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Kerry urges collegiate action

Senator John Kerry told college students Tuesday to get involved in the presidential race because they have significant power to drive change.

By Angelica Rosas
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Senator John Kerry encouraged college students Tuesday to reemerge as a influential political voice in America to take power away from special interests and return it to those who



Kerry

deserve it. "Young people have enormous power and need to understand it, embrace it and use it," the Massachusetts senator said in a conference call with college journalists that the TCU Daily Skiff participated in. "As young

people, if you walk away from using your voice, you empower the people with money and you give them the power."

The presumed Democratic presidential nominee kicked off a college campus tour this week to bolster the collegiate vote.

The senator told reporters to exercise common sense in deciding who to support for president. He criticized President George W. Bush for his failure

to control the rising cost of education and health care.

Kerry told journalists of his plan to "grow" 10 million new jobs over four years by pushing the "technology curve." These jobs will be "the high end and high paying jobs" college students look for after graduation, he said.

"If young people will do some

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Bush says setbacks in Iraq are small

In the third press conference of his presidency, President Bush reiterated that troops will remain in Iraq and that the United States is committed to bringing freedom to the country.

By Erin Baethge
Staff Reporter

President Bush said Tuesday he intends on keeping American troops in Iraq and emphasized that the setbacks America has faced in the past month with the recent increase in violence are small.



Bush

Standing before cameras for an hour — giving a 17-minute speech followed by reporters' questions — Bush offered no apology for the government's failure to prevent the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

In response to questions, he also could not cite any mistakes or failures he made as president.

Bush said the increase in violence — at least 83 U.S. forces have been

killed and more than 560 wounded this month, according to the U.S. military — in Iraq is not a sign of a civil war. At least 678 U.S. troops have died since the war began in March 2003.

"The violence we've seen is a power grab by ... extreme and ruthless elements," Bush said.

With casualties climbing and doubts rising, Bush said America's year-long involvement in Iraq "seems like a long time to the loved ones whose troops have been overseas. But when you think about where the country has come from, it's a relatively short period of time."

Bush reiterated that the United States will hand over power to the Iraqis on June 30, but troops will remain to maintain stability. He said he intends to give troops all the resources necessary to maintain stability in Iraq.

He said America's objective is firm: To make Iraq an independent, free and secure nation.

Adam Schiffer, an assistant professor of political science at TCU, said Bush used the news conference as an opportunity to combat criti-

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Now open late



Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor

The Mary Couts Burnett Library's extended hours during finals week will allow late-night studiers extra time to cram for exams.

Library to be open 24 hours during finals

Beginning May 2, the library will be open all day long for student use.

By Stacey Grant
Staff Reporter

Look out Denny's, IHOP and O' South. As finals week approaches, students looking for a place to pull an all-nighter will soon have one on campus.

Starting May 2, the library will operate 24 hours for all of finals week. It was originally scheduled for the last two weeks of school.

In an e-mail sent to the student body March 30, Jay Zeidman, president of the Student Government Association, said SGA had secured 24-hour library service for the last two weeks of school. However, library staff said this statement had been published before it was finalized by the staff members.

June Koelker, associate university librarian, said they decided to have finals week as 24 hour because it was most critically needed. The details are still being worked

out, she said.

"We feel our students and faculty have a need to be here and we want to meet those needs," Koelker said.

It isn't as easy as opening the doors to the library, Koelker said. Safety, cleanliness and employees are just a few of the issues still under consideration. Campus police will be watching the library through the night, she said.

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Suspects identified in Spring Break assaults

By Julia Mae Jorgensen
Staff Reporter

Authorities identified three suspects in the alleged assault of two students during Spring Break at Eagle Mountain Lake and two arrest warrants have been issued, an investigator with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department said Tuesday.

Two of the suspects are 19 to 20 years old and the third is a juvenile, Investigator Micheal Hargis said. The juvenile's case has been filed with the juvenile court in Dallas County.

As of Tuesday, the sheriff's department was trying to locate one suspect's residence and had informed the other suspect of his need to turn himself in.

Hargis is giving both suspects until the end of the week to post bond. The district attorney has reviewed the case, Hargis said, and confirmed the case will be tried in court.

Hargis said his investigation is finished, but supervisors in the sheriff's department have yet to officially close the case. Until the case is closed, the suspects cannot be identified.

The issuing of warrants brings to a near close the investigation involving five TCU students, two American and three international, who were camping next to a group of young adults at Eagle Mountain Lake March 20. Two of the students were allegedly attacked when something "went south" during the night, Associate Dean of Campus Life Mike Russel said in March.

Two students, Marlin Gushman, 19, and Rajvikram Singh Deo, 20, were both injured in the assault, according to a sheriff's department incident report.

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Students learn at mock U.N. session

TCU students represented Uruguay at the Model United Nations Conference.

By Kimberly Hopper
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When Uruguay presents a financing and development resolution at the next United Nations meeting, it may have originated in Fort Worth.

Students in the Model United Nations class acted as delegates for Uruguay on the General Assembly at the mock U.N. conference in New York. After two semesters of preparation, the 12-member class joined 3,100 other college students from around the world in the conference from Tuesday to Saturday.

While at the conference, students met in the Great Hall at the U.N. building. The resolutions they passed in each committee will be given to the real United Nations with the possibility of being used and passed there.

"I was a delegate for Uruguay on the General Assembly and took the stance that a Uruguayan delegate would actually take in the U.N.," said Merica Halstrom, a sophomore international political science major. "Every country represented at the conference usually had two delegates for this committee and our ultimate goal was to write and pass resolutions."

Students from TCU were chosen to represent Uruguay in the one of four committees, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Committee. The other three committees were World Intellectual Property Organization, International Atomic Energy Agency and International Criminal Police Organization.

This is the first year TCU has offered the year-long Model United Nations class, said Karen Luong, a senior political science major.

"During class we would practice giving speeches because as a delegate you had to give speeches before the 'committee,'" Luong said. "At the same time, we had to continue learning about our issues and researching; even up to the last few hours before we had to leave for New York, we were still finding new information and research on our topics."

Students were able to meet with two actual delegates to the United Nations from Uruguay, which gave them a better idea of how to represent the country during the conference, Halstrom said.

As representatives, their job was to compromise with others while staying true to their own country, said Jessica Thomason, a sophomore political science major. Students quickly realized the challenges that real U.N. delegates face while representing the small Latin American country.

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President aims to recognize others



Nicole Martinez/Staff Photographer
Order of Omega President Katie Goggans stands on the steps of Sadler Hall where the Greek honor society hosts its annual Holiday Tree Lighting.

The head of Order of Omega, a Greek honor society, leads with a positive attitude and caring personality, members say.

By Stacey Grant
Staff Reporter

While studying abroad in Seville, Spain, last spring, Katie Goggans returned to her room one day and found an e-mail from 5,000 miles away.

The e-mail was from the president of Order of Omega, informing Goggans she had been nominated for president for the upcoming school year.

Goggans, a senior accounting and Spanish major, said that even though she was far from home when she got the news, she knew right away that she wanted to be president of Order of Omega.

Order of Omega, the national Greek honor society, recognizes individuals in the Greek community for service to their fraternity or

sorority. Members consist of juniors and seniors with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

All nominees are required to write an essay on why they want to be an officer and what they can bring to their chapter. Goggans wrote her essay from Spain and had it read in front of the chapter back at TCU.

Goggans said she wanted to be president of Order of Omega because of what the organization stood for on TCU's campus.

"I think that sometimes the Greek community is stereotyped as a group that is more centered on going out and having a good time," Goggans said. "I think it's definitely important to recognize those students that are working really hard and accomplishing a lot for their chapter and school."

