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Board of Trustees to announce whether TCU will leave C-USA

The final decision whether to switch conferences will be made in a meeting today

By Stephen Hawkins
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Mountain West Conference commissioner Craig Thompson is to attend a news conference scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today in which the university is "to address its future conference affiliation," according to a release.

TCU is set to join the Mountain West

Conference, pending the school's Board of Trustees approving the move in its meeting today.

Mountain West officials confirmed Thursday that an invitation has been extended to TCU to become the conference's ninth member. If approved, as expected, the affiliation would begin during the 2005-06 academic year.

Mountain West officials said Thompson would not be available for comment until the news conference.

Athletics Director Eric Hyman said the proposed move was a "a board decision."

"The due diligence has taken place," Hyman said Thursday. "Everything has been laid out to them and they will make a decision on what they want to do, and what's in the best interest of the university."

There have been no indications that the trustees will not approve the plan when they meet this morning.

The Mountain West would be TCU's

fourth conference in 10 years. After the Southwest Conference dissolved in 1995, TCU joined the Western Athletic Conference for five years and then left for Conference USA just 2 1/2 years ago.

In November, Conference USA lost five members and gained five others. Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and South Florida bolted to the Big East, then C-USA added Central Florida, Marshall, Rice, SMU and Tulsa.

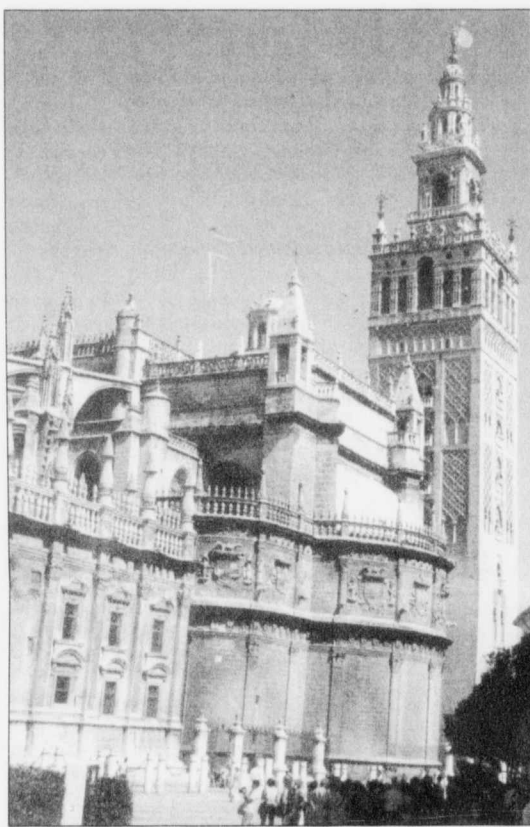
"Conference USA has been a fantastic marriage for us," Hyman said. "One of the reasons TCU has exponentially improved itself competitively has been our association with the institutions now in it. It goes back to all the reshuffling of the cards. The landscape changes."

Hyman said the proposed move has been looked at from several perspectives.

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Archeology students (left) do hands-on work while studying abroad in Belize. The Giralda cathedral in Seville, Spain (right), is a popular cultural sight.



Courtesy of the Office of International Education

TCU offers more study abroad courses

Students and professors now have the opportunity to spend the summer in Belize, China, Spain, France or Chile.

By Natalie Mattern
Staff Reporter

There are new programs offered abroad this summer for students and professors looking to expand their horizons.

New study-abroad programs include a research program in Belize, a history program in China, a nutrition and food culture program in France and Spain, a Spanish program in Chile and a geography program in Southern Spain.

These new programs are brought forth by professors with ideas to expand the excitement of their classes or by the study-abroad department if it feels a certain class needs an international approach, said

Tracy Williams, education abroad coordinator.

"Study abroad promotes international awareness," Williams said. "The global community touches all majors."

Peter Worthing, head of the China program, said it gives him the opportunity to get paid to do his own research and teach in a new environment.

Professors take the knowledge they learned abroad and apply it in their class on campus, Worthing said.

"Students learn more about history and geography of Europe in one day than they would a whole semester here," said Jeff Roet, a geography professor.

Any experience abroad will help students with their professions, Williams said.

"We want to reach students to open

their mind to a global community," she said.

About 30 percent of TCU students study abroad at some point of their college careers. Summer is the most popular time.

There are 12 TCU programs already in place and 19 other affiliated programs.

Williams said there is a study-abroad fair March 5 and two information sessions Feb. 11-12 to dispel some of the myths about studying abroad. Issues such as foreign crime, how to dress and act, costs and living situations will be addressed.

Williams said about 200 students signed up for this summer and she is expecting about 100 more. The application deadline is Feb. 27.

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Enrollment limit boosts selectivity

Capped enrollment has proved to be a positive move toward TCU's admission standards.

By Ferrell Fields
Staff Reporter

Since capping enrollment, TCU has raised its enrollment standards in order to maintain a high quality learning environment, university officials said.

While more than 9,000 students are expected to apply to TCU for next fall,

only 1,600 students can be admitted, Dean of Admissions Ray

Brown said. TCU has been ranked the second most selective school in Texas, Brown said. TCU's capped enrollment has played a part in the increased selectivity of incoming students.

Registrar Pat Miller said this past enrollment year, TCU received 7,654 applications and only 1,596 students were admitted. Since fall 2000, the number of applications has increased steadily from 4,800 applications.

There is a strategic planning effort within the university to examine all aspects of TCU to determine whether we go up or down in size, Miller said.

Brown said that while higher high school GPAs and standardized test scores are expected, a student must exhibit other characteristics that cannot be measured.

"One of the most important things in the selection process is something that is less quantifiable such as diversity. By diversity, I mean the different life experiences students can bring to TCU," Brown said. "This is what makes TCU the institution it is today."

Brown said the student body was growing at a rate in which the campus could not accommodate.

"There has been an opinion that bigger is not always better, it's just bigger," Brown said.

Freshman music major Libby Archer said she chose TCU because of its size and academic reputation.

"It has the atmosphere of a

small university but is big enough that you don't feel secluded from parts of the uni-

versity," she said.

Miller said since capping enrollment in 2002, the number of freshman core classes offered has increased.

The residence halls also did a better job of planning further in advance for the freshman class so there were no surprises. The overflow in housing was due in part by students not meeting the housing deadline.

"In my fourth year at TCU, I have never heard of an institution experiencing what TCU is experiencing," Brown said.

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Enrollment Facts

- This semester: 9,000 applicants are expected to apply and only 1,600 students can be admitted.
- Last semester: 7,654 applications were received and only 1,596 students were admitted.
- Since fall 2000: The number of applications has increased from 4,800 to 7,654.

Frats try to avoid fines

The \$2,120 charged to fraternities for each empty bed in their houses has caused some frats to renegotiate their housing contracts with the university.

By Kristy Cubstead
Staff Reporter

Phi Gamma Delta owes \$20,000 to the university for not being able to fill their fraternity house and President Chris Duty says they will owe even more after this semester.

For every unfilled bed in a house, fraternities have to pay \$2,120. Each fraternity's contract states the minimum number of beds they must fill, said Tiffany Abbott, director of fraternity and sorority affairs.

To avoid financial burdens similar to FIGI's, university officials say they are renegotiating some fraternities' housing contracts.

This is the first year fraternities weren't allowed to have second-semester freshmen

living in their houses, and consequently, it has been more difficult for some fraternities to meet the minimum capacity, Abbott said. While freshmen are not allowed to live in fraternity houses located in Worth Hills, they are allowed to live in the Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon wings in Milton Daniel Hall.

Mike Russel, associate dean of Campus Life, said he renegotiated some fraternities' contracts this year to have less people living in their houses, because he knew it would be difficult for fraternities to meet the minimum requirements of previous contracts.

Before last fall, each fraternity had to have at least 25 members living in their houses, but now some are allowed to have less, Russel said. He would not say which fraternities renegotiated their contracts, or to what numbers.

Of all the beds in the five fraternity and sorority buildings in Worth Hills, 180 are open, said Roger Fisher, director of residential services. Of those, Russel said he

does not know how many of those are allowed to be open.

FIGI isn't the only fraternity with open beds.

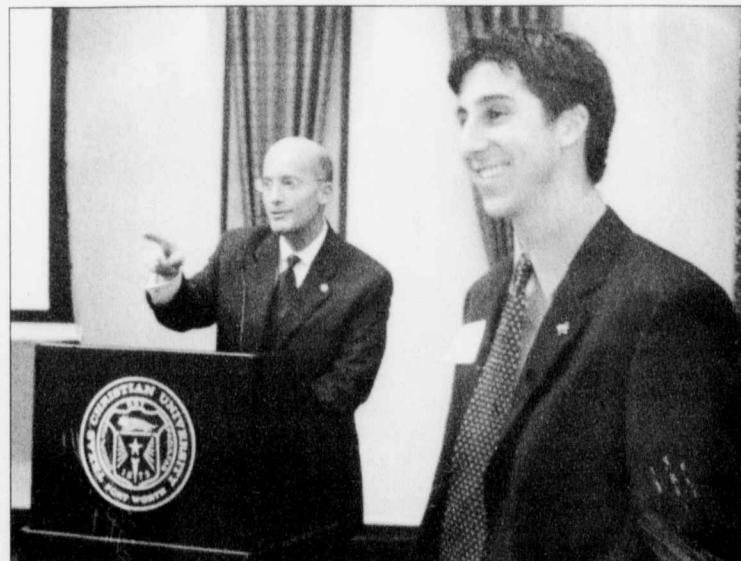
Last semester, Delta Tau Delta was fined about \$6,300 and might have to pay more this semester, said house manager Jared Bradley.

Bradley said the Deltas' new contract requires 21 people to live in their house, but there are only 17 or 18 members living there. Similarly, the FIGI contract was renegotiated to include 21 people, but there are only 17 members living there, Duty said.

Delt President Miles Freeman said the fraternity could have easily filled its house this semester if freshmen would have been allowed to move in. He said he has encouraged all Deltas to move back into their house, and some have broken apartment leases to do so.

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Stand up guy



Chancellor Victor Boschini (left) introduces a few student leaders to the Board of Trustees, including SGA president Jay Zeidman (right), Thursday night in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center.

Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

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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.

■ **Summer 2004 Study Abroad Programs** are now enrolling. To enroll, go to Sadler Hall, Room 16, to pick up a permit number and pay a \$500 deposit by Feb. 27. Contact t.williams@tcu.edu for more information.

■ **Career night for the spring semester** will be from 4 to 7 p.m., Feb. 11, in the Student Center Ballroom. This event is for students to network with local businesses, search for an internship or look for their first job out of college. Dress is business casual. Bring resumes. For more information, contact University Career Services or call the Skiff advertising department at (817) 257-7426.

■ **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) 257-7426.

■ **Senior bricks** are on sale now. For your very own name-engraved senior brick, contact Sarah at (817) 257-8785 or e-mail her at s.j.cox@tcu.edu. The deadline for May 2004 graduates is Feb. 28.

■ **LEAPS 2004 Leadership Committee** is looking for help planning the university's largest service event. If you are interested, apply to serve on the committee. Applications are available in University Ministries, Student Center Suite 111. Applications are due by Feb. 6. For more information or questions, call Robin at (817) 257-7830.

C-USA

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tives, including academics, travel, attendance, conference power ratings and television.

TCU will have to pay an entrance fee to the Mountain West, plus an exit fee to C-USA of at least \$400,000. Under current by-laws, C-USA can demand a higher amount equal to any expected decrease in TV or other revenue caused by the school's departure.

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Abbott said meeting capacity is a problem that all fraternities will have to deal with at some point. But, she said it's at a particular high because fraternities are still adjusting to not being able to fill their rooms with freshmen.

Sig Ep President Matt Freedman said their wing is completely full this semester. Pi Kap President Charlie Stephan

said, "We have no problem filling our wing because freshmen are really eager to move in."

