of the nation. Rather than find the option that is best for the country, they find the option that is best for re-election. Both parties spend most of their time pandering to whoever will donate the most money to their campaigns.

Neither political party is serving the interests of the American people. The Republican spending fiasco should make this abundantly clear.

We need alternatives. We need government by the people, not by the party. We need a revolution in the way politics are done in this country. Our democracy dies a little more each day.

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Meeting new people takes courage, but it is worth it

If you could create a national holiday, what would it be?

You'd have to think carefully because a lot of them are already taken.

Somebody out there has already thought of "Lost Sock Memorial Day," "Sneak Some Zucchini onto Your Neighbor's Porch Night," "Tell a Story Day," "Sorry Charlie Day" and, my favorite, "Make up Your Own Holiday Day."

If I could create a national holiday, I would choose "Talk to a Stranger in an Elevator Day."

I've always found it amusing to get on an elevator with a bunch of strangers and see people look at the ceiling and the doors or even read the capacity limit sign, just as long as they don't end up staring at each other.

Strange as this all may sound, there is a point. What I notice every time I get on an elevator with a stranger, I have also noticed in the world around me. People are afraid of each other.

We join a few organizations and make some acquaintances in class, but most of the time, people seem really unwilling to just jump in there and meet new people. We stay with the same basic group of friends for four years, and for four years, they remain our central source of entertainment.

Well, there is absolutely nothing wrong with this. I hope everyone can say before they die that they have had at least one true friend in life. But in addition to those best friends, it can also be nice to have some people you can hang out with sometimes.

In a lot of instances, meeting new people can

be hard. But there are already ready-made situations to meet new people that every one can take advantage of.

Smokers — The next time you step outside for a smoke and see someone else getting their fix as well, strike up a conversation along with a match. You already know you have one thing in common.

People waiting in line — Most of the time you aren't going anywhere because that one person at the front of the line has to find exact change or ask just one more question of the cashier. So try talking to one of the people in line with you. If nothing else, it will help pass the time.

Diners — It's time for lunch and none of your friends are around. So why don't you try sitting with someone new? If the conversation lags, you have a guaranteed topic in complaining about the university's food and the outrageous fees they charge.

People riding in elevators — OK, so you're stuck in a tiny box with a stranger and that can be intimidating. But a little chitchat isn't going to hurt you. You're only going to be able to read that "1,000 lb. capacity" sign so many times before it gets old.

It may be scary at first, even a little uncomfortable, but meeting new people eventually gets easier.

So keep in mind that there are, literally, billions of people out there, and some of them could probably become your really good friends if you're willing to take the first step and say, "Hi."

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Skip first meal of day

I think I've stumbled onto something the American people might be interested in knowing. It all started late last week when

COMMENTARY I bought a sausage, egg and cheese biscuit and an

orange juice from the cafeteria at work. That feast of a meal cost more than three dollars, which is highway robbery if you ask me.

I started griping to anyone who would listen about the injustice that had befallen me. One co-worker just looked at me and said, "But, Seth, breakfast is the most important meal of the day."

While that statement has generally become a consensus opinion in society, something didn't sound right about it. The next morning, I dragged my body out of bed and got in the shower with the metaphoric breakfast monkey still on my back.

I bent down to pick up the soap -- and that's when it nailed me.

Breakfast isn't the most important meal of the day, people just say it is because it's the one meal nobody eats.

Everybody already eats lunch and dinner, so there's no reason to encourage us to keep doing it.

Breakfast runs on an entirely different supply line than its two counterparts.

Except for weird people like me who would drink milk with prime rib, most of the things you consume for breakfast aren't used for the other two meals.

If people aren't eating grits, then the demand for grits goes down, there is a grits surplus, and prices plummet, leaving the government no choice but to subsidize to help our failing grits farms. If we don't drink orange juice, Florida's economy crumbles and it's nothing more than this peninsula dangling limply into the Atlantic.

So Joe Congressmen, after being lobbied by the grits farmers in his district, gets some incriminating evidence on the surgeon general, who has no choice but to come out and tell John Q. Breakfastkipper that he has erred in his ways.

