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## Thief's fate rests on shoulders of Campus Life

By KAILEY DELINGER  
Staff Reporter

A student who police say admitted to 14 thefts during a six-month period in the University Recreation Center will not have to face the Texas court system, TCU Police Sgt. Kelly Ham said.

The student, whose identity administrators say is protected under the Federal Privacy Law, was caught March 5 in the act

of stealing from the storage compartments on the south side of the weight room in the Rec Center, Ham said.

After subsequent questioning from TCU Police, Ham said the accused admitted to the 14 prior thefts that took place in the same area since Aug. 23.

The items stolen from the weight room — mostly cash, wallets and purses — came to about \$2,020 in value, Ham said.

Since identifying the suspect, TCU Police said they have contacted each person who reported having items stolen from the weight room to determine whether each person wanted to file criminal charges or leave disciplinary action to the university.

Each person declined to prosecute, so TCU Police transferred the case and related disciplinary action

to Campus Life, Ham said.

Susan Adams, dean of Campus Life, said little can be released about the case because of a federal law called the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Since disciplinary procedures are considered part of a student's education record, Adams said FERPA, which protects the privacy of student education records, prevents the identity of

the accused and TCU's disciplinary action from being divulged.

Adams said the student's disciplinary proceedings have already begun according to the mandates of the Official Student Handbook.

She said the handbook's Code of Student Conduct section on theft and unauthorized use of property and the section on violation of law and university discipline are the ones that

will be addressed.

But the handbook doesn't specify disciplinary steps in this case as it does in cases related to drugs and alcohol, Adams said.

"These kinds of things are taken on a case-by-case basis," Adams said. "Disciplinary action could range from finding the student isn't in violation of the code all the way to expulsion from school."

## Center seeks podcasting in classrooms

By MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE  
Staff Reporter

The Center for Instructional Services wants to make TCU more podcast-friendly in the classroom.

Jess Price, media producer for CIS, said he hopes to build a comprehensive



database of recordings of events held on campus as well as information from classes. Berkeley and Stanford universities already have podcasts available through iTunes, and Price hopes he can do the same for TCU.

"We want to use podcasting as a value-added component to what students are learning in the classroom," Price said. "It's like reading an extra chapter outside of class."

According to PC Magazine's Web site, podcasting is recording a non-music audio broadcast of news, sports or discussion in an MP3 format for playback in a digital music player.

Several instructors at TCU have used podcasting in their classes. Dave Upton, associate professor of kinesiology said he experienced a sharp grade increase when he replaced the lab component of his class with the podcasts recorded by CIS.

"Grades went from an average of 67 — which is not passing — to the high 80s," Price said.

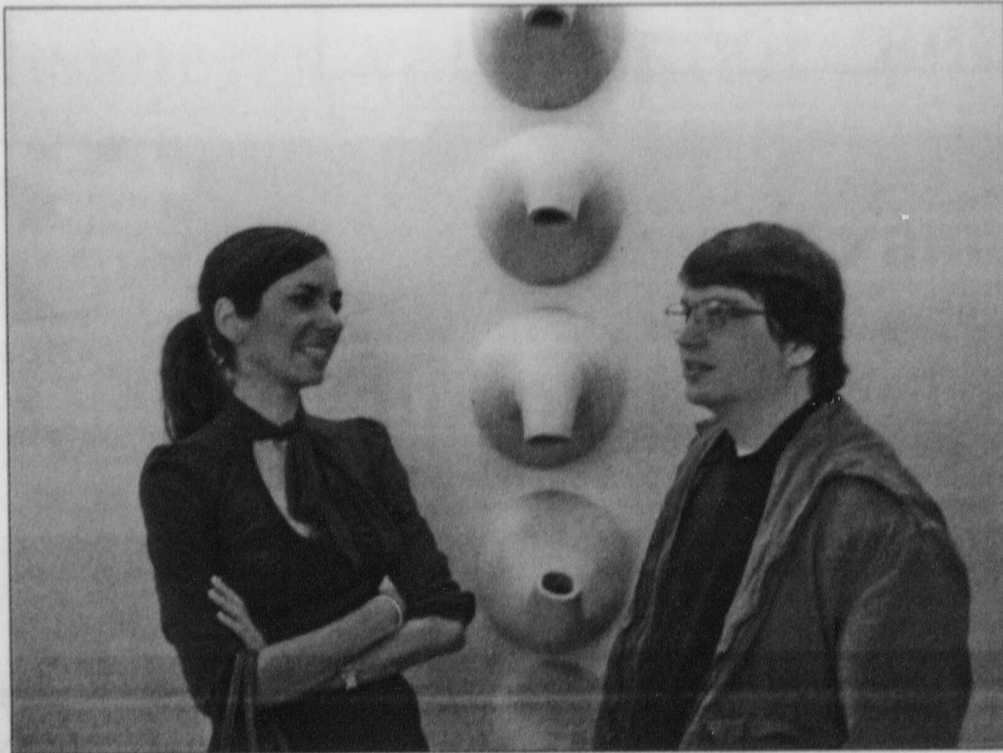
Price believes the increase is because students could review the podcasts several times and see the procedures being done with a voice over by the professor.

Also, using podcasts allows the course to be offered more often because labs require space and supervision which limit the number of times labs can be scheduled, Price said. With the use of podcasts, students were able to complete the same amount of work without the constraints of lab time, Price said.

Amber Finn, director of speech communication, teaches an eight-week basic speech communication course which has 600 students enrolled. The class is divided into two lecture groups. The

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## THE SHAPE OF THINGS



TCU THEATRE Department  
Senior Mariana Fernandez plays Evelyn, and sophomore Jage Bothmann portrays Adam in the theatre department's new play "The Shape of Things." The play, written by Neil LaBute, will open March 22 at 5:30 p.m. in Hays Theatre at the Walsh Center.

## Dark drama features manipulative relationships, society

By MICHELLE EUPERIO  
Staff Reporter

Students are playing a game of manipulation in the theatrical performance "The Shape of Things," which will be presented Thursday through Saturday.

"The Shape of Things" is a drama about a woman who uses her relationship with a man to manipulate him into changing physically, men-

tally and emotionally. The man is completely unaware she is using him for her thesis toward her master's degree.

Jage Bothmann portrays Adam, who is so eager to find love that he will do anything to keep it and is oblivious to the changes that Evelyn, played by Mariana Fernandez, asks for.

