

THE TRUTH COMES OUT
Was money the only factor in the move to the Mountain West Conference?

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Why the Lady Frogs deserve more credit than they get.



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Officials say parking improvements are close

University officials are working to create more parking for students without building a garage.

By Julia Mae Jorgensen
Staff Reporter

The university plans to spend \$2.1 million for parking improvements that include new parking lots, new lights and

fences and a new shuttle service, administration officials said.

The administration has not determined the exact location of improvements, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs. The money is part of the \$248 million budget the Board of Trustees approved Jan. 30. The next budget year begins June 1.

"Bottom line: we are determined to show marked progress in the area of parking, more parking, by the time school begins again for fall of 2004," Chancellor Victor Boschini said. "It is also my goal at this time to do so without utilizing a parking garage, primarily because of the monetary impact

such a building would create." A portion of the money has been allocated to build security fences around campus parking lots.

"Fences make it easier to control who enters a lot," Mills said, "and also makes the possibilities of escape for thieves much less."

The \$2.1 million figure was decided upon by the administration and a request was then made to the Board, Boschini said.

"We came up with that number based on our desire to a) improve existing parking facilities and b) add even more," Boschini said.

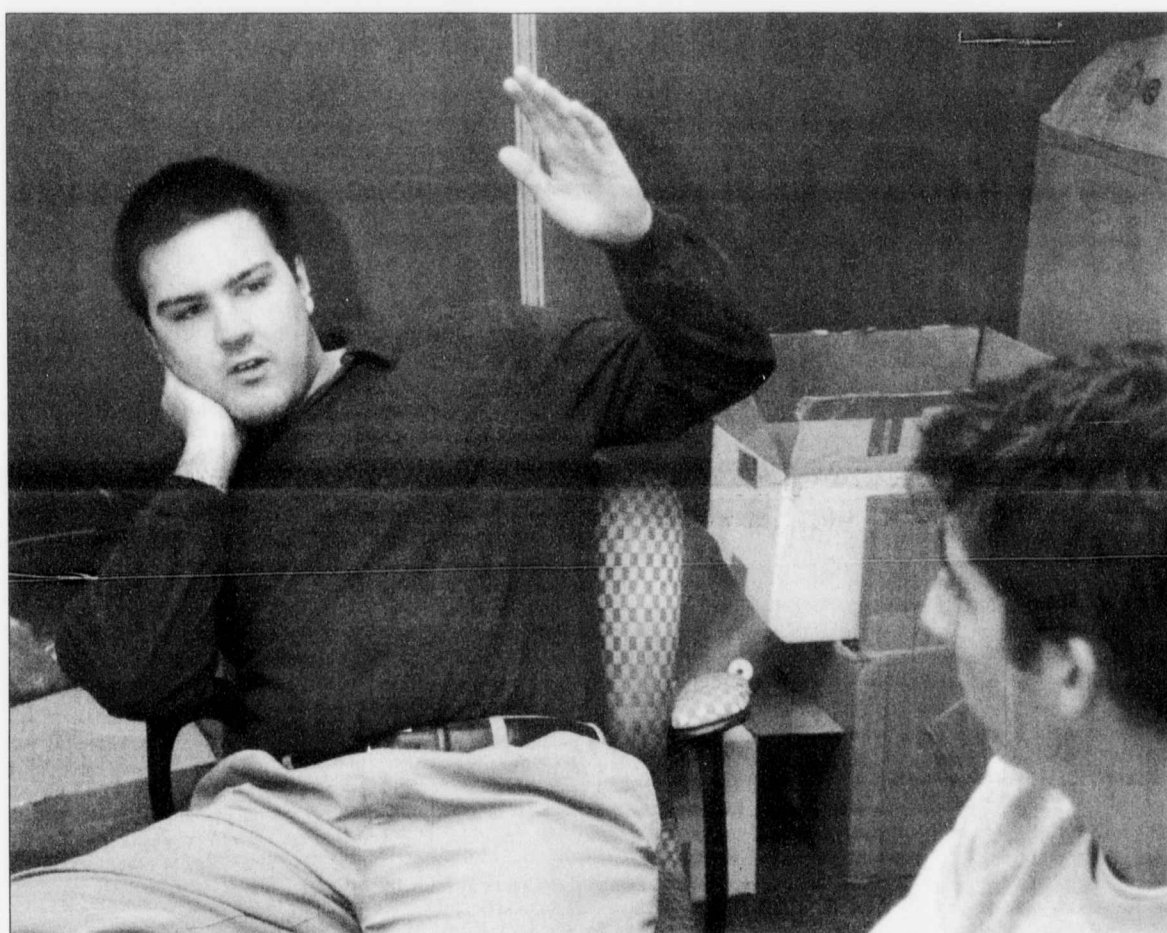
Mills said the administration is considering new lots on Lubbock

Street; near the School of Business; the corner of Stadium Drive and Berry Street; and north of the football stadium.

For the long term, Mills said he expects parking improvements to develop on the edge of campus away from the academic core.

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Mr. Athon goes to Washington



Junior political science major John Athon explains his President Bush campaign internship to SGA president Jay Zeidman.

Student leaves to join Bush campaign

The president of TCU's College Republicans, John Athon, will bypass school for a year to intern for the president's re-election effort.

By John Anderson
Staff Reporter

John Athon jokes about being a college dropout, but taking a year off from school may prove to be an even better education.

Athon, a junior political science major and president of the College Republicans on campus, left school to work Monday as an intern for the Bush re-election campaign.

Athon's mom, Chris, said, "I didn't have a moment of hesitation that he shouldn't take the opportunity. I think it is a continuation of his education not a disturbance."

A longtime family friend of Athon's,

Henley MacIntyre, knew Athon from high school and already worked on the campaign as the assistant to the finance director. Athon had no thought of receiving an opportunity himself when he called to congratulate MacIntyre on her job, but was pleased when she told him spots were still available, he said.

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Candidate's life filled with love of politics, teaching

Over the years, Michael Mezey has learned to sit back and relax.

By Lauren Lea
Staff Reporter

One of the most important principles in Michael Mezey's life is to not take it too seriously.

"I try to take life one day at a time," said Mezey, one of three provost candidates. "I try not to take myself too seriously and I try

to find humor in a lot of situations. Otherwise life would be pretty boring."

Born in 1943, Mezey grew up with one younger sister in Brook-

lyn, N.Y. His father worked in a clothing factory and his mother was a secretary for the New York Police Department. As a child, he played softball and touch football on the streets.

"I played a little bit, I wasn't very good," Mezey said. "I never was on a team, it was mostly sandlot games."

His first job was at Western Union delivering telegrams in Manhattan, N.Y.

"It was just a weekend job," he said. "In those days telegrams were delivered in envelopes by Western Union boys. I was one of those boys."

Political science became his main interest when he was a child and read about politics of the day.

"It wasn't until college that I figured out you could take courses just on political science," Mezey said. "I started out as a physics major but that only lasted about a year. My parents worried I wouldn't be able to find a job

with a political science degree."

He lived in Brooklyn, until he graduated from the City College of New York in 1963 with a degree in political science. He then

attended Syracuse University for his master's and doctorate degrees, which is where he met his wife Susan.

Susan Mezey said she was a friend of Mezey's sister in college and met him in August 1965 at a mutual friend's wedding.

Within a few months they were engaged and married in October 1966.

"We had a lot of things in common," said Susan Mezey, professor of political science at Loyola University and assistant vice president of research. "We were both in love with politics, we both grew up and went to college in New York, that sort of thing."