Even though she ran unopposed, Goggans was delighted to hear she

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Your bulletin board for campus events

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had been elected president for the 2003-2004 school year. Order of Omega has had a Kappa Alpha Theta president the past three years, and Goggans is happy to continue the tradition.

Since taking office last August, Goggans has kept busy.

After students apply, they are anonymously selected based on academic record, participation in their chapter and service to the community and TCU.

"That's something we've changed this year because in the past I think they stressed the grades more," Goggans said.

She said most members of Order of Omega are from the 10 Panhellenic and 10 Interfraternity organizations. They are trying to get

more students from other Greek organizations to create a well-rounded chapter, Goggans said.

Order of Omega's most important event happens April 22 with the annual awards banquet, which honors chapters for accomplishments throughout the year, Goggans said. Awards are also given for outstanding adviser and outstanding involvement.

Wayne Huddleston, Order of Omega adviser, said Goggans has done a great job as president thus far.

"It's a tough organization to deal with because everyone that enters is a junior or senior so there's really no transition period," Huddleston said. "Every year, new members join, which means there are more new faces to learn, but Katie has been wonderful with that."

Leah Clary, Order of Omega secretary and senior social work ma-

is her constant effort to listen to everyone.

"Some people come in with preconceived ideas of how they want things to go, but not Katie," Huddleston said. "She listens to everyone and makes sure to get input from the group."

After Goggans graduates in May, she plans on taking a month off before she works for an investment firm in Fort Worth. After a few years here, she plans on going to graduate school and then traveling.

Goggans said she has learned a great deal while being president of Order of Omega.

"I've learned that even though you can hold an office and have responsibilities, it's a new feeling to know that you can make changes and make a difference on campus," Goggans said.

Huddleston said the main reason Goggans has been a great president

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The cost of keeping the library open is still being calculated, Koelker said. The main cost will come from the additional wages for police, employees, student staff and housekeeping services, she said.

Reference librarian Susan Hawk said the library staff is excited to give students a place to study that is open at any hour. The library has never been open 24 hours before, but the suggestion for extended hours has come up, Hawk said.

"We decided that the only way to find out if extended hours

would work is to give it a try," Hawk said.

Koelker said the need for 24-hour library service became apparent through student surveys.

"We've continued to add more library hours off and on for a few years," Koelker said. "We're trying to please the students."

Hawk said students should be aware that even though the library will be open 24 hours, not all regular services will be available. Although, there will probably be a reference librarian and someone at the computer help desk always on duty, she said.

"It's hard to have everything open all night," Hawk said. "If students are just looking for a place to study or do computer

stuff, they'll be happy."

Students will also be able to check out books or items on reserve, Koelker said.

Two or three students will volunteer for extra hours, Koelker said. Those that work from 12 a.m. to 7 a.m. will likely receive additional compensation, she said.

Megan Jolley, a senior communication studies major, said she will definitely take advantage of the new library hours.

"I think it's a great idea because now students can stay a lot longer than 1 a.m.," Jolley said.

Jolley found out that the library would be open 24 hours from her mom who works at TCU, she said. The best part will

be during finals week because students will be able to come in more than an hour before an 8 a.m. final to study, Jolley said.

"Sometimes it's an inconvenience to not have the library open 24 hours," she said. "It gets tough around crunch time when the computers and tables are all full."

The turnstile that students walk through to enter the library will keep count of how many actually use the library during the times it is usually closed, Koelker said.

"This is an experiment for us," Koelker said. "Through it, we will learn how to best meet students' needs in the future."

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"The most challenging aspect of the Model United Nations Conference was being able to put forth Uruguay's position on the issues," Luong said. "At the conference,

you have a lot of countries throwing their weight around and trying to push their agendas forward, so we had to be careful that Uruguay's voice was not lost in the crowd and not lose one's cool in the process."

Even though being a delegate was challenging, it gave students time to interact with peers from around the world, said Ashley

Wright, a junior political science and English major.

"My favorite part of the conference was working with the international students that were also participating in the Model U.N.," Wright said. "They brought such a different perspective from the students from the U.S."

Halstrom said their hard work

paid off when Uruguay's financing and development resolution passed.

Students were also rewarded with the opportunity to sight see around New York, and Thomason said they were able to see Sarah Jessica Parker, Matthew Broderick and Nathan Lane.

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of the political work in America we will win back fairness and a different Congress," Kerry said in response to a Skiff reporter's question on how he planned to get and keep the collegiate vote until November.

Kerry also responded to questions about his proposal to pay get high school graduates involved in community service in exchange for free college tuition.

"Those that don't serve in the

military can serve by doing community service and in exchange we will pay for in-state college costs," Kerry said. "The money will go to the student and the student will choose what college to use the money toward."

Chairwoman Pat Carlson of the Tarrant County Republican Party said she thinks taxpayers will have to shoulder the financial costs of "free college." Carlson said the government stipend for tuition is not necessary because students can work or use existing government funds.

"If a young person really wants to get an education, then it's most certainly possible," Carlson said. "Students have to realize, however, that taxpayers will have to pay for this and those students who got free college tuition are going to end up paying for others when they graduate."

Carlson said she plans to bolster college support through the area college chapters such as the TCU chapter of College Republicans.

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BUSH

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cism over his handling of the war in Iraq.

"He was tired of having people say bad things about him without responding," Schiffer said. "He also needed to reassure the troops and the families who lost loved ones."

In recent opinion polls, approval of Bush's handling of Iraq has decreased to the mid-40 percent level,

and approval for his handling of terrorism has also decreased into the mid-50s. Also, an increasing number of people say the threat of terrorism is greater now after America's military action in Iraq.

Schiffer said Bush made it clear that he will not back down from the war on terror and his speech showed his determination to win the war.

However, Schiffer said Bush spoke in broad generalizations and

was not specific enough with his answers.

"He dodged all reasonably tough questions," Schiffer said. "The biggest embarrassment is that he couldn't name a mistake he has made since 9-11. He couldn't admit that he has done anything wrong and this has been a pattern in his administration."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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U.S. troops face radical Shiite leader

U.S. troops deploy outside Najaf; helicopter down near Fallujah.

By Denis D. Gray
Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — A 2,500-strong U.S. force, backed by tanks and artillery, massed Tuesday on the outskirts of Najaf for a showdown with a radical cleric whose militia led a bloody uprising across the south, raising fears of an American assault on the holiest Shiite city.

Iraqi politicians and ayatollahs tried to negotiate a solution to avert a U.S. attack, which would outrage the nation's relatively pro-U.S. Shiite majority and could turn what has been a limited revolt by a single militia into an outright Shiite rebellion. A military advance could also inflame Shiites in neighboring Iran.

The vehemently anti-U.S. cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr, was holed up in his office in Najaf, shielded not only by gunmen but by the presence of the city's main shrine only yards away. He vowed to continue what he called "a popular revolution" to end the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

"I fear only God. I am ready to sacrifice my blood for this country. But I call on the Iraqi people not to let my killing put an end to their rejection of the (U.S.) occupation," al-Sadr told Lebanon's Al Manar

television station.

U.S. commanders vowed to kill or capture al-Sadr, though officials suggested they would give negotiations a chance.

"The target is not Najaf. The target is Muqtada al-Sadr and his militia," said Brig. Mark Kimmitt, deputy head of U.S. military operations in Iraq. "We will hunt him down and destroy him. We would prefer it not in Najaf or Karbala. We have very great respect for the shrines, for the Shiites."

The fighting against al-Sadr's militia is one of two fronts for the U.S. military in Iraq this month. Americans have also been battling Sunni insurgents in the central city of Fallujah, as well as increased violence in Baghdad and elsewhere.