"Evelyn is an artist," said Fernandez,

a senior theatre major. "She uses a dorky guy who has never been in a relationship for her own project, and he becomes her artwork."

Daniel Fredrick and Staci Schuhmann portray Adam's only friends, Phillip and Jenny.

The characters in the play toy with human emotions and try to determine where to draw the line with

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### FOR YOUR INFO

Performance times at Hays Theatre:

- Thursday & Friday: 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

## Frogs embrace caregiving, gain experience

By JOHN BOLLER  
Staff Reporter

A case study for a public relations class at TCU will end up meaning more than just a letter grade. For five students and one professor, it will be about putting into action a vision of making the lives easier for family caregivers in Fort Worth.

Amiso George, associate professor and faculty adviser for TCU's team, along with five

students, first began working the case study for the 2006-2007 Bateman Case Study Competition in September.

The five students, senior Lydia Akinde, junior Kiersten Booren, junior Michelle Fabrega, junior Ashley Pierret and senior Alana Villegas, are all advertising and public relations majors and members of the Public Relations Society of America.

The case study for the com-

petition this year is "Family Caregiving 101."

In October 2004, the National Family Caregivers Association and the National Alliance for Caregiving, started the beginning of a campaign called, "Family Caregiving, it's not all up to you," which can be found on the PRSA Web site.

The program was launched in an effort to create awareness of the hard work and dedication it takes to be a care-

giver. In most cases, caregivers feel isolated and experience stress from the burden of care giving itself, along with balancing work and other family responsibilities, according to the PRSA Web site.

Students will use the four principles of public relations in their case study: research, planning, implementation, evaluation. The principles were established by J. Carroll Bateman.

Bateman, who served as the president of PRSA and the International Public Relations Association, the competition was renamed after him following his death in 1983. Since then, the competition has been the most prestigious and challenging competition for public relations students, according to the PRSA Web site.

The students began collecting See **CAREGIVERS**, page 2

## Film series celebrates womanhood during HerStory Month

By ELIZABETH DAVIDSON  
Staff Reporter

Eighteen-year-old Ana, a first-generation Mexican-American from Los Angeles, thought her life was set when she received a scholarship to Columbia University.

Her parents had different ideas. They wanted her to work at a sewing factory to help her family. It is at this factory, however, that Ana learns some of life's most valuable lessons.

Although Ana is a fictional character in the HBO film "Real Women Have Curves," the message of the strength of women is clear through the movie's exploration of race, gender, class and body image, said Karen Steele, associate professor of English and director of Women's Studies.

"The film explores with humor and complexity the challenges of balancing on the hyphen, as

it were, between Chicano and Anglo worlds," Steele said.

This is one of three films being shown this month in celebration of Women's HerStory Month. The Women's Network, a group of students and faculty concerned about gender justice and other important social issues, and Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc. collaborated together to sponsor this event, said Lauren Love,

a senior social work major.

"We chose this film because of its emphasis on discarding the ideal thin female body as beautiful and for the prominence of sisterhood throughout the film," said Christina Ramos, a freshman sociology major.

Narceley Ruiz, a senior criminal justice major and CUS cultural events coordinator, said students should attend this event to become more aware of the educational, political, social

and cultural issues surrounding them, as well as to celebrate Women's HerStory Month.

"This is the first time these two organizations of strong women have joined forces," Ruiz said. "We are extremely excited to work with them and hope we can work together again in the future."

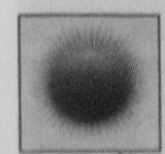
The movie will be followed by a 15 to 20 minute discussion about the Mexican-American/Chicana culture,

body image, strength and pride of women, and sisterhood, Ruiz said.

### FOR YOUR INFO

"Real Women Have Curves"

6:30 p.m. today  
Sid Richardson Building, LH 4  
The event is free and open to the public.



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— Associated Press

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research on their case study last fall. Akinde, the team's research coordinator explained some of the research that the team did. "We first had to learn the history of family caregiving," Akinde said. "Once we learned about family caregiving from research done, we then developed our own research on family caregivers in Fort Worth to bolster the findings and help our case study."

The students also included the testimony of an actual

caregiver in their research, Joyce Hammack said.

Hammack, 77, has been a family caregiver since her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2000. Hammack and her husband had to move into a retirement home shortly after because she could not give her husband constant care.

"It was 24/7," Hammack said. "I needed help because he could not be left alone. I had to take him everywhere."

Hammack does live in a retirement community that has family caregiving facilities, but said there were not many other places

where she could get help.

The students also had to plan and implement a variety of events where they would communicate their message both professionally and effectively to their target audience.

"We first planned out a survey to help us find out who the caregivers in Fort Worth are," said Booren, the special events coordinator. "We passed out our surveys at Albertsons, Walgreens and other pharmacies so that we could find exactly who the caregivers in Fort Worth are," Booren said.

The surveys, which were coordinated by Villegas, gave the team what it was looking for.

"Alana's survey revealed to us that the majority of caregivers in Fort Worth are Hispanic females," Booren said.

Recently, the team implemented its message at a Feb. 23 soccer game at the Darena Sports Arena in Arlington.

"We called the event, 'Kicks for Care,'" Booren said. "We put up our booths and stayed for

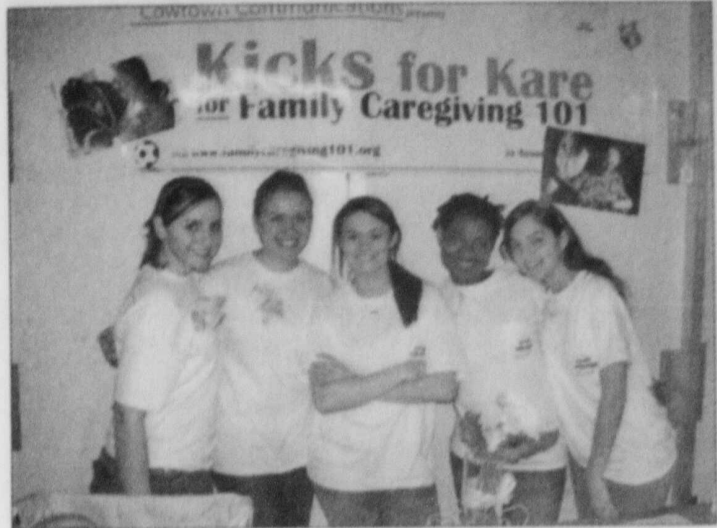
three games. We did a great job of reaching the right people."