They have two children, Jennifer and Jason. Jennifer Mezey is an attorney in Washington, D.C., at the Center for Law and Social Policy. Jason Mezey is an assistant professor of English at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Mezey discovered his passion for teaching when he was a teacher's assistant in graduate school. Upon graduation, he taught at the University of Virginia for a year and a half before moving to Bangkok, Thailand, to teach at Thammasat University in an exchange program.

"It was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed the students very much and it was wonderful traveling

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Bush travels to America's heartland to gain support

The president defends his tax cuts as he takes his economic message to the Midwest.

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Shadowing Democrats through primary states, President Bush highlighted upswings in the U.S. economy Monday at an engine plant in Missouri, a state he won in a tight contest in 2000 and has been tirelessly courting ever since.

"We're growing," Bush said during a brief stop in Missouri, his 15th presidential trip to the swing state. "The growth is good. New jobs are being created. Interest rates are low. Home ownership in America is at the highest levels ever."

The economy is growing because "we cut your taxes," he said.

Bush spoke inside SRC Automotive Inc., an employee-owned plant where 120 workers make and remanufacture engines and other parts for automobiles, boats and race cars. Cylinder heads, engine blocks, manifolds and carburetors were stacked on shelves; engines were suspended on chains behind a makeshift stage where Bush had a

discussion with employees and businessmen.

Bush then drove a few miles to the Bass Pro Shops sporting goods store to shop for fishing gear. "Which way to the worms?" Bush asked reporters as he shook hands with several hundred shoppers inside.

As the president left the store, he rattled off his purchases: "I bought a reel. Some line. Two spinner baits. Some worms," he said.

Bush, who urged Congress to make the tax cuts permanent, said when lawmakers claim they're going to repeal the tax cuts, what they really mean is that they want to raise taxes and increase the size of the federal government.

The trip to America's heartland coincided with the release Monday of Bush's 2004 economic report, a document prepared by his Council of Economic Advisers. In the report, Bush said America has been able to surmount the bursting of the stock market bubble in early 2000 followed by the first recession in a decade, the terrorist attacks, two wars and corporate accounting scandals.

"Americans have responded to each challenge and now we have the results: renewed confidence, strong growth, new jobs and a

mounting prosperity that will reach every corner of America," Bush wrote in the message to lawmakers.

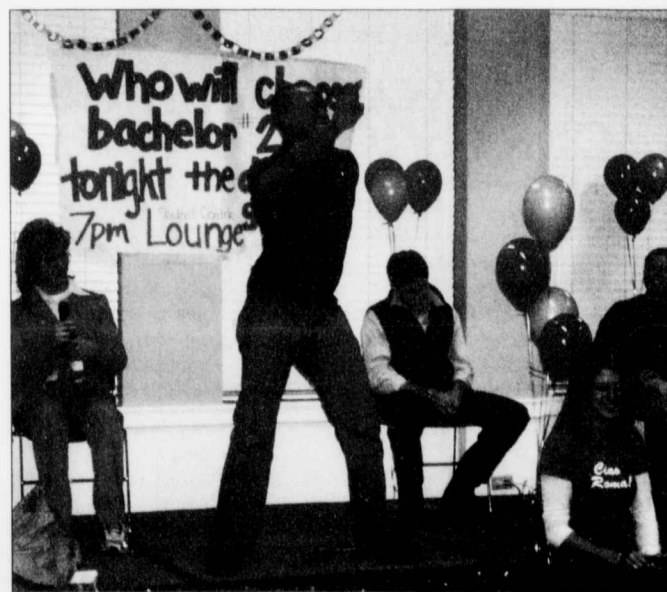
In Springfield, Bush touted his job-creation plan, which includes making health care costs more affordable, reducing the burden of lawsuits, passing an energy bill, streamlining regulations and opening new markets for U.S. products.

Democrats, who have seized on the troubled job market to boost their election prospects, say the president's economic policies aren't working all that well.

"If President Bush's policies had put America on the right track, he wouldn't be forced into a desperate game of follow the leader," Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe said Monday. "The Democratic primaries and caucuses are drawing a record number of voters, a fact that apparently has Bush and his campaign nervous enough to play second fiddle in state after state."

Bush went to South Carolina on Feb. 5, two days after that state's Democratic primary. He's in Missouri, six days after this state's primary. In late January, he visited New Hampshire, two days after the primary.

Dancing for love



Sophomore physics major Clement Ogujiorfor dances to win the heart of freshman premajor Stephanie Jones in The Dating Game Monday night in the Student Center Lounge. In the background, junior political science major Jay Zeidman and sophomore entrepreneurial management major Dave Watson watch.

THE PULSE

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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.

■ Join the Advertising Club for our first meeting of the semester. The meeting is at 5 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 271. Pam Stoker will be speaking about "networking." This meeting is open to all majors and there will be free food and prizes.

■ ISA Kinomondo Film Series: "Mama Africa" is being co-sponsored with African Heritage Organization. They will be showing "Mama Africa" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Sid Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1. This groundbreaking short film initiative brings together the incredible fresh talents of six female directors spanning the vast and diverse continent of Africa.

■ Career night for the Spring Semester will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday 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 Career Services or call the Skiff advertising department at (817) 257-7426.

■ The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will have its meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Moudy Building South, Room 271. Come hear Paige Hendricks, founder and president of PHPR, Inc., speak. Snacks will be provided to all who attend. Contact John Walls at j.c.walls@tcu.edu for more information.

■ Mortar Board, a senior National Honor Society that recognizes students for leadership, scholarship and service, is now accepting applications.

ATHON

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MacIntyre was kind enough to make copies of Athon's resume and send them to appropriate divisions in the campaign that were looking for interns, he said.

"I got lucky because I called her when people had just quit or gone back to school," Athon said. "I was the right guy at the right place at the right time."

The job could be a steppingstone for Athon, who says

"I was the right guy at the right place at the right time."

John Athon

Bush campaign intern

he has been trying to figure out ways to get to Washington, D.C. He says he might take up residence there if the right job opens up.

"I believe Bush is going to win overall and if he does there might be opportunities for me in the White House working some kind of college job with low pay and long, hard hours," Athon said.

Peter Worthing, assistant professor of history and one of Athon's teachers, said, "It wouldn't surprise me if he ended up in politics professionally. He has always been interested in politics."

Athon said interns don't usually get paid, and if he doesn't, he says he will still be happy working for free.

Grant Hewitt, one of the Bush campaign's regional field directors in West Virginia, said, "Athon is an exciting individual and leader. He understands what an exciting

honor this is. I am pleased to have him on the team."

Hewitt said Athon will learn a lot and the skills he does learn will be invaluable to him in the future.

Athon said he hopes to make contacts at different events and fund-raisers while working as an intern in Washington, D.C.

"It is scary taking a year off. I had a great semester lined up with great teachers and great classes and then I got a call Jan. 12 from the campaign and they said they liked my resume," Athon said.

He said the Bush campaign asked him to work for a month and a half in the summer but Athon requested to be more involved so he could work through the election process.

"You don't work all the way up to the Super Bowl and not go to the Super Bowl," Athon said. "I told them I would work from January to December, until the campaign is over and we need to clean out the headquarters."

Taking a year off from college and moving to another state will prolong Athon's education if he decides to return to TCU.

"I'm not going to graduate until I am 23 or 24, which means I am going to come back and be that old guy sitting in the classroom," Athon said.