Freshmen were no longer allowed to live in fraternity houses this year because walls in some rooms had been damaged, Abbott said.

She said fraternities are beginning to have younger presidents because only freshmen have been living in the houses. She said she hopes older members will live in the houses and will be encouraged to hold leadership positions instead.

The Kappa Sigma and Phi

Delta Theta house managers and presidents said they did not know if they had changed their contracts or what they might have been changed to.

Eric Johnson, the Lambda Chi Alpha house manager, declined to comment on the new number of members needed to fill their house.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi representatives could not be reached for comment.

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Veto threatened on SAFE Act

Bush says he will veto the proposed act, which would invalidate several controversial Patriot Act provisions.

By Curt Anderson
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration intensified its defense of the anti-terrorism Patriot Act on Thursday, threatening to veto legislation in Congress that would scale back key provisions.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, in a letter to Senate leaders, said the changes proposed in the Security and Freedom Ensured Act, known as SAFE, would "undermine our ongoing campaign to detect and prevent catastrophic attacks."

Ashcroft told reporters that President Bush would veto the bill if it reached his desk.

The threat came a week after Bush, in his State of the Union address, urged Congress to reauthorize the Patriot Act before it expires in 2005. A few months earlier, Ashcroft embarked on a 32-city speaking tour in a bid to answer critics who contend the law threatens civil liberties and privacy rights.

Ashcroft said the political offensive "reflects the stakes America has in the war on terror. When American lives are at stake, we need to have all the capacities to disrupt and to defeat terrorism that we've been successfully using over the last 28 months."

The Patriot Act, passed shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, expanded the government's wiretap and other surveillance authority, removed barriers between FBI and CIA information-sharing, and provided more tools for terror finance investigations.

Anthony Romero, executive director of the Amer-

ican Civil Liberties Union and a staunch critic of the new law, said the veto threat shows that the Bush administration is on the defensive. The ACLU has filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging a key portion of the law, and 241 state and local governments also have gone on record opposing it.

"The attorney general's attack on the SAFE Act shows how out of step the Bush administration is with growing national concern over the Patriot Act," Romero said.

Earlier this month in Los Angeles, a federal judge issued the first court ruling striking down a portion of the law. U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins ruled that provisions barring "expert advice or assistance" to groups designated foreign terrorist organizations was too vague, threatening First and Fifth Amendment rights.

The SAFE Act, which has not yet had a hearing in either the House or Senate, was introduced last fall by Sens. Larry Craig, R-Idaho; Dick Durbin, D-Ill.; and other lawmakers of both parties who say the Patriot Act has gone too far.

"I believe it is possible to combat terrorism and preserve our individual freedoms at the same time," Durbin said then. "This legislation restores the necessary checks and balances to the system."

The bill would modify so-called "sneak and peek" search warrants that allow for indefinitely delayed notification when a person's property is searched, mandating such notice within a week's time.

In addition, warrants for roving wiretaps used to monitor a suspect's multiple cell phones would have to make sure the target was positively identified and was present at the site being monitored before information could be collected.

Teen terror suspects released

The three boys, who had been held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were the youngest prisoners to be jailed after Sept. 11.

By John J. Lumpkin
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military on Thursday released three teenage boys — believed to be between the ages of 13 and 15 — who had been accused of supporting the Taliban and had been held at the prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Pentagon announced.

The boys were sent back to their home country — which was not identified, the Pentagon said, saying it was determined that they no longer posed a threat to the United States. They have no further value as interrogation subjects and are not going to be tried by the U.S. government for any crimes, the military said.

They were the youngest prisoners at the Guantanamo base, which has held hundreds of suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters since the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan that followed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The boys' identities were not released. In a statement, the Pentagon said their identities were being kept secret for fear of reprisals against them. The three came from the same country, but the Pentagon would not identify what that country was.

Two of the boys were captured during U.S. and allied raids on Taliban camps in Afghanistan; the third was captured trying to obtain weapons for the Taliban, the Pentagon said. All three had arrived at the Guantanamo prison in February 2003, a spokeswoman at the prison said.

Human rights groups had campaigned for their release for some time, saying the long separation from their families was hurting the boys. In August, the general running Guantanamo agreed they should be sent home but said he was awaiting orders from the Pentagon and other U.S. government agencies.

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Justice Ginsburg urges group to voice opposition

Supreme Court will hear cases involving illegally-held U.S. and Cuba detainees.

By Gina Holland
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said Thursday that people concerned about losing freedom to government anti-terrorism efforts should speak out.

The Supreme Court is taking up several terror-related cases this spring, including challenges to the government detention of terror suspects without legal rights.

Ginsburg, speaking to a group of women's rights lawyers, was asked if people's rights were in danger.

"On important issues, like the balance between liberty and security, if the public doesn't care, then

the security side is going to outweigh the other," she said.

That would change, Ginsburg said, "if people come forward and say we are proud to live in the USA, a land that has been more free, and we want to keep it that way."

Ginsburg, who argued women's rights cases at the Supreme Court several decades before former President Clinton named her to the court in 1993, said "an active public" made the difference in the victories of feminism.

Ginsburg, now 70, and one of the more liberal justices, won five of the six Supreme Court cases she argued. She was reunited Thursday with some of the clients she represented during an event held in her honor at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

News Briefs

Lili Kraus Centennial Celebration

A "Lili Kraus Centennial Celebration" piano concert will be held Feb. 6 to honor the late Lili Kraus.

Kraus was the artist-in-residence at TCU from 1967-1981. She is best known for her interpretations of classical music including Beethoven, Haydn and Schubert. Her Mozart piano concertos received critical attention.

While at TCU, Kraus served on the first jury for the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. She died in 1986 at the age of 83.

The celebration will include piano performances by Jo Boatright, Dale Fundling and current TCU artist-in-residence and Cliburn gold medalist José Feghali.

Admission is free and the concert is at 2 p.m. in PepsiCo Recital Hall.

— Julia Mae Jorgensen

T'ai Chi workout beyond physical

The extended education department is offering a new class that will teach a Chinese form of martial arts.

Julie Lovett, coordinator for community programs and professional development, said her department is offering the new T'ai Chi class after receiving many phone calls from faculty members and students requesting such a class.

Class instructor Lynn Risser said T'ai Chi is a 300-year-old form of martial arts that started to develop in the United States in the 1970s. T'ai Chi is based on other martial arts but people do not necessarily use it for self-defense like Karate, she said.

QUICK FACTS

Lili Kraus concert
• 2 p.m. Feb. 6 in PepsiCo Recital Hall

T'ai Chi facts
• T'ai Chi starts Feb. 4. There are 10 spaces available in the class. The class will meet noon every Wednesday in the University Recreation Center

"They helped with movement on the stage. I thought it was very interesting ... It was a lot of fun though," he said.

Beth Bontley, theater adjunct professor, said she has studied T'ai Chi and it has the potential of touching the "essence" of a person.

"The benefits touch all levels of what makes us up, the physical and beyond the physical," Bontley said.

The class is scheduled to start Wednesday. The class has a limit of 20 people and 10 have signed up so far. The class will meet at noon every Wednesday in the University Recreation Center.

If you're interested in the class you can sign up online at www.lifelong.tcu.edu, or call the Extended Education Department at (817) 257-7132.

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The Skiff View

Fines on frats need consistency

Empty houses leave frats with empty pockets

Could the double standard possibly be any worse? While many fraternities in Worth Hills struggle to fill their houses to capacity, main campus dorms, and fraternities located within dorms, are overflowing with willing occupants.

TCU officials mandate that any fraternity unable to fill the fraternity house must pay the university \$2,120 for every space not filled, and freshmen are no longer allowed to live in fraternity houses. However, only the fraternities located in Worth Hills are subject to this rule, resulting in substantial fines and financial strain for many chapters.

If the policy is that freshmen are not allowed to live in fraternity houses, then it must be enforced universally. The fact that two fraternities reside in an on-campus dorm should not exclude them from enforcement of the rule.

Although the university is in the process of renegotiating the housing contracts with the Worth Hills fraternities, many will still suffer several thousand dollar fees.

While the renegotiations are a step in the right direction, the double standard the university has created cannot be overlooked. By allowing freshmen to move into the fraternity houses on main campus, but banning them from the Worth Hills fraternities, university officials are automatically putting the Worth Hills fraternities at a disadvantage.

The issue should not be whether or not some fraternities are allowed to renegotiate their contracts to alleviate some of the fines and problems. Instead, the issue should be why TCU does not equally enforce the rule barring freshmen from moving into fraternity houses.

When the fall semester rolls around, as many fraternities will struggle to meet occupancy, the main campus dorms will be filled to the brim, and local hotels will probably be housing some new students.

How is this considered fair?

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

CBS wrong to deny PETA ad

CBS, like any organization that depends on profit to survive, must look out for the bottom line. But when that line involves outright censoring of an issue-based ad, free speech problems can rear their ugly heads.

As a major media outlet, CBS is a custodian of the freedom of speech in this country. Though its role as

such is not a codified legal obligation, the sheer power and influence the

network has on the minds of millions of viewers in the U.S. and elsewhere must also come with a certain amount of responsibility to the institution upon which American democracy thrives and grows: free speech.

Therefore, the network's recent decision to bar a Super Bowl ad from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals involving a lighthearted gag equating pepperoni pizza with impotence comes off as unfair.

CBS policy states they do not permit advertising ads from those with "undue influence on controversial issues of public importance." Presumably, this is to

protect the network from any ideological differences and subsequent revenue loss from those advertisers and viewers who disagree with such a position, but if the effect is to stifle the fairly innocuous message of PETA, it is flawed.

This is not so with liberal Web site MoveOn.org's anti-Bush ad, the winner of their

"Bush in 30 Seconds" contest. The network is well within its rights to

refuse it airtime, since it clearly and unequivocally fits into their decade-old policy on these sorts of advertisements. The issue addressed here is clearly a "controversial issue of public importance," and could affect the loyalty of viewers and advertisers, especially during the Super Bowl, as the nation looks on.

Whether or not one agrees with MoveOn's political message is not the issue. Quite simply, CBS's decision on the MoveOn ad is reasonable.

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Point/Counterpoint

Today's debate: Women in the draft

U.S. military should draft women, too

In 1981, the U.S. Supreme Court heard the case *Rostker v. Goldberg*, in which several men sued over alleged gender discrimination because of the male-only Selective Service registration policy. In May 2003, a group of five students (four male, one female), with the help of the

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Eugene Chu

ACLU, filed a lawsuit in a U.S. District Court alleging discrimination over the male-only registration policy of the Selective Service. In both cases, the courts decided to uphold the male-only registration Selective Service policy. Though the old and new rulings from the U.S. courts oppose female Selective Service registration, I personally would welcome the idea.

First of all, it is important to understand what the Selective Service is. It's a civilian U.S. Government agency that collects and stores information on military draft-eligible American men, who are required by law to register. Women, at this time, are exempt from registration. The U.S. military is currently all-volunteer and a draft would only occur if both Congress and the President authorized it. While some people believe the current status quo is fine, we should look at Israel as an example.

Israel, unlike the United States, has a conscripted military which includes both men and women. Admittedly, there are more draft exemptions for Israeli women and they do not serve in direct combat positions. Nevertheless, Israeli women are still required to perform service in the military or a government-approved alternative.

While I prefer an all-volunteer military rather than a conscripted one, the United States should consider the Israeli system as an example.

Many critics fear extreme consequences such as immediate conscription of women into direct combat positions, but such fears seem far-fetched in my opinion. The U.S. military is still all-volunteer and the Selective Service is only gathering and storing information on draft-eligible men at the present. Current U.S. military policy prohibits women from serving in direct combat positions.

The only thing I propose is that women simply be included in Selective Service registration. If a male/female U.S. military draft were to ever happen; if drafted men should face the possibility of serving in direct combat positions in the military, I believe that drafted women should at least be serving in non-combat support positions.

