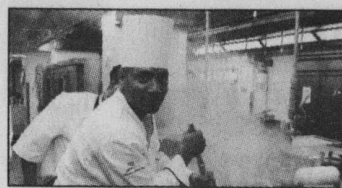
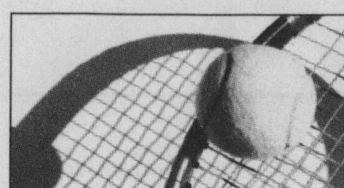
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**TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008**Vol. 105 Issue 94 www.dailyskiff.com**New coach promises 'blue-collar' style of play**By **JOE ZIGTEMA**
News Editor

The new men's basketball coach will bring a workman-like style of play from Kent State University to Fort Worth, he said Saturday at his introductory press conference.

Owning the Mid-American Conference's highest winning percentage, head coach Jim Christian was introduced to media, players

and alumni Saturday at the John Justin Athletic Center.

"This program's going to be blue collar — we're going to work and we're going to start as soon as we can," Christian said. "I'm ready to get to work here."

Christian compiled a record of 137-59 in six seasons as head coach for the Golden Flashes, including two NCAA tournament appearances in 2006 and

2008, where KSU earned its first top-25 ranking in school history.

Christian was named the MAC Coach of the Year twice in the past three seasons, and he won at least 20 games in each of his six seasons.

In the ongoing 2008 tournament, Christian's Golden Flashes earned a No. 9 seed. The team fell in the first round against Mountain West Conference squad Uni-

versity of Nevada, Las Vegas.

TCU athletics director Danny Morrison said Christian was on his list from the beginning of TCU's head coach search, which was assisted by consulting firm Eastman & Beaudine.

"We targeted him because of the winning program aspect, and we loved the fact that he sustained it over a long period of time," Morrison said.

Christian said he is ready to get to work.

"I'm jazzed up right now," Christian said. "I'm ready to get on the floor. We're starting this tomorrow ... People all over the country are trying to win championships, and we're going to be no different."

Junior forward Kevin Langford said the hiring helped the team focus.

"Everybody was kind of in limbo," Langford said. "Everybody is relieved to get some stability now, and somebody to really lead."

Sophomore guard Keion Mitchem said Christian will be a hands-on coach.

"He told us he's going to be at every workout with us," Mitchem said. "Everybody's ready for a fresh start."

FULL HOUSE

Students crowd around the salad bar in The Main at about noon Monday. The closure of Edens and Deco Deli has caused The Main to double its seating capacity. Since the closures, students have been complaining about the crowded dining facilities and lines in The Main.

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Eateries' closure leads to packed MainBy **PATTY ESPINOSA**
Staff Reporter

Before Spring Break, herds of students filled the basement of Reed Hall to grab the last few bites of food from Deco Deli and Edens. Now, The Main is overflowing with hungry students.

Since the closing of Deco Deli and Edens, TCU Dining Services has had to expand the amount of seating in The Main, said Rick Flores, general manager of Dining Services.

Booths and tables were rearranged and Dining Services moved furniture from Deco Deli and Edens into The Main, doubling the seating capacity to accommodate the 400 plus students who would be expected, Flores said.

"Students are coming together in The Main," Flores said. "They're even put-

ting tables together to sit and eat with each other."

However, some students who eat there feel differently about the arrangement.

The line to order from Grill 155 in The Main seems endless, said Megan Mason, a freshman premajor.

"I eat here every day now because there is nowhere else on campus to go, and trying to get food now is ridiculous," Mason said.

Michael Scott Wilson, a sophomore communication studies major, said it feels like high school all over again.

"It's hard to get in and out of the seats because the tables are so close together," Wilson said.

At noon, The Main is completely packed, said Miguel Ortega, a freshman

international communications major.

Edens and Deco Deli closed because of campus construction in Reed Hall. New offices will replace the restaurants that are now in the basement of the hall, and students have been directed to remaining eateries on campus.

Edens and Deco Deli closed March 7, leaving 11 employees without a job. On March 17, six of the 11 employees were working in The Main.

Although students have expressed frustration, Flores said there are plenty of seats outside for students, as well. He said students will also have more seating options when the new Brown-Lupton University Union opens next fall.

"When the new facility is built, we will have 600 seats inside and 150 seats on the terrace," Flores said.

Brite's honoring of Rev. Wright occurs despite his absenceBy **VALERIE HANNON**
AND **JULIETA CHIQUILLO**
Staff Reporters

DALLAS — After almost two weeks of controversy, Brite Divinity School's State of the Black Church Summit honoring the Rev. Jeremiah Wright concluded with no major security issues.

Wright, the absent honoree at the summit, canceled his appearance in Dallas last Wednesday because of security concerns. The luncheon, one of the events Wright was scheduled to attend, was to be held at the Kelly Alumni Center, but the university voted March 19 to move the event off campus, citing security issues. The luncheon was moved

to Paul Quinn College in Dallas.

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, director of Black Church Studies at Brite, said the decision to honor Wright for "linking divine justice with social justice" was made a year ago by an advisory board of the Black Church Studies program, a group of distinguished pastors, religious civic leaders and corporate executives nationwide.