April is quickly becoming the deadliest month since the Iraq war began in March 2003, with at least 82 U.S. troops reported killed in action. Until now, the deadliest month was November, when 82 died. A Marine and a U.S. soldier were killed Tuesday; it was unclear if they were included in the 82 counted by the Pentagon.

About 880 Iraqis have been killed this month, according to an AP count based on statements by Iraqi hospital officials, U.S. military statements and Iraqi police. Among those are more than 600 Iraqis — mostly civilians — killed in Fallujah, according to the city hospital's director.

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The Skiff View

Student Center needs renovation

The university offers no good place to meet people

Where do TCU students go to meet people, make friends and just hang out? If you're thinking the Student Center, think again.

These days the Student Center has become more of a building where organizations have meetings and forums than a gathering place for students. The lounge is almost always occupied by tables or stages that may invite students to stop and stare but hardly evoke a participatory feeling, especially if talking politics or salsa dancing isn't your cup of tea.

A "student center" should be a place where all students can go and feel welcome. It should invite people to come and stay awhile, not just pass through on the way to their dorm or car. Students don't even stay to eat, not that The Main is big enough to accommodate the traffic.

Incoming students that aren't automatically inclined to pay for their friends have to find other ways to meet people. And let's face it — social activities on campus are about as popular as sobriety. Student involvement is hard enough when there is no common ground that brings people together.

Granted, the Recreation Center has a rather nice area solely for lounging. With pool and ping-pong tables and a big screen TV, it's the perfect place for students to gather ... if anyone knew it was there or wanted to hang out in the Rec's basement.

Alumni constantly reminisce about the old Student Center where they used to play bridge. There have also been rumors of a bowling alley and coffee bar. These are the types of things that belong in a Student Center, things that unite people.

The point isn't that we need to renovate the Student Center to make more room for offices and cubicles. We need to renovate the purpose of the Student Center altogether.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

Scalia's security erased tapes

How can someone's views on the First Amendment change so much in a year? Just last March, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was given an award for being a defender of the First Amendment.

Last week, he became the focus of a small brouhaha when he banned reporters from recording a speech he was giving on, ironically, the importance of the Constitution.

Actually, nothing appears to have really changed. At his speech last year, Scalia put a similar ban on media coverage, causing some to jeer at him being so heavy-handed at a time when he was being commended for upholding the First Amendment.

But the recent incident is somewhat more sinister: A U.S. marshal, who was working Scalia's security detail, seized two reporters' tape recorders and erased their contents.

No doubt an interesting scene for the audience who was listening to Scalia make such bold statements as, "The Constitution of the United States is extraordinary and amazing."

The seizing of the tapes was completely out of line; Scalia never announced that his speech was to be kept private, and, more importantly, the confiscation of the recorders is a clear violation of the 1980 Privacy Protection Act, a federal law which makes such seizures by federal officers illegal without special consent by

the attorney general.

It is too much to say that Scalia actually ordered his security to break the law (though he didn't do anything to stop the marshal's illegal action), but the bigger issue is Scalia's questionable desire to keep his speeches from getting out.

Has the topic of the Constitution become so taboo that a Supreme Court justice — whose sole job is to protect and interpret the Constitution — is afraid to go on the record about it? What exactly does Scalia have to hide?

Most likely, he has nothing to hide. But his attitude that he, as a public servant, can keep the free media at bay should provoke concern from the public he is supposed to serve. Until he resigns and becomes a private citizen, he should be comfortable that his musings on the Constitution be in the public view.

Scalia has positioned himself to be an ardent defender of the First Amendment. In the past, he has written dissenting opinions stating that the other justices have trampled the free speech rights of campaign donors and anti-abortion activists.

But he needs to work on his perceived hostility toward the free press. And he can start by condemning the actions of the U.S. marshal who made a mockery of the First Amendment.

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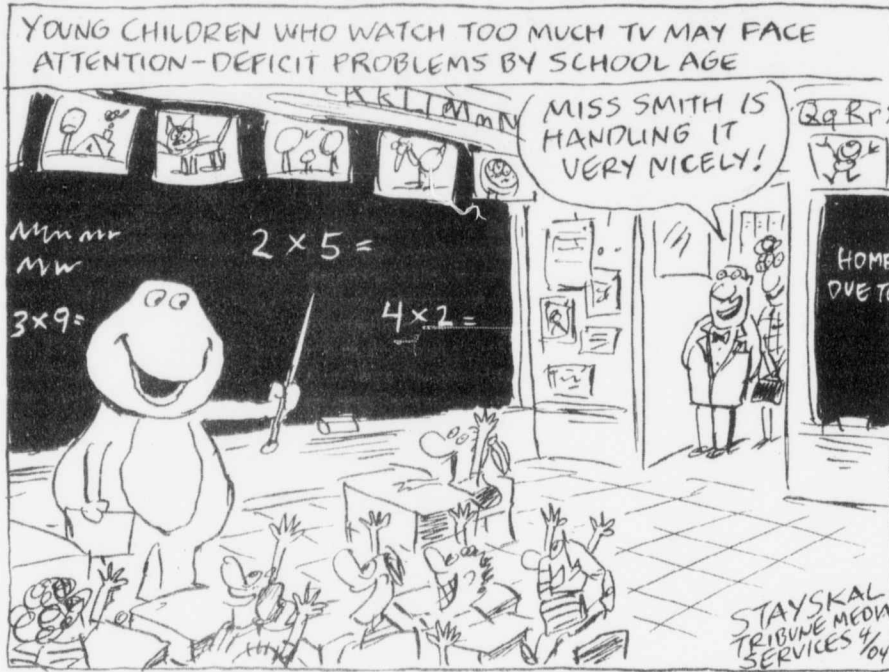
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Skiff staff senior goodbye
Sarah Chacko

Be sure not to just stay inside your 'bubble'

Five years can do a lot to a person. From the idealistic freshman I was in 1999 to the senior less than a month away from a whole new world of reality, I know that I am not the person I was when I started.

Though I was raised a Horned Frog, I never expected what I encountered while I was here. The Pub, Scooners, Fat Harry's ... such wonderful blurred memories.



Sarah Chacko

But the ones that are crystal clear are the ones that matter the most. Losing my voice at football games, losing sleep over projects, losing my mind just trying to cope with college.

It's been a great experience. And I'd like to reminisce about those crazy times and give you advice on what it's all about, but that would be impossible. My college life will never be yours (as much as you wish it was), and yours will never be anyone else's. The only thing you can do is make it your own and not waste it stuck in the TCU bubble.

As much as I have loved this campus, some people just don't realize there is more to life than this. And I don't mean Sundance Square. The TCU bubble isn't a place, it's a state of mind. Whether you're a Greek groupie or an eccentric introvert, this world is full of people that are not like you, despite what you might think during your time here. People in the real world don't really care how much money you have or how good you look (except in Hollywood, but I said the real world). They care about who you are. And I'm willing to bet that half of you don't know.

Sadly, I can't tell you how to figure it out either. It's been five years since I started this journey, and though I have made some serious life decisions, I'm nowhere near done. Part of that is because people constantly change. Who I am now will not be who I am in five or even ten years. Part of that is also because people don't care. It's easier to be who someone else wants you to be than to figure out what you want. I can tell you that route is a lot less fulfilling.

As a liberal, I know that this is no University of Texas at Austin. But as a person, it's still sad to be part of a community so unaware and uninvolved in the world around them. I can't tell if it's apathy or a fear of looking uncool (read: different) or just plain stupidity that keeps us in our comfortable corners, but I hope it's just a passing phase.

