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NBC finds package received from college shooter

By LISA ZAGAROLI
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BLACKSBURG, Va. — He made overtures so unwelcome to young women that their ultimate rejections had to be delivered by the campus police. They in turn were troubled enough to send him to a mental health facility after a court magistrate declared him "mentally ill" and "an imminent danger" to himself or others. That was in 2005.

But as disturbing details began to pile up about the demented Virginia Tech student responsible for unprecedented carnage on Monday, police struggled

with some of the most perplexing questions of all: How did Cho Seung-Hui choose his 32 victims, and why did he pick the buildings and rooms where he sprayed bullets?

"We are not aware of any connections with any of the victims at this point in time," said Col. W. Steven Flaherty, superintendent of the Virginia State Police. "There is no connection we are aware of..."

Authorities might have gotten important clues later Wednesday, when NBC News discovered that it had received a packet from Cho containing images and "a lengthy dia-

logue." MSNBC posted a photo of a man it said was Cho with outstretched arms and a gun in each hand.

On its evening newscast, it showed images of Cho posing with guns and a hammer. Video footage revealed Cho declaring that the deadly outcome wasn't inevitable, but "you forced me into a corner."

"Now you will have blood on your hands that will never wash off," he said. It was unclear to whom he was directing his comments.

The network reported that the package was postmarked just after 9 a.m. EDT Monday, which

would have been after the first two fatal shootings and before the second set involving 30 murders. It was sent overnight, but a wrong zip code delayed it.

With no surveillance cameras near the crime scenes, police have been unable to determine where Cho was during the gap in time.

The material also included video files of Cho ranting about hating the "wealthy." The network said it turned everything over to the FBI.

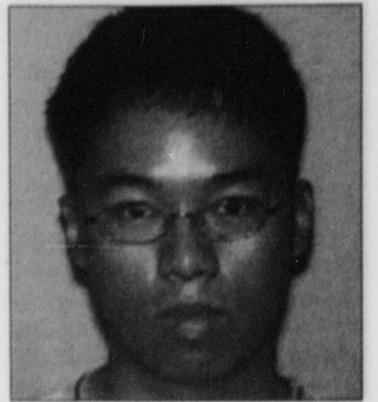
Police revealed that Cho first caught their attention in the fall of 2005 when he contacted two women who didn't like his

attention. The first incident, on Nov. 27, involved phone calls and e-mails to a fellow student who felt uncomfortable enough to call the police.

She declined to press charges and said Cho's contact with her "annoying," Virginia Tech Police Chief Wendell Flinchum said at a press conference.

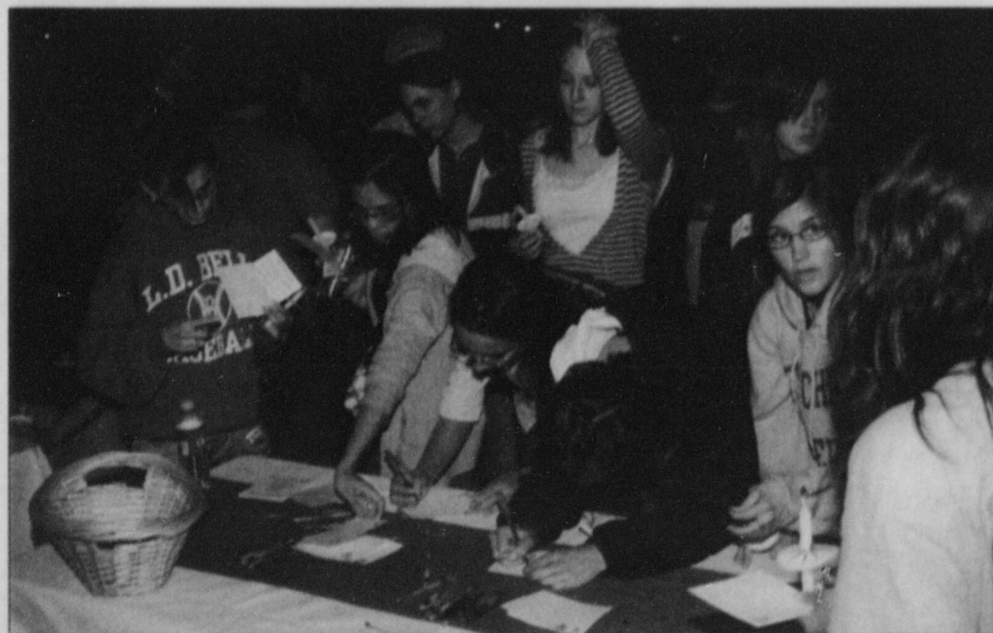
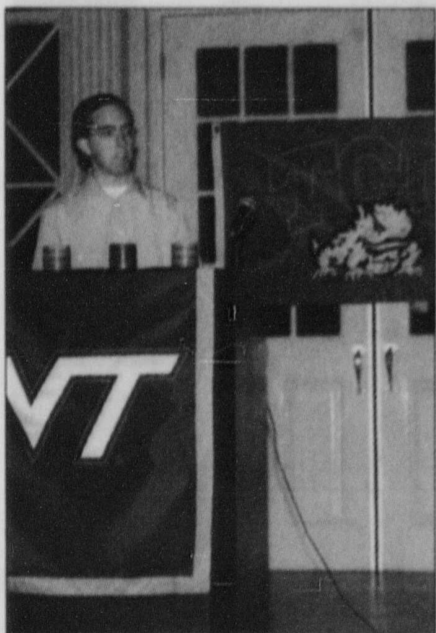
A month later, on Dec. 13, 2005, Cho messaged another female student. He didn't threaten her, but she complained to police and "asked that Cho have no further contact with her."

Neither of the women was among the shooting victims.
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Cho Seung-Hui, shown in this photo from Virginia Tech University and the Virginia State Police, is the suspected gunman in the Virginia Tech shooting rampage Monday that killed 30 people.

Virginia Tech Vigil



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

(TOP) Students light candles while singing "Amazing Grace" on the Sadler Hall Lawn.

(BOTTOM LEFT) Junior engineering major Aaron Bartholomew reads a passage from a speech by Martin Luther King Jr. during Wednesday's candlelight vigil.

(BOTTOM RIGHT) Students write notes on postcards that will be sent to Virginia Tech. Students also had the opportunity to send monetary donations to those affected by Monday's tragedy.

ONLINE

To find out more about TCU's candlelight vigil, check out the Skiff Web site at tcdailyskiff.com

LEAPS organizers focus on the future

By SUSAN GILMARTIN
Staff Reporter

New leadership has sparked new ideas for next year's university-wide community service project, LEAPS.

LEAPS has been an annual event at the university since spring 2000, said Peter Thompson, assistant director for Student Development Services.

Kerri Westfield, LEAPS director, said the executive committee has plans to change the event to affect one smaller community within Fort Worth as opposed to sending students out to various parts of the community, as it has been in the past. She said the executive committee decided they wanted to try something new this year.

Westfield, a junior entrepreneurial management major, said the changes are to make a larger impact in one area so students and other volunteers will be able to see the effect of their work. Westfield said she started participating in LEAPS her freshman year, and last year was her first year on the executive committee.

Thompson said anything is possible this far in advance because there is a great group of students on the LEAPS executive committee. He said one of the goals of the new form of LEAPS is to get more students involved, as well as the community.

Westfield said members of the executive committee are traveling to Texas A&M University this weekend to attend a student-led conference.

"We are trying to enhance our program and we would like to have more input from different schools that have a larger program," Westfield said. "We can learn more about their marketing and how they do all the logistics of their program."

Kamran Malik, LEAPS logistical coordinator, said he and two other members from the executive committee are leaving Friday for A&M to learn more about community service as a whole and to get ideas from other universities.

LEAPS attendance has increased over the years, Thompson said, and last year's project had the highest attendance of about 1,000 people.

"We are providing potentially a more meaningful experience for the community and for each student that goes out and gets involved," Thompson said.

The LEAPS committee will meet with the city of Fort Worth in the next couple of weeks to decide on a specific area of the community to focus on for this fall's community service day, Thompson said. One of their biggest goals is to have students participate in continued service so they can remain connected with the community as well as learn something while giving back.

Westfield said the committee will meet in the next couple of weeks to pick a date for LEAPS. She said it will be sometime in October.