On top of that, the team also gave Fort Worth its evaluation of the current resources available for family caregivers.

"It was entirely up to the girls about creating a petition and going before the Fort Worth city council," George said. "They put in such hard work and dedication and found that the caregivers in Fort Worth need help."

The five students will present their petition to the Fort Worth City Council in April. City Council has not determined the exact date in April, Akinde said.

"They have really impressed me with their skills and their understanding of public relations," said Carolyn Bobo, advertising and public relations adjunct professor and faculty adviser to the team. "They put together a great case study based on the four principles of public relations. I hope that the judges vote them the winner in on April 15."



COURTESY OF SARAH NOLL

(From left) Senior Alana Villegas, juniors Kiersten Booren and Ashley Pierret, senior Lydia Akinde and junior Michelle Fabrega have been working on a case study called "Kicks for Care" for this year's Bateman Case Study.

**FOR YOUR INFO**

- For more information on the Bateman Case Study Competition, visit: [prsa.org/resources/bateman.asp](http://prsa.org/resources/bateman.asp)
- For more information on the National Caregivers Association, visit: [familycaregiving101.org/team40](http://familycaregiving101.org/team40)
- Family Caregiving in Tarrant County, visit: [thefamilycaregiver.org](http://thefamilycaregiver.org)

**PODCAST**

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podcasts consist of pre-recorded lectures, however, certain elements of the course are discussed in greater detail during the class lectures, Finn said.

According to a poll conducted in Finn's class, 80 percent of students favored the use of podcasts, 15 percent disapproved and 5 percent undecided. Among those who disagreed, many believed podcasting would encourage procrastination and absenteeism.

Many students said they felt it would encourage students to be absent from classes.

Nishant Maller, a senior biology major, said the material would only be useful if it was an addition to the classes and not to replace the lectures because students would still be required to go to class in order to receive a majority of the information.

Price said the podcasts can be viewed on any iPod-like device or any computer with proper software installed.

"The advantage to this is that we could even expand the use of podcasts to virtual tours of campus, where a visitor could download a tour and play it in their iPod as they walk around campus," Price said. "This way you can schedule your tour any-

time you want and you don't have to have a student in a purple shirt walking backward." Distribution of the podcasts has been discussed, and iTunes U is a possible outlet.

iTunes U is a service provided by iTunes, allowing institutions to upload their content and made available through the iTunes store. YouTube and eCollege are other possibilities for distributing the podcasts to TCU students, Price said.

Other universities such as the California Berkeley, Southern Methodist, Stanford and Yale already use iTunes U and have extensive content available to nonstudents. Price said Stanford has a large database including guest speakers and sporting events. Podcasts of guest speakers are available through the iTunes store including a recent speech by the Dalai Lama, which are available for free.

Price said his department is looking to install software on computers on campus which would allow professors to record their own audio podcasts and upload them to be made available to students.

"We are also looking at software which would enable professors to record their lectures as they are giving them in class and incorporate any visual aids they use such as slideshows," Price said.

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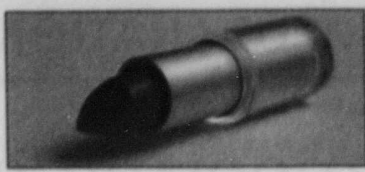
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"Women have been trained to speak softly and carry a lipstick. Those days are over."  
— Bella Abzug

THE SKIFF VIEW

Free expression diversifies campus

The Faculty Senate is pushing to remove an antiquated clause from the Faculty and Staff Handbook. The loyalty paragraph, as it's often referred to, is a remnant of the McCarthy era and the anti-communism sentiments of the 1940s and 1950s. The clause states that university employees shouldn't be affiliated with any group that advocates governmental change. While the clause is seen as embarrassing by some and its removal is almost inevitable, it serves as a reminder of the necessity for free speech among the university's faculty. And for a university that is always aiming to diversify, the clause's removal is an important step toward an environment of truly free expression. While professors are discouraged by the 1993 Statement of Professional Ethics for speaking for the university, faculty should be able to speak their own minds

— even if their sentiments contradict popular culture. The forward-thinking opinions formed at universities across the country have significantly advanced public discourse during the years. Forming such institutional opinions, though, requires unbridled discussion within the microcosm that is TCU. Even radical opposition to the status quo serves to create a more rational middle ground. There is no point in stifling such radical opinions. If those opinions truly represent irrational thought, then they'll be regarded as such and, ultimately, rational thought will emerge. Hopefully, the board of trustees will choose next week to embrace free expression for TCU's faculty and discard this antiquated reminder of a different era in the university's past.

News editor Andrew Chavez for the editorial board.

BY NATE BEELER



Student's drug message free speech; school suspension not valid, unfair

Kenneth Starr is trying to "Tinker" with the law. According to an argument transcript from March 19, Starr has repeatedly quoted the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District* (1969) as a defense for school authorities to place limits on non-political student speech that is considered to be disruptive and goes against school policy.

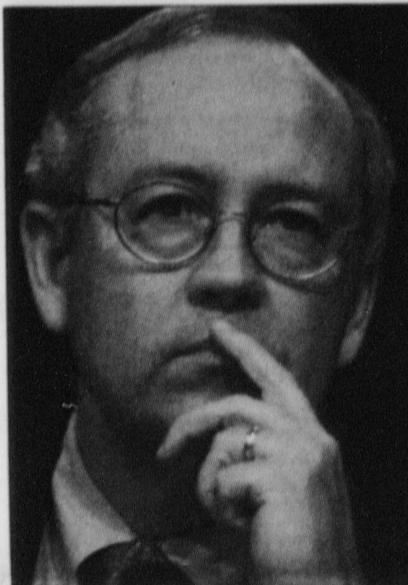
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Talia Sampson