Instead of turbo-charging himself with a pot of coffee, John should begin each day with a balanced meal of grits and fresh-squeezed Florida orange juice because it has just been discovered after thousands of years of research that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. As soon as the barley farms in America start failing, it's going to be the same song, just a new verse.

Instead of eating grits and orange juice, you should be consuming more Pabst Blue Ribbon, because after thousands of years of research, it has been discovered that beerfest, the oft-neglected meal, is actually the most important meal of the day.

As a result of my new-found enlightenment, I'm going to start a grassroots movement. I encourage everyone to fight back against the government breakfast conspiracy and start skipping breakfast again.

Now pass me a Pabst, it's beerfest time.

Seth Fox is a columnist for The Reveille at Louisiana State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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National/State Roundup

Texas high school students' murder plot discovered

VIDOR (AP) — Officials uncovered an apparent plot by five Vidor High School students to shoot more than 20 other students and four administrators, the school district superintendent said Tuesday.

No weapons were found with the students or on campus, Superintendent Robert Madding said in a statement. The five students were barred from the school after the plot was discovered Monday, he said.

Two of the students were taken into custody Monday and were being held pending a court hearing, said Orange County District Attorney John Kimbrough.

"The juvenile prosecutor is going to look at the file today and make a decision," Kimbrough told the Beaumont Enterprise for its online editions Tuesday. "If need be the hearing will be tomorrow."

Vidor police, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the FBI were notified and an investigation is under way, Madding said. The police and sheriff's department referred calls to the school district police department, which did not return calls Tuesday.

The administrators and the parents of the students who were threatened were immediately notified, Madding said. The five students in the alleged plot are minors, however, their names and the names of those who were allegedly threatened were not released.

Former workers file federal lawsuit against Wal-Mart

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Workers recently arrested in federal raids filed a racketeering lawsuit accusing Wal-Mart of conspiring with contractors in a criminal enterprise that violated the civil rights and wage protections of immigrants who cleaned its stores.

The federal court lawsuit seeks class-action

status for perhaps thousands of immigrants, legal and illegal, hired by the contractors to clean the stores of the world's largest retailer, said a lawyer for the plaintiffs, James L. Linsey.

The scheme by Wal-Mart and the contractors violated the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, known as RICO, by systematically depriving the workers of labor law protections over at least the last three years, according to the lawsuit. "It's all designed to exploit the weakest, most vulnerable people in the world," Linsey said Tuesday, a day after the lawsuit was filed.

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The lawsuit seeks unspecified monetary damages and an injunction barring Wal-Mart from further violations.

The nine named plaintiffs, all from Mexico, were among the 250 people arrested Oct. 23 by federal immigration agents during raids at 60 Wal-Mart stores in 21 states, including Texas. They have been released to await deportation proceedings, Linsey said.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Mona Williams said the claims have no merit and the company will seek to have the lawsuit dismissed. "The Wal-Mart culture is based on respect for other people, and we would never condone treating anyone poorly, legal or otherwise. We want to get to the bottom of this and are as eager as anyone to see whatever evidence federal officials might have," Williams said.

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She said some 700 of its 3,000 U.S. stores are now cleaned by outside contractors,

down from 1,500 several years ago.

The company acknowledged last week that federal prosecutors gave notice that this issue is the target of a criminal investigation into the hiring of illegal immigrants.

An employer can face civil and criminal penalties for knowingly hiring illegal immigrants or failing to comply with certain employee record-keeping regulations.

School administrators accused of inconsistent crime report

HOUSTON (AP) — The president of Houston's teachers union said Tuesday that district administrators consistently refuse to honestly report on-campus violence, and that she plans to emphasize the issue.

Houston Federation of Teachers president Gayle Fallon said the union will survey teachers, and others in the Houston district's 80 middle and high schools, regarding whether principals fail to discipline violent and disruptive students, to avoid having to report such statistics to the state.

If results show consistent failure to comply with reporting requirements, the union will seek to suspend or revoke principals' education certificates.

"We'd be grateful if they just report what happens on campus," Fallon said.

HISD spokesman, Terry Abbott, said the district welcomes the union's challenge.

Last week the Texas Education Agency said the district's reporting of crime and disciplinary actions complied with state law, he said. "We are more than happy to have her try to make good on her threats," he said.