Westfield said her goal for the 2007 LEAPS is to get the whole campus involved while traveling to one general location. She said that way, every student will be able to see the impact of their small assignment, along with the contribution of all the participants.

"We are working with other universities that do one day service programs and have been doing them longer than we have," Westfield said. "We are learning stuff that they have done and making it more applicable to TCU. Ideally, each year, we are enhancing it."

Honors Convocation brings new band, procession additions

By JENIGHI POWELL
Staff Reporter

Today's 45th annual Honors Convocation will focus on making students aware of a global community as a best-selling author and professor delivers the keynote address.

Honors Convocation is a ceremony held to celebrate the conclusion of senior honors presentations, the announcement of the Honors Scholar Award, the

Faculty Recognition Award and an opportunity to hear a lecturer speak on an academic or current issue, said Katie Quinn, honors program coordinator.

This year's speaker, Benjamin R. Barber, is an internationally renowned political theorist who will discuss the role of a democracy in a speech titled "Can Capitalism Survive Consumerism?", said Peggy Watson, director of the honors program.

As the Gershon and Carrol Kekst Professor of Civil Society at the University of Maryland, Barber has written several books on democracy and citizenship.

"We wanted to find a speaker to give a little food for thought and give people something to really think about," Watson said. "And Dr. Barber definitely can apply a global connection."

Honors Convocation also celebrates the induction of honor

students into one of the nation's oldest honor organizations, Phi Beta Kappa. Quinn said Phi Beta Kappa is one of the most prestigious honor organizations in the nation. Only 30 students out of the 701-member honors program are accepted, Quinn said.

Watson said this year's convocation will bring new traditions. Honors students will have the opportunity to march into the ceremony alongside their hon-

ors professors; in the past, only professors have participated in a processional and recessional march, Watson said.

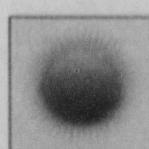
This year, Honors Week, the week-long presentation period of senior projects, which concludes with a convocation and banquet, will concurrently run with the Festival of Student Scholarship and Creativity. The festival is a fusion of several independent symposiums and research pre-

sentations of TCU schools and colleges into one coordinated

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FOR YOUR INFO

- Honors Convocation
- 11 a.m. today
- Ed Landreth Auditorium
- Classes will recess at 10:30 a.m.; 11 a.m. classes are canceled



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— Associated Press

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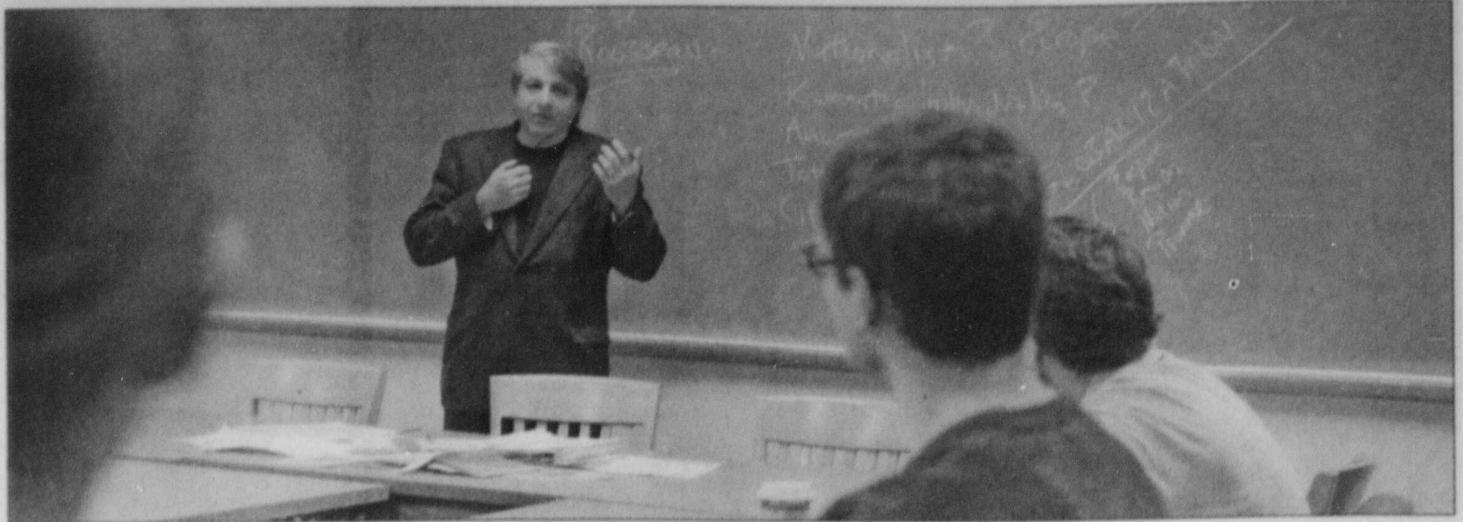
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week-long event, Quinn said. James Gleaton, vice president of the honors cabinet, said he enjoys seeing the diversity of honors presentations. "Honors Week illustrates something I love best about the program — its diversity," said Gleaton, a junior biology and mathematics major. "I think sometimes the common stereotype with an Honors Program is that it specifically relates to notable work in the liberal arts, which couldn't be more of an illusion."

Gleaton said TCU Honors showcases a wide variety of interests from business cycles to the hepatitis C virus. Today's convocation will also be the first time TCU's three-year-old steel drum band, which incorporates Latin percussion instruments with steel percussion instruments, performs for the ceremony. Classes held at 11 a.m. will be canceled to allow all students, faculty and staff to have the opportunity to attend Convocation. Quinn said several honors students invite their families to attend the ceremony and the senior project presentations.



Benjamin Barber teaches a class about political theory. Barber will speak at the 45th annual Honors Convocation today.

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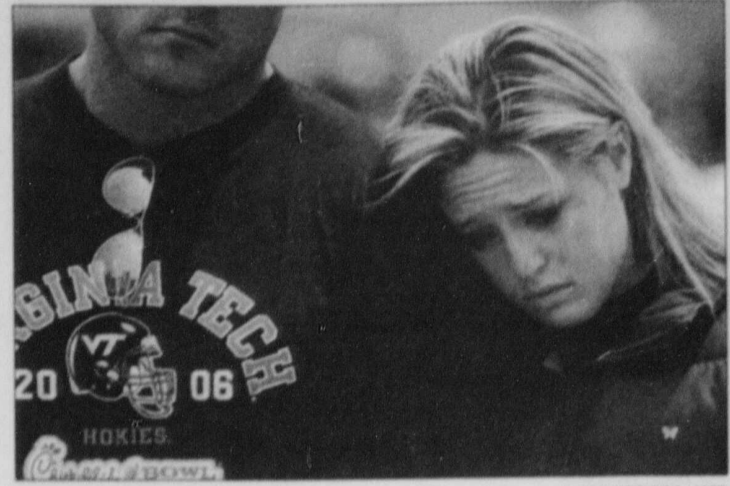
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One of Cho's roommates told CNN on Tuesday that the police intervention had left Cho so distraught that he wrote in an instant message that he might as well kill himself. After receiving a phone call that Cho might be suicidal, campus police met with Cho and talked to him at length. Based on that, they obtained a court order, and he was taken to a mental health facility. The Richmond Times-Dispatch obtained the temporary

detention order issued on Dec. 13, 2005, by a Montgomery County, Va., court magistrate. It declared Cho "an imminent danger to himself as a result of mental illness." The order said that Cho was "mentally ill and in need of hospitalization and present(s) an imminent danger to self or others as a result of mental illness, or is so seriously mentally ill as to be substantially unable to care for self and is incapable of volunteering or unwilling to volunteer for treatment." It said he was released for outpatient treatment. Cho was treated at a psy-

chiatric hospital in the nearby town of Radford at the time, but officials at the Carilion Saint Albans Behavioral Health Center wouldn't comment on his stay or the nature of his treatment. "Because this is an ongoing criminal investigation, we're not releasing any information, but we are cooperating fully with the investigation," said Eric Earnhart, a spokesman for Carilion Health System. Campus police also had consulted with Virginia Tech English professor Lucinda Roy, who'd reported disturbing writing assignments from Cho that raised a red flag for

her. But the police determined that there were no explicit or implied threats in the writings and did not take action. The director of campus counseling, Chris Flynn, said the English Department had requested a meeting with counselors about how to deal with troubled students, but he didn't know what prompted the incident and said specific students weren't discussed. Dr. Harvey Barker, director of ACCESS, the county mental health system, confirmed that it had done an evaluation of Cho in 2005, but said he couldn't comment on the case.



