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Tenet: More needed to fight terror

Intelligence chief concedes that considerable time is necessary to improve defenses against terrorism.

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — CIA director George Tenet predicted Wednesday it will take "another five years of work to have the kind of clandestine service our country needs" to combat al Qaeda and other

terrorist threats.

"The same can be said for the National Security Agency, our imagery agency and our analytic community," Tenet testified before the commission investigating the worst terror attacks in the nation's history.

He said a series of tight budgets dating to the end of the Cold War meant that by

the mid-1990s, intelligence agencies had "lost close to 25 percent of our people and billions of dollars in capital investment."

A needed transformation is under way, he said, and appealed for a long-term commitment in funding. "Our investments in capability must be sustained," he added. Tenet's appearance was

ironic to the core.

Several commissioners lavished praise on him for his foresight and efforts to restructure intelligence-gathering. Yet the panel's staff issued a report as the hearing opened that was sharply critical of the agency and apparatus he has led for seven years as the nation's director of central intelligence.

"While we now know that al Qaeda was formed in 1988, at the end of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, the intelligence community did not describe this organization, at least in the documents we have seen, until 1999," the report said.

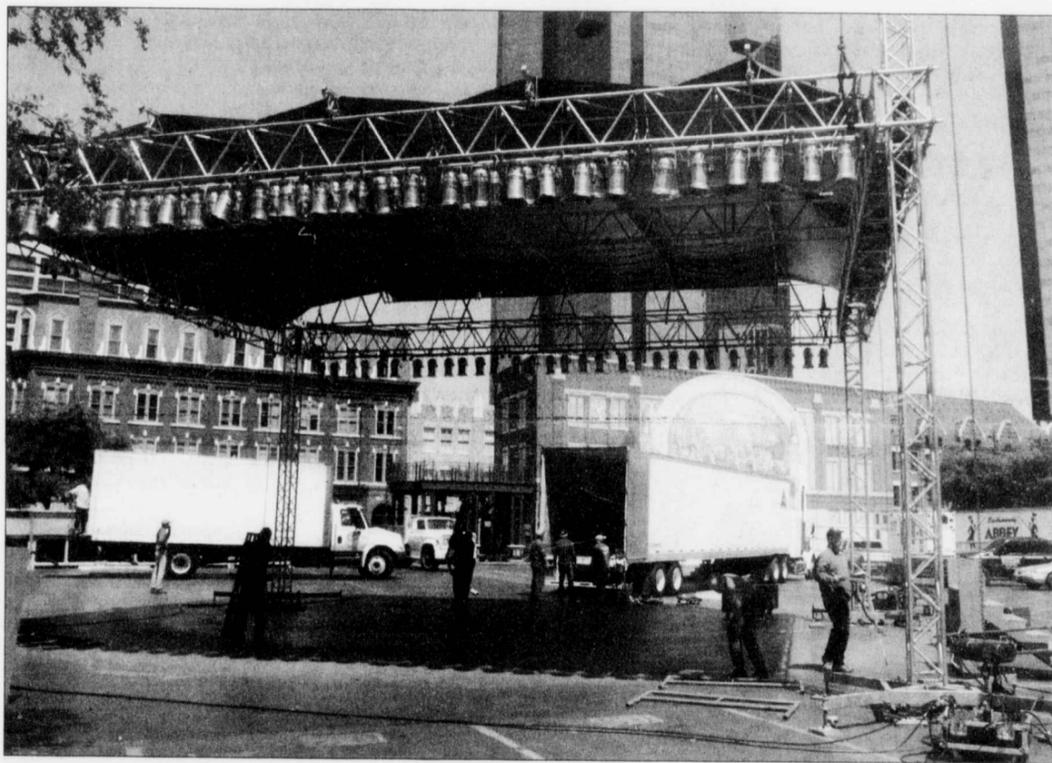
As late as 1997, it said, the

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George Tenet, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, testifies before the 9/11 Commission on Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

Setting the stage



Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor

Workers set up the outside lighting frame of the main stage Tuesday afternoon in downtown Fort Worth in preparation for the Main Street Arts Festival this weekend.

Annual event delivers art, music, food, fun

One of the nation's best art festivals takes over downtown today.

By Allison Goertz
Staff Reporter

Cowtown and culture will merge today for the 19th annual Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival.

The four-day event will take place along Main Street from the courthouse to the convention center today through Sunday and will feature about 200 different artists from across the country who were selected from among 950 applicants. Some of the artists are from the area, but many are from different parts of the country.

Emily Moss, a junior radio-TV-film major who has been to the festival, said it's a great

opportunity to enjoy art.

"I just enjoyed walking the streets of downtown, listening to the live music, and looking at the artwork," she said. "The festival appeals to both those who just like to look at art and those who are interested in shopping."

Mark Merrill, an artist from Arlington who has been painting for a year, was chosen to participate in the festival. Because of his inexperience, Merrill said he was shocked when he learned that his work had been selected.