Fallon's comments came a few days after district Superintendent Kaye Stripling disputed a New York Times report, that found the district failed to report thousands of campus crimes to the

state, saying it was not required to do so.

The article said district officials reported 761 campus assaults to the TEA over the last four school years, while district police noted 3,091 assaults during the same period into a database shared with city police.

Man charged with running over fifth-grader surrenders

ABILENE (AP) — A man charged with running over and killing a fifth-grader while she walked to school nearly three weeks ago, has surrendered to authorities. Robert McKeehan went to the Taylor County Jail on Monday and was released after posting a \$20,000 bond.

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However, McKeehan, 35, still faces a charge of manslaughter in the death of Christine Davis, 11. If convicted, he could face two to 20 years in prison. Because he has no prior criminal record, he may be eligible for probation.

An arrest warrant for McKeehan was issued Friday afternoon. McKeehan had agreed to turn himself in Monday morning with his attorney, sheriffs Lt. Carol Taylor said.

McKeehan is accused of hitting Davis just after 7 a.m. Oct. 24 as she crossed the street. A crossing guard had stopped the pre-dawn traffic when McKeehan drove through a marked crosswalk and struck Davis, narrowly missing her younger sister and the guard, police said.

A police investigation concluded McKeehan was speeding. The posted speed limit was 35 mph.

"There's nobody more remorseful about it (the accident) than he is," said his attorney, Sam Moore. "Now he's facing jail time."

Davis was thrown over and to the side of the car and was immediately hit again

by a second car, police said. The driver of that car remains under investigation.

The case could be sent to a grand jury within 90 days, authorities said.

Authorities remove 24 Bengal tigers from private facility

JACKSON, N.J. (AP) — Authorities early Tuesday began rounding up 24 Bengal tigers from a private sanctuary, culminating in a battle that began after a 430-pound tiger was found roaming the suburbs.

New Jersey officials got a court order to remove the animals after it determined that they were being poorly cared for at the 12-acre Tigers Only Preservation Society, which is owned by Joan Byron-Marasek. The tigers were being transferred to a Texas animal shelter.

The saga began in January 1999, when authorities shot and killed a loose tiger wandering around a residential subdivision near Byron-Marasek's property. Authorities had tried unsuccessfully to tranquilize it.

State officials never proved the tiger belonged to Byron-Marasek, known as "The Tiger Lady," but they criticized conditions at her facility and refused to renew her permit to keep the animals.

After a lengthy court battle, her appeals were exhausted in November 2001, and a judge authorized a plan to move the animals to the Texas sanctuary.

The first of four large tractor-trailers entered the compound around 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, and crews worked to lure the tigers into individual cages.

Chris Cutter, a spokesman for the International Fund for Animal Welfare, said he did not expect much difficulty in getting the tigers to enter the transfer cages from the pen where they were being held. "They're pretty anxious to get out," said Cutter, whose group is assisting with the move.



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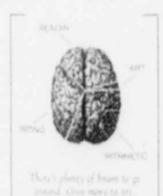
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Shaping up

While exercising your brain in class this semester, don't forget to exercise your body too. It can do more for your mind than you know.

TEST YOUR FITNESS EXPERTISE

- If you do both weight-training and aerobics in the same session, which should come first?
A. weight training
B. aerobics
- You're stuck with the metabolic rate you're born with.
A. true
B. false
- Which type of exercise is the best way to burn fat?
A. vigorous
B. moderate
C. it doesn't matter
- Is it medically safe to gain weight as you get older?
A. yes
B. no
- In addition to a regular exercise program, the No. 1 thing you can do to improve your health is to modify your diet. Your diet can possibly be enhanced by:
A. buying lower fat versions of milk and other dairy products
B. eating five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day
C. eating six or more servings of bread and cereals per day
D. all the above
- Physical inactivity can lead to an increase in coronary heart disease mortality of:
A. 10 percent
B. 30 percent
C. 60 percent
D. 90 percent
- Inactive adults are how much more likely to experience depression?
A. two times
B. six times
C. eight times
D. ten times
- To receive the physical benefits of exercise you should exercise
A. one 10-minute session per week
B. one hour-long session per week
C. two 15-minute sessions per week
D. at least three 30-minute sessions per week

