

Untimely misfortunes in students' lives always seem to occur on test days

Freshman Chad Huffman is following in his brother's footsteps as a two-sport athlete



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Above Stephanie Jones (sitting), a freshman advertising/public relations major, surrenders to a shaving cream make-over Wednesday evening in front of Sherley Hall. **Below** Creamy goodies like Krispy Kreme donuts and ice cream sandwiches were also served up at the hall social.

Sherley gets creamed RAs attacked by foaming residents

Hall occupants break out of the ordinary, recapturing their childhood with a shaving cream fight.

By Kristy Cubstead
Staff Reporter

Shaving cream flew and shrieks were heard as the women of Sherley Hall broke from their normal activities to have a little fun.

Sherley residents and resident assistants tumbled around the yard outside Sherley yesterday laughing and soaking each other with shaving cream during their third hall event this semester.

The theme "Why cram when you can cream?" was designed to give Sherley residents a break from studying.

"Instead of cramming for their



tests, we wanted to give them something fun and different to do," said resident assistant Courtney Kink.

The participants ran around for about 20 minutes spraying

each other, coming back several times to reload on shaving cream.

They were only supposed to spray each other from the neck down, but at the end of the fight, all the participants were covered in white from head to toe. Their hair stood straight up in mohawks because there was so much shaving cream in it.

"People have fun getting to act like kids," said RA Mary Kelly, who cheered the participants from a distance.

The residents seemed to spend most of their time spraying the RAs.

"I knew all the RAs, so I got them really good," said freshman

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Rice's testimony will affect election politics, profs say

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice will testify publicly and under oath today before the commission investigating Sept. 11.

By Sarah Greene
Staff Reporter

The fact that the commission investigating the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, is hearing testimonies about the government's actions leading up to attacks during an election year mean it will impact the election, political science professors say.

James Riddlesperger, who chairs the political science department, said President George W. Bush backed down primarily due to the election.

"The simple truth is that Bush



Rice

is taking a real PR hit on the issue and it is distracting from his campaigning," Riddlesperger said.

Ralph

Carter, a political science professor, said the upcoming election would have an impact on the commission.

"Election year politics to some extent affect everything," Carter said.

Initially, the White House would not allow Rice to testify, saying it would violate executive privilege, or the right of the president to order a government witness not to testify before Congress, according to the C-Span Congressional

Glossary.

Bush agreed to reverse his claim of executive privilege and allow Rice to testify because the Sept. 11 attacks were a unique circumstance, according to a CNN interview.

"The terrorist threat being examined by the commission is still present, still urgent and still demands our full attention," Bush said.

Political science professor Adam Schiffer said Bush's decision to allow a security adviser to testify is rare, but necessary.

"It's highly unusual for an adviser to testify, but it's also highly unusual for terrorists to blow up a building in America," Schiffer said.

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Money tops forum discussion

Students, faculty and staff share their views on TCU's ideal size, student body demographics and residential life.

By Lacey Krause
Staff Reporter

It all comes down to money.

Funding was a crucial aspect of nearly every issue raised at Wednesday's town hall meeting. Approximately 65 people, including students, faculty and staff met to discuss "Home, Sweet Home: Living and Learning at TCU."

The meeting was the fourth of six open forum meetings organized by Chancellor Victor Boschini's Vision in Action group. Boschini developed the VIA group to design a three-to-five-year strategic plan for TCU's future.

The university should consider developing existing programs before starting new ones, said Andy Fort, a religion professor. For example, several departments on campus are currently housed in mobile units.

"We have to grow things that are really first-rate," he said. "I don't see a lot of trailers at other universities."

TCU needs to recognize the benefits of all majors and distribute funds accordingly, said Nadia Lahutsky, a religion professor. Lahutsky relayed a story



Crystal Forester/Staff Photographer

Christy Lehew, the Waits Hall director, and her son, Kyle, listen to students, faculty and staff express their concerns about increasing enrollment.

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Student beats cancer, helps others

TCU breast cancer survivor runs race to help expand research into treatment options.

By John Anderson
Staff Reporter

She ran her race and won. Now she runs a race for others.

Tarrant County's affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, a nonprofit organization that promotes breast care awareness and research, is preparing for its 12th annual 5K run at 8 a.m. Saturday in Sundance Square.

Laura Martin, a senior kinesiology major, plans on being at the starting line with her fiancé, but her true race began 19 months ago.

When she was 19, Martin was diagnosed with breast cancer during the fall of her junior year.

"I felt like it wasn't really happening to me," Martin said. "For the first couple of weeks, I wouldn't say that I had cancer, only that I had a malignant tumor. For some reason the 'c' word was too scary."

The news came as a shock to Martin's friends as well.

"I remember leaving art class and having 10 messages from her mom on my phone, telling me to come to the hospital," said Eleanor Burkett, a senior theater performance major and close friend of Martin's. "They waited until I got there to tell her the news."

"She didn't believe us at first,"

Burkett said. "She was scared and was crying but, she is the strongest woman I know so I knew she could beat it."

Martin beat the odds, said Bether Netherby, vice chairwoman for the race.

"Laura is the exception," Netherby said. "You will have a lot of TCU students that are affected by parents, grandparents and relatives, but you are not going to have that many breast cancer survivors that are TCU students."

Among the 13,000 expected runners Saturday is Martin's fiancé, Justin Schlager.

Martin called Schlager, her then ex-boyfriend, in Wichita Falls after a biopsy revealed the tumor was malignant.

The two had been separated for nine months and had barely talked to each other.

Schlager said he wasn't picking up her phone calls at first, but realized that something serious had happened by how frequent his phone started to ring.