Virginia Tech seniors Ryan Lowman, left, and Shera Ruben visit a makeshift memorial at the Drill Field yesterday.

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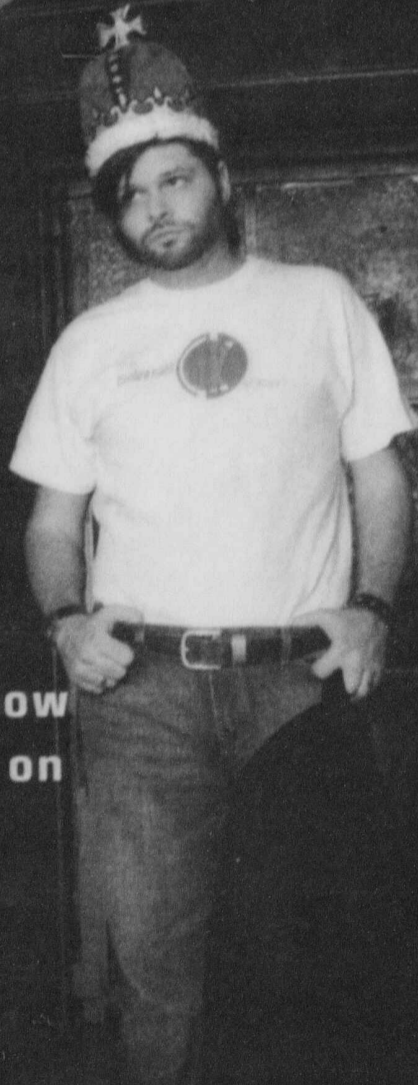
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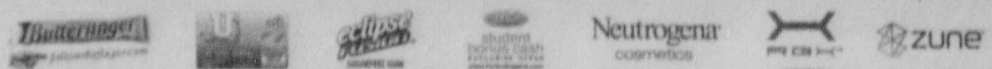
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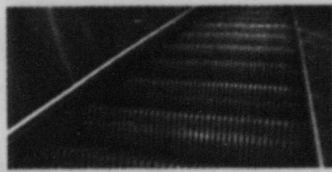
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"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."
— Martin Luther King Jr.

THE SKIFF VIEW

Internet campaigning not enough

In 1960, Richard Nixon and John Kennedy took to the podium for the first nationally televised presidential debate. This moment was the first time that the communication medium of television was used to influence voting.

During that race, Kennedy's charm and charisma over the television led to a victory for the young democrat and kept Nixon out of office until 1968. Television is a tool for communication that brings people together to entertain and inform.

Now, 47 years later, the Internet is being used as a tool for campaigning and getting the word out about possible candidates. The Web site, youtube.com, is an extra arm of Texas governor Rick Perry's attempt to continue gaining publicity. Available through youtube.com is the Governor Perry channel for a nominal fee.

Getting attention of voters and donors through a more comfortable and prevalent medium is a good idea, but where

is the personal element of going on the campaign trail. Though Kinky Friedman may not have been the strongest gubernatorial candidate, he did take the classic campaign approach. By this, he rode on the back of Cadillacs, shook hands, kissed babies and made his face known. He did not take a computerized approach to let people know what his politics entailed.

Taking the time to get to know the constituents has a longer lasting approach than simply being part of a mailing list or online forum. Becoming a peer and being able to say, "I know that candidate," will get the votes in the ballot box, not just watching a video of Governor Perry explain how "If Washington won't protect our borders, Texas will."

The Internet may be grounds to inform, but by no means should it be the end-all be-all of campaigning for the new millennium.

Sports editor Marcus Murphree for the editorial board.

BY WAYNE STAYSKAL



Don't forget courageousness coming out of tragic events

It sometimes takes the worst tragedies to bring out the best in people.

We saw it on Sept. 11; we have seen it on the battlefield in Iraq, and we saw it yesterday at Virginia Tech.

Amidst the violence, amidst the bloodshed, amidst the chaos, the grief and the horror, there was also heroism.

At Monday's press conference, a young, collegiate reporter asked the president of Virginia Tech if he had heard any stories of students helping students or faculty. He brushed her question aside and said that officials were simply focusing on the investigation into the shooter.

In instances such as this, it is easier to focus on the bad. It is difficult not to. However, it is important not to forget that in times of tragedy, enemies become friends, friends become family and family becomes everything. The students at Virginia Tech have pulled together to support each other in this time of need, and

they are not alone.

Monday, when students were trying desperately to inform family and friends that they were all right, they started to use the Virginia Tech March Madness blog to get the word out that they were OK. The site became overwhelmed. The University of Virginia, one of Tech's biggest rivals, immediately turned over its sports blogs to the Virginia Tech students so they could communicate with each other.

However, the mass outpouring of support from the collegiate community does not compare with the individual acts of heroism that are beginning to surface.

A student trapped in the building while the shooter went on the rampage convinced his fellow students to barricade the classroom door with a folding table.

"I was completely scared out of my mind originally, just went into a cowering position and then just realized you have got to do something," he told CNN.

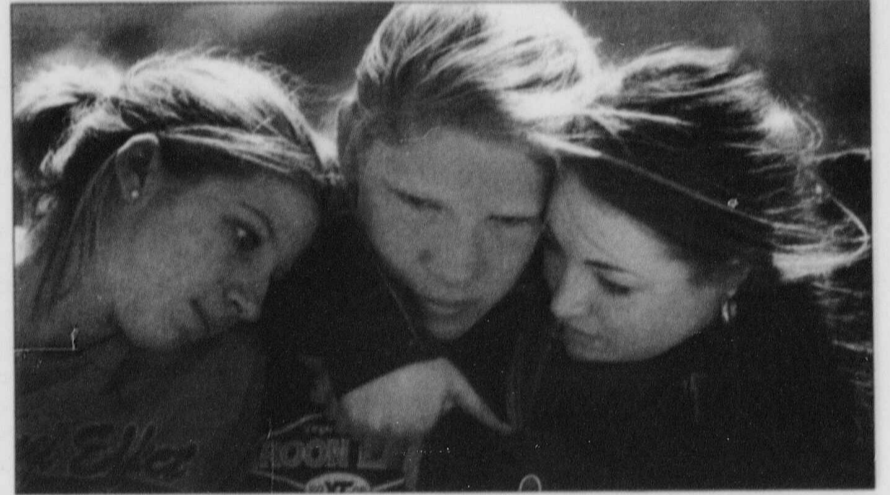
He and two other classmates held the table against the door. The gunman tried to open the door and all three students pushed back against him. The gunman was even able to get the muzzle of his rifle inside, but the students lunged at the door and closed it back up. Their actions potentially saved the lives of all 11 students.

In the weeks to come, more heroic tales will most likely come to the surface.

Whether they involve saving lives or simply saving a Web site for the Tech students, these generous acts should not be forgotten. It is important to remember that people are sometimes capable of violent, hateful and unspeakable acts of violence, but it also important to remember that people are also caring, sacrificing and magnanimous.

The violence instigated by the shooter at Virginia Tech is not indicative of the typical American college student. As for those who would say they fear for the future of my generation, I would say the following:

If you want to see into the future, do not focus on the bullet. Look instead at the helping hands, the acts



Virginia Tech freshmen (from left) Sarah Carlson, Sarah Peet and Danica Van Thorn support each other during a memorial service on April 17, a day after 33 people were shot to death on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, Va.

of kindness and the sacrifices made by those in their time of need. Look at the outpouring of support from the youth of our nation. Look at the vigils and the signs and the messages of vicarious grief.

That is what our generation is really about. As horrified as I was by the gunman's actions, the students of

Virginia Tech made me proud to be part of their academic community. Hopefully, in the next few weeks, their actions will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with them all.

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Sallie Mae buyout not as bad; loan rates should see decrease

My initial reaction to the headlines announcing that student-loan provider Sallie Mae is being bought

out by private investors was to write a column about how terrible privatization is for students because of the potential for interest rates to rise.

