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## Donors maintain sense of unity

Often times, fond memories spark donors to give money to TCU.

By Allison Goertz  
Staff Reporter

Late nights with roommates in the dorm, tailgate parties and celebrating after finals are a routine part of college life. But they may also be crucial to the financial health of the university.

Those charged with seeking donations to TCU say that it's often a cherished memory like one of these that leads someone to donate.

Cathy Sheffield, director of gift

planning, said as people get older, they look back at the time they spent on the TCU campus. The times they had motivate some donors to leave gifts to TCU in their wills, she said.

"They call it planned giving because it is a gift that takes planning," Sheffield said.

Planned giving is only one way to support the university financially. Some donors give specifically to programs like athletics. Others give simply to provide scholarship money for students who may have a financial need or those who

deserve recognition.

And TCU is glad to both receive the donations and to honor those who give.

People who participate in TCU's planned giving program are members of the Britain Society. Although some people who give their estates to TCU want to remain anonymous, they are encouraged to become members of the Britain Society because it gives them a chance to be recognized.

"It allows us to thank individuals now who plan to give to TCU in the future," Sheffield said. "They are making

the ultimate gift to TCU by including TCU in their estate plans."

For those interested in athletics, one route to donations is through the Frog Club.

"There has to be ongoing endeavors made to find donors and supporters who are eager to participate in bettering the lives of young student athletes by giving to the TCU Frog Club," said Mark Mourer, Frog Club director.

Mourer said he is grateful to the

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## Research, teaching top dialogue

Final Vision in Action meeting focuses on faculty research and academic programs.

By Lacey Krause  
Staff Reporter

Approximately 50 students, professors and staff members met Wednesday to discuss "Finding the Ideal Academic Mix." The discussion revolved around the importance of faculty research and improving the core curriculum.

The meeting was the last of six town hall meetings organized by Chancellor Victor Boschini's Vision in Action group. Boschini charged the group with formulating a three- to five-year strategic plan for the university.

One goal of the Academic Program Comprehensiveness/Appropriateness committee is to develop a TCU-specific definition of the "teacher/scholar model."

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Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor

Rhonda Keen-Payne, a nursing professor, responds to questions asked at the last Vision in Action meeting at noon Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge.

## Cashing In



## SGA spends chunk of your university fees

The House of Student Representatives receives \$20 for every student enrolled.

By Matt Turner  
Staff Reporter

What's the best way to spend \$88,400? That's what the House of Student Representatives had to decide this year.

Treasurer David Watson says \$20 from every student's school bill each semester goes to the Student Government Association. The total amount SGA receives fluctuates with enrollment and makes up the student body fund.

For the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the total fund is \$260,000.

Programming Council receives 55 percent of the student body fund each fiscal year and the House gets 34 percent. The remaining 11 percent is for general SGA expenses. The House budget, which for this fiscal year is \$88,400, is divided among the following:

- The permanent improvement fund receives 25 percent, or \$22,100, of the House budget to spend on tangible items that will improve the university property long-term.

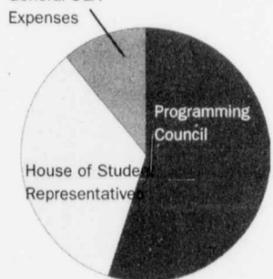
- The special projects fund gets 13 percent, or \$12,000, of the House budget. Funds are distributed at the discretion of the House to benefit the

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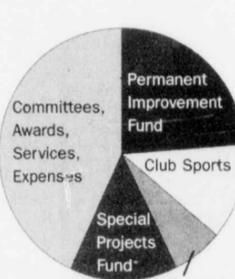
#### SGA and House Budget

##### General SGA Expenses



#### SGA Budget:

- Total= \$260,000 this fiscal year
- Programming Council= 55%
- House of Student Representatives= 34%
- General SGA Expenses= 11%



#### House Budget:

- Total= \$88,400 this fiscal year
- Permanent Improvement Fund= 25%
- Special Projects Fund= 13%
- Conference and Convention Fund= 7%
- Club Sports= 14.7%
- Committees, Awards, Services, Expenses= 45.3%

#### Key terms:

- **Permanent Improvement:** spent on tangible items that will improve the university property long-term
- **Special Projects:** distributed at the discretion of the House to benefit the majority of TCU's populations
- **Conference and Convention:** distributed at the discretion of the House to help organizations pay for trips to conferences

## AHO to raise funding for trip

The African Heritage Organization may not have been able to keep TCU funds, but that hasn't stopped the group from raising money.

By Erica Parker  
Staff Reporter

The African Heritage Organization is not going to let international tension prevent them from going on their service trip to Kenya.

"We are still in the process of fundraising for our trip to Kenya, but if we do not receive enough donations, the trip might be postponed to December," said Rahwa Neguse, a junior sociology major.

The bulk of the \$30,000 trip cost to Kenya will go towards airfare, which will cost \$17,760, said Peninah Murage, president of AHO.

AHO has nearly \$6,000 and has talked with American Airlines to help finance 15 tickets, Neguse said.

AHO plans to help build a water tank in

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## Just call her 'Momma'

IHOP waitress forms bond with regular customers from TCU.

By Becky Brandenburg  
Skiff Staff

A scrapbook full of photographs, all smiles and hugs, lies open on the table next to more pictures and stickers.

Bonnie Fuller, 49, recently started taking photographs of her TCU regulars at the International House of Pancakes on University Drive where she has worked since it opened three and a half years ago. Many of her more than 50 regulars will be graduating soon, Fuller said.

"There are some students I'll see three, four nights a week," Fuller said. "Some I have known since we opened. All of them call me Momma and I just love them, I really do."

Assistant manager Jamie Fluery said most of their late-night customers are students from TCU.

"Most of Bonnie's regulars are

from TCU and will wait for a table if Bonnie's section is full," said Fluery. "They prefer to sit with Momma."

One of the photos in Bonnie's scrapbook is of Mariana Gomez, a senior speech communication major originally from Argentina. Gomez said she used to go to IHOP all the time when she first came to TCU because they were open 24 hours and she could smoke there.

"I quit smoking, and I don't come as often as in the beginning, but I am still a 'regular'. I often go late at night, study and get something to eat, have coffee," Gomez said. "Though I only met Bonnie this semester, she impressed me. She is really patient — so much nicer than people at most places."

Besides the bottomless cups of

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Sarah Chacko/Photo Editor  
Bonnie Fuller is more than just another waitress to students who frequent the local IHOP and are pictured in her scrapbook.

## Women's Network recruits new voters

Members of a new organization will host a voter registration drive Friday in the Student Center.

By Stacey Grant  
Staff Reporter

A new organization being formed on campus to help create more diversity will give students a chance to register to vote on campus.

Members of the Women's Network will co-sponsor a voter registration drive from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Lounge with the College Republicans and Young Democrats.

Holly Moore, a senior food management major, said students will have the opportunity to register and get information about candidates and important issues.

"It's sometimes confusing to register if you live out of state," Moore said. "The drive will hopefully clear up some of the confusion and allow students to register with their home state."

The Women's Network is a new organization that hopes to create a more diverse and

accepting campus, members say.

Moore said the Women's Network will help raise awareness of the inequalities that women in today's society face.

Moore, along with three other women's studies minors, said they decided to form the organization because they recognized the need for a women's support group on campus.

"There are so many social and political issues facing young women today," Moore said. "We wanted to start this group so that we could help equip the women on this campus to be prepared for life outside of the 'TCU bubble.'"

Co-founder Sarah Crook, a junior English major, said they plan on having professional women in the community come in and discuss their experiences and the difficulties they've faced.

"It's a great opportunity for TCU students to come together and learn about what goes on in the 'real world,'" Crook said.

Moore said about 30 women have expressed

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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.

