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## Journalism department to launch advertising agency in fall

An alumnus and former advertising CEO will lead the student-run advertising/public relations firm when it starts.

By Julia Mae Jorgensen  
Staff Reporter

In an effort to market its students to the nation and provide them with real world experience, the journalism department announced Thursday it is pursuing plans to launch a student-run advertising/public relations agency in the fall.

The program would be the first of its kind in the United States, said Tommy Thomason, department chairman.

"This has been in my master plan for the department for the past four years," Thomason said.

The director of the pioneer program is Greg Regian, a TCU alumnus and former president and CEO of Regian & Wilson Advertising, once the largest advertising agency in Fort Worth. Regian made the announcement to a full classroom during a joint Advertising Club and Public Relations Student Society of America meeting.

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Tommy Thomason  
journalism department chairman

ical and real world experience," Regian said.

Regian said when he was a student at TCU one of his critiques was not getting the necessary experience to produce a résumé.

"I've got the opportunity to share with all

of you a part of the real world experience," he said.

The name of the agency will be Real World Advertising. It will have four core sponsors during its planning stages: a real estate company, a shoe retailer, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and the Fort Worth Zoo. The program will use the sponsor's marketing budgets as the funding source for the class, Regian said.

"This is a teaching opportunity with real world clients and real world results," Thomason said.

Once the program receives complete uni-

versity approval for the agency in the coming months, the journalism department plans to offer it as a class in the fall. The number of credit hours for the class is yet to be determined.

Thomason said the department is looking at storefront property to provide a real business setting.

Regian said the genius behind the program is that students are not creating conceptual ad campaigns, but real advertisements and complete marketing campaigns. Students

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Ronnita Miller/Staff Photographer

Top Sally Glass, a sophomore psychology major, practices a song during the fourth annual PeaceFest Thursday in front of Frog Fountain. Above Lars, from the local band "The Undoing of David Wright" performs a song about animals eating other animals.

## Political group's festival features fun, face painting

By Monique Bhimani  
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In front of Frog Fountain, amid a backdrop of the perfect spring day, the political activist group Peace Action held its fourth annual Peace Fest.

Activities included face painting and tie-dyeing T-shirts for a small donation. Coke can tab bracelets, woven with colorful ribbons, were also for sale for a few dollars.

Other organizations, such as supporters of the Green Party, had tables set out to publicize their causes.

Casey O'Keefe, a Peace Action member, said Peace Fest was different this year because the people participating actually cared about the cause. She said the main goal of the event was to educate uninformed students about peace and international affairs.

"The TCU student body can be very apathetic and close-minded," she said. "We hope if they come and talk to us and hang out, we can get a message across

to them."

The all-day event featured four bands such as Undoing of David Wright and Bad Mouth Trolls. Both are alternative rock bands. Undoing of David Wright had animated members who rolled around on the ground as part of their performance.

Peace Action president Jeff Brubaker said those who attended the event are students who are not usually openly politically active on campus.

"It's not the most popular event on campus and everyone who comes spends the rest of the year in the background," said Brubaker, who is also the Daily Skiff's opinion editor. "Peace Fest gives people who support the peace movement a chance to express their views in an open and accepting environment."

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## Assigning roommates to RAs sometimes vital

Many resident assistants are assigned roommates to help ease the residence hall overflow problem.

By Kristy Culstead  
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With an overwhelming demand for on-campus housing and not enough beds, TCU will assign roommates to resident assistants in the fall to help ease the problem.

Several RAs say having a roommate limits their ability to do their job. It's sometimes harder to advise residents confidentially and privately, they say. But university officials, faced with swelling enrollment and an increasing demand for housing, say they have no choice but to room RAs with residents until other options open up.

"I think it's inconvenient for us

to have roommates because there's confidentiality issues," said Mary Power, an RA in Colby Hall.

Power was assigned a roommate for the fall semester, but does not currently have one. The only solution to reduce the number of RAs who have roommates would be to build another residence hall or have a smaller demand for rooms, said Roger Fisher, director of Residential Services.

"If, and when, we ever build another residence hall, we would probably be sure to build private rooms especially for the staff members," Fisher said.

Fisher said there are about 3,150 beds in the residence halls, but this coming fall, TCU will need about 250 more than that. TCU also cannot house transfer

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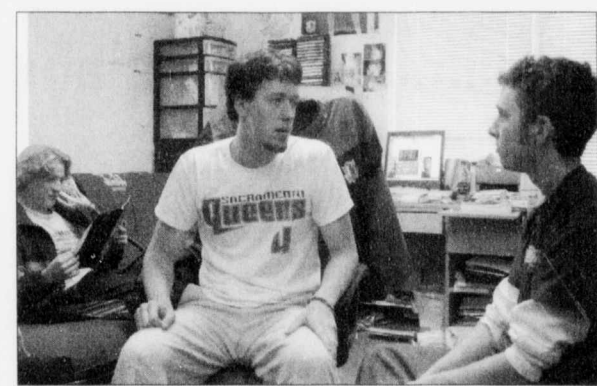


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Milton Daniel Hall resident assistant Kelly Achilles, a junior philosophy major, converses with resident Stephen McPaul, a freshman English major, while Achilles roommate, sophomore political science major Brett Grayson, lounges in their room.

## TCU Chorale members prepare to tour Midwest

Beginning May 9, members of the Concert Chorale and Symphony Orchestra will perform in four major Midwestern cities.

By Lauren Lea  
Staff Reporter

The School of Music is preparing to send 130 students on a weeklong tour of the Midwest.

The concert chorale is a 54-voice touring organization that is ranked as one of the top three collegiate programs in Texas. Ronald Shirey, director of choral studies, said they have performed at numerous national conventions for very prestigious audiences.

The program is a centerpiece in the music department and is nationally recognized for its quality, said Richard Gipson, chairman of the music department.

The chorale has performed at seven Texas Music Educators Association conventions, and singing for TMEA is a prime opportunity because it is a good recruiting tool, Shirey said. In order to be chosen to perform at TMEA, directors send in

tapes for a blind audition, which is competitive, Shirey said.

"You've reached a certain zenith when you perform there," Shirey said. "We're known for excellence."

The chorale has performed at Carnegie Hall four times, most recently at Christmas in 2003. The performances were broadcast on the New York Times' classical radio station on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Gipson was thrilled to attend the performance, he said.

"I went expecting to hear them in a supporting role to the professional orchestra but they were actually the focus of the evening," Gipson said. "Their repertoire and the manner in which they performed truly distinguished themselves and TCU."

One of the concert chorale's greatest performances was "Requiem," by Maurice Durufle, Shirey said.

"It was particularly moved," he said. "It's one of the most aesthetic pieces we have performed. It was one of the best things we've done

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## Club tackles gay marriage issue with debate

At a Philosophy Club meeting, a TCU English professor shared her reasons why gay marriage should be allowed.

By Erin Baethge  
Staff Reporter

Banning gay marriage denies social justice to human beings and is harmful to our society, said an English professor at the Philosophy Club's meeting Thursday night.

Speaking to an audience of 26 people who overwhelmingly supported gay marriage, Linda Hughes, the club's guest speaker, said she is making the case for gay marriage because homosexuals deserve the constitutional right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"It's harmful to not give gays the

opportunity to marry," Hughes said. "Many gays unhappily enter into heterosexual marriages because of the great value Americans place on the institution of marriage and on family."

Hughes, who has taught at TCU since 1989, said she became passionate about granting homosexuals equal rights after she befriended a gay colleague in 1984.

"We can't discriminate against people who are born the way they are," Hughes said.

It's not fair that homosexuals can't file joint taxes and collect unemployment if forced to move because another partner relocates or not have access to a partner's inheritance, Hughes said.

Hughes said two arguments are commonly used today to oppose gay

marriage: If gay marriages are allowed, then we are sanctioning the gay lifestyle which is associated with promiscuity, unsafe sex and drugs. And whether gay marriages destroy the sanctity of marriage.

Hughes said these arguments exist because of people's fear of homosexuals.

"I think it's based on an assumption that being gay is evil or perverted," Hughes said.

During her speech, Hughes examined how gays have been perceived throughout history and gave examples of homosexuals, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Alexander the Great, who have contributed to our society.

Homosexuality was not condemned in Greek society but started

to become unacceptable once it became an identity in the 1870s, Hughes said.

However, Hughes said our culture is continually evolving and society's acceptance of homosexuals has increased during her lifetime.