Despite turning to an all-volunteer force, the United States has kept the Selective Service as an insurance policy. While the United States still maintains a male-only draft registration, Israel's mandatory military draft for both men and women is superior in various ways. Though I personally do not believe in peacetime conscription or women in direct combat positions, many people, including myself, believe it is unfair that women are exempt from draft registration simply because of gender. If the U.S. truly wants to show its greatness in gender equality, it should reconsider its Selective Service registration policy.

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Women shouldn't fight on front line with men

As women want equality more and more with every emerging generation, it's no surprise that the question of whether or not women should be drafted has come up.

COMMENTARY



Roxy Latifi

Supporting equal rights is crucial. Everyone should have the opportunity to prove that they are just as good as the next person, regardless of race, creed

or gender.

But let us take a minute to think about those two words, "equal rights." What exactly does that mean? Does it mean everyone, regardless of color, creed or gender, given the chance, can do anything anyone else can do?

To say that equal rights should exist because everyone can do anything just as well as the next person would be wrong. The opportunity should exist, but the truth of the matter is that no matter who you are there is always someone who can do something better than you.

So when someone says feminists are for equal rights I would agree. Women just want the same opportunities that men

have. Women want to be considered an equals.

But when the question of who is better for fighting on the front line of our nation's war arises, I am reluctant to answer with "women." While women should have the opportunity to prove that they can be all that they can be, the fact is that just because they can do it doesn't mean that they are better at it.

Women are entirely capable of fighting alongside male soldiers, but I see a different need for women. Have we forgotten it was women who served our country within its borders during every war the United States has been in? We tend to overlook these so-called minor actions. Women fought the war; they may have not been shooting at the enemy, but they helped assemble those weapons for every man who needed to defend our country. They helped stop the bleeding of our brave men before they bleed to death. Women were the backbone of the household.

Women were the ones who held the family together even after the telegrams arrived announcing the grim news of an MIA or death. So whoever said that women couldn't fight a war must not be able to look beyond the obviousness of what war is. There is so much more

to it than shooting a gun. War leaves mentally and physically disabled people and it was women who cared for and healed those people.

We need someone here to keep the country going. We need strong individuals to keep the sanity. We need women to fight that war. I doubt men would be up to such a task.

Men were signing up for the armed forces in record numbers during World War II, causing a great loss of manpower in the factories back home. Someone needed to run America while others were overseas protecting it. Someone needed to keep our country going during this time of chaos. Women held it together. It was the women who said I will fight for my country too. In the factories that made guns, airplanes, tanks and clothes, women were supporting the manufacturing; on the farms that raised the cattle, sheep and pigs, women were there making sure America was fed, clothed and protected; when the sun went down they were also there to comfort and relieve the pain Americans were feeling.

Just because a woman is not on the front line doesn't mean she isn't fighting.

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Muslims impact politics

There are 1.8 million registered Muslim voters in the United States, but that number is predicted to increase with a new generation of young Muslim Americans coming of voting age, and politicians are slowly starting to take notice.

A Democratic forum in Michigan organized by the Arab American Institute in October was attended by all of the Democratic candidates, and Michigan will print its first Arabic language ballots for the upcoming February primary.

Agha Saeed, national chairman at the American Muslim Alliance, said that the increased political importance of Muslim Americans should be expected.

"There are 7 million Muslim Americans in the United States, and in every close race, politicians realize that they can ignore large populations of potential voters only (at) their own expense," Saeed said.

The importance of Muslim American voters first became clear to political experts during the close election of 2000.

During that presidential race, the American Muslim Public Council, a nonprofit organization, invited both presidential candidates to discuss issues important to its members.

"The Bush campaign responded, while (Al) Gore kept postponing the meeting. The AMPC counseled their members to vote for Bush, and it did make a significant difference in the election," said Delinda Hanley, news editor for the Washington Report on Middle Eastern Issues.

Another important aspect of the Muslim American voting block is its youth, with one-third of all Muslim votes coming from 18 to 25-year-olds and much of the political momentum coming from American-born Muslims.

"The immigrant generation is ambivalent and hesitant," Saeed said. "They are not sure how to participate in the political process. The American-born generation is free of those illusions and concerns, very much ready to participate in every aspect of the political life."

However, experts say even with a higher voter participation, Muslim Americans still face several hurdles before their voting block can truly begin to influence American politics.

The primary hindrance is the sheer diversity of the Muslim population in the United States. With the majority of Muslim Americans hailing from many different countries, making a joint consensus is difficult.

The path was also severely hampered by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Experts say the passing of the USA Patriot Act, which some activists say unfairly targets Americans of Muslim descent, may provide a new political rallying point for Muslim Americans.

"We suspect Muslim American organizations will try to get all their members involved in this upcoming presidential election, not only because of international issues, but civil rights issues as well, such as unfair profiling and the Patriot Act," Hanley said.

But all the experts agree: Muslim Americans should start playing a bigger role in American politics.

"We need to be heard to affect policy, Al-Quatami said. "Then, policy makers will take note."

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QUICK FACTS



Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

Kerry strong, but still vulnerable
WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry will be hard to beat in Tuesday's elections, but other Democratic presidential hopefuls can curb his momentum if they play to their strengths and his weaknesses — in the right places.

While he is running strong everywhere, the four-term Massachusetts senator is not unstoppable anywhere, said Democratic strategists and political experts in the seven states at stake.

Kerry's victories in Iowa and New Hampshire gave him instant credibility with voters who crave a winning rival to President Bush. Even in states that under normal circumstances would run cool to a Massachusetts liberal, Kerry suddenly

looks presidential, experts said Thursday.

He has momentum, which raises money, which breeds success.

"People who want a winner against Bush naturally gravitate to the guys who has won something," said Robert Kweit, political science professor at the University of North Dakota. His state has 14 pledged delegates up for grabs, fewest of Tuesday's states.

In Oklahoma, where 40 delegates are at stake, Kerry is in a four-way fight with rivals whose records are a more comfortable fit with the state's conservative Democrats. Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards are matching Kerry ad-for-ad on Oklahoma television. The

fourth, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, can afford just a few ads.

"Clark and Edwards will be more Oklahoma-style candidates, but we're in a process where one caucus and one primary make a huge difference on the next," said Don Hoover, a political consultant who ran former Gov. David Walters' campaign.

It's the same story in Missouri, Arizona, South Carolina, New Mexico and Delaware. Experts give Kerry the edge although he ignored all seven states for months while salvaging his Iowa and New Hampshire campaigns.

But the front-runner has at least one rival in each state who could beat him, or grab a bundle of delegates by targeting congressional districts.

Even Dean could be a factor, despite running a campaign low on cash and barely playing in the seven states. He does not plan to air ads before Feb. 7 contests in Michigan and Washington state, but promises to visit Missouri, Arizona, South Carolina and New Mexico. He can deny Kerry delegates, if not wins.

National/International Roundup

Fatal bacteria found in roast beef

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Kroger Co. is recalling Private Selection brand roast beef from its stores in 20 states after a sample taken from a Kroger delicatessen counter in Atlanta tested positive for a bacteria that can cause sickness and, in some cases, death.

The sample taken by the Georgia Department of Agriculture tested positive for listeria monocytogenes, Kroger officials said Tuesday. It was unclear when the sample was taken.

Eating food contaminated with listeria monocytogenes can cause high fever, severe headaches, neck stiffness, abdominal pain, nausea and diarrhea. The infection may be more serious or even fatal among young children, frail or elderly people, or those with weak immune systems.

Customers who bought the product this month and who have it in their refrigerators should return it to the store for a refund, Kroger officials said.

Wrongful death lawsuit settled

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Archdiocese has settled a wrongful death lawsuit in one of the most notorious cases to emerge from its clergy sex abuse crisis — a priest who fathered two children with a woman, then fled

when she overdosed on drugs.

In announcing a settlement Thursday in the case against the Rev. James Foley, Archbishop Sean O'Malley issued a strongly worded statement condemning priests who have sexual relationships with parishioners.

"Archbishop O'Malley sincerely regrets that a sexual relationship existed between a priest of the archdiocese and Rita Perry, as well as the involvement of Father Foley in the tragic circumstances of her death," he said in the statement.

The amount of the settlement was not disclosed. As part of the deal, Cardinal Bernard Law, former archbishop of Boston, has agreed to meet privately with the woman's four children.

Foley was removed from ministry in December 2002 after his personnel file was released publicly, including records detailing multiple affairs he had with married women. The case also contributed to Law's downfall: He resigned as archbishop shortly after details of Foley's actions went public.

Tate pleads guilty to murder

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Lionel Tate pleaded guilty Thursday to second-degree murder in the death of a 6-year-old playmate, finalizing a deal

with prosecutors in a case that has stirred national debate over Florida's treatment of juvenile criminals.

Tate declined to speak to the court but the teen offered through his attorney to meet with the mother of the victim.

The mother, Dewese Eunick-Paul, told the court earlier that Tate committed a "brutal murder," but that she forgave him.

"I firmly believe in God and I believe in forgiveness. I so much believe in God and for that I have forgiven you, Lionel," she said. "I have forgiven Lionel and I have forgiven Lionel for brutally murdering my daughter."

Tate had claimed he accidentally killed 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick while imitating professional wrestling moves he had seen on television. Tate, who turns 17 on Friday, now says he leaped from a staircase and accidentally landed on her chest.

An appeals court threw out Tate's first-degree murder conviction last month, ruling he might not have understood the criminal proceedings against him four years ago.

Instead of holding another trial, prosecutors offered Tate a plea that would sentence him to the three years he has already served. Tate rejected an identical plea deal before his trial in 2001.

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Going 'retro'

A guide to men's fashion

By Amber Liggon
Skiff Staff

Good fashion does not only apply to women. Men also need to be paying attention to what they wear. While walking around campus I can spot at least 20 poorly dressed males who are guilty of nothing more than having a poor knowledge of fashion. It seems no one ever informed them on what to wear and how to wear it. For these lost souls I have a few pointers for you.

Gentlemen, you must give your toenails some attention. If you make the decision to wear flip-flops even though it is 30 degrees outside, at least make sure your toes are not harvesting a yellow-like fungus and your toenails are not inching over the edge of your Reef sandals. The same applies to your fingernails, black grime under the nails ... not cool.

Make sure your clothes fit properly. The most frequently committed fashion crime are victims sporting a shirt that sits just above the belt buckle. Easy test: If your tummy is exposed when you raised your arms, take off the shirt!

I know there are a lot of you out there who are huge fans of the whole scruffy, Abercrombie, I try not to look like I tried look, which is great. However, in attempt at achieving this look, many fellows begin to leave basic hygiene behind.

For example, you can still sport the shaggy haircut and remain 'clean-cut' at the same time. Try shaving at least once every couple days to avoid looking like a homeless person. Also trim up those sideburns and if needed, pluck your eyebrows (it's not just a girl thing I promise).

Colors are good, in fact, they are great. Guys, you may have noticed when you or your friends sport a bright

color the ladies swoon with compliments. Don't be afraid to add a little color to your wardrobe ... it's nice. It makes you stand out in a sea of blues and grays that swallows most men's wardrobes.

Need Help? Here are some top suggestions for every type of guy:

- Kenneth Cole
- Gap
- Express for Men
- Banana Republic
- Thrift stores

Shoes. Just as the old saying goes, "You can always tell a guy by his shoes." If your shoes are old, stinky and icky, then well ... so are you. Buy new ones! People will notice and it gives you an excuse to go shopping. And while we are on the subject, please make sure the shoes match the belt. Black shoes means a black belt and brown shoes ... Well, you get the picture.

Hats have become a new trend for guys. No, not the trucker hat, that was over when Ashton Kutcher started wearing one. I'm talking more along the lines of a newsboy cap, a fedora hat or perhaps a simple fitted baseball cap is always cute and simple. But remember, hats change with the seasons, this means no beanies in the summer, that's just weird.