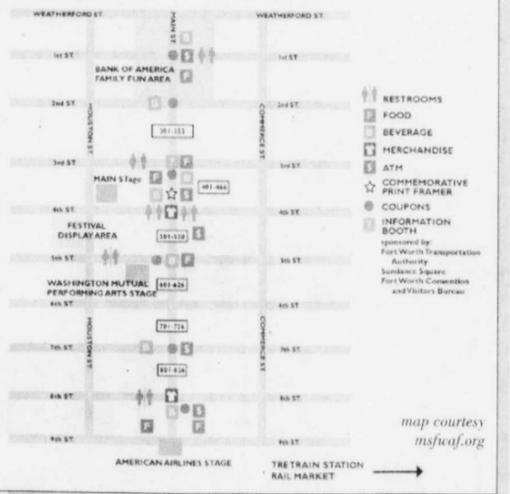
Before he began painting, Merrill was certain blue and yellow combine to make green, but that was all he knew about painting.

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19th annual Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival

- **Cost:** Free
- **When:** Today-Sunday
- **Times:** Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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VIA committee discusses sports and the university

A town hall meeting focuses on developing athletic programs that fulfill TCU's mission statement.

By Lacey Krause
Staff Reporter

Although the university's athletic programs have enjoyed remarkable success in the past five years, some university officials aren't satisfied with fan support.

"I'd be hard pressed to identify another unit on campus that has enjoyed that level of success in that time period," Bob Vigeland, Strategies for Athletics committee member and accounting department chair, said Wednesday.

Low student attendance at athletic events is a problem across the country, and TCU is no exception, said Davis Babb, associate athletic director for development.

"This is not just a football resurgence," Babb said. "This is

across the board, and the apathy is still there. If now is not the time to support it, when is?"

Approximately 80 people, including students, faculty and staff, met Wednesday to discuss "Building a Stronger Team: Athletics and the University." The meeting was the fifth of six town hall meetings organized by Chancellor Victor Boschini's Vision in Action group. Boschini developed the VIA group to develop a three-to-five year plan for the university's future.

All students received an e-mail Tuesday inviting them to the meeting. The meetings were originally targeted toward faculty and staff, said Leo Munson, Strategic Planning Steering committee co-chairman.

"What we discovered in the first town hall meetings were that

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Casino Night to move to campus

The philanthropic event will move from downtown to campus in an effort to boost the event's attendance and raise more money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

By Nick Quijano
Staff Reporter

The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity will bring its annual Casino Night philanthropy closer to students this year by relocating the event from the Bass Towers downtown to the Recreation Center.

The decision to move to campus from City Club was made with hopes to "bolster

attendance and increase everyone's enjoyment," said Pete Dodd, Casino Night chairman.

"It's a good time, it's cheap, it's early enough on a Friday to still go out with your friends, best of all it benefits (Muscular Dystrophy Association)," Dodd said.

Casino Night opens at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Recreation Center. The proceeds will go to MDA, an agency that combats neuromuscular diseases with research and medical services.

Last year's ticket price of \$10

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Light as air



Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor

Freshman religion major Brittney Smith blows bubbles Wednesday outside the Robert Carr Chapel as part of the University Ministries Earth Day Worship, which focused on air pollution.

New anesthesia program produces skilled nurses

Graduate student enrollment is up 140 percent in the College of Health and Human Sciences from three years ago.

By Lori Russell
Staff Reporter

Two graduate programs in the College of Health and Human Sciences are helping to meet the need for more qualified nurses, officials say.

The School of Nursing's master of science in nursing and the

School of Nurse Anesthesia's master of science in nurse anesthesia are largely responsible for TCU's 14 percent increase in graduate student enrollments over the last three years, Provost William Koehler says.

Enrollments in the College of Health and Human Sciences increased more than 140 percent, from 56 in 2001 to 135 in 2003.

Licensed nurses in the United States who have practiced for at least one year are able to participate

in the Harris School of Nursing's online classes from anywhere in the world.

"Right now we have one student in Washington state, and the rest are from all over Texas," said Paulette Burns, director of the nursing program. "We plan for more enrollment. We still have room to grow in this program."

There is an increasing demand for health-care professionals with specialized skills in areas such as surgical nursing and anesthesia,

Burns said.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics recently reported that registered nurses top the list for largest projected job growth through 2012.

"Our (graduate) program is in medical-surgical nursing. This program is best designed to meet the immediate need of the nursing profession," Burns said.

Forty-three students have

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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.

■**TCU Student Peace Action** is hosting the fourth annual Peace Fest today at Frog Fountain. There will be face painting, free pizza, do-your-own tie dyes and live music from 12:30 to 7 p.m.

■**Want to have input in choosing the activities and bands** during Howdy Week? Do you want to be completely involved in the biggest week of activities at TCU? The Programming Council Howdy Week Project Director is looking for people who are interested in helping and serving on a panel to organize Howdy Week. If are interested, e-mail j.l.stecklein@tcu.edu for more information.