Leaving Fort Worth will also mean that Athon would have to leave behind his girlfriend of a year, junior history major Laura Taylor. She says she is happy to see him receive this opportunity, but is sad to see him go away.

"I feel like a little fish in a big pond," Athon said. "Politics is what I want to do, I will go as far as it will take me."

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SEARCH

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the country," Mezey said. "It was an exciting time to be there with the war in Vietnam very close by. The least enjoyable part was seeing the American soldiers who were very young coming into Bangkok to fight."

He returned to the United States and briefly taught at Wesleyan University and the University of Hawaii before arriving at DePaul University in Chicago.

Patrick Callahan, department chair of the political science department at DePaul, was on the committee who hired Mezey in 1977.

"He is a superb administrator and is clear about what he wants from people," Callahan said. "He's a very popular professor and a friendly fellow with a good sense of humor. He also is a very hard worker and an excellent communicator."

Although he has been dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at DePaul since 1995, Mezey considers himself more of an educator than an administrator.

"I have the best job in the world," Mezey said. "I work with young people every day. I seem them come in as children at 17 or 18, and four years later I get to see them graduate and go out into the world as adults. It's very humbling."

Mezey has written numerous articles, books and papers.

"He has the amazing ability to keep large numbers of facts in his head simultaneously," Callahan said. "He knows the material backwards and forwards."

In his spare time, Mezey enjoys playing card games, like bridge and poker, and is an avid reader. He enjoys cooking and he and his wife frequently go to the theater. He also loves watching sports on television.

"I like a quiet evening at home watching sports," Mezey said. "I watch a lot of sports. My wife might say I watch too much sports!"

He's also an amateur photographer and focuses on street scenes and locations. He also documents the vacations that he and his wife take.

"Most recently, in December, we went to Havana for a week," he said. "It was interesting finding out that it is neither the heaven that some people paint it to be, but not the hell that others paint it."

Mezey is no stranger to Fort Worth. His brother-in-law has been a physician here for the past 25 years.

"I come quite frequently to Fort Worth," Mezey said. "I certainly like the sort of Western lifestyle. The people are unbelievably friendly and TCU is a very exciting place."

"Things seem to slow down in Fort Worth and I like that. It certainly is warmer there too."

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QUICK FACTS

DePaul University

- Opened in 1898 by the Vincentians.
- Enrollment: 23,610
- Student Makeup: Student body from 45 states and territories with 75 percent of students from Illinois.
- Faculty: 2,192 full and part-time professors. 85 percent hold doctorate or the highest degree in their fields.
- 14:1 student/faculty ratio.
- Degrees: 130 degree programs in nine colleges and schools.
- Largest Catholic university in the nation.
- Named for St. Vincent de Paul, founder of the Congregation of the Mission.
- Tuition: \$18,750



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Two Interest Meetings:
Thursday, Feb. 12 @ 5 pm or Friday, Feb. 13 @ 4 pm
Rec Center 105 (near the weight room area)
For more information contact Joe Bommarito at:
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Congratulations to The Chosen Ones, Champions of the Alpha Phi Alpha Ice Cold Classic Basketball Tournament this past Weekend!

WATER AEROBIC CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

TCU Campus Rec is hosting 2 certifications and 2 workshops through the Aquatic and Exercise Association, March 20-21.

March 20	7:30am - 6pm	AEA Fitness Instructor Certification
	7:30am - 5pm	AEA Personal Training Certification
		(note: both certifications are for water)
March 21	8:30am - 11:30am	Hydropower Upper Body & Abdominal Technique Training Workshop
	12:30pm - 3:30pm	Take it to the House; In Home Personal Training Workshop

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Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Noon - 2 pm	10 am - 3 pm	Noon - 4pm
4 pm - 8 pm		

News Briefs

Eating disorder talk tonight

Eating disorders among college women will be discussed at 9 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

Stacy Kole, former Miss Arizona 1998, will be speaking and has made eating disorder awareness and prevention her goal. Kole, who has battled anorexia and bulimia, has traveled to universities across the United States to share her story.

The purpose of Kole's speech is to help others struggling with eating disorders and self image by exposing the pressures of the beauty industry and her own struggles with the disease.

Kole's speech, "Satisfying the Starving Soul," is sponsored by Panhellenic Council and Campus Crusade for Christ.

Marcy Paul of the Women's Resource Center will also be present at the speech to answer any questions.

— Erin Buethge

Study Abroad credit extended

For the first time in five years, the Honors Program is offering honors credit for summer Study Abroad classes in 2004.

Students can pick from a trip to Spain, Costa Rica, Hungary or London to gain three hours of honors credit.

Peggy Watson, director of the Honors Program, said students may receive credit even if they are not in the Honors Program.

An e-mail sent to honor students from Watson said the London trip will compare the British and U.S. health systems. The Hungary excursion will focus on history, politics and culture. The trip to Costa Rica will be led by Mike Slattery, director of the institute of environmental studies, and will focus on environmental topics. The trip to Spain is led by Watson and will focus on cultural events in Sevilla.

"It is busy but it's not sitting in a library or class all day," Watson said. "Students come back and see themselves and the United States differently."

"The trips are one of the strongest selling points of the TCU education. It broadens students' horizons," Slattery said.

The Honors Program is also

offering scholarships that range from \$400 to \$1,000 to help students pay for the trip, Watson said.

"I think the program is an opportunity to explore issues outside of the classroom," Slattery said. "It is very hands on."

— John Anderson

Engineers at fault for overage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Army engineering officials have changed their response to price gouging allegations against Vice President Dick Cheney's former company, acknowledging they alone awarded Halliburton new business in Iraq after initially suggesting experts from other agencies played an important role.

The Army Corps of Engineers told The Associated Press that the Corps — not an evaluation team cited on its Internet site — chose Halliburton for a contract worth up to \$1.2 billion. The Corps is refusing to release records showing on what merits it made the decision.

Two of the evaluation team members, the Air Force and the Small Business Administration, said they were not even part of the group and shouldn't have been listed at all.

The Jan. 17 Halliburton award, to restore the oil industry in southern Iraq, was controversial from the start. A Pentagon draft audit report the previous month said the company may have overcharged taxpayers up to \$61 million in its importation of oil to Iraq.

The Corps said it considered Halliburton's past performance in Iraq, but added, "We cannot discuss or release any of the conclusions, as that is part of the evaluation process not releasable" under federal contracting rules.

The Corps also said it wouldn't discuss the draft audit because the final version could change significantly.

Cheney's office says he severed relations with Halliburton when he ran for vice president in 2000. Halliburton said its KBR subsidiary, also known as Kellogg, Brown & Root, delivered fuel to Iraq at the best possible price and has denied any wrongdoing.

Don Jarosz, a spokesman for

the Army's Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, said his agency would not comment on its role because the evaluation team's task was "very sensitive."

The Corps told the AP in a written statement, "The one person that made the selection was the source selection authority" in the Corps of Engineers, in accordance with federal contracting rules.

As for the evaluating team, the Corps said, "Cost data and small-business plans were analyzed by experts in their fields. They were from both the COE (Corps of Engineers) and outside agencies, who analyzed the proposals for realism. They had nothing to do with the actual selection."

The Corps also told the AP it would have been unfair to disqualify Halliburton as the result of a preliminary audit, adding,

Disputed amounts, if proved, could be recovered later, the Corps said.

Halliburton's KBR subsidiary has received \$2.2 billion under a current, no-bid contract to rebuild Iraq's oil industry and deliver petroleum from nearby countries to alleviate shortages.