Now don't get me wrong — I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here on campus. I have no regrets about coming here. But everything I learned outside of the classroom was through interactions with the world around me. The differing viewpoints of those brave enough to share them not only caused me to think about important issues, they helped me define my own outlook on life. I am a better person because of the challenges I have faced and the people who believed in my ability to surpass them. Here, where the biggest challenge is choosing between a Lexus and BMW, and where you have a whole support group of sisters and brothers to help you choose, it's hard to see the big picture.

But I assure you, it's out there. The point is, how are you going to see it inside a bubble?

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When America needs leadership the most, Bush takes a break

Over the past week, almost 50 Americans and more than 500 Iraqis were killed in combat.

Militants threatened to kill and mutilate hostages — including a U.S. civilian — if troops refused to withdraw from Fallujah, where much fighting has occurred.

With the June 30 deadline for the transfer of power rapidly approaching, many are questioning the ability of the Iraqi Governing Council to preside over such a volatile situation.

Back on the home front, the focus was on National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice's testimony before the Sept. 11 commission, and on the release of a previously classified memo that warned of possible terrorist attacks orchestrated by al Qaeda. Though the memo itself was not specific enough to pinpoint a time and location for the attacks, it seemed to erode the Bush administration's stance that there was no credible indication that an attack would take place on U.S. soil.

In the midst of all this, President Bush was on vacation at his ranch in Crawford, Texas. In fact, except for throwing out the first pitch at a baseball game in St. Louis, Bush made no public appearances for almost an entire week. He literally phoned it in, calling Rice from a pickup truck on his ranch to discuss her recently completed testimony before the commission.

And while the death tolls continued to rise on Friday, our commander in chief found time for a little fishing, spending an hour and a half casting for bass with fishing-show host Roland Martin, who said that Bush seemed very relaxed.

Bush was supposed to return on Saturday to tape an episode of "Fishing with Roland Martin," but canceled due to some meetings he had to attend.

Can you imagine — making the president of the United States attend some silly meeting when he could have been the star of a cable fishing show?

Though the fishing expedition was well documented, officials at the White House decided not to release photos of Bush the angler. Imagine the outcry if Saturday's Dispatch — which included images of burning U.S. military vehicles and celebrating Iraqi youths — had also included pictures of a triumphant Bush, grinning ear to ear about the bass he had just hauled in.

Though this was not actually printed, the reality remains that while our troops were engaged in some of the most intense fighting since the fall of Baghdad, Bush was enjoying a relaxing afternoon on the pond.

Nevertheless, a weeklong vacation at such a time of national and international upheaval is puzzling. As the situation in Iraq spins further out of control, our nation needs a leader who is willing to step forward and ex-

plain a clear strategy for the coming days, weeks and months.

Many have raised concerns that the current state of violence and instability will only breed more ill will for the United States, furthering the cause of terrorist organizations who gain new recruits based on such anti-American sentiments.

Military forces are stretched thin: thousands of reserves and National Guard soldiers are being forced to return for second and third tours or are given no deadline for returning home.

A strong executive statement is needed, yet Bush seems to be shying away from the spotlight during our most crucial hour. He has used Rice as a puppet for the administration's flip-flopping on how much information it will provide to the Sept. 11 commission and to the public in general. He has allowed Secretary of State Colin Powell — who last week admitted that the biological weapons labs reportedly operating in Iraq were probably fiction — to be the bearer of bad tidings. Even Vice President Cheney has borne some of the load, jetting off to Japan where he attempted to reassure a nation that has seen its own citizens taken hostage in Iraq this week.

It is time to cut your fishing trip short, Mr. President — you are running out of bait.

Michael Huges is a columnist for The Lantern of Ohio State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Your View

Letters to the Editor

AHO still planning Kenya trip

AHO wants to make it very clear that the trip to Kenya is not completely canceled. We are working on other arrangements. I want to make it very clear that if any writers in the Skiff want to post an article, they need to first do research on the topic beforehand and have accurate information.

First off, AHO is NOT and has never planned a trip to Israel; that is false information. In addition, the trip to Kenya is based on two humanitarian projects. One is to finish school construction and help a build water tank in Baringo and the other is to work in Kibera to build translucent roofing and provide classroom furniture.

The aspects of our projects, such as providing roofing for an alternative to electricity, providing a technique to obtain clean water, and promoting education about sanitation is not something that you can just wait on. It is a necessity and not a luxury. There are many dying day by day. The question is not "Why don't you just go next year?" The question to be asked is "Why didn't you go last year and the year before that?" This is an urgent matter — when it comes to

human lives, there are no policies, no timelines, no agendas. It is about using the strength that God has given us to find the strengths in others. That is what humanity is about. "No man is an island entire of its own," remember that? What ever happened to "being my brother's keeper?"

Being ethical is about taking action and standing for something you believe in, even if you are standing alone. Being ethical is about living out the true meaning of life. Learning to change the world should not just be a message spread across a billboard or writing on paper. Changing the world is done by action, sincere consideration and true intention. What does that say when the university can not support a trip to fulfill the TCU mission statement to "educate individuals to act and think as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in a global community." Is this just a message on paper or is it a call to action? If it is a call to action, it is not very effective. I challenge TCU students and the local community to look outside of yourself and your situation, and for one moment think about others who are in dire need of clean water, electricity and health care.

We have an obligation to be a voice for the voiceless. We should be urged to support each other as brothers and sisters, in the name of humanity. Isn't that what Christianity is about? So, why does it feel so difficult and why are there so many obstacles in the way when one wants to do good for others? Is this society about doing what is RIGHT or doing what is "politically correct?" I challenge everyone to look at this matter more closely.

By the way, the trip to Kenya is not over and the plane will leave U.S. soil and land in Kenya when the time is right. TCU is not the only financial source around. With God on our side, who can be against us?

— Rahwa Neguse, junior sociology major

Editor's note: This is in response to "Policy prevents trip from receiving funds" in the April 7 edition of the Skiff. Jonathan Ogujiofor, African Heritage Organization's adviser, is quoted in the story saying that a trip to Israel was canceled last year. A TCU policy prohibits university funds from being used to send faculty, staff and students to countries with U.S. Department of State travel warnings.

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National/International Roundup

Palestinian seized in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Hungarian police arrested a man of Palestinian descent Tuesday and suggested he was planning to bomb the country's new Holocaust museum during a visit by Israeli President Moshe Katsav.

Two Syrians were detained for questioning.

Israeli officials and diplomats said earlier that three Arab suspects were arrested in the Hungarian capital of Budapest on suspicion of planning to kill Katsav.

Senior law enforcement officials denied a link between Katsav's visit and the planned attack.

"There is no connection whatsoever between today's official visit by the Israeli president and the police action taken this morning," National Police Commissioner Laszlo Salgo said.

McCain's wife hospitalized

PHOENIX (AP) — Cindy McCain, wife of Sen. John McCain, suffered a small stroke and was hospitalized in stable condition Tuesday.

"According to her physician, the prognosis is cautiously excellent," McCain said in a statement Tuesday.

Cindy McCain, 49, had a small bleed in her brain and her speech is mildly affected, said Robert Spetzler, director of the Barrow Neurological Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital.

He said the bleeding Monday was caused by a rupture of a small blood vessel, possibly from a spike of high blood pressure.

McCain said he expected his wife to be released from the hospital within a few days, pending test results.

The 67-year-old Arizona Republican was in New York City on a book tour when his wife had the stroke, according to his Washington office. He was with her at the hospital Tuesday morning.

QUICK FACTS



Kerry tries to sway college voters

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Tuesday touted his plans to help students pay for college as he warned that "a promise broken" by President Bush had denied higher education to thousands of Americans.

"People have actually been denied access to the college of their choice," Kerry said.

The Massachusetts senator met with students and officials at the University of Rhode Island to hear tales of their struggle with tuition costs that have soared in recent years. He said he would offer a \$4,000 tuition tax credit and would pay for college for those who agreed to public service as part of his effort to broaden access to higher education.