After all, I typically am very much for the government regulation of social programs. But, after I did my research on this topic, I realized that privatizing one of the nation's largest student loan companies may not be such a bad thing.

My main concern was the impact that the \$25 billion buyout of Sallie Mae would have on TCU students. So I asked Melet Leafgreen, assistant director for loan programs, what her take on the issue was.

Her response was that she did not believe the privatization would have any significant impact on TCU students.

"The interest rates on federal programs will

continue to be mandated by law, and the interest rates on private loans are unlikely to change since Sallie Mae must compete for business with all other lenders in the private loan marketplace," she said.

Leafgreen also said she does not believe that privatizing Sallie Mae will have any impact whatsoever on scholarship amounts.

I asked Wes Waggoner, director of freshman admission, whether he thought that the privatization of Sallie Mae would have any impact on admissions in the future.

Waggoner said that a student's ability to pay is something admissions pays attention to.

He said that if the rates rise, it may play a role in who chooses to apply to TCU, but the real question is whether privatizing Sallie Mae will affect students' ability to pay.

"When looking at education, families are savvy enough to know that they are making a four-year commitment," Waggoner said. "Financial aid does a good job of educating families."

According to a recent Reuters article, the \$25 billion buyout comes at a time when Sallie Mae and

other student loan providers are under investigation for offering kickbacks to universities for steering business their way.

According to the article, Sallie Mae settled with New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo for \$2 million, though the company did not admit any wrongdoing on its part but promised to change some of its lending practices.

Privatizing Sallie Mae will probably not result in rocketing rates on student loans. In fact, it more than likely means rates will decrease, and the company will become more efficient as it is forced to compete in the market with other student loan companies.

The good news is, regardless of what happens, TCU financial aid is there to help students find the support they need to finance their education, and I have faith that if rates on student loans from Sallie Mae do rise, TCU will help students find lower-interest lenders.

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Sen. McCain's hypocritical campaign should not garner necessary votes

For years, John McCain has trotted out the hoary joke that "presidential ambition is a disease that can only be cured by embalming fluid." In recent weeks, however, the joke has become more poignant. McCain acts like he's been drinking the stuff.

McCain's absurd stroll around a Baghdad market, attempting to show that the so-called "surge" of American soldiers is working, is a prime example. McCain famously stepped on his own point by wearing a bulletproof vest and walking inside a protective bubble of soldiers, snipers and gunships.

It was just another in McCain's ongoing series of humiliations that are shriveling him from American hero to Gollum. He is perhaps the saddest example of how brushing the White House with one's fingertips can destroy a person.

After winning the 2000 New Hampshire primary, McCain probably began to hear "Hail to the Chief" in his head every time he entered a room. Receiving a daily tongue bath from reporters on his "Straight Talk Express" bus couldn't have helped keep him grounded. Unlike Al Gore, he couldn't walk away.

Since his 2000 flameout, McCain has lowered himself to ridiculously transparent pandering in an effort to win over the social conservatives who rejected him. On abortion, gay marriage, the Confederate flag, tax cuts and more, McCain has reversed course as he oozes up to the Bible-thumping activists he once denounced.

Unfortunately for McCain, conservatives are not as stupid as he thinks they are. His campaign is teetering on the brink of disaster. His fundraising is abysmal. Worse yet, a recent Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll showed him trailing not only former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, but also the guy from "Law and Order," Fred Thompson. And Thompson isn't even a candidate. Once again, conservatives are rejecting him. His sucking up seems to be for nothing. Amidst

all of this pandering, McCain's adamant support for escalating the Iraq war is baffling. Polls show that 60 percent of Americans want to reduce the number of troops in Iraq or pull them out completely. Why would McCain support this if he is so bent on winning the presidency?

Well, consider that about two-thirds of Republicans support Bush's policy in Iraq. Those are the people most likely to vote in the primaries, which means those are the people McCain must capture if his campaign is going to continue. Banging the war drum and accusing Democrats of wishing for defeat will help him win over this small minority when he needs them most.

Ever the cynical politician, McCain has left himself an out he can use in the general election: If the surge doesn't work, the American people "will demand that we get out." Of course, that's what we're demanding right now, but first McCain wants to give the surge a chance to work.

How long will it take to know if the surge is working? Some months, according to McCain. Will we know before the primaries? McCain doesn't know.

It's a safe bet, I think, that if his pandering to the pro-war primary voters somehow succeeds, nominee McCain will quickly decide that the surge is failing, and it is time to withdraw from Iraq.

In that sense, McCain is telling the truth when he says there is no Plan B. Withdrawal is Plan A. McCain can count, and he knows that fatigue with Bush's world-historic incompetence might flip Ohio and Florida to the Democratic nominee. Promising to pull out of Iraq is the only way to win the presidency, and McCain will do whatever it takes to win.

American soldiers, meanwhile, will donate their limbs and lives to his campaign. We can only hope that, like Gollum, McCain's candidacy melts into a fiery puddle.

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New ideas for accident arise in N.J. governor's car crash

By JOSH GOHLKE AND LAURA FASBACH
The Record (Hackensack, N.J.)

TRENTON, N.J. — The state police account of the accident that critically injured Governor Corzine has changed dramatically in five days.

Early versions emphasized the "erratic" operation of a red pickup that was still at large. The latest has the governor's trooper-driven Chevrolet Suburban, speeding and flashing its emergency lights, hastening the pickup onto the shoulder.

"I think I was very cautious in saying this was preliminary information so, basically, don't be surprised if this changes," state police Col. Joseph Fuentes said when asked about the discrepancies. "In some respects, you have the fog of war there in the beginning."

A look at some of the most important changes follows.

— **Speed:** "Traffic was flowing and speed is not considered to be a contributing circumstance," the colonel told reporters during his first

briefing on the accident Thursday night.

On Tuesday, the state police announced that the governor's Chevrolet Suburban was going 91 mph 5 seconds before its impact with a guardrail and may have been decelerating by then.

"Speed is always a contributing factor in any accident," Fuentes said in a conference call with reporters Tuesday. When asked about his earlier comments, he said, "It didn't appear at the time that speed was a factor."

— **Emergency lights:** The state police did not mention that the governor's vehicle had its emergency lights on until Saturday, two days after the accident. They now acknowledge that the lights prompted two drivers to move over, starting the chain of events that led to the wreck.

"It's not unusual for them to turn the lights on and then to turn them off and to do that several times during the course of the transport," Fuentes said Tuesday.

— **The red pickup:** The driver of the red pickup started out as the clear villain in the state police story and ended up a victim of circumstances.

On Thursday night, a few hours after the accident, Fuentes called it "the red pickup truck that precipitated the accident" by making "an erratic move, entering the roadway from the shoulder." He added, "According to

preliminary witness reports, the red pickup was driving erratically prior to causing this accident."

By Saturday, the state police had identified the driver and announced that they would not charge him. The official account now has him making room for the motorcade by steering onto the right shoulder of the Garden State Parkway, and then steering back to avoid a mile marker.

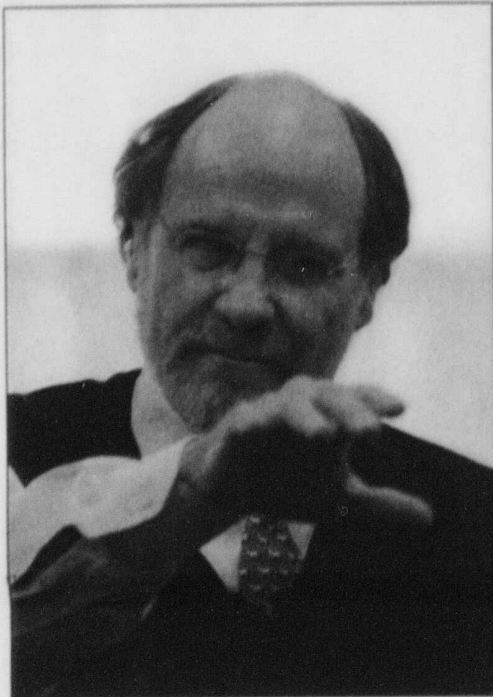
"You notice we did not give a summons to the red pickup," Fuentes said Tuesday.

