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Patterson confirms extension

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Football head coach Gary Patterson confirmed Tuesday that he has agreed to sign a contract extension, though the terms have not been disclosed. "This is where I want to be," Patterson told the Skiff in an e-mail. According to the Dallas Morning News' online edition, Chancellor Victor Boschini said he would make the contract official by signing it later in the week. Athletics director Eric Hyman

said he would not confirm or deny reports that coach Patterson's contract had been extended and that there will be a statement released today. When asked if the extension was a sign that his hard work has paid off, Patterson said, "Yes, in a way, but my goals are high, and we still have a lot to achieve." Regarding the extension, Patterson said "everyone wants to want." Patterson has a 27-11 record in three seasons with the Frogs,

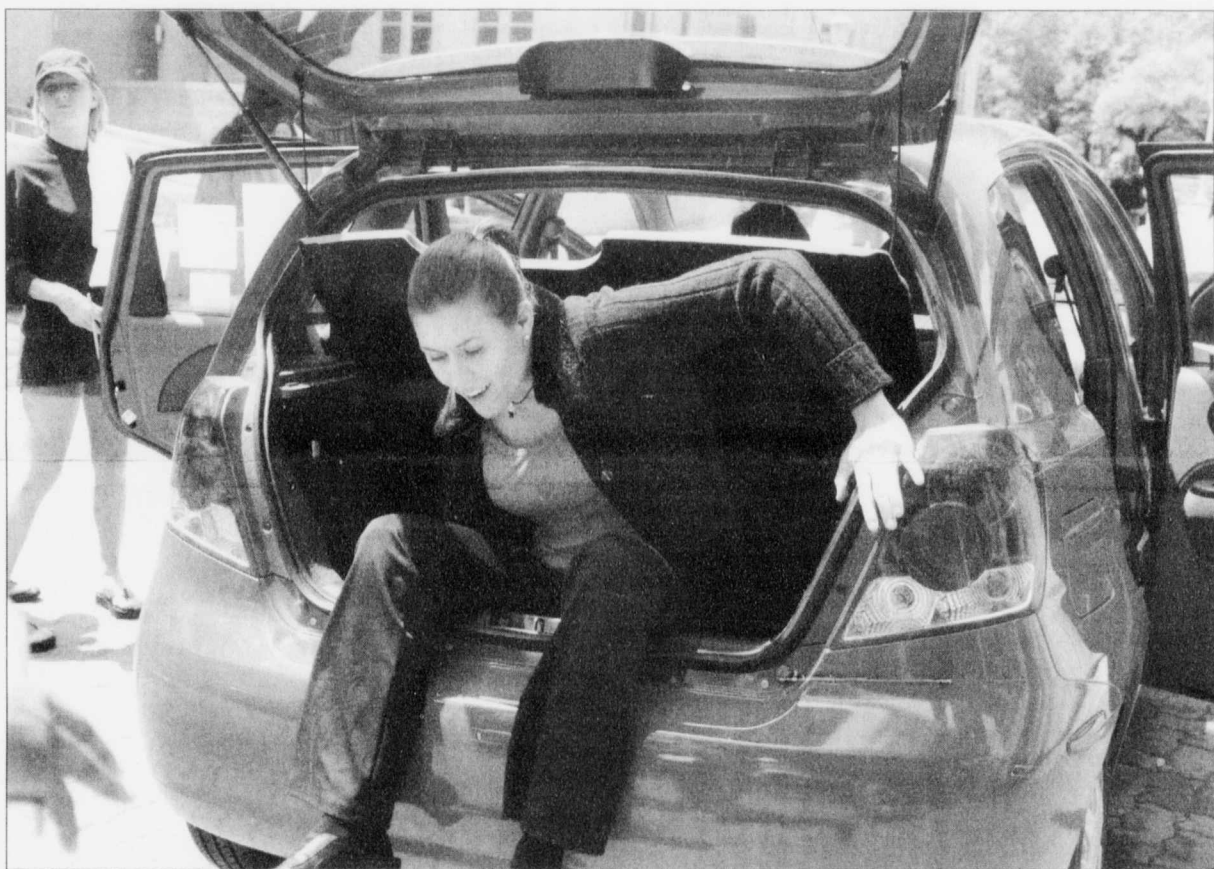
including an 11-2 record last season. The Frogs were off to a 10-0 start that had TCU chasing a Bowl Championship Series berth. After losing to Southern Mississippi in the regular season, TCU made it to the PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl, where Boise State defeated the Frogs 34-31. Patterson started coaching as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Kansas State, and worked his way up the coaching ranks to become Dennis Franchione's

defensive coordinator at TCU in 1998. Two years later, Patterson became TCU's 30th head coach, replacing the departed Franchione before the 2000 GMAC Mobile Alabama Bowl. In 2002, Patterson was named Conference USA Coach of the Year after a victory at the AXA Liberty Bowl. Patterson has led the Frogs to back-to-back Top 25 seasons for the first time since the 1950s.



Ty Halasz/Staff Photographer
After agreeing to sign a contract extension, football head coach Gary Patterson said TCU is where he wants to be.

Excess baggage



Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor
Senior marketing major Jennifer Howell checks out the trunk space of the Chevrolet Aveo Tuesday afternoon in front of the Mary Coats Burnett Library. Several cars from Chevy's new product line were on display as part of a marketing application class project on the upcoming generation of consumers.

Plan in the works to reduce budget

School officials have a plan to reduce increasing insurance costs in the budget. **By Marco Lopez**, Staff Reporter. Administrators are finalizing negotiations with more than 20 other schools to create a corporation that would reduce increasing insurance costs for TCU next year, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Carol Campbell said Tuesday.

"Insurance costs have had a double-digit increase in this year's budget," Campbell told Staff Assembly members. "Over 20 individual colleges would come together to come up with a program to save money." Campbell said negotiations to create the Collegiate Association Resource of the Southwest began almost a year ago with schools

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Policy prevents trip from receiving funds

By John Anderson and Matt Turner, Staff Reporters. The African Heritage Organization's service trip to Kenya is over before the plane ever left the ground. A TCU policy prohibits faculty, staff and students from using university funds to travel to countries with State Department-issued

travel warnings, said Jay Zeidman, president of the Student Government Association. The U.S. Department of State issued a warning in September encouraging Americans to avoid all non-essential travel to Kenya because of terrorist threats in

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Students feel safe despite attacks

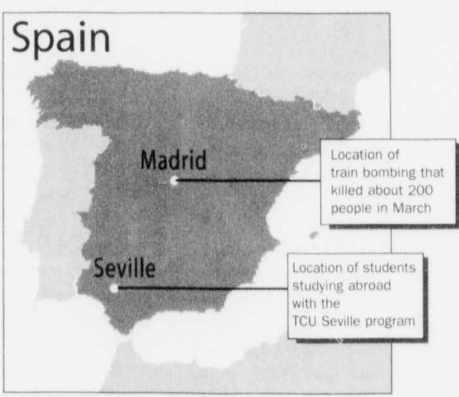
Terrorist attacks such as the train bombing that killed about 200 people in Madrid, Spain, have not caused much uneasiness among students studying abroad.

By Allison Goertz, Staff Reporter

Students studying in Spain this semester say they are continuing to live life and enjoy the opportunity they have after terrorism has shaken the country in recent weeks.

The terrorist attacks in the country include the train bombing on March 11, which killed around 200 people in Madrid, Spain, and a suicide bomb in an apartment south of Madrid Saturday.

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Major increase of violence in Iraq

The fighting marks the first major outbreak of violence between the U.S.-led occupation and the Shiites since Baghdad fell.

By Hamza Hendawi, Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — Iraqi insurgents and rebellious Shiites mounted a string of attacks across the south and fought pitched battles against Marines in the turbulent city of Fallujah on Tuesday. Up to a dozen Marines, two more coalition soldiers and at least 66 Iraqis were reported killed.