■**The Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Gallery** will be hosting Jupiter Day from 7 to 11 p.m. Thursday in the Sid W. Richardson Building. Evening activities consist of telescope viewing of Jupiter and its moons, interacting with rocks from space in the Monnig Meteorite Gallery, pelting Jupiter with a comet and much more. There will also be two scientific talks on the moons of Jupiter given by Dr. Paul Schenk, staff scientist at the Lunar & Planetary Institute. All Jupiter Day activities are free and are open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call (817) 257-6277 or visit the Web site at monnigmuseum.tcu.edu.

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Sarah Greene/Staff Photographer
Neil Dougherty, the head men's basketball coach, speaks at a town hall forum on athletics.

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students were not only hanging around to listen, but also stood up to offer statements and testimony," said Munson, assistant vice chancellor for academic support. "We certainly don't want them to feel they were not included."

TCU does a great job of making sure athletes get an education, said Linda Moore, Faculty Senate liaison to the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics.

"We look incredibly good," said Moore, a social work professor. "I think you see that when you look at the graduation rate for athletes."

The Athletic Academic Services office does a good job of communicating with the rest of the campus, said Cheryl Cantu-Mireles, academic advisor for the Center for Academic Services.

"I really appreciate the fact that they're willing to work with other departments," she said.

Participants also discussed on-campus housing for athletes, a topic brought up via e-mail by Moncrief Hall Director Kyle Sherer. Student athletes may become better integrated into the campus if they are not concentrated in one residence hall, Sherer said.

According to NCAA regulations, residence halls can't be comprised of more than 50 percent athletes, said Marc Evans, director of athletics compliance.

"We have student athletes who live in almost every dorm here," he said.

Making student athletes part of TCU community is an ongoing process, said Neil Dougherty, the head men's basketball coach. Dougherty said he encourages players to greet their professors

and peers when they see them on campus.

"It's a process that has to continue to be nurtured," he said. "It goes beyond where they sleep. It's where they interact every day."

Students with similar interests and needs could benefit from living together, especially during their freshman year, said Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

"We need to provide them with the kind of support they'll need to be successful," he said.

However, all students need to interact with other students from a variety of backgrounds throughout their college career, he said.

"The most successful experience will be one that allows them to have a diversity of experiences," Mills said.

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earned their graduate degrees since the nursing program began in 2001.

The newest graduate program, the School of Nurse Anesthesia, is one of only four such programs statewide. There are 63 students in the first class, which started in August 2003.

"We want to try to keep our enrollment in the 60s for the next few years and make sure everything remains well-organized and

under control," said Kay Sanders, director of the anesthesia program. "We can probably attain a maximum enrollment of 85 eventually, but we want to approach that growth slowly."

The program has two phases. Phase I begins each August and is completed the following August.

"It's incredible how much you learn, and you realize you have to learn everything you're being taught in anatomy and physiology, chemistry and pharmacology," said Amy Drake, an anesthesia student.

The first semester must be completed in residence, but students have the option of distance study during the spring and summer semesters of Phase I, Sanders said.

Students are required to have at least one year of critical care experience to be accepted in the program.

"It's been very humbling for me," said Wendy Stewart, an anesthesia student. "A lot of us have three to four years experience, so you think you are a nurse that knows a lot and then you come here and find out how

much there is to learn."

Students must enter Phase II, which lasts about 16 months, immediately after completing Phase I, Sanders said.

Students are also required to maintain a high GPA. Many courses require a minimum of a B, and students are not allowed more than 2 Cs throughout the program.

The first anesthesia class started in 2003, so the first graduates will turn their tassels to the side in 2005.

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"Instead of watching TV, I started painting," Merrill said.

The Arlington man, who works in sales and marketing by day, will get to show off his abstract and impressionistic work this weekend.

Artists from across the United States will also showcase their work

and 15 different mediums will be represented, ranging from jewelry to painting. In addition to the artists, there will be more than 100 musical acts. One of the bands performing is local favorite Bowling for Soup, a repeat performance.

"They were such a hit last year," said Cindy Fitzpatrick, festival coproducer.

The festival has been ranked as the top show in Texas on The Harris

List, the art industry's standard ranking directory. The list also ranked the Fort Worth art fair among the Top 10 in the Southwest, and among the Top 20 in America.

"The artists like to come here, because they like this marketplace," Fitzpatrick said.

The festival showcases downtown Fort Worth and everything it has to offer, such as great food and culture, Fitzpatrick said. It brings about \$19

million of economic impact to the city, she said.

"We sometimes take living in Fort Worth for granted, and often forget how much culture is here," Moss said. "Fort Worth is a major hub for the arts and I think this festival is a good reminder we should all take advantage of the cultural events of the area," she said.