■ Want to have input in choosing the activities and bands during Howdy Week? Do you want to be actively 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. E-mail j.l.stecklein@tcu.edu for more information.

■ The Oscar E. Monnig Meteorite Gallery will be hosting Jupiter Day from 7-11 p.m. today 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.

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

■ Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The camp is by invitation only. Men and women ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873.

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"My vision of an ideal teacher/scholar is one who believes in and excels at teaching," said Matt Orlovsky, a senior history major.

TCU should encourage faculty research by funding professors' projects and research-related travel, Orlovsky said.

"The university has to encourage and further provide the resources for the professors to go where they want to go," he said.

Board of Trustees member Malcolm Loudon had another idea for encouraging faculty research.

"Why wouldn't it be better to pay more and let the individual professor decide what to do with it?" Loudon said.

TCU needs to develop a center for research, said Bonnie Melhart, associate dean of the College of Science and Engineering. Students and faculty could go to the center to develop ideas for projects and find funding sources.

Interdisciplinary education also needs to be addressed, said Sherrie

Reynolds, director of graduate studies for the School of Education.

"It allows people to be prepared to deal with real-world problems and needs," she said.

The university currently offers a Master of Business Administration/Doctor of Education program in educational leadership. This is an example of a niche program that fulfills a need, Reynolds said.

"There is no one preparing people in the way we are," she said.

Other comments had to do with the TCU curriculum. The university should offer a "life skills" class,

Loudon said. The class would teach topics like understanding insurance and planning for retirement.

"When a person leaves TCU, we haven't prepared them for real life," Loudon said.

The university must continue to emphasize liberal arts areas like philosophy, French and English, said Blaise Ferrandino, a music professor.

"We have to remember those forgotten areas upon which the liberal arts stand," Ferrandino said.

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## DONORS

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many Frog Club donors. Some of the ways they are appreciated are by being provided with preferred parking at TCU football games and by recognition plaques.

"You can never thank them enough," Mourer said.

Ann Loudon, director of principal gifts, said the assumption of many is that they have to give a large sum of money, but Loudon said it is more important to get into the habit of giving rather than worry about the amount.

Loudon said she has had the opportunity to form friendships through her work. One TCU alumna she became close to was Vera Edelbrock, a 1930 graduate.

Loudon asked Edelbrock to be the chair of her 50-year reunion.

In her 70's, this was Edelbrock's first involvement with TCU since the time she was a student. It sparked her to be involved with the university until her death.

Edelbrock decided to leave \$200,000 to TCU in her will and she specified that Loudon decide how the money would be distributed.

"That was a great honor for me to be able to direct that gift," Loudon said.

Loudon said the best way to reach potential donors is face-to-face.

Before a face-to-face meeting can take place, a donor research office takes steps to identify those people who could make wonderful donors. Part of this process includes identifying the assets an individual has, as well as if they have a "charitable impulse."

"We have to figure out who we

need to go talk to," Loudon said.

Not only does Loudon have the opportunity to recruit donors and watch them experience the joy of giving, but she also experiences the joy. Loudon and her husband give scholarships to TCU student leaders.

"It helps reward kids for being active on campus," said Malcolm Loudon, a member of the Board of Trustees.

William E. Tucker, TCU Chancellor Emeritus, is another faithful TCU donor. He said there are a variety of reasons to give money to the university.

"It provides a wonderful opportunity to do something that is lasting," Tucker said. "TCU is more enduring than I am."

Donors do not go unnoticed after making contributions to TCU. They are honored at dinners

and their names are listed in newsletters. They are also thanked personally by members of the Student Foundation, a highly selective group of TCU students who work to promote the university.

"We are able to work with TCU donors by calling each one personally on the telephone to thank them for their generous contributions to TCU," said Tiffany Ameen, a Student Foundation member.

Many people work hard to continually promote TCU and attract donors who help make TCU what it is today. Every gift, no matter the size, is appreciated and vital to the university's existence.

"It inspires others to make a gift, regardless of the size," Sheffield said.

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## KENYA

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Baringo, work in Kibera to build translucent roofing and provide classroom furniture and educate students on sanitation, said Murage, a senior sociology and biology major.

The organization will still donate money toward the service project if they can't reach their goal, Murage said.

AHO executives met with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Don Mills April 7 to reconsider their trip to Kenya. AHO was given the option to serve in Ghana instead, but were given four days to scrap their original plans and create new ones, she said.

"If we changed location to Ghana, we didn't have a lot of time to make new plans and present it to the House of Representatives. We decided to continue with the Kenyan trip and look for funds outside of TCU," Neguse said.

The Student Government Association gave AHO \$14,208 toward the trip but the organization had to return the check because TCU policy prevents university funds from being used to send faculty, staff and students to countries with U.S. Department of State travel warnings, said Jay Zeidman, president of the Student Government Association.

The U.S. Department of State issued a warning in September encouraging Americans to avoid all non-essential travel to Kenya because of terrorist threats in the region.

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## News Briefs

University to host Jupiter Day

From 7 to 11 p.m. tomorrow evening, students, faculty and staff will celebrate Jupiter Day at the Monnig Meteorite Gallery in the Sid Richardson Building with telescope viewing of Jupiter's moons, simulated planet pelting and a guest speaker.

Paul Schenk, staff scientist at the Lunar and Planetary Institute, will give two lectures on the moons of Jupiter.

The first talk is open to TCU faculty, staff and students and will be at 3 p.m. today in the Sid Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 3. The second talk is open to

the public and will be at 7 p.m. in the Sid Richardson Building, Lecture Hall 1.

Nowell Donovan, geology department chairman, said the moons of Jupiter are diverse. One is almost completely covered by water, while another is predominantly active volcanoes, he said.

Donovan said the event is part of the Monnig outreach project, which brings middle school and high school students to TCU for special events. More than 7,000 students have participated in Monnig outreach events since last May, Donovan said.

— Lori Russell

## WOMEN

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an interest in joining. A permanent meeting time has not been set, she said.

Instead of formal meetings, the organization will host "Girls Night Out" events such as salsa dancing or potluck dinners, and discussion of important issues, Moore said.

Joanne Green, director of women's studies and the Women's Network adviser, said it

is important for students to know that the organization is not exclusive to women.

"This organization will deal with issues of gender and that includes both genders," Green said. "Some men feel a pressure to act a certain way. This will help break down stereotypes."

Anyone interested in more information about the Women's Network should contact Moore at h.m.moore@tcu.edu.

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coffee, meals to feed marathon study sessions, hugs and a shoulder to cry on, Fuller said she has lots to share with students. Fuller

is a student herself, finishing a distance learning degree in business with the Stratford Career Institute in May, and a mother of three, aged 32, 22 and 13.

Fuller said she has come to consider her TCU students a part of

her family.

"I haven't been invited to anyone's graduation yet, but I'd go if they did. They are my kids after all," Fuller said.

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## Jupiter Day. It's big, alright.

Join us for the best celebration of learning on the planet.

Planet Jupiter, that is! You are invited to participate in an evening encounter with Jupiter and its moons. Examine the largest planet in our solar system and its spectacular Galilean moons: Io, Europa, Callisto, & Ganymede. Interact with rocks from space. Come learn about the "pizza" moon, alien oceans, sulfur-spewing volcanoes, and more! View Jupiter through a telescope and take a shot at pelting the giant planet with a comet. Free refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, April 22

Lobby of Sid Richardson Building 7-11 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://monnigmuseum.tcu.edu> or call 817-257-6277.

Guest Lecture on the moons of Jupiter: **Dr. Paul Schenk**  
Staff scientist, Lunar & Planetary Institute. 7-8 p.m.



## A CELEBRATION OF SCIENCE

The annual  
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Come for the amazing research by your fellow students. Stay for the live music and free food.