Newell Williams, president of Brite, said he understands the safety concerns that prompted the university to move the summit off campus. Williams said he and Chancellor Victor Boschini received several e-mails and letters expressing "great anger" about Wright's visit, but said he did not know of any

threats to him or university officials. He said TCU Police has been paying special attention to places where Brite students gather as a precaution in response to these messages.

"We're pleased to be on a campus that has a fine security force," Boschini said.

Michael Sorrell, the interim president of Paul Quinn College, said in his opening remarks at the luncheon that the college opened the doors to Brite simply because they were asked.

"This is a wonderful way to celebrate the black church because what we know is that the state of the black church is strong," Sorrell said.

Panelists at the luncheon continued to defend Brite's decision to honor Wright. Some of the panelists compared Wright to biblical figures and to Martin Luther King Jr., who the panelists said spoke out against

a government they found unjust.

The Rev. Obery Hendricks, a professor of biblical interpretation at the New York Theological Seminary, said many Christians confuse patriotism with unequivocal support for U.S. policy.

"If we must have patriotic slogans, it should not be some version of 'America, love it or leave it,'" Hendricks said. "If we truly take spirit in the gospel of Jesus Christ, our patriotism

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Sustainability main theme of documentary showing on campusBy **ANNA HODGES**
Staff Reporter

The United Nations estimates that by the middle of the century there may be 150 million people displaced because of natural disasters, drought and famine. However, young people have the capability to create positive change, the Environmental Club secretary said.

These issues are discussed in "The 11th Hour," a documentary produced and narrated by actor Leonardo DiCaprio, said Gretchen Wilbrandt, secretary of Adduco Viridis: TCU Environmental Club. The documentary will be shown tonight by the AV Club in Palko Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m.

AV Club students said they are

encouraged by the current progress TCU has made in effort to "go green," but they said more change is needed.

"Before TCU can really become green, we need student awareness," Wilbrandt said. "The students have to get involved."

Wilbrandt and other AV Club members said TCU has the capability to "go green" only if the

students get involved.

"There's always potential, but potential isn't anything unless you act on it," Wilbrandt said.

AV club members hope to get TCU students involved in the sustainability movement and spread awareness about the issues, Wilbrandt said.

"This is not necessarily for the people who take environ-

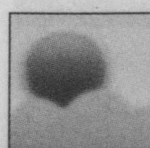
mental science classes or go to [AV Club] meetings. That would just be preaching to the choir," Wilbrandt said. "We are trying to reach out to the rest of the community."

Wilbrandt said most students do not understand the concept of sustainability.

"It [sustainability] is about the See **11th HOUR**, page 2

FOR YOUR INFO
Movie Screening

What: "The 11th Hour" viewing, followed by Q&A session
When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Palko Auditorium

**WEATHER**

TODAY: Partly cloudy, 63/53

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PECULIAR FACT

MUNCIE, Ind.—A man woke up after a night of drinking inside a trash-collection truck full of waste.

— Associated Press

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practice of conservation and preservation over degradation," she said. "It is how humans live harmoniously with the earth without depriving future generations."

According to the documentary's Web site, the 11th hour is the last moment when change is possible, and the film explores how the way people live has brought them to that moment, showing the detrimental impact humans have on the earth's ecosystems and the change that must be done.

The documentary screening will be followed by a Q&A session with local environmental experts such as Brian Boerner, director of Fort Worth's Envi-

ronmental Management Department, and Stephan McGuire, co-producer of the film.

Macy Zander, a freshman environmental science major, said students who want to start living a more "green" lifestyle should start by making wiser consumer decisions.

"Drink out of a Nalgene instead of buying those plastic Ozarka bottles every day," she said. "It would reduce TCU's waste dramatically. Turn off lights and print on both sides of computer paper. You have to start with small things."

Boerner said people should recycle more and use less fossil fuels to conserve resources.

"Now that we are consuming resources at a rapid pace, we've thrown the environment out of balance," Boerner said.

"Putting a big name behind an issue like this raises awareness and gives people trying to get the message out a foot in the door."

This spring, the documentary will be shown at more than 20 colleges nationwide, and the film will be released on DVD on April 8, according to "The 11th Hour" Web site.

Although AV Club is sponsoring the event, other student activist organizations such as Frogs for Fair Trade, Peace Action and the Society of Sustainability will be there to show their support for the cause, Wilbrandt said.

"We are all coming together to achieve our goals," she said. "With this broader base of support we can achieve more and reach more people."

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must declare, 'America, love your neighbor as yourself.'"

About 230 people attended the awards banquet Saturday evening at Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, said Chris Driscoll, a Brite student and one of the summit organizers. Wright was also scheduled to attend the banquet, where he was to receive the Black Church Leader Award. Driscoll said he expected attendance at the summit to be higher than that of previous years, but

said the number of people who attended ended up being about the same as that of the summit last year.

Cynthia Cole, president of the Black Seminarian Union at Brite, said Wright's message is liberating for all people and his message could not be overshadowed by the controversy of the day's event.

"I hope that people take away (from today) that as Americans we must speak up for what is right for all people," Cole said.