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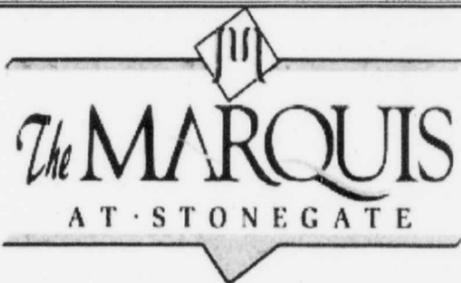
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has been cut to \$5 and the attire has been changed from formal to business casual. Chips from casino games can be traded for raffle tickets to win prizes like sports tickets, a spa and lodge stay and gift certificates.

Fiji hopes that by moving the event to campus, they will exceed

last year's record-setting proceeds of \$4,300. All proceeds from Casino Night are presented live to MDA on the annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon on NBC 5 at 11 p.m.

Fiji President Chris Duty said the fraternity will save money by holding Casino Night on campus.

"We are taking advantage of university facilities so that more

of the proceeds will go to MDA," Duty said.

Duty said there should be more on-campus events like this to "help bridge the gap between the Greek and non-Greek communities."

The event is open to all students, faculty and the Fort Worth community.

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CIA Counter-Terrorism Center "characterized Osama bin Laden as a financier of terrorism."

The report said intelligence had recently received information revealing that bin Laden headed his "own terrorist organization" and had been involved in a number of attacks. These included one at a Yemen hotel where U.S. military personnel were quartered in 1992; the shooting down of Army helicopters in Somalia in 1993; and possibly the 1995 bombing of an

American training mission to the Saudi Arabian National Guard.

It also noted several that "threat reports" produced by the intelligence apparatus had "mentioned the possibility of using an aircraft laden with explosives," such as the terrorists used on Sept. 11 in attacks that killed nearly 3,000.

"Of these, the most prominent asserted a possible plot to fly an explosives-laden aircraft into a U.S. city," it said. Others included reports of a plan to fly a plane into the Eiffel Tower in 1994, and of flying a plane into CIA headquarters.

The counter terrorist center "did not analyze how a hijacked aircraft or other explosives-laden aircraft might be used as a weapon," the report said. If it had "it could have identified that a critical obstacle would be to find a suicide terrorist able to fly a large jet aircraft."

Tenet's appearance was his second in three weeks before the panel, which is charged with investigating the lapses that permitted the terror attacks to succeed, as well as recommending changes in the government to prevent any recurrence.

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The Skiff View

You must file; but understand?

Forms even taxing to the IRS

Ugh, tax day. Did you remember to get your's done? Did you even understand what you were doing? Unless you are a professional accountant, you probably don't. Even some IRS workers don't understand their own system.

It's odd how the newspaper industry publishes newspapers at a sixth grade reading level, while at the same time we have a tax system that no one seems to understand.

What's up with that? You could call the IRS and ask for help. They'll do it and do it for free, too. But that isn't even always correct.

In the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, it was reported that even the IRS themselves have problems and don't understand their own system.

And the American public is suppose to? Please.

This system needs to be redone. Reworked. And revamped. Something needs to be done about the tax codes so that at least a majority of the population can understand how it works.

If it is not the system that is the problem, then the IRS needs to get people out there who know how to do it. Not everyone is an accountant or the friend of an accountant.

Someone needs to help the people who don't know what they're doing.

To be honest, people aren't smart. Here in college, we often think the person next to us isn't too bright, but even they made it into college. There is still a portion of the population that didn't make it to college.

And the IRS and government is expecting them to file their own taxes?

The IRS has high hopes, very high hopes.

The Other View

Opinions from around the country

U.S. must balance relations

Upon his narrow re-election last month, Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian promised a renewed, aggressive campaign for independence from China. The United States publicly supports the "one China" policy but is also bound by the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, which promises defensive support for Taiwan in the event of an attack.

The Bush administration clearly cannot become entangled in the aggressive rhetoric now spewed on both sides of the Taiwanese strait. But if the United States continues to send mixed signals, it will contribute to unstable relations and bring into question the administration's commitment to global democracy.

The Pentagon announced last week that the United States will sell Taiwan two long-range radars designed to detect cruise and ballistic missiles, which U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said is in keeping with the United States' established framework for relations with the country. The action was not accompanied by any political warnings or a statement from the U.S. administration. Just

months ago, George W. Bush publicly reprimanded Chen when he attempted to hold a referendum to reaffirm Taiwan's independence.

Now it is not clear whose side the administration will take if Chen's actions force the United States' hand. Recent history, particularly in Iraq, seems to suggest that the United States favors independent democratic states over dictatorships. But to maintain any credibility, the United States' pro-democratic stance must hold — even when the country in question is not oil-rich and the ramifications for our position mean compromised economic relations with China.

As the Chinese economy improves, the United States must navigate an increasingly complicated web of international relations. It is in all the parties' interests to open a constructive dialogue. So far the United States has not taken any steps to encourage China to meet with Chen. The administration must take constructive action now if they want to prove American democracy is not a Trojan horse for this U.S. consumer agenda.