Starr, who is representing Deborah Morse, principal of Juneau-Douglas High School, in *Morse v. Frederick* (also known as the "Bong Hits 4 Jesus" case) used the 1969 case in his arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court. "The rule of the Court as articulated in *Tinker* is that there is, in fact, a right to political speech subject to disruption, requirements that the speech not be disruptive," Starr said. The *Tinker* case involved a decision to allow students to wear black armbands in protest of the Vietnam War and has been a cornerstone in law regarding free speech rights of students. The case *Morse v. Frederick*, which is currently in review by the U.S. Supreme Court, began in 2002 when Joseph Frederick filed a lawsuit against Morse after he was suspended for holding up a "Bong Hits 4 Jesus" banner across the street from his high school during

the Olympic Torch Relay. Frederick's camp argues that the suspension was an unjustified suppression of his First Amendment right to free speech because he was acting as a private citizen in a public place, and he was neither on school grounds nor under the authority of the school. Morse's side argues that because students were released from classes during a regular school day to watch the Olympic Torch Relay, it was a school event where she had the authority to act against students who were trying to undermine the school's anti-drug message. Linda Campbell, an adjunct instructor of media law, said, "It's hard for me to see how this student's actions undermine the educational mission to the extent that they could suppress his message, silly as it was." Campbell also said that school officials do have a certain amount of power to promote anti-drug messages and maintain order at school-sponsored functions, but students had been released from school, Frederick was in a public place off-campus and though his message contained a drug reference, his banner did not tell students to take drugs. But what it really comes down to is the fact that Frederick's message and actions were non-violent and non-aggressive. He didn't yell at fellow students to break the law and to take bong hits. He did not break the law by lighting up a joint, as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg pointed out. He didn't scream



MCT Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr testifies before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on the status of the Independent Counsel Act. in Washington, DC.

at school authorities and even maintained his cool while being suspended long enough to quote Thomas Jefferson. This means that he was not impinging on the rights of others, and because Frederick was not in a classroom or even on school property, he could not have been causing a substantial interference with school discipline, which are two things the *Tinker* case says must be proven before justifying the suppression of an act of free speech. A decision on this case is expected by June, but argument transcripts are freely available on the Supreme Court's Web site. Talia Sampson is a junior news-editorial journalism and international relations major from Moorpark, Calif.

Better dining options needed during breaks

On the Friday before Spring Break, the campus had already transformed into a ghost town as cars, filled with excited students, sped away. But not all students have the opportunity to leave campus for every university break or holiday. Although there may be a small amount of students on campus during breaks, TCU should provide more on-campus dining and social options for non-traveling students. Fortunately, TCU students can stay on campus during breaks compared to Baylor and Texas State universities that close their residential halls; however, students looking to relax and have fun over their break from classes find themselves in a bind. "Frog Bytes is an inconvenience," freshman studio art major D.J. Perera said. "If it had ready-made food like salads or sandwiches, that would be better. Variety is key. I can't see how anyone can eat pizza and bread sticks for 10 days."

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Alyssa Dizon

Every on-campus eatery is closed except Frog Bytes, but even that is closed on the weekends of breaks, which forces students to go out to eat. This is especially difficult for students who do not have a means of transportation. Sophomore ballet major Sarah Yarbrough was on duty as a resident assistant in Sherley Hall during Spring Break. "I enjoy being on campus to do whatever I need to do," Yarbrough said. "It was kind of hard with no food options. It would be better

for more places to be open." Yarbrough said she suggests TCU keeping the grill in the Main or another on-campus eatery open, at least for lunch. The University of Texas at Austin kept three of its eateries open March 12-16 so students remaining on campus would only have to look elsewhere for meals on the weekends. Money also tends to be a big issue. Since Spring Break lasts for 10 days, buying three meals a day becomes quite costly. There is some discussion about extending TCU's dining plan so students can use their student IDs at nearby off-campus restaurants. That would be the best solution to save money if the Main and Frog Bytes must be closed. As for on-campus entertainment options, TCU does well to keep the library and the Rec Center open. Students can catch up on projects or play a game with a friend. Some RAs on duty spend time getting to know their residents who also stay on campus during movie or game nights. Perera feels that RAs should have more of those programs but wants the residential hall association to organize activities for all the students still on campus, as well. The university does not need to keep everything open and running for the few students staying for holidays. Those who work at TCU certainly deserve a break as much as students do. But for those who must remain on campus, especially international students like Perera, TCU should do more to accommodate and fulfill the needs of its students. Alyssa Dizon is a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Aiea, HI.

Americans should consume more fruits, veggies

Mothers who are concerned for health and safety of their children always give great advice. One will often hear, "look both ways before crossing the street" or "keep both hands on the steering wheel." While the effects of not listening to mother in those situations could cause immediate danger, other pieces of wisdom affect long-term health, such as eating vegetables and fruits. According to health officials, fewer than a third of Americans eat the government-recommended two servings of fruits and three servings of vegetables. The government has set a goal to get 75 percent of Americans to eat fruits and 50 percent of Americans

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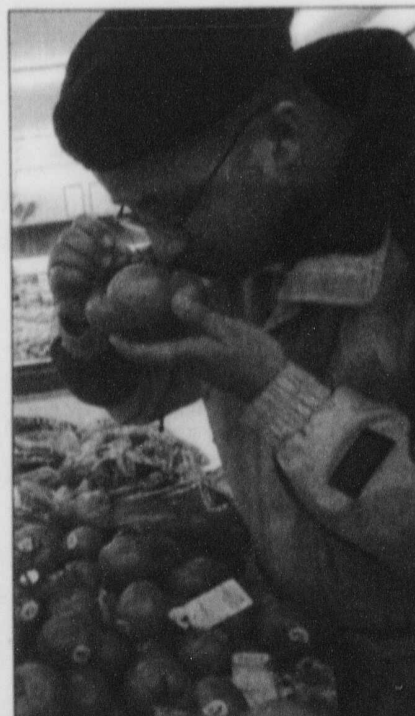
Hayley Freeman

to eat veggies by 2010. The numbers, however, have remained stagnant for more than a decade, showing no improvement in American eating habits. According to the federal diet surveys, the age group that consumed the least amounts of the green stuff were young adults in the 18 to 24 demographic. Senior citizens, however, ate the most fruits and vegetables of any age group. If the government wants to encourage the general population to reach the goal, it should target young adults. Tackling the problem in the young adults demographic will pave the way for younger age groups and children of the future. The government can catch the attention of young adults by offering more information, sponsoring more programs and creating an advertising campaign geared toward that age group. The government, however, can only

do so much as the issue is more than a national problem; it is a local problem as well. Since education is probably the best way to get the point across to young adults, nutritional sciences should be encouraged more in high school and college. High schools and colleges can do more by adding healthier food options as a part of their dining services. Drink machines should include healthier options such as fruit juice. Many fast food chains should work on this problem as well. A number of places already offer salads, but more of a variety from their side items should be included on the menu such as fruit salad, carrots and celery or steamed vegetables. As these companies improve their menus, the intake of healthy fruits and vegetables will also increase since these sides can be served in the same amount of time as it takes

to serve a large order of fries. People make unhealthy choices for convenience purposes. One can find fruit cups or vegetable cups in The Main or Frog Bytes, which can serve as a great grab-and-go snack. The salad bar in The Main is a great way to create a salad based on individual tastes. Smoothies are also a tasty way to increase daily fruit intake. Health officials want to look out for the well-being of Americans. Through the work of the government, schools, local establishments and fast-food companies, Americans can be well on their way to achieve health and longevity. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that fruits and vegetables are not only low in fat and calories; they also prevent chronic diseases and cancer. Hayley Freeman is a freshman English major from Fort Worth. Her regular column appears Wednesdays.

