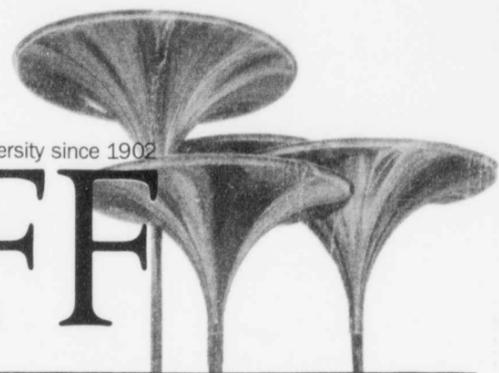




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Super Star

Mascot gets national TV exposure

SuperFrog appeared in several Nokia commercials nationwide along side Snoop Dogg and Johnnie Cochran during the Sugar Bowl and other Bowl Championship Series games.

By John Anderson
 Staff Reporter

A frog meeting a queen might sound like a fairy tale, but it's one that Jeff Crane will get to share for the rest of his life.

SuperFrog, played by Jeff Crane, assistant marketing director for athletics, was in a series of interactive Nokia commercials directed by filmmaker Guy Ritchie. Crane got to meet pop queen Madonna, who visited her husband, Ritchie, on the set in Los Angeles with their 3-year-old son, Rocco.

Madonna wanted her son to meet SuperFrog but he was intimidated by the horned frog and stepped back toward his mother, Crane said.

Hip-hop star Snoop Dogg played the role of a detective in search of the stolen ADT

National Championship Trophy with SuperFrog, one of the prime suspects in addition to ESPN football analyst Terry Bowden and a sports fan.

TCU sent Crane to Universal Studios in Los Angeles. Crane replaced the normal students who play SuperFrog since the taping took place during finals week.

"I thought it was a great experience to see how things worked in Hollywood. I would love to do it again," Crane said.

One of the commercials included a scene with Snoop Dogg interrogating SuperFrog and attorney Johnnie Cochran defending him.

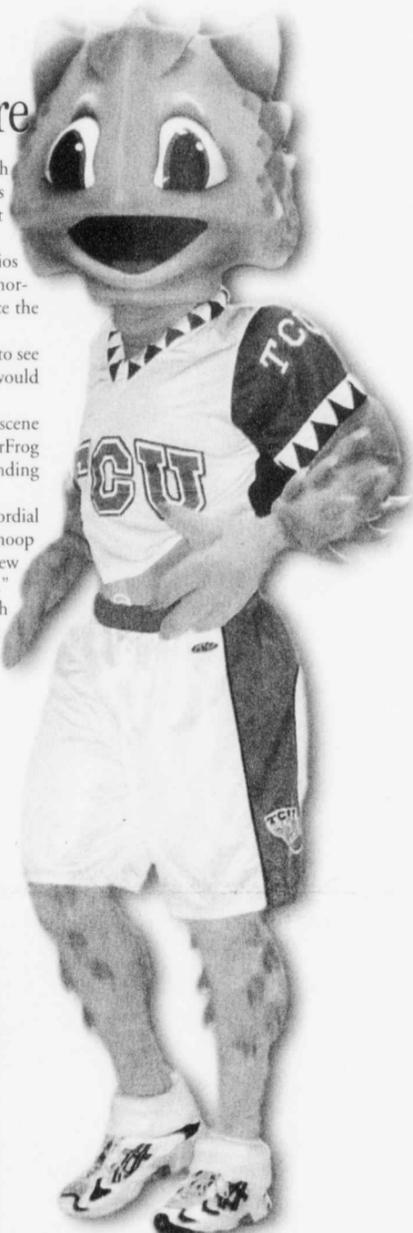
"Johnnie Cochran was the most cordial of anyone I met," Crane said. "Snoop Dogg is a big football fan and he knew TCU's record off the top of his head."

SuperFrog posed for a picture with Cochran and gave Snoop Dogg a TCU football jersey with his name on the back.

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Snoop Dogg interrogates prime suspect SuperFrog during one of the final Nokia commercials. Courtesy of The Richards Group



Search for provost narrowed to three primary finalists

After a semester of reviewing applications and interviewing candidates, the provost search committee has named a geologist, a chemist and a political scientist as the front-runners for the university's second-highest position.

By Jarod Daily
 Staff Reporter

The three primary candidates for provost are described as men with contrasting styles, backgrounds and personalities.

"They're different in terms of where they've been, what kind of place they've been at and what kinds of things they've done," said

Nadia Lahutsky, who chaired the provost search committee. "And they're different personalities. That's going to be obvious to people the second hour they're on campus."

The three finalists to replace William Koehler, who is retiring as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the end of the school year, were announced last week.

The finalists are R. Nowell Donovan, chairman of the TCU geology department; Arthur W. Herriott, a professor of chemistry and former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Florida International University in Miami; and Michael L. Mezey, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and professor of political science at DePaul University in Chicago.

"Several people have already asked me who my favorite candidate is," she said. "The truth of the matter is, I would be happy with any of these three persons as my provost."

Lahutsky said about 90 people were nominated by professors and academics outside the university. About 60 people applied.

The applicants came from nominees and respondents from an advertisement in the Chronicle of Higher Education. From those applicants, the committee narrowed the pool down to eight individuals they invited to interview in person.

Lahutsky said the committee asked the candidates questions (More on PROVOST, page 6)

QUICK FACTS

Provost Candidate Interview Schedule

During each two-day interview session, candidates will meet with groups representing every aspect of involvement on campus, from the Faculty Senate and Staff Assembly executive committees to administrators to a group of students picked by SGA President Jay Zeidman. At the end of the two days, each candidate will meet with Chancellor Victor Boschini.

Jan. 20-21: Dr. Arthur Herriott
 Jan. 26-27: Dr. Michael Mezey
 Feb. 4-5: Dr. Nowell Donovan

City weighs parking permit

New regulations have improved the parking situation in the neighborhoods around TCU for some residents, but others are still unhappy with the situation.

By Allison Goertz
 Staff Reporter

Increased parking fines, more no-parking signs and strictly enforced tow-away zones on the streets surrounding TCU have produced mixed opinions among neighbors about whether parking problems have improved.

In a meeting last week at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, residents of the neighborhoods around TCU voiced their

concerns about parking and discussed whether they thought the changes made last semester were producing positive results.

"What you all have done has been a miracle," said Marsha Cowdin, president of the Frisco Heights Neighborhood Association. "It's safer to drive and it really made a huge difference in our neighborhood."

Fort Worth police officer Jamie Johnson said the increased fines and enforcement have been a step in the right direction.

"It has been effective with its intended goal to provide access to neighborhoods for emergency vehicles," he said.

Last semester, 30 cars were towed and almost \$30,000 in fines

for illegal parking around TCU was issued in October, the first full month after the higher fines and

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QUICK FACTS

City to discuss parking

- The City Council Capital Improvement and Infrastructure committee will discuss parking in the TCU area
- When: 10 a.m. today
- Where: City Hall, 1000 Throckmorton St.



New facility, new start



Men's basketball coach Neil Dougherty stands on the future site of three practice courts in the new basketball facility. Check out the complete story on page 8.

TCU restricting 'shop and drops'

Students wanting to enroll for 18 hours were forced to wait until the first day of classes.