Reports from the city of Ramadi, near Fallujah, said dozens of Iraqis attacked a Marine position near the governor's palace, a senior defense official said from Washington. "A significant number" of Marines were killed, and initial reports indicate it may be up to a dozen, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

U.S. authorities also launched a crackdown on radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and his militia after a series of weekend uprisings in Baghdad and cities and towns to the south that took a heavy toll in both American and Iraqi lives. The fighting marks the first major outbreak of violence between the U.S.-led occupation force and the Shiites since Baghdad fell a year ago.

Two more coalition soldiers — an American in Baghdad and a Ukrainian in Kut — were killed in fighting. The deaths brought the three-day total to up to about 30 Americans and 136 Iraqis killed in the worst fighting since the war that toppled Saddam Hussein.

In the Ramadi fighting, heavy casualties were inflicted on the insurgents as well, officials said. It was not immediately known who the attackers were, nor whether the attack was related to fighting under way in nearby Fallujah.

On the Fallujah front, Marines drove into the center of the Sunni city in heavy fighting before pulling back before nightfall. The assault had been promised after the brutal killings and mutilations of four American civilians there last week. Hospital officials said eight Iraqis died Tuesday and 20 were

wounded, including women and children. U.S. warplanes firing rockets destroyed four houses in Fallujah after nightfall Tuesday, witnesses said. A doctor said 26 Iraqis, including women and children, were killed and 30 wounded in the strike. The deaths brought to 34 the number of Iraqis killed in Fallujah on Tuesday, including eight who died in street battles earlier in the day. The dusty, Euphrates River city 35 miles west of Baghdad is a stronghold of the anti-U.S. insurgency

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Sylvia Kapuscinska/Detroit Free Press
"No America, no Israel," shout University of Tech students during a protest in support of Shiite cleric Muqtada Al-Sadr in Baghdad, Iraq, on Tuesday.

Political groups set for debate

The Young Democrats and the College Republicans are preparing for their first debate.

By John Anderson, Staff Reporter

Two campus political organizations will try to raise awareness for important issues in the presidential election Thursday in their first-ever debate.

Four prominent issues in the presidential election will be discussed by members of Young Democrats and College Republicans including: Free trade vs. fair trade, tax reform, homeland security and gay marriage, said Megan Brown, a Young Democrat member. Student Government Association President and Col-

lege Republican member Jay Zeidman said the purpose of the debate is not to sway anyone to a certain side but to spark interest in the election.

"We are going to portray our party's platform but we will leave it up to the audience to make their own decision," Zeidman said. "We are just trying to encourage students to vote and listen so they can make an informed decision."

Members from both groups expressed concern that some students may be too apathetic to vote.

"I think students just don't care," said Samantha Cheatham, public relations chairwoman for the College Republicans. "A lot of people think that one vote doesn't make a difference."

Zeidman said, "The goal of this is to reduce voter apathy and get people to vote. We are so focused on our school work that it is hard to pick up The New York Times and see what is happening politically."

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QUICK FACTS
Debate
The Young Democrats and the College Republicans have their first debate at noon Thursday in the Student Center Lounge.

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Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

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"These are uncertain times in the world when we must make decisions to carry on with our lives in spite of terrorist attacks that intend to scare us," said Tracy Williams, the TCU education abroad coordinator.

Students may be hesitant to go overseas, she said, but most have not been overly concerned about the bombings in Madrid.

"My mom called me everyday after the attacks," said Lauren Robinson, a junior studying abroad in Seville, Spain. "Naturally she is really worried, but I think that the U.S. news media has made it a lot worse than it is."

A few parents have called about the train bombing in Madrid, but mostly to confirm that the study abroad programs in Spain would not be canceled, Williams said.

"After the bombing in Spain, we called the parents of all the

students on the TCU Seville program, and most felt comfortable with their students being there," Williams said.

Elizabeth Buchanan, a junior studying in Spain this semester, said she feels safer in Spain than she would if she were in the United States because she doubts anything else will happen there.

"My family is not worried about me being here. They know I will make good decisions and avoid situations that might be dangerous,"

Buchanan said.

Robinson still feels safe in Seville and has enjoyed witnessing the unity of the people there, she said. During the evening hours, Robinson said, stores and public places close and there are peace walks and demonstrations.

"It has been amazing to see the Spaniards come together and show their support for the people of Madrid," Robinson said.

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DEBATE

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We are so focused on what is happening here that we are not concerned with the global picture."

Both of the student groups have been studying the four key topics for the upcoming debate.

Kenny Thompson, vice president of Young Democrats, said they are preparing themselves to refute any

rebuttal the College Republicans could make.

Cheatham said the College Republicans have been doing their own research on the topics.

"We are trying to stage a mock debate within our group to prepare for any question the Young Democrats or audience might have," she said.

Andrew Hepworth, a sophomore political science major and Young Democrat member, said the debate

is important for students want to vote but don't know who they want to vote for.

"Hopefully we will be able to guide them to a proper decision and answer any questions the student body might have," he said.

Zeidman said it's important to reduce apathy on campus and increase domestic and global awareness.

Thompson said that anyone is welcome to attend the discussion and join in on the first debate between

these two political groups.

"This is the first debate between the College Republicans and the Young Democrats and we hope there will be more to follow," said Mike Boone, a College Republican member. "The College Republicans are a new organization; we have only been around about a year and a half, so we have not had the opportunity to do this until now."

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IRAQ

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that sprang up shortly after Saddam's ouster a year ago.

With fighting intensifying ahead of the June 30 handover of power to an Iraqi government, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said American commanders in Iraq would get additional troops if needed. None has asked so far, he said.

State Department deputy spokesman Adam Ereli said al-Sadr and his followers were not representative of a religious cause but of "political gangsterism."

The 30-year-old al-Sadr, however, does not have a large following among majority Shiites — many see him as a renegade, too young and too headstrong to lead wisely.

"They're not acting in the name of religion, they're acting in the name of arrogating for themselves

political power and influence through violence, because they can't get it through peaceful persuasion," he said.

In the latest U.S. deaths, five Marines were killed Monday — one in Fallujah and the others on the western outskirts of Baghdad. Four U.S. soldiers were killed in attacks in Baghdad, Kirkuk and Mosul on Monday and another was killed in Baghdad Tuesday. Eight Americans were killed in Sadr City on Sunday. Excluding the report out of Ramadi on Tuesday evening, at least 614 American troops have died in Iraq since the war began.

Marines waged a fierce battle for hours Tuesday with gunmen holed up in a residential neighborhood of Fallujah. The military used a deadly AC-130 gunship to lay down a barrage of fire against guerrillas, and commanders said Marines were holding an area several blocks deep

inside the city. At least two Marines were wounded.

The crackdown on al-Sadr, who has drawn backing from young and impoverished Shiites with rousing sermons demanding a U.S. withdrawal, sent his black-garbed militiamen against coalition troops Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Fighting in the southern cities of Nasiriyah, Kut, Karbala and Amarah and in a northern Baghdad neighborhood killed 30 Iraqis, coalition military officials said. Tuesday evening, gunfire was heard in another part of Baghdad, Sadr City, where fierce battles occurred Sunday, residents said.

Fearing a U.S. move to arrest him, al-Sadr on Tuesday left a fortress-like mosque in the city of Kufa, south of Baghdad, where he had been holed up for days, his aides said.

Al-Sadr issued a statement saying he was ready to die to oust the

Americans. He urged his followers to resist foreign forces.

"America has shown its evil intentions, and the proud Iraqi people cannot accept it. They must defend their rights by any means they see fit," the al-Sadr statement said.

"I'm prepared to have my own blood shed for what is holy to me," he said.

Al-Sadr moved to his main office in Najaf, in an alley near the city's holiest shrine, according to a top aide, Sheikh Qays al-Khazali. Hundreds of militiamen were protecting the office Tuesday, but there was no independent confirmation al-Sadr was there.