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# University to hold open meeting about future gas drilling

By JAMES BROWN  
Staff Reporter

Administrators are hosting a meeting with the TCU community today to discuss the status of the university's natural gas operations.

According to a press release posted on the TCU Web site, Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Brian Gutierrez,

vice chancellor for finance and administration, will lead the dialogue, which will touch on the board of trustees' letter of intent to negotiate exclusively with Four Sevens Resources Co. and the university's subsequent steps in the process.

The discussion will also give students, faculty and staff the opportunity to ask

questions and share their opinions about the possibility of drilling on the TCU campus.

Energy companies looking to tap into the Barnett Shale, one of the United States' largest natural gas reservoirs, have been competing to acquire leases for the mineral rights of Fort Worth land — TCU's 260-

acre campus is no exception.

The university began looking into opportunities for natural gas exploration early last month after several energy companies approached TCU with leases. On March 2, the board of trustees signed a letter of intent to name Four Sevens as the university's natural

gas operator, giving the Fort Worth-based energy company sole negotiating rights with the university.

"The next step is to complete a process of negotiating a lease that meets the university's standards and is mutually acceptable by TCU and Four Sevens," Gutierrez said in a March press release.

Terms of the lease are still

being constructed, according to the press release, and the start of drilling has not been determined.

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## SHAPE

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art versus humanity.

"The play is essentially about society's perception of people," said Bothmann, a sophomore theatre major. "It touches on what society views as beautiful and what the perfect person would be materialistically."

"The Shape of Things" is a contemporary play that takes place at a college campus.

"Anyone can relate to any of these characters," Fernandez said. "Each one of the characters is flawed and makes mistakes. It makes them human. They are all likeable as much as they are unlikable."

Unlike other studio shows performed in the Walsh Center, "The Shape of Things" will be presented in the Hays Theatre and is directed by senior theatre major Kristin Quaid.

Studio shows are designed

and directed by students with smaller budgets but are still part of the regular theater season. They are free for anyone to attend.

Rehearsal time has been much shorter than that for a main stage show, but the cast has been practicing five times a week for the past month.

"The quality and caliber of this show is still as great as a main stage show," Fernandez said.

"The Shape of Things" was written by Neil LaBute and was also made into a movie starring Rachel Weisz ("The Constant Gardener") and Paul Rudd ("The 40 Year Old Virgin").

Some students who have seen the movie are excited about the play.

"It's a modern version of Adam's seduction by Eve," said Stefanie Grows, a freshman entrepreneurial management major. "The story is a bit twisted, but those always make for the really great shows."

# Former Hussein opposer questions war

By HANNAH ALLAM  
McClatchy Newspapers

BAGHDAD, Iraq — On the fourth anniversary of the war he peddled as a historic liberation campaign, Ahmad Chalabi, on Tuesday, sat in his fortress-style villa in Baghdad and pondered what might have been and how it all went wrong.

Chalabi, sipping cardamom tea in an elegantly appointed salon, absolved himself of mistakes and insisted he had no regrets. Instead, he recited a litany of missteps he blames on the Bush administration, the U.S. military and newly minted Iraqi politicians who couldn't overcome their "parochial" interests for the good of the nation.

"The war was a success," Chalabi declared, "and the occupation a failure."

Four years and five assassination attempts since he returned from exile alongside U.S. forces, Chalabi, 62, said he's proud that Iraq has an elected government, a constitu-

tion approved by the people and an 80-percent debt reduction brokered largely by the United States. But he conceded that those successes are overshadowed by an entrenched insurgency, undisciplined Iraqi forces, an expanding U.S. troop presence and a leadership plagued by sectarian rivalries.

Chalabi prefers not to dwell on the faulty prewar intelligence he pushed on hawkish U.S. leaders or his stewardship of the purges of former Baath party members, which cost thousands of Iraqis their livelihoods just after the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

In his account of the war, the beginning of the end was the decision to create a U.S. occupation authority instead of immediately handing the reins to Iraqi opposition leaders such as, say, Chalabi himself. That may have been the plan; the Pentagon airlifted Chalabi and his followers to Nasiriyah on April 6, 2003, where they called themselves Free Iraqi Forces.

"The United States changed its status from liberator to occupier," he said. "We warned them, very strongly, that they would lose the moral high ground in Iraq. They did. The U.S. administration, in my view, is suffering the consequences of this decision."

Other grave errors followed, Chalabi continued, settling into a plush armchair and reaching for his favorite snack — a nutrient-rich biscuit his chef makes from Tibetan goji berries purchased abroad.

On the American side, he said, there was the "incompetence" of the Coalition Provisional Authority and its "cavalier attitude toward Iraqi funds." Next came the U.S.-appointed transitional government, which he dismissed as "the CIA's dream team and a disaster for Iraq."

U.S. officials, he said, failed to include the firebrand cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in the political process early on and paid dearly for that decision when his Shiite mili-

tiemen staged two bloody anti-American uprisings in 2004.

Iraqi politicians share the blame for the country's disarray, Chalabi said. Their sectarian agendas usurped national interests, and corruption spread unchecked. Worse, he said, was the use of state-sponsored violence to settle political disputes between the triumphant Shiite-led government and the nation's disgruntled Sunni minority.

"This escalated sectarian tensions," Chalabi said. "It brought to the forefront extremists who gained credibility with the people."

Reflecting on the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, Chalabi said, "Had it gone well? There would be peace in Iraq. Iraq would've been pumping 3.5 million barrels of oil today. There would be full electricity, massive reconstruction."

And where would Chalabi have fit in that idyllic scenario?

"Where I am," he said with a wide grin. "Sitting in Baghdad."

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By SAM ORTIZ  
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# Sandra sees the future

## 'Premonition's' only appeal lies in attractive stars; film too predictable

By SAM ORTIZ  
Staff Writer

"If I let Jim die, is that the same thing as killing him?" These words that reverberate throughout the trailer are both intriguing and confusing.