By Erica Parker
 Staff Reporter

Students who "shop and drop" classes has led the registrar to prohibit students from registering for more than 17 hours until the first day of class, university officials said.

Shop and drop is when students enroll for 18 hours and drop a class the first week of school once they find out if the class is hard,

said Patrick Miller, registrar and director of enrollment management.

"We have rational students who shop and drop classes," Miller said. The restriction, which went into effect last year, has already been criticized by some students.

Junior Perry Cottrell said he was surprised to learn over winter break that he couldn't enroll for his money and banking course.

"When I tried to enroll in the course there were errors saying I couldn't enroll for more than 17 hours," said Cottrell, a marketing

and entrepreneurial management major. "I then went to the business building to fill out the maximum unit load form, which allows students to enroll for 18 hours or more."

Cottrell went back to the business building and administrators said he couldn't enroll for 18 hours until the first day of class.

But Miller said more students will have the opportunity to enroll in the classes they need because they will not be held by

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Suspended football coach formally resigns

Former cornerbacks coach Willie Mack Garza still awaits a grand jury decision in connection to a Sept. 20 accident on Southeast Loop 820.

By Amy Sikes
 Staff Reporter

Willie Mack Garza, the TCU assistant football coach who was arrested in September on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and failing to render aid to an injured person, has resigned.

Garza cited personal reasons for the resignation when the Skiff reached him by telephone. He said



Garza

he plans to "take a break" but will coach again. He would not comment further.

Garza was arrested Sept. 20 in Fort Worth in connection to an accident on Southeast Loop 820 in Forest Hill, police said.

The cornerbacks coach, who was suspended with pay and barred from his formal duties after the arrest, is still awaiting a grand jury investigation to determine

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Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

• **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 their writing can stop by the Center for Writing or call (817) 257-7221 for an appointment.

• **Norton Anti-Virus** software is now available to all TCU students. Students connecting to Resnet in the residence halls will be required to install and run this anti-virus package to ensure the stability and high performance you have come to expect from Resnet.

• **TCU Wednesday Worship** will meet at Robert Carr Chapel at noon. Call University Ministries at (817) 257-7830 or e-mail k.b.low@tcu.edu for more information.

• **T'ai Chi at Noon** is offered through Extended Education this spring semester. Class will run on Wednesdays, Feb. 4 to March 31 from noon to 1 p.m. This class is only open to TCU faculty, staff and students. Call Extended Education at (817) 257-7132 for more information.

• **Tae Kwon Do Club** is looking for participants. No experience is needed. E-mail Sarah at s.m.meyer@tcu.edu for more information.

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tow-away enforcement increased, Johnson said.

Some residents complained that they could not park on the street in front of their houses. To solve the problem, Fort Worth is considering a new residential parking permit plan that would enable only residents to park on the streets that are currently no-parking zones.

"I think it would make residents happy, but I don't think it would help the student situation very much," Johnson said.

A permit parking plan may cause more problems because having more cars on the street could make it difficult for emergency vehicles to drive through

the neighborhoods, Johnson said. The plan is being researched so the city can find out if it would be a positive solution, he said.

Some students say a shortage of campus parking forces students to fight for spots or park illegally, said Lauren Allen, a junior accounting and finance major.

"It just seems irrational to take away even more parking and then punish students with outrageous tickets," she said.

Further discussion of parking problems in the TCU area will take place at 10 a.m. today at City Hall during the meeting of the Fort Worth City Council Capital Improvement and Infrastructure Committee.

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CLASSES

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students who intend to shop and drop. That means more classes will be open for underclassmen and new students since they generally enroll later, he said.

The policy accommodates the flat-rate tuition plan that allows students to take 12 to 18 hours for the same price, Miller said. Students without the block tuition plan pay on an hourly basis.

"Students under the hourly tuition plan who enrolled for 18 hours and dropped a class had to pay for some of the hours dropped," Miller said.

When TCU finally switched to a block tuition plan, students could drop hours without paying for it, Miller said.

"I think everyone has enrolled in classes and then dropped one," said Angela Stodieck, junior middle school education major. "However, I don't think it's right when students intentionally enroll in a class just to see if it's hard or easy

and then decide to drop it."

Stodieck said other students could need those classes for their major.

Cottrell said his decision to enroll in a 3000 or 4000 level classes won't hurt underclassmen because they aren't permitted to enroll in those courses.

"While the policy makes sense in theory, it does not work," Cottrell said. "I can understand why the registrar has implemented the rule, but the inflexibility of the policy makes it very difficult for students who are following a rigid degree plan."

Cottrell said he felt students holding classes for themselves wasn't a large enough problem to implement a restrictive policy.

The enrollment policy prevents a large problem, while maintaining class enrollment for everyone, Miller said.

"I think the larger problem is that the university does not offer enough classes to satisfy students' needs," Cottrell said.

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GARZA

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whether he will be indicted on felony or misdemeanor charges, assistant district attorney Curtis Stallings said. The case could also be thrown out.

Stallings said the hearing is set for the middle of February.

The football team will begin interviewing replacement candidates over the next few weeks, said Steve Fink, the athletics media relations director.

He said that Garza was not asked to resign.

Kacey Dunn, the interim coach during Garza's suspension, recently accepted a coaching position at the University of Arizona, Fink said.

Head coach Gary Patterson said the incident didn't distract the team.

"The football team and the coaching staff are sorry that it happened, but we all make choices," Patterson said.

By Amy Sikes
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SUPER

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The commercials not only provided SuperFrog with a good story to tell, but it also led Nokia to donate \$5,000 to the TCU Scholarship Fund and gave TCU a lot of publicity.

"It gets our name out there," athletics director Eric Hyman said. "Seven million people saw us play against Boise State, over 100 million saw us at the Sugar Bowl."

Associate athletics director Kevin O'Connell said Nokia approached TCU in late November because they wanted to reach the 18- to 35-year-old market.

"Nokia chose us because we were the Cinderella team of college football," Hyman said.

An estimated 100 million people saw the commercials during the Sugar Bowl, O'Connell said. The nationally-viewed commercials started airing Dec. 5 during NFL, NBA and NCAA games.

"I was happy to see TCU associated with a great company like Nokia," Chancellor Victor Boschini said. "I have to say, though, that I think I am too old to understand the exact message of the commercial."

Boschini said he just enjoyed seeing SuperFrog on national television.

O'Connell said that raising TCU's national recognition helps the university achieve some of its goals.

"It has helped to raise our profile of the school," O'Connell said. "People have called in to say how much they liked seeing SuperFrog in a major BCS game."

Crane said the commercials will help exponentially down the road with recruiting and getting people to Amon Carter Stadium.