Jeff Sebo, a junior philosophy and sociology major and co-president of the Philosophy Club, said the club regularly invites professors to speak at their Thursday meetings.

"It gives the professors an opportunity to say things they can't say in class," Sebo said. "In here, they can be biased, but in the classroom they can't share their personal opinions because that could influence students."

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## Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

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students, even though many of them request on-campus housing.

"I think the demand has increased because the number of beds available have not kept pace with the growth of the student body," Fisher said.

TCU has also put overflow students in hotels in the past until there is room for them.

"Before we use hotels, we use RA rooms, lounges and any area we can find because we believe that having the student on campus is still better than in a hotel," Fisher said.

Fisher said hotel rooms and transportation to and from the

hotels are expensive, and this is used as a last resort.

Heather Reeves, an RA in Colby Hall, was assigned a roommate fall semester.

"I didn't mind having a roommate, but it made my job a lot more difficult," she said. Reeves said there were confidentiality issues that were made more complicated by having a roommate.

Everybody is told of the possibility of having a roommate before they apply to be an RA, said Barbara Hawkins, associate director of Residence Life. All RAs are given an opportunity to choose their own roommate knowing they could be assigned one.

Rebecka Guzman, hall director of Sherley Hall, said most RAs

with roommates are understanding of the situation.

"The RAs are very flexible and understand the housing's need to use the space," Guzman said.

For each week an RA has a roommate, \$20 is credited to their student account, Hawkins said.

Fisher said he has worked at TCU for seven years, and every year RAs have been assigned roommates. He said it is usually a bigger problem during fall semesters.

"With our annual housing shortage, we cannot leave about 70 beds unused at the beginning of the school year," Fisher said.

Fisher said RAs usually have roommates temporarily until their roommates can be reas-

signed elsewhere.

"Until we have other places to put students, we have to use every available bed," Hawkins said.

The cost of on-campus housing increases every year for two reasons, Fisher said. Operating costs, including utilities, maintenance, staff salaries, insurance, furniture and mattress replacements and supplies, increase every year, he said. Also, TCU must pay back the millions of dollars it borrowed to build the Tom Brown-Pete Wright Residential Community.

Since the fall semester of 1997, housing rates have gone up about 50 percent, or an average of about 7 percent a year, Fisher said.

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in my 28 years here."

The performance was recorded onto a CD which has become extremely popular. Amy Allibon, choral director at Haltom High School and a former TCU chorale member, dubbed copies of the original CD for

the chorale members and she said the performance was stunning.

"The work calls for the mastery of both the powerful yet hauntingly ethereal," Allibon said. "I believe this performance captured the essence of the work."

The program is a success largely because of Shirey, Gipson said.

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## AGENCY

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will see their ads, if bought by the client, in the Star-Telegram and on billboards throughout Fort Worth, Regian said.

Jessica Danford, a junior advertising/public relations major, said the new program sounds incredible. "It's one thing to learn about the

principles of advertising in a classroom and it's completely another to do it in a professional setting," Danford said. "This will give us a jump on our careers."

Regian said a student-run advertising agency is "perfect" for both the journalism department and the university.

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## Assassination mars reconciliation, delays peace

Iranian diplomat was assassinated in Iraq amid a mediation mission.

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Associated Press

**NAJAF, Iraq** — Gunmen assassinated an Iranian diplomat in Baghdad on Thursday just as Iran, with tacit U.S. approval, attempted to mediate with a radical Shiite cleric defying American forces in this southern Iraqi city.

The slaying of diplomat Khalil Naimi, shot in the head by unknown gunmen while he drove near his embassy, cast a

shadow over Thursday's unusual negotiating mission to Najaf by the envoy from neighboring Iran, which fought an eight-year war with Iraq in the 1980s and does not have diplomatic relations with Washington.

Iranian Embassy officials were investigating whether there was a link between the assassination and the envoy's visit. Naimi was not a member of the Iranian negotiating team.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said "it's probably premature to draw any conclusions about whether it reflects anything about the role that Iran has played one way or the other in Iraq."

The Iranian effort to mediate with anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr was arranged by Britain and appeared to have the approval of the United States, reflecting an eagerness to find a solution that would avert a U.S. assault on Najaf — the holiest Shiite city — aimed at capturing al-Sadr.

But it was not clear whether al-Sadr would agree to meet with Iranian envoy Hossein Sadeghi.

Al-Sadr was accepting mediation only by an Iraqi political party picked by Iraq's top clerics, said al-Sadr aide Sheikh

Qays al-Khaz'ali.

Shiite Governing Council member Ibrahim al-Jaafari said he saw "flexibility from al-Sadr's side" and called on the Americans to show "similar flexibility."

Iraq's top U.S. administrator, L. Paul Bremer, was involved in "multiple channels" to try to negotiate an end to the standoff in the south and in the central city of Fallujah, said Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Myers warned there is a limit to how long the Marines can put off a resumption of offensive operations in Fallujah. "At some point somebody has to make a decision on what we're going to do, and we certainly can't rule out the use of force there again," he told a news conference.

After relative peace during the day, gunfire and explosions resumed after sundown Thursday — as they have nightly as Sunni insurgents and Marines exchange fire over relatively fixed positions.

Marines were broadcasting messages by loudspeaker in the city to agitate insurgents, announcing "You are cowards for hiding behind women and children. Come out and fight," and blaring heavy metal music, in-

cluding AC/DC's "Shoot to Thrill," said Marine Lt. Col. Brennan Byrne.

Before dawn Thursday, Marines fired a TOW missile at a mosque minaret being used as an observation post by insurgents, and the blast knocked off the top of the minaret, Marines said. It was not clear if anyone was killed in the blast.

Marines discovered weapons caches on Wednesday and Thursday that suggested the sheer variety of the arsenal held by the up to 2,000 insurgents that U.S. commanders believe are in Fallujah.

Among the weapons discovered were World War II-era machine guns, Vietnam-era grenade launchers, surface-to-air missiles, rocket launchers, mortars, anti-tank mines and even a U.S. TOW anti-tank missile. They also found Pepsi bottles stuffed with explosives for use as roadside bombs.

Earlier in the week, Marines moved against insurgents in Karma, a village neighboring Fallujah, in a battle that U.S. forces said killed 100 insurgents. The fighting in palm groves and over canals Monday and Tuesday was so intense that wounded Marines were sent out to fight.

## Gay marriage debate heats up

The Massachusetts governor asks for special counsel to stop gay marriage.

By Jennifer Peter  
Associated Press

**BOSTON** — Gov. Mitt Romney made a long-shot bid Thursday to block the nation's first legally sanctioned gay marriages next month, asking lawmakers for permission to take his case directly to the state's highest court.

Legal experts said the move represented an unprecedented request that appeared unlikely to go anywhere.

The Republican governor proposed legislation that would let him appoint a special counsel to argue against gay marriage in front of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

The move became necessary after the Massachusetts attorney general, the state's chief law enforcement officer, rejected Romney's request to ask the court to delay the start of same-sex weddings. Romney wants justices to halt gay weddings for another 2 1/2 years, until voters have had an opportunity to weigh in on a constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriage while legalizing civil unions. The weddings are scheduled to start May 17.

"Fundamentally, I believe this is a decision which is so important it should be made by the

people," Romney said. "I would like the right to be able to represent the people and my own office before the courts in Massachusetts."

The legislation faces an uphill battle in the state Senate, where a majority voted against the constitutional ban last month. The measure passed because of strong support in the House.

Even if the legislation passes, justices would probably be cool to the idea of delaying their ruling.

"He's encroaching upon the powers of the attorney general, clearly because of a difference of opinion to accommodate a political agenda," said Senate President Robert Travaglini.

The governor has no legal authority to go to court on behalf of the state. Legal experts could not recall any other instance where a governor had sought to directly approach the court.

"This would be an unprecedented intrusion on the attorney general's authority," said attorney Robert Sherman, who served as counsel to former Attorney General Scott Harshbarger.

Romney has repeatedly said he would like to avoid the legal confusion that may ensue if gay marriages are allowed this spring and voters approve the constitutional ban in 2006.

The constitutional amendment must be approved by the Legislature a second time, during 2005-2006, before it reaches the ballot.

## News Briefs

**Students show off art work**  
Senior art students are showing their work in the University Art Gallery one last time.

Graduating students majoring in studio art have their works on display until 4 p.m. today in the gallery located in Moudy Build-

ing North. There is a wide variety in the mediums of the pieces, including things such as a sprinkler, hose and more traditional types of art such as paintings.