PARKING

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"Parking will not become more convenient to all buildings on the campus," Mills said. "Not all will like that approach, but it does preserve the center of the campus for our primary mission."

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QUICK FACTS

Areas being considered for new lots:

- Lubbock Street across from the business school
- The corner of Stadium and Berry Streets (Bellaire condos)
- Expanding the lot at the Secret-Wilde Building
- North of Aron Carter Stadium

The Skiff View

What we love, what we hate

Random things that make us happy — or unhappy

Cheers: To our readers who have taken the time to write us letters to the editor. Keep your letters of praise — especially praise — scorn and ridicule coming.

Jeers: To superstitious people who get all worked up over Friday the 13th (the day, not the movie.) That kind of thinking is bad luck! (Irony intended.)

Cheers: "Monster" and "Big Fish" being awesome movies!

Jeers: People who leave restaurants with both credit card receipt slips

Cheers: First dates!

Jeers: Canceling the baseball game on Friday due to "cold weather."

Cheers: The slim hope of another "Ice Days"

Jeers: To President Bush

Cheers: The Pub!

Jeers: For working all weekend

Cheers: Presents for Valentine's Day

Jeers: \$7 margaritas at El Fenix

Cheers: For staying out late and sleeping the morning away

Jeers: For staying out late and having to wake up for class

Cheers: To being single and therefore exempt from the vagrant mockery of love that is Valentine's Day

Jeers: To the tuition increase and only getting the same amount of scholarship money next year

Cheers: Finally being close to graduation after ... too many years

Jeers: NFL Hall of Fame leaving out the Dallas Cowboys

Cheers: \$2 bellinis at Macaroni Grill

Jeers: Not having enough money... ever

Cheers: Three days until pitchers and catchers report for spring training and the official start of the new baseball season

Jeers: To being dumped and miserable for weeks

Cheers: For sarcasm and cynicism

Jeers: The first round of tests

Cheers: To leading an examined life

Jeers: For ex-girlfriends mysteriously showing up from nowhere

Your View

Letters to the Editor

Fijis portrayed inaccurately

I am writing you in regards to your article "Frats try to avoid fines" in the Jan. 30 issue of the Skiff. I, as a member of Phi Gamma Delta, feel dumped on once again by the Skiff.

I'm not sure how dated your sources are regarding the situation, but allow me to give you the facts. Yes, we were fined \$20,000. No, we do not still owe that amount. Phi Gamma Delta has already paid off half (\$10,000) of that amount to TCU, and we are in the process of paying off all debts. In addition, there is no guarantee that we will owe more after this semester. The way you wrote the article implies that we currently owe \$20,000 to the university and that we will owe more. That is not the situation.

Also, we are known as "FIJI," not "FIGI." It is hard for me to comprehend the fact that you did not do enough research to know the correct spelling of one of the largest fraternities in the nation, even with one of the editors of your paper being a member of the fraternity. This, in itself, brings into question the validity of your article's content.

To me, the most disturbing aspect of this article and previous ones by the Skiff is the propensity to single out Phi Gamma Delta. It is true that we screwed up last semester and were punished for that. It is also true that we are doing all that

we can to get back into the good graces of the TCU community. I hope that this trend does not continue because all it does is further the prejudice that many have developed against my chapter.

As I said before, I understand that this situation is newsworthy. I also understand the itch that many writers on your staff have to do investigative reporting. There is more going on than just this. I can tell you that there has been little to no resolve regarding the thousands of dollars worth of possessions stolen from our house, and there seems to be no resolution in sight. In the time since your first report on the thefts, members of my chapter have had more things stolen from their rooms. I know at least one police report has been filed. If you want to do some investigative reporting, please look into why it is taking so long for this matter to be taken care of.

In closing, please take what I have stated here into consideration the next time you decide to write an article. Before writing it, please have all of your facts straight. Phi Gamma Delta has a bright future ahead and we hope that the Skiff will help us in restoring our public image rather than continuing to highlight the problems that we have encountered.

— Julius Eric Junker, senior marketing major

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STAR TRIBUNE



Kid Rock's stunt makes statement, covered up by Jackson's wardrobe malfunction

All the buzz about the Super Bowl has hardly been about strategy or scores. The Janet Jackson-Justin Timberlake halftime incident has certainly been identified as the play of the game. CBS,

MTV and even Justin Timberlake all have issued statements apologizing and giving varying excuses for the "wardrobe malfunction."

And just for the record, I will say that I do not think that any of us are as glib as MTV and CBS think. However, I am disappointed in the lack of interest in another center stage stunt during the halftime show.

Am I the only one that paid any attention to Kid Rock making his arrival on stage wearing an American flag as a poncho? In case you missed it, Kid Rock jumped on stage, ready to perform, wearing an American flag over a white undershirt. Kid Rock apparently cut a hole in the center of an American flag, put his head through the center and wore it as a poncho. After I witnessed this, I am surprised there has been almost no coverage or debate about this appalling act. I know that nudity at a family event is startling and certainly should never happen, but when showing concern for young impressionable minds, what kind of standard are we setting allowing the American flag to be cut up and worn as clothing?

Showing your patriotism is one thing, but I do

not think that cutting a hole in an American flag and wearing it as the new fashion trend is either appropriate or respectable. American prints worn on clothing are not the same as an actual flag with a hole intentionally cut in the middle worn to make a statement and sell more records. Kid Rock is hoping to cash in using the desecration of the very symbol of all that our nation stands for.

And did anyone else see him remove the flag and throw it behind him after he was on stage? Thank goodness someone in the background caught it. I do not think Kid Rock was showing the deserved reverence toward the American flag.

The American flag is a sacred symbol, not a fashion statement or a marketing ploy. Men and women have sacrificed and died for the flag Kid Rock decided to wear as a poncho and perform a rock song in. Have we as a nation lost sight?

I think America is losing touch with our values. I hope we have not forgotten that there are men, women, fathers and daughters fighting under this very flag today. It amazes me still that we continue to analyze and evaluate Janet Jackson's "costume malfunction," yet there has not been one discussion of Kid Rock's irreverent use of the American flag in his performance. I think maybe we should all take a little time to reevaluate our priorities and what we truly hold dear to our hearts.

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TCU's conference change is about money

We've been sitting and waiting ever since the news that Louisville and Cincinnati would be leaving Conference USA for the Big East Conference. Waiting for that invite to get TCU the heck out of Dodge.

Waiting by the phone, mailbox and computer seeing if the commissioner from the Mountain West Conference will send us an invitation so that all the rumors and speculations can finally be put to rest.

Now that TCU has up and decided to split from C-USA, everyone has a thought or an opinion on whether or not TCU should really leave.

So, let's skip the dancing and get straight to the point — Money. That is what college athletics have come to these days. The almighty dollar and the mountain of opportunities that come with it.

Money is why Division 1-A football doesn't have a playoff system. Money is why there are conference championship games for some conferences and not others. Watching the rich get richer, while the mid-major schools flounder for any type of press.

We've all seen the money TCU will have to spend to get into the Mountain West. The \$1 million entrance fee along with the "don't let the door hit ya on your way out" exit fee that could cost upwards of \$400,000. Even the travel costs are climbing to \$250,000.

Staggering numbers, yes. Money that to some could be reason

enough to stay put in the dwindling C-USA.

Just don't spend the money because we can use it elsewhere, and we've got a good TV contract, and we can keep that money.

That oh-so-good TV contract is most likely going to be reworked. ESPN is not going to pay \$80 or so million to C-USA to televise Tulsa and Rice, even on a Wednesday night. What about that game is the slightest bit interesting? Unless you just really need to watch football on a Wednesday, you'll skip right over it. That number

"Let's skip the dancing and get straight to the point here — money."

will change and become sizably less.

