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Talking Art



Senior interior design major Megan King surveys selected students' work from the 13th annual Cross/Talk Art Competition located in the University Art Gallery in Moudy Building North.

Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Art competition prepares students

Students express their creativity and get a taste of how the professional art world works in the 13th annual art competition in Moudy Building South.

By Lauren Lea
Staff Reporter

TCU students are showing their artistic flair in the 13th annual Cross/Talk Art Competition.

The show, located in the University Art Gallery in Moudy Building North, displays 26 unique pieces of art. The exhibit will run until Feb. 19.

"It's really interesting because it's a lot of alternative work," said Margaret Jackson, a senior sculpture major. "It's not just paintings or prints, it's mostly work that's really different."

The competition was open to students of all

majors. They were allowed to enter a maximum of three pieces in each of the two categories, Graphic Design and Studio Art. Over 150 pieces were entered into the competition, but only 26 were accepted. Ron Watson, the art department chairman, said the acceptance rate is typical of a professional show.

"About 25 percent were accepted," Watson said. "It really depends on the jurors."

Judges were Edwin Holt, president of Holt Design Inc., and Matthew Bourbon, artist and professor of art at the University of North Texas.

Watson said one student took first prize in both categories, something that has never happened before.

Junior graphic design major Jayr Sotelo placed first in both the Graphic Design and the

Studio Art categories. Sotelo said this was the first time his work has been accepted in the show.

"All the works are great," Sotelo said. "I was thrilled to even be placed. I wasn't expecting either of the prizes."

Watson said the school hosts the competition to prepare students for the professional world.

"It's pre-professional training," Watson said. "One avenue for artists to get recognition is through juried competitions and this prepares them for it. We also encourage our students to participate in outside competitions."

Jackson said she thinks the competition is a good learning experience for art majors. She had one piece accepted into the competition.

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Koehler to join in local election race

The provost says running for president of the school board is a way to stay active in education and the community.

By Julia Mae Jorgensen
Staff Reporter

Provost William Koehler filed to run for president of the Fort Worth school board Monday, saying the position would give him an opportunity to stay involved in education.

"I've never viewed my retirement as leaving something I've done for 35 years and just going cold turkey," said Koehler, who will retire from TCU May 31. "The school board gives me an opportunity to continue what I've been doing for 35 years — that's being in education."

Koehler, who is also the vice chancellor for academic affairs, began his career at TCU in 1969: first as a professor and later as an administrator. He was named vice chancellor for academic affairs in 1980 and received the title of provost in 1994.

Koehler said that he had been

considering running for quite some time.

"I was approached in late fall by a number of people and asked to consider it," Koehler said. "I was of course flattered, but somewhat terrified as I'm not much of a politician."

Koehler said he spent two months talking with various people about possibly running and what people were looking for in a president.

"I am very much of the opinion that different organizations need different strengths at different times," he said.

Koehler said he originally planned to leave TCU a year ago, but then Chancellor Michael Ferrari announced his retirement. Koehler said he decided to stay another year to help the university and the new chancellor in the transition.

"I really didn't decide to run until Lynne Manny made her decision not to run," he said.

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Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler will run for Fort Worth school board president. He retires from TCU in May.

Talks under way to rework Patterson contract

Football coach Gary Patterson could be rewarded for the job he has done with a raise or contract extension, but no details have been worked out, university officials said.

By John Ashley Menzies
Assistant Sports Editor

The university wants to make sure Gary Patterson remains in Horned Frog purple and white. A new contract is one way of doing that.

Athletics director Eric Hyman said contract talks are in the early stages of discussion and

nothing was finalized Monday.

"TCU wants to recognize excellence in all areas," Hyman said. "We want to do what's right."

Patterson declined to comment about any contract negotiations, but acknowledged talks are ongoing.

Provost William Koehler said these things have a conversational life of their own. Hyman said dialogue is all that is going on right now.

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Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Talks between TCU and football head coach Gary Patterson to renegotiate his contract with the university have begun.

Gay couples take opportunity to wed legally on holiday

San Francisco's gay weddings continue; so does the legal fight.

By Lisa Leff
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Hundreds of gay men and lesbians lined up outside City Hall in heavy rain Monday, hoping to join more than 1,700 other same-sex couples who had exchanged vows with the city's blessing before a court decides whether to halt the unprecedented wedding march.

Many couples camped out overnight so they could get marriage licenses in advance of a pair of court hearings scheduled for Tuesday, when two groups planned to ask a judge to block

San Francisco from sanctioning any more same-sex unions.

"This is an opportunity we couldn't pass up," said David Miller of San Francisco as he and his partner, Guadalupe Jimenez, waited in a line that snaked from the county clerk's office and wound three blocks around the ornate building.

Since San Francisco officials began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples last Thursday, hundreds of gays and lesbians have wed — many rushing to California from around the country to take advantage of special weekend and holiday hours the city offered.

On Monday, a cadre of city workers deputized to perform

weddings simultaneously presided over 10 ceremonies on the grand marble staircase at City Hall, while caterers and donors moved by the happy spectacle supplied waiting couples with donated pizzas, bagels, soup and coffee.

"Usually, humanity comes out like this when there is a disaster, but here we have a joyous, civil rights thing going on and people have just rallied," said the Rev. Penny Nixon as she prepared to officiate at a friend's wedding.

While the weddings kept City Hall offices that would normally be closed in observance of President's Day buzzing, conservative activists promised a relentless legal challenge.

San Francisco Superior Court

Judge James L. Warren had ordered attorneys for the city and for a conservative group challenging the marriages to file legal briefs by noon Monday. Last week the Arizona-based Alliance Defense Fund sued to block same-sex unions, and Warren scheduled a hearing Tuesday in the case. A second legal challenge, filed by a California group, also is scheduled for a hearing Tuesday.

Critics have pointed to a ballot initiative approved by California voters in 2000 that says the state will only recognize as valid marriages between a man and woman. The two groups that are going to court are also seeking judicial declarations to invalidate

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Iraqi constitution based on Islam to be blocked

Amidst violence, the U.S. administrator in Iraq hints he would not support Islamic law as the basis for the country's constitution.

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's U.S. administrator suggested Monday he would block any move by Iraqi leaders to make Islamic law the backbone of an interim constitution, which women's groups fear could threaten their rights.

The U.S. military said Monday that gunmen killed an American Baptist minister from Rhode Island and wounded three other pastors in a weekend ambush south of the capital. Roadside bombs killed two more American soldiers.

A grenade exploded Monday in an elementary school playground in Baghdad, killing one child and wounding four others. The children apparently triggered the explosive while they were playing, Iraqi police said.

During a visit to a women's center in Karbala, administrator L. Paul Bremer said the current draft of the interim constitution, due to take effect at the end of this month, would make Islam the

state religion and "a source of inspiration for the law."

Mohsen Abdel-Hamid, the current president of the Iraqi Governing Council and a Sunni Muslim hard-liner, has proposed making Islamic law the "principal basis" of legislation.

Iraqi women's groups fear that could cost them the rights they hold under Iraq's longtime secular system, especially in such areas as divorce, child support and inheritance.

Bremer was asked what would happen if Iraqi leaders wrote into the interim charter that Islamic sharia law is the principal basis of legislation. "Our position is clear," Bremer replied. "It can't be law until I sign it."