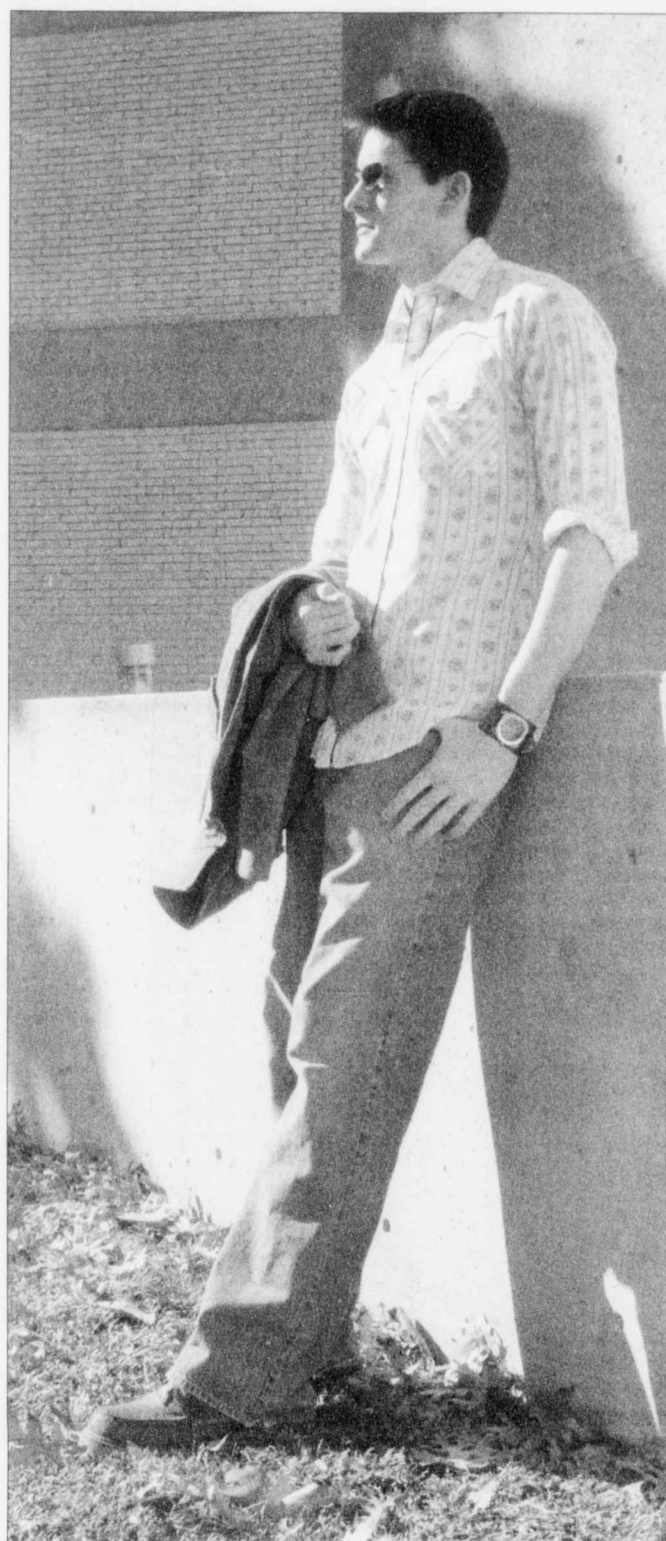
Accessorize! Every guy should have in their possession a nice wallet and a polished watch. These items are staples to your wardrobe. If you do not already have them in your possession, buy them! The biggest tip I can offer you is keep it clean and simple. If you are at all questioning your outfit then you should not be wearing it. It is possible to remain comfortable and stylish simultaneously. Try, but don't try too hard.

Oh, and one last thing ... Take this article and keep it with you. Fold it in your wallet, stick it to your mirror ... Do whatever it takes because, seriously guys, this is important. You are in college, the least you can learn is how to dress well.

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Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor

Clean-cut meets casual: Good fashion doesn't rely on polos and khakis but on the snazzy details. Wide-band arm accessories compliment any outfit without looking feminine. Pearl snap shirts and simple patterns add class to vintage style.

Fortenberry aids students in the fashion world

Little steps toward big success

Sarah Lehman
Skiff Staff

Glamour and glitz. That's the perception of the fashion world. But it's not all about designer labels, champagne bubbles and the overnight success of the beautiful people.

It's about hard work, global issues and an entrepreneurial spirit, and no one exemplifies that better than the head of the design, merchandising and textile department, Sally Fortenberry.

Fortenberry didn't always know she was headed for fashion. "My favorite subjects in high school included business law, transcription and business math," she said.

"During college I decided I definitely wanted to teach. However, I also remember stating that if things did not go as I hoped they would with teaching, I would go back to law school (to pursue business or divorce law)."

Fortunately, after graduating from college and teaching at a high school twice the size of the college she attended in Tennessee, things did go well. She went on to get a master's degree in textile sciences and became department chairwoman at TCU in 1997.

Fortenberry came into her role as department chairwoman with a few simple goals. Overall, she said she believed the program was already excellent.

"It just needed more resources to be its best," Fortenberry said. "We have been able to obtain some of those and thus see positive changes as a result."

Adding full-time faculty to the department to accommodate the growing number of students interested in the program was key. Since 1997, the number of the department's

majors has increased from about 175 to almost 350, Fortenberry said.

The increase in interest stems from another goal she accomplished — increasing the visibility of the program throughout the metroplex and campus. She said there is an indication that more students are selecting TCU in order to major in one of the department's two majors.

"I believe it is imperative for me to keep learning, growing and gaining more knowledge for the benefit of my students. Retirement is a long way away for me."
— Sally Fortenberry
design, merchandising and textile department

It also houses the interior design program.

So why chose a fashion degree from a small, private university rather than one geared specifically for future fashionistas?

"The TCU fashion merchandising program is highly competitive with other programs," Fortenberry points out. "We have the advantage of being located in a major metropolitan area where many of the nation's largest retailers and manufacturers are located along with the Dallas Apparel Mart, World Trade Center and Market Hall."

Another advantage of TCU's program is the required 10-week internship. Prior to Fortenberry, students were placed in a position.

Now, students must interview with at least three companies and "must actually be offered the internship on their own merits," she said.

Students are taking more risks in finding a company to intern with, she said. Instead of just focusing on the Dallas/Fort Worth area, past interns have gone to New York, Chicago, California and London to learn at companies such as Louis Vuitton, Donna Karan, Chanel, W magazine and Alberta Ferretti. Fortenberry herself will obtain an internship this spring while on sabbatical. In order to continue to provide the most current knowledge for courses offered, she will work with Neiman Marcus and Zale's Corp. for a mini, hands-on internship.

"I will be placed with the senior buyer one day, the head of visual merchandising another day," she said. It is important to continue learning about current trends in the industry rather than just giving the students textbook facts. This will give students further advantage in the "challenging, dynamic and progressive" aspects the industry embodies.

"I believe it is imperative for me to keep learning, growing and gaining more knowledge for the benefit of my students. Retirement is a long way away for me," Fortenberry said. Even when that day comes, she said she will still be actively connected with the industry through consulting or freelance work.

For now, fashion students are anxiously waiting for her to return to campus where she always has her door open to chat or give guidance for their future entry into the glitzy world — make that academic world — of fashion.

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Sally Fortenberry, head of the design, merchandising and textile department, rummages through costumes in the department's collection stored in the Bass Building. Fortenberry is on sabbatical this semester to help provide insight in future courses.

Perry proposes 3 school funds

By April Castro
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry unveiled the last of three education proposals tying state funds to student performance Thursday as lawmakers continued to search for ways to fund public education.

In his third and final proposal, Perry called for \$100 million in the Successful Schools Fund.

The money would be used as a financial reward for school districts which have improved under the objectives of his incentives-based plan. The criteria for rewarding schools would be established by new Texas Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley.

"This means that any school that is a long way from achieving excellence, but makes true progress toward that ultimate goal, would benefit from money made available by the Student Progress Incentive," Perry said.

Critics had complained that Perry's proposals will help schools that are already performing well but leave behind poorer schools that need the money most.

Perry said the critics had a "knee-jerk reaction" and just don't understand the plan.

In the second part of Thurs-

day's proposals, Perry suggested a Truth in Spending initiative. It would hold school districts accountable for expenditures and rate school districts based on "fiscally responsible management practices."

"I believe if taxpayers are going to foot the bill, they are entitled to look at every item on the receipt," Perry said. "School spending ought to be transparent, and simple to understand."

Perry's proposals still must be considered and approved by the Legislature before adopted as law.

Since Perry began touting the proposals on Monday, teachers groups in Texas have vocally opposed the idea of incentives-based funding.

"Incentives don't allow districts to plan their budgets for the next school year and can't be used to fund salary increases or anything that is a recurring expense," said Texas State Teacher's Association President Donna New Haschke. "The Governor's incentive plan might lead to more districts being able to afford new Astroturf, but won't lead to any teacher getting a pay raise."

Lawmakers are expected to meet in a special session this spring to take up the issue of school finance.

Wednesday, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said the goals of any special session would be to eliminate the so-called Robin Hood system of school finance and to reduce the local property tax burden, while improving the quality of the state's schools and maintaining equity.

Perry has said he won't call the session until a consensus has been reached on an acceptable replacement plan — a proposition that seems far from a sure thing.

Speaking in Dallas on Thursday, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, called the state's school funding situation a looming mountain.

"We're way past due in addressing school finance. What must come out of the special session is not a patch, not a Band-Aid, but a long-term fix," she said. "And that means we've got to have more dollars for education."

Strayhorn said the state needs to pick up more of the tab.

Most of the school finance burden is funded locally, with property taxes. The share-the-wealth system has been heavily criticized by both wealthy and poor districts. Many lawmakers have campaigned on the promise of reducing the state's ballooning property taxes.

Medicare budget to grow rapidly

Medicare budget to be more than \$500 billion, contributing to a half-trillion dollar federal deficit

By Alan Fram
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's new budget projects the Medicare overhaul he just signed will be one-third more costly than estimated and this year's federal deficit will surge past a half trillion dollars for the first time, administration and congressional officials said Thursday.

The White House will estimate the cost of creating prescription drug benefits and revamping the mammoth health-care program for the elderly and disabled at \$534 billion for the decade that ends in 2013, the officials said. The number will be in the 2005 budget Bush proposes Monday.

While muscling the Medicare package through Congress in November, Bush and Republican leaders won pivotal votes by reassuring conservatives that the cost over that period would track the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office's estimate of \$395 billion. The measure passed both chambers nar-

rowly, giving the president one of his top legislative triumphs since taking office.

The new figures represent the first time the White House has released its projections of the bill's costs. They could deepen an election-year wedge between the White House and conservative Republicans upset over spending and budget deficits that they say have grown too high on Bush's watch.

The numbers raise questions about whether administration officials revealed everything they knew before the vote on Medicare, some conservatives complained privately. Bush signed the bill Dec. 8.

"No one vote has caused me more angst in my short political career," said Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas. "I hope this will

embolden conservatives and others" to control spending.

Hensarling was among several conservatives who voted for the measure after being told by Bush, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and others that the costs should fall within the Congressional Budget Office estimate.

Rep. John Shadegg, R-Ariz., a conservative who voted against the bill, said he never believed the \$395 billion cost estimate because such long-term forecasts are "meaningless."

The White House is reluctant to antagonize conservatives, the base of the GOP, in an election year. Such internal party divisions could make it harder to push legislation through Congress, which Republicans control by narrow margins.

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Friday, January 30, 2004



Purple Poll

Should women be drafted into the military?