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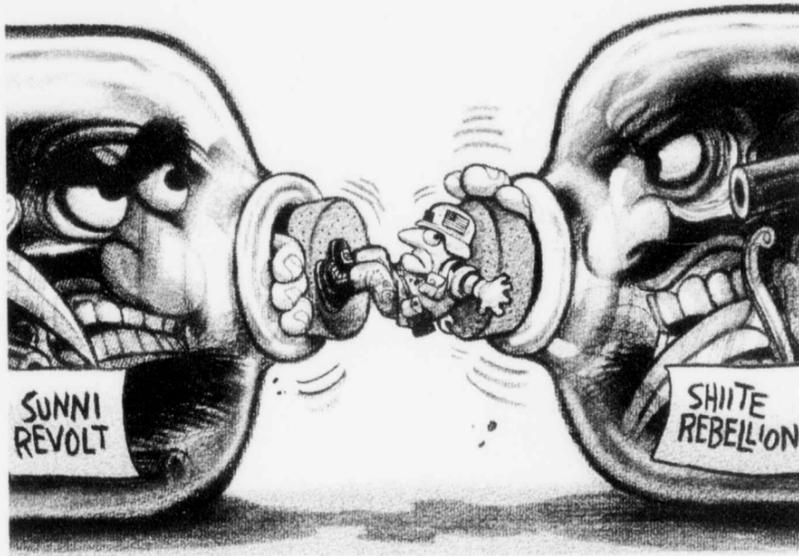
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Dorms beat military barracks

One of the most common complaints by TCU students is the quality of on-campus housing.

Many point to the great number of students who choose to live off campus. In fact, one of my fellow columnists even wrote this week about her perception of high prices and low residence hall quality. While I share some of the many complaints of the TCU body about the administration, I actually stand up for TCU on-campus housing.

Before coming to TCU, I served for three years in the U.S. Army and lived exclusively in military barracks. Unlike Hollywood movies, regular personnel live two to four per room in barracks, and giant 20-person barracks are normally used for boot camp. I point out this fact not as a patriotic chest thumping, but as a contrast between TCU housing and military housing. During my time, the U.S. Army was drastically renovating its housing, but a significant number of soldiers still lived in

older, less hospitable barracks. Those people who complain about TCU residence halls should try living in some of those older military barracks.

I can still vividly remember the conditions of both the residence hall and the military barracks. At TCU, I had good furniture including a clean mattress; in the barracks, the furniture and my mattress might have been older than me. At TCU, I had free cable TV and high-speed Ethernet; in the barracks, I had to pay out-of-pocket for both cable TV and dial-up Internet. At TCU, the newly painted walls and carpet were clean; in the barracks, the walls were eventually painted over in order to cover up graffiti from previous residents. Many military barracks have been renovated or replaced today, but I still lived in near dilapidated quarters during my time.

Along with differences in living conditions, the differences in lifestyle is also significant. At TCU, residence assistants do not care that a room is not always neat. In military barracks, sergeants frequently inspected rooms for orderliness. At TCU,

university housekeeping clean up the common areas; in the barracks, my enlisted peers and I were required to do common area cleaning. At TCU, hall socials and roommate spats are relatively tame; in the barracks, the MPs (military police) were called a couple of times. So before you complain about life in a college dorm, think about what life is like in military barracks.

During my time as a TCU student, I have lived both on and off campus. After living three years in various military barracks, my housing grant and my time in a residence hall was a step up, not down. TCU does charge a significant amount for on-campus housing, but I thought it was worth it. I am comfortable living off campus, but I would much rather live in a TCU dorm than in military barracks not yet renovated. While I chose to move off campus during my junior and senior years, I look back at my old residence hall with fondness, not bitterness.

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We protest the war, not the warriors

I would like to dedicate these words to all men and women currently serving abroad in the U.S. military.

There has been a lot of discussion lately about your condition in Iraq and elsewhere, but few direct attempts to reach you.

Let me first tell you a few things about myself. I will probably never serve in the military. I have perfectly flat feet and a mild heart condition, so I don't think they even want me. Based on that fact, I will not even begin to pretend that I know what you are experiencing whether you are in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Philippines, Haiti or South Korea.

I am one of the millions of Americans who will never come anywhere near a battlefield or any kind of war. It is precisely for that reason that I feel it is my duty to thank you.

I could call you brave. I could call you patriotic. I could call you selfless. I could praise you with a thousand other words, but I think I would be most proud to simply call you my brothers and sisters.

Many of you are from my generation, and it seems that our generation now has the war that will define it. Every other generation of this past century had their defining combat, and apparently this is ours. My hope is that someday we will fight a

true war to end all wars, but history has shown us the world has intentions different than the hopeful ideals of the young and innocent.