One student, Heather Briggum, said she hopes to get an advanced degree but is facing debt approaching \$40,000.

"I'm going to graduate from college with an incredible amount of debt," Briggum said. Another student, Allison DePetrillo, said college finances were "a daily struggle."

Kerry is visiting campuses this week to rally younger voters to his campaign. He opened the tour Monday at the University of New Hampshire, where he used a noisy campus rally to renew his call for a comprehensive commitment to national service by all and proposed to link tuition aid to national service.

Kerry also faced questions about Iraq when he dropped in on a class on U.S. foreign policy. The first question put to him by a student in New Hampshire asked what he would do to solve the "mess in Iraq."

Kerry said he would keep the United States in control of the military operation in Iraq, and he repeated his call for greater international involvement in the effort to stabilize and rebuild the country.

"I would summon the world to an effort the world has a stake in," he said.

Kerry voted to authorize the war with Iraq, but he has become increasingly critical of what he says is Bush's unilateral approach to the conflict. He also voted against \$87 billion in aid for U.S. troops and to pay for the reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Kerry said he would do the opposite of Bush and not push away other nations. He also said he would approach the United Nations for help identifying who should be involved in the coming transfer of power to the Iraqis.

"The president has been silent on this. The administration hasn't described who they're transferring authority to in about 80 days," Kerry said, referring to the administration's June 30 deadline.

Bush was holding a news conference Tuesday night to address rising casualties and instability in Iraq.

On higher education, Kerry's campaign says the average cost of tuition at public colleges increased 28 percent between the 2000-2001 and 2003-2004 school years.

When adjusted for inflation, Kerry's campaign said the increase amounts to 13 percent during the period, which it claims is the largest increase on record.

Kerry education adviser Robert Gordon said 220,000 people were priced out of college as a result. He said states facing a combined \$200 billion deficit had little choice but to make painful spending cuts, including to higher education.

Bush campaign spokesman Scott Stanzel argued that Bush has offered the "most significant educational reforms in a generation." Stanzel said Kerry "would return us to the policies of Jimmy Carter."

In his speech, Kerry said it was time to make four years of college affordable and available to all who want it.

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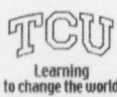
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Remember ...

Billy Bob Thornton is Davy Crockett on, off set

By Cassie Faus
Skiff Staff

Billy Bob Thornton grew up wanting to be Davy Crockett. But then again, who didn't? "The way we grew up Davy Crockett was sort of, in a way more of a cartoon character," he said, "a larger than life bear-hunter who wore a coonskin hat — perfect for kids."

Like Thornton, many of us associate Crockett with the many myths that bear his name, never realizing the stark distinction between Davy, the legend, and David, the person behind it.

"Crockett has always been portrayed simply as a frontiersman, this wild man from the hills," said John Lee Hancock, writer-director of "The Alamo," "but I was always interested in both sides of Crockett."

Hancock used the film as an opportunity to create the interplay of Davy



versus David.

"Billy Bob has that dichotomy as well," said Hancock, referring to the similarities between the actor and the character he portrays. "I don't think there's anybody else who could do this role," he said.

Thornton said when he was asked to play Crockett in "The Alamo," he didn't have to think twice.

"When you read about his personality, how he was with people, I'm sort of the same guy," Thornton said. "There are myths about my life too."

"Normally I

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Hancock's 'The Alamo' is like an ode our state

By Cassie Faus
Skiff Staff

Texas pride takes on a whole new meaning in John Lee Hancock's "The Alamo."

Though most of us are at least vaguely familiar with the battle that took place in the spring of 1836, for Texans, the Alamo was more than just a lost battle — it was a victorious defeat.

"I'd like each of you men to think of what it is you value so highly that you are willing to fight and possibly die for it. We will call that Texas."

William B. Travis, commander of the Alamo, spoke these words to the men who would soon give their lives for Texas independence.

It is the spirit of these men, their unbending will to break free from Santa Anna's tyrannical rule and to make Texas a place where dreams come true, that

made the Alamo memorable.

Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett, Sam Houston and William B. Travis come to life in "The Alamo," written and directed by John Lee Hancock.

While most films depicting the battle of the Alamo tend to draw its defenders broadly, focusing solely on their heroic qualities, Hancock delves deep into the men who gave their lives for Texas.

One common problem with historical films is presenting the event so that it engages the audience's interest despite the fact that the outcome is predestined.

Films like Titanic and Pearl Harbor overcome this obstacle by weaving fictional love story subplots into factual events. To me, this seems like a cheap, easy way out.

Born and raised in Texas,

Hancock wanted to create a film that was historically accurate, so he took a different approach in "The Alamo" by illustrating real people during real events.

This character-driven plot line allows the audience to relate with,

or at least understand, the motives behind those who died in pursuit of a dream.

The focus on characters also makes the film more entertaining than a boring history lecture.

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John Wayne's movie classic inspires Texas pride

By Crystal Forester
Skiff Staff

Once the true story of the Alamo and the fighting begins, John Wayne's "The Alamo" is a movie worth watching.

The first 45 minutes have a few issues before the true movie begins.

The major challenge of the movie is the actors' horrible southern accents. The first 10 minutes of the movie are spent trying to understand what they are saying. Our accents are unique to us and hard to mimic, especially when an English actor, Laurence Harvey, as William B. Travis, tries.

Just like any film about a historical event, Wayne tries to make the characters seem like real people.

All movies during this time had to have a leading lady with a touching love story; the problem with this is it doesn't fit in the movie. Having

Wayne's character, Davy Crockett, fall in love with someone was definitely a mistake. The love story seems to just be thrown in

the movie as an afterthought. It doesn't help Crockett become a real person. In fact, it makes him seem less like a real person.

Despite these problems, the movie is pretty good. It definitely becomes a Texas pride movie. The battle at the Alamo is one of the many reasons Texans today love the state so much.

Although Santa Anna and his men managed to kill almost 200 men without shedding a drop of blood in the movie, the audience understands the heroic battle that the men at the Alamo

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History of the Alamo: From its beginning to its devastating defeat

The Alamo is world renown as the symbol of heroic courage in the face of death and the struggle against oppression. Before it was launched into its present place in history, it was a simple Spanish mission, run by missionaries and visited by many significant people throughout its time.

1718 — Mission San Antonio de Valero (the Alamo) is founded by Franciscan missionaries from the College of Querétaro, led by Antonio de San Buenaventura Olivares. The site chosen for the mission is on San Pedro Creek, west of the San Antonio River. The site was later moved to the east side.

1793 — On the order of the King of Spain, San Antonio de Valero Mission (the Alamo) is secularized; its ranch properties distributed among the civilian population.

1803 — The mission property is used as military post. A church parish is established and the remains

of the church are used for services for soldiers at the post.

1811 — Soon after the initiation of the Mexican independence movement, factions in San Antonio become involved in the struggle. Juan Bautista de las Casas takes control of local troops, seizes government officials and proclaims allegiance to the independence cause of Father Miguel de Hidalgo y Costilla. The success of the uprising is short-lived; just over a month later, loyalist residents under Juan Manuel Zambrano retake San Antonio for the King. Las Casas and other leaders of the insurrec-

tion are tried and executed.

1813 — A filibustering army under Mexican native José Bernardo Gutiérrez de Lara and former U.S. Army officer Augustus Magee enters Texas from Louisiana and advances toward San Antonio. After defeating Royalist troops outside the town, San Antonio is taken by the rebel army. Spanish governor Manuel Salcedo and other officials are executed. The victorious Gutiérrez declares Texas independence, and drafts a constitution, though he is soon forced from power and removed from the province. A Royal force under Mexican leader José Joaquín Arredondo crushes the republican army at the Medina River and recaptures San

Antonio. The years of fighting leave San Antonio depopulated and economically devastated.