Students' portfolios are also on display and 12 students have works on display.

Beginning Monday, the graduating graphic design majors will display their works in the gallery.

Seven graduating seniors will have their works on display until 4 p.m. on April 23.

— Lauren Lea

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## The Skiff View

### RAs, roommates don't always mix

Dorms need alternatives besides rooming with RAs

Dorm life is a great experience, especially for incoming freshmen. However, recently, resident and resident assistants have been paired up as roommates. This, in turn, though it has some advantages, creates many disadvantages.

Most freshmen loathe the thought of rooming with an RA. They don't like the thought of having to room with someone who has authority, since they just escaped their house and all those rules. When an incoming freshman has to live with a sophomore, junior or even senior RA, it restricts some things dorm life has to offer a new student. Most importantly, the student doesn't have the opportunity to have a roommate who is going through the same transition he or she is experiencing.

Another thing that can happen, is the RA could walk in on the roommate breaking the rules (it has happened before). That, in turn, makes for a very awkward situation, and rest of the semester.

Residents need the assurance that an RA's room is filled with confidentiality. They want to be confident that what they tell their RA stays within the room. However, if the RA has a roommate, it becomes difficult to keep that level of trust with the resident. It's hard for an RA to kick their roommate out of the room for a while, since the room also belongs to the other person.

RAs should have their own room unless they opt to preference a roommate. That way, they will have someone they can trust, since an RA's roommate always knows a little bit more than what most residents know, and it's important to keep everything confidential. Preferring a roommate would help in the case that the RA needs to ask his or her roommate to leave the room for a while, to have someone they feel comfortable doing that with, who will not take offense to it, but knows it's just part of the job.

The dorms are overcrowded, but there has to be a better solution than to pair an RA with a resident.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

### Israel has right to fight back

They're at it again. After much deliberation and hijacked peace talks, the Israel Defense Force decided to target the hierarchy of Hamas leadership, starting at the top. Citing the 377 Israelis murdered in hundreds of attacks, including 52 suicide bombings over the past three and a half years, Israel was quick to assassinate Hamas "spiritual leader" and founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin. Utterly unfazed by his death, Hamas was quick to appoint Abdel Aziz Rantisi, a 54-year-old pediatrician who escaped his own assassination attempt last year and has stridently refused all attempts at compromise and negotiation with Israel. During his acceptance speech in front of 10,000 cheering supporters, Rantisi clearly outlined his intentions. "My people, we must unify under the umbrella of resistance ... teach this Zionist occupation a lesson," he said.

But this should come as no surprise. Even as Israel prepares to withdraw its forces from Gaza in hopes of placating Hamas militants and other violent dissidents and establishing an exchange of mutual trust, Hamas has continued a brutal barrage of murders against Jewish citizens.

Hamas has never wanted peace. Since its inception in 1987, Hamas has existed for one reason only: To obliterate Israel and replace it with an Islamic state.

Prior to his death, Yassin had scripted a letter for the upcoming Arab summit in Tunisia, reiterating

that violence is the only way to drive out the Israelites.

"The land of Palestine is an Arab, Islamic land which was occupied with the force of weapons by the Jewish Zionists and we will not get it back except with the force of weapons," he wrote.

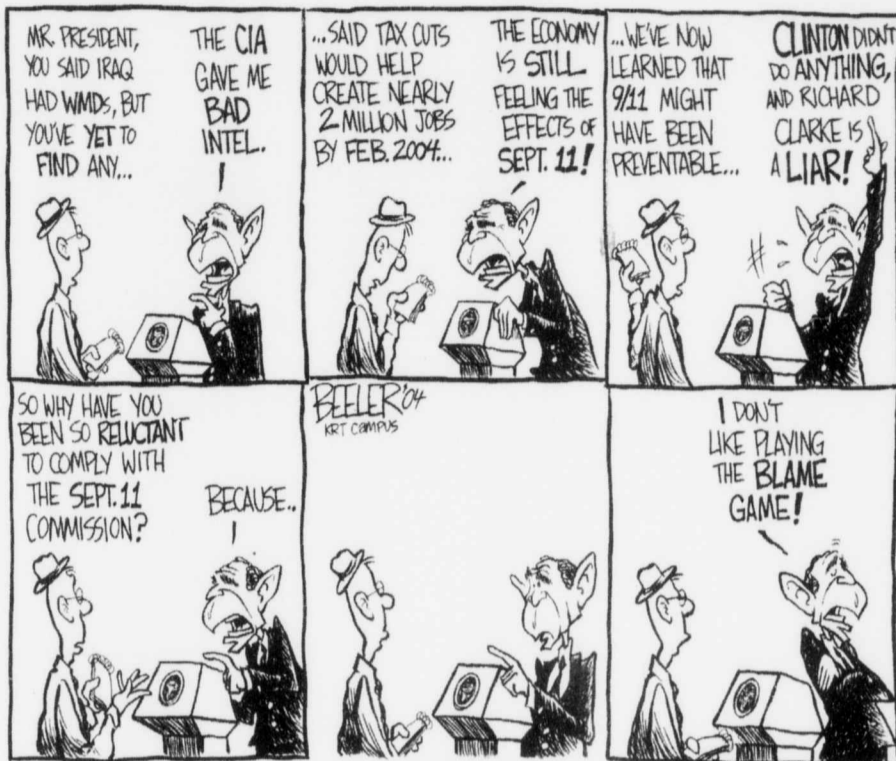
If anything, Israel has been too lenient toward Hamas and their supporters. You can whine all you want, but the fact of the matter is that until Palestinians break ties with Hamas and their violent brethren, successfully opposing their actions and giving their support to Israel, there will never be peace.

Israeli army chief, Lt. Gen. Moshe Yaalon, implied during in a recent interview that Arafat might become a target and that Yassin's death should be heeded as a sign "to all those who choose to harm us that this will be their end."

And if it's anyone's fault, it's Hamas.

Israel has always had a right to defend itself, and it always should. Despite the inevitable tragedies and civilian deaths that have occurred during the IDF's excursion into the West Bank (mostly because of Hamas' purposeful choice to set up shop in residential neighborhoods with innocents surrounding them), Israel has always attempted to conduct its operations with a calm and steady hand. It has earned the right to fight back.

This is a staff editorial from The Columbia Chronicle at Columbia College. It was distributed by U-Wire.



## A few tips Some advise for lower classmen

I could write my last Skiff article about how the chancellor stated that he is willing to use TCU's \$800 million endowment to fight the most pressing of problems (an Internet escort posing on the TCU sign).

COMMENTARY



Kip Brown

I could point out that Super-Frog appeared in a commercial with Snoop Dogg, the producer/actor of Girl's Gone Wild, Doggy Style, and there were no lawsuits threatened. I could make the point that there is no money to be made from an Internet picture and plenty to be made by associating with a porn/rap star on national TV. Then I realized, I'm a graduating senior and I have more pressing concerns.

I am not saying that the Sunny saga isn't important (it's not), but I do have a life transition to which I must attend.

Actually, to be honest, the usual stresses of graduation have not affected me. Being neurotic, I started my job

search extremely early and I'm not participating in the life ritual we call graduation (or as I like to call it, the campus wide ribbon and tassel competition). Thus, I suppose the most useful thing I do at this point is give some advice to those who are at an earlier stage in college.

First, if you are like me and began college without going to the obligatory college sponsored outdoor camp (in our case, Frog Camp) and do not plan on joining a fraternity/sorority and generally are having a hard time meeting people, join a community service focused club like Alpha Phi Omega or Circle K.

Second, talk to people in class. It sounds simple, but many people get their entire college careers without making class friends. Especially in upper level classes, class friends can become some of the best friends you have ever had (because you already share common values due to the fact that you are taking the same specialized class).

Third, forget the meal-plan and learn to cook. Go to

Barnes & Noble and buy a cookbook for single people. Not only is the food better, but you will also save money that you can spend on other ventures (such as the date you are going to take with that special someone you met in class).

Fourth, take an upper level religion class. The religion professors are amazing scholars, teachers and people.

Sixth, accept the fact that you do not have to be liked by everyone. You simply cannot be friends with everyone. Hell, not everyone likes me. Shocking, isn't it?

Seventh, go to counseling, whether it is pastoral or clinical. We all need counseling. The crazy ones are the people who cannot admit that.

Finally, don't dwell on the past and be sure to enjoy the present. Yet, be certain to plan ahead, or the present and the future will both end up being miserable. Confusing? I know.

