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SGA pays for legal advice

The Student Government Association provides a lawyer at no cost to students for consultation on topics ranging from traffic offenses to family law.

By Matt Turner
Staff Reporter

Dave Meyer, a freshman pre-major, said he saved \$75 in legal fees by going to the lawyer provided free of charge by the Student Government Association.

Meyer went to see the lawyer, James B. Munford, after he got a ticket for going 93 mph in a 60 mph zone. Meyer said Munford explained his legal options and recommended that he ask the prosecutor for a smaller fine or driving probation.

Meyer hasn't been to court yet, but said he was very satisfied with the advice he got and was glad he saved the money he was going to

pay before he learned about the service.

SGA pays \$6,000 annually to provide students with free legal advice from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Student Center, Reading Room B.

Munford will also consult with TCU students for free over the phone or in his office at 1200

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Need a lawyer's help?

Free legal advice offered by the Student Government Association

- When: 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays
- Where: Student Center, reading room B

Alumni gather for history awareness

Members of the Black Alumni Alliance reflected on their college days.

By Erica Parker
Staff Reporter

Black Alumni Alliance members reminisced about their days at TCU, while encouraging students to utilize the resources on campus that weren't available to them as students.

Graduates remembered dancing as SuperFrog, bum-rushing the student government to promote multicultural programming, and being the first person in their family to earn a diploma.

"When I first lived here in 1965, blacks had to stay with blacks. The administrative office assigned roommates by ethnicity," said Mildred Martin Sims, a Black Alumni Alliance member.

The women in Foster Hall branched out and petitioned the administration to open roommate choice. Administrators allowed residents to room with students of different ethnicities by request only, said Sims, a 1969 graduate.

Sims lived in Foster two years, when the curfew was 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Instead of resident assistants, students had dorm mothers who were older women who gave demerits when a resident came in past curfew and violated rules.

The discussion was held Sunday in Foster with seven alumni. Hollis R. Henley, a junior English major, said the mixer shows alumni are concerned about the

well-being of current black students.

"It is very important that we know the history of blacks at TCU so that we can learn from it and appreciate what we have now and utilize our resources," Henley said.

Sims didn't have any sororities to get involved in, so she formed Students for the Advancement of African American Culture Organization, a group for students to voice their opinions about student activities not inclusive to the black community.

"We had to stick together, because if we didn't there wouldn't had been a lot of us together to make a change," Sims said.

Anthony Johnson, a 1998 graduate, said fewer resources were available to him on campus than there are now.

"What resources we had, we milked it dry," Johnson said.

Henley said the difference between black alumni and black students now is that alumni united because there was a lack of concern for blacks. The alumni filled that void with the Black Student Caucus, Programming Council, and other recreational events that promoted a sense of community for black students, Henley said.

"Now that they have opened those doors, it seems to me that we are less passionate than they were about establishing and maintaining that sense of community," Henley said.

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Working for women

Fewer females seek MBAs due to inflexibility

The School of Business is trying to balance the number of women and men seeking master of business administration degrees.

By Drew Irwin
Staff Reporter

The School of Business is trying to balance the number of men and women in the MBA program through Graduate Women in Business, a group that helps women deal with issues they will face in the business world, said Bob Greer, associate dean for graduate programs and research.

GWIB helps women learn about their possibilities in a business career. The group holds special receptions, seminars and luncheons for female graduate students to let women know what they will face in the professional world.

On campus, alumni and current female MBA students contact applicants to ease concerns about entering the program, according to Peggy Conway, director of admissions for the MBA program.

The Neeley School awarded 43 MBA degrees to women in 2002-03, while 83 were awarded to men. Seventy-eight more men received BBA degrees as well.

Greer said the statistics have been constant for years. One way the Neeley School hopes to balance the numbers is by spreading awareness, Greer said.

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photo illustration/Sarah Chacko

Cast and crew aim to bring life to new romantic comedy

A story written and directed by theatre faculty member T.J. Walsh will debut this week.

By Lori Russell
Staff Reporter

Theatre students are laughing, learning and bringing a vision to the stage Wednesday in "Melrose Stories."

Clint Gage, a senior radio-TV-film major, has the lead in his first on-stage role with Theatre TCU. He plays Tom Kellogg, a New York writer who inherits a bookstore on Melrose Avenue in Los Angeles.

Tom visits the store after the reading of the will and is pulled

into the lives of the workers at the store. He also discovers the store has a life and mystery of its own, Walsh said.

"It's a romantic comedy," said T.J. Walsh, the writer and director of the play. "It is a genre I'm drawn to because it asks that both the writer and audience view the world as a cup half full."

Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Hays Theatre in the Walsh Center for Performing Arts.

Walsh said students have

added a lot to the play by suggesting lines and character revealing action.

Michelle Martinez, a junior theatre major, plays Rose Cisneros. She said she really enjoys having the writer as director. "It's been fabulous. It's like being part of the writing process; like creating a whole new play," Martinez said.