Bremer must sign all measures passed by the 25-member council before they can become law. Iraq's powerful Shiite clergy wants the interim constitution to be approved by an elected legislature. Under U.S. plans, a permanent constitution would not be drawn up and voted on by the Iraqi people until 2005.

Under most interpretations of Islamic law, women's rights to seek divorce are strictly limited and they only receive half the inheritance of

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Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

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

■ **The honor society for Pre Health Professions.** Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Med), will be having a raffle to raise funds for its group to attend convention in Washington D.C. during March 18-21. The raffle will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today, Wednesday and Thursday in The Main. The drawing will be held Feb. 20. Tickets will be \$2 with many prizes such as dinners for two, a night's stay at the Courtyard Marriott; Stars, Brahmans and TCU baseball tickets with parking; and a TCU bar stool. More prizes include several Bianni salon gift certificates for massages, nails and hair.

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■ **Applications for Fall 2004 study at the TCU London Centre** are due March 15. Applications are available in Sadler Hall Room 16 or by calling (817) 257-7120.

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"Any competition is important to do because it's something you're going to do for the rest of your life," Jackson said. "It's a minor show in the grand scheme of things, but it is important because there are jurors from outside the TCU bubble."

Sotelo said he thinks the show is helpful because it gives students an idea of how they compare to other students.

"My peers all help me so much," Sotelo said. "The show gives you a more clear idea of where you stand in your art. They're all really good."

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KOEHLER

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Manny, the current board president, told trustees Wednesday that she would not seek re-election. Manny's husband, Gary, was elected board president in 1988. He held the position until his death in 2002. Manny won a runoff election to fill the remainder of her husband's term.

Koehler said he could give three reasons why he chose run for the board. First, he said he had been in the business for 35 years and was not ready to give that up.

"I'm not ready to not be involved in education," he said.

Second, he said he knows the district needs to hire a new superintendent and he has experience in

recruiting and hiring executive positions.

"I do that with deans, athletic directors and chancellors," he said. "I bring experience in recruiting leadership."

Koehler said his final goal is to be a president who looks at the whole picture, not just a collage of districts. "I want to improve the education of all citizens," he said.

Koehler said his one goal for his possible presidency is to make a positive difference in the lives of young people.

"The future is out there," he said.

The president of the board represents the district at large. Elections are May 15 and, if needed, a runoff is scheduled for June 19.

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PATTERSON

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"After the dialogue part, then we'll get to the contractual part," he said.

Koehler said there is no time table and no one is rushing or pushing to get anything done.

"Those conversations have been ongoing, and they've been ongoing because neither the AD nor the chancellor nor the coach are unusually anxious. There is no reason to be anxious," Koehler said.

Hyman said there are no outside pressures leading to the

renegotiations, but it's merely a reward for the outstanding job Patterson has done as football coach.

Koehler said Patterson has had other important things on his mind. Patterson will be getting married Saturday and officials will not engage in contract negotiations until after recruiting, he said.

Koehler said they've allowed Patterson some room to handle these other issues but there should be no problems.

"Everything will work out fine," Koehler said.

Patterson is in the second year of a contract that pays a reported \$650,000 a year until 2006, according to an article in Saturday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Patterson signed that extension after the 2002 season.

He led the Frogs to an 11-2 record last season, including the team's sixth straight bowl appearance. He has amassed a 27-11 record since taking over for Dennis Franchione in 2000. He also led the team to the 2002 Conference USA title.

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IRAQ

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men. Islamic law also allows for polygamy and often permits marriage of girls at a younger age than does secular law.

Earlier this month, 45 members of the House of Representatives signed a letter to President Bush urging him to preserve women's rights in Iraq.

U.S. leverage with the Iraqis will

decline, however, after the U.S.-led coalition returns sovereignty to an Iraqi administration at the end of June.

The United States also hopes to hand over more responsibility for internal security to U.S.-trained Iraqi forces, which could reduce American casualties as the U.S. presidential election approaches.

In the latest attacks, an American soldier from Task Force Iron Horse was killed and four were wounded in a roadside bombing Monday in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. One of the wounded was critically injured and the other three were in guarded condition, the military said.

Two Iraqis were arrested, one with a cell phone that may have been used to detonate the bomb, said Master Sgt. Robert Cargie, a spokesman in Tikrit.

The other fatal bombing occurred in the center of Baghdad, killing one soldier from the 1st Armored Division and wounding another, the military said.

The latest deaths bring to 540 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the United States launched the Iraq war in March. Most have died since President Bush declared an end to active combat May 1.

In the ambush Saturday, gunmen in a sedan opened fire on a taxi carrying Americans from a Baptist religious group from the site of the ancient city of Babylon to Baghdad, the U.S. command said.

The Rev. John Kelley, 48, of Rhode Island, was killed and three Baptist ministers were wounded, according to a spokesman for Kelley's family.

The spokesman, Roland Vukic, said Kelley and about 10 other pastors from the New England area left Feb. 6 to help start a church in Baghdad.

Police, meanwhile, arrested five Iraqis suspected in the assassination of Aquila al-Hashimi, a member of the Governing Council who was gunned down Sept. 20 as she left her Baghdad home, the Interior Ministry said.

The men were arrested 10 days ago in the city of Amarah, 180 miles southeast of the capital, Deputy Interior Minister Ahmed Kadhum Ibrahim told The Associated Press. They were arrested for using drugs but police uncovered "indications" they may have been involved in the al-Hashimi slaying, he said. Police were still investigating.

Al-Hashimi was the highest official in the post-Saddam Hussein

administration to be killed in the persistent violence in Iraq since Saddam's fall.

Attacks against the U.S.-led occupation force have continued unabated despite the capture of Saddam Hussein on Dec. 13 and the arrest of numerous figures whom the American military has identified as key figures behind the insurgency.

U.S. officials are divided about whether Iraqis or foreign fighters are responsible for recent attacks, including last weekend's bold daylight assault against police and civil defense compounds in Fallujah in which at least 25 people were killed.

On Monday, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations chief, said it appeared all the attackers wounded or killed in Fallujah were Iraqis, despite initial reports that foreigners, including Lebanese and Iranians, were involved.

He said a number of Iraqis were being questioned in the attack, including the mayor of Fallujah who had submitted his resignation a few days before the Saturday assault.

The general said there were indications the attack may have been staged to free four Iraqis held for firing at an Iraqi civil defense bus.

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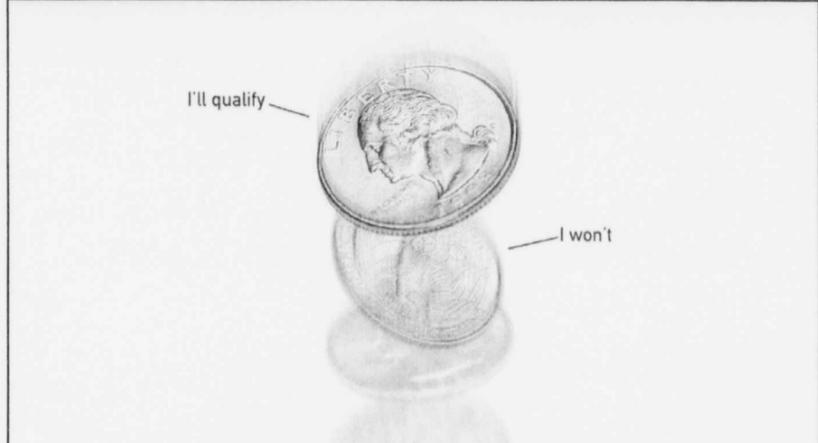


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the weddings that have already taken place.