ANSWERS

- B. Aerobics.** You'll boost circulation and body temperature prior to working with weights.
- B. False.** While resting metabolism is largely determined by age (it slows), genes (some people burn faster) or gender (women's rates are usually lower), the longer and more intensely you exercise, the greater your metabolic rate.
- C. It doesn't matter.** If you burn off more calories than you consume over the course of a week or two, you will start burning fat.
- B. No,** according to the government's "Weight Guidelines for Americans."
- D. All of the Above**
- C. 60 percent**
- A. Two Times**
- D. At least three 30-minute sessions per week**

Source: Environmental News Network

Exercise helps college students maintain health

BY ANDY HALPERIN
Skiff Staff

By the time Crystal Bennett reaches the corner of Stadium and Bellaire, the sun has barely begun to peek its face across the eastern horizon. The grass is still fresh with dew, the temperature has yet to reach 70 degrees and the campus is still very much asleep. After all, it's only 6:30 a.m.

The senior English major from Pensacola, Fla., bends over and tightens the laces on her Adidas running shoes. As she does, she notices a tightness in her right hamstring and gently begins to stretch.

Pretty soon, another sign of life appears as a car pulls up to the four-way stop. Bennett finishes her stretching and slowly turns to face north. After arching her back, stretching her arms to the sky and letting out a final yawn, she begins to jog, disappearing into the neighborhood bordering the TCU campus.

"I like starting the day off going for a run," Bennett said. "It energizes me for the rest of the day and helps me clear my mind and relieve stress."

Like many other members of the TCU community, Bennett has made exercise an integral part of her college experience. She has found it to positively impact her ability to function successfully as a student.

Regular Exercise

The benefits of exercise that students like Bennett claim to experience have been put to the test by researchers and fitness experts for

decades. Kelly Slavko, Fitness and Wellness Director for TCU Campus Recreation, said exercise has been proven over and over again to help prevent a person's likelihood of acquiring many health-related problems.

"Participating in a regular exercise program has been shown to reduce risk for cardiovascular disease and certain cancers, decrease blood pressure and resting heart rate, help a person lose weight, improve the functioning of the immune system, reduce the risk of having a stroke and improve the body's ability to uptake oxygen and deliver the oxygen to the working muscles," Slavko said.

If that wasn't enough, Slavko said exercise also can help improve an individual's self-esteem, help a person relax, alleviate depression, sleep and improve stress levels.

For college students, benefits such as stress relief and improved sleep are two highly sought-after commodities. Between classes, exams, papers, projects, work and social pressures, TCU students make themselves very vulnerable to high stress levels and sleep deprivation.

Just ask Darryn Willoughby, the kinesiology department associate professor of exercise and molecular physiology. Willoughby said students need to make exercise a top priority in order to experience better health now and in the years to come.

"Exercise should be very important to students," Willoughby said. "Ultimately, it is an investment in their health. Students should be concerned with improving their health and decreasing their risk of disease for later years."

But students aren't the only ones at TCU making time to stay active. Willoughby is quick to point out that faculty are already at the stage in life where disease prevention is critical, making their

need for exercise even more immediate.

"Faculty and staff should be aware of the same issues at students," Willoughby said. "But we are later in life, so the time for us to focus on exercise is already at hand."

Rec Center

The need for exercise has received renewed attention at TCU in the past year with the opening of the new Recreation Center during spring 2003. The facility has provided more opportunities to stay physically active.

"With the opening of the Recreation Center, the exercise climate seems to have improved dramatically," Willoughby said. "More students, faculty and staff seem to be involved."

Since the opening of the building, members of the TCU community have been streaming through its doors and reaping the benefits of the state-of-the-art facility. Membership to the center is included in student fees and is extended to TCU faculty, staff and alumni at reasonable rates.

Slavko said the new Recreation Center has greatly aided Campus Recreation in accomplishing its mission, "To provide a broad spectrum of quality sport, recreation and leisure programs and services to the diverse TCU community; to encourage the lifelong pursuit of active, healthy lifestyles and to enhance personal development through participation, employment and leadership opportunities."