We enjoy incredible freedoms in this country. We are even free from being forced to serve in the military. That duty is carried on by you, our volunteers. You have voluntarily agreed to defend this country and its interests at any cost, even your lives. Few such overused words as "brave" or "patriotic" can encompass the debt that is owed to you. Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that when I think of your sacrifices, I can think of them for minutes and conjure no words.

I will be honest with you. I did not agree with going to war in Iraq. I strongly questioned the reasons we were told it was necessary to go to war. Those very same reasons are now being questioned, but now you are there. You are there, and you are fighting.

Now that your lives are at stake, now that so many of our brothers and sisters have died, I feel we must do what we can to make the greatest good of our situation. We must put our resources into protecting you and ensuring the safety of the citizens of Iraq.

Please know that those of us back home who protest this war have never, and will never,

protest against you. They are practicing the ultimate freedom, the freedom to dissent and disagree with their leaders.

Don't let pundits try to convince you that those who are against the war are against you. That is simply not true. The beauty of the country that you pledged to defend is that we can love this country and still disagree with the actions it takes.

Whatever chaos rages in the world, the land of the free will remain free thanks to people like you. Despite what you face now, remember there is a special place in the world that is free.

Free from dropping bombs, free from death squads, free from militants and free from complete tyranny. We anxiously wait for you to return and enjoy the freedoms of home.

I have just one favor to ask of you, from those of you who already give everything. When you come back home to America, never let us forget what you have done.

Never let us grow complacent. Never let us become comfortable sending people like you away on our political errands. Never let politicians use your deaths to point fingers of blame that should rightfully be pointing everywhere.

Never let us refer to you as numbers.

Ethan Newlin is a columnist for the Iowa State Daily at Iowa State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Skiff staff senior goodbye
Braden Howell

My days of sleeping in the Tiki hut are over

Instead of describing some of the most memorable moments I have enjoyed in my five glorious years at TCU, I will instead

mention all the places I've slept since the time I came to college: my bed, my roommate's bed, my couch, my roommate's couch, my car,

the floor, the hall, the front porch of a house, the front yard of a house, the back porch of a house, a homemade Tiki hut, a stairwell, a dock and a boat.

Of course I have had a good time in college.

That's what this time is for, right? Meet people you ordinarily wouldn't have met, and do things you never imagined you would do.

However, I cannot express enough that there is so much more to it than that! You miss out on everything if you spend your college career in a drunken haze — but of course, you miss out on some good stories if you never experience at least one drunken haze.

But I don't want to waste your time by telling you my stories, and I'm not an expert about college (well, not officially) so I'm not going to give you my advice. Rather, I would just like to provide my viewpoint on a few things.

TCU is a great school. If you don't think so, then please leave. It provides a great education in almost any field you are interested in, and an environment that most students find pleasing.

But what about the TCU Bubble?

Of course there is a TCU Bubble, but let's get real: there is also a University of Texas Bubble, a Texas Tech Bubble and a (insert any university's name here) Bubble. What I have learned is that there will be a bubble anywhere you go because the feeling of the bubble is based on personal experiences. The university did not create the feeling of the bubble. We, the students, created it.

But enough about the damn bubble.

They say college is a time to find yourself, but most of us end up finding someone else instead. I can't relate to the "finding yourself" idea of college because I don't think I was lost when I came to college. I didn't know what my major was going to be, whom I would make friends with, or if I would find love, but I figured that if I kept moving forward through life, eventually it would all come together.

Fortunately, I was right. After many years of feeling like there would never be life outside TCU, there is finally a light at the end of the tunnel. Everything has come together, and I am ready to move on with my life. As I pass into the realm of post-TCU life, I will take with me some great friendships, better stories, a wonderful girlfriend, and a diploma ... all of which I would not have without TCU.

So thank you. Thank you to the university; thank you to the people who worked so hard to put me on the verge of graduation; thank you to those who are reading this for making me realize I wanted to go into journalism; and thanks to the couches inside the Tiki hut for those nights I just couldn't make it back to my room.

It's almost time to start sleeping somewhere else.

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Students saddle up for end-of-semester fun

By Marco Lopez
Staff Reporter

Goats, pigs and a one-ton longhorn named Gus were some of the animals walking around near Frog Fountain Wednesday evening.

Under clear skies and a yellowish-looking sunset, more than 300 students listened to country music, took pictures and spent time with at least 20 different animals during the Residence Hall Association Round-Up.

"It's our last big event of the year

to let students enjoy the weather and relax," said Lauren Love, the association's vice president of historical records.

Love said the idea of bringing a petting zoo to the campus came up during an association meeting.

Students were impressed by the presence of so many animals on campus, especially by the friendliness of 12-year-old Gus.

"I live in Texas and I've never gotten that close to a longhorn," said Julie Christensen, a freshman

business major.

Milton Daniel Hall Director Manuel McGriff said the associa-

"I was surprised to see that the event was for college students. I was expecting kids."