The College of Science and Engineering will be hosting this year's Student Research Symposium on Thursday and Friday, April 22-23 in the Tucker Technology Center. Research by undergraduate and graduate students from departments throughout the College will be showcased. In addition to outstanding student research, there will be awards, live music, and delectable free food from local establishments.

For more information, visit [www.srs.tcu.edu](http://www.srs.tcu.edu).

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## My Fair Lady



Senior theatre majors Eleanor Burkett, Elizabeth Mitchell and Michael Truly and freshman theatre major Cheryl Bellows rehearse a scene from "The Country Wife" written by William Wycherley. The scandalous comedy runs tonight through Sunday evening. For more information, call the box office (817) 257-5770.

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## The Skiff View

### Bush should try to stick to his guns

President shifts stance on Israel's harsh policies

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's hostile policies have produced more and more conflict in an area of the world that is already rife with violence. President Bush has, in the past, taken the sensible steps to condemn such brutal actions, but his administration seems to be changing that position for what appears to be nothing more than election year politics.

While Israel unquestionably has the right to defend itself, Sharon's attempt to disengage from Palestinian territories has been marked a controversial wall which amounts to nothing more than a land grab and two assassinations that have antagonized Muslims all over the world.

In the past, Bush has had enough sense to confront Sharon when he took a position that was blatantly wrong. Now, however, he's applauding the work of a man many Jews even dislike so that he can swing a few votes in November's election.

Supporting Israel is a big issue with Jews in the United States. According to Nathan Diament, a lobbyist for the Orthodox Jewish movement, Jews in the United States have an 80 percent turnout rate. Their support could mean a lot in swing states such as Ohio, Pennsylvania or the infamous Florida.

Republicans in Washington would have us believe that the administration's move to support Sharon is a policy decision, but the obvious political maneuvering and benefits involved show that Bush is merely trying to secure his re-election.

A president who talks so much of standing on principles should be more willing to stick to his previous position than change his opinion to gain votes. Maybe Bush should try to win votes by being honest and moral instead of scheming and advantageous.

## The Other View

Opinions from around the country

### Patriot Act should not be renewed

President Bush has called for the reauthorization of the Patriot Act, one year before the expiration of the sunset provision. However, Congress must take its time to debate the merits of the act in an environment free from election year politics.

If Congress truly debates the concerns over homeland security and civil liberties, leaders will conclude the Patriot Act is far too extreme. In order to find a fair balance between security and rights, Congress must look closely at passing the Security and Freedom Ensured (SAFE) Act instead.

The Patriot Act had a sunset provision to allow Congress to review any constitutional errors. After several years of implementation, the provisions of the act are violating the rights of innocent citizens, most especially immigrants. Therefore the Patriot Act as is, should not be renewed.

The Patriot Act is of specific concern to university students because it has violated the civil liberties of thousands of international Arab students who have become victims of interrogation. The SAFE Act is an appropriate and viable alternative, as it is narrowly written to protect the rights of law-abiding Americans. Additionally, the act eliminates some of the most controversial provisions of the Patriot Act.

For example, the SAFE Act protects innocent people from

blanket surveillance methods by requiring warrants for wiretaps. Additionally, the act limits the government from performing any "sneak and peak" searches, requiring notice of such a search after seven days. The government would also not be able to obtain library and bookstore records unless a part of a follow-up to previous leads.

The structure of this bipartisan proposal also eliminates many of the controversial and racially offensive statements in the Patriot Act. SAFE retains some of the expanded powers of the Patriot Act, while restoring constitutional safeguards fundamental to the justice system.

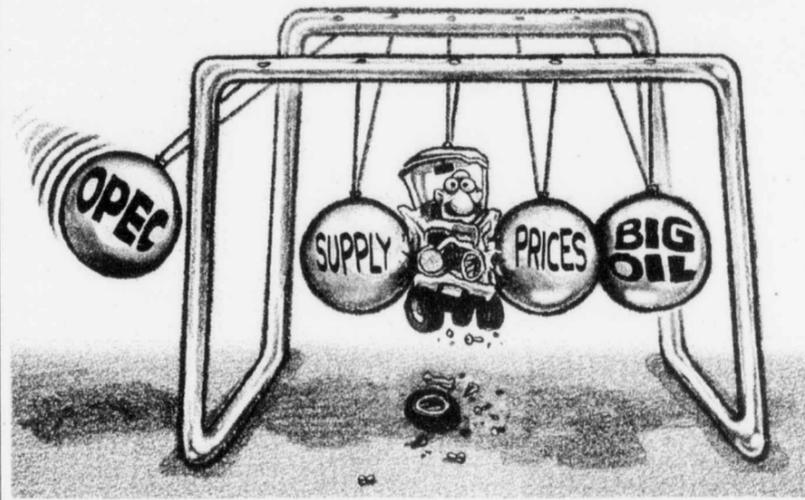
The Bush administration has already threatened to veto the Security and Freedom Ensured Act.

If Congress can debate the Act above election year politics, the bipartisan support the act commands will prove to the President that the SAFE Act is a far better choice than renewing the Patriot Act.

From all accounts, the Patriot Act has infringed on too many individual rights. Finding an appropriate balance between civil liberties and securities is a hard task Congress must now debate. In the end, passage of the Security and Freedom Ensured Act will ensure a proper symmetry.

*This is a staff editorial from The Daily Campus at the University of Connecticut. It was distributed by U-Wire.*

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### ROTC cadets soar higher

While graduation is important to many, it has many special meanings to TCU ROTC cadets.

For our academic roles, it means an end of being a student and the beginning of being an alumnus or alumnae. For our social roles, it means the end of adolescence and the beginning of adulthood.

For Army ROTC and Air Force ROTC cadets, it means the end of being a cadet and the beginning of being a commissioned officer. The changes for ROTC cadets may seem insignificant for some, but they mean more than a simple role change.

On May 7, one day prior to graduation, the TCU Army ROTC battalion and TCU Air Force detachment will commission their senior cadets as officers in their respective branches. After graduation, those officers from ROTC at TCU will begin their service in the United States Army and United States Air Force. These branches of the U.S. military are not only organ-

izations, but also societies. In these societies, these two groups of TCU alumni are not only members, but also leaders. Their time in ROTC and at TCU not only means instruction, but also personal development.

Though some may dismiss the significance of ROTC, please consider the training that TCU cadets go through. ROTC cadets

**"At TCU, cadets participate in regular classes, receiving a civilian academic education alongside the student body."**

often awake before sunrise to participate in physical training in order to develop their bodies. ROTC cadets participate in military science or aerospace studies classes in order to develop their minds. ROTC cadets participate in occasional weekend training exercises in order to develop their spirits. Along with military training, please consider the special meaning that TCU has for its ROTC cadets.

One special aspect about ROTC in the United States is its balance of military and civilian

elements. At TCU, cadets participate in regular classes, receiving a civilian academic education alongside the student body. At TCU, our cadets participate in varsity or intramural sports, competing athletically alongside the student body. At TCU, while cadets hold membership in fraternities and sororities, participating socially alongside the student body. At TCU, while military training exists, it co-exists peacefully with academic learning.

My days as a ROTC cadet and a TCU student are slowly becoming numbered. For graduating seniors, these final days mark a change of role, going from student to citizen. For many of my friends and myself, these final days not only mean transition, but also transformation. As you read my final column, please think about the ROTC cadets in our student body. While I wholeheartedly respect all TCU students, I hope you will all understand the special meaning of ROTC and TCU for my friends and me.

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#### COMMENTARY



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Skiff staff senior goodbye  
Kelly Morris

### My TCU journey through the Skiff

Every semester since I came to TCU, I have read the columns of Skiff seniors soaking up advice or just getting a good laugh.

To me, the columns are more than just words from strangers. They're my friends. Some of them, my best friends.

Now, is it really my turn?