Newly elected Mayor Gavin Newsom touched off the wedding spree by ordering officials to issue licenses to same-sex couples, declaring that he was merely ensuring equal treatment of gays and

lesbians. Newsom later officiated personally at the weddings of his chief of staff and policy director, both of whom married their long-time partners.

City Assessor Mabel Teng, who opened her office a half-hour early Monday to get as many couples through as possible, said she expected a total of 650 couples to be wed Monday before City Hall shut down for the night.

As of noon Monday, 1,740 same-sex couples had been married since Thursday, she said. Teng said the city would continue issuing marriage licenses on Tuesday "unless told otherwise by the city attorney."

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Mother of abandoned baby set to be tried

Prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty for a woman who abandoned two of her babies.

By Pam Easton
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Beaumont woman accused of smothering and abandoning her newborn son almost six years ago and then leaving a second baby in a ditch over the summer has a lot to overcome when she faces trial Tuesday on a capital murder charge, a legal expert said.

Kenisha Berry, 26, is charged with capital murder for the smothering and abandonment of her son shortly after his birth in 1998. She also faces a separate abandonment charge for leaving her newborn daughter in a ditch over the summer. The little girl survived, but was covered with hundreds of ant bites when a passer-by spotted her in June.

The baby boy's body was found years earlier in a black plastic bag tossed in a trash bin in the parking

lot of a Beaumont apartment building. Duct tape was stretched across his mouth and belted his tiny arms to his body. Authorities later learned he still had milk in his stomach.

"She doesn't look sympathetic at all," South Texas College of Law professor, Shelby A.D. Moore, said Monday of Berry.

The former prison guard and day-care worker has said she is innocent. Berry's attorney, Ronnie Cohee, said she doesn't believe the state's case against her client is as strong as implied.

Prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty against Berry if she is found guilty of capital murder. Moore said she doesn't believe a jury would give Berry death.

However, a 1999 Texas law allowing mothers to leave newborns younger than 2 months at a hospital or fire station, and that Berry had five children during the previous decade could go against her, Moore said.

Berry's defense attorney could bring up mental health issues and try to prove that "she couldn't appreciate the wrongfulness of her actions," similar to what was done in the Andrea Yates case, said Moore. Yates was sentenced to life in prison in 2002 for the drowning deaths of three of her five children.

The first hint that Berry could have been the newborn boy's mother came in the days after authorities found the baby girl in the ditch. The girl survived, and authorities began receiving tips that Berry might be the mother.

A DNA sample and analysis later confirmed Berry was also the mother of the boy and FBI analysis of the duct tape used to cover his mouth and secure his arms turned up a fingerprint which matched Berry's left index finger, Beaumont police Sgt. John Boles said.

While jailed for abandoning her daughter, Berry was charged on July 9 with capital murder for Baby Hope's death.

The Skiff View

Students shouldn't pay for costume

University can afford SuperFrog suit on its own

Don't worry about holding any more concerts; we're fine. No need to bring in another comedian; we don't enjoy laughter.

No need to waste money for an event to bring the student body together, I guess we see each other enough walking around campus.

Is this what the students will be faced with for the rest of the semester?

When the House of Student Representatives voted to pay \$6,300 for the new SuperFrog suit, they severely limited their options as far as special projects go.

This is in no way the fault of the House of Student Representatives. With the scenario they were given, we believe they made the right choice; however, in doing so, they took away money set aside specifically for students.

It is absurd that the athletic department, or any department within the university, does not allocate enough money to pay for a new SuperFrog suit. Taking it to the students is an absolute last resort, and it is disgraceful that it ever reached that level.

However, we applaud the students for making the right decision. Given the current state of the SuperFrog costume, a revamp was definitely in order. Perhaps Nokia could have purchased a new SuperFrog for the university. After all, the company approached the university with the commercial idea.

While we recognize Nokia paid \$5,000 to the scholarship fund, we wonder if it would have been too much to ask the wireless giant to pay a measly \$6,300 for a new costume. That's nothing to them; chump change.

Allowing the students to pay for a costume which the university uses for publicity is outrageous. What will come next? Are we to pay for the football team to travel? When the police department needs new luxury Durangos to issue tickets in, will the students fund that as well?

Let's face it, \$6,300 is nothing to the university. Actually, it is less than one-third of tuition for one student after the increase takes effect. The university could have easily afforded a new SuperFrog suit, but I'm sure students will have much more pride in SuperFrog now that they helped pay for it. Right?

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Search for WMD continues

Given the doubts that have been raised about the Bush administration's claim of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, a bipartisan commission to study the question is an excellent idea.

Back when the president was trying to take us to war, he said that Iraq posed an imminent threat to the American people via the development of weapons that could kill hundreds or thousands in one attack.

President Bush and his cohorts coupled intelligence findings with the fact that Saddam Hussein did use chemical weapons against the Kurdish people of northern Iraq to justify the war.

However, some seem to think there are none of these weapons remaining in Iraq. The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, after a nine-month investigation, concluded that Iraq had ended its chemical weapons programs in the mid-1990s and that the country did not pose an immediate threat to the United States.

The report went on to suggest that intelligence findings could have been influenced by

Washington policy makers in the months following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

While the Carnegie report is by no means conclusive evidence that the Bush administration misled the American public, it does suggest that the bipartisan commission that Bush, bowing to public pressure, finally supported is essential to finding out where the intelligence breakdown — if it happened at all — occurred.

Given the number of countries around the world that go against the general philosophy of the United States, Bush seemed almost bloodthirsty in his quest to go to war with Iraq in particular. Many reasons have been given, some virtuous and some outright sinister.

But, since the supposed weapons of mass destruction were the reason Bush gave in pushing the country toward a bloody conflict, it is important to find out if there were any such weapons and, if not, why Bush and company thought there were ... or wanted us to think there were.

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NFL not for boys

Ohio State's Maurice Clarett is in for pain

There is one thing I just can't stand: Teenagers who make more money than I do.

It's not really a greed thing or anything. It's about the principle. Or something like that.

COMMENTARY

What brings this up is a U.S. District Court has ruled that Maurice Clarett, though now no longer a teenager, is eligible for the NFL draft even though he has played only one season at Ohio State and is only two years removed from his high school graduation.

The arguments abound on why Clarett should be allowed into the NFL.

Baseball, basketball and hockey all draft kids directly out of high school.

Baseball and hockey have a minor league system that can help players at least get their feet wet before being thrown to the wolves. A sort of 'Hey, don't worry. It'll be OK,' before they drop you off a cliff.

Basketball doesn't have the luxury of a minor league system. And we see what kind of watered-down cesspool of talent it has become because of it. Yes, young "phenoms" LeBron James and Carmello Anthony are having successful rookie seasons and neither have had their 20th birthday yet.

But think, how good would these players be if they weren't in a league watered down by kids?

This is not the same NBA that Kevin Garnett and Kobe

Bryant jumped into.