In Sandra Bullock's most recent movie, "Premonition," she portrays an average housewife with a loving family. But, when a policeman comes knocking on her door with news that her husband, portrayed by Julian McMahon ("Nip/Tuck"), was involved

in a fatal car accident, her world slowly begins to unravel. The next day she wakes up to find her husband alive.

You know you're in trouble when the main draw of the film is the attractiveness of the actors Sandra Bullock and Julian McMahon, which, to many, may be rather enticing. But the prospect of a film that expects to survive only on its actors has always been a daunting one. While Bullock has enough credibility to hold up a film all on her own, her performance in this film was below par.

Her portrayal was convincing though unfortunately not a large feat. McMahon had as much of a lack of challenge in his role as did Bullock. His few moments on screen were good, but no one will be calling up him at the Academy anytime soon.

At first glance, the story line held some promise, but, as the film began to unfold, it became predictable, as many of us feared. It lacked the thrill aspect of a thriller and the dramatic aspect of a drama, making this film an overall disappointment.

Regrettably, I cannot recommend this picture to anyone. While it managed to be both predictable and confusing, it was also boring, lackluster and cheesy.



TRISTAR PICTURES  
Sandra Bullock stars as Linda in TriStar Pictures' psychological thriller "Premonition."

It didn't even have interesting filming or cool costumes to outweigh the lacking entertainment factor. I don't think this is McMahon's huge break into the movie-making business — let's hope he sticks to FX, and Bullock continues to focus on her marriage.

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TRISTAR PICTURES  
Julian McMahon costars with Sandra Bullock as Jim, her husband, who mysteriously is alive one day and dead the next.

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# Former Rangers trainer shares love, expertise for baseball

By MICHELLE NICOU  
Staff Reporter

This is a story about a man and his athletes.

It doesn't matter whether they're in the Major Leagues, Independent League or college level, the baseball team's head trainer said he just wants to help.



DANNY WHEAT

Danny Wheat, now in his third year with the Horned Frogs, ended a 27-year career with the Texas Rangers system in 2002. After graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 1975, Wheat joined the staff of the San Antonio Missions, the Rangers' Double-A affiliate in the Texas League and later the Tulsa Drillers.

He broke into the Major League ranks in 1985 as an assistant athletic trainer for the Texas Rangers and moved up to the head athletic training position in 1992.

Wheat also served as trainer for the Fort Worth Cats baseball team in the Independent League and Fort Worth Brahmas hockey team before coming to TCU in fall 2004.

## STAYING IN THE GAME

After playing basketball and baseball in high school, Wheat said he

soon realized his athletic abilities wouldn't take him far on the college level. He couldn't just give sports up, he added, so he needed another way to be involved.

Athletic training came to be that path.

His time with the UT Longhorns, along with some luck led to a job with the Double-A Rangers affiliate in San Antonio right out of college, Wheat said.

"I was very lucky," Wheat said. "I was in the right place at the right time, and I had a great recommendation from my university athletic trainer."

Wheat said TCU was looking for a trainer, a newly created full-time position in 2004, and he jumped on the chance to stay in baseball.

"I guess my experience with the Rangers helped pave the way for that," he said. "It's been a lot of fun."

Wheat said he appreciates the Horned Frogs' willingness to take in advice on how to improve their games, but the aluminum bats have given him chills.

"I can't stand the aluminum bats," Wheat said. "After 27 years with the Rangers, I just can't get used to the 'ping' instead of the sound off the wooden bats."

## KEEPING OLD FRIENDS

The a general manager switch brought an end to Wheat's tenure with the Rangers, but he remembered it as "an enjoyable time with a lot of great people." He credited his colleagues as a reason he was able to stay in the organization as long as he did.

"We had a great support cast," Wheat said. "I had a great assistant trainer in Ray Ramirez. He was very beneficial and did a lot to help me. We had good people in the front office that appreciated the job we did."

While longtime Rangers' hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo is the only member of the coaching staff remaining from 2002, Wheat said he makes an effort to go out to the ballpark whenever any of his former colleagues are visiting.

"I see Rudy (Jaramillo) every once and a while," Wheat said. "I make it a point whenever Boston's in town to go see (former bench coach and current Red Sox manager) Terry Francona. And hopefully, I'll be able to see (former Rangers manager and current Reds manager) Jerry Narron with Cincinnati somewhere along the line."

Wheat said the 1996, 1998 and 1999 American League West Division

championship seasons, the most successful in team history, stick out in his mind more than any individual honor he ever received.

Wheat served as the trainer for the American League in the 1995 All-Star game at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington and was selected to go on a tour of Japan with the 1998 All-Stars.

## MORE THAN THE AVERAGE TRAINER

Wheat said the average fan equates athletic trainers with rehabilitation following injuries but doesn't consider any preventive measures, the part of the job he sees as the most important.

Wheat developed a special exercise program for pitchers at the professional level that he said has translated to

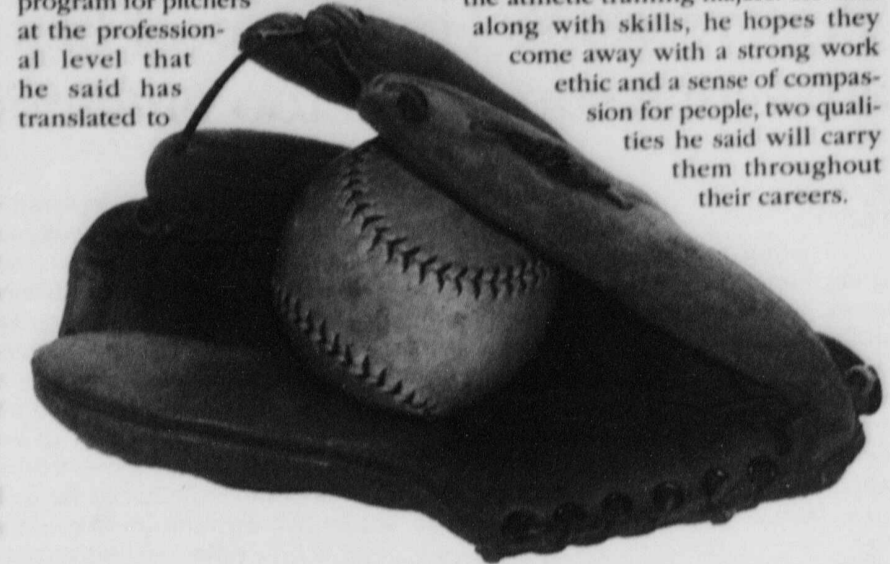
the college level with no problems. The arm exercises were popular with Jake Arrieta and former Horned Frog standout Lance Broadway, he said.