Until this semester, I pretty much lived at the Skiff. Skiff reporters and editors were my instant family who I didn't really want to move away from. Might sound weird, but I'm an only child. Maybe that has something to do with it. Maybe that's why I didn't move out of the "house" until last semester.

You may have seen me wearing my blue TCU hat while moving feverishly around the newsroom on the second floor of Moudy. When I wasn't moving, I was glued to a computer screen.

It's funny how much you can miss a place when it stressed you out so much. I do like journalism. I love it on some days, and other days I can't stand it. There's got to be something that brings me back. Nobody likes what they do all the time, and if they do, they're hiding something.

I've learned a lot of things while at TCU, but some things have been said more than others. My journalism professors say I'll never make much in the business. They say you have to have a passion for it. I do on most days.

And they say there's nothing nine to five about journalism. That is already quite clear to me. I'll graduate from TCU not having gone to many frat or sorority parties. I still can't tell the difference sometimes between which set of letters are a sorority and which are a fraternity. But don't feel sorry for me. I have no regrets. I joined the Skiff chapter instead.

I wish I did let go and do a little more typical college stuff before now. I'm not saying keg stands or marijuana. More time spent watching sporting events in the stands with friends instead of the press box or meeting more people in my dorm at wing socials would have been nice.

But being a journalist has its perks. The job can surprise you at any hour. I spent Friday afternoons talking to former chancellors and rugby players. I sat on the sidelines as the TCU women's basketball team went to its first-ever NCAA Tournament. I can tell my children I was a sports editor at the Skiff just like Bob Schieffer, the legendary newsmen and TCU alumnus. Not everyone can say that.

I'll leave TCU still a procrastinator (I blame it on my major) and as big of a Dallas Stars fan as when I came. The only thing the Skiff and my journalism professors didn't teach me is how to balance a life around a job that doesn't quit.

I guess I'll have to get that advice from reading another senior column.

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### Bush was elected to set us on the right path, not watch our children die

Soon America will have spent billions of dollars imposing our brand of freedom elsewhere. This is simply marvelous, but where

are the supportive answers for financing our children's education, medical care for all Americans, equal rights for all lifestyles and pollution-free energy?

Mr. President, tell me why you were elected? Seems you have gotten a bit off track. As holder of the nation's highest office you are not there to protect my morals or monitor my daily prayers. You were also not elected to protect me from abortions, homosexual marriage and religious deviants. Never mind that you are sending my children to be killed in a none-of-our-business war, providing jobs for the world outside your realm and destroying national parks with snowmobile trails.

With your involvement in vendettas against abortions, equal rights and a war in Iraq, who, pray tell, is protecting us from other bad guys? And better still, just who is running the country? I really expected you to support my equal rights, along with all other Americans, by giving us today our daily bread and leading us not into evil. Why else were you elected to be America's president? Well, Mr. President, you surely have accomplished self-satisfying goals and more; ergo, living with your laurels, it

is time for you to retire and allow sweeper teams to clean up your created messes.

When people become critical of others, they should expect rebuttal. Such is with religion, family and faith becoming a sacred trinity. Desecration of any one part of this combination creates unbelievable conflict that is currently happening because a U.S. soldier tore a picture poster of a respected Iraqi elder from the pillar base that previously held a Saddam Hussein statue. This senseless, defiling action rekindled fighting in Iraq, causing a loss of lives and creating lasting hate from the families who expected you to protect their soldier children.

America has to learn other forms of government, ideals and religions are just as important to other peoples involved even when they conflict with our own imperfect society. America has become a bully begging someone to break our nose. Some countries are taking exception to the United States' decisions by removing their military personnel out of harm's way in Iraq. Country attitudes infer, "You will not take my sons. I will kill them myself before I allow you to do the same." A bit harsh but accurate from those opposing the war in Iraq, which some public relations firm has misnamed a peacekeeping mission. Continued faction fighting, murdered U.S. soldiers and starving children find little peace in imposed

quests for freedom.

Someday archaeologists will report historical events leading up to this warring event by reporting the resulting negatives. Those who disagree need only to fill their gas tanks with the highest priced fuel in recent history and determine if U.S. citizens are any better off by imposing financial repatriation commitments on generations of American children yet to be born. Habitually, those conquered are supposed to pay expenses of their defeat instead of receiving billion dollar gratuities to regroup government hierarchy, plus contract the rebuilding of an infrastructure with the assistance of selected U.S. and other foreign contractors. All without repayment considerations or profit shares from foreign grown oil. Ergo, without investor profits, this is a hell of a way to run a business. One suspects the rich get richer and the poor make higher payments with their lives and personal resources.

Now, must I decide my own continued journey in life? All I want is a fair share to occasionally provide better than second-hand clothing purchased from thrift shops, or more than lunch with the boys at the Institute of Human Services and perhaps an occasional kick in the ass for doing little to stop stupid schemes that indenture America's kin for generations to come.

*Robert Ahlstrom is a columnist for the Ka Leo O Hawaii at the University of Hawaii. This column was distributed by U-Wire.*

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# NEWS DIGEST

## QUICK FACTS



### Election update

The latest news from the campaign trail

**Ads tussle for voters' interest**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat John Kerry outlines his plans for a "safe and secure" America and for the nation's involvement in Iraq in two new campaign commercials meant to introduce the relatively unknown presidential candidate to voters.

"My priorities are jobs and health care. My commitment is to defend this country," Kerry says in one ad. In the other, the presumptive nominee says he would "reach out to the international community in sharing the burden" in Iraq.

Airing in 17 battleground states starting Wednesday, the 30-second television ads are considered by Kerry's campaign to be the first major launch of his general election ads, even though the candidate has been running modest levels of ads, mainly criticizing President Bush, since early March.

Bush's campaign released a commercial Wednesday that contends "Kerry's problem is not that people don't know him. It's that people do."

The 60-second ad, to air on national cable networks, quotes several newspaper editorials that say Kerry engages in doublespeak and waffles on positions. And, the ad says, "The nonpartisan National Journal magazine ranks Kerry the most liberal member of the Senate — more liberal than Hillary Clinton or Ted Kennedy."

Kerry spokesman Chad Clanton called Bush's ad bogus and said that newspapers nationwide also have said that Bush is trying to mislead the public with his ad campaign.

Steve Schmidt, a Bush campaign spokesman, said the ad simply lays out "Kerry's positions as described by America's leading newspapers."

Kerry's campaign was boosting

advertising spending significantly for the new commercials, advisers say. One, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Kerry's spending is even with Bush's current buy, which is about \$4 million over 10 days.

The ads are the first in a series meant to flesh out Kerry's proposals and biography. Future ads will more specifically lay out domestic and foreign policy plans, and a biographical spot is to follow in the coming weeks. Kerry is trying to define himself for voters before defining Bush. Kerry also is using the ads to counter impressions created by Bush's negative ads.

Voters know little about the four-term Massachusetts senator and much of what they do know comes from Bush's ads that portray the Democrat as a serial tax raiser, a flip-flopper on a range of issues, as well as a soft-on-terrorism lawmaker.

Bush continues to run negative ads while Kerry's ads are positive. Kerry continues to criticize the president while on the campaign trail, and he has run more than a dozen attack ads against Bush since the fall, primarily in states that held early Democratic primary contests. Those states included four considered general election battlegrounds — Iowa, New Mexico, Missouri and New Hampshire.

## National Roundup

### Fund to aid soldiers' kids

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A trust fund has been formed to pay some college expenses for Texas students who have lost a parent in military service in Afghanistan or Iraq.

The Travis Fund, to be based in Austin, was formed by former Gov. Dolph Briscoe, ex-state comptroller John Sharp, San Antonio banker Tom Frost and retired Army Lt. Gen. Pete Taylor, who ended his career as commander of Fort Hood, home post of many of the soldiers now deployed in Iraq.