People argue that because these three professional sports allow the kiddoes into their leagues, so should the NFL. That's argument enough right?

Well, no. Here is the thing.

In the NBA, when a player makes the jump from high school to the pros, there isn't anyone out there trying to kill him.

Shaquille O'Neal is not going to try and rip LeBron James' head off when he drives up the middle.

If Clarett makes the early jump, people like Ray Lewis will try and rip his head off.

Period. End of story. I could just end the column right here.

LaVar Arrington, linebacker for the Washington Redskins, told *The Associated Press* he felt Clarett's actions wouldn't be tolerated by current NFL players.

"Because of the way he's done all these things, some people here see it as disrespectful," Arrington said at the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. "I'm sure guys are going to break his tail, try to break him in."

"Either he'll succeed, or he'll be a total bust. If he can make it that rookie year without being assassinated, I think he'll be all right."

Football and basketball are two completely different sports. Football is violent. Basketball is finesse. The competition Clarett played against in college, even in the Big Ten, is minuscule compared to players in the NFL.

The best college team would be destroyed by the worst NFL team. Southern Cal or Louisiana

State vs. the Arizona Cardinals? The Cardinals would win by 20 points.

Twenty points might be exaggerated a little, but the point is there. The competition level is astronomically different. The NFL is too fast, too strong and too big. On the Cardinals' worst day, they could still beat the best college football team.

Basketball is just different. You look at the way the sports are currently, both NCAA and NBA, and you see they are both watered down and are definitely not the leagues they were 10 years ago.

I say there is a good chance the best team in college basketball could beat the worst team in the NBA. To say it couldn't happen is naive. It's just the way the game works now. The team with the best player on the court will generally win in basketball. Could the University of Connecticut beat the Hawks? What about Saint Joseph's? Or Duke? Or now No. 1 Stanford?

They are two different worlds. Everyone will be watching to see how Clarett does. To see if in fact a kid can make the jump and play with the men in the NFL. I don't think there is a chance Clarett will make it in the NFL because of his attitude, lack of blazing speed and durability, and the fact that every Ray Lewis, Brian Urlacher and Roy Williams in the NFL will be looking to show him he is just a kid.

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Parking problems require resolutions

I am sitting in my car after my first class ends. I have more than two hours until my next class begins, but if I go anywhere

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I may not get a place when I come back. It is cold and raining, so what better time than now for some investigating.

The question: What is the source of TCU's parking problem? Armed with the parking regulations I found in the campus map, I get out to count how many people are illegally parked.

After walking up and down the rows of cars in the east campus commuter lots, and annoying many of the circling, vulture-like commuters hunting for a spot, the final count is as follows: 23 vehicles with no permit at all, seven people with main campus permits and three with Worth Hills permits — and not a one of them with parking citations.

Most of these cars were within an hour and a half, but in that time at least 20 commuters

came through looking for a parking spot. I don't have an exact count of how many came through because I was avoiding eye contact with them. Most of them were quite mad after following me up and down the rows thinking I was going to my car.

Seeing the number of illegally parked vehicles in commuter lots and trying to remember how many I have seen on other days,

"All I know is that a promise for parking improvements is meaningless until I see some heavy equipment arriving on campus."

I must conclude this is not the source of TCU's parking problem. It does, however, serve to compound the issue.

On the steps of the Student Center, as I stare maliciously at the cars with main campus permits on the opposite side of the reserved faculty lot, I ask myself, "Why are residents in these places?"

The money earmarked for parking in our tuition increase should go toward a parking garage and all on-campus residents should park there. That would free up all the main campus spots for commuters and faculty.

Residents have this nice campus circulator bus to cart them around, so they don't need to be parked anywhere on campus. Their cars would be much safer in a centralized, secure location.

More commuter spaces would ensure that the incensed man in the Suburban that just parked on the median would be happier. It means I would be able to make more use of the time between classes, and still be able to find a parking place when I came back.

Whether or not this is the plan the administration has, I don't know. All I know is that a promise for parking improvements is meaningless until I see some heavy equipment arriving on campus.

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Military records attempt to save Bush

White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan held another awkward, standoffish press briefing last Tuesday to try to bring an end to the controversy surrounding President Bush's military record. Armed with copies of military documents more than 30 years old pertaining to Bush's Texas Air National Guard service, McClellan came just

short of suggesting what Democrats

and other critics of Bush can do with the documents when they were done reading them.

At issue is a one-year span, beginning in May 1972, when Bush was granted permission to transfer to an Alabama unit to work on a senatorial campaign. Until Tuesday, there was no evidence in his file that he ever reported to the Alabama unit to perform monthly drills.

The documents released last Tuesday, prepared by the Defense Financing Accounting Service, show that Bush was paid for dates in October and November 1972 and in January and April 1973. Those dates span the time — from May 1972 to May 1973 — that had been the focus of Democratic critics.

The officer to whom Bush was told to report in Alabama has said in interviews that he has no recollection that Bush reported.

Granted this was more than three decades ago, not recalling a congressman's kid reporting for duty isn't likely the fault of a bad memory — more likely, it's because the event never happened.

The Democrats need to be careful entering into the military-records fray. The military paper trail is a twisting and confusing dimension in which time and space have no meaning. Neither civilian nor soldier understands how the system works. Only the clerks do, and in the end, they have more power than any officer in their company because of that knowledge. An adept Republican working with a military clerk may be able to find some very strange, yet official documents proving Kerry is in fact a 9-year-old female Laotian spy.

Republicans can dig up many 30-year-old documents to defend Bush, but it won't do any good. The recent, more telling documentation is Bush's attempts to cut combat pay last August, a move Washington journalists call a "Friday night special" because it was done after the regular news cycle just before the weekend to avoid making any headlines. His new budget also cuts \$1.8 billion from the veterans-benefit budget.

During the annual Harkin Steak Fry outside Indianola last fall, a soldier I know, who had recently returned from Iraq, confronted as many candidates as he could find about how his fellow soldiers home from Iraq. After giving my friend an answer in full view of the press and public, Kerry pulled him aside, put his arm around him, and leaned in close so the microphones wouldn't pick up their conversation.

What Kerry said was combat veteran to combat veteran, not for public ears and not staged for publicity. What they said will stay between them. Repeating the conversation would add little to this column. Most people wouldn't have the frame of reference to understand the brief exchange anyway — especially our commander in chief, honorable discharge or not.

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Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

Kerry faults Bush's tactics

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — A confident John Kerry launched a full-throttle attack on President Bush's economic policies, mostly ignoring his Democratic rivals on the eve of the Wisconsin primary.

Kerry, who has a commanding lead in the race to oppose Bush this fall, chided the president for taking time out Sunday to attend the Daytona 500, saying the country was bleeding jobs while he posed for a "photo opportunity."

"We don't need a president who just says, 'Gentlemen start your engines,'" Kerry said. "We need a president who says, 'America, let's start our economy and put people back to work.'"

Kerry for the most part has chosen in recent days to aim his Campaign 2004 rhetoric directly at Bush as he has lapped his competitors, winning all but the South Carolina and Oklahoma delegate-selection contests.

Kerry said the first step to repairing the economy is to repeal Bush's tax cuts for people who make more than \$200,000.

Taxes take center stage

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — President Bush, brushing aside concerns about the unprecedented

budget deficit, renewed his demand that Congress extend his tax cuts.

