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## Manure happens

### Sanitation machine may stress zoo animals

Six okapi living at the Dallas Zoo are the main subjects of research being performed by graduate student Christine Bertz.

By Lori Russell  
Staff Reporter

They don't have to face midterms, so why would animals at the Dallas Zoo be stressed?

Christine Bertz, a graduate biology student, is studying stress levels of okapi, the only other animal in the giraffe family besides the giraffe.

Below the stalls in the zoo, a manure machine with a heavy chain and big metal teeth churns away everyday. Researchers at the zoo thought it might be affecting the okapi.

"This was a special study the zoo wanted done," said Jeanette Boylan, research advisor at the Dallas Zoo. "From previous results we hypothesized that our manure handler might be affecting the okapi and we wanted to test that hypothesis."

Bertz focuses on the impact the machine has on the stress levels of okapi.

"The okapi have always had a high profile in the international species survival plan," said Gary Ferguson, a TCU professor and thesis advisor to Bertz. "Lots of records are kept and a lot of monitoring is done on aspects of the animals' lives in captivity."

Unknown in the western hemisphere until 1901, okapi are not considered endangered, but are rare in the wild and in captivity. The only

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Though Kwanini, an okapi at the Dallas Zoo, looks relaxed, she and five other okapis are part of a study regarding the animals' stress levels.

Courtesy of Todd Bousher

## House tables \$38K loan for CEO TV station

The House of Student Representatives questioned an entrepreneurial club member about the organization's bill to start a student-run TV station.

By Matt Turner  
Staff Reporter

A representative from the entrepreneurial organization asking for a \$37,545 loan from the House of Student Representatives presented its case at its meeting last night.

Michael Hennig, vice president of operations for the CEO Entrepreneurial Club, said the

proposed student-run TV station, CEO TV, would give many departments at TCU the opportunity to get hands-on experience in business and broadcasting.

The station would give House meetings and other events at TCU exposure on campus that has previously been unavailable, Hennig said.

"It's an opportunity to make a real tangible improvement on campus," he said.

The bill was tabled until after Spring Break for more deliberation.

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## Cable killed the music video star

DISH Network removes all Viacom channels from its network after a contract dispute, forcing TCU to lose seven cable channels.

By Braden Howell  
Associate Editor

I want my MTV ... back.

The network, in addition to six others, was removed from the TCU Cable service as a result of a monetary standoff between media giants EchoStar Communication Corp. and Viacom Inc., said Travis Cook, director of business services for TCU Connect.

Nationally, EchoStar's DISH Network, which is TCU's cable TV provider, pulled the plug on MTV, Comedy Central, Nickelodeon, Nick at Nite, BET, and local CBS affiliates.

However, fans of March Madness — which is scheduled to be broadcast on CBS — can rest easy.

"CBS is not an issue for us because we receive CBS through an off-air company, not DISH Network," Cook said.

He said the channels no longer available on TCU Cable are MTV, MTV2, Nick at Nite, Comedy Central, C-Span, BET, and VH1.

While an estimated 1.6 million customers on DISH Network across the country were affected, the network provides cable service to the 2,800 students living in the residence halls, and all other

rooms on campus, said Roger Fisher, director of residential services.

By Tuesday afternoon, some students were already frustrated with the void left by the loss of the stations.

"There's no Comedy Central," said freshman economics major Liz Rozyskie. "I'm pretty sure they (DISH Network) can handle a small rate increase, but either way they should leave the decision to the subscribers. They just made the decision for us."

While the two media companies continue to work for a resolution,

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#### QUICK FACTS

##### Affected channels

Station	TCU Channel
MTV	12
MTV2	46
Nickelodeon	18
Comedy Central	32
BET	41
VH1	43
C-Span	37

##### New Temporary Channels

Station	Channel
Toon Disney	18
Fuse	12

\*Disney  
\*WAM!  
\*Should have a channel by noon today

## Official says prof not barred for homosexuality



Karly Campbell/Staff Photographer

Ben Hubert, chairman of the Southwest Region's Committee on the Ministry, denied accusations that he prevented Brite professor Stephen Sprinkle from participating in interviews with ministerial candidates because of his sexual orientation.

A Brite representative was barred because of a misconduct allegation and legal action, not his sexuality, said a Christian Church official.

By Elizabeth Bassett  
Staff Reporter

A Christian Church official said Tuesday that a Brite administrator was not barred from sitting on a committee to interview ministerial candidates on the basis of his sexuality.

Ben Hubert, chairman of the Regional Committee on the Ministry for the Christian Church, came to Brite at the request of students and faculty. He was asked to

explain his Jan. 12 confrontation with Steven Sprinkle, Brite's director of field education, at a Committee on the Ministry meeting. Sprinkle has accused Hubert of not letting him sit on the committee because Sprinkle is gay.

Hubert said Sprinkle was barred from participating in interviewing sessions for two reasons:

- Sprinkle was the subject of a misconduct allegation filed with the Committee on the Ministry.
- Sprinkle had filed legal action against the regional church, several of its members, and some Brite

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## Faculty to discuss new core curriculum

By Marco Lopez  
Staff Reporter

All faculty members will discuss the details of the new core curriculum during a forum this afternoon.

Faculty Senators approved Thursday most of the wording about the expected skills students would be required to demonstrate under the new core.

Senators would like faculty to express their ideas about the new core.

"We want faculty to discuss the new core and give it their approval," said Nadia Lahutsky, who chairs the Faculty Senate.

Carolyn Cagle, a Senate member and associate nursing professor, said faculty discussion is

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#### QUICK FACTS

##### New core curriculum discussion

- Time: 3:30 p.m. today
- Place: Moudy Building North, Room 141

## Kerry wins Texas; Bush clinches nomination

Associated Press

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, the only major candidate remaining in the Democratic presidential nomination race, easily won Tuesday's primary in President Bush's home state of Texas.

Kerry had 63 percent of the vote after nearly 20 percent of the expected

Democratic votes had been counted. John Edwards, the North Carolina senator who ended his campaign after Kerry's big Super Tuesday victories a week ago, had 20 percent of the vote.

While the presumptive Democratic nominee, Kerry was not expected to seal his party's nomination Tuesday in

primaries in Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. The four states will select a total of 465 delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Kerry needs 2,162 delegates to win the nomination and has 1,558 delegates so far.

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## Purple haze



Ronnita Miller/Staff Photographer

Harlan Cohen, author of the "Help Me, Harlan!" syndicated advice column, performs an original song about a woman he met at Starbucks before offering relationship advice to students.

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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 TCU in Florence fall 2004 program** is now accepting applications. Courses include Italian language (all levels), art history, political science and history (all taught in English). The application deadline is today.

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

■**Student teacher applications for fall 2004** are now available on the TCU Web site. The application deadline is Friday.

■**Did you attend Howdy Week last year?** Do you think you can do better? Programming Council is now accepting applications for this year's Howdy Week project director. Pick up an application at the Student Center Information Desk or go online to www.pc.tcu.edu. The deadline is Friday.