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Campus Recreation

General Operating Hours	Aquatic Center Hours
Mon - Fri 6am - 12am	Indoor Pool
Saturday 9am - 10pm	Mon/Wed/Fri 7:30am- 2am
Sunday 10am - 12am	5:30pm- 9pm
	Tues/Thurs 7:30am- 9:30am
Climbing Wall Hours	11am-2pm
Mon - Fri 12pm - 2pm	5:30pm-9pm
4pm - 8pm	Saturday 10am - 6pm
Saturday 10am - 3pm	Sunday 1pm - 8pm
Sunday 12pm - 4pm	
Office Hours	Outdoor Pool (weather Permitting)
Mon - Fri 8am - 6:30pm	Mon - Fri 10am - 8pm
	Saturday 10am - 6pm
	Sunday 1am - 8pm

www.CampusRec.TCU.edu

Swim For Your Life

Find out if you are in real shape...or just a pretender

Swimming Fitness Challenge

January 12, 14, 21

Mon & Wed 6pm-7pm

Come in and do a workout similar to the swim team (only easier.) You must swim at least 1/4 mi. every time you swim. Look for the "Swim For Your Life" box.

Intramural Sports Registration

Basketball Registration Due Next Tuesday, January 19!!!

Team Tournaments

Alpha Phi Alpha - 4th Annual Ice Cold Classic
5-on-5 Basketball Tournament
Registration: Tues, Jan 20- Tues, Feb 3

Recess is BACK!!!

Weekend Tournament consisting of Dodgeball, Kickball & a SURPRISE!
Registration: Tues, March 30- Tues, Feb April 13 @ 6pm

Individual Sports

Hot Shot/Free Throws/ 3pt Shootout
Date: Tues, Feb 10

Table Tennis Tournament

Registration:
Tues, Feb 10- Tues, Feb 24 @ 6pm

Billiards Tournament

Registration:
Tues, March 23- Tues, April 6 @ 6pm

Major Team Sports

5-on-5 Basketball Registration:
Mon, Jan. 12- Tues, Jan. 20 @ 6pm

Inner Tube Water Polo Registration:
Tues, Jan. 27- Tues, Feb 10 @ 6pm

Indoor Soccer Registration:
Tues, Feb 3- Tues, Feb 17 @ 6pm

Softball Registration:
Tues, Feb 17- Tues, March 2 @ 6pm

Sand Volleyball Registration:
Tues, March 9- Tues, March 30 @ 6pm

Rippit Schedule

Free Classes the wk of Jan 20 • Semester Passes Only \$80

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:30		Rm 1 Pilates Express- Stephanie Rm 2 Ride to the Rhythm- Bill		Rm 1 Pilates Express- Stephanie Rm 2 Cardio Blast- Erin	
Noon	Rm 2 Faculty and Staff Training- Kelly Rm 1 Pilates Express- Lindsay	Rm 2 Yoga Butt and Thigh- Sara	Rm 2 Faculty and Staff Training- Kelly/Shana Rm 1 Kickboxing- Chris	Rm 2 Power Stretch 20- Sara	Rm 1 Pilates Express- Lindsay Rm 2 Ride to the Rhythm- Renee
12:30		Rm 2 Power Stretch 20 min- Sara 12:40pm START		Rm 2 Yoga Butt and Thigh- Sara	
4:00	Rm 2 Ride to the Rhythm- Mike		Rm 2 Ride to the Rhythm- Brooke Rm 1 Power Yoga- Lori	Rm 1 Cardio Blast- Amy	
4:30	Rm 1 Below the Belt- Mike	Rm 1 Cardio Blast- Shana/Kelly/Amy		Rm 1 Upper Cut- Amy	
5:00	Rm 1 Six Pack- Adrienne	Rm 1 Six Pack- Brandi	Rm 1 Six Pack- Adrienne Rm 2 Fat Burner Cycle Circuit- Stacey	Rm 1 Six Pack- Brandi	
5:30	Pool Deep Water- Cordy Rm 1 Cardio Challenge- Adrienne Rm 2 Ride to the Rhythm- George	Rm 2 Burnin Boot Camp- Brandi	Rm 1 Beginner Yoga- Adrienne	Rm 2 Yoga and Pilates- Melinda Pool Deep Water- Barbara	
6:30	Rm 1 Pilates Express- Melinda	Rm 1 Intermediate Yoga- Sara			
7:30		Rm 1 Pilates Express- Lindsay			
8:30	Rm 1 Kickboxing- Abundio		Rm 1 Kickboxing- Abundio		

Classes Begin January 20th
To register, stop by the main office of the Rec Center

Like It Cold! The Polar Bear Club is Coming!

All Campus Champion Points

Fall 2003/Spring 2004

(Updated 12/11/03- All Fall Sports have been accounted for!)

Men's	Kent Street Mission- 100	Theta- 50
Ruff Ryders- 760	LXA Soph- 100	Free Agents- 50
Pi Kapp White- 600	We Ready- 90	Co Rec
Sig Ep A- 570	MBA- 50	Master Batters- 360
Fiji A- 460		Ruff Ryders- 350
LXA- 420	Women's	Army ROTC- 210
Shanagins- 300	Alpha Chi Omega- 250	LXA/Pi Phi- 200
Phi Kap- 260	Pi Phi- 200	ASA- 200
BYX1- 200	MHS Intramurals- 200	Champions- 200
Kinky Wizards- 180	Rough Ridettes- 200	Killer Spleens- 170
BYX 2- 150	Sigma Kappa- 170	Purple Ace- 170
Ching-A-Ling- 110	Wrecking Crew- 170	Free Agents- 170
C-Unit- 110	Alpha Delta Pi- 170	Mixed Company- 100
LXA 2- 100	ADPi- 150	ISA- 100
Pi Kapp Blue-100	Chi Omega- 150	Wu Fu- 100
Sig Ep- 100	Kappa- 100	Hyperfrogs-100
Fiji B- 100	Zeta- 50	
	DG- 50	

The Skiff View

Welcome back to school everyone

Be sure to make the most of this semester

Greetings from all your friends at the TCU Daily Skiff. We hope you had a safe and fun winter break, and are as excited as we are about entering another semester at TCU.

As we kick off the spring 2004 semester, it is important to remember that many TCU students are entering into a very auspicious time. Some are beginning their final semester at TCU and are facing the harsh reality that they will be out in the "real world" in a little more than four short months. Others will be struggling to understand how they can possibly be old enough to be ending their first year of college.

No matter what classification you are, what organization you are in, or what major you are pursuing, you can always find yourself among friends. As you begin the tedious ritual of attending class everyday, it is important to realize you are not just a part of a university, you are a part of a community.

The TCU community extends throughout the country and around the world, but its foundation remains right here in Fort Worth, and is solidified by the relationships you forge with the faces you see every day on campus.

It is important to take advantage of everything TCU has to offer while you are here because often we forget that college does not last forever (although some of us have been here long enough to make it feel like it does).

So whether you are wrapping up the beginning or beginning the end, enjoy and make the most of this spring 2004 semester. Although you will not stay in college forever, the memories and relationships you make can last a lifetime.

From all of us here at the Skiff, welcome back to the TCU community.

Staff Demographics

The make up of the Spring 2004 Skiff staff

Gender: six males, six females

Classification: seven seniors, three juniors, two sophomores

Political Philosophy: six liberals, four conservatives, two moderates

Race: 10 Caucasian, one Hispanic, one Indian

Religion: three Disciples of Christ, two non-denominational Christians, one Methodist, two Catholics, three Baptists and one Church of Christ

Major: five news-editorial journalism, two broadcast journalism, one broadcast journalism and geography major, one broadcast journalism and speech communication, one broadcast journalism and political science and one history

Home State: eight Texas, one Illinois, one Nebraska, one Minnesota and one Iowa

Editor Experience: five who have been editors, seven who have not

Reporting Experience: nine have taken the reporting class, three have not

Cumulative GPA: 3.06

Cumulative Hours Scheduled: 14

Housing: three live on campus, nine off

Greek: five are members of a fraternity or sorority, seven are not

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Separate indentity

Voters should make informed decisions

College is said to be a time for experimentation and self-discovery, to strike out on one's own — form your own identity and

COMMENTARY
Daniel Ward

It's a time to break the habit of making choices based on what our parents think or what is most popular with our friends.