Goodbye TCU, it's been real. Well, as real as living in a bubble can be.

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Skiff staff senior goodbye  
Crystal Forester

## Venture outside the classroom

I have been a TCU virgin. Until this year, I have never adventured outside the classroom environment. I never ate at the Main, Edens or Sub Connection. Although this may seem trite to you, they are

things every TCU student has to experience. I had not eaten at any of the local hang-outs, like Perrotti's or Fuzzy's (which I still refuse to

eat at because of the name). I had never walked around campus just to take everything in. I had never been inside the frat houses. I had never been in a drunken haze with the TCU community. I had never taken advantage of my professors' connections and knowledge, and even the "great" metaphors from one in particular. I had never even been to the Pub until this week.

I came to TCU from Texas Woman's University two years into my college life. Those first two years were the craziest, so far, of my life. I definitely had some experiences that I would not have had inside the TCU "bubble." The people I met at TWU helped me find my personality. The friends, sorority sisters and teachers I had showed me how to be a strong and independent person.

When I transferred into TCU, I felt excluded and almost unwelcome, most of the time, because I didn't find my place inside the infamous bubble. I indulged in schoolwork and my job. I never went out near TCU or Fort Worth, I always stayed in Denton, my safety zone at the time. I spent my first two years like this, not making close friends at TCU, being very uncool and not myself.

Over the past year, I've started to find my place inside the TCU bubble. The friends I have made are making me experience TCU and the community around it.

During one of my first times recently, I was told I don't seem like the type of person who is worried about what people think about me. But when I'm confronted by people I feel are better than me, I buckle, which doesn't seem like me. Every day since then I have thought about that statement, and I realized it is so unlike me to do that, but I do. Although I have not fully found all of my strength, I'm working toward that point.

During my first two years at TCU, I lost myself, but as I have crept into the bubble I have started to become more confident and comfortable with myself. I guess my point is just to say "thank you" to everyone who has helped me become myself again.

My advise to you is not to become engulfed in the TCU bubble, but don't exclude yourself either. Have the wild and crazy times, laugh at yourself when you fall down the stairs (everyone does at one point or another), don't let people tell you who you are or that you can't do something and most importantly, be comfortable with yourself.

OK, here is my standard college statement. It is so true I had to say it again: Make the most of your college experience by getting involved on campus. The people you meet will be friends for the rest of your life.

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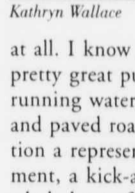
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## A post-tax day call for less largesse

Ahhh, tax season: The painful time of year when it becomes patently clear how much of the pathetically small amount of cash I earn is taken by the government.

Now I'm not the kind of

COMMENTARY



Kathryn Wallace

person that doesn't believe in paying taxes at all. I know Americans enjoy pretty great public services like running water, trash pick-up and paved roads, not to mention a representational government, a kick-ass military and a whole host of other government-provided amenities that many nations don't have. Big infrastructure stuff like we have here isn't free or cheap, and I'm prepared to pay my share.

But it pains me to see congressional waste and abuse of my hard-earned cash. Taxes are a sacrifice for me, and I don't want to learn that our trusted stewards of the purse strings are ripping open the purse to fund stupid projects like \$2 million to teach youths to play golf or half a million dollars to celebrate Johnny Appleseed in Ohio (real projects funded through the last omnibus bill).

I would hope my elected officials would consider tax revenue as a payment for democracy and not a kind of magical ATM stocked with endless sums of free money. I expect members of Congress to spend my money and your

money as wisely as if they earned it themselves.

Of course, it doesn't quite work out that way. Every finance bill that winds its way through Congress is loaded with "pork" — the cute term applied to the unnecessary spending members of Congress tuck into bills to soothe constituents back home or help out big business contributors.

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) has made a sideline career tracking all of the pork in various bills Congress tries to ram through committee. His idea of unnecessary appropriations is the unauthorized, unrequested, low-priority extra spending tossed into a bill circumventing normal procedures. In other words, these are little perks congressmen slide into the bill at the last second, breaking procedural rules, to help their reelection bids back in the home district.

Altogether there was more than \$11 billion of wasteful earmarks. Those include hundreds of city improvement projects, \$300 million for NASA above their requested budget and 902 corporate welfare projects — taxpayer-funded projects to renovate theaters and businesses (including a Coca Cola plant: have a coke and a smile indeed!) — and all manner of for-profit buildings.

Corporate welfare may make sense for members of Congress

in an election year — you have to raise the money to run for office, and Coke is a pretty trusted campaign donor. But this kind of generous spending for business comes at the same time those who would be our leaders are calling for fiscal responsibility and belt-tightening.

Well, not everyone is asking for fiscal restraint. President George W. Bush somehow thinks we have the money to wage a war far from home while we are rebuilding another country in the Middle East, increase military spending, save Social Security, Leave no Child Behind, go to Mars, balance the budget AND throw in a tax cut? It's not possible.

Anyone familiar with budgeting knows you have to do without in lean times. I would say a trillion dollar deficit, a few years of recession, a couple of wars and less revenue due to outsourcing makes for lean times.

But Congress is still operating as if the coffers are overflowing. I may be making a sad little contribution to the machine with my tax offerings, but it's my blood, sweat and tears. I want to see belt-tightening in Washington before I'm asked to tighten mine any further. After all, nothing gets Americans more riled up than too many taxes.

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## National Roundup

**New information in bombing**  
 McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — A man testified at Terry Nichols murder trial Thursday that a large Ryder truck and a pickup were parked together at a Kansas lake the day before the Oklahoma City bombing.

Prosecutors allege that the Ryder truck was the one that delivered the bomb that destroyed the federal building on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people. They say the smaller truck seen by Richard Wall matched the description of one owned by Nichols.

"To my thought, it was just out of place," said Wall, who was fishing with his son at Geary Lake on April 18 of that year. "I thought maybe some criminal activity may be going on."

Wall, then an Army sergeant stationed at nearby Fort Riley, testified that he saw no activity around the trucks and that the pickup parked alongside the Ryder truck was blue or brown and had a camper shell over the bed.

Nichols, 49, is serving a life sentence for federal convictions in the bombing and deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers. The state murder charges are for the other 160 victims and one victim's fetus. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Nichols' attorneys earlier this week asked the judge to dismiss the case because, they say, documents indicate others helped executed bomber Timothy McVeigh in the bomb plot and that McVeigh "manipulated Mr. Nichols to take the blame."

Judge Steven Taylor has yet to rule on that motion.

**Mother sentenced two years**  
 BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A

Harlingen woman whose 2-month-old daughter died after being left in a hot car was sentenced Thursday to two years in state jail, the minimum sentence allowable.

Julie Ann Vreeland, 24, was convicted last month in Brownsville on one count of child endangerment. She could have been sentenced up to 20 years.

The body of Catherine Vreeland was found July 30 in a sweltering car after her mother had gone into a Target store to apply for a job.

Defense attorneys said Vreeland thought she had left the infant at day care and called the death a terrible accident.

**Love will be present for trial**

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — A judge Thursday ordered rocker Courtney Love to stand trial on felony drug charges after hearing testimony alleging that she gave police officers a baggie full of pills.

Superior Court Judge Elden Fox ordered Love to appear for arraignment April 30.

"I'm on tour," the singer protested. But her lawyer conferred with her and said she would be there.

Beverly Hills police Officer Douglas Terise testified that he and two other officers went to Love's home early Oct. 2, 2003, after she called police. He said Love handed the baggie of pills to one of the officers.

"She said it was her stash. She said it was Percocet and 'I don't do that anymore and it's illegal,'" Terise testified. Percocet is a painkiller.

Earlier that night, Love was

arrested by Los Angeles police for investigation of disorderly conduct and being under the influence of a controlled substance. The misdemeanor case is being tried separately.

Prosecutor Jeffrey Stodel said outside court that Love is eligible for a drug-diversion program. The maximum possible sentence for the felonies is more than 3 1/2 years in prison.

Love's lawyer, Michael Rosenstein, told reporters his client had prescriptions for the drugs. "The district attorney is turning this into a circus and a witch hunt," he said.

**Shooting gets cop in trouble**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Louisville police officer indicted on a murder charge in the fatal shooting of a black teenager was fired Thursday.

Police Chief Robert White said McKenzie Mattingly, 31, violated the department's use of force policy when he shot Michael Newby in January.