FOR YOUR INFO

Hunger Week activities

Tuesday
 "11th Hour" Film Screening & Panel
 "Saving our World: Turning Humankind's Darkest Hour Into its Finest," 7 p.m. in Palko Auditorium

Wednesday
 "Careers in Change: Jobs & Internships in Nonprofits and Beyond," 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sadler Lawn
 "Experience Hunger" The Annual Hunger Banquet, 6:30 p.m. in Student Center 207-209
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future"

— John F. Kennedy

THE SKIFF VIEW

Experienced coach good hire

In his six years as head coach of the men's basketball team, Neil Dougherty posted one winning season and was unable to successfully transition from career assistant coach to head of the Horned Frogs.

TCU gave him the opportunity to make the change, but six seasons later it still seemed like Dougherty never did.

This is why TCU's latest hire of Jim Christian makes so much sense.

This time, TCU went a with dose of experience.

In Christian's six years as head coach of Kent State University, he recorded six 20-win seasons, leaves the Mid-American Conference with its highest winning percentage and reached the 2008 NCAA tournament as a No. 9 seed.

TCU took on a coach it not only feels is an up-and-comer with great potential, but is also an experienced head coach.

Christian brings two key ingredients to

any successful program — ingredients TCU was missing during the Dougherty era. Christian's teams win consistently and have had the opportunity to continue winning beyond the regular season.

The Horned Frog basketball program had one of its more successful eras before Dougherty took over under former head coach Billy Tubbs, whose career before coming to TCU featured deep runs in the NCAA tournament.

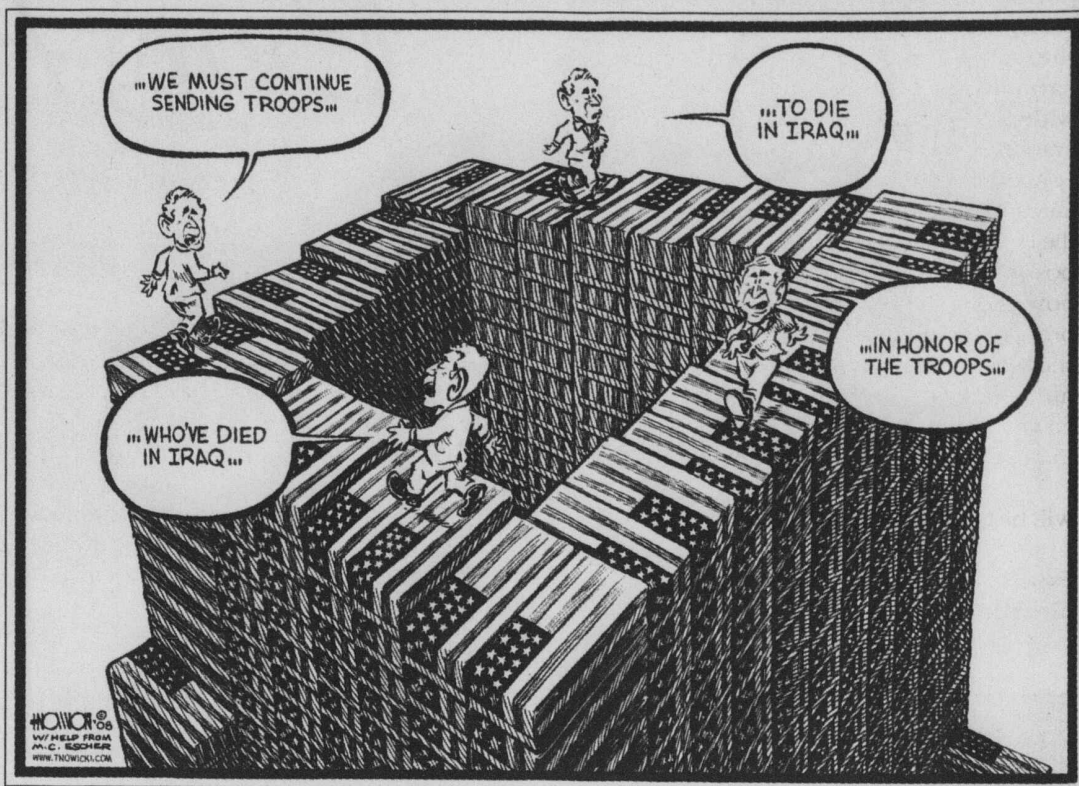
While Christian has yet to go as far as Tubbs in the postseason, he brings the knowledge of what it takes to get there. His six seasons with Kent State featured five extensions into tournaments.

At his introductory press conference, Christian explained he was still figuring out how the Horned Frog hand sign worked.

Christian might not be ready for the hand sign, but he is ready to lead the team to the next level.

Sports editor Brett Larson for the editorial board.

BY TERENCE NOWICKI



Companies should enter growing 'green market'

"Going green" doesn't just mean using recycled products anymore. It doesn't have to be about global warming. Going green means caring about the world we live in,

COMMENTARY



Marissa Warms

no matter how long it takes us to become a more earth-friendly country.

According to an MSNBC article in February, many companies are taking advantage of the up-and-coming green market.

Although many people are losing jobs in our energy-inefficient economy, many people are about to have the opportunity to work for green companies.

For example, the article reports that 1,800 workers lost jobs when a factory closed in Newton, Iowa. A wind turbine blade company saw an opportunity in the skilled workforce that this company left behind. They have created energy-efficient green jobs for those workers who unfortunately lost their jobs.