■**Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a blood drive.** You can donate blood from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Thursday in the Student Center. All participants will receive a free T-shirt. Visit www.carterbloodcare.org for more information.

■**Check out the photo exhibit** called Game Face: What Does a Female Athlete Look Like? In honor of Women's History Month. It will be on display until March 24 on the second floor in Justin Athletic Center. This is sponsored by GOalition!, TCU Women's Athletics and Women's Resource Center

■**The Center for Writing** is located on the top floor of the Rickel Academic Wing of the University Recreation Center, across from Moncrief Hall. Students who want to discuss some of their writing can stop by the Center for Writing or call (817) 257-7221.

## LOAN

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"We want to make sure House members understand the implications of this bill," said President Jay Zeidman. "A lot of things still need to be clarified."

Hennig said CEO TV would be a private for-profit business, confusing Treasurer David Watson who said he previously understood it to be a non-profit endeavor.

CEO club members project the station will receive \$80,000 in revenue during its first operating year, which will begin in August, Hennig said.

The station would operate from the third floor of Smith Entrepreneurs Hall and be broadcast free of charge on TCU cable's channel 47, Hennig said.

Hennig said the station would pay "limited rent" for the office space and that "discounts may be in order."

Watson originally broke a 4-4 tie in a Finance Committee vote to send the bill to the House because he said he wanted to get the opinion of House members.

The bill requires the CEO club to pay back the loan plus \$4,455 interest in monthly payments over 5 years, a total payment of \$42,000. The loan will come out of the Student Government Association's general reserve fund, which Watson said is about \$120,000.

Trevor Smith, a House representative and member of the CEO club, said Hennig's presentation lacked facts.

"We need more facts before we can give a \$40,000 loan," Smith said. "They are not really putting 100 percent into their cause."

But Sebastian Moleski, vice president of Programming Council, said he was confident the plan would work.

"When I first saw this bill I thought these people were nuts,"

Moleski said. "Sometimes the things that are nuts are the things that make the biggest difference."

Rep. Christina Ruffini said she is skeptical of Hennig's claims that many faculty members support CEO TV because the journalism professors she has talked to either don't know about it or don't support it.

"If executives really wanted to back up CEO TV they would be here," Smith said.

Hennig said CEO club members surveyed 75 to 100 students and they were "overwhelmingly supportive."

He said the club came to the House for the loan because members didn't think they could get one from a bank. Hennig said the bank wouldn't see it as a sound investment, but said he thought House would benefit from the interest money.

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## FACULTY

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needed because the new core will blend faculty from numerous areas.

"The new core has more faculty integration concepts," Cagle said. "(The new core) is different because more faculty from several areas will come together to teach one course."

Cagle said a proposed course combines a nursing faculty member with professors from two other colleges and she thinks the new core will be more academically challenging for students because of the combination of several faculty.

Lahutsky said the next step is to pass the new core to other university committees to get their authorization.

She said committees will have to decide if students that come to TCU before the new core is in effect, in August 2005, will be given the option to choose between using the university's current requirements or the new core to fulfill a bachelor's degree.

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## HUBERT

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students in the form of a petition requesting depositions.

"Sexual orientation had nothing to do with my decision," Hubert said.

He said the real issue that the Committee on the Ministry needs to address is the relationship between local congregations and the region.

Sprinkle resigned his standing in the Christian Church and his petition for depositions from church officials was turned down in district court in February.

Sprinkle was not present at Tuesday's meeting, but he said in a phone interview that he was never given either of the reasons Hubert set out when he was told he couldn't participate in the interviewing sessions. He said that during the three days of meetings, Hubert never sought him out to give him specific reasons why he was barred from participation.

Hubert said during his speech that Bryan Feille, Brite associate dean of student affairs, and Robert Rueter, a regional minister, were present when Hubert told Sprinkle he could not participate in the interviewing sessions.

Hubert said he spoke in very general terms when he told Sprinkle why he could not participate in the interviewing sessions. He said he did this because of confidentiality and the fact that Feille was present.

"There was a conversation going on between them that I didn't get," Feille said Tuesday of the January discussion between the two.

Feille said he thought both Sprinkle and Hubert tried hard to be civil during the January confrontation.

Hubert said, "I was candid but never hostile, although I am aware that what one might consider candid, another might experience and feel was hostile."

Hubert said he wanted to reassure Brite students that the Committee on the Ministry "is not going on a witch-hunt" for gays and lesbians.

"It is simply not appropriate for a member of the Committee on the Ministry to participate as a member of that committee while an investigation into his or her possible misconduct is taking place," Hubert said.

According to church policy, the Committee on the Ministry carries out investigations into misconduct charges. Protecting Brite ordination candidates played a role in the decision to bar Sprinkle, Hubert said.

"I asked myself, 'If I were a student going before the Regional Committee on the Ministry, and sitting in the room was a professor where I attend seminary, one who was taking me to court, could I do my best?'" Hubert said. "The answer that I concluded with was no."

Shawn Wallace, a third-year student at Brite, said he thought Tuesday's meeting needed to occur. When facts are given, it is harder for rumors to spread, he said.

"This is better for all parties involved because it prevents more harm from being done," Wallace said.

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## CEO TV

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Cook said DISH Network agreed to add four channels to the TCU Cable service — Disney, Toon Disney, WAM!, and Fuse — to help compensate for the lost channels.

Cook said he did not know how long it would be before DISH Network restores the stations to their network, but said if the outage continues for long enough, the university would make arrangements to return the lost channels to the TCU cable service.

"A decision would come from the Don Mills area, but our only alternative would be to bring in a secondary provider, and that would raise our rates tremendously," Cook said. "That is an absolute last resort though because we would have to fund it."

DISH Network dropped Viacom's channels from its network as the result of a contract dispute

## QUICK FACTS

### Student Reactions



Walker  
— Cici Walker, sophomore speech pathology major

"I don't think our quality of life has decreased by losing seven channels."



Newton  
— Richard Newton, sophomore religion and anthropology major

"We have a right to know about something like this, but people should be watching less TV anyway."

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### Planning TCU's Future

#### Town Hall Meetings Wednesdays at Noon

#### Brown-Lupton Student Center Lounge

Beginning today at noon through Wednesday April 21, you are invited to attend a series of Town Hall Meetings focused on key topics that will shape and advance TCU's future. If you've ever wanted the opportunity to participate in planning TCU's future, now's the time to act! Visit the VIA Web site for more information on the Town Hall Meetings and other VIA activities.

**Schedule**

**March 10, Community Connections: Building Relationships On and Off Campus**  
Group Host: Connections to Communities: TCU, Fort Worth Region and Texas

**March 24, Learning Resources: People, Materials, Technology and Facilities**  
Group Host: Learning Resources

**March 31, The TCU Experience: What Makes Us Unique?**  
Group Host: Special 2:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting with Dr. George Kuh, inauguration keynote speaker, and members of the TCU Experience group.