Sen. John Kerry, the front-running Democratic presidential candidate, said he agreed with Bush on keeping in place two tax cuts mentioned by Bush. Kerry said Bush's overall economic policies had failed to create jobs.

The duel between Bush and Kerry foreshadowed a major issue in this year's presidential campaign, with Bush trying to cast Democrats as tax-hikers and the Democrats saying Bush's tax cuts favored the rich.

The exchange exposed a fundamental policy difference: Bush wants all his tax cuts made permanent, while Kerry would halt tax reductions for Americans who earn more than \$200,000.

The tax bills that Bush signed in 2001 and 2003 contain expiration dates next year on some provisions. The child tax credit would drop from \$1,000 per child to \$700, and some married couples would have to pay more than they would as two single individuals.

Kerry favors making permanent the child tax credit, and permanently ending the "marriage penalty," campaign spokeswoman Stephanie Cutler said.

National/International Roundup

Small-town bar fight ends with one dead

CHRISTINE (AP) — One man was killed and four people were jailed Monday on murder charges after a fight in the town's only bar, law officers said.

Adolph Romero, 41, of Christine, was fatally shot after a simmering feud erupted at Angie's Hall on Sunday night, said Atascosa County Sheriff's Chief Deputy David Soward.

Three people, including two of the suspects, also were injured.

"They had all been drinking. Some of them were heavily intoxicated. Liquor probably played the major role in it," Soward told The Associated Press.

The feud started a couple of weeks ago when Romero's finger was cut while at a house in Christine, a town of about 450 people, some 40 miles south of San Antonio, Soward said.

The incident escalated Sunday night and led to Romero being fatally shot. The fight started in the bar and finished outside, the deputy said.

Clarence Guillory, 28, from Church Point, La., was charged with murder and attempted murder. Bond was set Monday at \$700,000. Guillory was stabbed. His brother, Eric Guillory, 23, of Christine, was charged with murder. Bond was set at \$500,000.

Norma Pacheco Ballesteros, 39, of Christine, was charged with murder. Bond was set at \$500,000.

Abel Flores, 41, from Christine, was charged with murder. Bond was set at \$500,000. Flores suffered broken ribs after apparently being struck with a pool cue, Soward said.

Paco Romero, 36, of Christine, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at \$100,000. Paco Romero is the brother of the slain man, Soward said. Paco Romero allegedly pulled a knife and threatened a female bar employee after the fight began.

Jesse Garza III, 19, from Christine, was charged with public intoxication, paid a fine and was released, according to Soward.

Adolpho Garcia, 33, of Christine, who has not been charged, was hospitalized in San Antonio with gunshot wounds, Soward said.

Bush pardons former mayor of Plano

PLANO (AP) — President Bush has pardoned a former mayor of this North Dallas

suburb who pleaded guilty to bank fraud in 1996.

David B. McCall Jr., 79, admitted he was involved in more than \$25 million in fraudulent loans made at the Plano Savings and Loan Association, which failed in the mid-1980s.

Bush pardoned McCall on Saturday, the U.S. Justice Department said Monday.

McCall, who is battling cancer, slipped into a coma three days ago, his wife, Nellie, said Monday. She declined to comment on the pardon.

The former mayor was sentenced to five years in prison, although he was required to spend just the first six months behind bars. He also was sentenced to five years' probation and was ordered to pay \$100,000 in restitution.

McCall, a Farmersville native, served as Plano's mayor from 1956 to 1960.

He and four other men, including another former Plano mayor, were indicted in August 1995 on allegations that they created a web of transactions designed to transfer troublesome loans from one institution to another. Authorities said they wanted to hide difficulties from bank examiners and relieve borrowers of the need to repay the loans.

Jack Harvard, Plano's mayor between 1982 and 1990, also pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years in prison.

Earlier this month, Plano officials renamed a downtown plaza in McCall's honor.

"For the city of Plano, having David McCall as mayor was a classic case of having the right person in the right spot at the right time," Plano Mayor Pat Evans said in a statement announcing the plaza's new name.

Crane collapse kills three, injures five

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — A crane collapsed onto a construction site at an interstate bridge Monday, crushing a tractor-trailer and killing three people, fire officials said.

Five injured people, including one in critical condition, were taken to St. Vincent Medical Center, hospital spokeswoman Gloria Enk said. Authorities at the scene said no one else was trapped.

Traffic had been open on Interstate 280 when the crane collapsed and fell between the northbound and southbound lanes on the highway's approach to the bridge over the Maumee River south of downtown, Toledo fire Capt. Robert Krause said.

Lucky Davis, 33, of Toledo, said he was driving north on I-280 about 50 yards from the crane when he heard a crack.

"It was like the loudest thunder I've ever heard in my life," Davis said. "It was like a split second and I heard people screaming. I was in shock."

It was unclear whether all of those killed and injured were construction workers, or if some motorists might have been struck. The interstate was closed in both directions after the collapse.

The crane was part of a \$277 million project to build a new six-lane freeway bridge alongside the four-lane Craig Memorial Bridge.

Study reveals gene therapy builds muscle

SEATTLE (AP) — A gene therapy that has been shown in rats to double muscle strength and power could illegally be used to build super athletes, a researcher said Monday. Sports officials are looking for ways to detect the genetic manipulation.

Lee Sweeney of the University of Pennsylvania said that laboratory studies show that injecting a virus carrying the gene for insulin-like growth factor 1 into lab rats caused their target muscles to grow in size and strength by 15 to 30 percent.

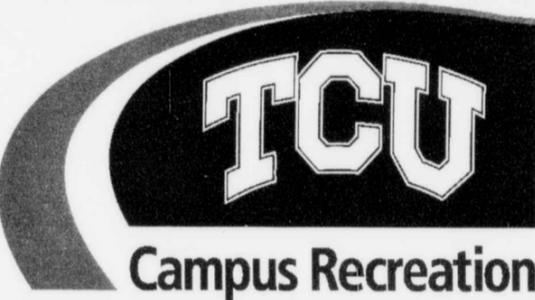
When the technique was used on rats that were also put through an exercise program, the animals doubled their muscle strength.

"The things we are developing with diseases in mind could one day be used for genetic enhancement of athletic performance," Sweeney said at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Richard Pound of McGill University and the World Anti-Doping Agency, an organization that polices performance-enhancing drugs in international athletics, said his agency already has passed regulations forbidding genetic manipulation in athletes. But he is concerned that the new muscle-building therapy may not be easily detected.

"We would like to be there early (in the research) and to help regulate it," said Pound. "We'll find a way."

There are blood and urine tests to detect most performance-enhancing drugs, but the gene therapy detection would be much more difficult.



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Man convicted of killing 3 kids set to die tonight in Huntsville

Man who set fire 12 years ago to be executed.

By Michael Graezyk
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — When firefighters arrived at the burning five-bedroom house on Corsicana's south side, the man who lived there was outside.

Neighbors said they saw Cameron Willingham outdoors even before the blaze engulfed the place, according to testimony at Willingham's trial.

"He was engaged in pushing his car out of the way so it wouldn't be scorched by the flames," John Jackson, the prosecutor in the subsequent criminal case, recalled.

Inside, Willingham's three young children — 2-year-old Amber, and 1-year-old twins, Karmon Diane and Kameron Marie — were dying. It was two days before Christmas 1991.