— **The governor's driver:** "From our preliminary investigation, it looks as if the trooper did a tremendous job in maintaining what control he could over that vehicle, given the fact the other vehicle swerved into his path," Fuentes said of Trooper Robert Rasinski, the governor's driver, on Thursday night.

Fuentes would not say Tuesday whether speeding and emergency lights were appropriate in this case, when the governor was trying to make an appointment with fired radio host Don Imus and the Rutgers women's basketball team. The colonel said it would be up to an internal accident review panel to decide whether the crash could have been avoided.

"They make determinations as to whether procedures were violated, as to whether accidents are preventable or not preventable," Fuentes said.

— **Officials would not comment on the use of seat belts on the night of the crash.** The next day, Corzine spokesman Anthony Coley acknowledged that the governor was probably not using one. On Tuesday, the state police noted that neither the governor nor aide Samantha Gordon, who was in the back seat, was wearing a safety belt.



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New Jersey Gov. John Corzine gestures during an interview, March 23, 2006, in Philadelphia, Penn. Corzine was critically injured in a car accident April 12.

Getting down to business



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David Minor, middle, director of the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center, and Adam Blake, right, senior and business owner, discuss the School of Business with show host Shivaun Palmer in Smith Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

Entrepreneurs share experiences

By ASHER FOGLE
Staff Reporter

The Smith Hall conference room was filled with students' cued applause as the radio program "Everything Fort Worth" began at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

For the following hour, host Shivaun Palmer questioned panelists David Minor, Curt Moore, Justin "Red" Sanders and Adam Blake about the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center, its impact on the community and their personal experiences in business.

Minor, the William N. Dickey Entrepreneur in Residence and director of the program, helped found the entrepreneurship program at TCU in 2000 after working for 20 years as president and CEO of a landscape service company. He recalled his childhood lawn-mowing business and elaborated on the awards and other successes of the business school.

"We've been really blessed," Minor said. "More important to me, though, is the recog-

niton that our students are getting. That's really where the joy comes for me."

Blake, a senior entrepreneurial management and finance major, received the 2005 Global Student Entrepreneur Award for his real estate investment company. Watching his father's experience in the corporate world, Blake said, motivated him to start his own business.

He said, as a freshman, he saw an opportunity to rent property to students and eventually expanded into Blake Venture Corp. with more than \$3 million in assets.

"TCU really helped me take my business to the next level," Blake said during the radio interview. "They were able to introduce me to different professionals in the community. In addition, they contributed their own resources and time to help me along and grow my own business."

After sophomore business major Justin Anderson appeared on Palmer's show

in January, she decided to come to campus and dedicate an entire show to the Neeley Entrepreneurship Center, said Sheryl Doll, coordinator of the TCU Texas Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Program.

Sanders, a TCU graduate, owns Red Productions, a video production company, and won a Lone Star Emmy for a documentary created in conjunction with the radio-TV-film department.

He described his business philosophy for Palmer and about 25 students, faculty and staff in the conference room.

"What's good for the bottom line for business can also be good for society," Sanders said. "If we are going to point our creative lens at something, we want it to be something positive."

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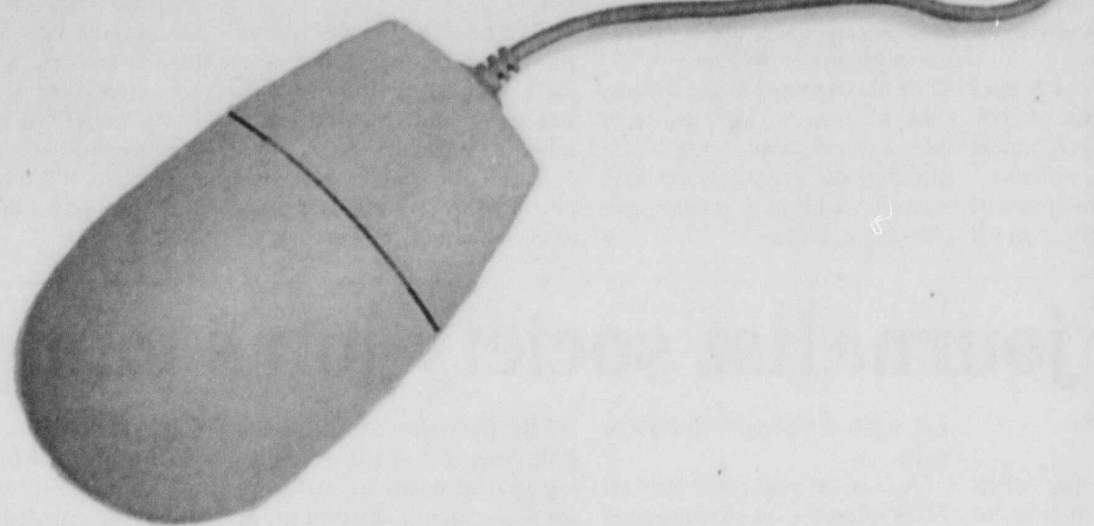
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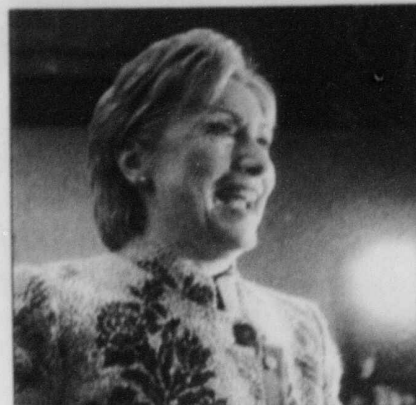
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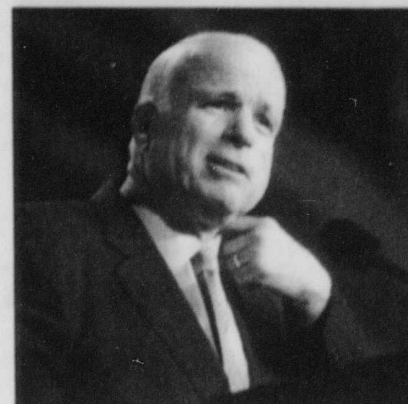
Internet Politics



Former Sen. John Edwards MCT



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Sen. Barack Obama MCT

Republican and Democratic candidates are utilizing the Internet in their campaigns.

By JENIGHI POWELL
Staff Reporter

Meet John. He's a 53-year-old Gemini who likes Bruce Springsteen with 18,348 friends on the popular social networking site MySpace.com. Meet Mitt. He has 5,257 friends, is 60 years old, married and listens to the Beatles and Roy Orbison. Their occupations: U.S. senator, former governor and 2008 presidential hopefuls.

MySpace.com and other social networking sites, such as Facebook.com and Friendster.com, appeal to a core audience of 18- to 25-year-olds, a demographic that will play a key role in the 2008 election, according to a March article in the Washington Post.

Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney are just two of the 13 presidential hopefuls whose profiles are

featured on MySpace.com. The site has also attracted Democrats Sen. Hillary Clinton, Sen. Joe Biden, Sen. Chris Dodd, Sen. Barack Obama, Bill Richardson and Dennis Kucinich. Republicans include Tommy Thompson, Rudolph Giuliani, Duncan Hunter, Ron Paul and Sen. John McCain.

And, with friend totals in the thousands, MySpace.com and other social networking sites appear to be what Jose Antonio Vargas, of The Washington Post, calls a "new kind of political action committee."

MySpace is Your Space

Claire Boecking, a member of several presidential Facebook groups, believes that the Internet will play an important role in the election.

"It is defiantly important for the candidates to have a presence

online because I think that the country is becoming more and more dependent on the Internet for everything," said Boecking, a junior mechanical engineer major. "When people want a direct answer, or if they are just bored, they turn to the Internet, and a good presence online will surely help any candidate."

Obama, 45, appears to be the most popular candidate in online social networking sites, having accumulated the most friends, as observed on MySpace and Facebook. With more than 500 groups on Facebook.com, his campaign exemplifies how the Internet can mobilize young voters and raise money.

Using his Web site to organize 5,000 "house parties" in March, Obama collected more than \$7 million on the Internet in the first three months of this year. In 50 days, "One Million Strong for Barack," one of the most popular Obama groups on Facebook.com, reached 314,571 members, a feat Joe Trippi, leader of Howard Dean's 2004 e-campaign said is no easy task. In an interview with The

Washington Post, Trippi said a 139,000-member e-mail list for Dean took six months.