Slavko said both students and faculty are taking advantage of the many opportunities they have been given.

"It seems as though the students are pretty health conscious and enthusiastic about participating in a regular exercise program," Slavko

said. "Faculty and staff have been in support of our Unity program, so that tells me that they are also involved in their health."

Special Programs

The Unity Program is a 16-week program for faculty, staff and their spouses, involving the Recreation Center and Human Resources Department in conjunction with the Life Center. Participants are required to develop three goals they want to achieve during the program. If they reach all three goals, they receive a free one-year membership to the facility. Participants also receive a free personal training session and nutrition consultation.

The Unity Program is just one of many opportunities Campus Recreation provides members of the TCU community to stay physically active.

"We have personal training, massage therapy and group exercise classes in place right now," Slavko said. However, Willoughby also cautions against exercising too much.

"Exercising every day on an ongoing, consistent basis with no days of rest is likely too much and can lead to overtraining," Willoughby said.

In the meantime, Bennett is content to start her days off earlier than most students with a run through the surrounding neighborhood. It's a habit she has learned to love because of the positive results it provides.

"If I didn't exercise on a regular basis, I don't know if I'd be able to handle the daily grind of college life," Bennett said. "Exercise has definitely been a key part of my experience at TCU. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

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Unhealthy American ways travel across ocean

BY CHRISTINA RUFFINI
Commentary

Recently, the Krispy Kreme doughnut franchise opened up a new store in London, England. According to BBC news, the arrival of America's favorite pastry was met with mixed emotions in the United Kingdom. Although the line outside the new location was considerable, not all London residents were thrilled with the latest invasion of American fast food. Burger King and McDonald's have already become mainstays in many British diets. In fact, 2.5 million United Kingdom residents visit McDonald's every day. One may ask, why all the resistance to this popular American food? Many people in the United Kingdom, as well as in Western Europe, feel that these restaurants are part of an American ploy to make them obese. In fact, the British Isles are about to pass the United States with the percentage of overweight citizens.

According to BBC news, the rate of overweight citizens in England has increased from 10 percent in 1980, to a substantially higher 58 percent today. The rate of overweight Americans is 65 percent with 30 percent considered obese.

The difference between being obese and being overweight is defined by a breakdown body mass index. For a person who is 5'9" tall, 130 pounds is considered underweight and renders a BMI of 19.2, 160 pounds is considered a normal weight with a BMI of 23.6, 190 pounds is classified as overweight with a BMI of 28.1, and anything over 220 pounds and BMI 32.5 is considered obese.

Obesity is quickly becoming a worldwide epidemic. Scientists warn that the dangers of being overweight range far beyond simple physical appearance. Overweight and obese people are more likely to develop cancer and heart disease, and average an overall shorter life span. A study published by the BBC Oct. 7 stated that one in three Americans born in 2000 is likely to develop diabetes at some point during his or her life. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the rate of Americans with diabetes could increase by 165 percent between 2000 and 2050. Rates of diabetes are also increasing in the United Kingdom, along with the numbers of heart attacks and heart failures. Last year alone nearly 11 percent of all deaths from coronary heart disease were directly attributed to obesity.

So what can we do about the world's rapidly expanding waistlines? The advice from the experts is that we should eat less, exercise more, and eat everything only in moderation. Eating an even amount from the four basic food groups and doing at least twenty minutes of strenuous activity a day are the best ways to stay in shape and live longer. But remember, fast food should not be a mainstay in your diet. If you were to have two doughnuts for breakfast, a super sized value meal for lunch and a KFC chicken strips meal for dinner, you would consume about 4,000 calories and nearly 200 grams of fat. Daily nutritional values suggest a caloric intake of no more than two thousand within a 24-hour period. With all this information, it's no wonder the English are shouting, "Krispy Kreme, get out!"

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CALCULATE YOUR BMI

- Write down your weight, in pounds.
- Multiply this number times 703.
- This is Answer A.
- Write down your height, in inches.
- Square that number (Multiply it times itself).
- This is Answer B.
- Divide Answer A by Answer B. This is your BMI.