Martin and Schlager first met at a power lifting competition, where Schlager won "best lifter," and Martin handed out the trophies.

"I thought she wanted to date one of my friends," Schlager said. "But I approached her and gave her my number."

The biopsy was one of three surgeries Martin would have but it

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Laura Martin, a senior kinesiology major, and fiancé Justin Schlager rekindled their relationship after Martin received news of her breast cancer.

QUICK FACTS

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

- The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is Saturday at Sundance Square in downtown Fort Worth
- 6:30-7:30 a.m. Registration, T-shirt pick-up
- 7:15 a.m. Survivor Photo at Awards Stage
- 7:30 a.m. Aerobic warm up
- 7:45 a.m. one mile fun run/walk
- 8 a.m. Co-ed 5K run/walk and competitive 5K start
- 9:15 a.m. Survivor Recognition Ceremony, Awards Presentation and live entertainment.

- More than 13,000 participants are expected this year.
- The Tarrant County affiliate has more than 400 members and has been around since May 1992.
- Seventy-five percent of the money raised stays in Tarrant County to treat the medically under and uninsured.
- Twenty-five percent goes directly to national research.

Alcohol awareness drive to educate students at risk

By Ferrell Fields
Staff Reporter

Students, faculty, staff and community members will have the opportunity to get information and feedback on drinking today during the sixth annual National Alcohol Screening Day.

Angie Taylor, director of the alcohol and drug education center, said this is an awareness opportunity for people to gain information about drinking in an unbiased manner.

The program is designed to

provide outreach, screening and education about the effect of alcohol on people's health.

Participants can take a screening questionnaire that ranks their alcohol use from high to low. After completing the questionnaire, participants will have a short interview with a counselor to discuss the results.

The counselors are there to provide personal feedback related to individual alcohol use, Taylor said. If the questionnaire

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Iraq violence intensifies

Fighting spreads in Iraq as 40 people die in another day of attacks.

By Bassem Mroue and Abdul-Qader Saadi
Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. Marines in the third day of a battle to pacify this Sunni Muslim city fired a rocket and dropped a 500-pound, laser-guided bomb on the Abdul-Aziz al-Samarrai mosque compound Wednesday, and witnesses said as many as 40 people were killed. Shiite-provoked violence spread to key cities in Iraq.

The fighting in Fallujah and neighboring Ramadi has killed 15 Marines since Monday and was part of an intensified uprising involving both Sunni and Shiites that now stretches from Kirkuk in the north to the far south.

Marines waged a six-hour battle around the mosque with the militants holed up inside before a Cobra helicopter fired a Hellfire missile at the base of its minaret, and an F-16 dropped the bomb, said Marine Lt. Col. Brennan Byrne.

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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.

How much community service have you/your organization done? Report your hours this week by filling out the card from your mail box or by stopping at the table in the Student Center during lunch. Free jelly beans for everyone who fills out a card!

The first Spring Fling, sponsored by Programming Council, is on Sunday, April 18th. Organizations have the chance to compete for money prizes in a fashion show and carnival game competition. Information packets and registration forms are available at the Student Center Information Desk. Space is limited, so register as soon as possible so your organization can participate. Turn in registrations forms to the Student Center Information Desk by Friday. For more information, or questions, e-mail e.g.serio@tcu.edu.

Can't pass the MOS TEST? Help is here. Take MOS exam prep courses. Classes are held six times a week at convenient hours. Sign up at the Neeley Certification Office, Dan Rogers Hall, Room 138, or call Leigh at (817) 257-5220 for details.

A six-hour defensive driving course under the curriculum of National Safety Council is being offered from 1-7 p.m. Thursday, April 29 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1. On completion of the course, you are eligible for a 10 percent reduction on your liability insurance for three years. It is not for ticket dismissal. To register, call Hao Tran at (817) 257-7778.

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only. Men and women ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Vince Carter. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873.

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about a former student who felt isolated as a religion major because he felt the university didn't consider his major as important as other majors, such as business.

"The others seem to be invalidated as a subject of study," she said. "Somehow our mix has to make it evident that we value all majors."

The endowment plays a large role in deciding how large the student body should be, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs. The university should consider the ratio of endowment

dollars per student, he said.

"We need to think about growing our financial base as well," Mills said.

Tuition only covers part of the cost of attending TCU, said Mary Wrench, a junior advertising/public relations major. The endowment and donations cover remaining costs, she said.

"If we add more students at this time, we'll need more donations to cover the cost," she said.

Money plays a major role when students decide whether to live on campus, said Tracy Williams, a senior communication studies major and Colby Hall resident assistant. Students see that living off-campus can be cheaper and

would allow them more freedom, she said.

Students who live on campus are more involved, said Joe Ann May, a financial services employee.

"You do become part of the campus," she said.

TCU's mission statement stresses diversity, Mills said, and living on campus allows students to experience that diversity.

"They are engaged with a very diverse group of students," he said.

Funding is also required to obtain an economically and racially diverse mix of students at the university. TCU may need to award more scholarships to encourage diversity, said Linda Moore, social

work professor.

"If we continue what we're doing with financial aid, we'll have the same student body we have now," she said.

Blaise Ferrandino, a music professor, said he agreed that having a mix of students from different backgrounds is essential to TCU's mission.

"The reason I want a mix is not to be politically correct. It's important those different viewpoints are brought into the classroom," he said. "If the academic mission is kept front and center, I think we'll tend to make the right decisions."

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MARTIN

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was enough for Schlager to visit Martin while she was recovering and rekindle their relationship.