**April 7, Home, Sweet Home: Living and Learning at TCU**  
Group Host: Size, Mix and Residentiality

**April 14, Building a Stronger Team: Athletics and the University**  
Group Host: Strategies for Athletics

**April 21, Finding the Ideal Academic Mix**  
Group Host: Academic Program Appropriateness/Comprehensiveness

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between the two companies. Viacom and EchoStar began sparring after a contract for the DISH Network to broadcast Viacom channels expired Dec. 31. The contract was extended at least three times, voluntarily and by court orders. The latest court order for the programming to continue expired at the overnight deadline.

A statement issued by Viacom after the 3 a.m. EST contract deadline passed urged EchoStar customers to stop subscribing to the DISH Network.

"Current EchoStar-DISH Network subscribers who would like to continue receiving BET, CBS, Comedy Central, MTV, Nickelodeon, Nick at Nite, and all our other channels can easily switch," spokeswoman Susan Duffy said in a statement after the channels were turned off.

DISH also posted an announcement about the cancellation on its

Web site, along with a plea for consumers to call CBS.

"DISH Network will always have a place for CBS and we're willing to pay for retransmission rights, but Viacom is holding the public airwaves hostage, trying to extract concessions and higher rates on programming unrelated to CBS," EchoStar chairman Charles Ergen said in a statement released as the deadline for the cancellation approached.

DISH customers in markets in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Boston, Dallas-Fort Worth, Detroit, Minneapolis, Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, Denver, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Salt Lake City, Green Bay, Wis., and Austin lost their local CBS affiliate programs as well.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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## PRIMARY

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President Bush had a notable night of his own, if one with even less suspense: The unchallenged president crossed the necessary threshold of 1,255 delegates to wrap up the Republican nomination, according to an Associated Press count.

Even though the presidential nominations for both parties have all but been decided, it did not deter some students from voting.

Jane Grimes, a senior political science and education major, said the primaries are an important way for people to spread their opinion.

"Politics is cyclical in a way and Texas has not and will not always be Republican," Grimes said. "These changes occur slowly over time and until there is another major shift, it is still important to vote."

## ZOO

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place they can be found in the wild is in Zaire, Africa. There is concern that the shy, somewhat reclusive okapi might have increased levels of stress due to noise.

"From a zookeeper's standpoint, this is a very important piece of machinery," Bertz said. "It removes and processes manure; a job, which not long ago, required many hours of zookeepers' time."

However, the manure handler makes a lot of noise and runs 45 minutes every day.

"By knowing what factors influence the stress levels of the animals, we can adjust our husbandry practices for optimal animal care," Boylan said.

Grimes, a Democrat, said she is content with the predicted Democratic nominee, John Kerry.

"I think it's great," she said. "I will support the Democratic nominee 100 percent."

In Texas, the biggest drama was unfolding in heated congressional contests, where candidates were doing battle in districts newly drawn by Republicans and intended to boost the GOP's power in the state's 32-member congressional delegation, split evenly between the parties.

The highest-level statewide race was a campaign for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission.

Voters also cast ballots in contests for the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, State Board of Education and Texas Legislature.

Staff reporter Julia Mae Jorgensen contributed to this report.

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## The Skiff View

### DISH Network, Viacom at fault

Government oversight has hurt consumers

Shame on you DISH Network. Shame on you Viacom. But most of all, shame on you government. Yesterday, DISH Network rid itself of seven popular channels, including MTV, Nickelodeon and Comedy Central. What this means is we consumers may have to look a bit harder for a good laugh. Rest assured though, big business will continue to laugh all the way to the bank. DISH Network, which is TCU's cable provider, has gone to "media war" with media giant Viacom and the fight is over — you guessed it — money. DISH Network subscribers even lost their CBS affiliate programs here in the Metroplex and other major cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Austin. Perhaps nearly 2 million DISH Network subscribers could have avoided this inconvenience if the government didn't allow for one company to own so many stations. The two companies shouldn't be playing hardball with public property.

It seems that this game of hardball is causing American consumers to suffer as the two media mongrels have their showdown over the almighty buck.

We can't fully blame just DISH Network and Viacom. It's only natural that each of these companies wants to make the biggest profit possible.

All of this could be alleviated if the government would put some action into place to break up these media giants. What happened yesterday is just a natural consequence of media conglomeration.

So while you may be sitting there placing the blame on TCU, don't. Place the blame on these two media giants and the government.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

### Bush campaign ad is insensitive

President Bush's re-election campaign features scenes from Sept. 11, 2001. These advertisements call into sharp recollection the tragic and horrifying events of that morning by showing the ruined skyscrapers as backdrops to Bush's campaign message and allowing voters to witness the flag-draped stretchers as silent testaments to the efficacy of the President's campaign against terrorism.

These advertisements represent the worst form of political poor taste. Attempting to politically profit from the murders of thousands cannot be condoned, and using graves and the hidden images of their own bodies shows a shocking insensitivity to the victims and heroes of that morning.

Unless Bush is attempting to take some form of blame for these attacks, he should refrain from using a video montage of the attacks themselves to support his candidacy. The American people hold candidates accountable for their actions, so a candidate has every right to use his achievements in his political advertisements. It is Bush's prerogative to trumpet his reply to Sept. 11. He would be entirely justified to show us images of his campaigns in Afghanistan or Iraq if he wanted battle scenes on terrorism. These are the actions that Bush and his team have taken, and they may amply

claim responsibility for them.

While trying to reap political benefits from the attacks, Bush and his team are using Sept. 11 to bolster their campaign, but the administration is dodging attempts to uncover what led to the intelligence failure before the attacks. The Sept. 11 commission on Capitol Hill has been researching the events leading up to that tragic day since its formation in 2002, without significant cooperation from either the White House or Congressional Republican leaders. The commission was created in 2002 to investigate possible intelligence failures that could have allowed those hijackings, although in its creation this commission was allowed only a limited amount of time to actually complete its work. Ever since then, it has met resistance from the Bush White House, which has refused to release pertinent documents, citing security concerns as its reasoning.

As an act of respect and gratitude to the victims and heroes of Sept. 11, the Bush team should pull these advertisements off the air immediately. America would be better served if Bush were willing to spend more time helping a commission designed to keep such a tragedy from recurring and less time attempting to reap political profit from the tragic murders.

*This staff editorial from the Michigan Daily of the University of Michigan was distributed by U-Wire.*



## Plan ahead for every situation

### Understand, live by your convictions

I want to begin by explaining the degree to which I am a giant loser.

Last year, I began the long process of applying for the Rhodes and Marshall scholarships, prestigious awards that fund

graduate study in the United Kingdom.

As instructed, I wrote an extended resume and a personal statement, interviewed, and along with several other outstanding students, somehow managed to receive a campus nomination. Then I rewrote the personal statement — a painful process, yes, but an undeniably beneficial one — and ultimately was selected as a Rhodes finalist from the state of Kansas.

Booyah! So, I bought a new suit and flew to St. Paul, Minn.

The day of the interview, the details of which I'll spare for the sake of my own brittle consciousness, was a painstaking amalgamation of intensity, lightheartedness, and eight straight hours spent playing Trivial Pursuit and waiting for all the candidates to interview.

I didn't win. No, "didn't win" is too mild. I frickin' lost.