1821 — The Plan of Iguala assures Mexican independence. In July, San Antonio officials swear allegiance to the new, independent nation of Mexico. Carrying out his father's plan, Stephen F. Austin brings his first colonists to Texas.

1823 — Agustín Iturbide abdicates as Emperor of Mexico. Mexican leaders soon begin work on a national constitution.

1824 — Under the new constitutional government, Coahuila y

Texas becomes a single state, with the capital in Saltillo.

1825 — Texas becomes a department under state government, with a political chief residing in San Antonio.

1830 — Alarmed by the growth in numbers of colonists from the United States, the Mexican government seeks to slow immigration into Texas from the north, while introducing more new residents from Mexico and Europe. On April 6, a law passed by the Mexican Congress prohibits settlement

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BILLY BOB

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play maybe parts of myself, but certainly not exactly myself," Thornton said. "In this one I kind of do that. It's maybe the first time I have ever done that."

Thornton said he is not as weird as some people make him out to be, but he often feels compelled to fulfill the image that has been created for him.

"I'm a little more normal than people say," he said, "so every now and then you have to throw people a bone: 'Okay, so I ate a cat.'"

Thornton said he thinks that is also the way it is with the Davy Crockett legend.

"He had to ultimately become that thing that had been told about him," he said.

Thornton said his biggest concern with portraying Crockett was the pressure of having to live up to such a legend, while still portraying him as just a regular guy.

"He was just a guy who liked people, a storyteller, just a friendly guy who at the same time had this sort of crazy edge to him," Thornton said. "He perpetuated his own legend."

"I don't know if I've perpetuated mine so much, but people have done

it for me a lot," he said. "So, in that sense I relate to that."

One of the biggest controversies regarding "The Alamo" is its historical accuracy, especially concerning Crockett's execution of which there are many theories.

Hancock used his authority to play out the most heroic of these stories, a decision that Thornton felt was best because it shows what everyday heroes are made of.

"We used to have heroes and now it's like bad guys have a better crack at being heroes these days," Thornton said. "I think the world has become pretty cynical and we could use people like Davy Crockett."

Crockett's execution in the film follows a description found in a diary from a Mexican general who said Crockett died "with courage and dignity and was well behaved."

"Now I didn't do it very well behaved," Thornton said, "but I did that for Texas."

In addition to his heroic feats, Crockett is remembered for his unique style of oratory which was sure to draw a crowd.

Cast and crew members said Thornton portrayed the quirky side of Crockett both on and off the screen. His offbeat humor kept the set from going stale.

"I was kind of Crockett-like on the

set, but I think I'm Crockett-like on the one I'm doing now," Thornton said. "I try to rally the troops around all the time."

Thornton is currently working on a film titled "Friday Night Lights," about another Texas legacy — football — that should be finished later this year.

"Probably one of the greatest feelings of anything I do is when I'm finished with something and I can just sit back and say 'Good grief,'" Thornton said.

Well, I think it's that time, Billy. Good grief.

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took on. Knowing they would die, they stayed and fought holding back Santa Anna for a few days to give other Texans the chance to build their forces to eventually gain independence.

Today singers like Pat Green get to "sing songs about Texas" because of the men that gave their life at the Alamo, and John Wayne's version lets people identify with those men.

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Hancock really tries to capture the authenticity of the event. From a complete replica of the mission to authentic weapons of the day, the film is almost like a documentary.

Don't expect to see graphic details like arms flying off and lots of blood and gore, because you will definitely be disappointed.

"The Alamo" is more of an "Ode to Texas" than a spectacular Hollywood blockbuster.

Nevertheless, the film is brilliantly made and is a must-see for those of us proud to be Texans.

And if you have ever wondered what the big deal is with Texans and their steadfast belief that their state is the greatest, go see "The Alamo." You'll soon understand what it's all about.

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TIMELINE

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in Texas by immigrants from the United States, and cancels all colonization contracts. Although repealed in 1833, this article remains a sore point with the growing immigrant population.

1835 — The refusal of Gonzales residents to return a cannon to the Mexican army leads to an exchange of gunfire. In response, Santa Anna sends troops under Martin Perfecto de Cos to San Antonio. The Alamo becomes part of the defenses of the city.

October — December

Led by Austin, an army of untrained and often unruly settlers lay siege to the Mexican army, which held positions in the Alamo and the plazas of the town. The Texan forces were victorious in a skirmish near Concepción mission, and in the

"Grass Fight," but the siege dragged on into November with no agreement on how to proceed. Called to serve as a commissioner to the United States, Austin leaves San Antonio in November and opinion is divided on how to proceed until Ben Milam rallies the force to an attack on December 5. After five days of fighting, during which Milam is killed, the Battle of Bexar concludes with the surrender of Mexican forces. Cos agrees to withdraw to the south, leaving Texas under the control of the rebel army.

1836 — February 3 — William Barret Travis and a small group of reinforcements arrive at the Alamo, then under the command of James C. Neill.

February 8 — Former Tennessee congressman David Crockett arrives at the Alamo with a group of volunteers.

February 12 — With the departure

of Neill, Travis is elected commander of the regular army forces at the Alamo, while Jim Bowie is chosen to lead the volunteers.

February 23 — The Mexican army under Antonio López de Santa Anna reaches San Antonio. The Texan force retreats into the walled Alamo compound.

March 1 — Thirty-two men from Gonzales join the besieged forces at the Alamo.

March 2 — Texas Declaration of Independence is approved by delegates meeting at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

March 6 — The attack upon the fortified Alamo begins before dawn. When the fighting ends, all of its occupants other than women, children, and Travis' slave Joe, are dead. Losses to the attacking Mexican army are estimated to be at least 600.

March 20 — Following a battle near Coleto Creek, the Texan force led by James W. Fannin is captured.

March 27 — On the order of General Santa Anna, Fannin and a force of almost 350 men are executed at Goliad.

April 21 — After retreating eastward for more than a month, the Texan Army defeats the larger Mexican force at the Battle of San Jacinto, capturing General Santa Anna and securing Texas' independence.

May 14 — The Treaties of Velasco are signed by Santa Anna, promising the cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of Mexican troops to below the Rio Grande.

September — The Constitution of the Republic of Texas is approved by vote; Sam Houston is elected president.

1837 — Colonel Juan Nepomuceno Seguín, military commander at San Antonio, presides over the burial of the ashes of the defenders of the Alamo. The battered mission and fortress then stood virtually

abandoned, a symbol of the brief but bloody struggle. San Antonio is incorporated and Bexar County is created.

1840 — The frontier town of Austin is chosen as the capital of Texas.

1842 — San Antonio is briefly occupied by Mexican troops and several local men are taken prisoner. Forces from San Antonio and Gonzales engage the invading army at the Battle of Salado.

1846 — Texas formally joins the United States on February 19. The U.S. Government occupies the Alamo, using it as a quartermaster and commissary depot, under a lease from the Catholic Church. The buildings are repaired and renovated, the now-familiar facade added to the church in 1850, along with a new roof.