A spokesman for TPI Composites Inc., which builds large-scale composite structures for wind energy, said in the MSNBC article that if positions begin opening for "green-collared jobs," by 2030, close to half a million jobs in green markets will arise.

That seems like a long time to wait, but in retrospect, the economy moves pretty slowly. That's only about 20 years, and by then we'll hopefully have electric cars or homes completely dependent on solar energy. The technology is out there; it's just waiting to be implemented.

Presidential candidates, Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, the MSNBC article said, promise to send federal funding to companies like TPI to train the workers with the skills they need to work in a green industry.

TPI is only one company, and they promise about 500 job openings within the next

few years. Can you imagine how many jobs would be available if other companies formed in a green industry?

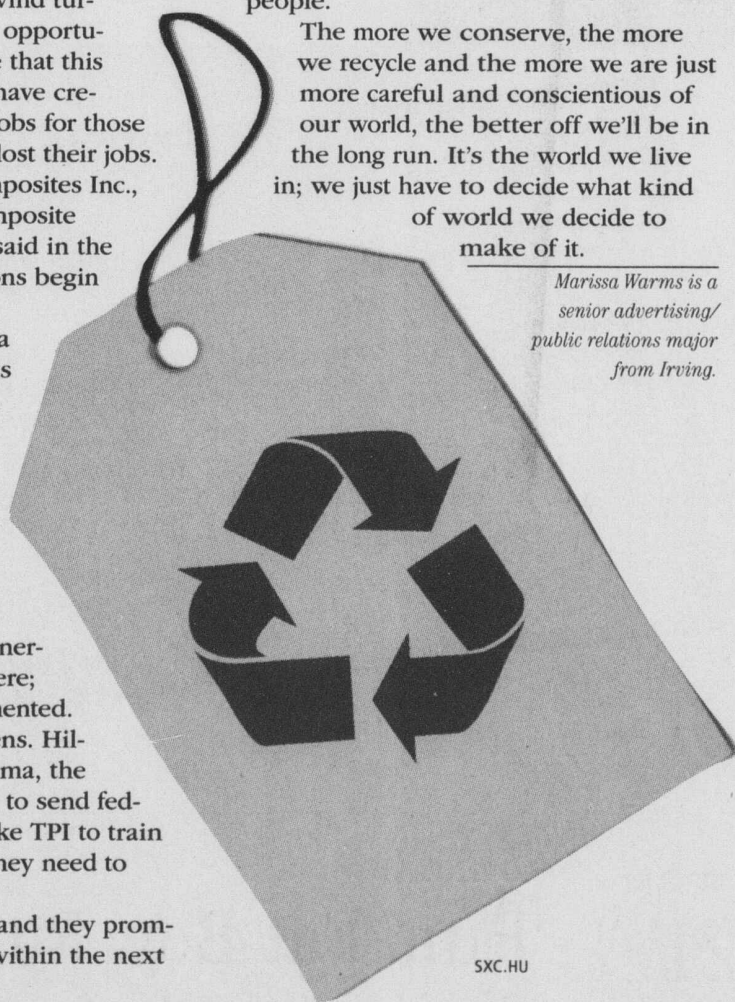
This does nothing to help those who have already lost their jobs, because it doesn't promise them a job, a future or starting salaries near what they earned before. But it can offer them hope.

To know there are companies and there are people who care so much about our environment and our future on this Earth that they are willing to spend money to create a green company that could enter a potential green industry and green market astounds me.

It's difficult to think this technology has probably been stifled for a long time and is just now being allowed to enter as a wave of thought and action for the American people.

The more we conserve, the more we recycle and the more we are just more careful and conscientious of our world, the better off we'll be in the long run. It's the world we live in; we just have to decide what kind of world we decide to make of it.

Marissa Warms is a senior advertising/public relations major from Irving.



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Political scandals take spotlight, remove emphasis from real issues

Anything to distract us from what's really serious.

It's a clever nickname, but I forget which disgraced politician from the Northeast is supposed to be the "Luv Gov."

Is it Eliot Spitzer, who resigned as New York's governor almost two weeks ago in the midst of scandal after he was linked to an alleged high-priced call girl ring?

Is it his replacement, David Paterson, who spent his second day on the job confessing publicly to running around on his wife while saying that she'd been unfaithful, too? (Way to overshare, governor. And now he's giving interviews about the drugs he's done, as well.)

Or is it former New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey, who left office in 2004 after confessing to gay affairs and was last week alleged to have had three-way trysts during the marriage that ended after he came out of the closet as, in his words, "a gay American"?

Honestly, it's all gotten so confusing.

You can see why women are so drawn to men in power: They're genuinely decent, courageous and honorable people who focus above all on the greater good and will do anything to protect their wives and families from public humiliation.

Right? Unfortunately not.

There's nothing like a politician to turn sex into something that's really too

icky to discuss in polite company. They're dragging us all down in the muck with them, the narcissistic monsters.

They use their wives as damage control, and even more appalling, their scandalous behavior results in panels of TV commentators speculating not only on the political fallout but also on the psychological subtleties of the infidelity at hand.