Hours after the event, after

the newly dubbed Rhodes Scholars-elect had called their loved ones in elation, after a long, delightful dinner among the losers, after the ties and jackets were replaced with "Cross Country League Champs, '98-'99" T-shirts, I sat at my hotel's bar and took stock of my own existence.

Who am I? Is there meaning in my life? Why can't I keep a girlfriend, and why do they all seem to marry someone else immediately after breaking up with me? "Where is fancy bred, in the heart or in the head?"

Now, months later, it's all in the past, including those questions. We have to move on from these things, however lofty the aspirations or harsh the disappointment.

The truth is, I lost because I waffled and beat around the proverbial bush for 22 minutes of a 30 minute interview. I lost because I momentarily forgot everything I had been told in preparation for the interview — which was an ample amount.

I lost because for whatever reason, I closed off the conviction and passion inside and found myself defending arguments which I did not believe.

It would be naive to suggest to you that "being yourself" is the

only requisite for success, however that success might be measured. If it were really a matter of raw personality and talent, why would we bother with education?

And yet it is equally naive — or perhaps cynical — to say authenticity has no value whatsoever. If it didn't, I may have won, and Jon Wefald would have hoisted me up on his shoulders as we walked the campus in victory.

Now, here's the point (and don't think I'm going to say something obvious, like "Don't be like me.")

Don't be like me. Don't wait until a moment of crisis — a big interview, a violent confrontation, food poisoning — to consider fully what your convictions are and are not. Then, when that moment comes, and it most certainly will come, show those cards.

Choose your battles well, and once you've chosen, fight like you're a Starship Trooper.

It isn't easy. More people fail at it than you realize. But then, if it were easy, everyone could do it.

If nothing else, we can be giant losers together.

*Jonathan Lamb is a columnist for The Kansas State Collegian at Kansas State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.*

## America needs to mind its own business

Once again we have seen massive violence in Iraq. Terrorist attacks March 2 against Shiite civilians made it the most violent day in Iraq since the United States launched its ill-thought invasion of the country in March of last year.

The violence in Iraq is a tragedy, but so is the thinking that has led us to the view we have the right to invade, occupy and overthrow the government of a country that has never threatened or attacked the United States.

The administration of President George Bush has embarked on the most imperial foreign policy this country has seen since the days of Theodore Roosevelt and the most naive and foolish since those of Lyndon Johnson or perhaps Woodrow Wilson.

Roosevelt was a fanatical imperialist and warmonger, who salivated over the idea of an American empire and in doing so put us directly in the path of a growing, imperial Japan. Wilson believed we could make the world safe for democracy by involving ourselves in a war we had no stake in, and instead of democracy we got Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union. Johnson gave us Vietnam.

During the 19th and the first half of the 20th centuries, the British and French decided they would carve up the Middle East however they wanted and ended

up paying with endless problems and blood. The British had to deal with similar problems compared to what we face now in both Egypt and Iraq.

Did the Bush administration study any of these previous situations in detail before launching the Iraqi war and deciding we will remake the Middle East into a region of democracies instead of fundamentalism and tyranny? Based on the problems we've seen, it is clear they did not.

For the past century and particularly since the end of World War II, the United States has been intervening militarily, diplomatically and politically all over the world with varied success. While some foreign policy actions appear successful for a time, most end up causing long-term problems.

In 1941 the Japanese responded to sanctions we had placed on them cutting off their source of rubber and oil by attacking Pearl Harbor. The sanctions were not placed on Japan in response to anything it had done to the United States, but rather because we disagreed with their invasions of Manchuria and China.

In 1953 the United States supported a coup in Iran that overthrew a democratic government with Marxist leanings and reinstated the Shah who was unpopular with his people. The Islamic Revolution in the country in 1979 was the result and a direct reaction to our propping up a

monarch hated by his own people.

Finally, on Sept. 11 Islamic terrorists committed a horrible assault on American civilians and military personnel, killing over 3,000 people. After these attacks, was there any serious discussion of why these people hated us? Of course not, Bush simply said they hated us for our freedom and proceeded to step up the same tactics we had engaged in for the last 60 years that had gained us notoriety in the Middle East in the first place.

There is another way. George Washington articulated a foreign policy of peace and trade with all nations and entangling alliances with none. John Quincy Adams summed up this view well when he said "America goes not abroad, in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own."

The United States should engage in a foreign policy of free trade and friendship with foreign nations, but it should not undertake to defend others or to intervene in their affairs unless directly attacked. By doing so, we might one day look forward to a day when the United States is admired throughout the world again and where terrorism is something Americans no longer have to worry about.

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## Bush's decisions demand respect

With the upcoming elections, there seems to be talk all over the place about the 2004 candidates. A staunch conservative myself, I am quite fond of George W. Bush and what he stands for. To some, that com-

ment resembles admission to Satan-worship. I am sick of the depths people must stoop to find something wrong with Bush.

The first accusation a liberal makes toward Bush is the idiocy of his quest to find the WMDs as an excuse for his early plunge into war with Iraq.

To begin with, Saddam Hussein defied 17 U.N. Security Council resolutions within 12 years and did not meet the expectations of the international community upon the end of the Gulf War in 1991. He had been warned time and again and was under close supervision during the Clinton administration. When Sept. 11 occurred, it placed a new light on the entire situation. Saddam Hussein's regime used a combination of nerve agents, mustard gas and conventional munitions to kill 5,000 innocent Iraqi civilians in the town of Halabja in March 1988. These weapons gave him leverage as the leader in Iraq by instilling fear in his people. In addition, Bush and his administration had intelligence regarding the presence of laboratories and equipment owned by the Iraqi government used specifically for the WMDs. With these facts, and Hussein's track record, what was Bush supposed to do?

This was a lose-lose situation for Bush. If he failed to take action, and something horrible were to happen again, it would be on his shoulders. If he took drastic action by going to war over it, he would be wrong because of all the implications. Bush had a hard decision to make, and to me, he made the correct one. He had intelligence, he had the shady past of Saddam Hussein; he had the turmoil and panic of Sept. 11 looking over his shoulder. Perhaps people would have Bush wait another 12 years for this dangerous man to comply.

The next hot-button issue is gay marriage. First of all, I cannot believe for one moment that Bush's actions to amend the Constitution is to gain support and media attention. This situation has only made people think he is intolerant of the gay community.

Bush is a man of principal, and would not let this issue slide. Nobody can say that this issue is simple. If Bush played the game of politics, he would ride the fence on this sticky issue — but Bush is not your typical politician. He is a man who boldly stands for what he and many other Americans believe. He will lose votes over this issue, not gain them. He has earned that much more of my respect for taking a stand.

Bush has had to make some of the hardest decisions of any modern president. The least people can do is stop bickering and think about that for one moment. The man is not evil, and he is not making an effort to discriminate against people or put our nation in a dangerous situation in the Middle East. He is simply trying to lead our country the best way he sees fit.

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## QUICK FACTS



### Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

#### Bush to contend ad funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group financed in part by liberal billionaire George Soros will run \$5 million worth of TV ads against President Bush that mention the Republican by name, a point of contention among the president's re-election team.