C.J. Meeks, a sophomore radio-TV-film and theatre major, plays the part of Walter Streiby.

"He's the guy who doesn't work in the bookstore, but he's always there. The goofy guy with the big mouth," Meeks said.

Meeks said he's glad he has a chance to be part of the production and enjoys working with both new and old faces.

"We find ways to change the lines a little and work on timing. It's a comedy, so we're always laughing," Meeks said.

Jaclyn Napier, a senior radio-TV-film and theatre major, has performed in several productions with Theatre TCU, including "On the Town" and "Twelve Angry Women." She also directs Assault Prevention Theater.

"There is more pressure when your director is also the writer," Napier said. "We want to understand his vision, and want the final product to be something he is proud of."

"Working on the play has been thoroughly engaging," Walsh said. "The students have been insightful and energetic and have brought depth to their roles."

Walsh said the cast includes 15 undergraduate students and 30

QUICK FACTS

"Melrose Stories"

- Debuts at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Additional performances at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- Performances will be at the Hays Theatre in the Walsh Center for Performing Arts.

more students work on sets, lights and stage crew.

"All the designers have been very creative in finding the unique world of this play, this bookstore and the world it inhabits," Walsh said.

Although the play is a comedy, it touches on some adult themes, and is recommended for audiences 13 and over, Walsh said.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For tickets, call (817) 257-5770.

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Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer

Joe Breedlove, president of the Black Alumni Alliance, fields student questions about his days at TCU on Sunday evening at "Back in the Day" in Foster Hall.

Air Force service society created

The Silver Wings program returns to TCU and will provide students a chance to support the military through service and fund raising.

By Stacey Grant
Staff Reporter

Students looking for an opportunity to support the U.S. Air Force will soon be able to with the creation of a program called Silver Wings.

Freshman Air Force ROTC cadet Brett Tillman said he hopes to form a branch of the national Angel Flight Silver Wings by the end of this semester.

Angel Flight Silver Wings is a co-ed honorary service organization that organizes fund-raisers and offers service to the Air Force, Tillman said.

Tillman said he wants to get the program started on campus because it is a great opportunity for students to get involved with the military without actually joining ROTC.

"By reaching out with the Silver Wings program, we are able to reach more people who are looking for ways to offer support to the Air Force," Tillman said.

Members of Silver Wings will also work alongside TCU's Air Force Association, an organization consisting of active duty and retired Air Force members, Tillman said.

"Last year, we had an event called 'Project HOT (Help Our Troops)' where we sent care packages to soldiers in Iraq," Tillman said. "This semester, we hope to have 'Project 2 HOT' and members of Silver Wings will help organize the event."

Air Force Commander Heather Estey said Silver Wings was on campus about four years ago, but a lack of interest made it fade away. Six or seven students have currently expressed interest in joining the organization, Estey said.

"Silver Wings is a great opportunity for civilians to get involved in

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Stephen Spillman/Staff Photographer

Seniors Clint Gage, a radio-TV-film major, and Jaclyn Napier, a radio-TV-film and theatre major, star in the TCU production of "Melrose Stories."

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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.

■ **Study Abroad Forum** featuring students who have studied abroad will be held from 12:30-1:30 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. Students will talk about why they did it, what they learned and why you shouldn't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity!

■ **Leadership Institute Dinner** called Set Sail to Leadership: An Ocean of Opportunity will be at 7 p.m. Friday in the D.J. Kelly Alumni Center. The guest speaker is the President and CEO of Alcon Labs, Tim Sear. The cost is \$15 for students in the Leadership Center and \$20 for all other students. RSVP in Student Center Room 220 or call (817) 257-7855.

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

■ **Student teacher applications** are now available on the TCU Web site. Go to Education/Undergraduate Studies/Applications & Forms/Student Teacher Application. The application deadline is March 5.

■ **The International Student Association** invites everyone to the International Banquet from 6-9 p.m. March 6 in the Student Center Ballroom. It includes a fashion show of traditional outfits from all over the world and a talent show with a variety of internationally flavored acts.

LAWYER

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Overlook Terrace. "This is something students should take advantage of," Munford said, adding that many other schools offer legal advising but charge for it.

"It is something a lot of students need but can't afford," said SGA Treasurer David Watson. "It is a standard part of the SGA budget every year."

Munford, a board certified family lawyer, said he usually advises three or four students every week on issues such as traffic offenses, family law, landlord-tenant relationships and probate matters.

"I have advised students on just about everything," Munford said. "I enjoy counseling them."

Munford said he listens to the student's situation and explains their legal options, different pleas they can make and the laws surrounding their case. He also explains the benefits of taking defensive driving to students with traffic offenses.

He said once he has heard a student's case, he recommends an attorney specialized in the area that pertains to that case if needed, and tells the student how to hire a lawyer.

All advising is protected by the attorney-client privilege, meaning it is confidential between the lawyer and advisee, unless the student has a friend that comes with them to the session, Munford said.

Munford graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1976 and South Texas College of Law in 1981. He was board certified as a specialist in family law in 1989, and has been giving legal advice to students at TCU since 1994.