This is precisely what led us not long ago to the expert analysis of syndicated radio scold Dr. Laura Schlessinger claiming on "Today" that it's really women's fault that the men in their lives cheat on them.

Shame on her. Americans will simply never attain the world-weary sophistication of the French about extramarital flings if we're stuck dealing with the likes of Dr. Laura and ex-Gov. Spitzer, moralizers without much in the way of real morality.

Also, try as we will, we lack the Gallic flair for wearing scarves really, really well.

Sanctimony so often hides sin, as we were reminded last summer, when Idaho Sen. Larry Craig — who went on TV in the late 1990s to chastise President Clinton as "a bad boy, a naughty boy ... a nasty, bad, naughty boy" — was arrested on suspicion of public indecency in an airport men's room.

He subsequently pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, announced that he would resign from office, tried to

withdraw his guilty plea and then refused to resign.

A foolish consistency, as Emerson said, is the hobgoblin of small minds.

Sometimes, people in power are a little too fascinated by all that nastiness and naughtiness, and not in a particularly interesting way.

And because sleaze is quite a bit easier for the public to comprehend than potential avenues for government intervention in the foreclosure crisis or policy differences in the presidential candidates' positions on health care, we dive right into the latest scandal along with them.

It's like we're a nation of badly socialized 12-year-olds fixated on sex to the point that we don't mind peeping through the blinds into other people's bedrooms.

We're living in a culture oversaturated with scandal, more interested in degradation than intimacy, and the best we can do is speculate about politicians' marital transgressions.

Surely, there will come a time when Americans grow tired of the sideshow of sleaziness, this exploration of the fine line separating the lurid from the cheery.

Until then, we might do well to elect more women to public office.

For some reason, power doesn't seem to make women more appealing to men. To the contrary, it just frightens men away.

Anita Creamer is a columnist for the Sacramento Bee.

HUMOR

Government's use of video game as insight into terrorism ridiculous

Terrorism — it's a pretty serious topic in today's world. So serious is this threat the government has decided it's

COMMENTARY

Brand Rackley

going to use the entertainment gaming world to try and fight. That's right — they're going to use video games. But, not just any video game, they are using the only game more addicting, life consuming and destructive than cocaine or heroin.

The game: "World of War-

craft." The group: Center for Terrorism and Intelligence Studies.

In an article on wired.com, Charles Blair, deputy director of the Center for Terrorism and Intelligence Studies, said the idea that studying people's real decision making with their online characters and guilds may give insight into how terrorists and terrorist cells might behave in real-world situations.

"World of Warcraft:" Your

basic terrorist community. In the game, you can teleport all over the place, trade potions, fight monsters, level up and go on dungeon raids. You know, just like real terrorists do in their respected regions of the world.

Not buying it?

Well just wait, this idea only gets better. Along with this flash of brilliance is another in which the U.S. intelligence community would like to monitor suspicious behavior

by players in the "World of Warcraft" realm. Oh, and last but not least, epidemiologists plan on using the game to see how viruses spread in the real world.

Exciting and totally sane right?

In the words of Will Ferrell from the film "Zoolander," "I feel like I'm taking crazy pills."

Screw the tax rebate, let's give it back to the government so they can monitor a video game for an indefinite amount

of time to thereby conclusively prove a level-60 mage plans to kill innocent men, women and children exactly like Osama Bin Laden or Timothy McVeigh did.

I mean, it's such a logical step for me. The plan is totally crystal-clear and full-proof. How can you not see the blatant psychological, philosophical and emotional similarities between a 40-year-old single man who lives alone with his mother and sits in

front of a computer for days at a time playing a massive multiplayer online role-playing game (a.k.a. MMORPG), and a young man who has likely been persecuted, brain washed, exposed to violence beyond comprehension and has watched loved ones die as a result of constant warfare? It's like they're basically the same person, you know.