"Specifically, I felt that Michael Newby was not an immediate threat to the officer's life or his physical well-being. Nor was any other person in the area clearly in immediate danger because of Newby's actions," White said.

Mattingly was indicted March 5 by a grand jury on charges of murder and wanton endangerment.

Mattingly, who is white, told investigators that he believed Newby, 19, was carrying a concealed weapon as the two struggled over the officer's service handgun. Police described the incident as an undercover drug buy gone awry.

The officer, who had been on paid administrative leave since the Jan. 3 shooting outside a western Louisville liquor store, has pleaded not guilty and is free on bond.

## QUICK FACTS



## Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

## Tax cuts helped to create jobs, Bush says

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — As millions of Americans filed their tax returns Thursday, President Bush told hundreds of Midwesterners in a state he lost four years ago that his tax cuts are boosting economic growth.

"Tax relief we passed is helping to drive the economy forward ... just at the right time," following recession and the Sept. 11 attacks, said Bush, headlining a two-day symposium on rural America. He said the economy lost 1 million jobs in just three months after Sept. 11.

This year is "a little better" because of his administration's tax cuts, the president said, and credited them with helping to create 308,000 jobs last month and 750,000 jobs since August.

Bush said the American people expect the government to keep the taxpayers' burden as low as possible and "I take that responsibility seriously."

Bush's Democratic opponent, John Kerry, told students at Howard University in Washington that the president is misleading Americans about tax policies, both Kerry's and his own, and accused Bush of a "big truth deficit."

"George Bush has made a big deal out of trying to convince America that he's lowered taxes for all Americans and that I'm going to come along and somehow raise taxes on Americans," Kerry said. "He's misleading Americans one more time."

"This president is busy trying to run away from his own record and create a phony one for someone else," the Massachusetts senator said. "Under my plan for America, my economic plan, I'm going to provide \$225 billion more in tax cuts to the middle class than George Bush ever dreamed of."

## Bush scales back ads in certain areas

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Bush

curtails his television commercials in 18 competitive states starting Friday, Democratic rival John Kerry plans to launch an intensified advertising effort next week meant to flesh out his biography and proposals.

"A lot of people don't really know who I am," Kerry told party donors Thursday at a breakfast fund-raiser in New York.

Bush campaign officials say their pullback follows the campaign's long-term strategy to flood airwaves only when voters are paying close attention to the presidential race and doesn't indicate financial problems or ineffective ads.

The campaign wouldn't release details, but ad industry sources familiar with the buy say Bush will spend about \$4 million to run moderate levels of ads over 10 days compared to the \$6 million to \$9 million he had been spending each week to saturate broadcast channels in local media markets.

That means viewers could see anywhere from 30 percent to 50 percent fewer Bush ads than they have since the spots started running in early March. His advertising on national cable networks won't change.

Kerry told donors that Bush has not succeeded in using his financial edge to define Kerry for voters. "We're just going to be coming right back at them," Kerry said.

The Massachusetts senator has been running roughly \$2 million worth of ads each week, and he's expected to boost that next week when the new commercials start running.

Democrats questioned whether Bush's campaign is scaling back advertising for another reason: The ads haven't helped the incumbent Republican gain an edge over Kerry.

Independent polls show the race virtually tied despite the GOP ad blitz. However, Republicans have been able to drive up Kerry's unfavorable ratings during the last six weeks, which pollsters attribute to both Bush's ads and public comments by GOP officials claiming that he supports tax increases and has a habit of changing positions on issues.

Kerry's unfavorable rating went from the low 20s in January to the mid- to high 30s in late March and early April.

The Bush campaign was able to narrow Kerry's advantage on some domestic issues such as jobs and health care in some polls in March, but he regained his advantage in more recent polls.

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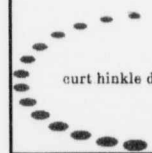
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## INDEPENDENT KELLY CLARKSON

Artist shares the details of her climb to fame

By Lindsey Hope  
Skiff Staff

Night after night Kelly Clarkson follows a specific routine. She works out, showers, warms up by dancing around her room to Britney Spears' "In the Zone" and performs in front of thousands of screaming fans. Sounds intimidating, right?

"It's not too bad," 21-year-old Kelly Clarkson said. "I don't get nervous, boys make me nervous, but that's about it."

In two years Clarkson has gone from waiting tables at Hyena's Comedy Club to performing in front of sold-out audiences in her Independent tour with her tour-mate Clay Aiken.

"This is my payback," Clarkson said. "You talk a whole lot as a singer, doing interview after interview, you don't sing. This is what I am doing this for."

The hit show "American Idol" is what launched Clarkson's singing career. Determination and the help of close friends, she said, are what led the Texas singer to the auditions in May 2002. Fourth in line at 4 a.m., Clarkson had no idea how much the experience would change her life.

"We were all like chickens with our heads cut off," Clarkson said. "No one knew the show would be such a hit." Becoming the first American Idol was not the initial goal for Clarkson. "I was just hoping to be noticed. I was hoping some random record producer was watching the show, and then I ended up doing really well," Clarkson said.

Clarkson did more than impress some random record producer; she became an overnight star.

"Kelly's knowledge and passion for music and tremendous talent are what swayed Clive Davis," said Tom Ennis, a 26-year music business veteran and part of Kelly's 19 Management team. "The moment she began to sing there was no doubt the country had discovered a great voice."

A crash course in media training is how Clarkson described the madness that followed her overnight stardom, but she wasn't alone.

"I leaned on the other contestants, especially Tamyra (Gray), because they knew what I was going through," Clarkson said.

Clarkson soon found out that with media attention there are responsibilities. People began to dissect Clarkson's life.

"Journalist don't always ask the questions you want them to ask, so you learn how to avoid the hard questions or change the subject," Clarkson said.

Keeping her clean image, however, has not been a problem. Clarkson sees herself as a role model and refuses to be anything

but herself.

"Kelly is the same now as she was when she served popcorn at Wallace/Hollywood Theaters," said Jessica Huggins, one of Clarkson's best friends. "She is still a dork."

Since the launch to stardom, Clarkson has been keeping herself busy. She put out a debut album and she is now more than a month into her Independent tour with Clay Aiken.

"Clay's fans act like Elvis just came back. His fans lick him and want to have his kids. My fans don't lick me," Clarkson said.

Teaching herself to play the guitar and the piano are two more accomplishments Clarkson can add to her list since her launch. Clarkson said her determination was the key to reaching her goal of playing the guitar for her tour and she has been surprising audiences across the nation with her new found talent.

Working hard to keep up with the fast-paced music industry, Clarkson doesn't have time to pursue movie, television and Broadway offers. Establishing herself as an artist is her current goal.

"I always knew I wanted to sing," Clarkson said. "It didn't matter what I had to go through to get there."

Clarkson has written most of the songs for her second album and is working with artists like Ben Moody from Evanescence to develop them. She said she continues to draw upon her friends, life experiences and her favorite artists like Aerosmith and Aretha Franklin as her inspiration for new material.