Perhaps more worrisome than the current fight with al-Sadr's forces is the possibility that he will start drawing support from more mainstream Shiite leaders who have largely supported the Americans until now.

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such as Abilene Christian University, University of Dallas and University of St. Thomas, among others.

John Weis, vice chancellor for human resources, said insurance costs could increase approximately 6 percent next year if TCU joins the corporation, but if administration officials do not approve the negotiation, employees could see an increase of 14 to 20 percent instead in premiums, he said.

Weis said the corporation would be comprised of solid health care administrators and providers that would help stabilize insurance costs for a long term. Schools in the negotiation would get wholesale insurance rates because approximately 27 institutions are planning to join the corporation, he said.

"TCU would have the largest national network of health providers available," Weis said. TCU would get guaranteed insurance rates for three years and no more than a 10 percent increase in rates for two more years afterward, he said.

Campbell said after the negotiation is closed, the corporation would try to recruit more institutions to get even better rates.

Staff Assembly Chairman David Grebel said TCU would be able to spend money used to pay insurance benefits in other areas of the budget.

"This is a great opportunity because it would reduce the increasing insurance costs," Grebel said. "It would also free money for salaries or other compensation areas."

Grebel said Campbell and Weis have gone out of their way to help reduce the insurance costs.

Campbell said school officials have about two weeks left to decide if TCU is going to participate in the corporation. She said TCU would begin participating in January 2005.

Weis said all the member schools would own a piece of the corporation. TCU would be the largest institution in the negotiation and Campbell would be a member of the board of directors and represent the university, he said.

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AHO

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the region.

Jonathan Ogujiofor, the adviser for AHO, said he was not aware of the warning until it was too late.

"I would rather the policy be reconsidered or re-planned," Ogujiofor said. He said he will meet with Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, today to discuss the trip.

AHO's trip to Israel last year was canceled for the same reason, Ogujiofor said.

The House of Student Repre-

sentatives gave AHO \$14,208 last week to help pay for the trip. Those funds will be returned to SGA, said Treasurer David Watson.

Zeidman called the news "unfortunate" and said SGA wishes AHO the best in accomplishing its goal.

The students were planning to help build a school in Kenya and roof an orphanage, Ogujiofor said.

"These are things that can be done later if we don't get to Kenya now," Ogujiofor said.

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Partial-birth abortions face challenge in court

The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act has not been enforced because judges have agreed to hear evidence in three trials over whether the ban violates the Constitution.

By Kevin O'Hanlon
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A type of abortion banned under a new federal law would cause "severe and excruciating" pain to 20-week-old fetuses, a medical expert on pain testified Tuesday.

"I believe the fetus is conscious," said Dr. Kanwaljeet "Sonny" Anand, a pediatrician at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He took the stand as a government witness in a trial challenging the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

Under cross-examination, Anand acknowledged that he believes a less controversial abortion procedure, known as "dilation and evacuation," would cause the same amount of pain to a fetus. An estimated 140,000 D&Es, the most common method of second-trimester abortion, take place in the United States annually.

He also acknowledged there is no medical definition of "consciousness."

The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, signed by President Bush in November, has not been enforced because judges in Lincoln, Neb., New York and San Francisco agreed to hear evidence in three simultaneous, non-jury trials on whether the

ban violates the Constitution. Anand said Tuesday that fetuses show increased heart rate, blood flow and hormone levels in response to pain.

"The physiological responses have been very clearly studied," he said. "The fetus cannot talk ... so this is the best evidence we can get."

The Bush administration has argued that the procedure, referred to by opponents as "partial-birth abortion," is "inhumane and gruesome" and causes the fetus to suffer pain.

During the procedure, which doctors call "intact dilation and extraction" or D&X, a fetus is partially removed from the womb and its skull is punctured. It is generally performed in the second trimester.

Abortion rights advocates argue that it is sometimes the safest procedure for women, and that the law will endanger almost all second-trimester abortions, or 10 percent of the nation's 1.3 million annual abortions.

The law would be the first substantial limitation on abortion since the Supreme Court legalized it 31 years ago in the landmark Roe v. Wade case.

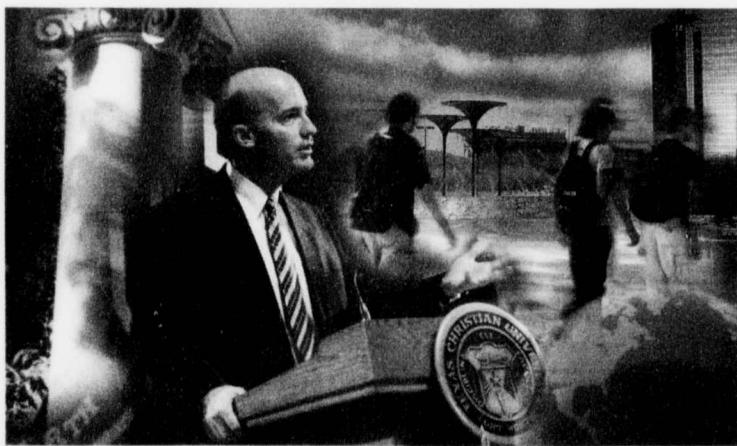
Challenges to the ban were filed by several doctors being represented by the Center for Reproductive Rights, the National Abortion Federation and the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. The issue is expected to reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

VISION IN ACTION:

Planning TCU's Future

Town Hall Meeting Wednesday at Noon

Brown-Lupton Student Center Lounge

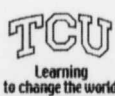


Home, Sweet Home: Living and Learning at TCU

What is TCU's ideal student body size? Do we need more men, graduate, international or out-of-state students? Should more students live on campus or within the campus perimeter? These and many other issues will be discussed during TCU's next Town Hall Meeting Home, Sweet Home: Living and Learning at TCU. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

Next Town Hall Meeting

Building a Stronger Team: Athletics and the University
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The Skiff View

Political debates enlighten students

Activism needed outside of election years, too

Hey, College Republicans and Young Democrats. How ya been? Long time no see.

Where have you all been hiding yourselves?

It's great to see two campus political groups coming together to discuss key issues involved in the upcoming election. We hope the student body will go to the debate, and leave more informed about those issues.

Both groups deserve kudos for hosting the debate, but where have they been the past few years? Why have the college political groups waited until an election year to decide they should debate? Shouldn't political activism be something to take part in every year?

There seems to be no one in American society who enjoys arguing back and forth more than political activists. No one.

Well, except for the one person who will argue you to the grave that the 1978 Pittsburgh Steelers was the greatest football team of all time, but let's get back on topic.

So there is no reason why the two groups can't engage in more political discussions, more often.

There are many issues to cover, and the debate Thursday is only covering four of them. We would like to see discussions on the environment, health care and welfare reform.

Who has ever heard of a politician who doesn't enjoy beating a dead horse?

And these are issues students need to think about.

Politics is something people should care about all the time, not just months away from a highly-contested presidential election.

We're glad the College Republicans and Young Democrats are bringing certain political topics to the forefront, but why haven't they been stirring up controversy every other year?

Students need to be engaged in political discussion and contemplation, and debates like the one being held Thursday are an excellent way to force students to evaluate their beliefs.

The debate is the only student-led political clash we remember, and that's worth hearing.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Bush using 9/11 to gain votes

Have you been watching television lately? Of course you have, you're college students. If you aren't one of those people who flips channels as soon as commercials start playing, you will probably have noticed the political campaign ads. There has been some bashing of character and a few attacks on issues. Yet, the ads that are seen the most are the ads that are dealing with the Sept. 11 tragedy.

These ads are being run for the sole purpose of political gain. Any person who remembers the tragic events of 9/11 (we remember very clearly) should be appalled that such a tragedy would be used for political gain.