However, Vargas also noted Edwards' leads in sheer number of social networking sites with 23 "socnets," or social networks.

Fellow Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton has also attracted popularity on Facebook.com with about the same number of groups as Obama, but with fewer members than Obama's group, according to The Washington Post.

The Price of Clicking

Republican candidates have established a strong Web presence but appear to be less effective in gathering the supporters and fundraising their democratic counterparts seem to be cashing in on.

McCain, who used the Internet to raise his profile and dollars in his 2000 campaign for the White House, offered the opportunity to people to pick and track not only their own NCAA Championship picks, but his as well.

But in late March, McCain's MySpace profile was hacked into

by a Web page designer. McCain's page was changed to say he now had a favorable stance on the issue of gay marriage, according to an article in Michigan's Grand Rapids Press.

Republican Mitt Romney has developed "Team Mitt" software for fundraising and plans to borrow the Obama strategy of organizing house parties in the near future, according to an April article in the Austin American-Statesman.

Youtube.com, a video-sharing Web site, has a section dedicated to candidate uploaded videos. Several candidates used this as their medium of choice to announce their candidacies for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination before visiting the major media outlets.

TechPresident.com, a blog tracking the use of technology by the campaigns, updates the number of MySpace friends of each of the candidates every four hours. Daily statistics are maintained on how many times their names are mentioned in the blogosphere. There is even a category for "Wild Card" can-

didates, namely, Al Gore, Wesley Clark, Newt Gingrich and Fred Thompson.

To Vote or Not to Vote

However, some students are concerned Internet popularity will not transfer into votes on Election Day.

Matthew Dunham, a junior political science major, commented Internet social networks such as Facebook.com are not a factor in his presidential voting decision.

"I don't really buy into the hype of candidates on Facebook," Dunham said. "I like to read newspapers and make my decision based on the candidate's stance on issues."

But Burton said he believes college students will follow through on Election Day.

"This is a different kind of election, a different kind of energy and a real desire for change, which is a galvanizing force," Burton said. "Now, more than ever in this generation, we really can get young people voting and get them involved."

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Students try to beat gravity in challenge

By LEIGH ANN WEAVER
Staff Reporter

Red Bull gives you wings ... and possibly a free trip to Red Bull Flugtag in Nashville, Tenn., if you win the Red Bull Gravity Challenge on campus today.

Programming Council is co-sponsoring the Red Bull Gravity Challenge today on the Sadler Lawn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The challenge will consist of an egg drop from 50 feet and the winning team will get to go to the Red Bull Flugtag on June 23.

Flugtag is German for "flying day," and it is Red Bull's national event that challenges the everyday creative genius to build a human-powered flying machine that gets pushed off of a 30-foot ramp in hopes of achieving flight.

"The challenge is a come and go kind of thing," said Aaron Wolfe, PC vice chair. "We will have 10 teams and they will be judged on creativity, theme and whether or not their egg breaks."

The teams participating had to apply to Red Bull directly and after signing up, the team received a free case of Red Bull to get them started. Then, the teams have to design and build their "egg machines."

"There is a lot of interest in the challenge," Wolfe said. "I'm really impressed with the turn out so far."

Red Bull came to PC with the idea of the challenge because they had previously helped fund Howdy Week, and they expressed interest in doing other on-campus events, said Natalie Boone, PC adviser.

"Red Bull has done most of

"The challenge is a come and go kind of thing,"

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the work with setting up and stuff, but PC helped them out with publicizing and booking the facility," Boone said.

Boone said the Gravity Challenge will not only include the egg drop but also fun, music and a chance to hang out with friends.

"Although the Gravity Challenge overlaps with the Honors Convocation, we'll try to keep the music down until they're done," Boone said.

Ido Farhi, freshman SGA communications chair, is also a participant in the egg drop.

"I saw the ad on Facebook and I thought it would be an interesting challenge for our team, since we are all engineering majors," Farhi said.

Heather Carlson and Andrew Neill are on the team with Farhi. Their theme is the "Egyptian Redbells."

"We tried to get 'Redbells' to sound like rebels and Red Bull at the same time, so we could incorporate Red Bull into our team name," Farhi said.

To get more points for their team, Farhisaid, he and his teammates have opted to base their design on pyramids. This way they can be tough competition, Farhi said.

"I'm excited about our design and I'm not that worried about the competition," Farhi said. "We have a good team."

Education, dance schools to get name change in fall

By REBEKAH HOOD
Staff Reporter

Students returning to TCU next fall could notice name changes for two schools on campus.

As of June 1, the School of Education's name will officially be The College of Education, and the School of Ballet and Modern Dance will be referred to as the School of Classical and Contemporary Dance.

Nowell Donovan, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, made the decision for the name changes.

Donovan said for the School of Education, the title of "college" will bring it into alignment with the rest of the campus.

"The chancellor and provost thought it would be a good

idea to acknowledge our new graduate offerings," said Sam Deitz, dean of the School of Education.

The School of Education has added three doctoral degrees over the past four or five years, making their graduate presence stronger, Deitz said.

"As you grow, things change," Deitz said. "A department is not as prestigious as a school, and a school is not as prestigious as a college."

Deitz also said that every educational entity always wants to move up in prestige.

"This (name change) sounds like it's a good idea and will give a more positive outlook for the School of Education," said Lauren Phillips, a sophomore education major.

The name change goes beyond the title seen on signs or the outside of the buildings.

The School of Education's title must be changed on everything from faculty business cards, brochures, the school's Web site and addresses, all the way down to the pencils that are passed out to students visiting campus, Deitz said.

Deitz also said the changes are being done gradually, and therefore, are costing very little.

"For example, as we run out of stationary or brochures or signs or pencils, the new stationary is printed with the new name," Deitz said.

As for the School of Ballet and Modern Dance, Donovan said, it seemed fitting that its

title be changed as it is "winning awards all over the place."

The dance department recently received full accreditation from the National Association for Schools of Dance, said Ellen Shelton, chair of the dance department.

The title will better reflect what the department already does and where it wants to go and is open to a more global look at dance, Shelton said.

Just like the School of Education, the name change is happening gradually for the dance department and without much extra expense.

"It's interesting all the places it pops up — even the signature on e-mails. It'll take a while to work through all of the pieces," Shelton said.

Black journalist society joins campus

By ELIZABETH DAVIDSON
Staff Reporter

The organization that called for "shock jock" Don Imus to be fired is starting a chapter on campus.

Last week the National Association of Black Journalists released a statement asking for Imus to be removed immediately for his comment about the Rutgers University's women's basketball team.

Karen Anderson, a journalism graduate student, is organizing an NABJ chapter at TCU. Their first meeting was Wednesday night, Anderson said. Although it is the end of the semester, she said she wants to get the chapter set up for next year.

"The national convention for NABJ is in Las Vegas next August, so the plan is to get people organized now, then go there and start next year

off with a bang," Anderson said.

Anderson said there was an NABJ chapter on campus previously, but the professor who sponsored it left and it fizzled out. She wanted to start the chapter again because she said it is important for black journalists to have mentors to help them in their careers.

Antoinette Nevils, a sophomore news-editorial journalism major, said she is looking forward to the NABJ.

"Journalism didn't really have any organizations for minorities so I'm glad they're doing something about that," Nevils said. "It will be a good opportunity to find more jobs, internships and scholarships."

The NABJ was founded in 1975 and is the largest organization of black journalists in America, according to the

NABJ Web site. Its purpose is to connect black journalists nationwide in order to increase black employment in the media, encourage and educate black students pursuing a career in journalism, and "to monitor and sensitize all media to racism," according to its Web site.

On April 4, Imus called the women's basketball team "nappy-head hos" on his radio talk show "Imus in the Morning."

The NABJ asked for Imus to be fired for his racist comment on April 6, and for black journalists to boycott the show. The NABJ said Imus' apology was "too little, too late," according to the news release on the NABJ Web site.

Three days later, CBS Radio and MSNBC announced they were suspending Imus for two weeks. A few days after that,

on April 12, CBS canceled the show and fired Imus.