Yes 37 No 63

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Question Claire

Claire Voyance is a weekly advice column that will run every Friday. To submit a question to Claire e-mail clairevoyance@wouldillie.com. Remember, Claire is not a psychologist so take her advice at your own risk. Enjoy.

Dear Claire,
 My neighbor doesn't shower. Ever. And it's getting pretty bad. He'll come to my room and it's as if a cloud of odor comes with him. My roommate and I have dropped hints. We make it a point to stop by his room going to and from the showers. We're all at a loss, Claire. What do we do? Unless he starts showering every day like normal people, we may just throw him in!
 Please help.
 Freaking Out in Frogland

civilize his barbaric cleansing rituals. (Or in this case, lack thereof.) My advice is to take things a step further. Your current efforts to get your neighbor into the shower could be doing more harm than good. More than likely, your neighbor feels uncomfortable that the guys living next door keep showing up at his door and asking him to join them in the shower.

I mean, you can see how these actions could be misinterpreted in ways that would make your neighbor a bit skeptical, right? His refusal to take a shower could stem from this misunderstanding. Next time, just try leaving more direct hints so that the message is clear. Start out by leaving a bar of soap on his doorstep with a note that reads, "Use me!" It might also be helpful to keep a

bottle of disinfectant handy at all times. Anytime you come into contact with your neighbor, spray him, at least that way even if he doesn't get the hint, at least he is sanitized. Desperate times may call for desperate measures. If your neighbor's room is overflowing with bars of Dial and none of them seem to be used, it's time for confrontation.

Begin by explaining to him that his lack of cleanliness is not only affecting his health, but it is a drag to those forced to withstand his body odor on a daily basis. Pretty much, at this point, just flat out let him know that he stinks and see what he has to say. Keep in mind that your neighbor's unwillingness to shower may be due to his belief system or could even be an initiating ritual for a cult or gang. If that is the case, dealing with him could prove a little more difficult. In this situation, the best thing to do

is just wait it out. It can't go on for too much longer. Use air freshener, cologne, potpourri, candles, anything that might dilute the stench emanating from next door. If all else fails and the smell becomes simply unbearable, might I suggest looking for a different living situation? In the meantime, wear a gas mask and keep the Lysol coming! Best of Luck,
 Claire Voyance

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Dear Freaking Out,
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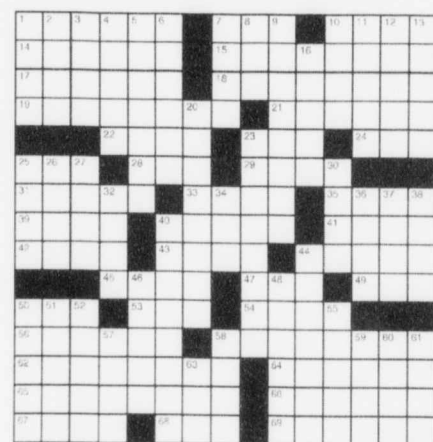
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Sideline

CU accused of sex parties

(AP) — Prospective Colorado football players were recruited with sex parties where women say they were raped, and school officials have resisted demands to stop the practice, according to depositions of a prosecutor and a police officer.

Boulder County District Attorney Mary Keenan, a potential witness in a federal lawsuit filed by a woman who says she was raped at a 2001 party attended by football recruits, made the statement during an October deposition, which was obtained by KUSA-TV.

School officials have denied Keenan's accusations.

In her statement, Keenan said she met with athletic department officials after a 17-year-old girl reported she was raped by a football player or a recruit at party in 1997.

Keenan said she met with university officials again after a woman said she was raped at the 2001 party. Keenan said she didn't believe school officials took her complaints seriously.

Keenan said she was told by a former Colorado athletic department official that athletic director Dick Tharp and football coach Gary Barnett decided against any changes.

Barnett and Tharp denied the accusations.

In another deposition in the lawsuit, university police officer Timothy Delaria described another 2001 party as some kind of sex party for the recruits.

Delaria's deposition, made in May 2003, said recruits were shown a pornographic video and told that easy sex was a benefit of playing at Colorado.

Keenan and Delaria gave their depositions as part of a lawsuit filed by Lisa Simpson, who contended she was sexually assaulted by two men at the 2001 party. Simpson filed her case anonymously but later said she wanted to set an example that victims need not feel ashamed.

Prosecutors filed no sexual assault charges after the party because they said they did not think they could be proved. Four players were charged with providing marijuana and alcohol to minors.

Another woman has filed a lawsuit against the university saying she, too, was sexually assaulted at the party.

Dodgers sold to McCourt

(AP) — The \$430 million sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers from News Corp. to Boston real estate developer Frank McCourt was unanimously approved Thursday by baseball owners.

The highly leveraged purchase, likely to be finalized within a week, probably will set off the third change in management in six years for the marquee franchise, which hasn't advanced to the playoffs since 1996.

News Corp. bought the team in March 1998 from the O'Malley family for \$311 million. The corporation quickly tired of running the club, and former movie executive Robert Daly took over as chief executive officer in October 1999 after purchasing a minority stake.

Daly has said he will depart when the sale closes. The futures of team president Bob Graziano, general manager Dan Evans and manager Jim Tracy are uncertain as the Dodgers prepare to report to spring training on Feb. 18.

Los Angeles finished second in the NL West last season at 85-77 despite the worst offense in the major leagues. Still, the Dodgers drew over 3 million fans for the eighth straight year.

With the sale pending, the Dodgers made few moves during the offseason. Their only free-agent additions were right-handers Rick White and Jose Lima and infielder Jose Hernandez, who agreed to minor league contracts, and Bubba Trammell, who's expected to come off the bench.

McCourt, whose grandfather was part owner of the Boston Braves, announced Oct. 10 he had agreed to buy the team along with Dodger Stadium and adjoining real estate, plus training facilities in Vero Beach, Fla., and the Dominican Republic.

Big-hitting Neuman bolsters young lineup

profile

In a lineup featuring a great deal of youth and talent, Chris Neuman could decide the fate of the Frogs' offense.

By Brent Yarina
Sports Editor

When head coach Jim Schlossnagle goes to pencil in his lineup card this spring, he will find few names to choose from with any collegiate baseball experience.

Gone are the Frogs' top six statistical hitters from last season's club, who combined to hit for a .346 average. In their absence, Schlossnagle will be forced to make many decisions when writing out his lineup card before every game this spring.

One decision the first year Frogs' head coach says he never expects to make, however, is where to bat senior first baseman and designated hitter Chris Neuman.

"Oh, of course, Chris is a middle of the lineup guy with all his power," Schlossnagle said. "He will hit somewhere in the middle (of the lineup) for us. He'll see most of his time at three and four."

Neuman, the Frogs' top returning hitter from last season at .293, said he does not know where he will find his name on the lineup card, despite leading the team with 16 home runs last season.

"I don't know where I will be in the lineup," Neuman said. "That is coach's decision, not mine. I'm just going to try the

best I can to drive in runs whenever he puts me."

Neuman said he is most comfortable hitting in the middle of the order, though, and that he expects to find his name right there for the 2004 season opener.

"I like the middle so I can get a

hit in the first inning and carry that momentum for a while," he said.

Senior pitcher and first baseman Ryan Weems said Neuman's bat is a valuable commodity to the middle of the Frogs' batting order.

"He brings a lot to this lineup,"

Weems said. "He has the ability to go the other way when he is down in the count. And when the pitcher makes a mistake, he can hit the ball out of here at any given moment."

Neuman said the team may experience some offensive struggles

early this season and that he needs to work hard on becoming a more complete hitter, while the young lineup gets accustomed to playing with one another.

"I'm just going to have to wait for my pitch better this year," Neuman said. "If they try to throw me away, I'm just going to have to learn how to hit the ball away. I have to take those pitches, that they will try to get me out on, to the opposite side."

New faces in the lineup is not the only significant obstacle Neuman will have to adjust to this season. He will also have to prove he can come back from an injury.

"This offseason, I actually broke my thumb in the fall so I haven't been doing too much," Neuman said. "Since then, I have just been hitting in the cage every day out here and lifting weights."

As long as some of the new starters shine in their expanded roles, Schlossnagle said there is nothing that should prevent Neuman from having another big year.

"He's the only significantly experienced returner that we have on our team," Schlossnagle said. "He brings a ton of power to this lineup. We're going to need to surround him with a bunch of guys that can protect him a little bit in the lineup, so he can put up (last year's) numbers. I expect the scouting report for our opponents all year long to be don't let Neuman beat us."

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Senior Chris Neuman may be the Frogs' top hitter this season, coming off of a team-leading 16-home run season last year.

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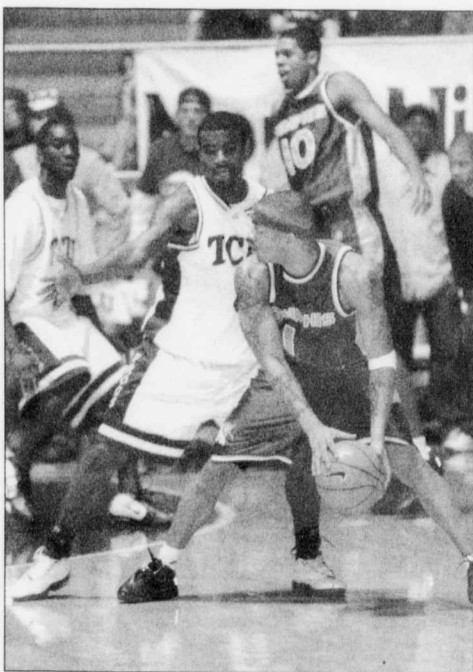
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Junior guard Corey Santee and the Frogs will tip off against Memphis at 2 p.m. Saturday in front of a near sold out crowd.

Cancer fight humbles Panthers

Panthers head into Super Bowl with more than football on their minds.

By Bob Baum
The Associated Press

Just before the season began, in a span of two weeks, the Carolina Panthers got the news: Linebacker Mark Fields and linebackers coach Sam Mills had cancer.

Suddenly, football was only a game — a sobering lesson for a team about to play in its first Super Bowl.

"Just the way they coped and the way they kept pounding along," coach John Fox said. "Some of those same lessons you teach in this game are at the highest level in their fight."

Standing side by side at a news conference Thursday, Fields and Mills were inspirational, if not emotional, portraits of courage.

"You have your good days and your bad days," Mills said. "I am just glad I am having days, you know?"

Fields, the Panthers' leading tackler in 2002, has completed treatment for Hodgkin's disease and is expected to play next season.

Mills, who played 12 seasons in the NFL and went to the Pro Bowl five times, works as much as he can but remains in a fight for his life against intestinal cancer.

Mills had a chemotherapy treatment in Charlotte Wednesday, then flew to Houston to join the team. He will be on the sideline Sunday when the Panthers face the New England Patriots.

"The club basically gave me the option as to how much I wanted to be around," Mills said. "Hey, I am a football coach. That is what

I am. As long as I have the power in me to go ahead and continue to coach, I'd like to continue to coach."

Beneath their uniforms, the Panthers wear T-shirts bearing Fields' No. 58 and Mills' No. 51 — the number he used to wear.

"Getting them a ring would be something special," defensive end Julius Peppers said. "They're always with us. They're a part of this team. We want very badly to win this championship for those guys."

"You just look in that mirror and say, 'Hey, God, I know you are with me and I'm just going to keep on working.'"

Sam Mills

Carolina linebacker's coach

Fields' disease was discovered when he went to a doctor because a cut on his finger wouldn't heal.

Mills wondered why he lacked energy to finish his usual workouts. After several tests, cancer was discovered in his small intestine. The players were told just before their final preseason game on Aug. 30.

Fields, uncomfortable at work-out because he wanted so badly to play, made only occasional visits during the season.

"It is extremely difficult because every player wants to play on Sunday," he said. "This is what we do, this is what we want to do, and this is where we want to be."

Both have used the team's success to help keep a positive attitude.