Willingham was charged with setting the blaze that killed the three youngsters, was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death.

His execution was set for Tuesday night.

"In my opinion, Willingham was an utterly sociopathic individual," says Jackson, the former Navarro County district attorney and now a state district judge. "He had a lifestyle that really didn't include care and nurturing of children. And, in my opinion, the children were just an impediment to his lifestyle."

Willingham, now 36, insisted in a recent interview on death row he wasn't responsible for his daughters' deaths.

"I was the only person at home and that was their way of thinking,"

he said of the charges against him. The resulting trial was "a joke," he said.

"Any man who can look at me in the eye and say the justice system is not a farce is a liar. All they're going to do is kill an innocent man for something he didn't do. The most distressing thing is the state of Texas will kill an innocent man and doesn't care they're making a mistake."

Evidence at his trial showed an accelerant, believed to be charcoal lighter fluid, was used to ignite the floors, a front threshold to the house and on a concrete porch. A fire marshal testified the placement of the accelerant was designed to impede any rescue efforts by firefighters.

Willingham suggested a lantern lamp dumped fluid when a shelf collapsed inside the house and caught fire or his oldest daughter, who was "fascinated with everything," accidentally set off the blaze.

"Either that or someone came in with the intent to kill me and the children," he said from prison. "The arson investigator was a liar."

"He really just wanted to get rid of them," says Pat Batchelor, who was Navarro County district attorney at the time. "He had a burn on his arm from charcoal lighter fluid."

Willingham, a native of Ardmore, Okla., said his wife went out shopping and left him with the children. He was asleep late in the morning when the 2-year-old woke him with her cry for him. He saw smoke, jumped out of bed and told her to get out of the house, he said. Willingham said he tried to get to the twins' room, couldn't get past the flames and

ran to get help. His house had no phone.

"The only way for me to get back into the house was to jump back into the flames," he said. "I wouldn't do that."

Trial testimony showed he expressed no grief over the loss of the children. Neighbors said he "hollered about his car" and a firefighter testified how Willingham was upset over the loss of a dart board.

"I died 12 years ago," Willingham said from death row. "At 11:51 a.m., Dec. 23, 1991. That's when I died."

Willingham's wife initially supported him and testified on his behalf at his 1992 trial. But Stacy Kuykendall told the Corsicana Daily Sun earlier this month that after reviewing case and meeting with her former husband in prison recently, she doesn't buy his version of the events that day.

"It was hard for me to sit in front of him," she said. "He basically took my life away from me. He took my kids away from me."

Willingham would be the seventh Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year.

States to get election funds

\$2.3 billion will improve voting equipment, but not in time for fall's election.

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — States can expect by mid-May to get a long-awaited \$2.3 billion in federal help to buy new voting-booth equipment and make other election improvements, the head of an electoral reform commission promised Monday.

Millions of voters again will be using the much maligned punch cards in this fall's presidential balloting. Many of the improvements, including plans for statewide computerized voter registration data, aren't expected to be in place before 2006.

Members of the new Election Assistance Commission assured state officials at a conference Monday that they will expedite the distribution of \$2.3 billion in federal funds for election improvements. About \$650 million already has been provided.

DeForest B. Soaries, the commission's chairman, said the various state plans for using the money will soon be published in the Federal Register with funds to be disbursed 45 days after that.

In an interview, Soaries said it is important that the states be given "an absolute commitment from the federal government" that the funds will be provided by a certain date.

Paul DeGregorio, another of the

commission members, said that while some changes at polling places already are being seen in the primaries, other improvements "will be pushed off until 2006 because of (states) not getting the money" sooner and delays in getting the commission in place.

In response to the problems in Florida during the 2000 presidential election, Congress in 2002 authorized \$3.86 billion over three years to help states modernize their election systems and created the commission to disburse the funds and establish voluntary standards for states on how elections should be conducted.

So far only about \$650 million has been disbursed. An additional \$2.3 billion has been appropriated by Congress, but was set aside pending creation of the four-member commission.

State election officials said that while many improvements have been made, the delay in getting the federal money has prevented the purchase of new technology and other needed changes.

"States have not been twiddling their thumbs," said Mary Kiffmeyer of Minnesota, president of the National Association of Secretaries of State. She added, "We're already on a short timeframe. Any further delay ... would just greatly hinder (the program's) success."

R. Doug Lewis, executive director of the Election Center, which

represents election officials, said the delay in federal assistance has put states "at least a year and a half behind" in making all the election reforms the 2002 law envisioned.

The law calls for helping states upgrade election equipment and make other improvements. But it leaves it up to the states to decide what technologies they use. In addition to equipment purchases, the money can be used for better training of election workers, establishing voter registration databases and other election reform measures to assure more orderly and fair voting.

Soaries said while states have moved on their own and expect many of the improvements to be in place for this fall's election, "the law did not assume the complete overhaul will occur until 2006." And he said new technologies have brought new concerns that need to be addressed such as assuring that new machines and wireless transmission systems are safeguarded against tampering.

This fall, six of every 10 voters will use electronically enhanced voting systems, according to a recent study by Election Data Services, a political consulting firm. Nearly a third of all voters will turn in paper ballots and more than 18 percent will continue to vote on the type of punch cards that were at the center of the brouhaha in Florida in the 2000 presidential election.

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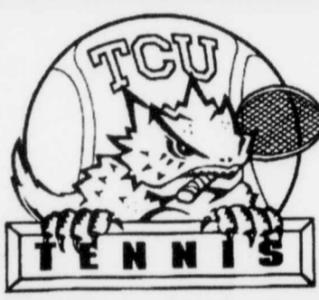
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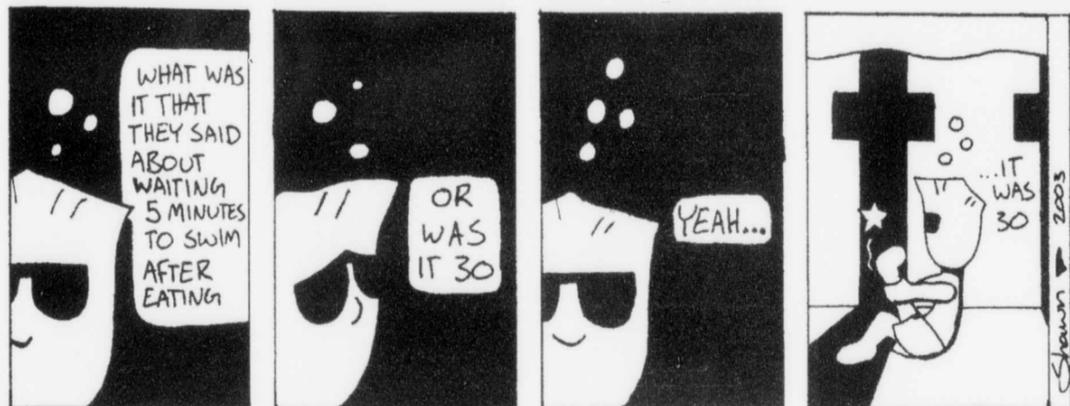
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Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 6 — Looks like there's somebody nearby who wants to boss you

around. Luckily, your ego isn't all tied up in proving that you're right. Let the other guy figure that out.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — You'd better enjoy what you're doing and not complain about it. Take on as much as you can, because the more you work, the more you'll make.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — There's a new assignment coming up tomorrow. Talk it over with your loved ones. Figure out what all of you want to accomplish so that you'll be aligned on this job.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — You can't quite figure out a way around a problem. Seek help from a loved one who's more technically proficient than you are. There are facts you don't know.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 6 — Set up a family meeting for tonight. The others have something to say. They're worried about a question that you can answer. Best to get it over with now.