The Media Fund's initial two-week buy will include commercials that criticize Bush's policies and priorities.

Bush's campaign, which began its own \$10 million initial ad blitz last week, called the

group's activity illegal. The campaign said it would file a complaint with the FEC accusing the Media Fund of violating a broad, new ban on the use of "soft money" for federal election activity.

The FEC is currently considering how the new campaign finance law affects soft-money groups, like the Media Fund, that aren't registered with the commission as political committees, including whether they should face new limits on their fund raising and spending.

## National/International Roundup

#### Man killed at initiation rite

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. (AP) — A man was shot in the face and killed during a Masonic initiation ceremony by a fellow member who mistakenly pulled out a real pistol instead of a blank gun, police said Tuesday.

The 76-year-old man who fired the shot was charged with manslaughter.

William James, 47, was killed Monday night at the Southside Masonic Lodge.

"We believe it was completely accidental," said Suffolk County Detective Lt. Jack Fitzpatrick. The man under arrest, Albert Eid, was "stunned and distraught" at James' death, he said.

The initiation rite was aimed at scaring the new member.

According to Fitzgerald, the Masons sat James in a chair and placed cans on a platform around his head. Eid, standing about 20 feet away, was supposed to fire a blank gun, and a man holding a stick was supposed to knock the cans over to make James think they had been hit by bullets.

Eid had two guns — a .22-caliber pistol loaded with blanks

and a .38-caliber with real bullets — and apparently pulled the wrong one out of his pocket, the lieutenant said. He said the weapons are about the same size.

Eid had a permit for the gun. Police said it was not clear why he took it to the ceremony. He pleaded innocent and bail was set at \$2,500.

#### Wreck injures 21 passengers

GREEN RIVER, Utah (AP) — A Greyhound bus rolled onto its side Tuesday on a desert stretch of Interstate 70, injuring 21 passengers, five seriously, authorities said.

The bus driver told the Utah Highway Patrol that he either blacked out or fell asleep.

Five passengers were airlifted to a Grand Junction, Colo., hospital. Nine others were taken to hospitals for treatment of lesser injuries while others were treated at the scene, authorities said. In all, 32 passengers and a driver were aboard.

A spokeswoman for St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in Grand Junction said she could not immediately provide condition reports on the injured.

The accident happened just

before 8:30 a.m. about 30 miles west of Green River in southeastern Utah, said Lt. Steve Esplin of the Utah Highway Patrol. The bus, which was headed from Las Vegas to Denver, drifted to the right shoulder, corrected and then rolled onto its right side, authorities said.

"He said he either blacked out or fell asleep," Esplin told Salt Lake City television station KUTV. "That's a common occurrence across that stretch. It's a long stretch of highway with nothing in between except Green River and Salina."

Lynn Brown, a spokeswoman for Dallas-based Greyhound Lines, said an investigation was ongoing and an exact cause of the crash wasn't yet known. She said Greyhound was sending relief buses to take passengers to Denver.

Green River is about 150 miles southeast of Salt Lake City.

#### Texas nurse dies in Iraq

FORT BLISS, (AP) — A registered nurse assigned to the 31st Combat Support Hospital based out of Fort Bliss has died in Iraq.

Capt. Gussie M. Jones, 41, died of a heart attack Sunday in Baghdad, the Department of Defense announced Tuesday.

The Arkansas native served in the military for 15 years. She had been an Army nurse since 1998, William Beaumont Army Medical Center spokesman Clarence Davis said.

Davis said Jones was a devout

member of the Abundant Living Faith Christian Center in El Paso, near Fort Bliss, and she enjoyed reaching Christian devotional journals, attending church services and cosmetology.

#### Two die in bomb explosion

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — A bomb exploded at a building housing a Masonic lodge Tuesday, killing at least two people and wounding five others, reports said, months after four suicide attacks struck this city.

NTV television said police blamed the attack on a suicide bomber. CNN-Turk said a man chanting, "Allah, Allah," entered the building and detonated a bomb. Authorities evacuated the building in case a second explosive was inside.

Officials sent ambulances and firefighters to the scene in the residential Kartal district, the Anatolia news agency said. One of the injured was reported in critical condition, television reports said.

The Masons, a secretive society that traces its roots to medieval craft associations, are active in this predominantly Muslim but strictly secular country.

Four suicide attacks against two synagogues, the British Consulate and a British bank killed 62 people in Istanbul last year. Prosecutors have indicted 69 people suspected of belonging to a local al-Qaida cell in the case.

Underground leftist and Kurdish groups also are active in Istanbul.

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## Conference to feature directors, bands

The School of Music hopes a three-day conference for band directors will bring prestige to the program.

By Lauren Lea  
Staff Reporter

Band directors from colleges and universities all over the Southwest will attend the College Band Directors National Association Conference hosted by the School of Music.

The three-day conference, beginning Thursday, will consist of clinics hosted by internationally known musicians and concerts performed by bands from nine different schools, including TCU.

Bobby Francis, TCU director of bands and on-site facilitator of the conference, said the confer-

ence is beneficial to directors, students and also to the university. The university has not hosted this event before.

"In terms of prestige, it brings TCU's name to national and international awareness," Francis said.

Richard Gipson, director of the music department, said bringing the best conductors and bands to campus enriches the environment. He said TCU was asked to host the conference, which speaks highly of the band department and faculty.

Francis said this is the first year band directors and students of public middle schools and high schools are invited to attend.

The clinics will focus on various aspects of the craft, like conduct-

ing and rehearsing, Francis said. He said they will even have a mime specialist because the gestures used in directing are very similar to miming.

Forums will be hosted by internationally known artists, including authors like James Jordan, who wrote "The Musician's Soul."

There will be three concerts each day, all of which are free for students. Francis said the performers were selected based on audition tapes submitted to a panel of judges.

The TCU Wind Symphony and the TCU Choral Union will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday in Ed Landreth Hall. It will perform several pieces, including "Hemispheres"

composed by Joseph Turrin, an internationally known composer attending the conference.

Gipson said the concerts are a wonderful opportunity because people can hear repertoire performed in new ways and to see where the field is headed.

Sophomore business major and band member Adam Quinn said it's beneficial to students anytime professional musicians come to campus.

"It puts us on a national level," he said. "People in the music industry who might not have heard of TCU will put our name together with the conference."

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## Study shows vow to delay sex doesn't prevent STDs

Teens who pledge abstinence have same rate of STDs as those who don't, study finds.

By Jason Strazuso  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA—Teens who make a one-time pledge to remain virgins until marriage catch sexually transmitted diseases about as often as those who don't pledge abstinence, according to a study of the sex lives of 12,000 adolescents.

Those who make a public pledge to delay sex also wind up having fewer sex partners and get married earlier, the research shows. But the two groups' STD rates were statistically similar.

One of the problems, researchers found, is that virginity "pledgers" are less likely to use condoms.