"The more we win, the better we are," said Fields, who confesses he is wiser for his ordeal.

"It is a very humbling experience but it makes you appreciate things and look at things in a totally different light," he said. "You can't imagine how I feel about next year, and that I even have the opportunity to come back and play. Training camp can't be long enough for me. Guys might get mad at me, because we can stay in training camp all year long, that's how I feel about it."

Mills' prognosis is uncertain.

"There is improvement going on right now, and we just hope to continue to improve," he said. "As far as long term, we really don't know."

Mills delivered a motivational speech before Carolina's playoff opener against Dallas.

"He said when he found out he had cancer, there were two things that he could do, quit or keep pounding," Buckner recalled. "Just like he played the football game, he never quit, and the only way he knew how to fight was to keep fighting to the end."

Mills vows to live by his words.

"You just look in that mirror and say, 'Hey, God, I know you are with me and I'm just going to keep on working.'" "Life is not great every day, all day. Nobody wants to have this disease, but somebody does, and we just so happen to be those guys, and we just have to keep on fighting."

Panthers, Patriots get job done without marquee players

Super Bowl to feature two teams that are all about teamwork.

By Don Pierson
Chicago Tribune

Two ultimate teams in the ultimate team sport are playing in the ultimate game, at least until next year. So why does Super Bowl XXXVIII have the personality of a beige sweatshirt?

The Super Bowl is about glitter and glamour; the best football teams are about grime and grit.

The top runners and receivers on the Carolina Panthers and New England Patriots are guys named Smith and Davis and Brown. The names on the jerseys ring no bells.

"For fans who are a little bitter their teams didn't make it, hey, watch the game," Panthers receiver Muhsin Muhammad said Monday. "I'm pretty sure you're going to find somebody you like."

It won't be someone pulling out a cell phone from a goal post or a pen from his sock.

It might be someone who's not even playing, like Carolina linebacker Mark Fields or linebackers coach Sam Mills, both incredibly afflicted with cancer as this season started and now buoying the spirits of the Panthers as they undergo chemotherapy.

These are two teams in the best



and most complete sense of the word.

Refusing the customary player-by-player pregame introduction, the Patriots ran out of the tunnel as a team, as they had done most of that season and have ever since.

"Anyone who is selfish and is about 'me' is going, 'Listen, I want to be introduced,'" Fauria said. "You always see when you're a kid the guys are introduced, and each guy kind of does his own little thing. That's like their moment."

"But football is more than just offense or defense. For them to come out as a team at the Super Bowl, which is the pinnacle of anyone's career, means they put their pride and the personal feelings aside, saying, 'This is how we got here. We got here together, let's be introduced together.'"

So Fauria has become one of

the 42 starters used by the 2003 Patriots. He is one of the role players from 18 different teams that coach Bill Belichick has melded into another Super Bowl contender. Most — 29 of them — weren't members of the 2001 team that beat the Rams.

Likewise, the Panthers are an assemblage of players from 16 teams, 30 of whom weren't around in 2001. That was when the Panthers were reeling on the field at 1-15 and off the field from the 1999 conviction of Rae Carruth for conspiring to kill his pregnant girlfriend and the 2000 shooting death of running back Fred Lane by Lane's wife.

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Frogs' pitchers experienced, ready to lead team

The Horned Frogs' baseball team enters its second year in Lupton Stadium with a pitching staff ready to shine

By Brent Yarina
Sports Editor

College baseball critics have ranked TCU No. 6 in Conference USA because of their young and inexperienced team entering the 2004 season, but these critics don't have such negative comments about the Frogs' pitching staff.

Senior pitchers Clayton Jerome, Eugene Espineli and Robbie Findlay are the reason for that.

Jerome said the starting rotation is more than ready to handle the challenge of leading this year's youthful team.

"We've got a real deep pitching staff," Jerome said. "We have some good arms and a lot of experience. We're not worrying about the young team we have. It doesn't really add any sort of pressure on us as a staff."

Espineli, a University of Texas

transfer, said the Frogs will have an impressive starting rotation this season, featuring a great mix of talent, variety and experience.

"We're definitely looking very good as a staff," Espineli said. "We have a great mix of righties and lefties who have been here before."

Findlay also said the pitching staff is more than capable of living up to their high expectations this season.

"We're looking good as a staff," said Findlay, who compiled a 6-1 record with a 2.74 ERA last season. "The older guys have been doing a great job showing the younger guys the ropes this whole off season."

Jerome, the 2003 C-USA Pitcher of the Year, leads the Frogs' staff as the team's ace. After Jerome, who was 9-5 with a 2.34 ERA last season, Espineli and Findlay are expected to highlight the rest of the rotation's top pitchers.

Jerome said the addition of Espineli will help the entire team, especially coming from such a

prestigious baseball program.

"He will help a lot," he said. "He brings a lot of experience. He has been to the College World Series and has also played in the Cape Cod League. He is a great addition to this whole team."

Espineli said he hopes to bring the experiences he acquired with the Longhorns to the Frogs this season.

"I definitely bring regional experience," said Espineli, who went 8-2 with a 3.43 ERA in three seasons at UT. "I have been there three times. I want to show them that we are good enough to get there, even though they might not that we are."

Despite bringing a great deal of playoff experience to the Frogs, Espineli said TCU fans should not expect him to be the team's vocal leader on or off the field.

"I'm not much of a talker in front of the team," Espineli said. "Coach tells me what to do and I try to do just that. I prefer to lead by example, not words."

You won't find Espineli complaining about how he is being used as a pitcher, whether he is starting games, pitching the middle innings or closing games.

"I just want to help this team win in any way that I can," he said. "If that is accomplished as me being a starter, a middle reliever or a closer, I'm all for it."

Findlay said the pitchers will not have to lead the team themselves.

"We are playing much better defense this year," he said. "We'll have to see how the young guys hit in games, but I have seen them hit and it shouldn't be a problem at all. We're coming together really well as a team, and every player already knows their role."

Jerome, Espineli, Findlay and the Frogs open the 2004 season with a three-game series against Dallas Baptist University 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at Lupton Stadium.

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Q & A

with
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Jim Schlossnagle

Meet the new head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle

Brent Yarina caught up with him before the start of the 2004 season.

Skiff: What attracted you to the TCU baseball program?

Coach: I wanted to be at a good academic school that had a major commitment to college baseball. TCU had all that. Professionally and personally. My wife is from Dallas and that played a role.

Skiff: You have a very unique name, what have your players nicknamed you?

Coach: The players just call me Coach Shlosh.

Skiff: What fingerprint do you want to leave on this program when everything is said and done here at TCU?

Coach: I want to win a national championship. I want to be a program known nationwide that competes at the highest level and graduates its players. A trip to a World Series and a national championship is the ultimate goal.

Skiff: When you played, is there any player in the pro ranks that you would compare your game to?

Coach: How I played? No, I can't think of any.

Skiff: Would you compare your managing style to any current manager in the MLB?

Coach: College coaching and major league managing is a little different, but I would say Tony LaRussa or Joe Torre.

Skiff: That's some pretty good company there?

Coach: Yeah, it really is.

Skiff: What's the funniest thing you have ever said to an ump?

Coach: Most of its not too horrible. I really don't like to have conversations with umpires, unless I really need to. I'm not really that comedic of a guy.

Skiff: So I assume there hasn't been any kicking of the dirt incidents?

Coach: There has been one kicking of the dirt incident. It's not something I'm proud of. Sometimes those kind of things just happen in the spur of the moment.

Skiff: What's the best advice you have ever been given about managing a baseball team?

Coach: Probably coaching them in practice and letting the players play the game. That's what I try to do. You have to let the players play the game. I'll manage the game as far as taking out a pitcher or calling a hit-and-run, but I just try to coach them during practice and let them play.

Skiff: What's your favorite baseball movie of all time?

Coach: Oh, I like them all. I like

Coach: How long is this article? No, I'll find a lucky meal. It's not really a superstition, it's more of a routine. Last year at UNLV I ate the same lunch before every home game. It just puts me in a comfort zone for the game.

Skiff: What's your favorite dugout prank?

Coach: I've been a part of many hot foot. Let's see, I don't want to embarrass anyone here. I basically just keep it to hot foot, gum on the cap and I'm a big fan of shaving cream pies. We'll get one of those out here very shortly.

Skiff: Athletes today have a tendency to celebrate their feats. What will you do or say to one of your players if he does something to show up the opponent?

Coach: They're never going to show up the opponent. If they do, they won't play. I'm very serious about that. You have to wear the uniform the right way. You can't do anything to show up the other team, the umpires or the university on the baseball field.

Skiff: OK, here's a situation for you. It's game 7 of the World Series and the bases are loaded with

two outs and a full count. Who do you want pitching and who do you want hitting?

Coach: Roger Clemens pitching and Carl Yastrzemski hitting.

QUICK FACTS

Jim Schlossnagle's career

Year	School	Position
1990-92	Elon College	Assistant coach
1993	Clemson	Assistant coach/Pitching
1994-01	Tulane	Associate head coach/ Recruiting coordinator
2002-03	UNLV	Head coach
Present	TCU	Head coach

Coaching record: 77-47, .621

Bull Durham and really enjoy Eight Men Out and Field of Dreams.

Skiff: Baseball players are full of superstitions. What is your biggest or weirdest superstition?



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
Head coach Jim Schlossnagle looks to lead the Frogs to the top of C-USA this year.

FROGS TO WATCH



Clayton Jerome

SP #21 Clayton Jerome

6'2" 190 lbs
Career record:
19-12
Career ERA: 3.36



Chris Neuman

1B #34 Chris Neuman

6'2" 210 lbs
2003 batting average: .293

- 2003 C-USA Pitcher of the Year
- Third team All-American selection by the National College Baseball Writers of America

2003 home runs: 16
Multi-hit games: 17
Multi-RBI games: 14

Jerome is the ace of the Frogs' pitching staff. He has garnered national recognition as an elite starting pitcher at the college ranks, resulting in numerous personal accolades. Jerome has improved his statistics every season at TCU, averaging 16 starts and nine wins the past two years.

After a successful first season with the Frogs last season, Neuman will be counted on to provide thunder to the middle of the TCU lineup again. Neuman, who transferred from the University of Texas before last season, ranked 16th in the nation with his 16 home runs last year. The senior is expected to see time at both 1B and DH.

COACH SCHLOSSNAGLE'S FROGS

No.	Name	Class	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
3	Shelby Ford	Fr.	3B	B/R	6-3	180	Fort Worth
4	Nate Thomas	So.	2B	R/R	5-11	170	West Palm Beach, Fla.
5	German Duran	Fr.	SS	R/R	6-0	188	Fort Worth
6	Cody Chapman	Jr.	C	R/R	5-11	195	New Braunfels
8	Bart Barr	Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	Carrollton
10	Billie Hicks	So.	INF	R/R	5-11	170	Arlington
12	Aaron Tims	Sr.	RHP	R/R	5-10	190	Fort Worth
13	Zach Duncan	So.	RHP	R/R	5-10	195	Marshall
14	Chris Saenz	Jr.	C	R/R	6-0	205	Fort Worth
15	Mike Epping	So.	OF	L/L	6-2	210	Moore, Okla.
16	Bo Cogbill	Jr.	3B	B/R	5-11	194	Fort Worth
17	Chad Huffman	Fr.	2B	R/R	6-1	200	Missouri City
19	Jerid Buttell	So.	OF	R/R	5-11	165	Colleyville
20	Chris White	Jr.	LHP	L/L	5-10	180	Fort Worth
21	Clayton Jerome	Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-2	190	Mesquite
23	Chase Perry	Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-5	205	Garland
25	Lance Arrington	Fr.	C	R/R	5-11	195	Aledo
26	Omar Arif	Fr.	LHP	L/L	6-1	195	Mesquite
27	Ramon Moses	Sr.	2B	R/R	5-8	160	Panama City, Panama
28	Tim McGough	Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	200	Aledo
31	Eugene Espinelli	Sr.	LHP	L/L	6-4	195	Katy
32	Kenny Thompson	Sr.	OF	R/R	5-10	182	Pflugerville
33	J.J. Estrada	So.	OF	R/R	6-2	195	Guatemala City, Guatemala
34	Chris Neuman	Sr.	1B	L/L	6-2	210	Aledo
36	Kyle Dahlberg	Jr.	C	R/R	6-3	211	San Antonio
37	Sean Stephens	So.	OF	R/R	6-0	205	DeSoto
39	Ryan Weems	Sr.	LHP/1B	L/L	6-1	177	Roswell, N.M.
40	Ryan Nesloney	Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-2	205	Houston
43	D.J. Pokluda	Sr.	OF	R/R	5-11	190	N. Richland Hills
46	Clint Mokry	Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-5	240	Taylor
47	Robbie Findlay	Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-4	216	Mississauga, Ontario
50	Chad Underwood	Jr.	RHP	L/R	6-5	213	Mesquite, Texas
53	Andrew Allar	Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	180	Aledo
59	Derek Woloshyn	So.	RHP	R/R	6-0	160	Chicago, Ill.