"The first surgery made me realize that we should be together," Schlager said. "We started talking about us, and two weeks later we were officially back together."

After her biopsy, Martin had a mastectomy—the removal of breast tissue to completely remove the tumor—and then replaced the lost tissue with an implant.

The recovery process forced Martin to take a semester off in the fall of 2002 and move in with her brother.

Burkett said she moved in for three weeks to trade off shifts with Martin's brother.

"She had drainage pumps that she couldn't drain by herself so I would help with that, taking her to see her doctor and reminding her when to take her medicine," Burkett said.

Schlager started making frequent trips from Wichita Falls to visit his recovering girlfriend.

"I didn't want to lose her," Schlager said. "I would go down

there three days a week, as often as I could."

Martin said it didn't take long to recover physically but the emotional recovery did take some time.

"It took a while," Martin said. "I can't remember a day that everything became OK."

Burkett said Schlager adds to Martin's strength and had a lot to do with her recovery.

Four months after Martin's last surgery, Schlager proposed during a weekend of driving four wheelers next to the Red River.

"I had a huge sign made that said, 'Laura, will you marry me?' hanging next to the river," Schlager said. "I had the ring in my pocket and she stopped when she saw the sign, and then I proposed, right in front of 20 friends and family."

Martin says she is cancer free now. She returned to TCU in spring 2003 and ran in The Race for the Cure 5K run. When she does it again this weekend, she will be accompanied by Schlager.

"She is doing so great," Burkett said. "She is planning her wedding and got certified to be a personal trainer."

Martin graduates in December, and her wedding is set for New Years Eve.

Martin and Schlager plan to move to Wichita Falls, where she has been put in charge of starting a new Race for the Cure run.

"She wants to volunteer her time and help breast cancer patients going through a hard time," Schlager said. "I think she wants to make it a pretty big part of her life."

Martin said that before she had her biopsy, two doctors told her she was too young for the lump in her breast to be cancer.

"I think people should be aware that this disease isn't a post menopausal disease," Martin said. "It's not discriminatory against age, sex, or race, and doesn't care if you're young, old, man or woman."

Given the chance, Martin said she wouldn't want to change the fact that she got cancer.

"It made me realize what is important in life," Martin said. "I don't think you can live life wishing you could change what has happened to you. Some things are out of our control. It's what we do with them after the fact that matters."

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SCREENING

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indicates a problem, they will provide information so they know just where their limit is.

Students do not have to take the questionnaire but can still come by and get information, Taylor said.

It is important for all us to be able to judge how much you are

able to drink, Taylor said. This is a chance for people to become more aware of their drinking behavior, she said.

This is the sixth year TCU has hosted one of many screening sites across the nation.

The screening will be held in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The fight began when a Marine vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade fired from the mosque, wounding five Marines, Byrne said. A large U.S. force converged on the mosque.

Witnesses said the strike came as worshippers had gathered for afternoon prayers.

An Associated Press reporter saw cars ferrying the dead and wounded from the Abdul-Aziz al-Samarrai mosque. Witnesses said part of a wall surrounding the mosque compound was destroyed but the main building was not damaged.

In Baghdad, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt told CNN that from photos of the mosque he had seen, "the actual mosque structure itself" was not damaged.

"It is a holy place, there is no doubt about it," Kimmitt added. "It has a special status under the Geneva Convention that it can't be attacked."

"However, it can be attacked when there is a military necessity brought on by the fact that the enemy is storing weapons, using weapons, inciting violence and executing violence from its grounds," he said.

Temporary hospitals were set up in private homes to treat the wounded and prepare the dead for burial. There was no immediate confirmation of the number of dead.

Byrne said the Marines controlled about a quarter of Fallujah.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said U.S. forces launched the operation in Fallujah to capture insurgents involved in attacks on Americans, including the ones who mutilated and burned the bodies of four U.S. civilians ambushed last week. He said the troops had pictures and names of those involved and were not attacking the town as a whole.

Militants, who have wide support among the population, dug in and fiercely resisted the U.S. raids into the city center and attacked American troops encircling the city

of 200,000. The intensity of the resistance apparently prompted U.S. forces to bring in heavy weapons such as helicopters, tanks and AC130 gunships that have pounded suspected militant sites in the densely populated neighborhoods.

Since Sunday, 32 Americans, two other coalition soldiers and more than 190 Iraqis had been killed in fighting across the country. The Iraqi figure did not include those killed at the mosque.

Kimmitt vowed to "destroy" the militia of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, which has been behind the wave of attacks and street fighting with coalition troops in southern cities and Baghdad this week.

Al-Sadr said Iraq will become "another Vietnam" for the United States unless it transfers power to Iraqis who are not connected with the U.S.-led occupation authority.

"I call upon the American people to stand beside their brethren, the Iraqi people, who are suffering an injustice by your rulers and the occupying army, to help them in the transfer of power to honest Iraqis," al-Sadr said in a statement issued from his office in the southern city of Najaf. "Otherwise, Iraq will be another Vietnam for America and the occupiers."

Al-Sadr's al-Mahdi Army launched heavy gunbattles with coalition forces in the streets of three southern cities Wednesday and, for the first time, in the north. Al-Sadr fighters battled American troops in the town of Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad, hitting a U.S. helicopter with small arms fire. The OH-58 Kiowa chopper was damaged and forced to land, but the two crewmembers were unharmed.

And Shiite gunmen drove Ukrainian forces out of the southern city of Kut — raising concerns over the ability of U.S. allies to control al-Sadr's uprising.