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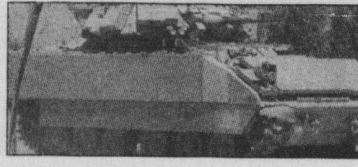
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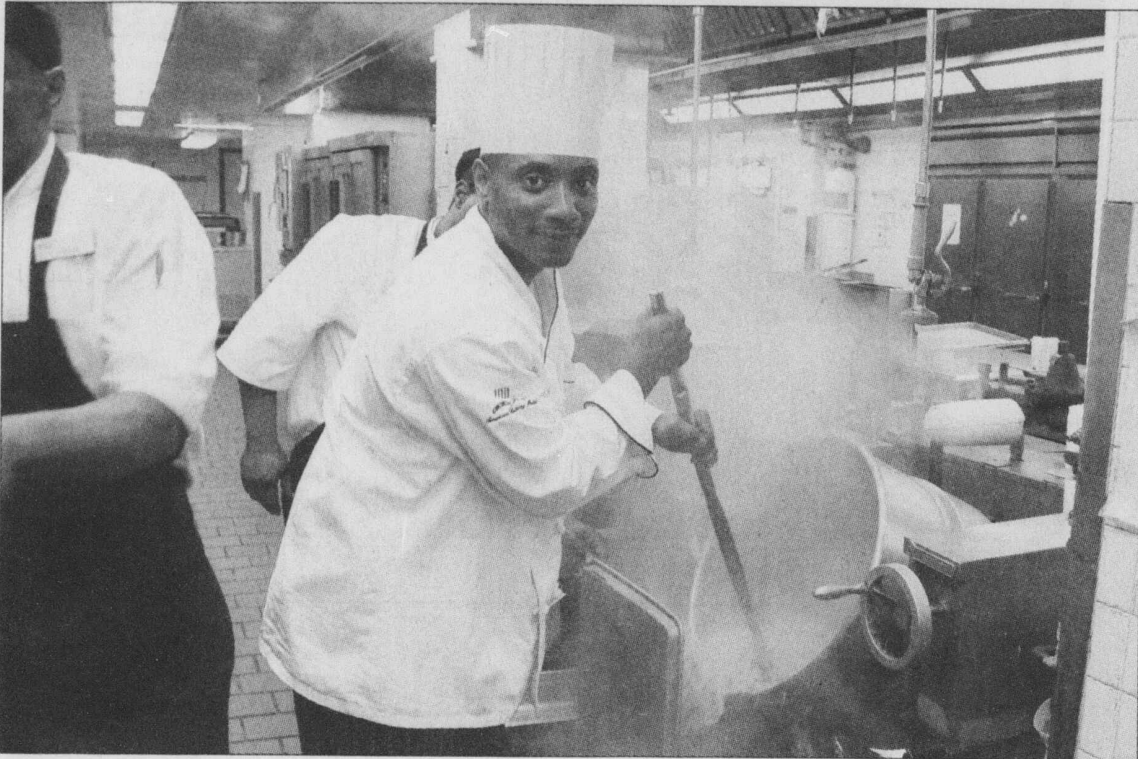
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Bon Appetit

Executive chef heats up recipes for Sodexo cookbook



Joel Branch, TCU executive chef, stirs pasta in the kitchen at The Main on Monday. Branch was sent to New York by TCU to work with culinary experts on a cookbook created each year by Sodexo, the food management company the university uses.

By ELIZABETH SEHON
Staff Reporter

Many babies are photographed in bubble baths or sitting on dads' laps wearing baseball caps and little football jerseys, but TCU Executive Chef Joel Branch can be seen in his baby book photographed with pots and pans in the kitchen, ready to prepare a meal.

Branch said he has always loved food and the preparation of new meals and recipes. He began taking his passion seriously at 19 by attending Aims Academy in Dallas. Soon after, Branch started working with ice sculpturist and artist Robert Bifulco in the Dallas Arts District, and in 2004, Branch began working for TCU.

"Cooking is a type of gratification for me," Branch said. "I like watching families and friends enjoy what I've prepared, and I feel I'm in the center of it all."

Recently, Branch reached an exciting high in his culinary career and was sent to New York by TCU to gain experience working beside world renowned culinary experts with recipes in an annual cookbook called "Entertaining with Sodexo: Hors d'Oeuvres & Appetizers," created by Sodexo, the food management company TCU uses.

Branch said all chefs working with Sodexo were considered for a position in the research development team.

"While working with the recipes throughout the year, I had so many questions on how they were put together," Branch said. "I just kept calling Sodexo and asking questions about the food, and I got their attention."

While in New York, each chef was given 30 recipes to see what could be added or taken away to improve the taste. Once the recipe was improved, it

was placed back in the cookbook for a new publication, Branch said.

"It was a humbling experience to work along master chefs from one of the best chef schools in the world," Branch said. "I learned so much."

Stephan Pyles, owner of a five-star restaurant in Dallas and creator of southwestern cuisine, worked with Branch during the New York trip. Branch said Pyles has influenced his culinary development.

In 2004, Pyles opened Ama Lur, a restaurant at the Gaylord Texan Resort, where Branch said he was motivated by Pyles' work.

Sodexo began helping their chefs to gain more culinary experience with their cookbook four years ago, said Legia Abato, the marketing manager for Dining Services.

The cookbook showcases the experience and talent within Sodexo and TCU's dining services, Abato said.

For the next publication of Sodexo's cookbook, Branch will have a photo shoot at TCU with Thomas Post, president of campus services at Sodexo. For the photo, Branch will stand next to an entree he prepared, said Rick Flores, the general manager of Dining Services.

The photo will soon appear in the "president's message" section of the cookbook, Flores said.

Branch said he will be working with Sodexo's cookbook next year, as well.

Branch said he would like to move up his culinary status by becoming a certified executive chef in the American Culinary Federation in the near future.

"Cooking is my way of expressing myself," Branch said. "The more I can learn about cooking, then the better I can be."

Recipe Strawberry-Pineapple Soup

Ingredients: 1 1/2 lb. peeled and cubed pineapple, 8 oz. sugar, 4 oz. Chardonnay, 4 oz. whipping Cream, 1 tsp. yellow food color

Procedures: Place pineapples in small sauce pan. Add sugar and Chardonnay. Slow simmer until pineapples are tender. Cool hot mixture to 40 degrees. Pour mixture into blender and puree finely. Add yellow food coloring and whipping cream.

Ingredients: 1 1/2 pt. strawberries, 8 oz. granulated sugar, 8 oz. Chardonnay, 1 tsp. red food color

Procedures: Place strawberries in small sauce pan. Add sugar and Chardonnay. Slow simmer until strawberries are tender. Cool hot mixture to 40 degrees. Pour mixture into blender and puree finely. Add red food coloring and whipping cream.