"I'm glad, in a way, that he said what he did because it brought America's focus back on race," said Bob Ray Sanders, an adjunct professor and columnist at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "It's something we ought to talk about."

The Society of Professional Journalists will be holding a panel discussion on Thursday where Sanders, along with Steve Stockdale, a professor of semantics, will share their opinions on the Imus situation.

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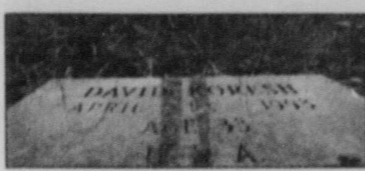
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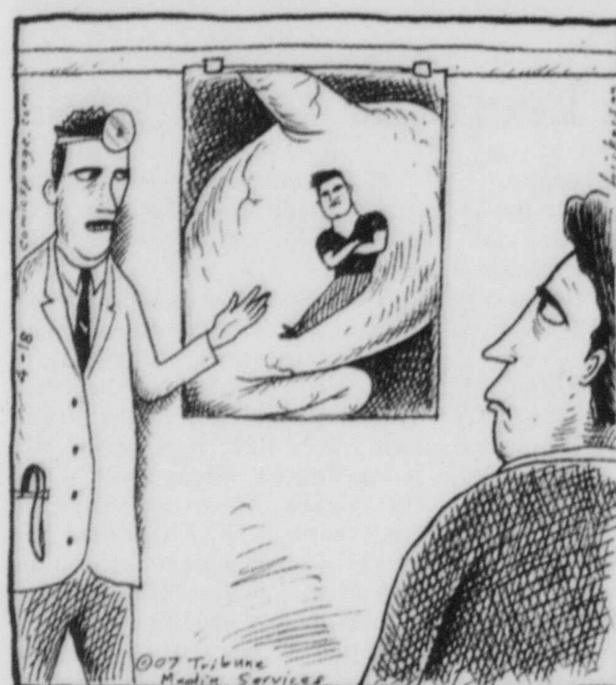
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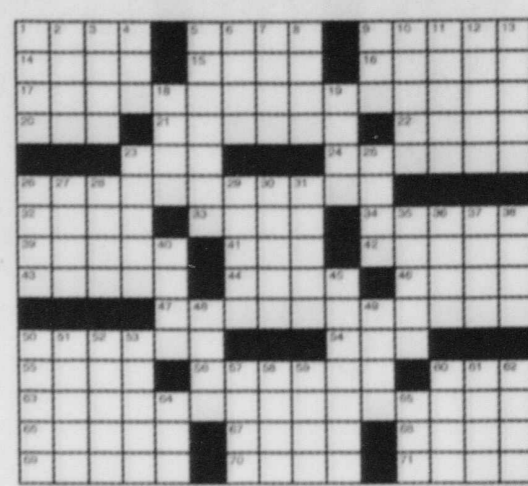
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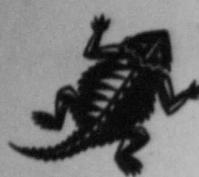
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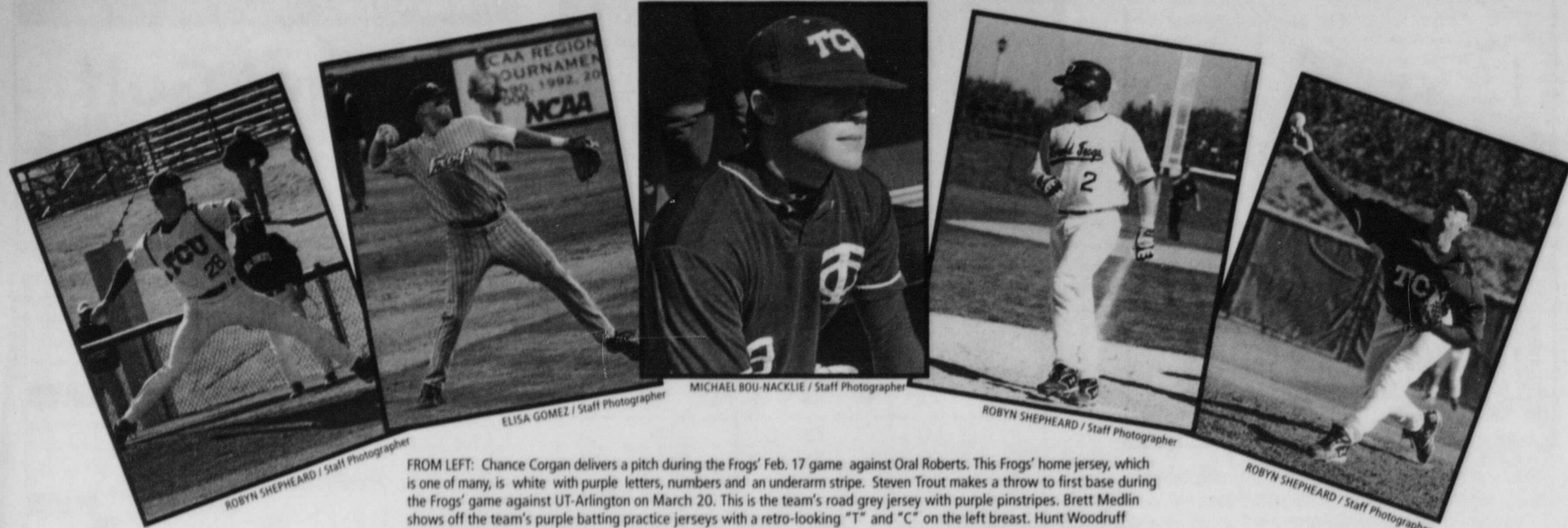
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FROM LEFT: Chance Corgan delivers a pitch during the Frogs' Feb. 17 game against Oral Roberts. This Frogs' home jersey, which is one of many, is white with purple letters, numbers and an underarm stripe. Steven Trout makes a throw to first base during the Frogs' game against UT-Arlington on March 20. This is the team's road grey jersey with purple pinstripes. Brett Medlin shows off the team's purple batting practice jerseys with a retro-looking "T" and "C" on the left breast. Hunt Woodruff scores during the Frogs' March 31 game against UC-Santa Barbara. This jersey is white and has "Horned Frogs" written in purple cursive on the front of it. Sam Demel prepares to throw a pitch March 3 against Vermont. This is the Frogs' purple home jersey with "TCU" printed in white with a white underarm.

Horned Frog baseball team uses a number of jerseys to keep the team fresh

By ELISA GOMEZ
Staff Reporter

A team is seen as a unified crew on the field of play, working together to achieve its goal: winning. Joined as one under the colors of purple and white, the Horned Frog baseball team has several jersey combinations and ways to be identified, creating a unique combination distinct to TCU.

At the beginning of the 2007 season, the team had six available game jerseys along with one jersey for batting practice. All of these jerseys were made by Pro-Line Athletic Company, which TCU recently signed a long-term contract with, said Charlie Harris, vice president of sales and marketing.

Pro-Line Athletic Company, a Fort Worth-based company, is the official uniform company for several college baseball teams as well as eight high school baseball coaches' association teams.

"We searched the market and from that we developed a product

in-house," Harris said. "We took out what we didn't want and put in what they wanted."

One particular idea for a uniform came from head coach Jim Schlossnagle. Schlossnagle presented a one-button pull-over style jersey used by the American national team that Schlossnagle helped coach last summer. He pitched the idea to the company, and the Frogs are currently the only team wearing this particular style of jersey, Harris said.

Second baseman Ben Carruthers said this is one of his favorite home jerseys.

"I like when we have the purple top," Carruthers said. "It's real loose, and when you go white pants, it's a good combination, the dark top and white pants. It's kind of old-fashioned to just throw on a top and pants and go play."

Another jersey that can usually be seen on the first day of a home series is an all-white uniform. A white jersey with "Horned Frogs" across the front paired with white

pants creates a clean look for the Frogs. This year, the last names of the players were added to the back of the jerseys.

A crowd favorite put into play last season that will most likely make a comeback next season is the throw-back style that was usually worn on Sundays. Carruthers said he really liked the old-school look.

"A lot of families come to the game, and it kind of brings back the old-time baseball," Carruthers said.

A home look that some of the players enjoy is a white top with purple accenting underneath the arms. Senior Keith Conlon said this uniform is his favorite home jersey because he has hit three home runs in it.