After gunbattles overnight killed 12 Iraqis, the Ukrainians withdrew from Kut, and al-Sadr followers swept into their base, seized weapons stores and planted their flag on a nearby grain silo.

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Carter said it was politically imperative that Bush make this decision, because he was getting pressure from both Republicans and Democrats.

In the past, presidents have claimed executive privilege and have sounded self-serving, Riddlesperger said. In the instances of Richard Nixon with Watergate and Bill Clinton with Monica Lewinsky, both presidents hid behind the claim. Therefore, when Bush used executive privilege to keep Rice from testifying, he looked bad, Riddlesperger said.

Rice will face questions based on accusations former White House counterterrorism chief, Richard Clarke, made against the Bush administration in his recent testimony to the commission.

Clarke, who served under Clinton and Bush, testified the Bush administration did not put enough focus on the threat

of terrorism prior to Sept. 11 and that they used the attacks as a pretense for invading Iraq, according to a CNN report.

"Your government failed you," Clarke said. "Those entrusted with protecting you failed you, and I failed you."

Rice's testimony will be interesting because there has been an all-out effort by the Bush administration to destroy Clarke's credibility, but so far Clarke has been able to back up his claims with documents, Schiffer said.

Riddlesperger said Rice will give a strong rebuttal against Clarke, and predicts that the commission will scrutinize the day-by-day manner in which the Bush administration handled terrorism.

"I think that she will say that the Bush administration took terrorism seriously, that they were not asleep at the wheel," Carter said.

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SHERLEY

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Stephanie Jones, who participated in the event.

One RA, Katie Anderson, was only going to watch the event until a resident ran up and sprayed her down with shaving cream. Then she decided to go out into the yard between Colby Hall and Sherley to join the others.

"It was more fun than I thought it would be," Anderson said.

When Hall Director Rebecka Guzman went into the yard, all the residents rushed around to spray her.

Staying true to the theme, the participants munched on Krispy Kreme donuts, ice cream sandwiches and baked potatoes with sour cream after their fight.

"It was a nice break. Everybody definitely had a lot of fun," freshman Lauren Geffert said.

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The Skiff View

Attention to detail is university policy

State Department safety warnings rightly end trip

Policies are generally enacted by the university to ensure the well-being of the general population. Curfews in dorms are to provide a safe environment for residents. No parking in certain zones guarantee a path for a fire truck if necessary. No funding student organization trips to countries where there are State Department-issued travel warnings because — well, you get the point.

The African Heritage Organization recently learned that its trip to Kenya had been canceled due to a university policy that prevents students, faculty and staff from using university funds for trips to areas with State Department-issued travel warnings. This particular warning was issued last September, urging Americans to avoid non-essential travel to Kenya because of terrorist threats.

Interestingly, the policy prevented a trip to Israel last year for the same reason. This small detail was apparently missed by both the SGA and AHO in their attempts to allocate funding for the trip. Whether you're asking or providing for a trip that requires such a large amount of funding — specifically \$14,208 — from an organization designed to benefit all students, you would think that the policy warranted more of an interest than an oversight caught by the university after the fact.

And while many university policies seem to have been instituted out of the blue, this one appears to be pretty legit. There is no reason the university should condone, much less provide funding for, a trip that could potentially put students in danger.

Sending students to a country that has government-recognized potential danger for tourists may not be the best thing to do.

Your View

Your letters to the editor

Article contains skewed facts

Last Friday, as I was navigating my way toward the crossword puzzle, I noticed a couple of articles that caught my attention and are definitely worthy of mentioning again.

First and foremost, I must give kudos to the Skiff for finally taking a stance on the hot topic of anal intercourse. It appeared in last Friday's advice column Question Claire. For those of you who unfortunately skipped over last week's Question Claire, you missed a doozie of an article. A female was asking whether she should go forward with anal penetration as a way to spice up her sex life.

However, the real reason for my article, other than it being mandatory for my Media II class, is to comment on the complete and utter ignorance that is so characteristic of many TCU students.

In Friday's Skiff, Ashley Earnest wrote an opinion piece on how protesters do not help promote peace. The author is more than entitled to her opinion, but the views that she carries are highly skewed to say the least.

In her second paragraph, she wrote, "The Middle East is not an area based on peace. Since biblical times, it has been inhabited by hostile, warlike people." This quote is just full of ignorance and stupidity.

Is the author trying to tell the

readers that Jesus, arguably the most peaceful man to inhabit the earth, did not arise from this region of the world? Even though I am not a theologian, I know for a fact that Jesus was a peaceful person and that he lived in the Middle East during biblical times.

Also, let us not forget that the rest of the world has its share of warlike, barbaric people. Do you remember from any of your history classes the time when Europeans invaded the Middle East during the First Crusade? Well, to fill you in, the First Crusade was a centuries-long campaign of Europeans, not Middle Easterners, that killed countless thousands during the Middle Ages. Other examples include the Thirty Years War, World War II and the ethnic cleansing in the Baltic States.

Continuing on, Earnest said, "We have gone over there [Iraq] with goals, and have done a good job in bringing democracy." Does Earnest actually think that the United States has done a good job in bring democracy to Iraq? Iraq is in a complete state of disarray and anarchy, and the American public has seen this first hand with the news of four American civilians being killed.

Although Earnest has a right to tell her point-of-view, she needs to review her facts and look over the issue once again.

— Larkin Buchanan, senior geography major

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Nothing could be better than the start of a new baseball season

There is just something about this time of year.

I don't know if it is just something in the air or a change in the weather.

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John Ashley Menzies
But there is just something about this time of year that gets something stirring inside of me. No, it's not the food I ate yesterday; it's the start of a new baseball season.