This new year, we find ourselves bombarded with choices; choices that can and will influence our future: Who to vote for in the upcoming presidential election.

While I do not endorse any one candidate, I do urge you to follow the news, upcoming debates, find out the positions and platforms of the candidates. We should make smart, well-thought and educated decisions based on what is important to us — not our parents and friends.

It's time to stand up and voice our own opinions — make a bet-



National health care has many benefits

Imagine you get in bed one night and tune into the fair, unbiased reporting of the Fox News Channel. Tonight's topic: The radical left wing is subjecting us to the socialist idea of nationalized public health care. You begin to think that if we put a free health care system in place,

COMMENTARY
Brian Chatman



the good old U.S. of A. will wake up to find Stalin and Lenin at our door to conscript us and divide up our possessions for the good of the 'motherland.' What might happen to our beautiful capitalist society if our government helps people by providing services that could be provided by a corporation?

But wait! Hasn't the government provided services to minimize unemployment and provide a safety net for those who have lost their jobs? And before that, didn't the government regulate business to preserve competition and ensure standards of quality for products and work conditions? Do we all receive a free education and clean water pumped into our homes by a government-controlled company? And as a result, don't we have the strongest economy in the world? The government already

provides services and regulations to ensure that major corporations and economic conditions do not stamp out the dreams of citizens or keep them from being innovative.

Well, at least it did. Big business dictates government policy through campaign contributions. Small businesses are being wiped out by marketing behemoths. Those with the courage to go out and try something new meet quite a few challenges, but at least they have their health.

But what if these brave souls get sick? The majority of people cannot lose their jobs or they will lose their health coverage. Forget working in a place that fulfills you. You need health insurance. Maybe you, a child, or a parent are sick. As health care costs rise, class mobility is in jeopardy. Many people have to forgo their innovative ideas or education in favor of jobs to provide insurance. If you can't work because of your health, you aren't supposed to lose your job. But it still happens. People are denied coverage for treatments that could save their lives, while an executive at their insurance company takes another raise with a bonus.

National health care wasn't important when blood-letting was all the rage. Now, modern medicine has created a class schism. The

Bush has turned government surpluses into an ever-growing national deficit, a debt that we will have to pay off. He wants to drill for oil in national parks instead of leading us to develop new clean and renewable energy sources. Bush and Cheney have no desire to end our dependence on foreign oil — they are unashamed bedfellows of the oil industry.

Developing new sources of energy means the creation of new sources for jobs — something our current "recovery" has yet to do. Bush is ensuring that we will be no better off tomorrow than we are today.

I urge all of my fellow students to get involved, educate themselves and learn what makes the most sense to them instead of blindly following another's lead. Hook up with on-campus political clubs and groups to discuss issues, find those who share your views, get out and urge others to vote, share your opinions and take time to hear those of others.

We need to ask ourselves if continuing the leadership of the current administration means prosperity for us in the short term and years from now. Will four more years of 'Dubya' be in our best interests?

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Skiff staff relies on student feedback

The Skiff newsroom is just like a classroom when you think about it.

Except that any mistake — however small, however large — can be read by more than 8,000 students. And people will call and e-mail you to complain about errors in your homework.

OK, there's a big difference. But the point is we're learning, and we learn very quickly that mistakes of any sort can't be tolerated. There really is no such thing as a minor mistake.

Every semester we remind you of this, but I'll do it again: It really is important for the Skiff to hear from you. If we misreport something, tell us. If one of our reporters is rude to you, tell us. If the crossword isn't tough enough, tell us.

Like any human institution, the Skiff is imperfect. You probably know this better than I do. The only way we can learn from our mistakes is if they are pointed out to us. (Of course, we love praise, too. I'll

"Every semester we remind you of this, but I'll do it again: It really is important to hear from you."

be glad to listen to any adulation.)

That said, we'll work to prevent those mistakes from happening. And we're taking steps we think will make the Skiff more reader friendly and broaden its coverage.

Summary headlines — the sentences that run between the main headline and the story — are back, and hopefully here to stay. We hope they will help you navigate the Skiff quickly while you're on the way to class. (Or in class. But don't let your professor catch you reading.)

Thanks to an influx of new reporters, the Skiff might have its biggest staff ever. So we've created a slew of new beats to better serve you.

- **Neighborhoods:** This editorial board has often criticized the student body for living inside a bubble. We hope our coverage of issues off campus will help pop the TCU bubble — or, at the very least, fight its growth.

- **Graduate student issues:** Our coverage of TCU's graduate schools has been inadequate. We hope to write about issues graduate students care about.

- **Student activism:** We've assigned a reporter to cover the dozens of student clubs on campus. We'll let you know what those clubs are doing that's interesting, funny or notable.

We've also assigned a reporter to cover technology, health and every college on campus.

We hope you enjoy these new additions.

And — here it comes — if you have any suggestions, tell us.

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Treasury seeks investigation into former secretary O'Neill

By JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department is seeking an investigation into whether a classified document might have been shown during a TV show in which former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill spoke out against the Bush administration.

Treasury spokesman Rob Nichols said Monday that the department has asked the Office of Inspector General to look into the matter. The request comes one day after a CBS "60 Minutes" segment featured the blunt-talking O'Neill and the new book he is promoting, "The Price of Loyalty."

"They showed a document that had a classification term on it, so we referred this today to the Office of Inspector General," Nichols said. "I'll be even more clear — the document as shown on '60 Minutes' that said 'secret.'"

O'Neill is described as a principal source for the new book, written by former Wall Street Journal reporter Ron Suskind. Along with interviews with O'Neill, Suskind drew on 19,000 documents O'Neill provided. Suskind also interviewed other Bush insiders for the book.

On "60 Minutes," CBS journalist Lesley Stahl said O'Neill had gotten briefing materials involving Iraq. Suskind said: "There are memos. One of them, marked secret, says 'Plan for post-Saddam Iraq.'" A spokesman for "60 Minutes" said a cover sheet of the briefing materials was shown.

"We don't have a secret document. We didn't show a secret document. We merely showed a cover sheet that alluded to such a document," said CBS spokesman Kevin Tedesco.

David Rosenthal, executive vice president and publisher of Simon & Schuster, the book's publisher, said: "We stand behind the book. Ron Suskind has acted responsibly and properly in the writing of this book."

Nichols declined to comment on whether the cover sheet of the document shown on "60 Minutes" was part of the 19,000 documents Treasury supplied to O'Neill.

Nevertheless, Nichols said he believed the documents included such things as press releases, testimony and correspondence in and out of the secretary's office. "The nature of the request did not include classified information," Nichols said.

O'Neill contends the United States began laying the groundwork for an invasion of Iraq just days after the president took office in January 2001 — more than two years before the start of the war that ousted Saddam Hussein.