Junior pitcher Chris Johnson said the routine changes daily but usually includes a day dedicated to the rotator cuff and another one focused on scapular stabilization.

Athletic trainers, such as Wheat, receive little recognition for the parts of their job they do away from the injury circuit, Johnson said.

"Nobody notices that he gets our meals ready before the games," Johnson said. "He gets us fruit and stuff during games to help us keep our energy level up."

Wheat also works with some of the athletic training majors. He said along with skills, he hopes they come away with a strong work ethic and a sense of compassion for people, two qualities he said will carry them throughout their careers.



# March Madness moves into the Sweet Sixteen round with four games

By MIKE HUGUENIN  
The Orlando Sentinel

A look at tonight's four Sweet 16 games:

## WEST REGION:

No. 1 Kansas (32-4) vs. No. 4 Southern Illinois (29-6)  
TIME: 7:10 p.m.

THE BUZZ: Kansas will want to put its athleticism to good use and run all night. SIU will want to slow it into a slow, defensive game. SIU's

only shot at an upset is to turn this into an ugly, low-scoring game. Kansas has lost four times, and, in all three, the Jayhawks scored less than 72 points. SIU allowed more than 70 points once — and it lost that game. Kansas is loaded on the perimeter, and SIU will likely be without forward Matt Shaw, out with an ankle injury. If Shaw can't go, SIU guards will be even more under the gun to produce offensively.

The Salukis beat Virginia Tech without Shaw, but the Jayhawks aren't the Hokies.

THE PICK: Kansas.

No. 2 UCLA (28-5) vs. No. 3 Pittsburgh (29-7)  
TIME: 9:40 p.m.

THE BUZZ: UCLA coach Ben Howland and Pitt coach Jamie Dixon are close friends and neither will be surprised by what the other wants to do tonight. The Bruins are more athletic,

but they're quite comfortable with a slower game pace. To win, Pitt must rely on its physical defense and center Aaron Gray. Pitt's perimeter players are solid, but the Panthers are going to have trouble keeping up with jet-quick Bruins point guard Darren Collison. Slowing Collison and keeping guard Aaron Afflalo under wraps will be a priority for Pitt. UCLA will throw a variety of defensive looks at Gray, who has devel-

oped into an OK passer out of the low post.

THE PICK: UCLA.

## SOUTH REGION:

No. 2 Memphis (32-3) vs. No. 3 Texas A&M (27-6)  
TIME: 7:27 p.m.

THE BUZZ: Memphis comes with 24 wins in a row but haven't played anyone with the intensity of the Aggies' defense. Guard Chris Douglas-Roberts, Tigers' leading scorer, suffered an ankle sprain against Nevada so he won't be 100 percent. Memphis wants an up-tempo game, but A&M will look to slow it down and grind it out. A&M also will be as physical as possible, especially with Memphis' perimeter guys. A&M has four players averaging double figures, but the only one truly scaring opposing teams is guard Acie Law IV. But, even if Law gets his points, A&M needs its guards to be at least adequate from 3-point range. Memphis has better depth than the Aggies and plays good defense, but there

remains one question about the Tigers: How will they play in a close game against a tough opponent? Memphis is abysmal from the line (61.9 percent as a team — even after a 26-of-34 performance against Nevada).

THE PICK: Texas A&M.

No. 1 Ohio State (32-3) vs. No. 5 Tennessee (24-10)  
TIME: 9:57 p.m.

THE BUZZ: These teams met Jan. 13 with Ohio State winning 68-66. The Vols would prefer the game be in the high 70s to low 80s, and they'll attempt to force the tempo with their pressing defense. Vols guard Chris Lofton has to hit his outside shots. The Vols also need another scorer to provide some offense. A potential problem for Tennessee is its poor free-throw shooting (65.7 percent). Tennessee's young big men are also going to have problems with Buckeyes C Greg Oden. But, if the Vols worry too much about Oden, the Buckeyes perimeter players will bomb away from 3-point range.

THE PICK: Ohio State.