Ah. I feel complete again. Last season left me in the excitement of seeing the Yankees fall short of winning the World Series — again. The next day I awoke, and it was gone.

I cried on the shoulder of the NFL, but nothing could quite fill the hole left in my soul when the baseball season ended.

B.J. Phillips of Time magazine once said, "In the beginning, there was no baseball. But ever since, there have been few beginnings as good as the start of a new baseball season. It is the most splendid time in sports."

There is just something about baseball. Maybe it's the remembrance of my first glove and how it was the size of my entire upper body. Or that first hit in little league.

Forget the mess about steroids. Forget it. That isn't baseball. The start of baseball season is

about new life and a resurgence into another chance to do something you've never done before.

It's a time of year when even the Milwaukee Brewers think they have a chance to make it to the postseason. And it's a chance to see the Chicago Cubs screw up for what seems like the 100th season in a row. But no matter

"Baseball is a game where when you screw up, sooner or later, you will have a chance to do something great."

what, you'll be there cheering them on next season.

There is just something about this game that makes me want to go to the ballpark. To have a hot dog and a tasty beverage of choice and to sit and watch. And the great thing is, in theory, baseball could last forever. The only thing that could stop the rally and the only thing keeping you from going home is that third out. And if it lasted forever, that's just fine by me.

Baseball is like that. It's like life. Baseball is a game where when you screw up, sooner or later, you will have a chance to do something great. It's just a matter of taking advantage of that opportunity.

I hear people throwing around the name of baseball in vain. Criticizing and bashing it. They say it's too slow. They say it's not exciting. To them I say, "You're not watching it right."

As Art Hill said before, "With those who don't give a damn about baseball, I can only sympathize. I do not resent them. I am even willing to concede that many of them are physically clean, good to their mothers and in favor of world peace. But while the game is on, I can't think of anything to say to them."

Baseball is about the hatred between the Red Sox and Yankees. It's about the hatred for the Yankees in general, for that matter. But those black pinstripes are as much a part of baseball as the hot dog, the seventh inning stretch and the 4-6-3 double play.

There really is something about this time of year. Every team has that new player, be it young or old, it is leaning on and hoping to ride to the promised land. The media are abuzz about their local teams' chances that season. The hope. The love. The hurt. And the anticipation of another chance.

That's baseball.
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Bush should support AIDS epidemic

After years of head-scratching, I've finally figured out what "compassionate conservatism" means. It means that you pay lip

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service to helping people while simultaneously whipping the rug out from under them.

It means that you ignore the suffering of untold numbers of people while fattening the pockets of pharmaceutical companies, and in doing so, consign millions of people to death.

That's exactly what President Bush has done with the global AIDS crisis. The statistics are frightening: More than 40 million people around the globe have HIV or AIDS, with almost two-thirds of them living in Africa. In 2003 the disease claimed more than 3 million lives. By the end of the decade, 100 million people could be infected with the virus. Already, HIV is spreading rapidly in India and China.

These numbers are alarming, but if money was dedicated to combating the epidemic, it would go a long way toward treating the many women, children and men who are stricken with the disease. But Bush apparently doesn't think that's a worthy goal.

More than a year ago, President Bush promised \$15 billion to

fight a global war on AIDS. But like so many of his promises, it's proven to be empty. His most recent budget request for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS was only \$200 million — a 7-percent decrease from 2003 funding — even though Congress approved \$550 million.

Not only has he given drastically less than what Congress and AIDS activists say is necessary to combat the disease, but his administration has so far refused to pay for generic AIDS drugs, bowing to pressure from companies that make name-brand and thus, more expensive drugs. It's a classic case of profit over people, of valuing the all-mighty dollar and your stock portfolio more than living, breathing people.

And while Bush continues to half-heartedly fund the fight against AIDS and block the wide-scale sale of cheap generics, millions of people are dying from a disease that has proven treatable — but only if there is enough money and if people have access to medication.

I find it troubling that Bush has no qualms about funding the death of innocents while saving lives seems to be low on his list of priorities. We can spend more than \$100 billion fighting a war in Iraq that has only served to kill tens of thousands of innocent

civilians and cause massive unrest in the area, but we cannot spend even 5 percent of that amount to fight a very real enemy and a very real disease that kills millions every year. We can give \$3 billion in aid to Israel to fund attacks against Palestinians, but apparently we cannot afford to give that same amount to actually save lives. I would laugh at the absurdity of this if it weren't such a grave issue.

At its core, this issue shouldn't be about money or about cold, black-and-white policy decisions on strategic interests. It should be about basic human decency and caring for people who are suffering and need our help.

While Bush says he is committed to fighting a "war on terror," he is ignoring a terrorizing threat that is killing millions and wreaking havoc on entire nations. Having both your parents die of AIDS while you're still a baby is terror. Dying slowly because you can't afford drugs that are made artificially high by policies that fatten the pockets of pharmaceutical companies is terror.

There are no excuses for this and nothing that one can say to justify this callous indifference to the suffering of millions.

Esther Wang is a columnist for the Daily Texan at the University of Texas at Austin. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Tests cause chaos, deaths

My heart aches for the losses we suffer daily. Through my years in school, I have heard it too many times. "My second

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Sean Scogin
cousin's uncle has died,"

says one. "My car broke down by a biker bar, and they wouldn't let me use the telephone until after they beat me," says another. My own grandmothers have died more than 16 times each.

Professors, who insist on giving tests to make sure we "attend class" and are "understanding the material," are responsible for many of these untimely events in students' lives. These horrible misfortunes always occur on test days, resulting in a student's absence or poor performance. And can you blame them? How could you sit through or concentrate on a test, a measly test, with death and heartache bearing down upon you?