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MBA

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"We try to let women students know about the opportunities they have here," Greer said. "We want them to think about business as a career plan."

Greer said he has noticed women are more attracted to master's degrees in management and marketing. Marketing was one of two areas where more women received more master's degrees than men, according to the 2003 fact book.

More female students are choosing other graduate programs over the MBA program because businesses offer less flexibility for working parents, Greer said.

Greer said he thinks women are choosing law and medical graduate programs because those professions allow women more freedom to drop to a part-time basis during pregnancy.

"Employers are going to have to see the need to add flexibility," Greer said. "There's not much we can do about that here, but we can make the companies aware of the problem."

Bill Wempe, an associate professor in accounting, said it would benefit the business school to bring in more women.

"I think that one of the benefits of receiving an MBA from the

Neeley School is the interaction that occurs with other students with different undergraduate backgrounds, different work experiences, and different points of view," Wempe said. "In that sense, I think increasing the number of women in the program would be a positive development."

A 2000 study, conducted by the business school at the University of Michigan, found that women "do not have enough accurate information about business" to pursue a master's degree. The study also found women do not have enough role models in business.

The report led to the creation of the Forte Foundation. Forte is a consortium of 23 members, including 13 business schools around the country.

While the Neeley School is not involved in Forte, Greer said the school is willing to do anything to help attract more women to business.

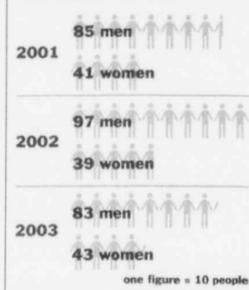
"We would love to be involved in anything that gives our women a chance for more opportunities in the business world," Greer said.

The University of Texas at Austin is the only university in Texas that is a member of Forte. Elissa Ellis, assistant dean at the Red McCombs School of Business at UT-Austin, also serves as executive director of the Forte Foundation.

"The most important thing is to support women throughout the pipeline," Ellis said. "We want to help them get where they need to go from whatever level they're at."

QUICK FACTS

MBA Degrees Awarded



Ellis said the foundation helps in three ways. In addition to scholarships, the schools hold forums every year targeted at women pursuing an MBA career. This gives them a chance to meet other female students interested in business.

In addition, seven corporations including Dell Computers and JP Morgan Chase are members. These businesses offer internships for women where they can meet successful women in business.

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WINGS

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helping with the Air Force ROTC and show their appreciation," Estey said.

Lt. Col. Wanda Echevarria, assistant professor of aerospace studies, said students involved in Silver Wings will participate in social events and service projects, as well as help with recruiting.

"This is a great opportunity for students looking to track hours for volunteer work," Echevarria said.

Echevarria said Silver Wings is

about making positive role models for the community. One possible service project would be getting members to participate in a high school mentoring program, she said.

Tillman said they are still in the process of getting the organization chartered. Eight members are needed to get it started, but 15 are recommended because of all the paperwork required from the Silver Wings national headquarters, he said.

Along with fund-raisers and military events, members will be able to

attend local AFA meetings and hopefully the National Conclave, Tillman said. The Conclave is an annual conference where all Silver Wings meet to plan national events and recognize outstanding members, he said.

Members will most likely have a small payment of dues, but most events will be covered through fund raising, Tillman said.

Any students interested in joining Silver Wings should contact Tillman at b.d.tillman@tcu.edu.

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Kerry angry at Bush campaign

John Kerry denounced the Bush administration for questioning his record on national defense.

By Nedra Pickler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Democratic front-runner John Kerry predicted Monday that President Bush will "run away from his own record" when the president unveils a campaign speech that advisers say will highlight his policies on homeland security, tax cuts and other issues.

"We have George Bush on the run because he's going to go out here and start this campaign officially tonight before we even have a nominee of the Democratic Party," Kerry told supporters at a rally in Harlem. "And he's going to lay out what he calls his vision, and I think it's extraordinary that four years into this administration we're finally going to get what this president calls his vision for the nation. He certainly has to call something a vision because he can't run on his record."

Kerry said the nation has lost three million jobs and has

grown weaker and more isolated from its allies under Bush, whose tax cuts and other economic policies the Massachusetts senator criticized.

"The president tonight will lay out what he calls a vision. I believe what he will do tonight is run away from his own record because he doesn't have a record to run on," Kerry said.

Bush was scheduled to speak to Republican governors at a reception Monday in Washington. His campaign described the address as a "new period of engagement" for the president as he intensifies his re-election effort.

Some in the racially diverse crowd in Harlem exclaimed in disapproval when Kerry pointed out that Bush has not met with the Leadership Council on Civil Rights or the NAACP.

Kerry said he's never seen such "crony capitalism and crony government" or such "arrogant, inept, reckless and ideological foreign policy."

Kerry was introduced at the rally by Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., a fellow veteran who said

Bush "parades around like he is a war veteran."