But what about that money that could be used elsewhere?

It's all about the money TCU could earn by moving. A change in conference is an investment. If you're starting a business you don't keep the profits to buy a car, because that money should be put back into the business in the hopes of making more money in the future.

Yes, that car is nice at the moment, but what about the money you lose because you didn't put that profit back into the business?

That is the real reason why TCU should or should not move. Not because of the nearly \$1.5 million dollars spent, but because the future return on the move might be profitable for the university.

Will there be more exposure? Will there be a larger TV contract?

Will the potential money earned be better than the current money lost? That is what you need to know, not that TCU will have to pay to leave C-USA.

We can look at all the other sports at TCU and other universities, but why? Football is, for a majority of these schools, the No. 1 revenue maker for the university. TCU will not earn money by having Tulsa and Rice and Southern Methodist play here. But what about another game against Boise State, currently still in the Western Athletic Conference but is expected to be invited to the MWC as a traveling partner, or a game against Colorado State. A real football game against a real football team. Not another game against SMU.

TCU has been playing musical conference ever since the dilution of the old Southwest conference. They traveled to the WAC, where just as soon as TCU got there Colorado State and Utah among others proceeded to leave. They then moved to C-USA with its strong basketball foundation, hoping the football program would grow from there as well, but now Louisville and Cincinnati are leaving which leaves TCU once again alone in a conference that is greatly diminished.

It's time TCU found a home. A place they could put down roots and not worry about leaving. Mountain West is TCU's type of football conference. TCU's purple wagon will fit right in along the mountains.

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F-bomb should not be banned

The Federal Communications Commission is currently working on a piece of legislation that would altogether ban the use of eight specific words from public airwaves, three of which are some of my personal

favorite emphasizing adjectives! Bono

of U2 said one of these words last year at the Golden Globe Awards, and to use his own saying, I think he was "f— brilliant" in doing so. I am not advocating the specific use of the F-word, nor any of the remaining seven "illegal" words; however, I am an advocate of the First Amendment and its promise of free speech and expression. Obscenity, or what those officials in positions of power deem as obscenity, has been stripped of the protection of the First Amendment under the guise of the protection of civil well-being.

In an America populated entirely by small children, I would say, "So be it," but obviously that is not the case. The America of today consists of people who have information readily available at the click of a button — and the same finger that clicks that button can also be used intelligently to click the "Off" button if the information we receive is offensive.

The FCC has mandated the hours between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. be highly regulated with regard to obscenities because of the probability of children's interaction with these polluted public airwaves. Although this may be true, think about what is really going on during those hours. If kids are listening to the radio in the backseat of a car on their way to school, there is a good chance a parent or guardian is sitting in the front seat of that very car with the amazing power of a finger that can be used to magically make the obscene material disappear. The American people do not need the government to watch our kids for us, especially not at the risk of losing our First Amendment rights.

The recent fine of \$715,000 aimed at Clear Channel (a company I am not too fond of in the first place) is excessive and ridiculous. The obscene material came from a segment entitled "Bubba's Love Sponge" in the shape of a hilarious, little dirty about testicles and a skit that had cartoon characters such as Scooby Doo complaining about their need for crack-cocaine. Now that's funny stuff — I dare not say the S-word — if you ask me. On a scale weighing the importance of the First Amendment against the need to protect our children from obscenities, even with my bias against the monopolizing Clear Channel corporation, I would say the scale wouldn't even budge toward the latter.

I must end with a small disclaimer to those conservatives who will surely write ferocious letters in response: My love of the First Amendment does have its limits. I agree 100 percent that speech which incites violence should not be protected; however, I do not now — nor will I ever — agree to the idea that speech which does nothing more than incite laughter, should be left unprotected against those higher-ups who think they know better than we do about what is appropriate. The American people are smart enough to decide for themselves.

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Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

Candidates try to rival Kerry
(AP) — John Kerry's rivals tried Monday to slow his brisk pace toward the Democratic nomination for president, with John Edwards and Wesley Clark searching for upset wins in two Southern states and Howard Dean beseeching Wisconsin voters "to keep this debate alive."

As Edwards and Clark concentrated on Virginia and Tennessee, which hold primaries Tuesday, Kerry ignored his rivals and criticized President Bush on foreign policy and his stewardship of the economy. Looking ahead to Wisconsin, Dean said that despite earlier statements that he viewed the Feb. 17 primary as a do-or-die contest, he would stay in the race regardless of the outcome. "I've just changed my mind," he said.

Before an audience in Roanoke, Va., Kerry scorned a White House economic report released earlier in the day that predicted the economy would grow by 4 percent and

create 2.6 million new jobs this year.

"I've got a feeling this report was prepared by the same people who brought us the intelligence on Iraq," Kerry said, citing job losses of more than 2 million since Bush took office.

Edwards and Clark were hoping strong showings in Tennessee and Virginia would eliminate the other and turn the race into a two-man contest with Kerry, but polls showed Kerry well ahead in both states.

Kerry's winning streak — he handily won contests over the weekend in Michigan, Washington state and Maine — was clearly taking a toll on his competitors. Aides to both Clark and Edwards said they expect their candidates to lose Virginia and Tennessee, even though both had earlier been optimistic about winning in their home region. A total of 151 pledged delegates are at stake in the two states.

U.S. poultry exports restricted
MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico said Monday it has stopped importing poultry from Delaware after authorities discovered avian influenza on a farm there.

In a statement, the Agricultural Department said that since 2002, Mexico has not imported poultry and poultry products from eight U.S. states — North Carolina, Maine, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Texas, California and Connecticut — because of concerns about bird flu. Delaware becomes the most-recent addition to that list.

An Agriculture Department official, who asked that his name not be published, said Mexican authorities advised U.S. officials of the new ban on Delaware poultry on Friday.

"We told our counterparts that it was natural to impose this kind of restriction," the official said, adding that the move was temporary and could be lifted if authorities in

Delaware prove that the flu threat has been contained.

The ban applies to live birds, eggs and any other products that can be produced from poultry parts, the statement said.

Poland, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and South Korea banned U.S. poultry imports after Delaware officials reported the discovery of avian flu. Like Mexico, Hong Kong banned the import of live birds and poultry from Delaware only.

Russia, the single largest foreign market for U.S. poultry, said Monday it was temporarily banning the import of most poultry products from Delaware. The Russian ban applies to live birds, incubated eggs, and all poultry products that have not undergone thermal treatment, as well as feed and feed additives, the Russia's Veterinary Service said.

The flu strain that hit Delaware, known as H7, is different from the one that has spread to the human population

in Asia and is apparently no immediate threat to human health. But it has the potential to cause severe economic damage if it spreads to the region's \$1.5 billion commercial broiler industry.

Jailer guilty of sexual assault

FORT WORTH (AP) — Days before his trial was to begin, a former Haltom City jailer plead guilty Monday to sexually abusing female inmates.

Clint Wade Weaver, 23, of Azle entered the plea on two charges of sexual assault and one charge of civil rights violation involving three women, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its online edition Monday.

Under the plea agreement, the

judge will assess the punishment after a pre-sentence investigation that could take six to eight weeks, prosecutors said.

Weaver faces a maximum of 20 years in prison on each of the sexual assault charges and two years in jail on the civil rights violation.

Weaver acknowledged that he forced the women to perform sexual acts on him while they were in custody.