And what nerve they have, to look down on you, probably thinking you got too drunk to drive home, and instead passed out on the curb, only to wake up and find that you soiled yourself, when in actuality your (noun) (action verb, past tense), and you couldn't (study as much as you needed to/show up to take the test) [Pick One].

The data correlates with my assertion. In 2003, 1.4 million grandmothers and grandfathers died on the TCU campus (according to the Purple Poll, which is a scientifically accurate and well-respected research tool). That is an outrageous number of people to be dying yearly because of selfish professors and their "tests of doom." According to Milford Swagger, the opinion co-editor of The Sniff, an even greater number of flat tires and engine problems plagued many students, and as a result, were unable to attend their tests. Dogs, cats and other beloved household pets died as a consequence of testing, causing students to score well below what they should have.

Professors need to stop this barbaric practice. You would think, after several years of seeing these misfortunes, professors would wise up and realize they are causing these disasters.

I propose doing away with tests altogether, and replacing this harmful and inhumane system with something far less damaging. I propose professors start judging us not on the material in the lecture notes or in the books, but on the material of our feelings. If we feel good, we get an A+. And if we feel bad because our grandmother died (for real), F...+ (shame on them for asking us in the first place).

With this system in place, I feel confident that students would feel more comfortable in their classes. Students would not have to worry about distracting themselves with studying. There would be no stress of midterms or long hours studying for dreaded finals. The student body could focus on what is really important in college: getting wasted and playing X-Box.

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National Roundup

Gay couples sue New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Thirteen same-sex couples sued the state of New York on Wednesday, seeking to have the state law that denies gay and lesbian couples the right to marry declared unconstitutional.

"This case is about ending the discrimination that is currently written into the marriage laws of New York," said Donna Lieberman, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, at a news conference.

Plaintiffs include state Assembly

member Daniel O'Donnell and his partner of 23 years, John Banta. The NYCLU, the American Civil Liberties Union and a private law firm are representing the plaintiffs.

The lawsuit charges that state health regulations defining marriage as being only between a man and a woman violates the state constitution's equal protection, privacy and due process provisions.

Audio tapes to be released

WASHINGTON (AP) — The

Supreme Court will release audio tapes immediately after oral arguments in major cases about the U.S. government's response to terrorism and Vice President Dick Cheney's closed-door sessions to develop a national energy policy, a court spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The first tape will cover the April 20 arguments about the legal rights of foreign fighters detained at the U.S. Navy's prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said.

The Cheney case, to be argued on April 27, involves attempts by environmental and government watchdog groups to learn who helped draft an energy policy friendly to industry.

Woman acquitted of murder

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The woman accused of murdering one of her twins by failing to undergo a timely Caesarean section pleaded guilty Wednesday to two counts of child endangerment.

Melissa Ann Rowland had been charged with murder for failing to follow doctors' advice to undergo the procedure, which they said was necessary to save the life of her twins. Under a plea bargain, the murder charge was dropped.

Prosecutors charged Rowland, 28, in March with one felony count of murder for exhibiting "depraved indifference to human life" by ignoring repeated doctors' warnings to have a C-section to save the lives of her babies.

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Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

Kerry promises deficit cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat John Kerry said Wednesday if he is elected president he will not let government programs outside of security and education grow beyond the rate of inflation, even if it means cutting some of his own campaign promises and existing government programs.

"When I say a cap on spending, I mean it," Kerry said in a speech at Georgetown University. "We will have to make real choices — and that

includes priorities of my own."

Kerry said he would freeze the federal travel budget, reduce oil royalty exemptions for drilling on federal lands, cut 100,000 federal contractors and cut electricity used by the federal government by 20 percent, among other programs.

Kerry said with the growing deficit, he'll have to "slow down" some of his campaign promises or phase them in over a longer period. He cited proposals for early childhood education and a program that would have provided tuition to students attending state colleges in exchange for two years of national service, although he didn't say how much they would be scaled back.

Kerry's pledge to abide by spending caps could open him to criticism that his campaign promises cannot be trusted.



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Quigmans

by Stan Wahling



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Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 5 — Do the research so that you'll have the answers before it's time to act. The pressure will soon increase, so get ready.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7 — You're pushing to get things done, but you can't do it all by yourself. Besides, another person's expertise will soon be required. Ask for the help you'll need.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 6 — A commitment that at first seems quite romantic could lead to a lot more work. When you're doing it for family, it's fun — or almost fun, anyway.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 9 — The hard part is almost over, and it's time to celebrate. Don't wait until the weekend. Seize the day!
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — You're not afraid to toss something out if it's no longer useful. There are several things around your place that you could do without, and the extra space will be welcome. Get at it.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is an 8 — You're interested in learning the

truth, but don't talk about it yet. Listening is a better way to find out what's really going on. Encourage others to talk.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 6 — The next thing for you to concentrate on is the money and where it comes from. You also need to know where it's going, of course. That'll be the next assignment.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — You're growing. You're shedding your old, worn-out skin. You'll eventually find yourself on a higher level of enlightenment. Meanwhile, relax.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 6 — Over the next few days you should make more time for contemplation. The answer you've been seeking has been hiding from you. You can find it in a dream, or while you're meditating.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7 — After you've patched your wounds, set up a meeting with favorite friends. Discuss what you've learned, and come up with corrections to make you better at the game.
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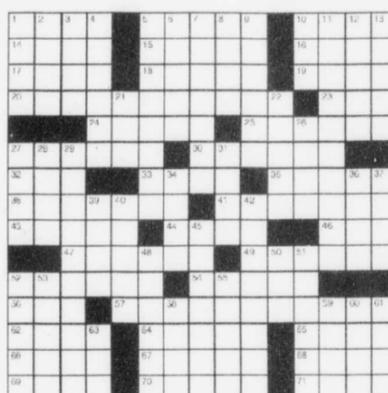


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Student's goal: two fields of success

A freshman two-sport athlete plays a big role in the baseball team's offense.