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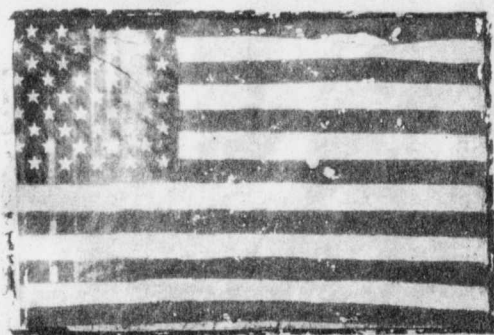
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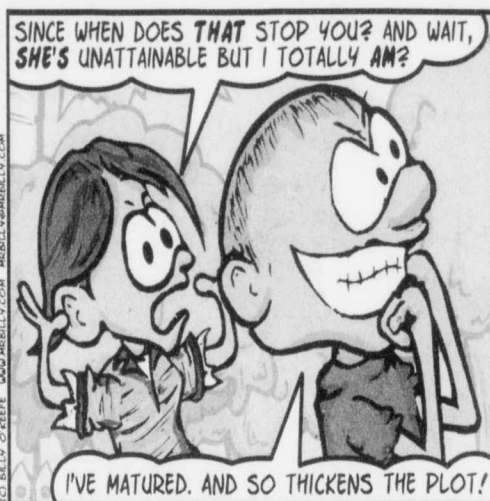
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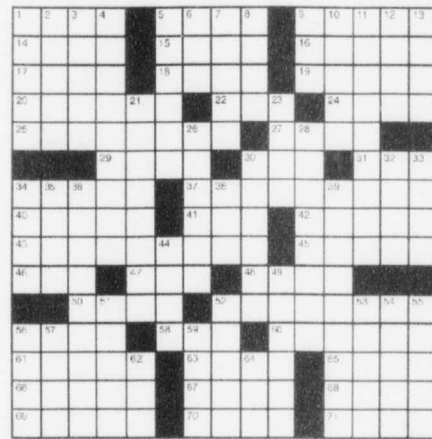
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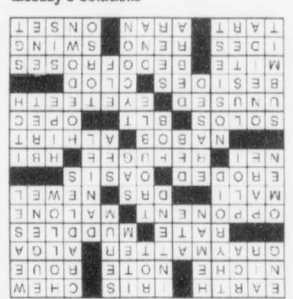
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 - Musical interpretation
 - More ominous
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 - Back talk
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Sideline

NBA revokes triple-double
ATLANTA (AP) — The NBA took away Bob Sura's third straight triple-double Tuesday, ruling he shouldn't get credit for one rebound because he intentionally missed a shot just before the buzzer.

Sura thought he was the first NBA player since Grant Hill in 1997 to have three straight games with double figures in scoring, rebounding and assists. But the NBA said his tactics in Monday night's 129-107 win over New Jersey violated the rule that states, since Sura wasn't trying to make the shot, the NBA said, he shouldn't get credit for a field goal attempted. Therefore, there was no rebound.

The journeyman guard had 22 points and 11 assists when he intentionally missed a layup just before the buzzer so he could get his 10th rebound.

His intentional miss rekindled memories of Ricky Davis' blatant attempt to pad his stats last season.

Davis, then with Cleveland, was roundly criticized when he tried to finish off his first career triple-double by shooting at the wrong basket, missing and getting the rebound. Before it could happen, a Utah player wrapped his arms around Davis and was called for a foul.

Davis was fined by the Cavaliers, and the league pointed out a rule barring players from trying to score for the other team.

At least Sura was shooting at his own basket when he missed, but the NBA said it didn't matter.

Sura picked up the first triple-double of his eight-year career on Friday, when he put up 12 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds at Chicago. The following night, he had 15 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds against Boston.

Roberts takes St. John's job
NEW YORK (AP) — Norm Roberts left New York City to start fulfilling his dream of becoming a Division I head basketball coach. Now he's back, facing the daunting task of turning around the St. John's program.

The 38-year-old Kansas assistant was offered the St. John's job Tuesday morning. Five hours later, he was introduced as the school's 18th head coach and the fourth in the last 10 years. He received a five-year contract.

Last December, Mike Jarvis became the first coach in Big East history to be fired during a season. Assistant Kevin Clark was appointed interim coach, and the Red Storm finished with a 6-21 record and just eight players, including four walk-ons, after a string of suspensions and expulsions.

Many felt Jarvis lost the New York basketball community, especially the high school and AAU coaches, and the best of the local players weren't staying home to play college basketball.

Roberts' only head coaching experience came from 1992-95 at his alma mater, Queens College, where he compiled a 24-84 record before leaving the New York area to join Self's staff at Oral Roberts and moving with him to Tulsa, Illinois and Kansas.

He'll have his work cut out for him at St. John's, with only three scholarship players returning.

One player was kicked out of school, one withdrew and four others were suspended from the team after breaking curfew to go to a strip club after a loss at Pittsburgh in January.

Roberts was one of three candidates interviewed by St. John's president Rev. Donald J. Harrington. The others were former Notre Dame and North Carolina coach Matt Doherty and current DePaul coach Dave Leitao.

Roberts becomes just the third coach in the 25 years of the Big East to take over a program without Division I head coaching experience or by being promoted from an assistant's job. The others were Tommy Amaker at Seton Hall and Doherty at Notre Dame.

Baseball team winds up for match against UTA

By Danny Gillham
Staff Staff

After two disappointing losses earlier this season, the baseball team will try to avoid a season sweep against Texas-Arlington at

7 p.m. today at Lupton Stadium. Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said his team obviously doesn't want to go 0-for-3 against the Mavericks this year, but a win today would count more toward



A win today against the Texas-Arlington Mavericks could give the Horned Frogs a chance to play in the College World Series.

the big picture — a chance to play in the College World Series.

"Every game is huge now," Schlossnagle said. "We of course want to win conference championships, but our ultimate goal is to make it to Omaha and to do that we need a regional bid."

TCU (19-14, 7-5 Conference USA) and UT-Arlington (21-14 heading into last night's game) may be competing for a regional bid later in the season. The Frogs are No. 37 in the latest Pseudo-RPI's published by Boyd Nation, but with similar records, a bid may get decided on head-to-head matchup.

"The committee really looks at what you do down the stretch," Schlossnagle said. "If we let (UT-Arlington) sweep us, that could be a deciding factor

in us playing in the postseason." Freshman infielder Chad Huffman said the Frogs want some revenge for their two earlier losses.

The Frogs could only muster three hits in an 11-0 loss on Feb. 17, and lost a five-run lead late in an 8-7 loss on March 7. Both games were played at Clay Gould Park in Arlington.

"They're a cross-town rival, and for us to play like we have against them is unacceptable," Huffman said.

Senior infielder Chris Neuman said the Frogs haven't played their best against the Mavericks this year, and need to get some momentum going to finish out the season.

"They've hurt us pretty bad," Huffman said. "After losing a close one to Cincinnati on Sunday, we

can't allow ourselves to have another letdown."

Freshman Chase Perry will get the start on the mound for the Frogs today. Perry's last appearance was Friday against Cincinnati, pitching two scoreless innings. He also made his collegiate debut against UT-Arlington, surrendering three runs without recording an out.

Schlossnagle said Perry doesn't have to pitch deep into the game.

"We are going to see what he can do, but if he can get us through their lineup once that would work," Schlossnagle said. "We have some guys that haven't pitched in a while that need to throw anyway."

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Barnett fails to teach morals, responsibility

When parents send their children off to college to play sports, what are their expectations for the coach?

COMMENTARY



Ashley Menzies

To guide their child through college. To watch over them. To help them. To be a second mother or father figure to them.

These are mere hopes and the actuality is that few coaches reach all those expectations.

But there is a certain amount of care a parent should expect from a coach toward their budding adult.

That is something suspended University of Colorado coach Gary Barnett doesn't seem to understand.

Over the past few months, several Colorado football players have been accused of rape. Three women have come forward so far, including former kicker Katie Hnida, who has since transferred to the University of New Mexico.

And what does coach Barnett do?

Shurfs it off and blames his players. He blamed his own players.

Yes, I know people are responsible for their own actions, and it is up to them to make the right decisions.