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Women's golf team hopes for success as schedule gets tougher

The women's golf team swings into spring action confident following a successful fall season.

By Gabe Wicklund
Skiff Staff

The women's golf team is entering the spring season in full swing, as it prepares for competition to heat up.

Freshman Camellia Blackerby says the Frogs have high expectations for the spring and that they hope to make it to nationals.

So far this season, Blackerby said the team has looked good, which should make the season a success.

During the fall, Blackerby played in three of the Frogs' four events, recording the team's second lowest stroke average of 75.44.

Blackerby said despite the team's age, the young players have benefited greatly from the experience of playing a full fall season.

"We are really young right now, but everyone is getting good experience," she said.

Senior Brooke Tull said the team has played so well that it should have the opportunity to be ranked in the top 20 this spring.

Aside from team accomplishments, Tull said her personal goal is to be named an All-American.

If her performance in the fall season is any indication of how she will play in the spring, then things are looking good for Tull. In four fall tournaments, Tull placed first, second two times, and ninth.

The Frogs finished their fall season with a third-place finish at the Furman Lady Paladin Invitational.

Tull said the teams that will give the Frogs the most competition in

Conference USA are Tulane and South Florida and that their biggest national competitors will be Duke, Arizona and Florida.

She said there are three returning golfers on the team who have traveling and playing experience. She also said there are five freshmen who have national experience, which will be beneficial to the entire team.

The Frogs have been preparing a lot for the season, including practicing five days a week, running and lifting weights, Tull said.

"We are playing a lot more than we ever have actually on the golf course," she said.

Blackerby said their preparation goes far beyond practice, too.

"We've done a lot of mental workshops to get our game ready," she said.

The Frogs will get their first chance of the spring to prove they are ready when they hit the links Feb. 9 at the Tulane Invitational in New Orleans, La.

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Golf team ranked among best in country

After a strong showing in the fall, the TCU men's golf team is looking to make strides against some of the nation's best teams.

By Janelle Stecklein
Skiff Staff

The men's golf team opens its spring season looking to win its fourth consecutive Conference USA title, but head coach Bill Montigel says it will be anything but routine. "We are playing a really strong

schedule," Montigel said. "We want to go out there one shot at a time and try to compete with the best teams in the country."

Entering the spring season with a No. 7 ranking, the Frogs will have to prove they deserve their high ranking, as they will be competing against some of the elite teams from around the nation all season.

In fact, the schedule, as is the case in most years, ranks among the top in the country in regards to overall strength.

Montigel said TCU will compete against strong golf schools this spring like Oklahoma State, Florida, Nevada-Las Vegas, Texas, Georgia and Georgia Tech. He said he anticipates these schools to be the team's

"We want to go out there one shot at a time and try to compete with the best teams in the country.

Bill Montigel
head golf coach

toughest competition.

Montigel said the team will take five golfers to its first match Feb. 11 in Hawaii. He said team members are currently competing for these spots but that Colby Beckstrom and Adam Meyer have already qualified.

Montigel said Beckstrom and Meyer were selected based on their results in tournaments during the

fall season.

Both Beckstrom and Meyer said they hope to qualify for the NCAA Golf Tournament this year, a feat they both failed to accomplish last season.

Beckstrom said his recipe to success on the course consists of having fun and trying as hard as possible.

"I just try to have fun with it," Beckstrom said. "To try as hard as I can is the best goal I can have."

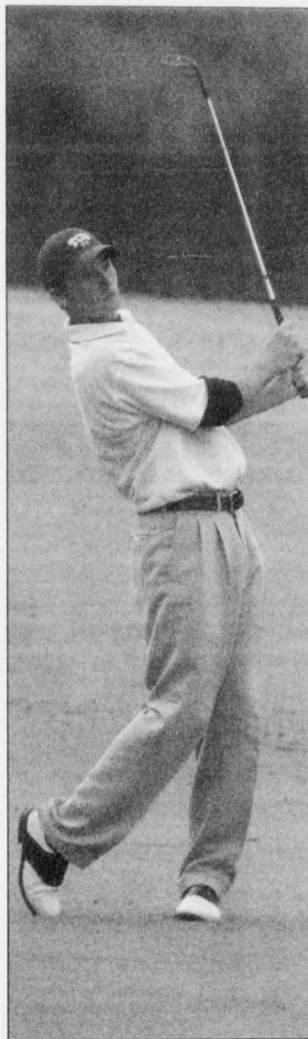
Meyer said he has high expectations for this season, including to win conference again and to qualify for nationals. Despite these goals, he said he still takes each tournament one day at a time.

In order to make the NCAA Tournament this year, the players need to place well at regionals. In regional competition, though, the team will not necessarily compete against conference schools only.

In regards to the team's expected strengths this spring, Montigel said the short game looks really good. He said the players are good putters but they need to work on being patient make better decisions.

Beckstrom said he plans to work on his patience, while Meyer said he is focusing on improving his short game, putting and trying to be more consistent with his play.

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Special to Skiff

Sophomore Colby Beckstrom (left) watches his flight on the green. Senior Adam Meyer (right) tries to swing his way out of a sandpit. Both Beckstrom and Meyer have already qualified for the first match Feb. 11. The two also hope to qualify for this year's NCAA Golf Tournament.

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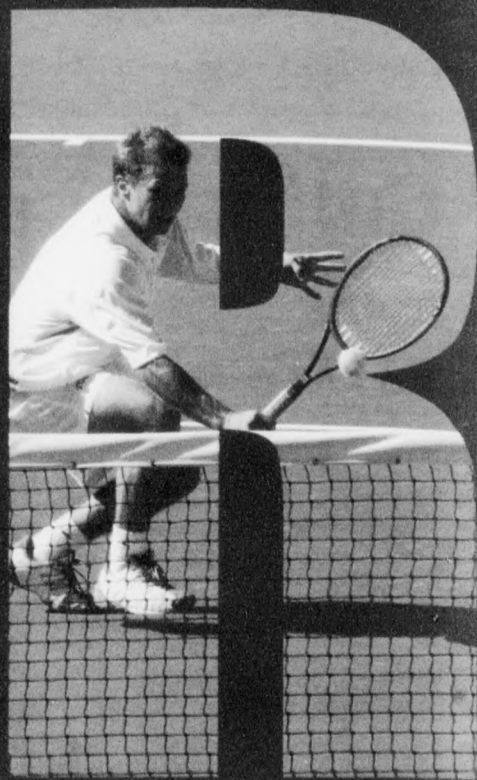
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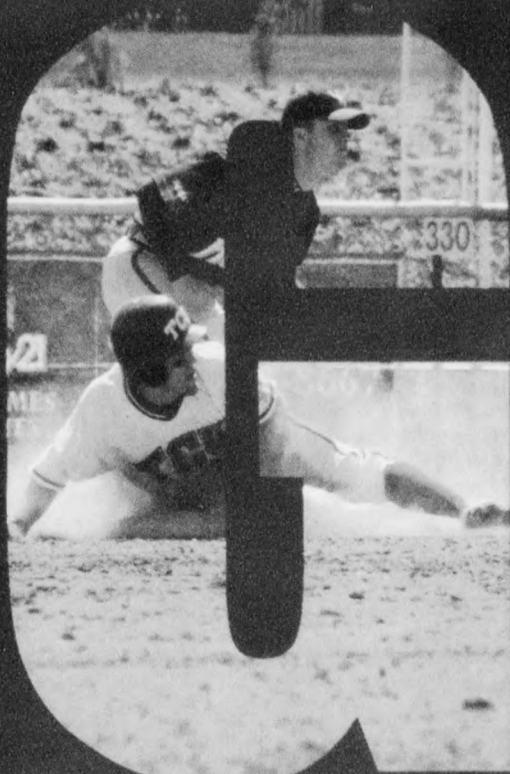
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Runners gain speed for conference meets as season heats up

The track team hopes to build on a strong start.

By Jarod Daily
Staff Reporter

With a No. 20 preseason ranking, successful showings Jan. 17 at the Oklahoma Indoor Classic and Friday at the Leonard Hilton Memorial meet in Houston and a Conference USA Athlete of the Week, one would think the Flyin' Frogs track and field team might be satisfied.

But head coach Monte Stratton said he and the team don't plan to stop there.

"You can never sit back and enjoy the present because you're always preparing for the next year (with recruiting) and coaching the current team," he said. "It's never complete."

Both the men's and women's teams won third place out of five teams at the Jan. 17 meet in Norman, Okla. Several individuals also got top places.

Conference USA officials selected senior middle distance runner Jackson Langat as the men's Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week for the Jan. 17 weekend.

Langat said the team's first meet went very well and that he hopes the team's success continues.

"Even though it was hard to adjust to things after having a long break, it was good because we ran a good meet and hopefully we will do so again next time," he said.

Stratton said the men's team suffered several injuries before and during the meet, but the women's team excelled.

"The men went to the meet not quite fully loaded," he said. "But the women's team is by far the highest caliber team in the years that I've been here."

Senior sprinter Larissa Bakasa, who runs the 400-meter dash and the 4x400-meter relay, said she is satisfied with the Flyin' Frogs' initial success and is looking forward to the rest of the season.

"I think the coach has prepared us well and will continue to do so," she said. "By the time the big meets come, later in the season, we'll be ready."

Langat said his main goal now is to run well enough to qualify for the NCAA national championship meet in March. Last year, he ran the 800-meter run in both the indoor and outdoor NCAA national championship meets but did not place.

"Last year I qualified for finals but did not run well in finals," he said. "My major thing this year is to qualify for finals and then run well again in the finals."



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

The men's sprinters practice inside the University Recreation Center on a cold day last week.

At the Friday meet in Houston, several individuals and relay teams took top honors, but entire teams were not ranked. The women's 4x400-meter relay team set an NCAA provisional mark, which means they could qualify for a spot in the NCAA national championship meet if better times are not posted. Langat also posted an

NCAA provisional mark in the 800-meter run.

In the coming weeks the team will compete in the Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., and the Conference USA Indoor Championships in Houston.