Chef's Tips: pour soups in bowls simultaneously to create eye appeal.

From the kitchen of Joel Branch

Recipe Spinach Salad

Ingredients: 1 lb. fresh spinach, 1/2 cup Gorgonzola crumbles, 2 each Granny Smith apples sliced, walnuts as needed

Emulsion/Dressing: 2 cups olive oil, walnut pieces as needed, 1/2 cup honey, 1 cup champagne vinegar

From the kitchen of Joel Branch

Recipe Hard Roll Dough

Ingredients: 8 lbs. bread flour, 4 oz. milk powder, 1 oz. salt, 2 oz. sugar, 2 oz. cake shortening, 2 oz. egg whites, 3 lbs. water, 3 oz. dry yeast

Procedures: Take water and bring up to 110 degrees. Add milk powder and yeast. Once the yeast has started to grow, add all other ingredients in mixer and mix with dough arm. Mix until dough pulls away from bowl.

From the kitchen of Joel Branch

MOVIE REVIEW

Card counting comes to life in '21'

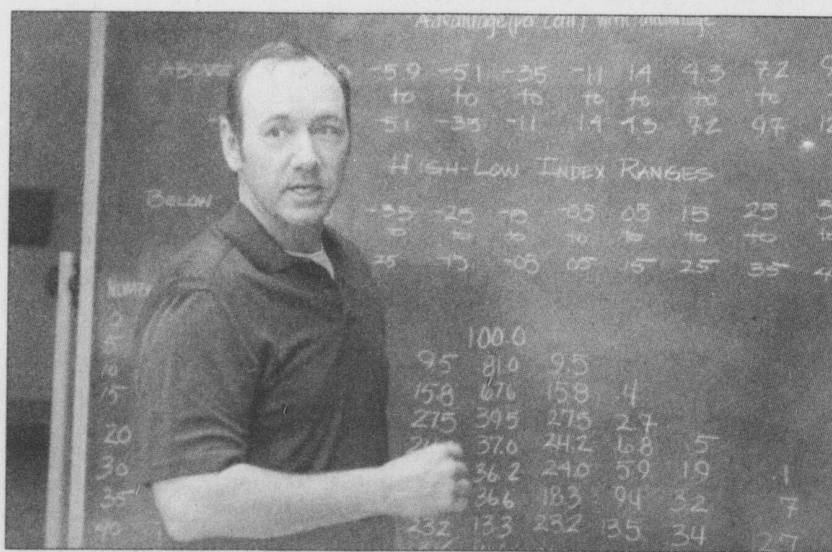
★★★★☆

By GEORGE CAGLE
Staff Writer

The latest movie by Sony Pictures brings to life the excitement of winning it big in the casinos of Las Vegas.

"21" is a movie about six brilliant MIT students who learn the skill of card counting and put it to use with profitable results. Led by one of their professors, played by Kevin Spacey, the students travel to Vegas every weekend to win big money playing Black Jack, though a menacing Laurence Fishburne is keeping close watch on the security cameras. However, Jim Sturgess, starring as Ben Campbell, begins to get greedy and "overplays his hand," which leads to devastating consequences.

Although lacking in the areas of character or plot depth, this film, through the use of some clever dialogue and smooth camera movements, does not fail in its requirement to entertain. Quick



Kevin Spacey plays Micky Rosa, a statistics genius who has figured out how to beat Las Vegas, in Columbia Pictures' "21."

cutting, as well as the application of slow-motion and fast-motion camera work, increases the excitement and adrenaline rush of the audience as they experience — along with the characters — the thrill of gambling and clubbing

in Las Vegas. This movie should even leave some people wanting to go to Vegas to try their luck.

Even if this movie does not overwhelm you with great filmmaking, it will certainly keep you entertained the full two hours.

MOVIE REVIEW

'Run, Fat Boy, Run' brings clean comedy to big screen

★★★★☆

By CHRIS BRUCE
The (Ohio University) Post

ATHENS, Ohio — "Run, Fat Boy, Run" is the perfect mix between a romantic comedy and "Rocky." It would be great for a date or a night hanging out with friends. Dennis (Simon Pegg) starts the movie as a despicable character. He leaves his pregnant fiancée, Libby, at the altar. Five years later, Dennis has become an out-of-shape mall security guard. The only positive things in his life are his son Jake and his best friend Gordon.

Libby has since moved on and is dating Whit (Hank Azaria), an American hedge fund manager working in London. He is handsome, fit and rich — everything Dennis is not. Whit mentions that he will be running a marathon around London in three weeks. To show Libby that he has matured, Dennis says he can finish the mar-

athon, too.

Pegg's comedic performance is beyond reproach. He plays the perfect everyman. He drinks and smokes but is incredibly charming. It is easy to see why a beautiful woman like Libby would be attracted to him despite his quirks. One of the movie's best scenes features Dennis trying to carry on a conversation with a naked Whit in front of him. The awkwardness is palpable.

Despite being the film's crescendo, it feels a little too long.

Although, Dennis' drinking a pint of beer and pouring it over his head while running is worth a grin.