By Brent Yarina
Sports Editor

In his freshman season, Chad Huffman has gone from the sidelines of the football stadium to the diamond of the baseball field, continuing a family tradition.

Huffman, a quarterback for the football team and a first baseman and designated hitter for the baseball team, is the second member of his family to be a two-sport athlete for the Horned Frogs. Huffman's older brother Royce also played for both teams and earned TCU All-American honors.

But Huffman says there is more than a family tradition responsible for making him a two-sport athlete. This spring he found out what it is like to hit a home run — including one in his first career plate appearance — but now he wants to know what it's like to throw a collegiate touchdown pass.

"I haven't figured that out yet," said Huffman, who is leading the baseball team in hitting at .447. "That's exactly why I'm playing both sports. I really don't know. All I can say is that they must both be unbelievable."

While Huffman makes his jogs around the bases as an everyday starter for the baseball team, he has yet to break the top three on the football team's depth chart at the quarterback position.

He is only a freshman, though, and the lack of playing time on the football field won't keep him from remaining a two-sport athlete.

"I think I love football too much," Huffman said. "It's a great game. They told me after high school not to play college football, but I had to play because the whole family has. I think I can handle it, now that I've been through the process once."

Head baseball coach Jim Schlossnagle said he wants Huffman to continue playing football because he can bring an added dimension to the team.

"I love coaching guys who played more than just baseball," Schlossnagle said. "There is a drastic difference in my experience between guys who played high school football and those who didn't. Football is such a great teacher in terms of team concepts, preparation and commitment to a goal because you only play once a week."

"You have to love practice if you play football. Our motto here at TCU is that you have to love to practice, you can't just like to play. And that is what a football player can bring."

Huffman isn't too worried about suffering a football injury. In fact, he missed several baseball practices the past month so he could participate in spring football drills.

"I just go out there and play at full speed," Huffman said. "I don't think about the chance of me getting hurt. I'm not really worried about that."

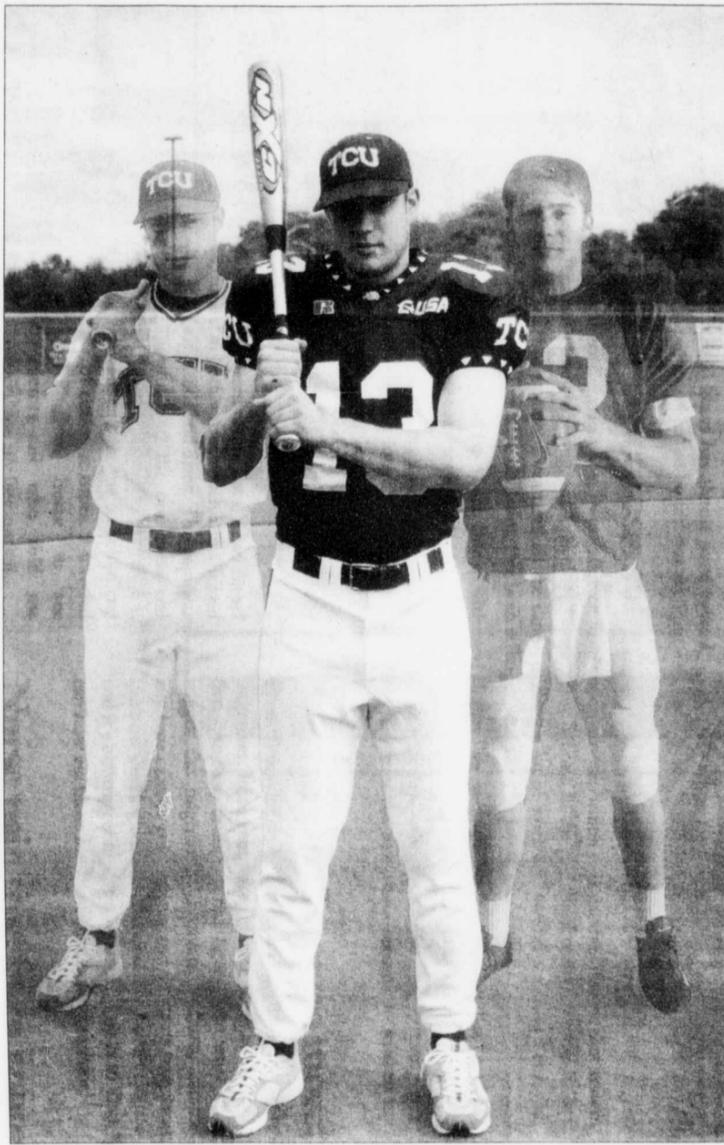
Schlossnagle, however, isn't as comfortable when his freshman slugger is under center.

"I'd be hoping they were playing two-hand touch, and not tackle," said the first year coach. "But, no, we root for him and just pray he doesn't get hurt."

Senior second baseman Ramon Moses said with a guy as talented as Huffman, nothing can get in his way of being a good baseball player.

"If you're good like him, he is going to be good no matter what," Moses said. "He was born like that. He's a great player and he always seems to see the ball real well. He hits it every time."