Lisa Whaley

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Ponies & Pals, said she usually takes her animals to birthday parties for young kids, churches and corporate events.

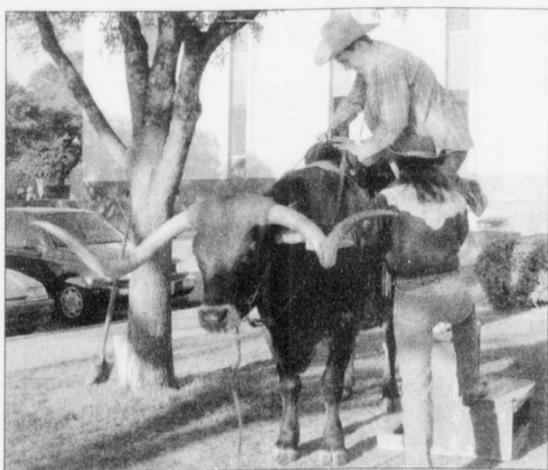
"I was surprised to see that the event was for college students," Whaley said. "I was expecting kids."

The association gave students free cake, snacks and pizza. McGriff said students had eaten 75 pizzas by 7 p.m.

Students ate pink cotton candy while waiting in line to jump on a blue air mattress.

McGriff said members of every residence hall on campus collaborated to make the event happen.

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Freshman radio-TV-film major Wyatt Goolsby saddles up on Gus, a longhorn provided courtesy of Lonesome Longhorns, with a little help from owner Heather Reams at the Residence Hall Association's Round-Up.



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Lisa Whaley, the owner of



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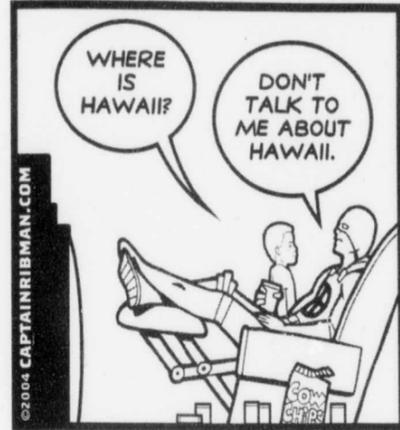
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Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6 — Don't take on an assignment that will cause friction with someone you love. That's not a nice surprise to dump on a person who's been there for you.

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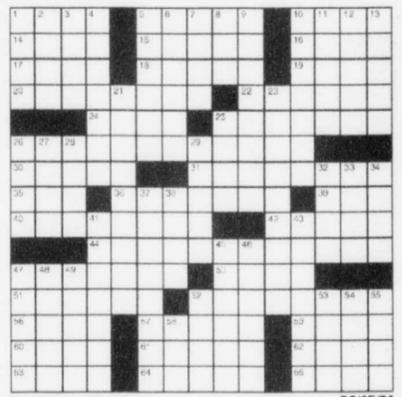
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 - 17 Yin's counterpart
 - 18 Bart or Ringo
 - 19 That... hay!
 - 20 Vegas job
 - 22 Renowned
 - 24 Neighborhood
 - 25 Go-between
 - 26 Prime clues in whodunits
 - 30 At liberty
 - 31 ELO part
 - 35 Bring to a halt
 - 38 Weak-willed one
 - 39 NASA's ISS partner
 - 40 One named
 - 42 Tasman and Muzorowa
 - 44 Diamondbacks, 0-9
 - 47 Uncivilized people
 - 50 Sodium chloride
 - 51 More old hat
 - 52 Subtle moves
 - 56 Clarinet's cousin
 - 57 Reflection
 - 59 brave
 - 60 Gangster's gal
 - 61 Standards
 - 62 Shed
 - 63 Make a devout request
 - 64 Like Gatsby?
 - 65 Sally seven
- DOWN**
- 1 Stone and Stallone
 - 2 Jacob's first wife
 - 3 AD part
 - 4 Moves back and forth
 - 5 Harder at work
 - 6 Snare
 - 7 Lat. list-ender
 - 8 Geometric fig.
 - 9 Female protagonists
 - 10 Arrau or Cliburn
 - 11 Farewell, Maria
 - 12 Slowly to Ozawa
 - 13 Gone from the plate
 - 21 Kind of plum
 - 23 Yeah, that's real likely!
 - 25 Caron film
 - 26 Took it on the lam
 - 27 Skye of "Say Anything"
 - 28 Silent assents
 - 29 Confederate soldier
 - 32 Powerful stink
 - 33 Man or Dogs
 - 34 "Auntie Mame" co-star Peggy
 - 37 Coming in
 - 38 Waggers
 - 41 In an angry manner
 - 43 Fragrant plant resins
 - 45 Perplexing
 - 46 Most reasonable
 - 47 Crush
 - 48 Latticework
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Late inning heroics seal Frogs win

The Horned Frogs recorded their first victory over Texas-Arlington this season in the teams' third meeting.