Asked about that claim, Bush responded Monday: "Like the previous administration, we were for regime change. And in the initial stage of the administration, as you might remember, we were dealing with Desert Badger or flyovers and fly-betweens and looks. And so we were fashioning policy along those lines. And then, all of a sudden, September the 11th hit."

Four attempts to transport cocaine halted at El Paso border within a week of one another
EL PASO (AP) — Customs inspectors intercepted nearly \$7.9 million in cocaine in four separate busts in El Paso last week, officials said Monday.

The largest of the four seizures was 140.7 pounds found Friday night in a Chevrolet Astro Van that entered the United States at the Paso Del Norte border crossing.

A total of 60 cocaine-filled bundles were found in a false floor of the van by U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspectors.

Friday morning, a drug-sniffing dog at Paso Del Norte found 34.8 pounds of cocaine hidden in a Dodge Neon. Inspectors found 14 bundles of cocaine hidden in the rear passenger door.

Wednesday, Paso Del Norte inspectors seized 47.3 pounds of cocaine found in a Nissan Altima. Inspectors noticed the driver was nervous and a drug-sniffing dog alerted inspectors to the car.

Twenty cocaine-filled bundles were found in the doors of the vehicle. Morales was arrested.

The first seizure last week was on Tuesday, when officials found 39 pounds of cocaine hidden in 16 bundles in the doors of a Dodge Neon. A drug-sniffing dog alerted to the car.

All four drivers, including three Mexican nationals and a resident of Eaton, Colo., were arrested and charged with importation of a controlled substance and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Legacy program to end at Texas A&M in effort to remove any discrimination

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M's past president says that his administration had considered making the same move that his successor did last week — dropping the admission policy that gave preference to applicants whose parents or grandparents were alumni.

Ray Bowen, president from 1994 to 2002, said that after the 1996 court decision banning the use of race-based admissions preferences, they too considered dropping the program. But he said his administration concluded that deleting the school's legacy program might harm the university's efforts to increase the ethnic diversity of its students.

Robert Gates, A&M's current president, said

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Friday he would end the 14-year-old practice that gave an edge to freshman applicants with relatives who attended the once all-white university.

Minority lawmakers and civil rights groups said that the legacy program discriminated against applicants of color. Representatives of state civil rights groups had threatened to sue the school if the policy didn't change.

"We studied it after Hopwood and determined legacy was helping minorities in a small way," Bowen told the Bryan-College Station Eagle in Sunday's editions.

26 students injured after St. Louis bus flips; authorities are investigating cause of accident

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A school bus taking city children to a suburban school as part of a desegregation program overturned Monday, injuring 26 students and the driver. The driver and one of the students were seriously injured, authorities said.

The accident happened about 8:30 a.m. on Interstate 64 about 10 miles west of the St. Louis city limit.

It wasn't clear how the accident happened. A Missouri State Highway Patrol spokesman said the westbound bus flipped onto its side after the driver apparently tried to stop because of traffic in front of her. The roadway was dry at the time.

"It was chaotic," Highway Patrol Cpl. Jeff Meyer told KSDK-TV. "There were kids on the bus, kids off the bus. There were a lot of people who stopped on the highway to help out."

The identities of the injured were not released.

The bus was carrying St. Louis students to Shenandoah Valley Elementary School in Chesterfield as part of the region's voluntary desegregation program, Parkway School District spokeswoman Suzanne Miller said.

Hospitals reported treating or expecting to treat 29 to 31 students, many with minor injuries.

Laidlaw Transit Inc. of Naperville, Ill., operates the bus. Spokesman Jeff Kintzle said the driver has been with the company for about 11 months.

Traffic was backed up for several miles as all westbound lanes were shut down, though traffic was passing along a shoulder.

Disney closing animation studio in Orlando in shift to computer-generated graphics

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Walt Disney Co. said Monday it is closing its Orlando, Fla., animation studio and cutting more than 250 jobs as it shifts from hand-drawn animated films to computer-generated ones.

Some of the employees will be offered jobs at Disney's animation studios in Burbank, Calif., the company said.

Disney has been steadily reducing its animation department for the past few years, from a peak of 2,200 employees in 1999 to 600, all of whom will be based in Burbank.

Disney decided to shift from having a large number of animators on staff to hiring on a per-film basis. The company also has been scaling back on its hand-animated films, which are more labor-intensive and cost far more than movies animated by computers.

The Orlando studio, opened in 1989, has animated some of Disney's more popular movies, including "Lilo & Stitch," "Mulan" and this year's "Brother Bear."

Disney has had its most success with animated films it produces in cooperation with Pixar, which uses computers. Hits produced that way include "Finding Nemo."

Iowa's first lady endorses Kerry before the beginning of state's caucuses Jan. 19

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — With her husband on the sidelines, Iowa's first lady on Monday endorsed Sen. John Kerry for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Christie Vilsack threw her support behind the Massachusetts senator during a rally with more than two dozen state lawmakers at the state Capitol. Her husband, Gov. Tom Vilsack, has said he will not endorse a candidate before Iowa's kickoff caucuses Jan. 19.

Vilsack said she backed Kerry in part because she was impressed with his relationship with his daughter and wife, whom she called "a strong-willed woman."

"Lots of times Iowans choose not just on policy but on intangibles," she said. Still, Vilsack said she thought Kerry's policies on education, health care and foreign policy were best in the field.

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Riots in Iraq result in casualties, unrest

Frustration against the United States rises after a high-ranking Shiite leader speaks out against occupation of Iraq.

By Nadia Abou El-Magd
Associated Press

KUT, Iraq — Ukrainian soldiers fired into the air Monday to disperse hundreds of Iraqis who rioted for jobs and food as a second southern Shiite Muslim city was rocked by unrest — a barometer of rising frustration with the U.S. led-occupation in a region of Iraq considered friendly to the Americans.

Also Monday, a roadside bomb in the capital killed one American soldier and wounded two, bringing the U.S. death toll in the Iraqi conflict to 495. Large explosions rocked central Baghdad later in the day, but officials reported no casualties.

Trouble started in Kut, 95 miles southeast of Baghdad, when about 400 protesters marched for a third straight day on a government building to demand jobs. Someone in

the crowd threw a grenade at police and Ukrainian soldiers guarding the building, injuring four Iraqi policemen and one Ukrainian, according to Lt. Zafer Wedad.

The Ukrainians then fired in the air to disperse the crowd, injuring one protester, Wedad said. He said the demonstrators hurled bricks at the building and trashed a post office in the city.

In a similar protest in Amarah on Sunday, waves of protesters rushed British troops guarding the city hall before being pushed back. On Saturday, clashes in Amarah killed six protesters and wounded at least 11.

Unrest in the Shiite areas has spread as the country's leading Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, has spoken out against the U.S.-backed formula for transferring power to the Iraqis.

In a full-page newspaper advertisement Monday, al-Sistani repeated his demand that a proposed provisional legislature be elected rather than chosen by regional committees as called for under a plan endorsed by the U.S.-led coalition and the Iraqi Governing Council.

Al-Sistani is highly influential among Iraq's majority Shiites.

No details were available about the death in Baghdad of the 1st Armored Division soldier. Most of the U.S. deaths in Iraq have occurred since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1.