President George W. Bush has been pushing himself as the man to lead this country through the "bad times." He claims that he will better protect his country by continuing a heavy campaign to find those terrorists responsible for the attack on the World Trade Center.

What he is doing, and we are sure he knows full well what he is doing, is pandering to the nation's emotions.

An ad comes across the television that goes through the list of "challenges" President Bush had to deal with — 9/11 was at the forefront of that ad.

The ad shows firemen, policemen

and American flags. It depicts Bush as the hero of 9/11. The is basically a way for President Bush to pat himself on the back for being the President during a time of tragedy, and not having the nation fall apart.

There are people out there that did much more than president Bush: NYC firemen, NYC policemen and even Former NYC mayor Rudy Giuliani. None of these people are parading around claiming to be a savior of the nation.

Instead of agitating tragic emotions that are still fairly fresh in the minds of most people, Bush should run more ads for his stance on issues.

According to CNN.com there are four Bush political ads that deal either directly or mention the 9/11 tragedy and there are only two that deal with other issues. There is only one that deals with inflated gas prices.

As it stands, all Bush is doing is trying to make people remember 9/11 (as if we could have forgotten) and then get real mad at the terrorists (as if we weren't still angry) so he can prolong his image as the savior of the nation.

Bush is trying to capitalize on the most tragic terrorist attack in U.S. history.

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Point/Counterpoint

Today's topic: John Kerry and indecisiveness

Kerry's opinions, actions contradictory

Although people may see primaries or elections as very minute or unimportant events, they actually carry much weight. The man who is elected

COMMENTARY



Ashley Earnest

president of the United States is the most powerful leader in the world, and his decisions affect the entire globe. While it is common for politicians to change their minds, John Kerry has done so excessively as a Massachusetts senator. In 1995, Kerry showed his true colors when he was the only member in the United States Senate who proposed to cut intelligence funding by billions of dollars two years after the first World Trade Center bombing. According to Wayne Washington of the Boston Globe, Kerry proposed these cuts to eliminate wasteful intelligence spending. Kerry specified these cuts as part of "one senator's common sense effort" and argued the proposed cuts were in our best interest because they consisted of pet projects that were outdated. However, I find it interesting that not one person followed his lead on this issue. Kerry either had difficult

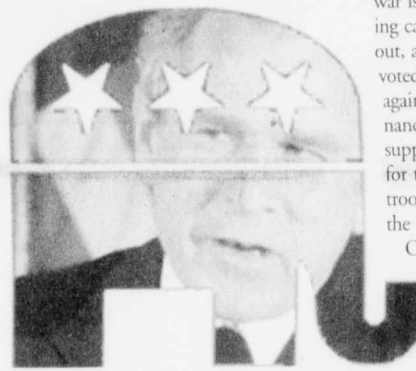
time explaining his logic to his fellow senators, or it simply did not make sense to cut intelligence funding at that time.

On Sept. 11, 2001, we were attacked in a way our country has never seen, by the same kind of terrorists who carried out the first attacks on the World Trade Center. We need reliable, accurate intelligence, and that will not happen with a president who has shown past interest in decreasing the intelligence budget.

Kerry explained why he was going to vote for the use of force against Saddam's regime in Iraq with the following statement: "I believe that a deadly arsenal of weapons of mass destruction in his hands is a real and grave threat to our security." He, along with others, have given many excuses for his vote, but the bottom line is, he voted in favor of the war.

When the anti-war protests began and Howard Dean stepped onto the scene, Kerry realized he might lose votes if he did not start speaking out against the war.

When he became the front-runner in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, he began to criticize the way the war is being carried out, and voted against financial support for the troops in the field.



Oct. 8, 2002.

speaking to the Senate Intelligence Committee, Kerry stated, "According to intelligence, Iraq has chemical and biological weapons." Comments such as these are interesting when Kerry continually claims that Bush has misled the country about the WMDs. The truth is, all parties involved believed there to be a threat in Iraq. Congress used the

same intelligence Bush had, and they came to the same conclusion when they voted to use force there.

Kerry's decisions are based solely upon the amount of votes he can harvest, and that is why he keeps changing his mind. All candidates do what they can to gain votes, but he has swayed on too many issues. What will Kerry do to protect us in these times? How would he react to a situation like 9/11? I don't really want to find out.

One of the slogans for this campaign is, "Anybody but Bush." Democrats are going to do everything in their power to win, even if that means promoting a flawed candidate. Kerry is not the man to fill George W. Bush's shoes. Bush is resolute and principled in his decisions, and he continues to act with poise and confidence despite the criticism he has received over the war in Iraq. After Kerry had challenged President Bush to have monthly debates up to the election in November, Bush simply stated, "When you stop debating with yourself, then you can debate with me."

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Bush leads 'decisively' in the wrong direction

There are many words to describe Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry. Charismatic. Heroic. Long-faced. Indecisive is not one of them.

COMMENTARY



Ty Halasz

I am tired of people saying that John Kerry is indecisive. You ask them how so and they say that he "flip-flopped" on his stance on the war in Iraq. To those people I have one question: where are the WMDs?

John Kerry voted to send troops to Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein because he was told that Hussein was harboring al Qaeda terrorists and weapons of mass destruction that were to be used against the United States.

Since then, our information has changed. There are no WMDs. Numerous former White House aides and insiders have openly said that George Bush knowingly lied to the American people about his reasons for going to war in Iraq.

When will we be able to face the fact that it was just a favor for daddy?

If you were supplied faulty information to make a decision, wouldn't you want a do-over? Wouldn't you want a chance to reconsider after being lied to? Of course.

I have heard students say that Kerry switched sides because he wanted to gain votes. Because if he wasn't running for president, he wouldn't flip-flop, right? Wrong. Kerry abandoned his stance because he knows that lying to the people is unethical.

Meanwhile, why don't we point out

some Bush ignorance that could have prevented Kerry having to be "indecisive" in the first place?

During the Clinton-Bush transition, Clinton's National Security Advisor Sandy Berger warned Condoleezza Rice about al Qaeda and its threat to America.

In Time, Condi denied that this meeting ever took place. But I look to a New York Times article from December 30, 2001, and I quote: "As he prepared to leave office last January, Mr. Berger met with his successor and gave her a warning. He said that terrorism — particularly Mr. bin Laden's brand of it — would consume far more of her time than



she had ever imagined."

It turns out that the Clinton administration had a plan to eradicate al Qaeda, but to enact it at the time it was finalized "would have been handing the Bush

administration a war when they took office," according to Time.

Clinton had confidence in Bush to finish the job and eliminate Osama. Was that too much for him to handle? I had confidence in Bush when he was inaugurated. He has failed the people and me.

It gets worse. In February 2001, a report from senators Gary Hart and Warren Rudman warned Bush that "mass-casualty terrorism directed against the U.S. homeland was of serious and growing concern." They recommended the creation of the National Homeland Security Agency. So why is it that a "mass-casualty" act of terrorism to coerce Bush into creating the DHS?

But you know, you're right. Bush is decisive. He said he was going to invade Iraq from day one. Check. He said he was going to give tax cuts to the wealthy. Check. Kerry may not be as decisive as Bush, but at least with Kerry you know that the decisions made aren't bad.

John Kerry cares about the American people. He does not want to send jobs overseas. He does not want to court Corporate America. He just wants to give Americans the life they deserve and keep them safe. Bush had a chance to keep us safe, but didn't.

As I write this, I have the news on and Iraqis are stringing U.S. civilian bodies from bridges. If John Kerry were president, I think he would have been decisive enough not to risk the lives of our soldiers.

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NEWS DIGEST

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National/International Roundup

School bus collides with truck
CANUTILLO (AP) — Seventeen people were injured Tuesday morning when a school bus collided with a pickup truck in far West Texas.