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The Sideline

Lady Frogs ranked No. 24 in preseason poll

The Associated Press rated the TCU Lady Frogs No. 24 in its preseason poll, released Tuesday afternoon. A week ago, TCU was tabbed No. 23 in the USA Today/ESPN/WBCA Coaches' Poll. TCU was rated as high as No. 20 by Basketball News among the preseason publication polls. TCU was the only team in Conference USA to crack the top 25. Others from the league receiving votes were DePaul, Cincinnati and Louisville. The Lady Frogs are the preseason favorite to win the regular-season conference title this season after winning the tournament last year in Memphis.

— courtesy of www.gofrogs.com

Frogs cross country teams travel to Waco

The TCU men's and women's cross country teams travel to Waco Saturday to compete in the South Central Regional Cross Country Championships. The men's 10K event gets underway at 10 a.m., while the women toe the starting line for their 6K race at 11:15 a.m. The top two teams in both races, along with the top three individuals, will advance to the NCAA Championships, which will be held in Waterloo, Iowa on Nov. 24.

The TCU women's squad is coming off a second place finish at the Conference USA meet and is ranked No. 30 in the most recent national poll.

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Frogs focused on play, not on hoopla

JOHN ASHLEY MENZIES
Staff Reporter

In a week that has seen the Horned Frogs football team enter the top six in the Bowl Championship Series rankings, people are starting to talk.

So, how is head coach Gary Patterson handling all of the hoopla?

"What hoopla?" Patterson said Tuesday.

It is just another day in the office for the Frogs and Patterson. The Frogs have to take care of business against Cincinnati if they hope to keep their BCS dreams alive, Patterson said.

"Cincinnati beat us last year," Patterson said. "We've got a lot of things in front of us."

Patterson said Cincinnati has had this game circled since the spring and will be expecting the Bearcats to play well.

"This is Cincy's coming out party," Patterson

said. "The Big East said they were getting two football teams and didn't mention Cincinnati, so they will be looking to make a point."

He said the two teams are comparable on both sides of the ball and that Cincinnati is another big, physical football team.

"We just have to keep finding a way to win," Patterson said.

Cincinnati's junior quarterback Gino Guidugli is another talented quarterback that will test TCU again, Patterson said.

Frog fans will remember Guidugli making a 14-yard touchdown run in overtime last year to defeat the Frogs on national TV in the season opener.

"You earn your money in November," Patterson said. "It takes both sides of the ball and all three phases of the game to win."

Patterson said the defense lost its confidence over the past two and half games but with 10-days off should play better.

"We've only lost two guys on defense, but you wouldn't know it by the way they've played," he said.

Patterson said it is all mental and that the defense will need to play themselves out of it just like the offense did.

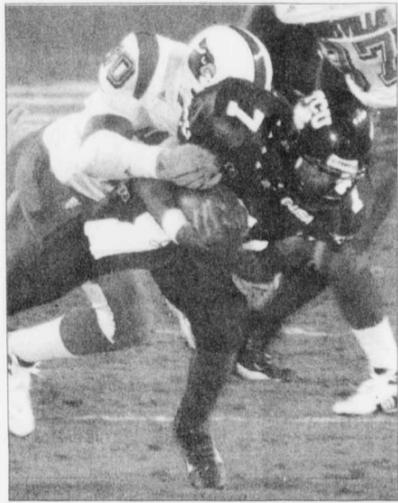
He said Cincinnati will play its best ball game of the season and that the only difference between this year and last is that it is in Texas this time.

As for the hoopla though?

"People are going to have their opinions on us," Patterson said. "They are either going to like us or they are going to have a reason why they don't."

Patterson said the top six ranking in the BCS will bring much more national attention to the Frogs, but said he is excited the nation will get to know about the players and the TCU community. However, he said he will not treat it any different than he has during the Frogs' rise through the polls.

"TCU has tradition," Patterson said. "We want to bring it back."



By Halasz/Staff Photographer
Head coach Gary Patterson said the Frogs are not taking their upcoming game with unranked Cincinnati lightly. TCU lost to the Bearcats 36-29 in overtime last season.