Still, U.S. officials said Monday that insurgent attacks against coalition forces declined to an average of 17 a day in the past week, compared to 30 a day before Saddam Hussein was captured on Dec. 13. Most of the attacks are believed carried out by supporters of the ousted regime.

In the late Monday blasts, Iraqi and U.S. security officials said at least two mortars exploded near the Baghdad Hotel in the center of the capital. At least one round exploded in the Tigris River and the other exploded on the river bank, U.S. troops said. There were no casualties, the Americans said.

Also Monday, another roadside bomb exploded near an Army convoy in Ramadi, a town west of Baghdad, but the military said no U.S. casualties were reported.

Space station leak may be from hose

An exhaustive search led to astronauts finding a possible cause for an air leak in the international space station. The replacement commander for the station has been disqualified due to a temporary medical condition

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Mission controllers suspect a leaky hose in the international space station's U.S.-built laboratory module may be the source of a slow drop in air pressure over the past three weeks, but they are still trying to confirm it, NASA said Monday.

The space agency also said the station's next scheduled commander has been replaced because of an undisclosed medical issue.

Extra oxygen was pumped into the space station during the weekend to replenish the dwindling air supply for astronaut Michael Foale and cosmonaut Alexander Kaleri. On

Monday, the pressure seemed to be stabilized at 14 pounds per square inch, Mission Control said.

The leak never endangered the crew or space station operations, NASA said. The station's normal air pressure is 14.7 pounds per square inch.

NASA said astronaut William McArthur will not replace Foale in the spring as the station's skipper because of a temporary medical problem that disqualifies him for a six-month spaceflight. Officials refused to elaborate, citing medical privacy.

McArthur will be replaced by backup Leroy Chiao, also a space veteran.

In 2002, another NASA astronaut had to be bumped from a space station mission because of concern over the amount of radiation to which he'd be exposed during such a long flight.

Foale and Kaleri discovered the leaky hose Sunday using a handheld ultrasound leak detector to track the hiss of the escaping air.

Bush space plan gets lukewarm reception in AP poll

When given the choice of spending money on domestic programs like education or on space research, 55 percent of respondents favored more social spending.

By Will Lester
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's plan to build a space station on the moon and eventually send astronauts to Mars hasn't grabbed the public's imagination, an Associated Press poll suggests.

More than half in the poll said it would be better to spend the money on domestic programs rather than on space research.

Asked whether they favored the United States expanding the space program the way Bush pro-

poses, people were evenly split, with 48 percent favoring the idea and the same number opposing it, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Most respondents said they generally support continuing to send humans into space.

Given the choice of spending money on programs like education and health care or on space research, 55 percent said they wanted domestic programs. Based on previous estimates for a moon-Mars initiative, the space cost would run in the hundreds of billions of dollars.

"You can't have a war, cut taxes, have the economy in a garbage pail and spend billions going into space," said Dallas Hodgins, a 76-year-old retired University of Michigan researcher from Flint,

Mich. "How are they going to pay for all this? I don't see how it's morally justifiable."

On Wednesday, Bush is scheduled to spell out details of his proposal to use an outpost on the moon as a jumping off point for more remote destinations such as Mars or asteroids.

Those most likely to favor the plan to expand space exploration were men, young adults, people with more education and those with higher incomes.

It made a difference who was said to be behind the plan. When half the poll sample was asked about a "Bush administration" plan to expand space exploration instead of the "United States" plan, opposition increased.

Just over half of Democrats opposed the plan by "the United States." Once it was identified as

a "Bush administration" plan, Democrats opposed it by a 2-to-1 margin.

Despite the mixed response about the moon-Mars proposal, general support for space exploration remains strong.

Even after people were reminded of a shuttle accident that killed seven astronauts last February, three-fourths said the United States should continue to send humans into space.

Administration officials say the president will call for the retirement of the space shuttles by the end of this decade to make way for the next generation of spacecraft.

The AP-Ipsos poll of 1,000 adults was taken Friday through Sunday and had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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that ranged from the differences between leadership and management to books they had read recently.

In late January and early February, each candidate will visit campus for a two-day series of interviews with faculty, staff, students and Chancellor Victor Boschini. He plans to name the new provost in February and have him start later in the spring.

Boschini said he is looking for a candidate who is proficient in a variety of leadership skills.

"What I'm looking for is someone who is a good listener, someone who understands an academic environment, somebody who understands the difference between a public and a private school," he said. "So I'll ask questions aimed at those kind of issues."

Boschini said the ability to listen is the most important quality for a provost to have.

"Because what you've got to do is take the wishes, hopes and dreams of the fac-

ulty and turn them into an academic agenda," he said. "That's difficult to do if you don't listen to the wishes, hopes and dreams of the faculty."

During each of the two-day interview sessions, candidates will meet with deans, department heads, vice chancellors, the Staff Assembly and Faculty Senate executive committees, the provost's staff, athletic officials, university faculty and students selected by SGA President Jay Zeidman.

Donovan said he would contribute to the university with a balanced view of the relationship between teaching, scholarship and the success of academics.

"I am committed to the existing concept of the teacher-scholar model," he said in an e-mail. "I think we may need to refine and, in some areas define, what we mean by the 'teacher-scholar,' but, by and large, as a modus operandi, it works."

Donovan said he wants to bring a number of ideas to the table as provost.

"In my office I have a large file of 'projects with potential' that I would love to float in front of this community," Donovan said.

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Education: Ph.D., University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; B.S. University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Mezey said he applied because TCU is a good fit for him.

"It is a high quality, private institution located in an urban setting and it has a strong commitment to undergraduate education," he said in an e-mail. "In those ways, it is very much like DePaul University, where I have spent a good part of my career."

Herriott said he has no specific plans because he has not yet visited the campus,

**Arthur W. Herriott****DOB:** June 17, 1941**Family:** Married with two children**Current Job:** Professor of Chemistry, Florida International University (Miami)**Previous Positions:** Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Florida International University; Assistant Professor of Chemistry, State University of New York at Albany; National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, Princeton University.

Education: Ph.D., University of Florida, 1967; B.A., College of Wooster (Wooster, Ohio), 1963.

but looks forward to becoming more familiar with the university.

"Everything I have learned about TCU is very positive and I look forward to the campus visit next week and the opportunity to learn more about the university and the position," he said.