"In a small way, it does something for those injured in a way beyond description," Briscoe, who lives in Uvalde, said at a news conference in front of the Alamo. "When they lose a parent, their life and their opportunities in life change completely. They're small in number, but great in loss those who have lost a parent in Afghanistan or Iraq," he continued.

According to the Defense Department, more than 60 Texans have died in Iraq since late March 2003, when the United States invaded that country to oust dictator Saddam Hussein. About half of those fatalities have occurred in 2004, and at least 17 just this month.

The fund is named after William Barret Travis, commander of the Alamo garrison

during the famed battle against Mexican troops in 1836. Travis, who was among the Texans killed in the battle, left behind two young children.

"We hope to make sure the sons and daughters of today's heroes are remembered by all Texans," Sharp said.

About \$50,000 is currently in the fund, Sharp said, half of it donated by Briscoe.

The fund is intended to provide money for room and board, fees and other higher-education needs for children whose military parent or legal guardian listed Texas as their residence of record as of the time of their death.

### Court overturns sentences

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday overturned two death sentences, one for an inmate it says is mentally retarded and another for a man police said aided in the ambush killing of an officer.

The court said Willie Mack Modden, who has twice been convicted and sentenced to death, is retarded and barred from execution under the Constitution. Modden, whose sentence was reduced to life in prison, was convicted in a 1984 robbery-murder in Lufkin.

The court also overturned the conviction and death sentence

for Kenneth Vodochodsky because it said the evidence did not support the jury's findings that he helped suicide shooter Jeremiah Engleton set a trap for police officers in October 1999 in Atascosa County.

The court ordered Vodochodsky's case back to trial court for consideration.

### Microsoft to aid competitors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp. promised a U.S. judge Wednesday it will offer competitors licenses for some of its technology until at least two years beyond the expiration of the landmark antitrust settlement it negotiated with the Bush administration.

Microsoft's surprise concession, announced during a court hearing, responds to concerns in recent months by Justice Department lawyers and U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly that a key provision of the settlement is falling short of the government's hopes it would energize rivals of the world's largest software maker.

The judge, who approved the settlement in November 2002, praised Microsoft's overall efforts under the agreement but acknowledged that, "At this point it's difficult to measure its impact on the market."

She also complained to lawyers that she "had hoped for quicker results."

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## Eight die in tornado seeking safety in bar

Five people were pulled alive from rubble shortly after the storm hit.

By Don Babwin  
Associated Press

UTICA, Ill. — Searchers pulled eight bodies from the rubble of a tornado-flattened tavern Wednesday, a day after dozens of twisters tore through the Midwest.

Mayor Fred Esmond said several people from a nearby trailer park had gone to the basement of the Milestone Tap to seek refuge from the storm.

"They heard it on the radio. Some of them went to the tavern for safety, and it just so happened ...," Esmond said, his voice trailing off.

Coroner Jody Bernard said the dead, who were found in various locations of the bar, ranged in age from 18 to 81.

The twister cut a wide swath of destruction in this small town 90 miles southwest of Chicago, turning homes and businesses into piles of brick and splintered wood. More than 10 people were taken to hospitals and at least six remained there Wednesday afternoon.

"It was like my brain wasn't comprehending what my eyes were seeing," said John Devore, who rushed his family into the basement and looked outside about 15 seconds later. "I said, 'Well, it looks like the car's OK,' and then a split-second later, 'Wait a minute, I'm not supposed to be able to see my car.

Where the hell's my garage?"

The tornado blew roofs off many buildings in Utica, including the grade school. A nearby chain-link fence was covered in insulation blown from homes. A birthday card signed "Love, Brian" rested against the fence.

A metal silo at the grain elevator was toppled, and a chunk of it was wrapped around a stop sign. A wall of bricks from a downtown bar fell onto a car parked next to the building.

On houses that officials had checked for injuries, marks of "OK" were spray-painted in orange and pink.

The heaviest damage occurred at the two-story Milestone Tap, a century-old watering hole. The crumbling sandstone foundation slowed rescuers' efforts as they gingerly dug through the sandy ruins.

Five people were pulled alive from the rubble shortly after the storm hit. Authorities said they did not believe anyone else was missing.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich visited Utica and other communities and declared four counties disaster areas. Federal Emergency Management Agency officials planned to visit Thursday to see if they qualify for disaster relief.

The tornado that devastated Utica was one of dozens that smashed through the Midwest. Indiana also was hard hit, and Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma reported twisters as well.

## Texas legislature faces off on vouchers

Lawmakers debate the merits of a pilot program that would send some money to private schools.

By Kelley Shannon  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republican Gov. Rick Perry, an advocate of using taxpayer money to send some children to private schools, said Wednesday he would like to see a school voucher bill emerge from the special legislative session.

"I'm for a public school choice pilot program, always have been," Perry said. "I'd like to have seen it four sessions ago. I don't have a problem with that, never have."

Lawmakers have not explicitly said a voucher bill is in the works, but voucher opponents — who contend vouchers would take money away from public schools and divert it to private schools — have warned such legislation could be in the offing.

Perry made the remarks while answering reporters' questions about his public school finance plan. He started the meeting by firing back at

Republican rival Carole Keeton Strayhorn, insisting the comptroller's criticism of his finance plan is flat wrong and that she's intent on "blowing up" the legislative session that began this week.

The governor called the 30-day special session to reduce property taxes and eliminate the share-the-wealth education funding system, known to some as Robin Hood. Perry says the plan he put forth would pump \$2.5 billion into public schools while cutting school property taxes by \$6 billion.

Lawmakers could reject his plan and come up with their own. Perry didn't elaborate Wednesday on how a "public school choice" pilot program would work.

In an interview last year with The Associated Press, he said he supports a pilot program to use taxpayer money to send children in failing schools to private schools.

Perry took a trip to the Bahamas in February with wealthy campaign contributor James Leininger of San Antonio, a voucher proponent.

The Coalition for Public Schools, a group opposing private school vouchers, called Perry's latest remarks disappointing and said during the special session he should focus on finding more money for public schools, which serve 94 percent of the children in Texas.

"We just cannot afford to subsidize private schools when currently there's not enough money for the neighborhood public schools," said coalition coordinator Carolyn Boyle. "I just don't get it. It just doesn't compute with me."

Meanwhile, Perry's school finance plan was introduced in a bill for discussion Wednesday by a House committee. The plan would lower business and residential property taxes by 17 percent, to a maximum \$1.25 per \$100 in appraised land value. The current maximum rate is \$1.50 per \$100 appraised value.

To replace funds lost through lowering property taxes, Perry's plan calls for raising or imposing sin taxes, including a \$1-per-pack cigarette tax, a \$5 "admission fee" to sexually ori-

ented live entertainment clubs and state-taxed video gambling at racetracks.

Strayhorn said this week that Perry's plan could result in a \$10 billion budget deficit over five years. He responded to her Wednesday with his strongest remarks yet.

"The comptroller's analysis of my plan is based on several false assumptions and, I might add, eye-popping miscalculations," Perry said, adding it is an "astonishing fact that the top number-cruncher in this state could be so wrong on the numbers."

Strayhorn responded: "How dare the governor question the integrity of this agency. How dare he. I am telling the truth, and I will keep telling the truth."

Earlier in the day, Strayhorn took another shot at Perry's plan. She said it's not appropriate to "partner" with sexually oriented night clubs to finance public education and that she wants to put those clubs out of business by banning alcohol sales there.

## Car bombing kills at least four in Saudi capital

Al Qaeda implicated in attack on police building.

By Abdullah Al-Shihri  
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A suicide attacker bombed a security police building in the Saudi capital Wednesday, killing at least four people and wounding 148. The attack had the hallmark of an al Qaeda operation, officials said.

The explosion, heard three miles away, shattered the glass facades of nearby buildings and ignited several fires. Smoke billowed from the seven-story General Security building, where workers issue drivers license renewals and do other administrative tasks.