Visiting state District Judge Kit Cooke allowed Weaver to remain free on bail until he is sentenced.

He has been on probation since he pleaded guilty in 2002 to official oppression in a case involving a fourth female inmate. He was convicted of releasing her from custody in exchange for sex.

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New magazine to premiere

The TCU chapter of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization will be printing a monthly magazine aimed at the TCU community.

By Drew Irwin
Staff Reporter

Members of the CEO club plan to launch a magazine later this week that will focus on in-depth stories. Marlin Gusman, editor in chief of the magazine and vice president of publications, said the magazine, named "WHAT-SUPTCU!", will try to cover information not covered anywhere else.

"We're going to cover sports, movies, business and anything our readers want to read about," said Gusman, a sophomore history major. "We basically want to cater to our audience and cover whatever they want to read about."

The magazine will be based more on investigative reporting than current news, said Jason Ruth, chief executive officer of

the club.

"We want everyone to know what is going on in the community around them," said Ruth, a senior entrepreneurial management and e-business major. "The magazine will highlight TCU students and allow us to provide a forum to discuss a multitude of issues."

Gusman said he wants the magazine to take a unique approach to covering businesses.

"We want to bring big companies and entrepreneurs to a personal level," Gusman said. "We're also going to look at entrepreneurs and small companies in the community."

While the magazine will be aimed at the same audience as the Skiff, Gusman said he does not think the two will clash.

"I don't think that we're in the same genre as the Skiff," Gusman said. "So I think we'll be able to coexist pretty well."

The magazine is actually a continuation of a publication started

by business students in 1998. Alumnus Ash Huzenlaub, now president and CEO of Emergisoft Corp., was one of the creators of the magazine.

The club plans to fund the magazine with advertising.

"I wanted an alternative paper that focused more on in-depth stories and the potential for more edgy stories when appropriate," Huzenlaub said.

Huzenlaub's edition lasted one semester and ended when he graduated.

Although Huzenlaub is not connected to the current incarnation, he said he's very impressed by the drive of the current students.

"I applaud all the hard work and ambition that the students of TCU CEO have shown this year," Huzenlaub said. "It has been truly enjoyable to watch as an alumnus to see so much entrepreneurial activity occurring."

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Cellphones, rage increase wrecks

Cell phone use and road rage are intertwined and cause problems on Texas highways.

By Bobby Ross Jr.
Associated Press

Cellular phone usage contributed to automobile crashes that killed 15 people on Texas roadways in 2000-2001, the Department of Public Safety said Monday.

Road rage, the DPS said, was a factor in one fatality in each of those years.

"It is difficult to draw conclusions at this point, but the data probably understates the problem," DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. said. "There is no doubt that cell phone misuse and road rage create major problems on Texas roadways."

Statewide, 1,032 cell phone-related traffic crashes were reported in 2001, the first full-year statistics released since Texas started tracking such data.

In the same year, 219 wrecks were attributed to road rage, according to reports compiled by

Texas law enforcement officers.

Texas accident reporting forms were changed in April 2000 to add cell phones and road rage among contributing factors officers can choose. However, some law enforcement personnel did not receive the forms until later in the year. In 2000, 716 cell phone-related crashes were cited statewide, as were 90 road-rage related wrecks, the DPS said.

Four bills restricting driving and cell phone use were introduced during the 78th Texas Legislature last year, but none passed. Three of the bills advocated the use of handsfree devices while driving.

"I have seen studies that show that the reaction times are as slow as someone who is intoxicated when someone is holding the cell phone to their ear," said state Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, who introduced one of the unsuccessful bills.

State Sen. Paul Moreno, D-El Paso, who also has pushed for legislation to deal with the issue, agreed.

"The people in this world will not cease anything unless we put some punishment, some sort of deterrent," he said. "We have to make it a traffic offense."

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said requiring handsfree cell phones would be "a little better, but we question whether or not you're giving due attention to the task at hand, which is driving."

Critics of legislation argue that talking on a cell phone while driving is no more a distraction than switching the radio station or eating a breakfast sandwich.

Vinger acknowledged that cell phone and road rage-related crashes represented a tiny fraction of the state's nearly 324,000 total collisions in 2001.

"Cell phones are almost a must-have for any traveler because they have many positive benefits," Vinger said. "You can call for assistance. You can report a crime. The problem is, like a lot of things in life, if you overuse it."

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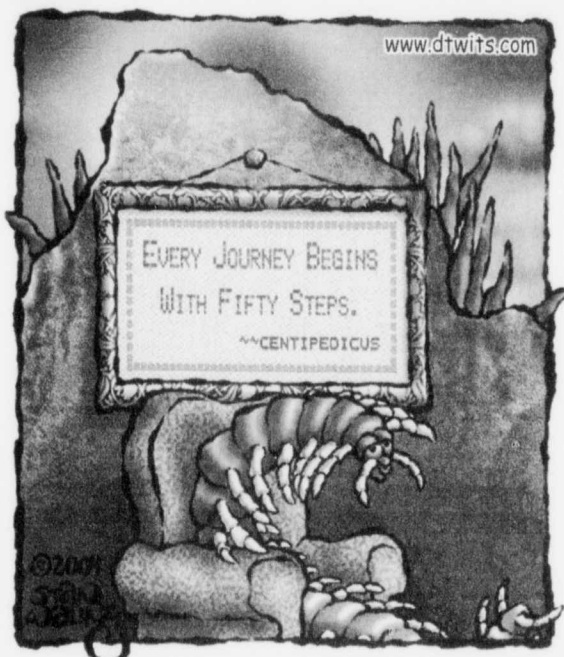
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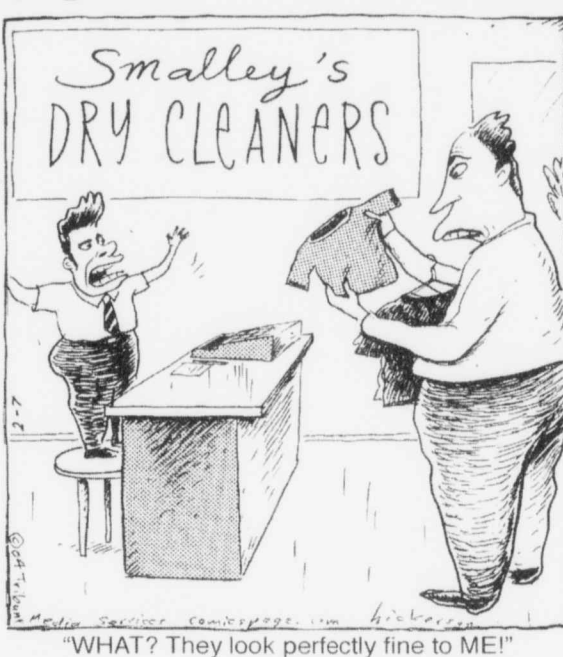
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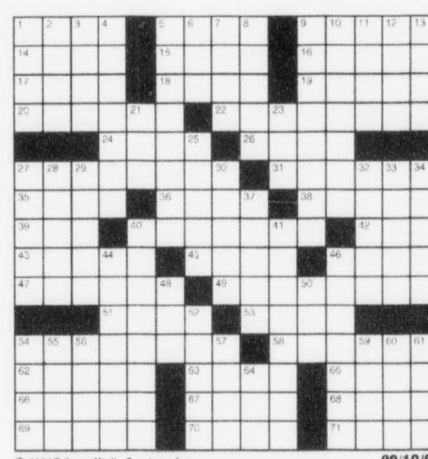


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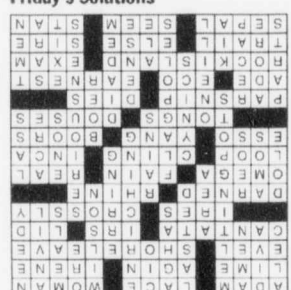
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Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 10 — Don't worry about the money; that's not the most important thing. You'll see that you can do quite well without it. Besides, there'll be enough.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 5 — The pressure you're under isn't necessarily a bad thing. It'll force you to make a tough choice. You may even decide to go into debt to get something of the highest quality.