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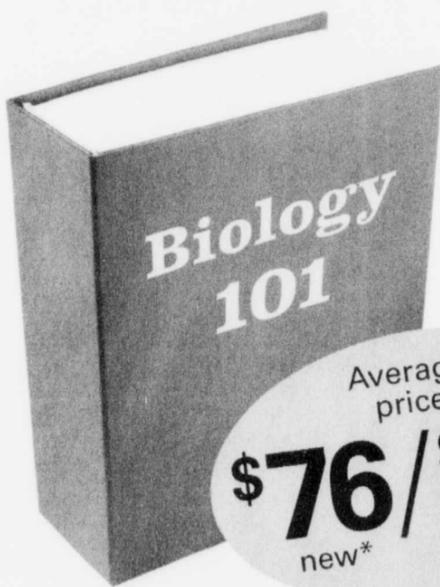
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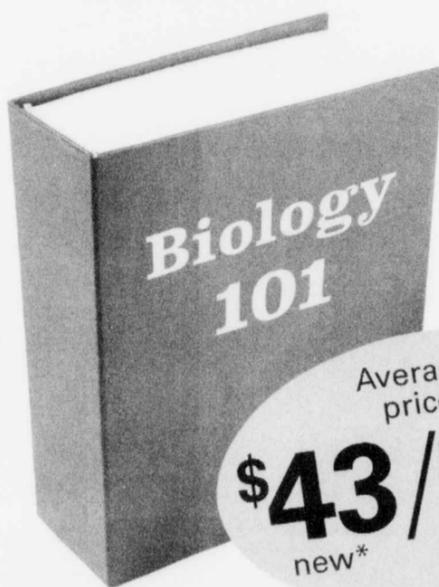
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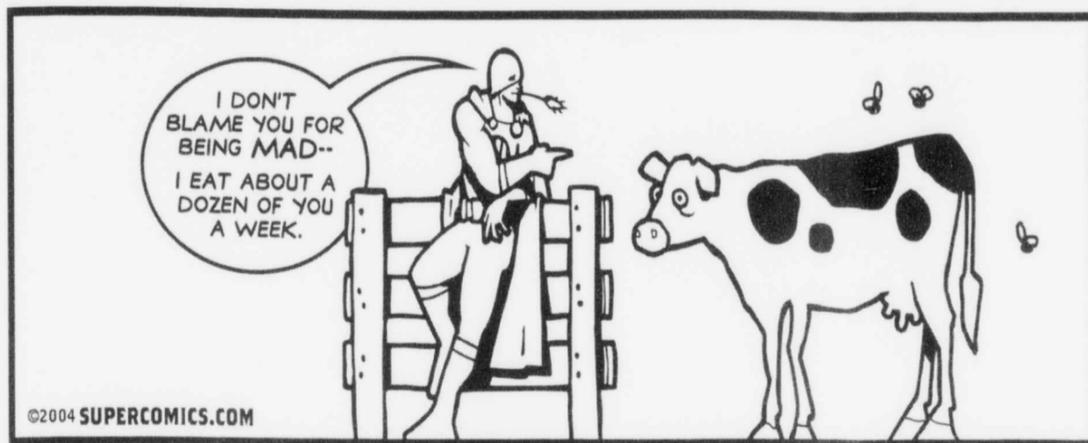
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Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7 - Communications can be a problem in even the best conditions. If you're having trouble getting your meaning across, wait for a better time.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7 - If you've recently made a big mess, don't blame yourself. It's a natural part of the creative process. Don't stop. You're almost in the groove.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7 - Conditions are changing in your favor, but you may not see it quite yet. It's best to lie low for

a couple of days as the transformation takes effect.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7 - You may have just promised more than you can actually do. It happens sometimes. You may have to stay up all night learning how to keep your promise.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6 - Some issues may remain unresolved. Don't worry about them any longer. You have other things to take care of now, and lots of money to make.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7 - A tense situation with someone you love can dissolve just as fast as it arose. It's just a misunderstanding, that's all. Make sure that what you heard is what was said, and vice versa.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7 - This is NOT a good day to ask for a raise or any other favors. Instead, go back over your plans and look for things you might have forgotten.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7

- Don't dwell on hurtful words that were uttered. They can't be taken back, but they can be ignored. With friends, sometimes that's the best thing to do. You can afford to be gracious.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 6 - You'd rather be in charge, but somebody else has that honor now. The good news is that you can profit by listening carefully. Take notes, too. The bad news is that you may hear something you don't like. Hold your temper.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 6 - There may be some confusion at first. Changes are taking place. It might be wise to wait until the dust settles before moving forward. Watch your flank.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7 - A conversation about money could end up hurting a friend's feelings. Although it's something you must address, you don't need to do it now.
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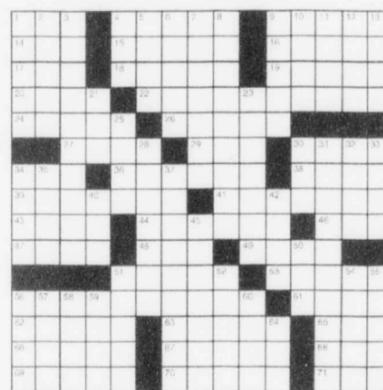
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Sideline

Recruiting class shows promise for players, head coach

TCU's new head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle has his team headed in the right direction.

His first recruiting class consisted of 13 players and was ranked No. 9 in the country, according to Baseball America. The 13 players will join the team in the fall of 2004.

Three recruits are transferring to TCU, and all but one of the 13 recruits are from Texas. The new fall class features five of the top 25 players, according to Texas Baseball News.

"Obviously, this is a great start to our first recruiting class and it's nice to be recognized on a national scale," Schlossnagle said. "Coach Whitting has done an outstanding job, along with the rest of the staff, of showcasing our great university. We, however, have more work to do and look forward to the spring recruiting period as well."

Among the 13 recruits are Sam Demel, of Spring; Yovanni Gallardo, of Fort Worth; Matt Carpenter, of Sugar Land. They are ranked 11, 13 and 18 in Texas Baseball News top prospects.

"We are very excited about this fall class," Schlossnagle said. "We have numerous needs to fill and this class is a huge step in the direction of becoming a nationally prominent program."

— John Ashley Menzies

Clemens forgoes retirement after Yankees to join Astros

HOUSTON (AP) -- Roger Clemens is pushing back his retirement, agreeing Monday to a \$5 million, one-year contract with the Houston Astros.

The six-time Cy Young Award winner had said for more than a year that he planned to quit after pitching last season for the New York Yankees.

But he was persuaded to join the Astros, his hometown team, after close friend and former Yankees teammate Andy Pettitte signed with Houston last month.

"It's great to come home," Clemens said.

Houston is deferring \$3.5 million of Clemens' salary without interest until 2006, according to contract terms obtained by The Associated Press. In addition to the base, Clemens can earn an additional \$1.4 million based on the Astros' home attendance: \$200,000 for each 100,000 fans starting at 2.8 million and running through 3.4 million. The Astros drew about 2.45 million fans last year.

Clemens, 41, was 17-9 with a 3.91 ERA last season, his fifth with the Yankees. He spent his first 13 seasons in Boston, then went to Toronto for two years before moving on to New York, where he won World Series titles in 1999 and 2000.

His 310-160 record puts him 17th on the career wins list, and his 4,099 strikeouts place him third behind Nolan Ryan (5,714) and Steve Carlton (4,136).

Men's and Women's Basketball 2004 Conference Preview

QUICK FACTS

Men's remaining C-USA schedule

Opponent	Date	Time	TV
@Houston	Jan. 13	7:30 p.m.	
@Cincinnati	Jan. 17	6 p.m.	
DePaul	Jan. 20	7:05 p.m.	
Southern Miss	Jan. 28	7:05 p.m.	
Memphis	Jan. 31	2 p.m.	
@Marquette	Feb. 3	7p.m.	
@USF	Feb. 9	6 p.m.	
@Tulane	Feb. 14	7 p.m.	UPN 21
Louisville	Feb. 17	6 p.m.	ESPN2
@East Carolina	Feb. 21	6 p.m.	
Charlotte	Feb. 25	7:05 p.m.	
Houston	Feb. 28	7:05 p.m.	
@Memphis	March 3	7 p.m.	
@UAB	March 6	12 p.m.	