Two helicopters transported seven people to hospitals from the crash site about 12 miles northwest of El Paso, said El Paso Sheriff's Department spokesman Rick Glancey. The rest were taken by ambulance.

The bus — which belongs to the Gadsden, N.M., school district — and the pickup crashed at an intersection at about 8 a.m. Tuesday. Four people were in the pickup and 27 were on the bus.

The injured were taken to the William Beaumont Army Medical Center and Thomason Hospital in El Paso, Glancey said. The nature of the injuries weren't available Tuesday.

and Iraqi insurgents clashed Tuesday in the southern city of Nasiriyah, killing at least 15 Iraqis and wounding 35, an Italian news agency reported.

Twelve Italian troops were slightly wounded, the Italian Defense Ministry reported.

According to the Defense Ministry in Rome, the fighting occurred early in the day as gunmen opened fire on Italian forces patrolling the streets and bridges over the Euphrates, trying to restore orders after violent protests in the area.

The Italians returned fire, and at the end of the gunbattle regained control of the main bridges, said a statement by the Defense Ministry.

The ministry said the coalition headquarters building in Nasiriyah also came under attack during the clashes.

U.S. intelligence agencies and police foiled a plot to create a chemical vapor bomb in Britain, the British Broadcasting Corp. said on Tuesday.

The alleged plot involved osmium tetroxide, a catalyst used in industry, but there was no indication that the suspected plotters had obtained any of the substance, the BBC said, citing security sources.

It wasn't clear whether the report was related to the arrest of nine British men last week and the seizure of a half-ton of ammonium nitrate fertilizer, which has been used in terrorist bombs in the past.

The BBC said the plot apparently was to mix the chemical into a bomb, which would create a toxic cloud upon detonation.

The U.S. television network ABC reported Monday that U.S. and British intelligence had discovered the plot. ABC suggested that osmium tetroxide would cause victims to choke to death.

Italians, Iraqis clash in Iraq
ROME (AP) — Italian troops

British bomb plot discovered
LONDON (AP) — British and

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Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

Bush plans to aid vocational students

EL DORADO, Ark. (AP) — President Bush advocated sweeping changes Tuesday to a \$1 billion federal program that trains Americans in vocations like car repair and health care, fields that are growing fast but require workers to bring increasing sophistication into the workplace.

Bush also called for creation of \$5,000 grants for poor students who emphasize math and science. He would pay for the \$100 million annual program by imposing new restrictions on Pell Grants and by tapping private foundations.

The president proposed requiring high school seniors in every state to take national math and English tests that are mandated only for fourth- and eighth-graders today.

"We're creating new jobs," Bush said. "The question is, are people going to be prepared to fill those jobs?"

The measures, which would need congressional approval, would require no new spending by the government. They represent election-year initiatives meant to address the economy's slow advance in creating jobs. Bush said a changing economy is spawning different kinds of jobs that demand changes in education and training.

The proposals came as Democrat John Kerry

focused on job-creation during a visit to Ohio. Kerry reminded listeners that 1.84 million jobs have been lost since Bush took office, and he renewed his pledge to create 10 million jobs. The economy gained more than 300,000 jobs last month.

On the second half of a two-day job-training tour, Bush chose to speak in Arkansas, a state he won in 2000 but one that is up for grabs in this year's election.

In his budget for the upcoming year, Bush requested that Congress trim spending for Perkins Vocational Education Program, from a little more than \$1.3 billion this year to \$1 billion. Bush asked lawmakers to replace the Perkins program with a new one called the Secondary and Technical Education Program, an idea the White House proposed last year.

At South Arkansas Community College on Tuesday, Bush fleshed out the details. It came at a time when Congress is considering how to renew Perkins legislation.

Bush would require that schools participating in the program offer four years of English, three years of math and science, and 3 1/2 years of social studies.

"When kids are coming out of vocational training programs, they're going to need to do more than just what's taught at the vocational training level," Bush said. "They're going to need to be able to think."

The administration said it would distribute 20,000 of the \$5,000 grants for math and science studies every year.

The \$100 million annual cost would be financed partly through private education-related foundations and partly by saving money by limiting the number of years students could receive Pell Grants.

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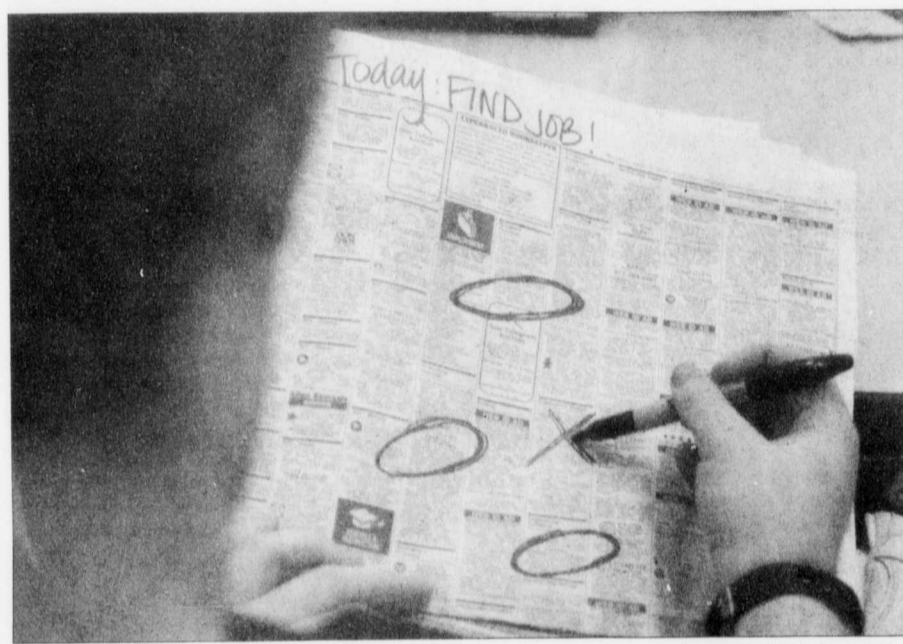
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Getting a Job



Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor

By Maryanne George
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Adrienne Brown has sent out more than 40 resumes and been on four job interviews recently. But if she doesn't land a job by the time she graduates from Michigan State University next month, she'll be working as an office assistant at a campus dorm.

Brown, 22, is one of thousands of college seniors searching for jobs in a tough labor market. Although hiring of college graduates with bachelor's degrees is expected to increase overall between 3 and 8 percent, it is declining in some fields, according to a study released Nov. 20 by MSU.

The 33rd annual survey of 450 employers by MSU's Collegiate Employment Research Institute found that while the job market is improving in areas such as biological and physical sciences, computer science graduates will find few openings.

Among the study's findings: Employers with hiring plans will create an approximately 9-percent expansion in jobs.

Graduates are more likely to find jobs in retail, construction, finance, health and hospitality and less likely to find spots in manufacturing, transportation, professional services and information services.

Internships and co-op jobs are the preferred path to a job.

Employers want candidates who communicate well and are willing to

learn new skills. Starting salaries are increasing only 1-2 percent and decreasing in some fields compared to last year.

Brown, who majored in communications at MSU, is amazed at the competition.

"There aren't as many openings now," said Brown, who lives in East Lansing and works part time at

the 3-8 percent hiring increase is good news.

"But we have engineers working at Home Depot making half of what they expected," Gardner said. "Seniors need to do some soul-searching about what makes them unique and how they can match up with the companies seeking those talents."

Andrew Patterson, who will graduate from MSU next month with a bachelor's degree in market-

ing, is confident he'll find a job soon. On Thursday, he interviewed with World Kitchen Inc., a Chicago-based distributor of kitchenware. The company expects to hire 30 new field sales managers nationwide by June, according to Mike James, a company recruiter who interviewed Patterson. World Kitchen has one opening in the Detroit area.

The entry-level jobs will pay an annual salary in the mid-\$30,000 range, he said.