"It's difficult to simultaneously prepare for sex and say you're not going to have sex," said Peter Bearman, chairman of Columbia University's sociology department, who co-authored the study with Hannah Bruckner of Yale University.

"The message is really simple: 'Just say no' may work in the short term but doesn't work in the long term," he said.

Data from the study, presented Tuesday at the National STD Prevention Conference, was taken from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health. That study was funded in part by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The analysis also found that in communities where at least 20 percent of adolescents pledged to remain virgins, the STD rates for everyone combined was 8.9 percent. In communities with fewer than 7 percent pledgers, the STD rate was 5.5 percent.

"It is the combination of hidden sex and unsafe sex that creates a world where people underestimate

the risk of STDs," Bearman said.

Critics of abstinence-only education saw the findings as evidence that adolescents benefit from sex education.

"It's a tragedy if we withhold from these kids information about how not to get STDs or not to get pregnant," said Dorothy Mann, executive director of the Family Planning Council, an organization dedicated to reproductive health services.

But Pat Fagan, who researches family and cultural issues at the Heritage Foundation, cautioned that one-time pledges were different from abstinence-only education, which he said takes years of support and education. He noted that the virginity pledges delayed sex and led to fewer partners.

The study first questioned 12- to 18-year-olds and followed up on them six years later as adults. It found that the STD rates for whites who pledged virginity was 2.8 percent compared with 3.5 percent for those who didn't pledge.

For blacks, it was 18.1 percent and 20.3 percent. For Hispanics, it was 6.7 percent and 8.6 percent," he said.

Bearman said the differences were not statistically significant. Overall rates combining all races wouldn't be valid, he said.

Donald Orr, director of adolescent medicine at Indiana University, said he hopes the study helps move sex education from a morality issue to a public health discussion.

The study's other findings:

- 59 percent of males who did not pledge abstinence used a condom during sex; only 40 percent of male pledgers used a condom.

- 28 percent of female non-pledgers were tested for STDs in the previous year, compared to 14 percent of female pledgers.

- 99 percent of non-pledgers and 88 percent of pledgers have sex before marriage.

## Hubble images show the deepest view of the universe

Unprecedented photograph of space shows stars forming out of the big bang.

By Paul Reecer  
Associated Press

BALTIMORE—The deepest-ever view of the universe, a photo by the Hubble Space Telescope that looks back to the edge of the big bang, shows a chaotic scramble of odd galaxies smashing into each other and re-forming in bizarre shapes.

The snapshot of the universe, called the Ultra Deep Field, captured light that had streaked through space for more than 13 billion years, starting its journey when the universe was only 5 percent of its 13.7-billion-year age. The view has about 10,000 galaxies, some mixed in chaos that one astronomer said "looked like a train wreck."

Capturing such faint and distant light, officials at the Space Telescope Science Institute said Tuesday, was like photographing a firefly hovering above the moon.

"For the first time we're look-

ing back at stars that are forming out of the depths of the big bang," said Steven V. W. Beckwith, director of the institute. "We're seeing the youngest stars within a stone's throw of the beginning of the universe."

Hubble's images were collected by focusing its instruments at a single point in the southern sky for 1 million seconds, an exposure that took more than 400 orbits of the space telescope.

The portion in the sky photographed by two Hubble instruments is very small. Astronomers compared the field of view it to looking at the sky through an 8-foot-long soda straw. They said capturing the images is akin to reading the mint date on a 25-cent coin from a mile away.

What the view lacks in width, however, it makes up for in depth. Beckwith said that never before had a telescope captured such detail from such a distance.

"These images will be in astronomy textbooks for years," he said. Many of the photographed

galaxies lack the stately grace and order of spirals, such as the Milky Way, or of the huge elliptical galaxies seen in the nearby universe. Some of the galaxies in the Ultra Deep Field appear to be colliding, with gravitational forces mashing them into unusual shapes. Some resemble toothpicks and others are like a string of faint lights. There also are faint points of vivid red, which may be the most distant and ancient of the galaxies.

Astronomers believe that during the few hundred million years of star formation, the universe was smaller and galaxy formation more chaotic.

In what Beckwith described as a "land rush," astronomers worldwide now will begin an intensive study of the deep field view, searching for clues to fundamental questions about the formation and evolution of stars and galaxies.

"Getting us the deepest picture of the universe ever is giving us new land to explore," said Mas-

simo Stiavelli, a Space Telescope Science Institute astronomer.

Release of the Ultra Deep Field may be among the Hubble's last major contribution to astronomy. Maintaining the orbiting telescope requires periodic repair visits by space shuttle astronauts. In the aftermath of the Columbia accident in 2003, NASA canceling future plans to service the Hubble.

Beckwith said the Hubble batteries or gyroscopes eventually will fail and disable the observatory. He said it may be down to two gyros by the end of 2005, and if another fails after that, "We'll be out of business."

Current theory holds that the universe started with an immense explosion, called the big bang, about 13.7 billion years ago.

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## D.C.-area sniper to be executed in October

Circuit Court judge had the option to reduce John Allen Muhammad's sentence to life in prison without parole.

By Matthew Barakat  
Associated Press

MANASSAS, Va. — Sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad was sentenced to death Tuesday by a judge who called the Washington-area shootings that left 10 people dead "so vile that they were almost beyond comprehension."

Muhammad denied any involvement in the October 2002 rampage, echoing a claim of innocence he made in his opening statement to the jury when he briefly served as his own attorney.

"Just like I said at the beginning, I had nothing to do with this, and I'll say again, I had nothing to do with this," Muhammad said Tuesday.

He told the judge he plans to appeal, and urged, "Don't make a fool of the Constitution of the United States of America."

A jury recommended a death sentence for Muhammad last year, but Circuit Court Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. had the option to reduce it to life in prison without parole. Millette said the evidence of Muhammad's guilt was "overwhelming."

"These offenses are so vile that they were almost beyond comprehension," Millette said.

Muhammad appeared in an orange jail jumpsuit with a slightly graying, unkempt beard, in sharp contrast to his clean-shaven, well-dressed appearance at trial. His teenage accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, is to be sentenced Wednesday to life in prison.

About 50 family members of sniper victims were in the courtroom. One silently shook his fist as Millette announced the sentence.

"Justice has been served today," said Sonia Wills, mother of sniper victim Conrad Johnson, who would have been 37 this Sunday. "I can go to my son's grave and wish him a happy birthday."

The sister of Hong Im Bal-lenger, allegedly killed by Muhammad and Malvo in Baton Rouge, La., in the weeks before the D.C. attacks, said Muhammad deserved to die.

"He killed so many innocent people," said a tearful Kwang Im Szuska. "My nephew is 12 years old and he needs his mommy. ... It breaks my heart."

Muhammad, 43, was convicted of capital murder on Nov. 17 for the Oct. 9, 2002, murder of Dean Harold Meyers at a gas station near Manassas.

The capital-area killings began on Oct. 2, 2002, when the pair shot a 55-year-old man to death outside a Wheaton, Md., supermarket. The following day, five people were killed in the Washington area — four within a span of about two hours.