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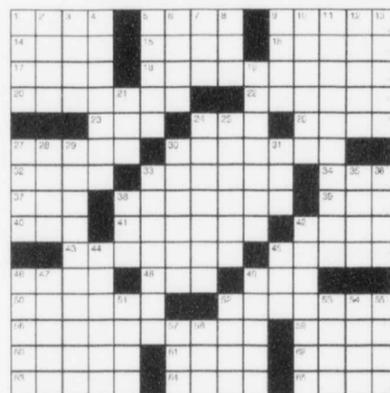


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The Pitino effect

Frogs to be tested by ranked team, respected coach

The Louisville Cardinals bring a lot more to the basketball court than a nationally-ranked team.

By Brent Yarina
Sports Editor

Not since the General Bobby Knight led his army of Red Raiders into Fort Worth last season has a more celebrated head coach graced the visitors' bench at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Well, that's about to change at 6 p.m. tonight when the Horned Frogs host No. 10 Louisville.

This time, however, the coach will leave behind the infamous red sweater and don a red tie, a meticulous hairdo and a championship swagger.

His name: Rick Pitino.

His track record: 413 wins and one national championship.

Head coach Neil Dougherty isn't intimidated though.

"There's no more pressure (Tuesday) than in any other game," Dougherty said. "Actually, if this game was between just me and Rick, I'd feel a lot better. But that isn't going to be the case."

Although Dougherty admits Pitino is a great coach, he said the players, in particular Louisville's tandem of Taquan Dean and Francisco Garcia, will determine the outcome of the contest.

"It's about the game, not as much about the coaches," he said. "And I don't think either team will be taking a step backward because they're afraid of what the other coach has accomplished."

Junior guard Corey Santee said he can't help but get a little excited over the opportunity to face Pitino.

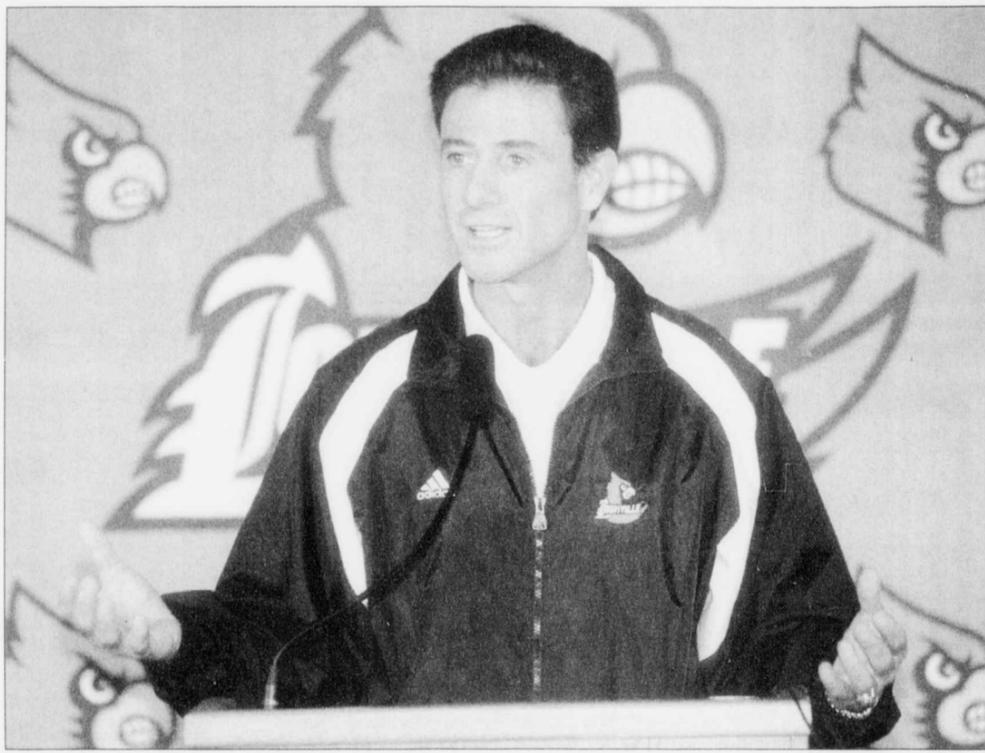
"I'm pumped," Santee said. "This is national TV. We're playing at the crib. They're coming to our home court, so we're just trying to get one."

The Frogs aren't only going to be competing in the national spotlight on ESPN2 against Louisville, but they're also expected to be playing in front of the year's largest crowd.

"It's going to be crazy and loud here," junior guard Marcus Shropshire said. "I hope everyone comes to the game and is ready to get crazy. This is a conference game and it's at home so we're excited."

Dougherty said Pitino will have to work for win No. 414.

"It's going to be a highly contested game," he said. "We don't need any reason to come out here and play well. We're



Courtesy of Conference USA

Rick Pitino and the No. 10 Louisville Cardinals will face the Frogs at 6 p.m. tonight in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

playing a game against a well-known opponent and a highly ranked opponent on national TV. That is enough right there."

Shropshire said the Frogs have their work cut out for them against a Cardinals team with an aggressive defense and the second highest scoring offense in Conference USA at 74.5 points per game.

"They're very talented and well coached on both ends of the court," Shropshire said. "They get after you so we have to be alert and ready for the (full-court press)."

Santee said as long as the Frogs come prepared, they have a chance to defeat Pitino.

"You got to be focused," Santee said. "His ability to coach his team is great. If you want to beat a Rick Pitino-coached team, you have to bring your best."

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QUICK FACTS

Up close with Pitino

- Pitino has a 413-148 record in 18 seasons, the seventh-best winning percentage among active coaches.
- Pitino's .771 winning percentage in NCAA Tournament games (27-8) is third best among active coaches.
- 17 former Pitino assistant coaches or players have become collegiate head coaches.
- Pitino is one of just 11 active coaches who have won an NCAA title (Kentucky '96).
- Only seven coaches all-time have taken more teams to the NCAA Final Four than Pitino's four appearances.
- Coached three Wildcats who earned All-America honors and eight players who were drafted by the NBA, including six in the first round (three lottery picks).
- Received first head coaching job when he was 25 at Boston University
- Author of two best selling books: "Success Is A Choice" and "Lead to Succeed."
- The 18th coach of Louisville's basketball program
- Standout point guard at the University of Massachusetts, ranking eighth all-time in assists with 329.

Offense lacking in 2 weekend defeats

A lack of discipline against Texas State drops the Horned Frogs' record to 1-3.

By Danny Gillham
Skiff Staff

Head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle said he wondered where the TCU team that showed offensive prowess a week ago went.

The Frogs lost a Sunday doubleheader to Texas State as the Bobcats produced timely hits to beat the Frogs 7-4 in 10 innings in game one, and 6-2 in the night game.