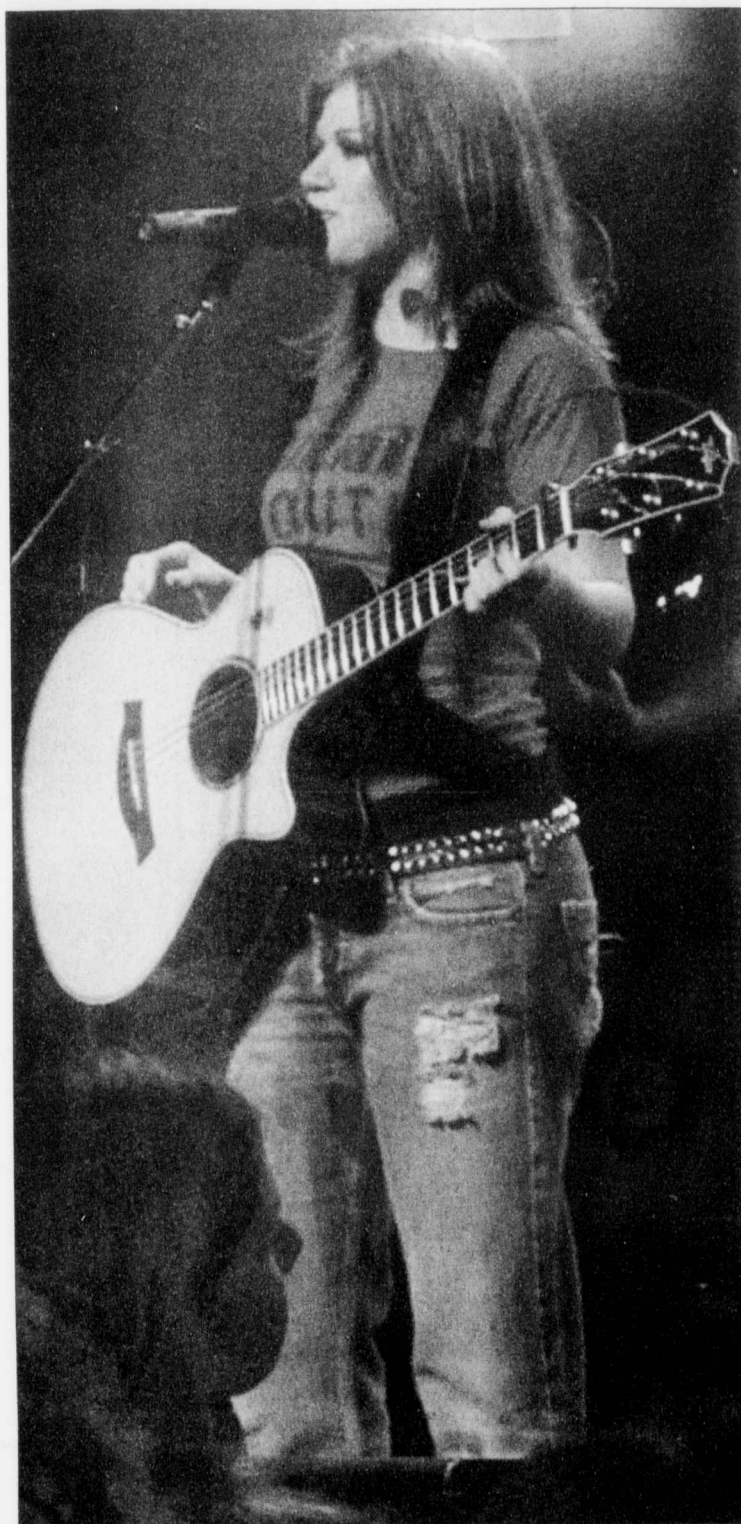
Kelly Clarkson came from a small town in Texas and describes herself as average, but nothing could be further from the truth.

"The fame stuff isn't important, it's all smoke and mirrors, so I decided to stay true to myself," Clarkson said. "The best thing you can do for kids is just be yourself."

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### Kelly Clarkson's Typical Day on Tour

- noon to 1 p.m. — Wake up
- 1:15 p.m. — Go to the gym
- 2:3 p.m. — Shower, get stuff together and meet the band at the bus to go to the venue
- 4:5 p.m. — Interviews
- 5:6 p.m. — Acuvue meet and greet
- 6:7 p.m. — Hair and makeup
- 7 or 8 p.m. — On stage
- 9:50 p.m. — Duet with Clay
- 11 p.m. to midnight — Go to the bus and go to sleep



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Top Kelly Clarkson on stage at Next Stage in Grand Prairie in March during her Independent tour with Clay Aiken. Right Clarkson, middle, at an American Idol concert in Dallas in October 2002. Left Clarkson with the captain of Therapy V, fishing offshore near Miami Beach in March 2003.



## STRESS

Classes, jobs, relationships build pressure on students nationwide

By Kina Garrison  
Skiff Staff

Contrary to the belief that college is demanding and enjoyable, students nationwide are constantly plagued by what the American Institution of Stress calls America's No. 1 health problem.

This health hazard — stress — affects each person differently.

According to the American Institution of Stress, levels of stress have risen in college students and can lead to "substance abuse and other unhealthy lifestyle habits."

Monica Kintigh, a licensed professional counselor at the counseling center, said there are many different causes of stress, and they can originate when you have to make several decisions in a short period of time. What is stressful for one person may not be stressful for others, she said.

There are several ways to identify your personal stress and learn how to control it, Kintigh said. First, you need to identify what type of stress you are experiencing.

According to the American Institution of Stress, "People can experience either

external or internal stress."

It reports external stress includes "adverse physical conditions" including pain or "stressful psychological environments," like abusive relationships.

Internal stress can also have physical or psychological conditions, but an example of psychological stress is "intense worry."

Regardless of the causes, most students who become overwhelmed by stress will experience unpleasant effects. If not controlled, stress can lead to the decline of the body's overall well-being and cause depression or anxiety.

The institution reported if students prevent stress it can boost school performance and even personal happiness.

"I find that if I practice better time management skills I won't be too overwhelmed all at once and become too stressed to completely focus," said Jessie McCarroll, a sophomore elementary education major. "Also, it's better not to worry so much and become stressed over little things — we all have tests and other things to do and it's not the end of the world if you feel swamped every once in a while."



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According to the American Institution of Stress, several reasons contribute to the fact that stress levels are on the rise, especially with college students.

Angela Thompson, a sociology professor, said, "With the rising costs of tuition, increasing numbers of students are having to work part- or full-time. This is an added responsibility that increases the stress in the student's life."

Thompson said because her interaction with students is limited, she cannot always tell when students are stressed. Certain changes in a student's behavior — like not coming to class, falling asleep in class or a dramatic drop in test scores — can trigger signs that a student is under too much stress, she said.

James Stuart, a public relations principles professor, said he knows students are stressed when he notices less enthusiasm among students or even something as small as students smiling less.

Everyone will have some symptoms of stress, but when these symptoms occur for a long period of time is when "stress becomes distress" and counseling is needed, Kintigh said.

Students add to the problem of stress by coping with it in negative ways, especially with drugs and alcohol.

"People in general go for the quick fix because they think that alcohol and drugs can release stress but it makes the problem worse," Kintigh said. "Alcohol is a depressant and will make you have more stress. They (people) think they feel better initially, but once they quit using it, it becomes so much worse."

"To prevent stress, Kintigh said it is a good idea to have a healthy diet and to exercise. Taking care of your body and not taking matters so seriously is a great way to prevent stress. She also said humor is a great way to relieve stress because we have no control over what goes on in life, but we do have control over our attitude.

"If you're going to laugh about something a year from today, go ahead and laugh about it today," Kintigh said.

The counseling center can be reached for more information on stress-related topics at (817) 257-7863.

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## U.S. troops to remain in Iraq

Rumsfeld announced Iraq tour extensions for thousands of U.S. soldiers.

By Robert Burns  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon stopped the planned return from Iraq of some 20,000 American troops, giving commanders the extra firepower they believe necessary to confront an insurgency that is taking a mounting toll on the U.S.-led coalition.

The decision, announced Thursday by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, breaks a promise to soldiers

who were assured when they arrived in Iraq that they would stay no more than one year. By extending their tours of duty by three months, the Pentagon is acknowledging that the insurgency has ruined its plans to reduce the size of the U.S. military presence this spring.

The troops had expected to return home this month after completing 12 months in Iraq.

Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the 20,000 soldiers are mainly from the 1st Armored Division and the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. A

more detailed breakdown was not immediately announced. Other officials said that approximately 14,500 soldiers of the 1st Armored Division, which is based in Germany, plus about 3,200 support troops and about 2,800 soldiers of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment from Fort Polk, La., have been told that they will remain in Iraq for another three months instead of coming home this month.

Rumsfeld said that about one-quarter of the 20,000 troops being extended are members of the National Guard or Reserve.

## Ancient art exhibited for Latin Art Festival

By Liddy Serio  
Staff Reporter

The first thing students see in the foyer of the Walsh Center for Performing Arts is a 2,000-year-old woman with closed eyes, an open mouth and headdress.

This entranced figure, which was sculpted in West Mexico during the pre-Columbian early classical period, is part of an art exhibit for the Latin American Arts Festival.

Alma Worrell, a freshman theatre performance major, said she has seen the small statue, along with the other artifacts on exhibit every time she walks through the Walsh Center since the exhibit began April 1.

"She's kind of 'out there,'" said Worrell of the figure. "Her mouth is interesting because her tongue is sticking out," Worrell said.

Other pieces on display include fragmented heads, sitting urns and other figures of the pre-Columbian Classical era.

The exhibit was donated to TCU by William Runyon. "It

offers students a chance to see high quality art reflective of another civilization that we do not often get to see," said Scott Sullivan, dean of the College of Fine Arts.

Lori Diel, who coordinated the exhibit, said the art department has been researching the artifacts since they were donated last year. She said they chose to put the display in the Walsh Center in order to coincide with the festival.