Patterson has sent out about 10 resumes.

"I'm confident I'll get something," said Patterson, 25, from Chelsea. "In interviews everyone has liked me so far."

While he searches, Patterson will continue to work as a part-time loan officer for a Jackson mortgage company.

Jennifer Mussman, a senior at the University of Michigan, is participating in a unique program through U-M's Career Center. She is one of five U-M students chronicling their job search on a reality television-style Web site. The candidates keep a diary of their job search on the site, which offers career tips from recruiters and other job information.

Mussman, who graduates in the spring with a bachelor's degree in communications, has sent out about 25 resumes and been on seven interviews in her quest for a job in retail or advertising.

"It's pretty competitive," said Mussman, 21, from Grand Rapids. "When you go to a company presentation you see 50 to 100 people and there are only 10 jobs available. I'm hoping to find a job by the second semester, but that's not realistic."

"Plan B is to move back home, work as a waitress and keep searching for a job but I hope it doesn't come to that."

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QUALIFICATIONS
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B.S. News Editorial Journalism, Bachelor's marketing minor

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January-May 2004, Managing Editor of TCU Intra Magazine
Responsible for the design and layout of the magazine. I also managed the design and layout of the magazine's website. I worked with a team of designers and layout artists to create a professional-looking magazine.

2001-2004, various positions, TCU Daily Staff
As a copywriter, I managed and edited stories for publication. My creative and I wrote a weekly feature for the student newspaper. I also worked as a layout artist for the newspaper.

2001-2004, various positions, TCU Daily Staff
As a production assistant, I placed photos in Quark Xpress and helped design the layout of the newspaper. I also worked as a layout artist for the newspaper.

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Getting your foot in the door

By Amy Bowman
Staff Reporter

If the search for an internship were a television sit-com, the theme music might be "Getting to Know You."

That's because the decision a company makes is based on more than just a resume or even a face-to-face interview.

"Seventy percent of the interview happens before an applicant even goes into the room," says Bill Stowe of Career Services.

And that's why besides resume and cover letter critique, Career Services also offers mock interviews where students are interviewed, filmed, critiqued and told how to improve.

But even before that practice comes basic decision-making about internship possibilities. They include:

- Finding the perfect internship whether it's in state, out of state or out of the country.
 - Preparing the perfect resume and awesome portfolio and planning to nail the interview.
 - Planning how to use the internship to your benefit by gaining a clear understanding of your industry.
- There are many sources of information about internships. One is searching the Internet or newspaper classified ads to find opportunities in Fort Worth and the surrounding cities, out of state or even out of the country.

And there is word of mouth. When you hear someone bragging about their internship, ask them about it. There might be another opening in the company.

Professors and advisers in your department may keep lists of employers favorable to TCU students.

Ricky Garnett, who graduated in December with a geology major, has been keeping in contact with people he knows in the business, he said. His advisor helped him get a temporary job in January but said he has been posting his resume.

"Persistence is the key," Garnett said.

Stowe notes that Career Services has job and internship opportunities listed on its webpage and also maintains several books of internships offered in different geographical areas around the country.

Christe Anderson has an internship in the marketing department of Texas Bank, she said. Before graduating in May, she took it upon herself to get her name out there. Anderson said she attended TCU career fairs and searching online databases like Monster.com.

One of the most important parts of the job search process is networking with people, she said. They keep her updated about openings, she said.

Many websites offer good advice and are an alternative to using the career services.

Findyourspot.com offers a quiz based on weather, activities, finances and other preferences to match you with the perfect city. Once you find the city that matches you with your interests, see how it corresponds with job availability.

Forbes.com offers its list of the Top 10 places for businesses and careers as well as housing costs, attractiveness of the city and net migration.

Besides ranking first for places to live in 2003, Austin also ranked first for best places for singles according to Forbes.com. Next comes the resume and cover letter.

Stowe said a student should stick to a single page resume unless he or she has done numerous outstanding jobs relevant to the job being sought.

Put the most important information first, and be aware that as you get older, high school information, such as head cheerleader, should be left out, Stowe said.

An employer is going to look at all aspects of a resume and that means that listing skills, whether they are communication, technical, or people skills,

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is the most important, Stowe said.

Online application is OK in this developing technological age, Stowe said, but students also should send the prospective employer a hard copy of the resume and the cover letter. That personalizes the application.

"Companies hire people, not resumes," Stowe said. A secret weapon is to provide the internship employer with a professional portfolio.

The experts of Internweb.com say portfolios aren't just for "creative" jobs like advertising and designers.

Portfolios might also include letters of recommendations, information about scholarships and details of awards. That information gives employers a chance to see the applicant in a more personable way, study his or her achievements and evaluate the applicant's potential as an employee, the webpage said.

Once you get the call back, the employer will most likely ask you to come in for an interview.

Stowe said the main mistake students make in an interview is not planning ahead and anticipating potentially asked questions. Students also need to be able to tell the employer what they have to offer to the company.

Anderson said she has learned time management, organizational, interpersonal and public relation skills that she'll be able to brag about during an interview.

That's where Career Services' interview practice comes in handy.

Once the internship is secured, it is up to the student to make the most of it.

Stowe said it is vital for students to attend community and professional meetings as an excellent form of networking.

The goal is to not only find people who are good for you, but people you can help as well. Collect business cards and keep track of the people you meet.

And if you do all of that, and the employer really does get to know you, sometimes these internships turn in to after-college job offers. At the minimum, they make good entries on the resume for the next time.



Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor



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Students can set up interviews with potential employers on campus through Career Services.

Do-it-yourself kits claim to ensure baby gender selection

Doctors question product effectiveness and say buyers should be skeptical.

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Boy or girl? Now you can pick the sex of your baby in the privacy of your own home. Or so the Internet sellers of sex-selection kits would have you believe.

The latest fad in baby making offers guaranteed, worry-free gender selection for just \$199 plus shipping. Some experts call it "snake oil."

But that hasn't stopped entrepreneurs from trying to capitalize on demand among some prospective parents.

The phenomenon first gained attention when some U.S. fertility

clinics began offering gender selection for non-medical reasons through costly, often invasive medical procedures.

But it's been taken to a different level by purveyors of unproven home-use products, who are milking the increasing awareness about more legitimate sex selection methods and hoping to draw some of the same potential customers, said University of Pennsylvania bioethicist Arthur Caplan.

The only two medical procedures that experts say are legitimate — a method requiring in vitro fertilization and the experimental MicroSort sperm-sorting technique — have raised ethical concerns about designer babies and gender bias.

A Fairfax, Va., clinic that offers the \$2,300 MicroSort technique

recently ran national newspaper ads seeking to recruit patients with the headline: "Do you want to choose the gender of your next baby?"

But home-use products that guarantee results with things like douches, vitamins and do-it-yourself artificial insemination kits pose different ethical problems because "they're promising things they can't deliver," Caplan said.

"There absolutely is an audience of people who are interested in" gender selection, said Richard Rawlins, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology research at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. "The old standby is 'caveat emptor — buyer beware.'"

One home-use product is the

GenSelect system, featuring boy and girl kits offered over the Internet at \$199 apiece plus shipping. It is touted as being 96 percent effective

"We have some people who didn't get the gender that they chose, but virtually every one of them didn't do it right."

Dr. Scott Sweazy
Urologist

if properly used. GenSelect patents were approved earlier this year, said Dr. Scott Sweazy, a South Carolina urologist who helped create the system.

The kits include a thermometer to help predict ovulation, special douches and "gender specific" mineral and herbal pills.

Sweazy said thousands of kits have been sold worldwide since the Web site started three years ago, and that business has tripled in the past year. He said he did not have information on how many babies of the desired gender have been born with GenSelect, and a spokesman said sales figures are confidential.

"We have some people who didn't get the gender that they chose," Sweazy said, "but virtually every one of them didn't do it right."