"When someone parades around campaigning like he is a war president, it's time for the Democratic Party to get a warrior," Rangel said.

The Bush campaign has told Kerry it does not condone any effort to impugn his patriotism but insisted his voting record on national security and defense is fair game in the presidential race.

Bush-Cheney 2004 campaign chairman Marc Racicot on Sunday denied Kerry's accusation that the president is using surrogates to attack the Massachusetts senator's military service in Vietnam and his subsequent opposition to the war.

"In fact, that simply wasn't the case," Marc Racicot wrote in a letter to Kerry. "Our campaign is not questioning your patriotism or military service, but your votes and statements on the issues now facing our country."

The Kerry and Bush campaigns traded charges and countercharges in a flurry of statements and letters over the weekend.

Bush refutes criticism of tax cuts

By Jennifer Loven
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Thursday pressed his election-year complaints against "tax raisers and spenders in Washington," arguing that failure to make administration-backed tax cuts permanent would raise taxpayers' bills by billions.

"When you hear people say, 'Oh, let's just let the tax cuts expire,' it's a tax increase," Bush said in an event at the White House to promote his economic record. "It's a code word for, 'I'm raising your taxes,' to increase the amount of money we have to spend here in Washington on new programs, on programs that meet a particular political desire of the appropriators."

Though Bush did not mention them, all the Democratic presidential candidates advocate repealing at least some of the reductions passed during Bush's presidency.

All the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts are to vanish by 2011.

Expiring at the end of this year are some of the most popular: most of the increase in the child tax credit to \$1,000, an expansion of the bottom 10 percent tax bracket that lowered taxes for virtually every worker, and some changes lessening the marriage penalty, which causes some couples to pay more than they would as two single individuals.

Bush promoted the benefits of the cuts passed over the past three years, saying they will give Americans a total of \$50 billion in higher refunds and lower tax payments once taxes are filed for 2003.

The president said allowing the

expanded bracket, marriage penalty relief and higher child tax credit to disappear will cost people \$28 billion in 2005. That comes to an average of \$915 more for a family of four earning \$40,000, the president said.

"I'm ready to continue to lead on tax relief," he said of Congress. "They need to follow."

Bush promoted his economic stewardship at a time when he has been under fire over the politically sensitive issue of jobs.

On Wednesday, the White House backed away from a prediction made only nine days earlier that the economy would add 2.6 million new jobs this year. Last week, Bush was forced to try to calm criticism over the assertion by a top economic aide that "outsourcing" American jobs overseas was good for the U.S. economy in the long run.



Campus Recreation

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TCU wins the division
on to the playoffs
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University Recreation Center Spring Break Hours
(Friday, March 12 - Sunday, March 21)

GENERAL FACILITY HOURS:

Fri. March 12:	6:00am - 9:00pm
Sat. March 13:	9:00am - 6:00pm
Sun. March 14:	10:00am - 6:00pm
Mon. March 15 - Fri. 19:	6:00am - 9:00pm
Sun. March 21:	12:00pm - 4:00pm

CLIMBING WALL:

Friday, March 12:	12:00pm - 2:00pm and 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Sat. March 13:	10:00am - 3:00pm
Sun. March 14:	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Mon. March 15 - Fri. March 19:	19:2:00pm - 4:00pm
Sat. March 20:	10:00am - 3:00pm
Sun. March 21:	12:00pm - 4:00pm

POOL:

Friday, March 12:	7:30am - 2:00pm and 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Saturday, March 13:	10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday, March 14:	1:00pm - 5:00pm
Mon., March 15 - Fri. March 19:	7:30am - 2:00pm and 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Saturday, March 20:	closed for special event
Sunday, March 21:	closed for special event

The Skiff View

Government can't hold combatants

Human rights should be respected

The Supreme Court agreed last week to hear a case challenging President Bush's self-assumed right to hold U.S. citizens without charge and without counsel simply by labeling them as "enemy combatants."

The case in question, *Rumsfeld v. Padilla*, centers around one Jose Padilla from Chicago who was arrested after visiting Pakistan. The Bush administration maintains that he was part of a plot to commit terrorist attacks in the United States.

Though this case is separate from one concerning prisoners being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, it still has enormous potential to affect Americans' civil liberties in wartime.

However much we'd like to forget it, America's record of upholding the rights of its citizens in times of war is worse than unsatisfactory: It's appalling.

During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln suspended the Writ of Habeas Corpus, imprisoning thousands without trial. During World War II, Franklin D. Roosevelt sent hundreds of thousands of Japanese Americans into internment camps, robbing them of their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Now, using his "war on terror" as an excuse, Bush wants to expand his powers just as his predecessors attempted.

Every American, especially the president, should know that you cannot simply throw someone in prison and explain your actions as "necessary for national security." That power represents something grave and frightening, and threatens the liberties of every American.