Most of the figures are from West Mexico and many were used for burial sites, Diel said.

"It shows that art was used for accompanying the dead into the afterlife," she said.

David Fluit, a senior theatre performance major, said he appreciates the cooperation between the art, theatre, music and modern dance departments during the festival.

"I think the exhibit is a welcome addition to the festival," he said. "I wish there was more interdepartmental cooperation between the arts departments in general."

The art department hopes to

keep the exhibit up until the summer, after which it will be stored in the library with other pre-Columbian art collections, Sullivan said.

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Zapotec ceramic urns such as this one often represent royal ancestors or the newly deceased.

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Friday, April 16, 2004



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## Question Claire

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When you go to a bar, don't plan on meeting your future husband, just look out to have a good time.

One night stands are sex. That's all. It is essential that you understand the stipulations of a one night stand so that you don't make the most major mistake of all: taking things

too seriously.

If you intended for things with this guy to last longer than a single night, then you shouldn't have slept with him immediately. Although it might seem like a good idea at the time, having sex too early is the easiest way to ruin a relationship.

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**Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7** — Anticipate changes and see if you can use them to your advantage. Something you're holding could increase in value. Don't let it go too soon.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7** — A misunderstanding can be worked out if you talk it over completely. It's good to get it resolved, so go ahead and bring up the matter.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 5** — Your loyalty is drawing attention from important people. This is a mixed blessing, however, since they're liable to pile on more work. Take care.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is an 8** — You're anxious to get going, and your impatience is only getting worse. By tomorrow, you won't be able to hold yourself back. Better get your money in order.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6** — There are lots of changes going on, some of which are taking place at home. Don't be frightened. It's still possible you can have everything you want. Or most of it, anyway.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is an 8** — A person who's making a lot of noise may require your assistance. In this case, you can be the practical one. Let it be known what's really required.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 6** — The support you get from loved ones gives you the courage to carry on. You can attack a tough project soon, with a good chance for success. Your faith also helps.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 6** — You're

in a situation where it's impossible to expand. This is enormously frustrating, but it won't last very long. While you're there, be compassionate. You're teaching by example.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 6** — Practice what you preach, even though it seems as if nobody's listening. Hold yourself to high standards anyway. You'll be glad you did.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 6** — Don't launch a new enterprise or unveil your invention quite yet. Wait at least one more day. It's much better for you to do a complete quality check now and over the weekend. Find the mistakes first.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 7** — An insulting remark from someone you admire could hurt you. Don't make too big a deal of it, though. Just make sure you're reimbursed.

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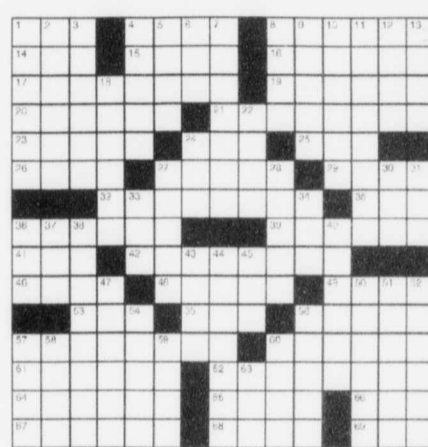
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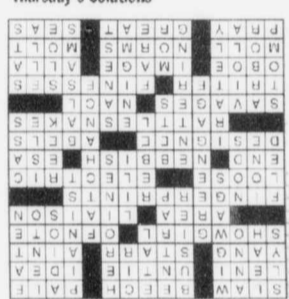
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  - Foot part
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  - Still straight
  - Most strict
  - Oboes and clarinets
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  - Zodiac sign
  - Cup's partner
  - Gone by
  - Lucas
  - Blockbuster
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  - Hirsute
  - Impulse
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  - Rogers or Scheider
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  - Scorn
  - Anchors
  - Narcotic
  - Gillian of "The X-Files"
  - Of a fast period
  - Relinquish
  - Samuel's mentor
  - Provokes
  - Midterm or final
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- DOWN**
- Ridiculously incongruous
  - Native American Oklahoma
  - Groups of clans
  - Crags
  - Resounding defeat
  - Ho \_\_\_ Minh
  - Up-and-comer
  - Manufactured
  - Isolated
  - "Gilligan's Island" boat
  - Like a shooting star?
  - Top plots
  - For fear that
  - First family of Florence
  - Neophyte
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## Sideline

### Stars sign best college player

Junior Lessard, who had an NCAA-high 61 points this season to help lead Minnesota-Duluth to the Frozen Four, signed a one-year contract Thursday with the Dallas Stars.

Lessard last week received the 2003-04 Hobey Baker Memorial Award, given to college hockey's most outstanding player.

The 23-year-old forward had 30 goals and 31 assists, with 34 penalty minutes, in 44 games as Duluth made its first Frozen Four appearance since 1985. Duluth lost to eventual national champion Denver 5-3 in the semifinal game.

At Duluth, Lessard increased his goal and point totals each season. He had 12 points (4 goals, 8 assists) as a freshman, 30 (17-13) as a sophomore and 37 (21-16) as a junior.

He compared his playing style to that of Stars forward Bill Guerin.

### Grizz ready for playoff push

The Memphis Grizzlies are limping into the first playoff game in franchise history.

For the first time in a while, all the players are healthy. But the team's chemistry and timing were missing as the Grizzlies lost the last four games of the season.

Memphis begins the opening round of the playoffs Saturday in San Antonio against the defending NBA champions.

The Grizzlies have staged a major turnaround this season, getting 50 victories and a sixth playoff seed in the tough Western Conference. The previous franchise record was 28 wins.

But Memphis has lost six out of its past seven games and was trounced 107-90 at home Wednesday by the Minnesota Timberwolves, the No. 1 seed in the West.

More than most NBA teams, the Grizzlies rely on teamwork. Without an established star, Memphis uses a deep 10-man rotation, with two squads that practice and play together.

Memphis is 3-1 against the Spurs this season, but the Grizzlies aren't putting too much importance on that. Those victories came while San Antonio's leading scorer, Tim Duncan, was hurt.

### Master's free of protesters

The city of Augusta illegally restricted a small protest last year against all-male membership at the home of the Masters, a federal court ruled Thursday.

The National Council of Women's Organizations tried to picket outside the private Augusta National Golf Club during the tournament, but local officials cited security concerns and forced about 50 protesters to move a half-mile away.

Martha Burk, head of the women's group, sued, saying the decision was based on her group's views. She took special exception to an ordinance, passed a month before the protest, requiring a permit for any assembly of five or more people.

In a 2-1 decision, a three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the ordinance was illegal.

Augusta Mayor Bob Young said he was disappointed by the ruling, adding that it was too soon to know how the city will respond.

Last year, Burk's group asked a federal judge to block the Augusta ordinance to allow it to protest in front of the club. That request was denied, leading to the appeal.

Burk's group didn't send any protesters to this year's tournament, citing the restrictive ordinances. But the group might return to Augusta next spring, she said Thursday.

Augusta National has not had a female among its 300 members since it opened in 1933. Last year, the issue became incendiary when club chairman Hootie Johnson said Augusta National would not be forced to take a female member "at the point of a bayonet."

The golf club was not named in the lawsuit.

## Taking it one hole at a time

### Golf team prepares to compete in Florida for championship

The Frogs are ready to take their fourth consecutive conference title.

By Matt Looloian  
Skiff Staff

Three consecutive conference championships are impressive, but the men's golf team won't be satisfied until they bring home a fourth.

The Frogs will take their shot at a 4-peat in the Conference USA Men's Golf Championship April 19-21. South Florida will host the three-day tournament at Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club in Dade City, Fla.

Coach Bill Montigel said he and the team are ready for the challenge ahead.

"We've got five guys who've worked hard all year, get along and have great attitudes," he said. "Any of the five are capable of winning the tournament, and if all five are competing for the title, the team will be in great shape."

TCU won the C-USA conference tournament in both 2003 and 2002 and won the Western Athletic Conference tournament in 2001.

The Frogs are currently ranked 10th in the nation. They are the only C-USA team ranked in the top 50.

Despite being defending champions and having the highest rank in the conference, the Frogs are approaching the championship just like any other tournament.

"We're going to take it one shot at a time and see what happens," Montigel said.

The five golfers representing the Frogs are seniors, Adam Meyer and Stephen Polanski; juniors, J.J. Killeen and David Schultz; and sophomore, Colby Beckstrom. Montigel said these five give the team its best chance for success.