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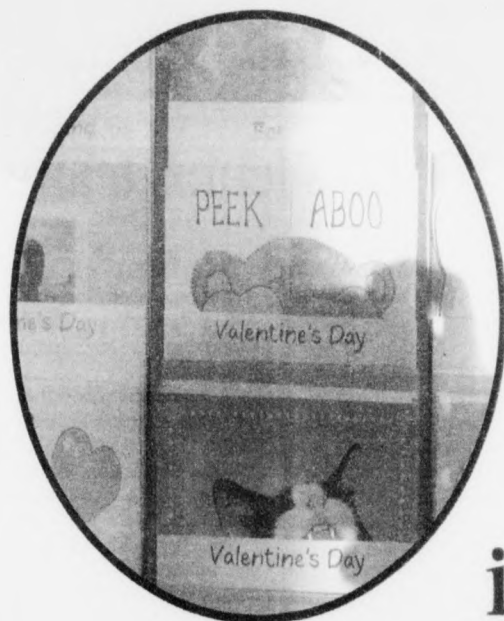
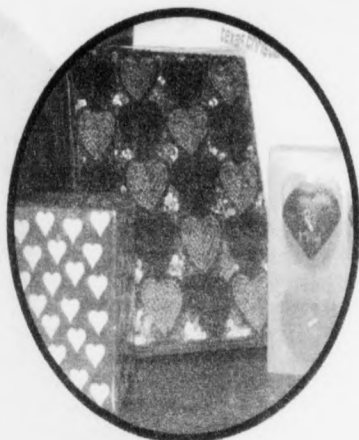
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Sestini, teammates ready for wins this spring

Led by junior Fabrizio Sestini, the men's tennis team enters its spring season with high expectations.

By Mary Hollis
Skiff Staff

One of the great things about tennis is that it has two separate seasons every year: fall and spring. For Fabrizio Sestini, this is just what he needed following a slow start to the season's first half.

Sestini, a junior from Rome, Italy came into the fall season ranked No. 63 in the ITA preseason rankings, only to lose two of his first three matches. Sestini said he attributed the slow start last fall to a lack of practice.

"It was a slow start (in the fall) because during the summer I didn't really practice hard," he said. "I was tired of tennis; I wanted a good vacation and to think of other things. Now I feel great, even after a few weeks of Christmas break. I kept my body in shape and I feel ready to go."

Now that he is back in tennis mode, Sestini said he expects to have a successful spring season because he has prepared much better, which should help him prevent an-

other slow start.

Sestini joined the tennis program in the spring of 2002. He said his decision to attend TCU stemmed from the program's great reputation.

"It has a great tennis program and good academics," Sestini said. "It's a beautiful campus with a good coach and coaching staff."

Head coach Joey Rivé, who enters his fourth season with the Frogs, said Sestini is a great player and contributor.

"He is great, all these guys are great," Rivé said. "Everyone who is on my team contributes a lot. If they are here, they are contributing."

Aside from the great coaching staff that attracted Sestini to TCU, he said he first heard about the university and its tennis program from junior Jacob Martin, a friend who was already on the team.

"He gave me information on TCU and I believed what he told me," he said. "He was right."

Ever since his arrival, Sestini has played an integral role on the men's tennis team.

Sestini's doubles partner Rafael Abreu, a sophomore from Barquisimeto, Venezuela, said Sestini's

greatest strengths are his backhand and his serve. Abreu also said Sestini brings many intangibles to the team, including a lot of experience.

When playing doubles together, Sestini said he and Abreu use the first three or four games of a match to see how the opponent plays and then devise a strategy from there.

"We always try to have a good start right from the beginning," Sestini said. "That way we try to be real aggressive and set the tone right from the beginning, so we can show we are tough to beat."

Abreu also said the friendship the two players have with each other adds to the strength of their game.

"When you play doubles, you have to know your partner very well," Abreu said. "You have to know what he thinks and how he plays. The friendship off the court helps a lot. You kind of know what he is going to do."

Sestini, along with the rest of the men's tennis team, play their first match of the season against SMU at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 4, in Fort Worth.

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Photographs by Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
Juniors Jacob Martin (left) and Fabrizio Sestini (right) will lead the men's tennis team into action this year.

TCU Tennis Building dedicated, unites men's, women's tennis teams

The new TCU Tennis Building, brings the teams closer and provides a home for the players.

By Erin Baethge
Skiff Reporter

The 4,000 square-foot TCU Tennis Team Building, which will be dedicated at noon today, will help recruiting and build unity between the teams, said women's tennis coach David Borelli.

"The building is like a home to our players," Borelli said. "It creates a family atmosphere between the teams and since many of our players are international, this building acts like a haven."

The facility has men's and women's locker rooms, offices, a team lounge, a training area and a homework area for the athletes.

Borelli said he can't wait to go to

work in the morning and will even stay sometimes to eat dinner because the facility, including his office, is top-notch.

Prior to this building opening in November 2003, the teams operated out of the Friedman Tennis Center, but they were sharing the locker rooms with the public.

"Everything we need is at hand now," said Fabrizio Sestini, a junior communication studies major. "Before we had to use the training room that the football team used and that made us uncomfortable, but now everything is ours."

Borelli said the student athletes are spending more time together now that they have their own facility.

Robert Gallman, a freshman pre-major, said the building has made the teams closer and is more con-

venient because the players have individual lockers, and they do not have to transport their belongings back and forth.

Gallman said he knew of the tennis building as a recruit and that it made TCU's program more attractive than other programs because he never saw a building as classy at the other universities.

"The new recruits will just stand there with their mouths open," Sestini said. "It's a modern structure and looks beautiful."

Davis Babb, associate athletic director for development, said the facility is "just another piece of the puzzle to provide the best facilities for our student-athletes and for our recruits."

Babb said the building was funded by the Mary Potishman Lard Foundation, which received a \$700,000 gift for

the building from the Friedman family.

Walker Friedman, who is a co-trustee of the foundation with his brother, Alan, said the teams needed their own facility since they never had their own space before.

"The Friedmans have been helping us for years and I think they felt like this was a worthwhile project and something they wanted to do for the teams," said men's head coach Joey Rivé.

The Mary Potishman Lard Foundation was established in 1968 and has donated to many projects on campus including the Friedman Tennis Center, the tennis program, the Tucker Technology Center and the scholarship fund, said Nancy Petruso, assistant vice chancellor for advancement services.

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The TCU Tennis Team Center will house the men's and women's tennis offices and locker rooms.
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SPRING SCHEDULE

Baseball Schedule

Feb. 5	Dallas Baptist	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	Dallas Baptist	3 p.m.
Feb. 7	Dallas Baptist	3 p.m.
Feb. 13	Texas State	7 p.m.
Feb. 14	Texas State	3 p.m.
Feb. 15	Texas State	1 p.m.
March 5	St Johns	7 p.m.
March 6	St Johns	7 p.m.
March 12	New Mexico	7 p.m.
March 13	New Mexico	3 p.m.
March 14	New Mexico	1 p.m.
March 16	Oklahoma	7 p.m.
March 19	Memphis	7 p.m.
March 20	Memphis	3 p.m.
March 21	Memphis	1 p.m.
April 9	Cincinnati	7 p.m.
April 10	Cincinnati	3 p.m.
April 11	Cincinnati	1 p.m.
April 23	Saint Louis	7 p.m.
April 24	Saint Louis	3 p.m.
April 25	Saint Louis	1 p.m.
April 27	Baylor	7 p.m.
May 7	UAB	7 p.m.
May 8	UAB	7 p.m.
May 9	UAB	1 p.m.
May 18	Sam Houston	7 p.m.
May 20	Charlotte	7 p.m.
May 21	Charlotte	7 p.m.
May 22	Charlotte	7 p.m.

(Home schedule)

All home games played at Lupton Stadium

Men's Golf

Feb. 11	Walkoloa Intercollegiate	Walkoloa, Hawaii
Feb. 12	Walkoloa Intercollegiate	Walkoloa, Hawaii
Feb. 13	Walkoloa Intercollegiate	Walkoloa, Hawaii
March 1	Cleveland Golf Classic	Westlake Village, Calif.
March 2	Cleveland Golf Classic	Westlake Village, Calif.
March 15	Morris Williams Intercollegiate	Austin
March 16	Morris Williams Intercollegiate	Austin
March 19	Hall of Fame Invitational	Houston
March 20	Hall of Fame Invitational	Houston
March 21	Hall of Fame Invitational	Houston
March 28	U.S. Collegiate	Tucson, Ariz.
March 29	U.S. Collegiate	Tucson, Ariz.
March 30	U.S. Collegiate	Tucson, Ariz.
April 10	Boilermaker Invitational	West Lafayette, Ind.
April 11	Boilermaker Invitational	West Lafayette, Ind.
April 19	Conference USA Championships	Dade City, Fla.
April 20	Conference USA Championships	Dade City, Fla.
April 21	Conference USA Championships	Dade City, Fla.
May 12	NCAA Regional	TBA
May 13	NCAA Regional	TBA
May 14	NCAA Regional	TBA
May 25	NCAA Championships	Roanoke, Va.
May 26	NCAA Championships	Roanoke, Va.
May 27	NCAA Championships	Roanoke, Va.
May 28	NCAA Championships	Roanoke, Va.

Women's Golf

Feb. 9	Tulane Invitational	New Orleans
Feb. 10	Tulane Invitational	New Orleans
Feb. 23	Central District Invitational	Parrish, Fla.
Feb. 24	Central District Invitational	Parrish, Fla.
March 1	Texas A&M	Houston
March 2	Texas A&M	Houston
March 16	Lady Rainbow Invitational	Honolulu, Hawaii
March 17	Lady Rainbow Invitational	Honolulu, Hawaii
March 21	Betsy Rawls Invitational	Austin
March 22	Betsy Rawls Invitational	Austin
March 23	Betsy Rawls Invitational	Austin
April 2	Lady Sun Devil Invitational	Phoenix, Ariz.
April 3	Lady Sun Devil Invitational	Phoenix, Ariz.
April 4	Lady Sun Devil Invitational	Phoenix, Ariz.
April 19	Conference USA Championship	Fort Worth
April 20	Conference USA Championship	Fort Worth
April 21	Conference USA Championship	Fort Worth

Men's Tennis

Feb. 4	SMU	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Texas Arlington	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Colorado	12 p.m.
Feb. 18	Texas A&M	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	Florida State	12 p.m.
Feb. 24	South Alabama	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	C-USA Shootout	All Day
Feb. 28	C-USA Shootout	All Day
Feb. 29	C-USA Shootout	All Day
March 17	Miami	2 p.m.
March 20	Boise State	12 p.m.
March 25	Rice	2 p.m.
April 7	Louisiana-Lafayette	2 p.m.

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All matches in the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center

Women's Tennis

Feb. 10	SMU	2 p.m.
Feb. 27	Oklahoma	2 p.m.
Feb. 28	Tulsa	12 p.m.
Feb. 29	Purdue	10:30 a.m.
March 10	Virginia	2 p.m.
March 11	North Texas	2 p.m.
March 18	Indiana	2 p.m.
March 20	Ohio St	2 p.m.
March 21	Oklahoma St	12 p.m.
March 23	Middle Tenn St	2 p.m.
March 24	Cal Poly	2 p.m.
April 6	South Alabama	2 p.m.

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*Played at Colonial Country Club

Track and Field Schedule

Feb. 7	Southwest Classic	Houston
Feb. 13	Razorback Invitational	Fayetteville, Ark.
Feb. 14	Razorback Invitational	Fayetteville, Ark.
Feb. 27	C-USA Indoor Championships	Houston
Feb. 28	C-USA Indoor Championships	Houston
March 7	Iowa State Last Chance	Ames, Iowa
March 12	NCAA Indoor Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.
March 13	NCAA Indoor Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.
March 20	Dr. Pepper Invitational	Waco
March 27	UTA Invitational	Arlington
March 31	Texas Relays	Austin
April 1	Texas Relays	Austin
April 2	Texas Relays	Austin
April 3	Texas Relays	Austin
April 10	Texas A&M Invitational	College Station
April 17	TCU Invitational	Fort Worth
April 22	Penn Relays	Philadelphia, Pa.
April 23	Penn Relays	Philadelphia, Pa.
April 24	Penn Relays	Philadelphia, Pa.
May 18	C-USA Outdoor Championships	Louisville, Ky.
May 14	C-USA Outdoor Championships	Louisville, Ky.
May 15	C-USA Outdoor Championships	Louisville, Ky.

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