The threat of a terrorist attack does not justify the federal government withholding the rights of its citizens. To allow such an action would mean nothing less than victory for the terrorists from which we are trying to protect ourselves.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Cloning shouldn't be banned

Only a few years ago, the topic of cloning seemed to be a dream of science fiction fans. But in the past few years cloning has gone from the rough pages of fiction to the journals of fact. Two Korean scientists announced Thursday they had successfully cloned a human embryo. The embryos matured into blastocysts, from which stem cells could be extracted. In layman's terms, the potential for cloning is now reality, and the technology could be used for medical purposes. Despite cries for definitive legislation, it would be premature for the government to step in during the infancy of such remarkable technological strides.

Advances in the world of science inevitably collide with governmental and public hesitance. For some, cloning represents a glimpse into the future of medicine, with human cell samples being used to cure debilitating diseases like Alzheimer's and diabetes. To others, it is a foreboding science signaling a first step in a progression toward widespread cloning and a dystopian future. Many, in-

cluding the Bush administration, are pushing for an across-the-board ban on all cloning experiments. Limited bans are currently in place, and the American scientific community attributes a lack of progress in this field to current rules. A comprehensive ban has previously passed in the House of Representatives but has stalled in the Senate.

The moral questions of cloning surely will be debated for several decades as this new technology takes shape. The one certainty is that cloning is a very real issue that will not disappear with legislation.

The possibilities of cloning are unknown; full-human cloning could be months, years or even decades away. At this point, to ban all forms of human cloning would be a mistake when the potential for medical breakthrough is so great. Only when the research is more definitive and processes more clearly defined should the government debate the ethical and practical concerns of cloning.

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Not fair

Being forced to move out, find new place to live a hassle

Looking for an apartment can be a frustrating hassle. But looking for an apartment at a walking distance from campus, in the middle of the semester, during a cold winter afternoon, can make this hassle even more frustrating.

COMMENTARY



Laura Vaillard

Bellaire residents recently received a letter from Award Co. Realtors and Property Management saying they need to leave the apartments by April 30, because the owner plans to use the facilities for other purposes.

TCU students were told in an attached letter that they would be allowed to move out May 15, so

it wouldn't interfere with graduation.

TCU owns the land and plans to tear down the condominiums to create 400 parking spots.

The parking lot will alleviate the parking problem, but where are the people who live in Bellaire going to live after the condominium is torn down?

Most Bellaire residents live there because they don't have a car and it is easy to walk to class.

Apartments within a walking distance of campus are limited, so students will have a hard time finding a new place to live after they move out.

In Kristy Cubstead's article about the Bellaire apartments Feb. 13, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills said "TCU has offered to provide campus hous-

ing in the summer or next fall if they wish."

As stated, it sounds like students won't have a problem finding a place to live if all they have to do after they move out of Bellaire is move back into the dorms.

However, the article omits the fact that on-campus housing is significantly more expensive than renting an apartment in Bellaire, so it is not an appealing option for students. Besides, students will lose many of their freedoms by moving back to campus.

I was also very disappointed to see that Cubstead's article ignored how the issue affects the students living in the apartments.

My roommate and I, for example, moved to the Bellaire House Condominium Jan. 13. Before we moved in, we asked the person

who was renting us the apartments if it was true the apartments were going to be torn down in June.

The employee of Award Realtors and Property Management Co. told us they didn't know anything about that. So my roommate and I decided to ignore the rumors and move in.

After we received the letter Tuesday, we could not believe it was time to start apartment hunting again. Finding a new place to live won't be easy. So we'll have no choice but to move back on campus or start begging our parents for a car.

We all know how that goes. So right now the only option is to start packing.

Laura Vaillard is a junior international communications and psychology major from Cordoba, Argentina. She can be reached at Lvaillard@tcu.edu.



America deserves to know the real reasons for Iraq war

As cliché as it may be, I was once again reminded of George Orwell's classic "1984" this week. No, I'm not going to talk about loss of personal freedom, or the constant doublespeak coming out of both sides of the political race. The most frightening part of the book, for me, is Big Brother's ability to change the past.

Just like Big Brother, the Bush administration is currently rewriting history. Bush never said Saddam was an "imminent threat." He said he had the potential to build weapons of mass destruction. And that was the justification that convinced Americans to go to war — not those silly threats of mushroom cloud or a second, worse, Sept. 11.

But whether or not Bush, or anyone in his administration, actually said the threat was imminent, he led us to believe that. It was easier that way. No one wants to go to war over something that might, in the future, cause some problems. "Real and dangerous" threats are easier to sell.

And Bush didn't just say Saddam was a threat. He said Saddam had weapons of mass destruction. Ari Fleischer, the White House spokesman said, "We know for a fact that there are weapons there," on Jan. 10, 2003.

But the weapons aren't there. In an interview with The Associated Press, David Kay, a former UN weapons inspector and advisor to President Bush, maintained that Saddam Hussein didn't have chemical, biological or nuclear weapons stockpiled in his country. As he told The Associated Press, "We were all wrong."

Except we weren't all wrong, at least, speaking as the international we. Hans Blix, the head of the UN weapons inspectors, recently told Spanish radio that he never had evidence of Iraqi weapons. Yes, there were a lot of question marks, but never any proof.