The headquarters of the Saudi Security Forces used to be in the building. Some security forces still work in part of the building, a Saudi official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The bombing happened about 2 p.m., a time when staff would have been leaving their offices.

A woman who lives nearby, Hanan Bateesha, said that after the explosion, "We heard wails and cries, then saw our neighbors running down the stairs." She rushed out with her two children.

"The fronts of the buildings around us were damaged. The air conditioners were mangled, and there was smoke everywhere," she said.

The Interior Ministry said the assailant tried to drive his vehicle into the General Security building.

"The driver exploded the car" 100 feet from the headquarters' gate, the ministry said in a terse statement.

Five other vehicles were apprehended with explosives, the Saudi official said.

No Americans were hurt in the bombing, said U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Carol Kalin. Half an hour after the attack, Deputy U.S. Secretary of State Richard Armitage met with Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal at the Foreign Ministry.

Crown Prince Abdullah and Interior Minister Prince Nayef visited the wounded in the hospital.

"I am sorry that those criminals are Muslims," Nayef told reporters. He said Saudis should not cooperate or sympathize with militants

"because those who do will be considered criminals."

"The terrorists are not targeting foreigners; they are targeting the nation," Nayef said.

The General Security service has been heavily involved in the campaign against Islamic militants that followed the suicide attacks in May and November 2003 in Riyadh.

Those attacks, also vehicle bombs, killed 51 people including the assailants. They were blamed on al Qaeda, which carried out the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

A U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the attack has the hallmark of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network and appears to be related to the terrorist group. Al-Qaida, the official noted, has previously used car bombs in Riyadh.

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## Study tracks newspaper readership among youths

Newspapers can attract young readers with more lifestyle stories and features, survey says.

By Siobhan McDonough  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Newspapers can gain a wider audience among the young and minorities by paying more attention to their interests in lifestyle coverage, features and ads, editors and publishers were told Wednesday.

A study by the Readership Institute at Northwestern University said newspapers can't rely on the conventional wisdom that young adults will read more as they age, so it's important to deliver content that appeals to them.

The study, sponsored by the Newspaper Association of America, the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the McCormick Tribune Foundation, found that readers 35 and older look for hard news, editorials, lifestyle stories, "my community"

features and service articles.

People 18 to 24 are attracted to lifestyle stories and features on such subjects as home, health, food, fashion, recreation and science. They're also interested in advertisements.

"They tend to be selective in what they read, looking at less than half of the Sunday paper and less than one-third of the weekday paper," the institute said.

John Lavine, director of the Readership Institute, described the research to a joint session of the annual conventions of the ASNE and NAA.

The study explored ways newspapers can improve readership among 18- to 24-year-olds and among minority groups, where readership is declining slightly.

Only one-third of young readers are heavy newspaper users, according to the study. They spend an average of 21 minutes each weekday reading the daily paper, and an average of 51 minutes on Sundays.

### SGA

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majority of TCU's populations, according to the House fiscal policies.

"The conference and convention fund gets 7 percent, or \$6,200, of the House budget. Funds are used to help organizations pay for trips to conferences.

No more than 50 percent of any of the above funds can be spent in the fall semester unless the House votes to override the rule, according to Finance Committee policy.

Before funds are granted for any bill, the Finance Committee debates the worthiness of the bill and how much should be allocated, Watson said. The House then debates the bill, amends it if necessary and votes. A simple majority is needed for the bill to pass.

"Sometimes bills that come through House earlier get more money," Watson said. "It is impossible to determine how many bills we will have that need to be funded."

The House has typically had three or four bills from organizations requesting money in past semesters, Watson said. This semester, 11 bills requesting money were on the House floor.

A Finance Committee guideline states the committee should allocate less money to each organization so it can fund more. Watson said he is considering setting a deadline early in the semester for submitting bills so the committee can compare them and allocate funds fairly.

"Everybody who complains to

me wonders why they got a certain amount when another group got more," Watson said.

House adviser Larry Markley says he supports Watson's proposal.

The Permanent Improvement Committee had plans to build a patio for \$28,000 near the sand volleyball courts using the permanent improvements fund, said Lenny Armijo, committee chairman.

The proposal for the patio was tabled indefinitely because the university wouldn't help pay for the patio, Watson said.

Watson said the committee spent \$1,600 to install wireless Internet access from Sadler Mall to University Drive last semester.

The special projects fund provided \$6,300 for a new Super-Frog suit and \$4,000 for four members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity to ride across the country for charity.

A bill passed in March prohibits future charitable donations by the House.

The special projects fund also provided \$1,700 to send the African Heritage Organization on a service trip to Kenya, but those funds were returned when the trip was canceled because of a travel warning from the U.S. State Department. The African Heritage Organization was going to receive \$12,508 from the reserve account before the trip was canceled.

The conference and convention fund provided Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority with \$1,041 and Delta Sigma Theta sorority with \$2,100 to go to their national conventions.

The remaining special project

money was converted to the conference and convention fund late in the semester to provide about \$1,300 for Destination Imagination to go to an international competition and \$1,250 to send Fellowship of Christian Athletes to its regional conference.

The House also gave \$200 to DENT, an eating disorder support group on campus, Watson said.

Jonathan Leer, a Foster Hall representative, said he thinks the funds were "used well" and said he was glad the House supported several minority organizations.

Rahwa Neguse, a junior sociology and pre-med major, disagreed.

"It is difficult for minority organizations to get support from the House because it is not diverse and therefore not sympathetic," said Neguse, a member of the African Heritage Organization.

"There are not enough free thinkers in that room," Neguse said. "Members are not aware of how powerful their vote is."

Neguse said it is difficult for the average student to get involved at meetings because they don't know the rules and procedures.

Thomas Guidry, another Foster Hall representative, said the House spends money unwisely.

"Some people in SGA want to spend the entire budget and, therefore, make decisions that are fiscally unsound," Guidry said.

Guidry said he is sponsoring a bill that would limit the amount each person could get from the conference and convention fund. The House overspent on the African Heritage Organization trip, Guidry said.

"People shouldn't use SGA to fund more than 50 percent of their trip," Guidry said. "They should do additional fund raising on their own."

An organization can't receive funds in two consecutive years unless the Finance Committee deems it appropriate, according to the committee guidelines.

Budgeted funds that are not used where allocated can be used to pay a deficit in another

part of the budget or put into the general reserve, Watson said. In the future, he said he would like to see each fund roll over for use in the next fiscal year.

Excess funds usually result from a higher enrollment than what was estimated at the time the budget was prepared, Watson said.

Watson said the reserve is about \$120,000. Money from the reserve can be used at the discretion of the House, but Watson said they try to save it for special cases.

"It is a safeguard if we go over budget," Watson said.

Watson said no reserve funds were spent this semester.

The House had more substantial bills this semester than in the past when it has spent less than what was budgeted, Markley said.

"The House is conceptually looking at the reserve as money that needs to be used rather than letting it sit there," Markley said. "They didn't really broadcast the reserve in the past."

The reserve is not allowed to go below \$20,000, Markley said.

Money is also allocated to House committees for expenses, retreats, awards, projects and programs.

The House also funds buses to the airport for Thanksgiving holiday, community service projects such as LEAPS — campus-wide community service day — "College Student for a Day," several campus leadership awards, legal advice for students and club sports.

The \$13,000 given to club sports every year is distributed by TCU Recreational Sports, but Watson said he will propose changes that will require club sports to ask the House directly for money from the special projects and conference and convention funds instead like other organizations.

The annual budget is proposed by the treasurer to the House late in the spring semester and must be approved by a majority vote.