"They were definitely more disciplined than we were," said Schlossnagle, whose team left 19 runners on base in the two games. "They did a good job of adjusting with two strikes and putting the ball in play. That's the kind of club we're supposed to be. That's the kind of club we were last weekend against" Dallas Baptist.

Both games saw the Frogs fall behind 4-0. The Frogs were able to claw back and send game one to extra innings, mainly because of senior pitcher Eugene Espineli.

Espineli, a Texas transfer, tossed six shutout innings after senior starter Robbie Findlay was pulled after two innings. Espineli gave up no runs, no hits and struck out six.

After tying the score 4-4 in the 8th on senior outfielder J.J. Estrada's solo home run, TCU surrendered three runs in the top of the 10th, and went down in order in the bottom frame.

Schlossnagle said it was a shame his team couldn't get the win for Espineli.

"Hopefully the baseball gods will reward him down the road, because he was every bit that he's cracked up to be," Schlossnagle said.

Espineli said his changeup seemed to keep the Texas State bats at bay.

"The umpire kept giving me the corners, and I was going to put it there until he called them balls," Espineli said. "I was just looking to go out there and keep it a four-run deficit as long as I could."

In the second game, Schlossnagle said the team showed no life at the plate after again falling behind 4-0. He pulled senior pitcher Clayton Jerome before the sixth inning, after throwing just 88 pitches.

Schlossnagle said the team will need his arm this week, as the Frogs play four games in the next five days, starting at 3 p.m. today at Texas-Arlington.

The Frogs will then take part in the Southwest Diamond Classic starting Thursday. Games will be played at LaGrave Field, home of the Fort Worth Cats.

TCU technically doesn't have a home game this week but they won't be traveling far. However, Schlossnagle said his team might be getting a little too comfortable at home.

"We probably need to get as far away from Fort Worth as we can right now," Schlossnagle said.

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Frogs face season's toughest foe

The men's tennis team brings a perfect record into their contest with No. 9 Texas A&M on Wednesday afternoon.

By Mary Hollis
Skiff Staff

To reward the TCU men's tennis team for running their record to a perfect 3-0, the Frogs get a date with one of the nation's most dominant programs this week.

Wednesday afternoon the No. 13 Frogs will look to remain unbeaten as they host No. 9 Texas A&M, in what the team says is one of the season's toughest.

If the Frogs can defeat A&M, they will probably enter the top ten in the nation for men's Division I tennis.

Senior Alex Menichini said a victory against a team the caliber of A&M would go a long way in proving the Frogs are one of the better teams in the nation.

"This would be a big win,"

"This is the biggest sporting event at TCU this spring because it's No. 13 against No. 9."

Cory Hubbard
assistant tennis coach

Menichini said. "A&M is a team that could win NCAA. If we beat them, it puts us up among the elite."

He said the team should benefit from its early successes this season in a match of this magnitude, especially because they are progressively getting better and more confident as a team.

Assistant coach Cory Hubbard said this match will be huge for the team and it would be great if there were a big turnout of fans to support the Frogs.

"This is the biggest sporting event at TCU this spring because it's No. 13

against No. 9," Hubbard said. "It is a big rivalry with a long history; it will be an intense match."

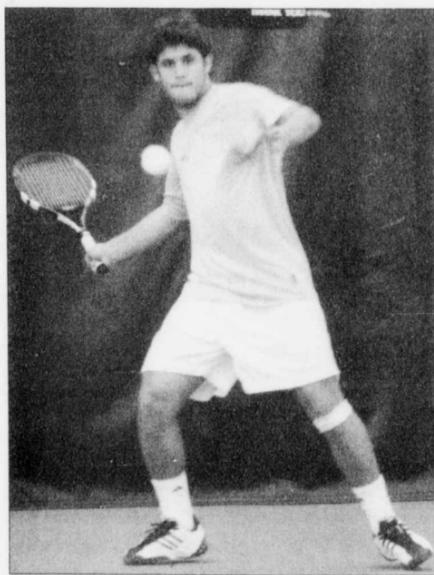
Players and coaches both said they want to see a large crowd out to support the team at such an important match.

"The more people that come out the better," Menichini said. "(A large crowd) gives a good atmosphere and a lot of energy for our team and intimidates the other team. It will be a very good match to play and fun to watch."

Hubbard said free pizza and drinks will be provided at the beginning of the match on a first-come, first-serve basis to help promote a larger gathering this week.

The match begins at 1:30 p.m. on the Tut Bartz Varsity Tennis Courts at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. The match will open with doubles play and move to singles.

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The No. 19 doubles team of sophomore Rafael Abreu (pictured) and Fabrizio Sestini led the Frogs in a 5-2 victory over Colorado Saturday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

QUICK FACTS

Weekend sports followup

Sport	Gameday	Opponent	Score
(W) Basketball	Friday	East Carolina	TCU 125, ECU 119 40T
Baseball	Friday/Saturday	Texas State	Canceled
Track	Friday/Saturday	Razorback Invitational	NA
(M) Basketball	Saturday	Tulane	Tulane 67, TCU 66
(W) Basketball	Sunday	Charlotte	TCU 100, Charlotte 91
(M) Tennis	Sunday	Colorado	TCU 5, CU 2
(W) Tennis	Sunday	Tulane	Tulane 4, TCU 3
Baseball	Sunday	Texas State	Gm. 1 TSU 7, TCU 4; Gm. 2 TSU 6, TCU 2

Weekend Highlight

• The Flying Frogs set more records this weekend than in any other meet in recent history at the Razorback Invitational. In Arkansas, the Flying Frogs turned in three NCAA automatic qualifying times, four NCAA provisional marks and four school records. Senior Jerry Harris recorded the fastest time in the nation this season with an NCAA automatic qualifying and school record time of 45.52 in the 400-meter dash. Harris's previous indoor fastest time was 46.34, which he set last season. Junior Jackson Langat also set the fastest time in the nation for the 800-meter with an NCAA automatic qualifying and school record time of 1:46.09.

Veteran defensive coach hired for fall

TCU finds familiarity in new defensive coordinator.

By John Ashley Menzies
Assistant Sports Editor

A familiar face will be joining head football coach Gary Patterson on the sidelines as the new defensive coordinator next season.

Athletics director Eric Hyman said TCU has hired Western Michigan defensive coordinator Dick Bumpas to fill TCU's void at that coordinator position.

Bumpas has coached with Patterson at two previous

coaching stops before coming to TCU. Patterson said he was an assistant coach under Bumpas at Utah State and Navy.

Patterson said Bumpas has a lot of experience and they have worked well together at both stops.

He said the team needed an older coach and one that would help "grow up the defensive line."

Patterson said that this will not effect his expectation levels for the team, but Bumpas will be expected to develop the defensive front that will be vital next season.

"He is very good at what he does," said Patterson.

And what he does is coach defense.

He will take over the duties of defensive coordinator and also be the defensive line coach, Patterson said.

Bumpas, 54, has been coaching for 25 years and uses the same 4-2-5 defensive scheme that TCU currently uses.

Bumpas helped lead Houston's defense into the top 25 in the country before leaving for Western Michigan in 2003.

He also held coaching spots at Arkansas, Notre Dame, Kansas State and Tennessee.

Bumpas will replace David Bailliff, who is now the head coach at Texas State.

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