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 5 — You're learning by doing, and the more you practice, the more you earn. You may also be getting something very nice for your home, the hard way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 9 — If you hang out with a Gemini friend, you can get that number up to 10. You're witty, friendly and very intelligent. Add lightheartedness, and you'll soar.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 4 — It's possible that you can sell what you have in order to get something better. Check with someone in the business — a relative. Make sure you get the best deal.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — Friends help you learn the next lesson easily. You have natural talent. Loved ones support you, whatever you choose. Push yourself. You're doing fine.

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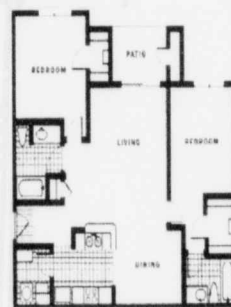


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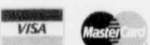


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Sideline

Redskins go after Brunell

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars are letting Mark Brunell talk directly to the Washington Redskins and other teams interested in trading for him.

The Jaguars have been approached by at least four teams about their expendable three-time Pro Bowl quarterback.

Miami, San Diego and Dallas are among the other teams in the running for the 33-year-old quarterback.

Brunell has thrown for 25,698 yards and 144 touchdowns since he became Jacksonville's starter in the team's inaugural season in 1995.

Brunell has one year left on his contract, and he will count \$10.5 million against the salary cap next season if the Jaguars don't cut or trade him.

The price for Brunell has been increasing and now appears to be a second-round draft pick. Miami is considered Brunell's preferred destination, but the Dolphins don't have a second-round selection this year.

The Jaguars will have to pay Brunell a \$2 million roster bonus if he is with the team on March 1. Vance said Jacksonville will consider working out a sign-and-trade deal with Brunell.

Cubs to play more at night

CHICAGO (AP) — Night games at Wrigley Field would increase this year under a plan expected to be approved by Chicago officials this week.

The Cubs and the city have agreed to a plan that would phase in 12 more night games over the next three years. The Cubs currently are allowed to play 18 night games each season.

The team would be allowed to play 22 home night games this year and 26 in 2005. The total would increase to at least 28 in 2006 and possibly 30 that year.

A City Council committee will consider the plan Tuesday, and the full council will vote on it Wednesday.

The Cubs have been pushing for more night games the past few years, saying they will generate more revenue.

Under the proposed deal, the Cubs will operate a remote-parking lot and pay for a program that limits parking around Wrigley Field to residents on game nights. The Cubs also will contribute \$1 million to a neighborhood protection fund that will pay for improvements in congestion and sanitation.

A return to the Run DMC Lady Frogs are tearing up the court

By Carlos Alvarado
Commentary

In some circles, Daniel Meyer Coliseum is known as the Run DMC. It is uncertain how far those circles extend, but it is an interesting name deserving of some exploration.

First and foremost, it is an obvious reference to the ground breaking rap group, but as far as anyone can tell, Horned Frog fans of the "Billy Ball" era, place emphasis on the word 'run'.

In the late 1990s, the TCU men's basketball team was scoring points at a profane rate. You dared not stand up to buy nachos or use the facilities, because if you just turned your head to talk to a friend, you would miss a Lee Nailon dunk or a Mike Jones 3-pointer. The coliseum would be so full on some nights that the collective body heat, accompanied by its heating system, turned it into the largest sauna in Fort Worth.

In 2004, a new group of basketball players take center stage in the Run DMC, and they don't fail to provide a great game of basketball. They carry the banner for TCU's basketball program, but this time, the coliseum relies solely on its own heating system.

Barring a major catastrophe, this year's Lady Frogs are on their way to the NCAA tournament for the third consecutive year, and unlike the football team, they face some of the nation's best teams. They are battle tested, experienced, and have shown the ability to beat any team in the country.

On Friday night, their opponent, the Tulane Green Wave, scored only six points in almost 11 minutes. On Sunday afternoon, the Southern Miss Golden Eagles scored only nine points in 11 minutes. Both teams should have just called it quits, but they had nothing to be embarrassed about. No one was watching them play, so why would they give up?

If it wasn't for the TCU band reminding them how at one point senior guard Kim Ortega had outscored the entire Tulane team or the dozens of high school girls screaming at the top of their lungs every time Tulane or Southern Miss attempted a free throw, it would have been better off to play the game in the TCU Recreation Center.

One doesn't have to be a basketball fan to enjoy the Lady Frogs play. They put the "Run" and the "D" in Run DMC.

Junior Forward Sandora Irvin is rewriting record books with every game she plays and is one of the best low post position players to ever play at TCU. She will forever be mentioned with the likes of Kurt Thomas and Lee Nailon.

As a team, this years Lady Frogs are the best basketball team to ever play on a TCU court, and are arguably TCU's best sports team this year.

This team has a chance to win a national title, provided they can find a way to stop turning the ball over so much and make free throws at a rate better than 66 percent.

The Lady Frogs have proven they don't need us



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
Junior forward Sandora Irvin and the Lady Frogs are ruling their roost at Daniel Meyer Coliseum, but not many fans have been there to see it.

there to win basketball games. They have all the fire, spirit and tenacity within themselves, but wouldn't it be nice if they could use some of ours for a change?

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QUICK FACTS

2003-2004 Women's basketball home attendance

Date	Opponent	Attendance
Nov. 21	Southwest Texas State	1,825
Dec. 2	Texas Arlington	2,131
Dec. 6	Arkansas	3,495
Dec. 29	Lamar	3,102
Dec. 31	North Texas	3,025
Jan. 2	Tennessee	6,949
Jan. 6	New Mexico State	2,206
Jan. 18	Houston*	4,235
Jan. 23	Louisville*	2,955
Jan. 25	Cincinnati*	3,326
Feb. 6	Tulane*	3,002
Feb. 8	Southern Miss*	3,657

*denotes a Conference USA game

Daniel-Meyer Coliseum capacity crowd: 7,201
2003-2004 total attendance: 39,908
2003-2004 average attendance: 3,325
Percent of seats filled: 46 percent
Non C-USA average attendance: 3,247
C-USA average attendance: 3,435

Santee shoots Frogs to victory

Frogs top South Florida to earn their first winning record in Conference USA.

The Tampa Tribune

TAMPA - Junior guard Corey Santee scored 25 points, including 13 of his team's 22 second half points, to lead the Frogs to a 54-51 victory Monday over South Florida in Conference USA basketball.

TCU (9-11, 5-4) used an 11-2 run to start each half and led by as many as 14 points. But South Florida (6-13, 0-8) held TCU scoreless for a 5:38 stretch late in the game, cutting the Horned Frogs' lead to 50-49 with 3:32 left in regulation.

TCU junior guard Marcus Shropshire ended the Frogs' drought with a 15-foot jumper to make it 52-49. The Bulls, who never led once in the game, had a chance to tie when Terrence Leather missed a three-pointer at the buzzer.

The last-second shot was too strong, hitting the back of the iron for a Frogs victory.