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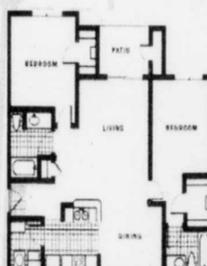
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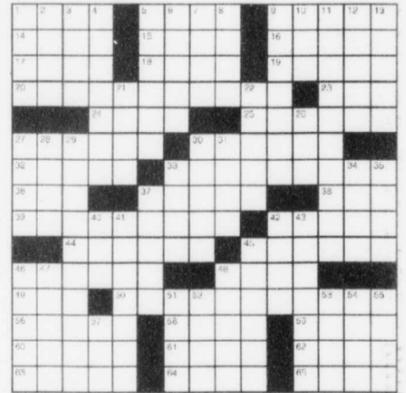
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 5. Benchley novel  
 9. Waldo's or Caesar  
 14. Spoken  
 15. Operatic piece  
 16. Russell or Cameron  
 17. Singer Amos  
 18. Wine container  
 19. Patch roads  
 20. MacArthur's smoke  
 23. Samovar  
 24. Large quantities  
 25. Rental agreements  
 27. Subduers  
 30. Medium meeting  
 32. Alabama city  
 33. Elite military group  
 36. Negative conjunction  
 37. Cosmetics' reciprocals  
 38. Greek cross  
 39. Three-time U.S. Open winner  
 42. Unifying idea  
 44. St. Lawrence, e.g.  
 45. Close  
 46. Developed into  
 48. Ernie's buddy  
 49. N.T. book  
 50. Arm of the Mediterranean  
 56. Asimov's genre  
 58. Spice film  
 59. of plenty  
 60. Shadings  
 61. Foster film  
 62. Panache  
 63. Sportscaster Hannan  
 64. Loozen up  
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## Wednesday's Solutions



- DOWN**  
 1. U. military org.  
 2. Buck's tall?  
 3. Singer Vikki  
 4. "M\*A\*S\*H" corporal  
 5. Field in Cleveland  
 6. Saudis and Omanis  
 7. Smoke curl  
 8. H.H. Munro's pen name  
 9. Movable room dividers  
 10. Exist  
 11. Couch potato  
 12. Cognizant  
 13. Bruce and Laura  
 21. Wine stopper  
 22. Dramatic works  
 26. Sure shot  
 27. Writer Morrison  
 28. Black Sea arm  
 29. Bartender's cherry  
 30. Pitcher Koutfax  
 31. Daredevil  
 32. Knitwear  
 33. Pinta's sister ship  
 34. Flock youngster  
 35. Chop  
 37. Used a Singer  
 40. Learning org.  
 41. Tibetan Buddhism  
 42. Actress Garr  
 43. Tomahawk  
 45. Irritate  
 46. Outscores  
 47. Disney World draw  
 48. out (parachutes)  
 51. Access Russo  
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## Sideline

### Brown wins coaching award

Hubie Brown won the NBA Coach of the Year award Wednesday for leading the Memphis Grizzlies to a team-record 50 wins and their first playoff berth.

Brown — at 70, the oldest coach in the league — beat Utah's Jerry Sloan in a close race with 466 points, including 62 of 122 first-place votes from a panel of sports writers and sportscasters.

The award marks a 26-year span between victories for Brown, who also was honored as the top coach in the 1977-78 season with Atlanta. Gene Shue won 13 years apart, with Baltimore (1969) and Washington (1982).

Grizzlies owner Jerry West heard plenty of criticism and doubters when he hired Brown in November 2002. He couldn't stop smiling as he presented his coach with the award at a news conference after the Grizzlies' practice, though. He called Brown the best coach he has been around.

Brown said the award must be shared with owner Michael Heisley, the Grizzlies and especially West.

Sloan got 424 points, with 56 top votes. Milwaukee's Terry Porter and Miami's Stan Van Gundy, both rookie head coaches, tied for third with 54 points and one first-place vote each.

Brown was retired as a coach and working in TV when he took over as Memphis' coach two weeks into last season, when the team won 28 games — a franchise record then.

This season, the Grizzlies went 50-32 and are playing the San Antonio Spurs in the first round of the playoffs. They trail the Spurs 0-2 with Game 3 tonight at home.

Brown said he will always remember his team for the way it played this season.

### Larry Bird returns to Boston

Larry Bird rarely traveled with Indiana during his first season as team president, but he's not about to miss the Pacers' next road trip.

Games 3 and 4 of the Pacers-Celtics playoff series are in Boston, where Bird forged a Hall of Fame career during 13 seasons in a Celtic uniform.

It will be Bird's first venture into Boston during the playoffs as a member of the opposing team. He was a two-time NBA Finals MVP on three championship teams with the Celtics, and also won three league MVP awards.

He has been anything but a distraction during the Pacers' record-setting season. The French Lick, Ind., native took over basketball operations last summer, but has made a conscious effort to remain in the background.

His biggest move was firing former coach Isiah Thomas and hiring Rick Carlisle, who was an assistant during Bird's three seasons as coach at Indiana.

Bird has remained steadfast in his assertion that Carlisle, CEO Donnie Walsh and the players deserve all the credit for the team's considerable success this season.

The Pacers were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs three straight years, and Thomas was criticized for losing control of the young and volatile group.

Bird wasted little time taking control. He addressed the team before the season, telling the players that anything was possible, as long as they kept their act together.

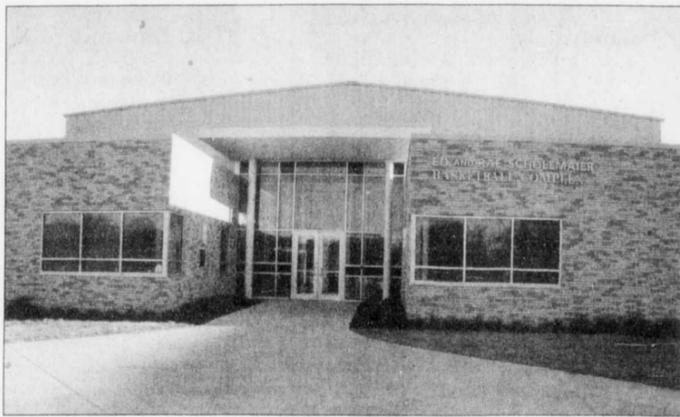
That set the tone for a season filled with success. The top-seeded Pacers won a franchise-record 61 games in the regular season and never lost more than two games in a row.

One thing's for sure, though, Bird is still an icon in the Boston area for leading their beloved Celtics to glory. He retired in 1992, yet still holds team records for career scoring average (24.3 points), single-season scoring average (29.9), triple-doubles (69) and single-game scoring (60).

Boston fans will be conflicted as Bird returns as the head of a team that has dismantled the Celtics in the first two games of the playoff series.

## Facilitating athletic prowess

### New and improved athletic complexes boost success



The Ed and Rae Schollmaier Basketball Complex (left) and the new football turf practice field (right) are the two newest athletic facility additions.

Courtesy of www.gofrogs.com

Athletics director Eric Hyman says the athletic department has a huge commitment toward improving facilities for all athletic programs.

By Braden Howell  
Staff Writer

Recently, athletic department events have been a ribbon-cutting affair.

In the past five years, TCU has renovated or constructed almost every athletic facility on campus, including the recent completion of the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Basketball Complex, the new home of both the men's and women's basketball teams.

Athletics director Eric Hyman said an indoor football practice facility is part of future plans as well, but probably not any time soon.

"It's time for us to take a step back and catch our second wind," Hyman said. "It takes an incredible amount of energy and money to accomplish all the things we have, and we've done so much over the past five years that it's time to step back and look at everything."

In addition to the new basketball complex, a combination of money and energy over the past five years has paved the way for a new baseball and soccer stadium, a new tennis center, a new track and field complex, and a new athletic facility.

The most recent addition to the athletic facilities is the football turf practice field, which is scheduled to be completed Friday, head football coach Gary Patterson said.

The turf practice field is just another step in keeping athletics competitive with some of the top universities in the country.