Veronica Moister of Lake Worth, Fla. said she's almost seven months pregnant with the girl she wanted thanks to GenSelect. She found their site while Web surfing and was pretty doubtful at first.

"It seemed far-fetched and it was online so you never know what you're getting," said Moister, 32, who already has a young son. She said she and her husband considered MicroSort but didn't want to travel to Virginia, so they tried the low-tech method instead, figuring they'd be perfectly happy if they conceived a boy instead.

Moister said she became a

convert when she learned she was carrying a girl.

Many doctors remain skeptical and say luck mostly explains such success stories.

Some "old wives' tales" methods like timing intercourse close to ovulation for a boy or douching with vinegar for a girl could theoretically slightly improve a couple's chances of success, but they're scientifically unproven, Rawlins said.

Fertility specialist Dr. Norbert Gleicher called such products "snake oil."

Gleicher made headlines three years ago when his Chicago and New York clinics became among the nation's first to offer sex selection for non-medical reasons using a technique called pre-implantation genetic screening.

The method analyzes embryos created through in vitro fertilization and was designed to help couples at risk for having children with inherited genetic diseases. The screening can detect healthy embryos and their gender with nearly 100 percent accuracy. But once the desired embryo has been selected, pregnancy through IVF is not a sure thing and several tries costing tens of thousands of dollars often are necessary.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 6 — It's not a good day to travel or to test abstract ideas. Stay practical — and close to home — in order to minimize annoyance.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6 — When you're busy, you may forget that you have a goal in mind. If you don't have one, then make one up now, and make it a juicy prize.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7 — It's not a good time to gamble, though you're lucky in other areas. A friend of yours comes through just when

you need help the most.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6 — There are a few things in your way that aren't conducive to the vision that you and your partner share. You'll have to move them aside.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — With concentration and planning, you can turn your nest egg into gold. Others might make and lose several fortunes, but you'd rather get one and hold onto it. Figure out how, with the help of a rich friend.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7 — Creative work pays best now, but it's hardest to pin down. You can't afford distractions, so schedule romance for another time. Friday night should be good for that.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — You may not have to say what's on your mind. You can let your partner, or perhaps even your attorney, carry the message to those concerned.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 6 — Be forewarned that something you believe to be true could be tested, and soon. In a way, this is good. You'll know which parts are fact and which parts are fantasy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — A friend points out a flaw in your reasoning, causing you to reconsider whether you can afford to fulfill a fantasy now. You may want to wait a while longer.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7 — A critical person's comments cut deep, and in a most vulnerable spot. Unfortunately, it hurts. Fortunately, it helps you get tough.

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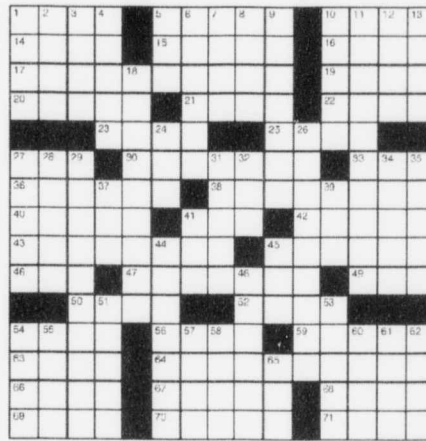


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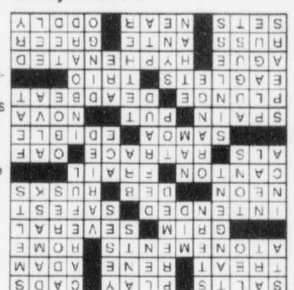
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 1 Put away cargo
 5 Palm blows
 10 North Carolina university
 14 Gdarski man
 15 Brown tint
 16 Kilauea flow
 17 Expression of love
 19 Ginger cookie
 20 Fleeting traces
 21 Spumante
 22 Stagnant
 23 Musial or Mikita
 25 God of war
 27 Neighbor of Miss.
 30 Say the same thing again
 33 Young boy
 36 Greek letters
 38 Capital of South Australia
 40 Lubricated
 41 Dign donkey
 42 Campbell of the NBA
 43 Asserting innocence
 45 Scorers
 46 Running game
 47 Unties
 49 Comprehend
 50 Down for the night
 52 Abel's attacker
 54 Contribution to the pot
 56 Division word
 59 Man's talons
 63 Spring shape
 64 Of animal life
 66 Celeb
 67 Dropped the ball
 68 Also
 69 Disavow
 70 Saint-Saens' "macabre"
 71 Singer Nelson
- DOWN**
 1 Eject violently
 2 Singer Tennille
 3 Auto pioneer
 4 Evidences sadness
 5 Russ or Lith., once
 6 French auto-race city
 7 Sirians
 8 Quart part
 9 Overindulge
 10 Borden's spokeswoman
 11 Decisive victories
 12 Roundish shape
 13 Neck part
 18 On horseback
 24 Two-time loser to DDE
 26 Settling free
 27 Parent an orphan
 28 Bowler Wagner
 29 Unproved statement
 31 Distinctive flavors
 32 Humorist writer George
 34 Revere
 35 Tightly packed
 37 Mad Hatter's beverage
 39 PC key
 41 Year in Acapulco
 44 Type of salt
 45 Genetic letters
 48 French schools
 51 Breadbasket
 53 Artless
 54 LSD to users
 55 Protuberance
 57 Asta's mistress
 58 Actor Rip
 59 Chilled
 61 Cooking fat
 62 Bump off
 65 Lotty poem



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Sideline

Nets activate point guard

Jason Kidd, who missed nine games with a bone bruise in his left knee, was activated Tuesday night by the New Jersey Nets.

Kidd was not in the starting lineup against the Milwaukee Bucks. He last played March 18 in an 89-71 loss to the Detroit Pistons, scoring 10 points in 39 minutes. Kidd was put on the injured list the next day and did not practice until March 30.

The Nets, who clinched their third straight Atlantic Division title last week, have five games left after Tuesday night to evaluate Kidd's knee.

Kidd is averaging 16.0 points, a league-high 9.5 assists and 6.7 rebounds. The 31-year-old has a league-best nine triple-doubles this season and 59 in his career — tied with Larry Bird for fourth-most in NBA history.

In a related move, the Nets released guard Anthony Goldwire, who was on his second 10-day contract. He played in six games, averaging less than a point.

Lemieux to skate next year

Losing the NHL draft lottery means that the Pittsburgh Penguins probably won't have Russian star Alexander Ovechkin when they next take the ice.

Coach Eddie Olczyk will happily settle for the player the Penguins drafted the previous time they finished last in the NHL standings: Mario Lemieux.

Lemieux, the Penguins' owner and Hall of Fame player, gave Olczyk every indication Tuesday that he will play next season, barring a lockout that would shut down the league. Lemieux missed all but 10 games this season with a hip injury.

Unlike last year, when the Penguins didn't confirm until late summer that Lemieux would play, Olczyk talked openly about what having Lemieux next season will mean.