But come on Coach. Isn't it you who should be helping the players make these decisions?

Isn't it you who should planting it in these young men how to be respectable pieces in our society?

Isn't it you that the athletes look at as a role model?

But no, coach. You turn your back your players. Not even picking up a little of the slack.

You say there are limits to tracking the activities of dozens

of players.

"I have 48 I have held accountable over the last four years," you say. "I can't live their lives for them."

Oh, I'm so sorry, coach, that you've had to keep players accountable. No one wants you to live the players lives. What people want you to do is point these players in the right direction making sure they have the skills to be good people.

Coach, there is a point where you say this is your team, and that you let these players down by not instructing them correctly on how to be adults.

You said there was no doubt in your mind that the misbehavior that occurred at those recruiting parties was based on poor decisions and influence of alcohol.

Yes, it is your players' responsibility not to get drunk at these parties. Yes, it is your players' responsibility not to sexually assault those women.

But coach, someone knew about these recruiting parties. And someone should have put their foot down about those issues. But instead, that someone turned their back.

Do I have to say who that someone is? Or have it is pretty obvious?

Yes, it's you coach Barnett. You all but said "oh well" to your players, coach.

It sounds to me as if you just gave up on these players by saying that you're pretty much tired of being accountable for these athletes. Regardless of how you intended on your words being interpreted, that is how they came across.

Colorado did the right thing by suspending you. But I think they also need to take a look at how much you really care, too.

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New 'Master' hasn't changed

Phil Mickelson's win at the Master's makes him the only golfer with a chance at the Grand Slam this year.

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Back in his hometown, Phil Mickelson walked into an exclusive country club looking a lot like he did at dusk two days earlier at Augusta National.

"I said Sunday night that it was going to be hard to wipe away the smile and take away the jacket," said a beaming Mickelson, clad in green again Tuesday at La Jolla Country Club.

"They tried to pry it away when I left, but I'd have none of it. So here it is," added Mickelson, who won the Masters with a thrilling 18-foot birdie putt on the last hole.

Mickelson must have had the jacket pressed, because his wife, Amy, said he slept in it Sunday night.

"It was me, Phil and the green jacket," she said. "We might be sleeping with that green jacket for a while."

Lefty returned to the Left Coast on Monday, spending what he

called a relaxing day with his family. On Tuesday, he held a news conference at La Jolla Country Club, where he's a member, before heading to Burbank to appear on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

Mickelson was reminded that he went from being labeled as the best player to have never won a major to being the only guy with a shot at the Grand Slam this year.

"Yeah, how quickly it changes," said Mickelson, who had been 0-for-42 in majors as a pro. "It's been such a nice change. I'm certainly not thinking that far in advance. I really just want to spend the next few weeks enjoying this."

"But I can't wait to get out and play," he quickly added. "I'm enjoying playing the game so much. I'm enjoying all my practice sessions, I'm enjoying my time off the course with my family. It's just been such a wonderful year starting out, and this just makes it special."

Mickelson knows the next few weeks will be hectic, but otherwise, he doesn't anticipate that his life or career will change.

He said Mondays and Tuesdays

will remain family days. He won't play again until New Orleans at the end of the month, which will give him time to take his three kids to the zoo, Sea World and Legoland.

Mickelson said it was special sharing the Masters victory with his family.

"To have my children there was awesome, to walk off the 18th green there and to see my wife experiencing the whole thing with me and feeling the same emotion that I felt," Mickelson said.

"I'm very lucky because of that, to have such a wonderful spouse, to have three wonderful healthy kids. I'm just very lucky, especially given what we went through last year."

Amy Mickelson nearly died during the birth of their third child, son Evan.

With his family OK, Mickelson can concentrate on golf — and, now, on trying to win another major.

"I do feel that the second will not be as difficult as the first," said Mickelson, who smiled all the way through his back nine Sunday, when he shot 31 with birdies on five of the last seven holes.

"Because every time I would get in contention, it was almost as though it was an opportunity not to succeed, but an opportunity to fail. I never looked at it like that, but at times, when things began to slide, it was harder for me to turn it around."

Mickelson also divulged what President Bush told him in a phone call shortly after his jump for joy on the 18th green.

Last summer, Mickelson threw batting practice to 18 Toledo Mud Hens players, most of them pitchers, hoping to earn a chance to pitch in a real game for Detroit's Triple-A affiliate. But the Tigers didn't offer him a minor league contract.

Asked what he'll have on the menu for the Champion's Dinner before next year's Masters, he said: "I hadn't really thought about it, but I love a little lobster ravioli in a creamy tomato sauce, a little garlic bread and Caesar's salad."

"But who's thinking about it?" he said, smiling.



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Phil Mickelson is presented the Masters trophy from the Augusta National president Hootie Johnson Sunday after winning the U.S. Masters golf tournament with a birdie on the 18th hole at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.

Ruling in the trial of former NBA star Jayson Williams delayed again

Delay of ruling in trial could lead to a dismissal of manslaughter charges against Williams.

By Jeffrey Gold
Associated Press

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — A death in the prosecutor's family delayed a ruling that was expected Tuesday afternoon in the Jayson Williams manslaughter trial until Thursday.

The defense has asked the judge to dismiss all charges against the retired NBA star, charging that prosecutorial misconduct regarding evidence had deprived Williams of a fair trial.

A dismissal means it would be likely that Williams could not be tried again.

Prosecutors maintain that the error, late disclosure of notes and

photographs from one of their proposed witnesses, was inadvertent.

The trial over the shooting of a hired driver, which began Feb. 10, was suspended over the dispute on April 1, just as lawyers were preparing summations.

State Superior Court Judge Edward M. Coleman gave the defense more than a week to evaluate the new evidence, and heard testimony and argument on the dismissal motion on Monday. The jury has not heard live testimony since March 30.

The hearing never convened Tuesday, as the court learned in the morning of the death Monday of Beverly Ellenport, of Clark, sister-in-law of Steven C. Lember, first assistant Hunterdon County prosecutor. The woman is the sis-

ter of Lember's wife, and is to be buried Wednesday.

The evidence dispute centers on whether prosecutors intentionally withheld the notes and photographs their weapons expert took when he examined the shotgun that Williams was handling two years ago when he fired, killing a hired driver.

It arose just after the defense rested its case, when Lember said he realized the material had not been turned over before trial, as required, when preparing the witness for rebuttal testimony.

The shotgun is a pillar of the defense case, which maintains the weapon, a Browning Citori double-barreled 12-gauge, fired accidentally when Williams snapped it shut. The prosecution maintains the shooting was reckless and that

Williams then staged a cover-up.

Hayden on Monday told the judge that the error was intentional and deprives Williams of a fair trial because even if witnesses were brought back for testimony on the new material, it would be outside the flow and context of the trial.

He said that the new evidence shows that Lember influenced the prosecution's proposed rebuttal witness, Larry Nelson, a vice president of Browning Arms Co., of Mountain Green, Utah, to issue a report that would not contradict a State Police weapons expert.

The defense said evidence may have been altered or lost when Nelson examined the shotgun Feb. 5, 2003, without the defense present. The defense in August 2003 got Nelson's report, which men-

tioned the examination but did not say he had removed the stock and barrel, as the notes and photographs make clear.

Assistant Prosecutor Katharine Erickson told the judge that the defense had due notice of Nelson's examination, and its own experts have not said how the new material would change their opinions.

Williams, 36, is charged with recklessly handling a shotgun, and then trying to make the Feb. 14, 2002, shooting look like a suicide and persuading others to lie that Costas Christofi, 55, shot himself. The shooting happened in Williams' bedroom at his Alexandria Township estate.

Williams faces eight charges, the most serious of which is aggravated manslaughter.