I don't know if Bush lied, or if this was a massive intelligence failure. But either way, we have Americans dying overseas, and the American people deserve to know why.

Simply maintaining that we might still find weapons, as the Bush administration is doing, won't do this. It's time the Bush administration admits they were wrong, and we find out why.

Until we know, we can't overhaul the system. Until the Bush administration admits that something went wrong, they have little, if any, international credibility. International support is vital in the war on terror, but if no one trusts our intelligence,

they are unlikely to act on it.

If there was nothing wrong with the intelligence and the problem was with the presentation, then we need to know that, so we can get rid of whoever sent us into a war over lies.

Our government runs on openness. If we went to war because Saddam was a very, very bad man, we deserved to know that when deciding if we ought to go to war.

I agree, he was a bad man, and the world is probably a better place now that he's gone. But the American people didn't agree to go to war because of his human rights violations. They agreed to go to war because they were afraid of the "urgent" threat he posed.

And we need to know why that threat isn't as urgent as we thought. We need to know why, if containment was working, we now have soldiers dying in Iraq.

John Kerry, the Democratic front-runner for president, asked 33 years ago, "How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?" Men are dying, either from a mistake, or a lie. We deserve to know which, and we deserve to know why.

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All marriage licenses should be outlawed

The gay marriage debate is the result of a failure to understand the Constitution. Now, I know what you think I am going to say. Homosexuals deserve the right to marry un-

der the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. Well, my presumptuous friend, you are wrong. According to the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment, no one should be allowed to marry.

I don't mean that marriage should be abolished. I do mean, however, that government licensing of marriage is against the Constitution. As the conservatives against gay marriage point out ad nauseum, religion has traditionally defined marriage as the union of a man and a woman. Based on that statement alone, this debate is over. If religion defines marriage, and we believe in the freedom to choose what religious belief we ascribe to, then the government should not have a say in what marriage is.

The First Amendment protects our right to choose our own religious beliefs, so a religion against gay marriage has every right to ban it. It is also true that if even one person's religious convictions deems gay marriage OK, and wishes to enter into that type of union with someone, then that person is just as entitled to marry as the other religion is allowed to ban the marriage. If someone doesn't approve of the differing opinion, then that person can do what the Catholic Church has done with marriages outside of the church for centuries: Ignore them.

The legal institution of marriage is in itself unconstitutional. It creates a legal distinction based on marital status. This is a clear violation of equal protection since more rights are given to one group and not to another.

The solution is to eliminate joint tax returns and marriage licenses. If everyone filed their return separately, there would be no single or marriage penalty for taxes. Rules surrounding the child tax credit and claiming dependents would have to be altered, but it would amount to a minor change in tax code. Marriage licenses could be replaced by marital agreements written by individuals. These agreements would merely have to be notarized. Religious groups, conservative and liberal, can create their own versions of the contracts. If a religious group wants to put eternal damnation as penalty for breach of contract, then it is more than welcome to. This also allows individuals to make clear, at the inception of marriage, what the terms involve and could be expanded to include division of property if the marriage ends.

The interesting part is that this idea is more consistent with Bush administration policy than an amendment banning gay marriage. Bush's faith based initiatives were created on the presumption that religious groups could provide guidance, basic health care and adult education better than the government. If religion is more effective than government in handling these issues, why not marriage? Religions handled marriage long before the good old U.S. of A. stepped in. The president should put his money where his mouth is and let an individual's religious beliefs resolve the current marriage debate.

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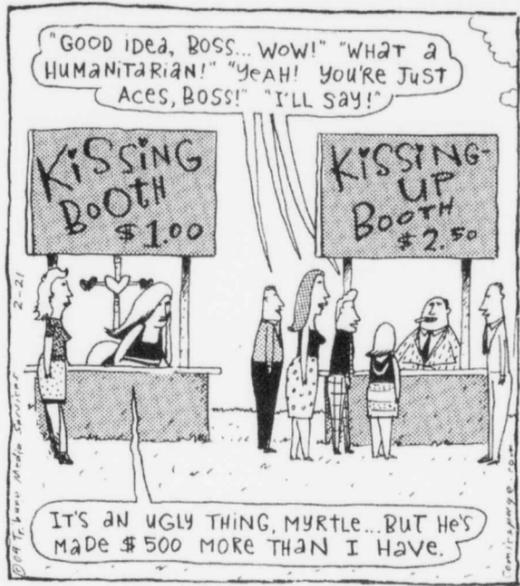
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Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6 — You're usually good at communicating verbally. That's not the only way to get messages across, however. For the next several weeks, you'll get to practice communicating nonverbally.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is an 8 — You may love your work, but there's no reason you have to do