Women's remaining C-USA schedule

Opponent	Date	Time	TV
Houston	Jan. 18	2 p.m.	ESPN2
Louisville	Jan. 23	7 p.m.	
Cincinnati	Jan. 25	2 p.m.	ch. 52
@UAB	Jan. 21	2 p.m.	
@South Florida	Feb. 2	6 p.m.	
Tulane	Feb. 6	7 p.m.	ch. 52
Southern Miss	Feb. 8	2 p.m.	
@East Carolina	Feb. 12	6 p.m.	
@Charlotte, N.C.	Feb. 15	2 p.m.	ESPN2
Marquette	Feb. 20	7 p.m.	
DePaul	Feb. 22	2 p.m.	ch. 52
@Houston	Feb. 27	7 p.m.	

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2004 C-USA Impact Players

A look at the league's star players

MEN'S C-USA FIRST TEAM PREDICTIONS



Francisco Garcia
Louisville
Guard
Sophomore
15.5 PPG
4.8 REB
6.1 ASSISTS
2.1 STL



Travis Diener
Marquette
Junior
Senior
17.5 PPG
3.4 REB
6.1 ASSISTS
1.7 STL



Anwar Ferguson
Houston
Center
Senior
8.0 PPG
8.0 REB
4.9 BLK

Photo not available

Charles Gaines
Southern Miss.
Senior
16.4 PPG
10.2 REB
1.4 STL



Jason Maxiell
Cincinnati
Junior
15.5 PPG
8.1 REB
2.3 BLK

WOMEN'S C-USA FIRST TEAM PREDICTIONS



Chandi Jones
Houston
Guard
Senior
20.2 PPG
5.3 REB
3.4 STL



Sara Nord
Louisville
Guard
Freshman
17.3 PPG
3.9 REB
7 ASSISTS
3.1 STL



Sancho Lyttle
Houston
Center
Junior
15.9 PPG
9.5 REB
55% FG
2.5 STL



Khara Smith
DePaul
Forward
Sophomore
21.1 PPG
11.1 REB
3.2 STL



Sandora Irvin
TCU
Forward
Junior
14.7 PPG
10.7 REB
4.2 BLK

5 Good Questions

Five quick questions for TCU men's basketball head coach Neil Dougherty

1. Can TCU play spoiler in C-USA?

"We hope to do a little more than just play spoiler after only two games. But we're a young team that is finding their way in a tough conference."

2. Are the young players starting to get the hang of the system?

"They are getting better each day. Any program that came from where we came from last season is going to have a learning curve. They're starting to respond, but they're no where near having complete understanding yet."

3. Where can the team improve?

"Right now, reading and understanding the offensive set. We are much further along in our defense than our offense. But the biggest area is our mental and physical maturity. That takes experience of playing games."

4. What are the goals for conference play?

"We're going to take it one game at a time and learn how to be competitive in that game. We don't have a complete grasp yet. So we have to find how we can win and do what we do. Our

ultimate goal is for us to win as many conference games as possible and get into the C-USA tournament. Which we missed last season."

5. Who needs to step up?

"Well everyone needs to get better. But our backcourt of older players are the ones we need to look at. [Corey] Santee, Chudi [Chinweze] and Nucleus [Smith] are the ones we need to look at to take on more responsibility, and they are starting to do so."

Coaching award goes to Saban

Head coach Gary Patterson was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award, but the honor went to LSU coach Nick Saban.

By Sarah Greene
Staff Reporter

The Football Writer's Association of America honored TCU head coach Gary Patterson as a finalist for the 2003 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award.

The FWAA hosted its annual banquet Thursday in Scottsdale, Ariz., to honor the season's three finalists, which included Patterson, Navy head coach Paul Johnson and LSU head coach Nick Saban, who won the award for leading the Tigers to the BCS championship.

Since its inception in 1957, the award has been presented annually to the nation's top head coach. It is given out in honor of Eddie

Robinson of Grambling State, the winningest Division I-A coach in college football history.

This year, all three coaches were first-time finalists.

Steve Richardson, executive director of the FWAA, said coaches from each conference were reviewed based on their season. He said the committee, consisting of over 800 members, then made nominations and voted to determine the three finalists and the eventual winner.

Richardson said Patterson was more than worthy of the recognition.

"Patterson fits into the category because he had a solid season," he said. "He only lost one game before the bowls."

Steve Fink, director of athletic media relations at TCU, agreed that the FWAA chose Patterson as a finalist because of TCU's impressive record.

However, Richardson said because LSU was part of a bigger conference, the Southeastern Conference, they had better televised games and higher ratings among all the polls, resulting in the voters favoring Saban for the award.

Either way, Fink said Saban was deserving of the award.

"LSU won a national championship," he said.

Fink said Patterson's nomination for the award proves just how important he has been to the football program.

"It gives recognition of what he's done, and what this program has accomplished," Fink said.

Even though Patterson gained another credit to his resume, he has managed to remain humble, by saying that the real winner of his recognition is the TCU football program.

"It helps recruiting, nothing else," Patterson said.

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Basketball facility will assist practice for both teams upon completion

The basketball practice complex is nearing completion and all the funds have been raised. The teams are excited about practicing in a space they can call their own.

By Erin Baethge
Staff Reporter

The new basketball practice facility is on schedule for completion in early March despite some construction delays in December caused by strong winds, associate athletics director Ross Bailey said.

The strong winds prohibited the construction crew from laying metal roof panels on the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Basketball Practice Complex, located southwest of the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, for several days, Bailey said. The plan is for the facility to be ready by March 4, he said.

The practice complex will have a Connor Uni Force Floor, the same floor installed in the coliseum, but major indoor tasks need to be completed before the installation, Bailey said. The floor's flexibility allows for the high level of shock absorption, which makes jumping easier on the players' legs.

"This is the best floor on the market right now," Bailey said.

The 22,000-square-foot complex will feature office space for coaches, conference rooms, media rooms, a weight room, locker rooms for the coaches and a lobby.

The new facility will make practice more efficient since the two practice courts combined have six baskets which allows individuals to practice simultaneously with the team, men's basketball head



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Construction on the new basketball facility's interior continues as the March deadline approaches.

coach Neil Dougherty said.

Women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie said the new facility will benefit the teams because each will have their own space and won't have to share it with other campus groups or social functions.

Funds for the \$5.8 million complex were raised by 45 donations, including the \$1.5 million naming gift by TCU Trustee Edgar H. Schollmaier and his wife, Rae, said Davis Baab, associate athletics director.

"We've seen a lot of growth

at TCU in the past three years because of the generosity of alumni and of friends," Bailey said. "They believe in the mission of the athletic department and support it by their funding."

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QUICK FACTS

Weekend sports followup

Sport	Game Day	Opponent	Score
Men's basketball	Saturday	Tulane	TCU 70, Tulane 65
Women's basketball	Sunday	Memphis	TCU 78, Memphis 75

Weekend Highlight

Chudi Chinweze scored 10 points and grabbed eight rebounds, leading the Frogs to their first conference win of the season. Corey Santee and Marcus Shropshire added 16 and 15 points, respectively, in the winning effort.