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A: YES 51 NO 44 HUH 5

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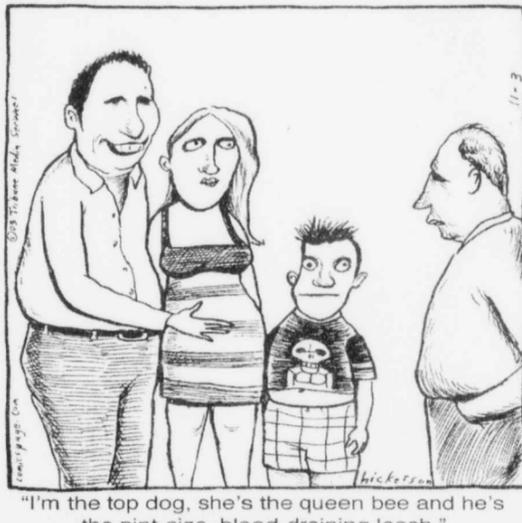


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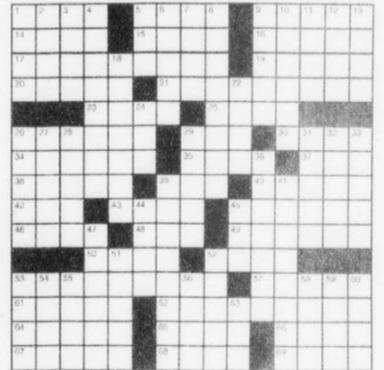
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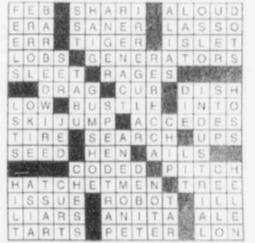
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severe burns, Worley said. At press time, attempts to confirm their current conditions from the Fort Worth Police Department, Fort Worth

Fire Department, Parkland Memorial Hospital, Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital, MedStar, and the Dallas and Tarrant County Medical Examiner's offices were unsuccessful.

"All my alarms went off and then I heard an explosion," Bellaire Ranch resident Melissa Clarke said. "I thought it was

a wreck, and then I saw the smoke. Sparks were flying. It looked like a war zone."

The fire department responded to a call at 11:36 a.m. When they arrived, the men were laying on the ground near the scaffolding, Worley said. The power line surged with so much energy that it electrified the ground and the heat created pieces of glass, he said.

"It was pretty scary because I wasn't sure what happened," Bellaire Ranch resident Felisha Louffler said. "You could see smoke, and then somebody yelled 'It's gonna blow.'"

The explosion happened near the backside of the complex.

The power was turned off on Hulen Street after the explosion to let workers repair the power lines, Worley said.

Power was restored at about 4 p.m. said Michael Hepler, a worker at Rockfish restaurant.

The Fort Worth Police Department was called in to keep residents away from the energized fence, Lt. Jesse Hernandez said.

The Bellaire Ranch is home to both TCU students and staff but none were available for comment at the time of the accident.

Rangers offer to donate land for Bush's library

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The Texas Rangers have reportedly offered to donate land near The Ballpark at Arlington for President Bush's library if the city is chosen for the site.

The baseball team, which has joined with Arlington leaders in a bid to land the George W. Bush presidential library, is the latest player in a field of competitors that include the University of Texas at Austin, Baylor, Southern Methodist, Texas A&M and Texas Tech universities.

Southwest Sports Group, which now owns the Rangers, has given Bush a written proposal offering to donate a choice of sites from more than 100 acres surrounding the ballpark if the president chooses Arlington, Rangers president Mike Cramer told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

Rangers owner Tom Hicks also discussed the initiative during private meetings with the president, Cramer said last week.

"We were told, OK, thanks, it would be considered," Cramer told the newspaper. "The president knows we're out there, and we would certainly love to have the land on the ballpark site."

Bush, who was managing partner of the team before he was elected governor, will select the site before leaving office.

The Rangers and the stadium authority control about 160 acres around the ballpark, Cramer said. Most available property is being used as paved parking, and the rest is grassland, he said.

Cramer said the library would be within 200 to 500 yards of the ballpark, depending on the president's choice of sites.



James McDonnell/Staff Photographer

An electrician gets a better look at the power lines damaged by the winds and scaffolding at the 4600 block of Bellaire Drive Tuesday.

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