it all the time. Schedule a conversation with friends at a favorite place of relaxation. You'll emerge rejuvenated.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6 — Be respectful and promise to do what's required, even if you're not sure how you'll go about it. You'll think of something, and you could sure use the cash.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is an 8 — Grab your partner and get out of town as soon as you can. You deserve a change of scenery. If you go along with another person's suggestion, you'll have a fabulous time.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 6 — For the next few weeks you'll be thinking about little other than work. Your imagination is venturing into new territory. This is good, but be careful not to spend more than you'll make on this project.
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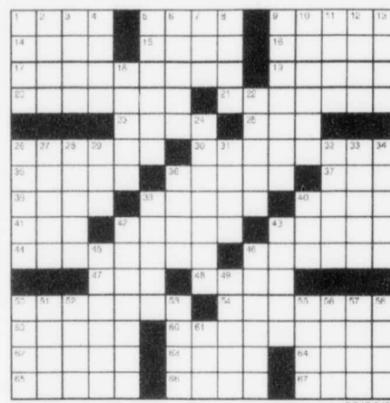
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Sideline

Ryan to consult with Astros
KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The Astros keep adding famous pitchers.

After signing hometown stars Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens during the offseason, Houston has agreed to a five-year personal services contract with Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, a baseball official told The Associated Press on Monday.

Ryan's deal is to be announced at a news conference Tuesday, the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Ryan began negotiating with the Astros after his personal services deal with the Texas Rangers expired earlier this month. His duties under the new deal with owner Drayton McLane Jr. are expected to include a baseball advisory role.

Ryan first joined the Astros after the 1979 season when then-owner John McMullen lured him away from the California Angels with the first seven-digit average salary in baseball history. The Astros won their first division title in 1980.

He helped lead the Astros to a second NL West title in 1986. Along the way he threw one of his seven no-hitters, broke Walter Johnson's career strikeouts record and became the first player to fan 4,000.

He departed unhappily after the 1988 season when McMullen declined to make a serious bid to keep him. He signed with the Rangers at 41 and went on to pitch two more no-hitters and boost his strikeout total to 5,714 before retiring in 1993 at 46.

Redskins want to get Portis
DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos are discussing a trade that would send running back Clinton Portis to Washington for cornerback Champ Bailey, a swap of two Pro Bowlers upset with their contracts, a source said Monday.

In giving up Portis for Bailey, Denver also would receive Washington's second-round selection in the April draft, the NFL source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The Redskins have protected Bailey, who can become a free agent on March 3, by designating him their franchise player. That means the Redskins must make him a one-year, \$6.8 million tender, the average of the top five players at his position.

Portis has two years remaining on the contract he signed as a second-round draft pick in 2002. Displeased with the \$300,000 he made last season, he has hinted he might be a holdout when training camp starts unless the Broncos rework his deal.

The deal would make sense because the Redskins went last season without an every-down running back, a must in the offensive system favored by new coach Joe Gibbs. Portis ran for 1,591 yards last year despite missing three games with chest and ankle injuries.

Portis' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, declined comment and the Broncos did not return a call seeking comment.

Meet Neil Dougherty today

Men's basketball coach Neil Dougherty will visit with students at noon today in The Main. He invites all students to attend and ask him any questions they may have. He will express his appreciation for the university's great support against Louisville last week and talk about bringing that atmosphere to every home game.

Lady Frogs hopping along to end of season

Women's basketball team beats DePaul, prepares to face Houston

With two home wins over the weekend, the Frogs control their own destiny in Conference USA.

By Carlos Alvarado
Staff Staff

Sunday afternoons are typically a time for rest.

For junior forward Sandora Irvin, Sunday afternoon was anything but restful. In fact, the only resting Irvin did against No. 12 DePaul was done by her sweat drenched No. 50 jersey, which was replaced with a dry and clean No. 20 jersey after blood stains and sweat left her with no choice but to switch jerseys.

"We thought they wouldn't know who she was," head coach Jeff Mittie joked of his star player who changed jerseys at halftime. "But we don't have that kind of luxury with a player like Sandora. I'm pretty sure they figured out who she was."

Despite her best efforts to conceal her identity, Irvin couldn't help but be noticed by the opponent as she led the Frogs past DePaul 73-53 with 19 points, 11 rebounds, 6 blocks, and 5 steals.

Irvin's 19 point and 11 rebound performance runs her streak of consecutive double-doubles to nine.

After another solid Irvin performance, Mittie said he has no doubt who his player of the year is.



Stephen Spillman/Staff Photographer

Junior forward Sandora Irvin ended the Frogs' home schedule Sunday afternoon against DePaul University with 19 points and 11 rebounds, her ninth consecutive double-double.

"Sandora would be my player of the year," Mittie said. "But there are a lot of good candidates, (University of Houston guard) Chandi Jones is one of them."

And Irvin will get a shot to prove her worth against Jones, a Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year finalist, Friday in a game

that could determine the Conference USA champion.

Jones currently leads C-USA in scoring and steals this season, averaging 21.7 points and 3.28 steals a contest. She also grabs 5.6 rebounds a game.

Houston is the top team in C-USA and they have put themselves

in the position of getting no worse than a share of the conference title by defeating both DePaul and Marquette over the weekend as well.