One thing the Frogs will bring to the tournament is experience. Four of the five golfers played for the team in last



Courtesy of Media Relations  
Senior Adam Meyer, individually ranked 26th in the nation, will be one of five golfers representing TCU next week at the Conference USA Men's Golf Championship.

season's C-USA championship.

Meyer, individually ranked 26th in the nation, was last year's runner-up in the conference tournament. He is confident

the team can bring home another title.

"As long as we play good golf, there's no reason why we shouldn't win," Meyer said. Beckstrom, who placed 18th in last

year's championship, is presently ranked 60th individually. He agrees that the team has a great shot to defend the title again.

"We'll play as good as we can and see how it goes," Beckstrom said. "I think we're gonna be all right."

Killeen and Schultz also propelled the Frogs to their win in last year's tournament. Killeen placed 13th and Schultz placed 21st.

Approaching the tournament, Montigel adopted a philosophy from famed UCLA basketball coach John Wooden. Montigel said Wooden never worried about the competition, but only tried to prepare his own players as best he could.

"We've tried not to worry about the opposition and just worry about ourselves," he said. "I'm hoping every one of our guys plays to the best of his ability."

Depending on how the Frogs perform at the conference championship, they can gain a higher national ranking. One of the team's pre-season goals was to finish the season ranked in the top 10.

"We have to play extremely well from this point forward," Montigel said.

The Frogs have already earned a spot in the NCAA Central Regional May 20-22. This year will mark the 15th consecutive season the team has reached the regional tournament. If they play well at regionals, they can advance to the NCAA Championships June 1-4.

Montigel and his team leave for Florida Saturday. After a practice round Sunday, they play 18 holes a day, Monday through Wednesday. Although they are prepared, they acknowledge the task ahead of them is a difficult one.

"I feel good about it and they feel good about it," Montigel said. "But golf is a funny game; you never know."

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## Track team gets home-field advantage for invitational

The Flying Frogs will host world-class athletes for the annual track meet Saturday.

By Kristy Cubstead  
Staff Reporter

The track team hopes to take advantage of home turf Saturday as it hosts its first home meet of the season at the Lowdon Track and Field Complex.

The fifth annual TCU Invitational will begin with field events at 11 a.m. and running events starting around noon.

"It's the only meet we host," said director of media relations Steve Fink. "It's a great opportunity for TCU athletes to run in front of their fans."

Texas and Rice will bring their men's teams to Fort Worth to compete in the Invitational. Meanwhile, Mississippi State, Tulsa, Louisiana Tech, Northwestern State, South Plains College, Stephen F. Austin State, Sam Houston State and Barton County

Community College will bring both men's and women's teams.

Head coach Monte Stratton said the meet will feature many great athletes.

"Texas men will present a really strong team and some of the best athletes will come from Barton Community College," Stratton said.

The athletes are excited to finally host their first home meet this season.

"It's good to run on your own track," said MaKeatha Cooper who runs the 100 meter hurdles. "It definitely gives you an advantage because you know the track."

Cooper also said it's better to run on your home track because of the atmosphere. She said the cheering crowd is always a plus.

However, Stratton said running at home can also have negative aspects. "It can also be a disadvantage because they could be too relaxed or even show up late," he said.

The women's team won the indoor events for the first time and is now feeling some pressure to win the outdoor events as well.

"Coach has high expectations, but we're all expecting everybody to put in their best times and do their best," Cooper said.

Fink said both the teams are looking to improve on times each week, and always want to run their best times.

"This is a good opportunity to run a fast time and qualify at regionals," he said.

TCU alumna Darris Patton will also return to run at this meet. Patton won a silver medal in Paris running the 200 meter.

Stratton said there will be a lot to look forward to this weekend.

"There will be some quality world-class athletes and some quality world-class performances," he said.

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Courtesy of Media Relations  
Athletes from all over the nation will be competing in the fifth annual TCU Invitational this Saturday at the Lowdon Track and Field Complex.

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#### Friday

- Baseball vs. South Florida, 6 p.m., Tampa, Fla.
- (W) Tennis C-USA Tournament, all day, Louisville, Ky.
- (M) Tennis C-USA Tournament, all day, Memphis, Tenn.

#### Saturday

- Baseball vs. South Florida, noon, Tampa, Fla.
- Track TCU Invitational, all day, Lowdon Track and Field Complex
- (W) Tennis C-USA Tournament, all day, Louisville, Ky.
- (M) Tennis C-USA Tournament, all day, Memphis, Tenn.

#### Sunday

- Baseball vs. South Florida, 11 a.m., Tampa, Fla.

#### Cowboys 2004-05 Schedule

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Sun.	Sept. 12	@ Minnesota Vikings	3:15 p.m.	FOX
Sun.	Sept. 19	Cleveland Browns	3:15 p.m.	CBS
Mon.	Sept. 27	@ Washington Redskins	8 p.m.	ABC
Sun.	Oct. 3	Bye		
Sun.	Oct. 10	NY Giants	noon	FOX
Sun.	Oct. 17	Pittsburgh Steelers	3:15 p.m.	CBS
Sun.	Oct. 24	@ Green Bay Packers	3:15 p.m.	FOX
Sun.	Oct. 31	Detroit Lions	noon	FOX
Sun.	Nov. 7	@ Cincinnati Bengals	noon	FOX
Mon.	Nov. 15	Philadelphia Eagles	8 p.m.	ABC
Sun.	Nov. 21	@ Baltimore Ravens	noon	FOX
Thu.	Nov. 25	Chicago Bears	3:15 p.m.	FOX
Mon.	Dec. 6	@ Seattle Seahawks	8 p.m.	ABC
Sun.	Dec. 12	New Orleans Saints	noon	FOX
Sun.	Dec. 19	@ Philadelphia Eagles	noon	FOX
Sun.	Dec. 26	Washington Redskins	3:15 p.m.	FOX
Sun.	Jan. 2	@ NY Giants	7:30 p.m.	ESPN

## Rangers win third game in series

Kenny Rogers' quality start erases any thought of an Oakland A's three-game sweep.

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Minus Alex Rodriguez, Rafael Palmeiro and Juan Gonzalez, the Texas Rangers still have a potent lineup. Pitching remains an issue, and they were pleased to get a quality start out of Kenny Rogers.

Rogers threw seven solid innings, Alfonso Soriano had three hits and the Rangers avoided a three-game sweep with a 7-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Thursday.

Rogers (2-0) gave up one unearned run and five hits in his 38th victory at The Ballpark in Arlington, breaking a tie with Rick Helling for the most wins at the stadium.

"Without a doubt this feels good," Rogers said. "The offense gave me a six-run cushion. I feel comfortable with what I'm doing right now. My mechanics were sound and I was able to keep the ball in the ballpark."

Rogers got the pitching staff back on track after the Rangers

gave up 19 runs to the Athletics in the first two games of the series.

A's manager Ken Macha had seen this kind of outing from Rogers.

"He worked the ball in and out, he knows what he's doing out there," Macha said. "He made pitches when he needed them. That's been his history."

Texas had lost four of the first five meetings with Oakland this season and is 6-19 against the A's over the last two seasons.

Michael Young homered in a three-hit game for Texas, which had 16 hits to raise the team batting average to .337. Herbert Perry, Brad Fullmer, and Rod Barajas had two hits each for the Rangers.

The Rangers have split their first 10 games, all against the AL West.

Texas got six runs and 11 hits in four innings off Rich Harden (0-1), making his first start of the season after he was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento for the start. He struck out six and walked one.

Harden had a good fastball, but his breaking pitches were

hittable.

"He's around the strike zone, but he left a bunch of breaking balls over the middle of the plate," Macha said. "And the Rangers are swinging the bats well. The key to his success is the quality of his breaking pitches."

Oakland took a 1-0 lead in the third on Eric Byrnes' RBI groundout. Bobby Crosby scored after leading off the inning by reaching first on Rogers' throwing error.

Texas moved in front 2-1 in the fourth on run-scoring singles by Perry and Kevin Mench.

The Rangers chased Harden in the fifth with Soriano's two-run single and Fullmer's RBI single. Perry's sacrifice fly off Chris Hammond later in the inning made it 6-1.

Young's solo homer in the sixth off Hammond stretched Texas' advantage to 7-1.

Oakland got a run off reliever Jay Powell in the eighth when Jermaine Dye scored from second after Rangers left fielder David Dellucci dropped Bobby Kielty's two-out line drive for an error.