By Brent Yarina
Sports Editor

Only the seventh inning stretch could interrupt Chris Neuman's flare for the dramatic Wednesday night at Lupton Stadium.

The senior first baseman ended Texas-Arlington's half of the seventh with a sparkling grab in foul territory and then led off the bottom half of the inning with a lead-off home run, giving the Frogs (20-14, 8-5 Conference USA) a 4-3 advantage they wouldn't relinquish.

"The catcher told me I had room," said Neuman of the inning-ending grab. "I got to the fence and it hit me. I didn't even know I had the ball until I started running away. It pumped me up a little bit."

The fence got the best of Neuman, who got his cleats stuck in it, but nothing was going to keep him from doing his job at the plate.

"I just went up there trying to see my pitch," he said. "Earlier in the game, I wasn't swinging too well. I just tried to make something happen and wanted to go up there with confidence."

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle credited Neuman's concentration for the game changing catch.

"He did a good job staying with



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Texas-Arlington catcher Dane Ryan is out at second as senior second baseman Ramon Moses pulls off a double play last night at Lupton Baseball Stadium.

it," Schlossnagle said. "We talk about the wind every day in pregame. It was the same thing today. We tell them never to give up and he didn't. It was a great play and it was certainly a momentum changer."

The first year head coach said Neuman's seventh inning heroics proves true one the game's oldest clichés.

"In baseball it's that old-time saying that when a guy makes a great play to end an inning he leads off the next with something good. And it all worked."

Neuman recorded the Frogs' only RBI of the game on his homer to right field, as the team's three other runs came via the wild pitch and passed ball.

The Frogs and Mavericks both recorded six hits on the night. Both starting pitchers, however, only lasted three innings. Chase Perry, the Frogs starter, allowed two earned runs on three hits, while striking out four and walking two.

Junior pitcher Chad Underwood played a big role in keeping the Mavericks' bats quiet. Underwood threw 3 2/3 scoreless innings and struck out five in relief of junior Chris White in the fifth inning.

"I was really proud with how Chad pitched," Schlossnagle said. "We gave Chad a week off because this was the most he's ever pitched in his college career. I thought he looked like his normal

self again tonight."

Schlossnagle said the Frogs recorded their first win against the Mavericks this year because Hunter Pence was out of UTA's lineup. The junior outfielder was 7-for-10 with four runs and four RBI in two previous matchups against the Frogs this season.

"Thank goodness the Babe Ruth of college baseball wasn't playing," he said. "Or at least he has played like that against us."

The Frogs' first victory over the Mavericks was costly though.

Freshman shortstop German Duran had to leave the game after he was hit in the wrist with a pitch in the eighth inning.

Schlossnagle is confident the injury is not serious.

"He's swollen up pretty bad," he said. "I don't think it is broken. Of course, we won't know until tomorrow. I think he'll be OK."

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High hopes of NCAA bid for No. 1-seeded Frogs

By Mary Hollis
Skiff Staff

The regular season is over and the TCU men's tennis team will enter the Conference USA tournament as the No. 1 seed.

The 12th-ranked squad finished their season at 14-5 and hopes to win the conference this weekend and come home with a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The Frogs have been looking forward to the tournament all year, said assistant coach Cory Hubbard. He said this was a good season for the team and that they have worked hard and deserve the No. 1 seed.

"It's the post season and this is why we get up early and do conditioning and these guys are really looking forward to this," Hubbard said. "We are going there basically just to lay it on the line."

Hubbard said the recent win over Virginia, a top 12 team, gave confidence to the Frogs to go on the road and play well. Hubbard said the team will be facing other very good teams this weekend and they will need a strong and quick start to stay ahead.

"This is what is great about being a team sport; we can try to accomplish these goals together," said Hubbard. "If we focus on the little things, just being ready to play and competing hard and going after it and playing with confidence, I think that the results and the outcome will take care of itself."

Senior Alex Menichini said because this is his last season he wants to keep it going by winning C-USA and advancing to the NCAA Tournament. Menichini said it is very important for the players to get off to a good

start in the matches because they only play to four games.

"We have to trust everybody and that everybody is going to bring their game. I know the rest of the guys on the team are really good players and can play a great game," Menichini said.

Junior Fabrizio Sestini said the team knows what their strengths are and they do not really need to focus on rankings.

"The only thing that matters is just whenever we go down in the court is just to give our best, knowing what we are capable of, and I think we probably are going to have success," Sestini said.

Sestini said the team cannot rely on their seed and must go in

ready to play with a lot of intensity and hunger to win. He said this season has been one of consistency and teamwork, which will work to their advantage for the tournament.

"One of our very big strengths in this team is we are really, really united and we always help each other; we lose and we win as a team," Sestini said.

The University of Memphis will be hosting the C-USA Championship. The Frogs play the winner of Charlotte-Southern Miss. in the quarterfinals at 9 a.m. Friday.

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