Muhammad and Malvo were captured Oct. 24 at a highway rest stop near Myersville, Md., in a car that had been altered to allow someone to fire a high-powered rifle from inside the trunk.

A jury recommended life in prison for Malvo. In Virginia, judges can accept a jury's sentence recommendation or reduce it, but cannot increase it.

Defense lawyer Peter Green-spun pleaded for Millette to show mercy on Muhammad, saying his client is not inherently evil.

Prosecutor Paul Ebert disagreed. "I see nothing but pure evil," he said after the hearing.

Millette ordered that Muhammad be executed on Oct. 14, but that date likely will be postponed to allow appeals.

## Senators criticize government over database

Lawmakers from both parties suggest fingerprinting oversight could hinder fight against terrorism.

By Leslie Miller  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is moving too sluggishly to make FBI fingerprints available to immigration control officers, a failure that could allow terrorists to slip into the country, Democratic and Republican senators said Tuesday.

It will be years before immigration officials can compare the FBI's 43 million fingerprints with those of all foreigners with visas who arrive in the United States, Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., said at a hearing of a subcommittee that deals with homeland security.

At the beginning of the year, foreign visitors arriving with visas at U.S. airports and seaports had their travel documents scanned, their fingerprints and photos taken and their identification checked against terrorist watch lists under the new US-VISIT program.

Gregg told Homeland Security undersecretary Asa Hutchinson

that he doesn't want terrorists to get into the country through that program if their fingerprints already are in the FBI's database.

"Why did we spend all this money on a database if you folks aren't going to take advantage of it?" Gregg said. "We spent so much money getting this stupid database up."

Homeland Security is spending \$328 million on US-VISIT this year. The Bush administration proposed spending \$340 million next year.

After the hearing, Hutchinson said immigration officers are able to instantly compare foreign visitors' fingerprints against a slice of the FBI database that includes non-U.S. citizens wanted for serious crimes.

The US-VISIT database has a different purpose than the FBI's, he said. US-VISIT simply verifies the visitors' identities by matching their fingerprints and photographs against those submitted when they obtained their visas. The FBI database checks fingerprints against those of known criminals.

At the end of February, the 1.5 million foreign nationals screened

through US-VISIT generated 125 watch list alerts and resulted in 51 criminals apprehended, Hutchinson said.

The FBI database has 10-finger sets of known criminals' prints. Police consider 10-finger sets superior because they often find only a single print at a crime scene.

The US-VISIT program only takes prints of two index fingers because collecting all 10 would create too much congestion at airports, Hutchinson said. But if immigration officials have suspicions about a visitor, they can take the 10 prints and submit them to the FBI, he said.

Gregg said that takes too long. He said the FBI, the secretary of state and the head of homeland security should have agreed on a plan to develop a system that's fully compatible with the FBI's.

"I'm really discouraged by this," Gregg said.

Hutchinson said Homeland Security was under Congress' orders to quickly get a system up and running at airports and seaports by the beginning of this year. Taking two fingerprints — which wasn't ordered by Congress

— was an inexpensive way to add a biometric element to identifying foreign visitors, he said.

The departments of State, Justice and Homeland Security already agreed on using two index fingers for the initial phase of the program, Hutchinson said.

The Justice Department reported last week that it will take at least four years for the FBI and Border Patrol systems to be combined to allow for a quick, automated check of fingerprints for the roughly 1 million illegal immigrants caught each year.

Border Patrol agents can check detained people against the FBI's database now, but the process is slow, and the agents must select those to be checked.

Fingerprints obtained by the US-VISIT program and by the Border Patrol are kept in sibling databases that use the same technology.

Hutchinson said 20 Border Patrol stations already have their databases linked to the FBI's. When another 100 are connected at year's end, 95 percent of the Border Patrol will have access to the FBI fingerprints, he said.

## Three remain missing after Baltimore boat accident

Fifth person dies after accident involving water taxi in Baltimore Harbor.

By Brian Witte  
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A fifth person has died as a result of the weekend capsizing of a water taxi in Baltimore Harbor, and recovery crews spent another day Tuesday trying to locate three of the bodies.

The 36-foot pontoon boat overturned Saturday near Fort McHenry when a sudden thunderstorm struck the harbor with wind gusts of up to 55 mph, throwing all 25 people on board into the chilly water.

Three people — an engaged couple and a 6-year-old boy — disappeared.

The woman who died Monday evening was the daughter of another victim, JoAnn

Pierce, 60, of Cumberland County, N.J., according to one of Pierce's bosses.

Lisa Pierce, 30, died Monday evening at Harbor Hospital, said Dr. Michael Rosenberg, a partner in the Vineland, N.J., medical facility where Joanne Pierce worked as an office manager.

"(JoAnn) Pierce was a devoted mother and a devoted wife," Rosenberg said. "The personal loss here has been incalculable — for many of our staff she was as much a mother figure as a boss."

JoAnn Pierce's husband, Thomas, was on the tourist boat but survived.

Officials retraced the water taxi's route through the harbor on Tuesday and may have found the boat's flat, canopy-type roof, Goodwin said. They discovered the

vessel's ladder and part of its railing Monday, clues that may help find the missing victims.

The missing were identified by relatives and in media reports as Corinne J. Schillings, 26, of Alexandria, Va.; Andrew Roccella, 26, of Virginia, and Daniel Brentem, 6, of Harrisonburg, Va.

Slightly warmer water temperatures allowed divers to stay in the water longer Tuesday, and they had better visibility as they worked in shallower areas.

Federal safety officials said they want to know if the crew told the passengers to put on life jackets after learning of the threatening weather. The boat was equipped with life jackets, but passengers are not required to wear them.

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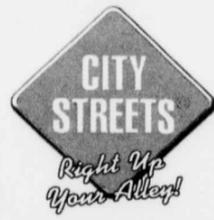
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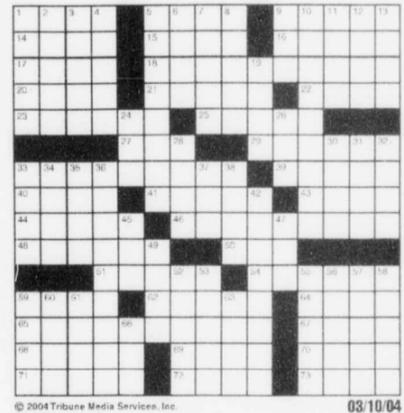
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**Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8** — You really do well when you have a strong partner supporting and comforting you. It looks as if there's someone nearby who fits that description. Make sure to return the favor.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 5** — Slow and steady is good for now. Make plans and follow through. Be the tortoise instead of the hare for a while. You'll get there in better shape.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 10** — Opposites attract, they say, and it's a proven fact. Many successful couples have a lot to talk about. You might not always agree, but it's always interesting. Compromise.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 5** — This is a good time to carefully think things over. As you may have noticed, the pace has slowed, allowing you time to reflect. Don't let the money burn a hole in your pocket. Plan, and then work the plan.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is an 8** — Your heart is in the right place. You have plenty of confidence, and you're smart. You're one of the people who can find a way to bring hope to those who need it.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 5** — Your success depends not only on how well you perform, but also on how well you persevere. Even being artistic takes work. Hang in there.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 10** — You're hot, and even better, your energies won't be wasted this time. Tell your true love what you think and how you feel. You'll seal the deal.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 4** — Conditions are right for a meeting with roommates or family. Lay your cards on the table and talk about whatever's bothering you.