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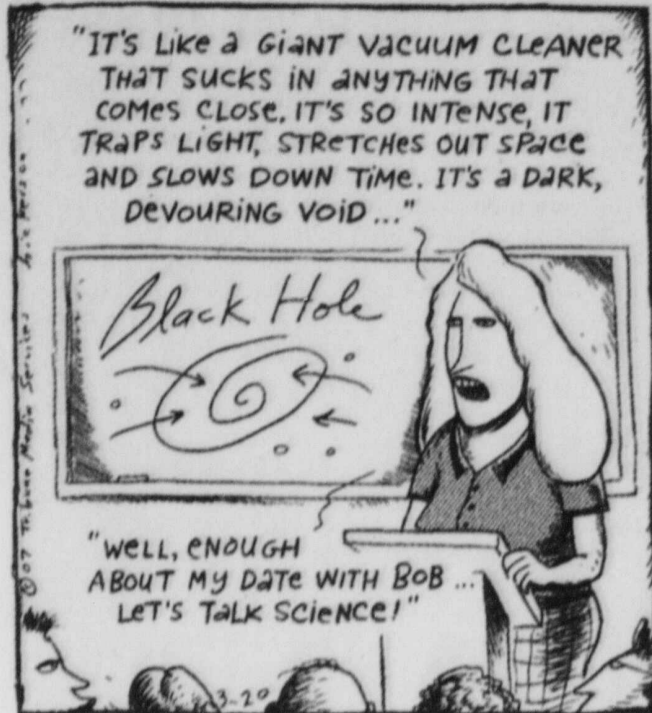
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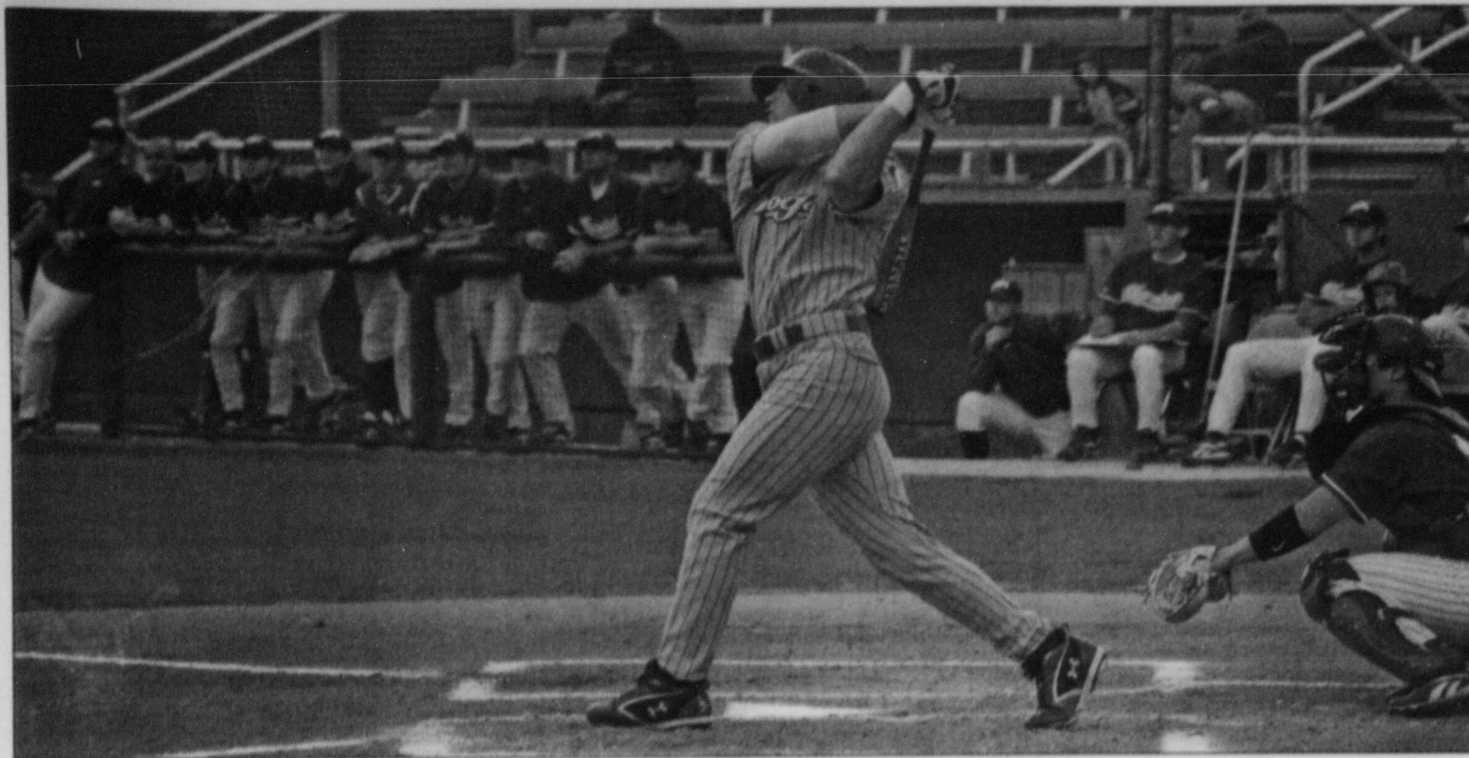




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Junior catcher Andrew Walker watches a hit sail toward the outfield. Walker went 3-5 at the plate with a home run and 5 RBIs in the Frogs' 10-6 win at UT-Arlington on Tuesday night.

**Frogs look to extend success in weekend series with BYU**

By **MARCUS MURPHREE**  
Sports Editor

The Horned Frogs baseball team is riding a season-high five-game winning streak as head coach Jim Schlossnagle takes his team to Provo, Utah, to face the BYU Cougars in a three-game road series.

Tuesday night, against the UT Arlington Mavericks, some timely two-out hits by senior outfielder Austin Adams and junior catcher Andrew Walker brought the Horned Frogs five runs and kept the winning streak alive.

During the winning streak and since a 0 for 4 performance

against Texas Tech on March 11, Walker has nine hits in his last 20 at-bats, capped off by a five-RBI showcase against the Mavericks. Both of Walker's homers this season have come off of UTA pitching, as well.

Last season, TCU was able to put away the Cougars in five of six games and outscored the squad by a total 24 runs. Walker hit a sizzling .400 in the six 2006 contests against BYU.

Walker said his current hot streak is stemming from a more calm approach at the plate.

"I feel more relaxed, and I found a stroke that's working," Walker said. "I'm seeing

pitches well out of their (pitchers') hands."

BYU brings a 13-8 record in 2007 to the series but will be coming off a Tuesday night loss to the Utah Utes. The series will be a three-game set, but, because of a BYU policy, the games will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, rather than a traditional Friday through Sunday matchup.

Statistically, the teams are very evenly matched as only fractions of a point separate the teams in batting average, ERA and slugging percentage. TCU and BYU share the

conference lead in home runs with 16 a piece.

Other players who have been leading the Horned Frogs this season have been junior pitcher Sam Demel, who has stranded all nine inherited base runners this season, and senior center fielder Keith Conlon, who is leading the team in home runs, triples and batting average.

The road trip for the Horned Frogs will not come to a close after the games with the Cougars. TCU has another mid-week game slated with the No. 16 Texas A&M Aggies in College Station on March 27.

**Men to defend streak with return of player**

By **MARCUS MURPHREE**  
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The return of senior Radu Barbu from an NCAA suspension has sparked a recent surge for the men's tennis team.

As the team prepares for the No. 31 Texas A&M Aggies, head coach Dave Borelli said Barbu's presence has lifted the team's spirits and changes it for the better.

"We'd definitely have a tougher time winning without him," Borelli said.

Since coming back to the courts of Bayard-Friedman Tennis Center, Barbu has lost only one singles match and been a party of every winning doubles tandem.

"With Radu, we will be getting back on track and he will help our chances to

improve," Borelli said.

The men's team is on its longest winning streak of the season with three consecutive matches won by at least three points.

Borelli said the match against A&M may be a hand-ful for the Horned Frogs as the Aggies are good enough to be a top-20 program.

"They are a good team, and better than their ranking," Borelli said.

Taking center court during the match for TCU in the singles competition will be senior Cosmin Cotet going against Jerry Makowski of the Aggies.

"I have known their No. 1 guy for quite some time," Borelli said, "And it will be good to see Cosmin spar it out with Makowski."



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Freshman Caleb Bulls returns a serve from the baseline in the Frogs' match against Texas A&M - Corpus Christi on Feb. 11. The Frogs will put their three-match win streak on the line Tuesday against the Texas A&M Aggies.



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