Leather led the Bulls with 20 points and nine rebounds. Brian Swift was USF's only other double-figure scorer with 13 points.

TCU also got double-digits from sophomore forward Chudi Chinweze, who scored 10 points, while freshman center Femi Ibikunle contributed by grabbing nine rebounds.

Senior guard Nucleus Smith struggled offensively, going scoreless, but he added seven rebounds and two assists. Junior

forward Aaron Curtis provided seven points off the bench.

Both teams struggled shooting from the floor. The Frogs shot 36 percent on the night and the Bulls shot 39 percent.

With the victory, the Frogs are over .500 in C-USA play for the first time since joining the conference.

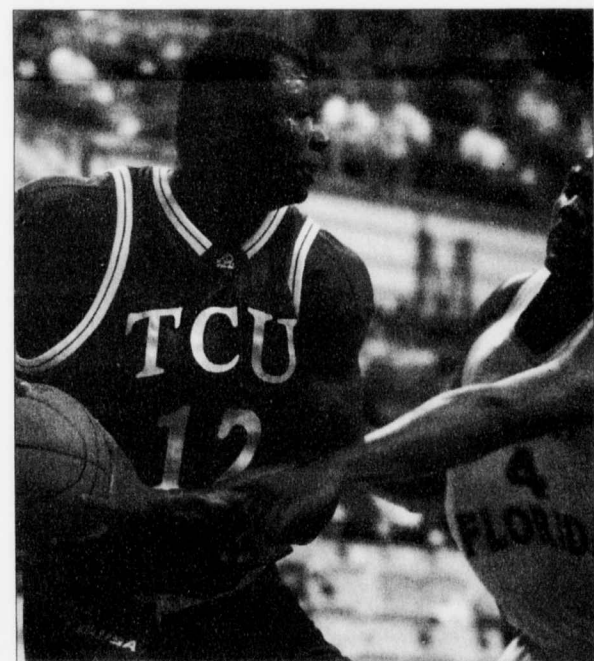
TCU 54, SOUTH FLORIDA 51
TCU (9-11, 5-4)

Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Chinweze 4-10 2-2 10, Ibikunle 1-6 1-2 3, Santee 9-18 5-5 25, Shropshire 3-8 2-2 9, Sloan 0-0 0-0 0, Dougherty 0-1 0-0 0, Curtis 3-7 0-0 7, Adams 0-2 0-0 0, Valsin 0-0 0-0 0, Pierce 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-55 10-11 54.

SOUTH FLORIDA (6-13, 0-8)

Mosley 3-14 2-2 8, Leather 6-13 8-12 20, Morris 2-4 0-2 4, Graham 1-3 2-2 4, Swift 5-7 0-0 13, Brigman 1-5 0-0 2, Diarra 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-46 12-18 51.

Halftime—TCU 32-27. 3-pointers—TCU 4-16 (Santee 2-8, Shropshire 1-5, Curtis 1-2, Dougherty 0-1), South Florida 3-11 (Swift 3-5, Mosley 0-5, Leather 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—TCU 33 (Ibikunle 9), South Florida 34 (Leather 9). Assists—TCU 8 (Santee 3), South Florida 8 (Mosley 3, Swift 3). Total Fouls—TCU 18, South Florida 12. Technical Fouls—South Florida coach Robert McCullum. A—2,809.



Jay Conner/The Tampa Tribune
Freshman center Femi Ibikunle keeps the ball out of USF's Brandon Brigman's reach Monday night at the USF Sun Dome. The Horned Frogs won over the Bulls 54-51.

QUICK FACTS

Weekend sports followup

Sport	Gameday	Opponent	Score
(W) Basketball	Friday	Tulane	TCU 76, Tulane 44
Baseball	Friday	Dallas Baptist	Canceled
Baseball	Saturday	Dallas Baptist	DBU 10, TCU 9
Swimming and Diving	Saturday	Centenary	(W) 79-65, (M) 65-47
Track	Saturday	Southwest Classic	(W) 3rd Place, (M) 2nd Place
(W) Basketball	Sunday	Southern Miss	TCU 76, USM 45

Weekend Highlight

•Freshman point guard Natasha Lacy takes the weekend award for her all-around performances Friday night and Sunday afternoon. Against Tulane, Lacy scored six points, grabbed six rebounds, had four assists and two steals in the Lady Frogs 76-44 victory. It was her play against Southern Miss, though, that earned her the weekend award. Sunday afternoon Lacy had impressive statistical numbers across the board, scoring nine points, grabbing 10 rebounds, dishing out six assists and four steals.



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
Freshman guard Natasha Lacy led the Frogs in all areas of play against the Golden Eagles of Southern Miss Sunday afternoon.

Bailiff accepts head coach job at Texas State

Defensive coordinator leaves TCU to become head coach at his alma mater

By Brent Yarina
Sports Editor

David Bailiff is living proof that one can indeed go back home.

Bailiff, the defensive coordinator for the Frogs the last two seasons, is heading back to his alma mater after accepting the head coaching position at Texas State University last week.

"(TCU) was the greatest job in the greatest community I've ever coached in," he said. "We weren't looking for a head coaching position even a little bit. It was just one of those situations where my phone rang and it was something I had to consider. There just aren't a lot of head coaching jobs in the country, so when it's offered you have to consider it."

Bailiff said he and his family have nothing but gratitude for the entire TCU community.

"We love TCU," Bailiff said. "From the university to the community to the team, it was a great experience."

Head coach Gary Patterson said Bailiff is more than ready to run his own football program.

"He is a very good defensive line coach and a great recruiter," Patterson said. "That is why he has been given this tremendous chance. He has all the attributes to be (a head coach) or else teams wouldn't have been interested in him. It's rare to have this opportunity and he de-

"We weren't looking for a head coaching position even a little bit. It was just one of those situations where my phone rang and it was something I had to consider."

David Bailiff

Defensive coordinator

serves it."

Patterson said no replacement has been named for the defensive coordinator position but that regardless of who takes over, the players are expected to perform at their expected levels.

"It all comes down to what the players know, not what the coach knows," he said. "I doubt there will be any sort of learning curve for the players with a new coordinator."

Sophomore defensive tackle Jeremy Breedlove said no matter who becomes the new defensive coordinator, the system will remain the same.

"The defensive scheme we run is coach Patterson's," Breedlove said. "The new coach will have to learn his scheme. It won't change here unless coach Patterson were to leave."

Tony Brubaker, TSU's assistant athletics director of media relations, said TCU's loss will benefit the Bobcats' football program. "He is a wonderful choice," Brubaker said. "David Bailiff was a favorite coach

while he was here as an assistant and that will continue here again. He is very popular and a community favorite. They all love him here."

Brubaker said the Bobcats were determined to hire Bailiff as the program's 14th head coach once the university officially announced the firing of Manny Matsak, who coached TSU since December 2002.

"He was our number one choice during the whole process," he said. "There were some negotiations, but he was the number one choice the whole time. That fact never wavered, not even once. And now we can all just cherish the fact that we were able to bring him back home."

Bailiff said the Bobcats' recent commitment to their football program was the overriding element in him accepting the head coaching position.

"The president and the entire university have taken great steps to turn this football program around," he said. "That alone excites me."

Brubaker said he does not believe Bailiff will be under any great pressure to turn the Bobcats' football program around, despite the challenge of returning to his alma mater.

"I believe that no one puts more pressure on a coach than the coach himself," he said. "The only pressure he will be under here is the pressure that he will put on himself."

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