Moses said even though Huffman may miss practice due to football, the freshman is the only one player they want up at the plate in pressure situations.



One guy, two teams: Whether swinging a bat or throwing a pass, freshman Chad Huffman is in a league of his own.

"He brings us confidence," he said. "If there is a situation where we need an RBI or someone to get on base, he is our guy."

And Huffman thrives under that sort of pressure.

"I definitely love to be in pressure situations," Huffman said. "You obviously want to be the guy in the spotlight. Whatever I can do to help the team win, I will do."

Schlossnagle admits Huffman is the team's leader with a bat, but he said the freshman doesn't have a leadership role right now.

"He's a pretty carefree and levelheaded guy," Schlossnagle said. "He's not in any kind of leadership role quite yet. He's just a good player and the guys draw themselves to him."

He's kind of a goofy guy and he keeps the dugout lighthearted. But his bat is what makes him so popular on the team."

Aside from carrying on a family tradition and loving to play both sports, the coaching is one of Huffman's other favorite parts of playing both football and baseball.

Between Schlossnagle and head football coach Gary Patterson, Huffman feels he has the best of both worlds.

"They're both great coaches," he said. "Both coaches have different coaching styles, but they are both just great. That's definitely the reason why their teams are so successful right now. Both of them have certainly helped me with my game."

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QUICK FACTS

The Chad Huffman file

No: 17

Class: Freshman

Position: DH/1B

Bats: Right

Throws: Right

GP	AVG	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	K	OB%	OPS
30	.447*	114	37*	51*	7	26	84*	.737*	14	12*	16	.550	1.287*

*denotes team leader

Volleyball team challenges four others in tourney

The volleyball team continues its spring season with a tournament Friday at TCU.

By Matt Turner
Staff Reporter

It may not be volleyball season yet, but that hasn't stopped the Horned Frog volleyball team from competing.

TCU will hit the court for the second of four consecutive weekend tournaments Friday when they host a spring tournament in the Recreation Center. It is common for teams to play in spring tournaments to continue practicing in the offseason, said Ryan Chambers, a Media Relations spokeswoman.

Head volleyball coach Prentice Lewis said the tournament was an open invitation for anyone who wanted to come play and said the team, currently with only seven players, hopes to get better as individuals.

"We are looking to get in turn for next season and just get better every day," Lewis said.

The Frogs will play four matches in one day against Baylor, Stephen F. Austin, Texas-San Antonio and Texas-Arlington. North Texas and Tulsa will also be in the tourna-

ment but will not face the Frogs.

Lewis said each team will play two games to 30, which is not a complete volleyball match.

The first pair of 14 matches begins at 9 a.m. and will be played

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Prentice Lewis
Head volleyball coach

simultaneously on two courts. TCU plays Baylor at 9 a.m., SFA at 10 a.m., UTSA at 1 p.m. and UTA at 3 p.m.

Lewis said the team competed in a tournament last weekend at the University of Texas and will then travel to Southern Methodist and then to Arkansas for tournaments in the weeks to follow.

She said she would love for fans to come out and support the volleyball team during the tournament.

TCU finished last season 20-16 and 5-8 in Conference USA play.

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Sports Briefs

Patterson's contract extended

Officials confirmed Wednesday that head football coach Gary Patterson has signed a contract extension.

Athletics director Eric Hyman would not discuss the terms of the contract extension because he considered them to be highly confidential.

Patterson's current contract reportedly pays \$650,000 a year until 2006, and he is only in his second year, according to an article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Feb. 14 issue.

Although an agreement had been made months ago, Hyman said, they haven't had time until now to sit down and make it official.

"We decided three or four months ago, but because of the bowl game, recruiting and (Patterson's) honeymoon we decided this was the time," Hyman said.

TCU has tried to recognize Patterson for everything he has done for the football team and the community.

"He's earned his own stripes," Hyman said. "It's a reward for what he's done on and off the field in support of his community."

Rangers end losing streak vs. A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The ball rocketed off Billy McMillon's bat, and almost everybody at the Coliseum jumped to the same conclusion: The Texas Rangers had blown another game in Oakland, another chance to beat Barry Zito for the first time.

Instead, a stiff wind kept McMillon's ninth-inning fly in the ballpark, and the Rangers hung on for a 2-1 victory over the Athletics on Wednesday, snapping a nine-game losing streak against their AL West rival.

While Lewis and three relievers confounded the A's, Zito took his first loss to Texas in 18 career starts, allowing seven hits and four walks over eight innings. The 2002 AL Cy Young winner had been 11-0 with a 2.40 ERA against the Rangers, who couldn't sign Zito after drafting him in the third round in 1998.

But Eric Young had an RBI single and Kevin Mench hit a sacrifice fly in the early innings against Zito, and that was enough for Lewis and his relievers.

Lewis worked quickly and confidently, allowing five hits and four walks while striking out five in his fifth straight victory dating back to last season.

QUICK FACTS

On Tap

Catch the Horned Frogs in action this weekend

- **Friday**
Baseball vs. Cincinnati, 7 p.m., Lupton Stadium
Volleyball Spring Tourney, all day, Recreation Center
- **Saturday**
Baseball vs. Cincinnati, 3 p.m., Lupton Stadium
(M) Golf Boilermaker Invitational, all day, West Lafayette, Ind.
Track Texas A&M Invitational, all day, College Station
- **Sunday**
Baseball vs. Cincinnati, 1 p.m., Lupton Stadium
(M) Tennis vs. SMU, noon, Dallas
(M) Golf Boilermaker Invitational, all day, West Lafayette, Ind.

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