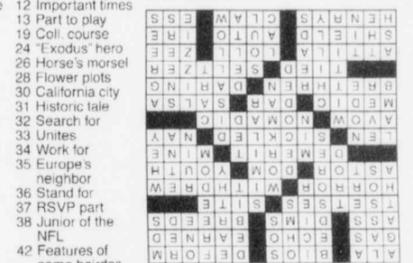
**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is an 8** — Your heart is as big as all outdoors, as all your friends know. But don't agree to too much, or you could run into a scheduling conflict.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 5** — You could get a new assignment, and a profitable one at that. The bad news is you're not quite sure you can do it. The good news is you'll learn how.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 10** — Still waters run deep, and so do your passions. Your committed relationship is the appropriate channel for this energy. Bonds formed or renewed now will last.

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# SPORTS

## H<sub>2</sub>O Frogs celebrate season

Swimming and diving team hopes its great season will lead to NCAA Championship invites.

By John Ashley Menzies  
Assistant Sports Editor

The 2003-2004 season has been one for the record books for the swimming and diving team.

The H<sub>2</sub>O Frogs became the first team ever in Conference USA to sweep the swimming and diving championships, as the women won the C-USA Invitational for the first time and the men won their third consecutive title.

"We are real excited," head swim coach Richard Sybesma said. "It's a real feather in our cap."

Why don't you tell us how you really feel, coach?

"I'll tell ya, we're thrilled, Horned Frog thrilled," Sybesma said.

In previous seasons, the women had finished third in the conference meet, and the men had won back to back titles.

"C-USA was one of the most exciting meets I've ever been to," said junior Aimee Moreau. "I was just focusing on winning points for the team and that made me

less nervous and helped me swim faster."

Along with winning the conference meets, Sybesma was named Conference Coach of the Year.

"It's an honor, but I have to accredit it to the team's success and to the assistant coaches," Sybesma said.

Junior Craig Chapman, who is currently ranked No. 25 in the country, was named Swimmer of the Meet at the C-USA Invitational. He had a hand in five winning races, including three individual.

"It was really exciting winning Swimmer of the Meet," he said. "The past two years I was pretty close with two individual wins."

"This year I got it with three individual wins. I was really glad to win it for my team. They supported me all the way."

Despite his great successes, Chapman said he does not know if he will receive an invite to the NCAA Championships this year.

Chapman said the NCAA takes 24 swimmers to the meet but that he is unsure if he'll be among those chosen.

Sybesma has no doubt whether Chapman belongs.

"He has had an incredible season," he said. "He is a special kid and is well deserving."

Freshman Keleigh Wentworth said the team has stepped up to the challenges this season and that the team's 12-1 record has been a surprise.

"I knew we would be really successful and have a winning season, but I didn't know we would win them so easily."

Freshman Aran Bean, who won first place at conference in 100-yd and 200-yd breaststroke races, said the team's unity is responsible for this year's success.

"The coaches make a point of planning lots of group activities and these build unity and cohesion," Bean said.

Freshman Karen Sadifer agreed and said the coaches have given the team lots of opportunities to grow.

"We are all there for each other," Sadifer said. "We are really close."

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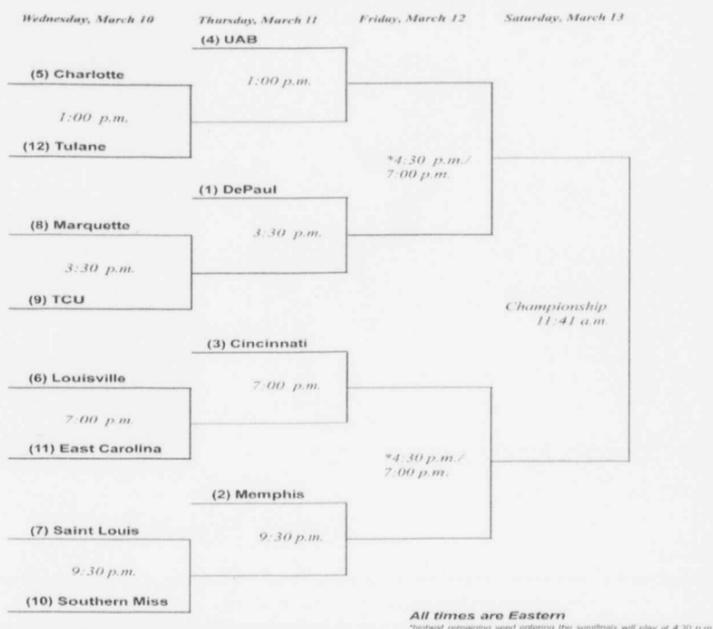


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Senior swimmer Aaron McLachlan helped lead the H<sub>2</sub>O Frogs to a C-USA men's championship, making TCU the first university in the conference to win both men's and women's meets.

## QUICK FACTS

### 2004 C-USA Men's Basketball Tournament Bracket



### 2003-04 C-USA Men's Basketball All-Conference Teams

#### First team

Sean Banks, Memphis, F, 6-8, 210, Fr.  
Antonio Burks, Memphis, G, 6-0, 200, Fr.  
Travis Diener, Marquette, G, 6-0, 165, Jr.  
Francisco Garcia, Louisville, F, 6-7, 185, So.  
Curtis Withers, Charlotte, F, 6-8, 230, So.

Charles Gaines, Southern Miss, F, 6-7, 220, Sr.  
Delonte Holland, DePaul, F, 6-7, 220, Sr.  
Jason Maxiell, Cincinnati, F, 6-7, 240, Jr.

#### Third Team

Tony Bobbitt, Cincinnati, G, 6-4, 185, Sr.  
Mo Finley, UAB, G, 5-11, 174, Sr.  
Terrence Leather, USF, F, 6-9, 221, Jr.  
**Corey Santee, TCU, G, 6-2, 193, Jr.**  
Luke Whitehead, Louisville, F, 6-6, 220, Sr.

#### Second team

Andre Brown, DePaul, F/C, 6-9, 245, Sr.  
Reggie Bryant, Saint Louis, G, 6-2, 185, Jr.

#### The Corey Santee File

- Led team with 14.6 points and 4.4 assists a game.
- Ranked seventh in Conference USA with 15.9 points a game in conference play.
- Twenty-seventh player in school history to reach the 1,000 point plateau.
- His 1,305 points ranks 11th in TCU history, needing 14 points to enter top 10.
- On pace to become all-time leader in career assists at TCU.
- First Frog to be named to an all-league team since Junior Blount in 2002.

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Junior guard Corey Santee will bring his third-team All-Conference USA honors into the C-USA Tournament against Marquette 3:30 p.m. today in Cincinnati. C-USA champion DePaul awaits the winner in the quarterfinals.