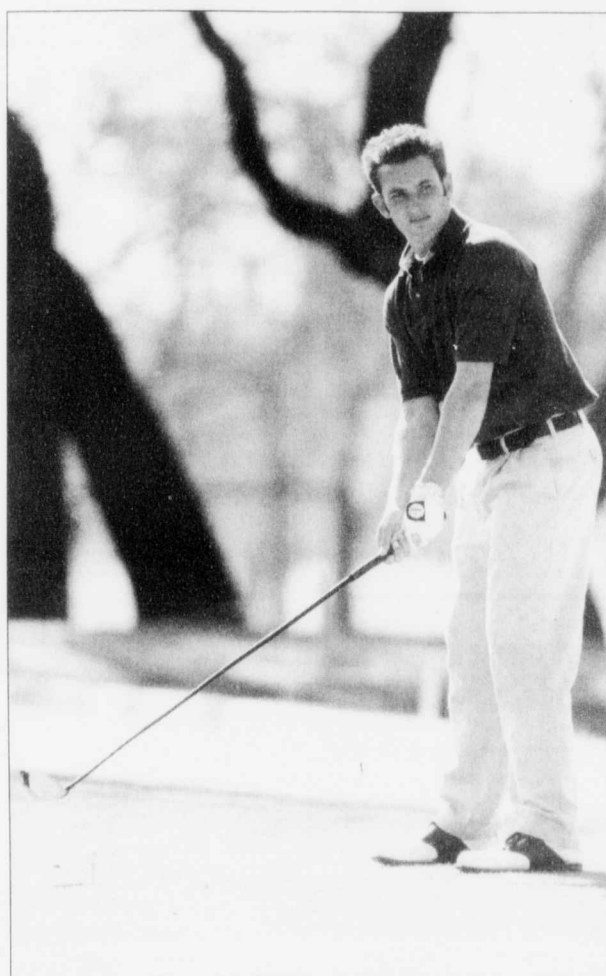
The Penguins were 3-4-3 until Lemieux was hurt Nov. 1 — not a championship pace, but one much better than their final record of 23-47-8-4.

Without Lemieux, the Penguins were challenging the franchise record for fewest victories in a season, 16. But a 12-5-3 finish gave them hope that their transition from expensive veterans to lower-priced younger talent was beginning to take shape.

Apparently, so much so that Lemieux is already planning to return next season, when he'll be 39. Lemieux, who has not talked to reporters since November, did not attend the team's season-ending news conference Tuesday.

Teeing off for the last time

Senior golfer leads team with both experience, example



Special to the Staff

Golfer credits new leadership role to this season's success on and off the links.

By Matt Looloian
Skiff Staff

At the end of last fall, men's golf coach Bill Montigel sat down with Stephen Polanski. Montigel told the senior that if he'd commit to working hard, he could really help the golf program.

Since then, Polanski's hard work and leadership have propelled the No. 9 Frogs to Top-10 finishes in all four of their spring tournaments.

"He worked harder than any other guy on the team in the off-season," Montigel said. "He committed himself to having a great spring season."

Montigel said Polanski, one of two seniors on the team this year, has been a great example for the younger players who can see an older player dedicated to the team and the game of golf.

Being a senior on a primarily young team also helped Polanski remain focused.

"The guys look up to you," Polanski said. "It forced me to grow up and stay away from doing the wrong things."

Polanski showed his team he was ready to lead in a preseason qualifier for the Waikoloa Intercollegiate Tournament in Hawaii. He won the qualifier by 19 strokes over the rest of the players on the team.

His 19th place finish at the Hall of Fame Invitational March 19-21 was the best of his four-year career at TCU.

To Polanski, however, a finish is just a finish.

"The way I've represented my school is the thing I'm most proud of," Polanski said.

And according to Montigel, Polanski has represented TCU well. Montigel said Polanski, beyond being a skilled golfer, has always been a superior student who earns good grades.

Polanski, a business management major, came to TCU from Livonia, a suburb of Detroit. As a freshman, he was awarded a medical redshirt by the NCAA because of a broken finger, leaving him incapable of playing the majority of the season.

The summer following his freshman year, Polanski proved he was fully rehabilitated by winning the 2000 Northern Amateur Tournament — the greatest achievement of his golf career.

Montigel went and watched the final round. He was thoroughly impressed with Polanski's win against stiff competition.

"I knew then that he was going to be a great player," Montigel said.

Montigel said Polanski has grown tremendously and become mentally tougher during his time at TCU. He said it was easy to rattle Polanski as a freshman, but as

a senior, it's a different story.

"Now nothing bothers him, he just goes out and plays golf," Montigel said.

Montigel told Polanski that he will go to every tournament for the rest of the year, meaning Polanski will letter for the fourth consecutive season.

Polanski, who graduates in May, will attempt to lead the Frogs through the NCAA Central Regional May 20-22 and onto the NCAA Championships June 1-4.

After graduation, Polanski plans on pursuing a professional golf career for a few years. He recently got engaged to Michele Kruzel, a fellow Horned Frog who graduated in May 2003. The two will be married in December and plan on remaining in the Fort Worth area.

If professional golf doesn't work out, Polanski is glad he will have a great degree from TCU to fall back on. Whether he plays professional golf or not, he's pleased with the influence golf has had on him.

"Golf presents so many opportunities and challenges that it's made me a better person," he said.

Polanski said TCU means a lot to him and he is grateful for his experiences here.

"I'm going to miss TCU, that's for sure," Polanski said. "It's been great playing Colonial all the time and living the dream life before I have to do it all on my own."

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Huskie heaven: Taurasi leads UConn to third straight title

Connecticut makes it a sweep by winning both the men and women's championship tournaments.

By Chuck Schoffner
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Make it a double for UConn.

Connecticut's women completed a championship sweep for the school by beating Tennessee 70-61 Tuesday night, one day after the men's team won their tournament.

With key contributions from everyone and the incomparable Diana Taurasi leading the way, the Huskies captured their third straight title by holding off the Lady Vols. It was further confirmation that UConn has supplanted Tennessee as the top program in the women's game.

So now there's a new Tirtletown:

tiny Storrs, Conn., the Huskies' home. The victory by the women followed UConn's win over Georgia Tech in the men's championship game Monday night, making Connecticut the first Division I school to sweep both titles.

It was the fifth title overall for the women and it came at the expense of the only other school that has won three straight championships. Tennessee and coach Pat Summitt still lead all teams with six NCAA titles, but the Huskies and coach Geno Auriemma are closing fast.

They started fast in this one, racing to a 17-point lead in the first half. Tennessee got the lead down to six at halftime, closed to three early in the second half and trailed by just two after Brittany Jackson hit a 3-pointer from 3

feet behind the arc with 9:50 to play.

Connecticut got the lead back to eight, but the Lady Vols kept coming. Ashley Robinson blocked Barbara Turner's turnaround shot, raced to the other end, caught a no-look pass from Shanna Zolman and made a layup, drawing the Lady Vols to 59-55.

It would get no closer. Willnett Crockett's three-point play, her only points of the night, stopped Tennessee's momentum and the Huskies finished it off with free throws.

Taurasi, who has tormented Tennessee with big games against the Lady Vols throughout her career, led the Huskies with 17 points in her final college game and was named the Final Four's outstanding player for the second

year in a row. And she had plenty of help.

Jessica Moore and Ann Strother each scored 14 points and Moore grabbed nine rebounds. Turner had nine rebounds, 12 points, four assists, two blocks and two steals.

Moore scored 12 of her points in the second half to help keep UConn ahead and her biggest rebound came at her most painful moment of the game. She twisted her left knee after grabbing an offensive rebound and crashed to the floor after getting rid of the ball.

With Moore still down, Strother was fouled on a 3-point shot and hit all three free throws, giving UConn a 57-49 lead.

Zolman led Tennessee with 19 points, Robinson had 13 and Shyra Ely 10.

So the brash, fast-talking Auriemma once again got the best of Summitt, whose frosty relationship with the UConn coach has become legendary. The Huskies have defeated Tennessee six straight times and, even more important, they're 4-0 against the Lady Vols in national championship games, including a 73-68 victory last year.

Tennessee went back-to-back-to-back from 1996-98, but the Lady Vols haven't won since.

They made it to this year's championship game — their 11th — with three straight two-point victories decided in the final seconds. They kept things interesting Tuesday night but there was no chance to make a play at the end, mainly because the Lady Vols had to come from too far down.

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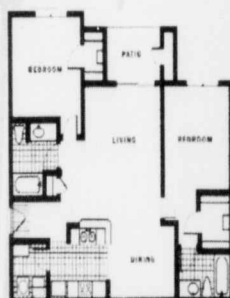
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