If the Lady Frogs can beat Houston, they will have an opportunity to grab a share of the C-USA regular season title.

Defeating the Lady Cougars in

Houston will not be easy, as they are 8-2 at home and own an eight-game winning streak.

Mittie said his team is just happy to have control over its own destiny.

"It's where we want to be," he said. "We want to be playing for the conference championship at the end of the year."

In the two teams' last meeting Jan. 18, the Lady Frogs fell to Houston 61-59. The Lady Frogs were leading the entire contest until the final minute of the game, a game in which Chandi Jones scored 32 points.

Coach Mittie said his team is not the same club that fell to the Cougars in January, though.

"I feel like the team has come together," Mittie said. "We have fought through some adverse moments. I'm seeing more fight. When things aren't going well, they fight harder."

The Lady Frogs say they feel good about their chances of claiming a fourth consecutive C-USA championship.

"We're very confident about the way we are playing right now," senior forward Tiffany Evans said. "We have the best starting five we've ever had, and everyone off the bench contributes."

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Junior tandem shines in backcourt

The bond of two talented junior guards has the Frogs confident and looking forward to a bright future.

By Brent Yarina
Sports Editor

Corey Santee has a bold message for the other 13 basketball teams in Conference USA.

At 10-13 and 6-6 in C-USA, the Horned Frogs may currently be sitting in eighth place, but Santee says there isn't a team in the conference with a better backcourt than the one he and Marcus Shropshire form.

"I'm just gonna put it out there and say there isn't a better duo in this conference," Santee said. "There's a lot of good backcourts, but as far as playing together and playing under control, I don't think there's a better 1-2 punch out there."

And the statistics back Santee up. Together he and Shropshire combine for 27.7 points and 7.4 assists a game, a stat line that is more productive than the backcourts of Memphis, Cincinnati, Charlotte, Alabama-Birmingham, DePaul and Louisville.

In fact, there isn't one team in C-USA that gets more scoring production from their backcourt than the Frogs, and only Memphis accounts for more assists a game with 8.5 compared to TCU's 7.4.

Head coach Neil Dougherty said it makes him excited to hear his players have so much confidence in their abilities and that he has enjoyed coaching the talented backcourt.

"Well, I like them, of course," Dougherty said. "I think that they definitely complement each other very well. It goes a long way in them believing that they really are the best tandem. That means a lot more to their development than what (the media) tell them."

Dougherty said the two junior guards represent what every coach wants from his point guard and shooting guard.

"These two fit what everyone wants to see on every team," he said. "We have a ball handler and a deadly outside shooter that every team wants. They can also take care of the ball and defend the ball."

Shropshire said he has become a better player since playing with a pure point guard like Santee, who has the ability to get him the ball at the right time.

"He improves my game a lot," Shropshire said. "He obviously looks for me a lot and he gets me good looks because he's such a great passer. With him at the point, I have become a better shooter."

Santee agrees that his game has also improved as a result of playing along side Shropshire.

"Shrop brings a lot of energy to my game and we work well together," he said. "He's so fast off the screens that defenses have to pay attention to him and not focus on me."

That lets me pick my spots on the court and allows me to do what I can do. And when it's time for a bucket, I know who to get the ball to every time."

The Frogs and their junior backcourt have a tough task with Charlotte (17-6, 9-3 C-USA) coming in to town 7 p.m. Wednesday night.

Santee said he knows what to expect from one of the conference's elite teams.

"I expect them to come in here and be cocky," he said. "They're going to feel like they can beat us on our home court. We got to be ready and bring our 'A' game. We're gonna bring it."

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Junior guard Corey Santee boasts there is no better backcourt duo in C-USA than he and junior guard Marcus Shropshire.

QUICK FACTS

Weekend sports followup

Sport	Game day	Opponent	Score
Baseball	Friday	Dallas Baptist	TCU 6, DBU 1
(W) Basketball	Friday	Marquette	TCU 56, Marquette 47
Baseball	Saturday	Furman	TCU 7, Furman 2
(M) Basketball	Saturday	East Carolina	ECU 75, TCU 70
(W) Tennis	Saturday	Georgia	UGA 6, TCU 1
(M) Tennis	Sunday	Colorado	TCU 4, CU 3
(W) Basketball	Sunday	DePaul	TCU 73, DePaul 53

Weekend Highlight

Senior first baseman Chris Neuman took home the first Southwest Diamond Classic Tournament MVP. Neuman went 6-for-15, including one home run and two doubles, during the three games over the weekend. His team-high eight runs driven in sparked the Horned Frogs' offense, leading the team to three victories. Four other Frogs also received all-tournament honors. Joining Neuman on the all-tournament team were pitcher Eugene Espineli, designated hitter Chad Huffman, third baseman Shelby Ford and right fielder J.J. Estrada. The Frogs take a three-game winning streak into their next contest at Oklahoma State Tuesday.



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Senior first baseman Chris Neuman was the MVP of the Southwest Diamond Classic Tournament last weekend.

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