When playing on the road, the team has two different options to choose from. One option is a gray pin stripe with "Frogs" across the chest. Both Carruthers and Conlon said they liked these jerseys the best because of the fit and comfort. The Frogs logo is modeled in the same font as the Toronto Blue

Jays of the American League.

"It fits the best, and I like the lettering on the front," Conlon said.

Another option the Horned Frogs have is a solid gray jersey with purple trim and "TCU" across the chest.

A special addition to the TCU wardrobe was a St. Patrick's Day edition of the jersey. The green jersey with purple trim, white pants and green hat with a purple TCU letterhead and clover on the back was a welcome change for the players.

"That took us by surprise," Carruthers said. "We didn't know until about an hour before when they handed us our uniforms. We were pretty pumped up, and it was just fun to wear a different color."

This idea was one that came from Schlossnagle and Joel Taylor, a representative who worked with Pro-Line, Harris said.

"It was a big hit," Harris said. "Any players who wanted to purchase them could, and then they were sold to the public."

The Texas flag on the left side of each uniform sleeve is also a distinctive attribute to the Frogs' uniform.

"Coach Schlossnagle had it last year, and it's something we've carried over this year," Harris said.

Big 12 teams such as the Texas Tech Red Raiders and the Baylor Bears only have four or five different tops to choose from. While this makes for several different combinations, the Frogs have had a total of seven jerseys worn in the past season, and, according to Carruthers, teams have taken notice.

"When we went to South Carolina, all the teams up there were telling us how nice our uniforms are," Carruthers said. "They hadn't seen a team have so many different combinations."

And, with a 15-0 record at home, it seems as though the Frogs have found the right combination of purple, white and even green to continue their home winning-streak this week against the BYU Cougars.

Ricky Williams without football turns to yoga

By STACY HICKLIN
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

GRASS VALLEY, Calif. — He slowly walks up the stairs to the wooden deck to take his place at the front of the class.

No heads turn in his direction. His students talk quietly among themselves as they position their yoga mats.

He is their teacher, nothing more. To them, he is Rudra, the Hindu name he has been given. They do not care about his past, even though glimpses of that past are still visible.

Peeking from underneath his bright yellow shirt are tattoos that stretch across his well-formed forearms. His broad shoulders and strong frame are difficult not to notice. Underneath the yoga clothes and beneath the spiritual chanting, he is still Ricky Williams — former Heisman Trophy winner and Dolphins running back.

Just not right now. Or not for another few weeks, anyway. Williams, last week, applied for NFL reinstatement.

But for now, he is like everyone else at the Sivananda Ashram Yoga Farm. This is something he has long wanted — to be considered a regular person.

Leading his 23 students through relaxing breathing exercises, chanting and yoga poses at this modestly priced, commune-style retreat, Williams has found where he fits in.

After class winds down, students approach Williams with questions about yoga and the farm. He answers every question with a smile.

Answering questions is nothing new to Williams, who turns 30 next month. He has been in the spotlight since he was a high school athlete in San

"It's not a matter of external things. It's when you can step back and be OK with everything that you can see the beauty of your life."

Ricky Williams

Former Heisman Trophy winner

Diego. He never liked all the questions and interviews.

But here, 10 miles outside this small town just east of Sacramento, most of the questions Williams deals with these days are his own.

He spends his time looking inside himself for answers. Searching for happiness. Searching for understanding. Searching for what he always felt was missing from life.

That search is nothing new for him. It is what led him to retire from football in 2004, and early the next year led him to Sivananda Ashram, which has been his home base since — even when his NFL comeback was derailed by a fourth failed drug test in April 2006.

Williams played in the Canadian Football League during his yearlong drug suspension. His request to return to the NFL could in part be to help pay back the \$8.6 million he owes the Dolphins. If he is granted reinstatement, Williams knows more questions await him. Questions about drugs, dedication, the Dolphins' new coaching staff and his desire to play football.

Williams said he has found what he was searching for through yoga, and there's no need to smoke marijuana anymore.

"With yoga and meditation he finds the same peace he felt when he was high. He's not worried about frequent drug

tests, which he has been undergoing twice a week.

"It's easy to be here with the same schedule and the same people and having a good life, but I think for me to go back to play football is the greatest test to see if this yoga thing is the real deal or not," Williams said.

At the yoga farm he works from sunrise to sunset facing his stresses, fears and limitations, while doing service work and teaching nearly 20 hours a week of yoga in exchange for communal vegetarian meals at the farm. There are no TVs, movies, alcohol or drugs to distract him.

Williams said people don't take the time to really look at the issues behind drug use.

"Really (drugs are) not that big of a deal," Williams said. "Really the big deal about it is that someone could give up so much money to do what they wanted to do. And people can't understand that, so it gets diverted. It comes off easier if it's a drug issue. They can't understand that someone wanted more from life than money and fame."

Williams is not worried about whether he will be reinstated in the NFL. He said he is sure he will know his status by April 28, when the NFL Draft starts, because the league wants teams to know who they have going into the draft.

Williams confirmed he has

not talked to Dolphins first-year coach Cam Cameron, but he doesn't think it's a big deal.

"The situation is a little bit different than last year," Williams said. "The reason (former coach Nick Saban) contacted me, mainly, was to make sure I was working out and getting prepared because I was part of his plan."

Williams admits he is not in minicamp shape now, but with his healthy lifestyle, he doesn't think it will be difficult.

Williams did, however, speak with Saban a few times before Saban left for Alabama and has also had contact with running backs coach Bobby Williams. As far as former Dolphins teammates go, he and wide receiver Chris Chambers have exchanged e-mails.

Miles away from football, the afternoon sun is sinking into the Sierra Foothills that surround the remote, 40-acre yoga farm.

Williams leads the class with confidence and satisfaction. As if there is nowhere else in the world he would rather be.

Even if he heads to South Florida soon, he is now at ease with his life and says he feels equipped to deal with any challenges: whether it's a headstand pose, taking an open-field hit from a linebacker or talking with reporters.

"It's little things every day that show my life is just falling into place," Williams said. "It's not a matter of external things. It's when you can step back and be OK with everything that you can see the beauty of your life."

Team looks to build on seven-game streak

By BILLY WESSELS
Photo Editor

The baseball team will try to extend its current winning streak to double digits if the team completes a three-game sweep of the incoming conference-rival BYU this weekend.

The No. 27 Horned Frogs (28-9, 10-1) have won seven straight games overall and 19 straight at the friendly confines of Lupton Stadium. The last loss for the Frogs came April 5 against the No. 26 Oklahoma Sooners (25-14, 5-6). TCU was able to make up for that loss, which was described as "embarrassing" by head coach Jim Schlossnagle, with an 11-4 victory Tuesday night.

"When we went out there, they beat us pretty good," said senior third baseman Steven Trout about the prior loss against the Sooners. "So coming back and putting it on them was really good for us."

Coach Schlossnagle said the current winning streaks don't mean too much to him.

"Streaks just mean that you are due to break them," Schlossnagle said.

Whether streaks are important to the team or not, it is hard to deny that the Frogs have been playing well as of late. The Frogs have had 10 hits or more in each of the last 11 games.

"I feel really good about (our offense) from the simple standpoint that it hasn't been just one guy," Schlossnagle said. "We have had so

many injuries and so many different line-ups put out there, it seems like every day it is somebody different that is doing something to help the team."

Trout said that work and practice earlier this season is beginning to bear fruit.

"We worked hard on our hitting in the fall and early in the season and now it is paying off," Trout said. "We know we need to score a lot of runs, no matter how well we are pitching."

The pitching has been another reason for the Frogs' recent success.

"Our pitching has continually gotten better throughout the year," said junior pitcher Jake Arrieta. "And I think it will get even better as the year goes on and into the post-season."

This will be the second series of the season against the BYU Cougars (21-14, 6-4) for the Horned Frogs. TCU took two of three games from the Cougars during the three-game road series in Provo, Utah, in March.

Arrieta said playing BYU at home will give the Horned Frog pitchers an advantage.

"The baseball tends to carry more up in the mountains in Utah," Arrieta said. "Here, it is not going to do that as much, and it will give our pitchers some confidence to go out there and throw some strikes."

Game one of the three-game series will begin tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Lupton Stadium.

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