"If you look at teams around the country getting better, you see their facilities are getting better," Patterson said.

Hyman said the athletic department has a huge commitment toward improving facilities for all athletic programs. He said these improvements help elevate the level of the athletic programs, and help create a "brand identity" for TCU.

Anyone watching this year's Bowl Championship Series title game saw first-hand that the country is becoming more cognizant of Horned Frogs' athletics. However, it was not just due to the advertising of Super Frog in commercials with Snoop Dog and Johnnie Cochran.

"The proof's in the pudding," Hyman said. "Our programs weren't very successful when we started doing (improvements), but you look at the results and you know TCU has been elevated across the country."

Hyman said it was a risk-reward scenario, in that there was a risk

involved with making improvements for struggling programs, and the rewards would be the play of teams. The results speak for themselves, he said.

While the entire country knew the Horned Frogs football team came close to crashing the BCS, several other TCU programs secured a place in history as well. The men's and women's swimming and diving team's captured the Conference USA championship, recording the first-ever single school sweep in conference history.

Both the men's and women's tennis teams played in the conference championship matches; the women's soccer team was the fifth-most improved team in the country, and the women's basketball team reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the fourth year in a row. Currently both golf teams are in contention for the Conference USA crown, as the men had a 15 stroke lead going into the final round, and the women trail by just four strokes.

Hyman said good results make it easier to develop better facilities, but not necessarily as a reward from the school.

"The money for new facilities comes from fundraising, not from (the athletic department)," he said. "People develop trust in what we're

trying to do, so the generosity has been spread over five years because athletics has been recognized and supported tremendously."

The tremendous support has translated into \$28 million in fundraising over the last five years from individuals, foundations, and corporations, said Davis Babb, associate athletic director. In addition, the athletics department has received \$7 million in donations for athletic scholarships, Babb said.

Hyman said the athletic department will be doing strategic planning to discuss the future of athletic facilities, and the football indoor practice facility will be a component

of the plan. That plan, he said, will cover the next 10 to 15 years, approximately.

Patterson said he is not even thinking about the future indoor facility, and is happy to have the new turf practice field. He said it will help keep the players healthy, and show recruits the university is as committed to the program as other, more well-known football programs.

"You need it if you want to stay up with the Jones's," Patterson said. "I think (Texas) A&M is putting in two of these things."

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#### Recent athletic facility advancements

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- Projects: Nine
- Cost: \$28 million
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December 2000	Lowden Track and Field Complex	Track
August 2001	John Justin Athletic Complex	Football
August 2002	Daktronics Video Board and Score Board	Football
February 2003	Lupton Stadium	Baseball
November 2003	Bayard Friedman Tennis Center	Tennis
March 2004	Ed and Rae Schollmaier Basketball Complex	Basketball
May 2004	Football Turf Practice Field Project	Football

## Clarett's appeal to High Court

The fate of two sophomore football careers is now up to the Supreme Court.

By Rusty Miller  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Maurice Clarett's status for the NFL draft is now in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Clarett's attorney, Alan Milstein, filed an emergency appeal to the Supreme Court on Tuesday. He asked for a stay of a federal appeals court's decision from 24 hours earlier preventing the former Ohio State tailback from being in this weekend's draft.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will handle the case. She asked the NFL on Wednesday to file a response to Clarett's appeal by Thursday morning. There was no word on when she planned to act on Clarett's emergency request or whether she would refer the request to the other eight justices.

In 1971, lawyers for Detroit high school star Spencer Haywood followed the same approach. A stay preventing Haywood from going in the NBA draft was tossed out by Justice William O. Douglas, opening the door for underclassmen and teenagers to play pro basketball.

"It's the exact same scenario," Milstein said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "It just needs to play out the same."

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued the stay on Monday, putting a hold on a lower-court ruling that said the NFL can't force players to wait three years after high school before turning pro.

The NFL said the appellate decision will ultimately stand.

"There was ample support for the ruling of the 2nd Circuit, which thoroughly considered and completely rejected the arguments that Mr. Clarett's lawyers have presented to the Supreme Court," NFL executive vice president Jeff Pash said.

Southern California sophomore receiver Mike Williams filed his own lawsuit in federal court in Manhattan on Monday, saying the NFL issued conflicting statements about eligibility for the draft which caused him to sacrifice his college career.

If they wind up being eligible, Williams would be expected to go in the first round of the draft, while Clarett might not be taken until the second or third round.

Clarett argued in Tuesday's filing that the NFL wouldn't suffer any harm if he's allowed in the draft — but he would be harmed if he is blocked.

Clarett led Ohio State to a national title as a freshman, but was ruled ineligible as a sophomore for accepting money from a family friend and lying about it to NCAA and university investigators. Williams declared for the draft after a lower court ruled in

Clarett's favor.

Clarett, 20 and out of high school two years, would be eligible for the draft next year under the current rule. He dropped out of classes at Ohio State after the winter quarter.

U.S. District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin ruled in February that Clarett should be allowed in the draft. She said the rule excluding him violates antitrust law and unjustly blocks a player from pursuing his livelihood.

Ginsburg is a Clinton administration appointee who oversees matters from the New York-based 2nd U.S. Circuit.

There is no court deadline for Ginsburg to act on the request, but Clarett's lawyer said if no decision is rendered before the draft Clarett "will suffer substantial irreparable injury."

If Ginsburg or the full court turns down the request, the lower court's decision against Clarett stands.

Should the court decide against Clarett — and by extension, Williams — the players could only return to play college football if they met academic standards and their universities successfully petitioned the NCAA for reinstatement.



Whether or not Maurice Clarett is eligible for the NFL draft will now be determined by Supreme Court justices.

## Bill proposed to limit steroids sold to minors

A California legislator has proposed measures to decrease the use of performance-enhancing drugs in high schools.

By Rob Gloster  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A California lawmaker has introduced bills to mandate steroid testing of high school students and ban the sale of some performance-enhancing substances to minors.

Even if the proposals make it through the long legislative process, finding the money to make testing a reality will be difficult in the cash-strapped state.

State Sen. Jackie Speier said Wednesday that school districts will not be asked to pay for the tests, which can cost up to \$125 each. She hopes money can come from the state, federal anti-doping agencies or private foundations.

"We're going to use whatever creative financing we can or whatever persuasion we can to get testing into the schools," she said. "If you ban and don't test, you don't have any real results."

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has admitted using steroids during his bodybuilding career, when the drugs were not yet illegal. No one in his office would comment directly on the bills.

"The governor truly believes that it is incumbent on parents, coaches and peers to talk to kids about the best way to become star athletes. He believes the best way is the old-fashioned way — through hard work, exercise and a balanced lifestyle," said the governor's spokeswoman, Terri Carbaugh.

High schools nationwide are struggling with rising steroid use, but almost none can afford the costly tests. A bill in Florida to mandate random steroid testing of high school athletes has stalled in the Legislature.

Speier's bills also call for educating high school coaches about steroids and supplements, and prohibiting them from endorsing supplements or supplying them to athletes. The bills also would ban supplement companies from sponsoring high school sports events.

The bills do not detail how the tests would be conducted — whether on all high school athletes, randomly or when there is suspicion of use.

Former NFL quarterback Warren Moon, who joined Speier on a conference call Wednesday, said testing and education are the keys to fighting high school steroid use.

"These young kids are not educated as to what they are doing to their bodies. They don't see the damage being done," Moon said. "Young kids don't care about the side effects, especially if they don't know about them. They just care about the performance."

Steroids soared in popularity among high school students after Mark McGwire hit a record 70 home runs in 1998 while using androstenedione, a steroid precursor.

In the most recent national survey, 3.5 percent of high school seniors responding reported they have used steroids at least once, up from 2.1 percent in 1991. Those figures do not include users of over-the-counter supplements.