"Run, Fat Boy, Run" flawlessly balances the reawakening romance between Libby and Dennis and Dennis' training for the marathon. It is not the rollicking good time of Pegg's other movies, but it is an above-average romantic comedy.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Conference play opens, team sweeps three games

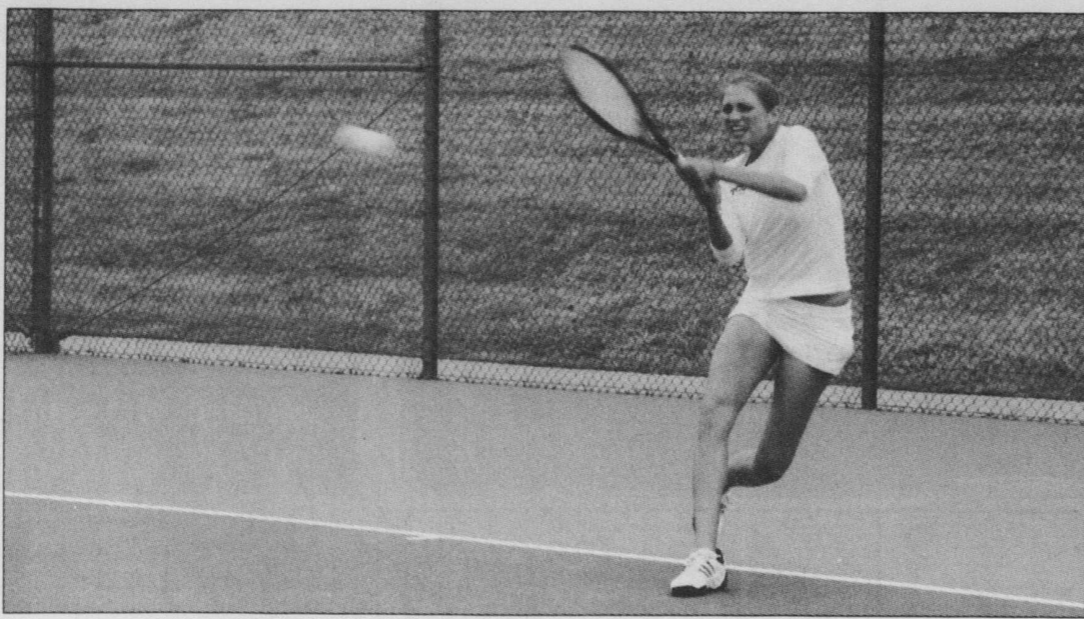
By SHALEY SANDERS and ELIZABETH SEHON
Staff Reporters

The No. 22 women's tennis team heads to Las Vegas on Friday where it will face the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and San Diego State University and will try to increase its lead in the Mountain West Conference.

The team swept its three-game conference opening weekend, only falling in two matches and capturing its sixth consecutive win.

TCU is one of three teams still undefeated in conference play. The University of New Mexico is tied with TCU for the conference lead with a 3-0 record. Brigham Young University is just behind at 2-0.

Last year the women's tennis



Senior Kewa Nichols returns a serve Saturday against the Air Force Falcons. The Horned Frogs swept their conference opening series 3-0 and now head to Las Vegas to take on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas on Friday.

team finished 8-2 against conference teams, dropping matches against BYU and UNLV.

The Horned Frogs beat Colorado State University on Friday, Air Force on Saturday and Wyoming on Sunday, improving to 13-4.

Head coach Jefferson Hammond said he is proud of his team for its great start in conference play.

"This was a good weekend for

the girls and the matches were sustained with concentration and energy," Hammond said.

Senior Kewa Nichols was undefeated over the weekend and has won her past six matches.

"We played all three matches with lots of focus," Nichols said. "I'm ready for the next one."

The Horned Frogs started their weekend with a 7-0 sweep over the Rams.

TCU went for the sweep the next day against Air Force, winning 7-0.

The Horned Frogs' quest for three sweeps ended when the team lost two matches, but it still defeated the Wyoming cowgirls 5-2.

"I was impressed with the team's concentration and ability to close out each match," Hammond said.

QUICK SPORTS

Baseball to face Baylor Bears

The men's baseball team enters its Interstate-35 rivalry today against the Baylor University Bears.

Last season the Horned Frogs and Bears (16-9) split their two games, with the away team winning each time.

TCU lost its second conference series of the season Sunday, falling to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas 2-1, and dropping to 2-4 in the Mountain West and 14-12 overall.

Tennis team first in conference

The men's tennis team is now more than halfway through its current nine-game road trip. When the team returns home, it will host the Mountain West Conference Championships.

The Horned Frogs swept their first three conference games of the season in Las Vegas last weekend, beating Air Force, BYU and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Its three game sweep put the Horned Frogs at 4-1 during its current road trip.

The conference sweep put TCU (16-5) in first place in the Mountain West Conference.

Lady Frogs lose in WNIT

The women's basketball team fell to the University of Colorado at Boulder, ending its run in the Women's National Invitational Tournament on Sunday. The Lady Frogs lost 96-90 in overtime against the Buffaloes.

The loss was the last game for TCU seniors Adrienne Ross, Helen Roden, Jenna Lohse, Lorie Butler-Rayford and Moneka Knight.

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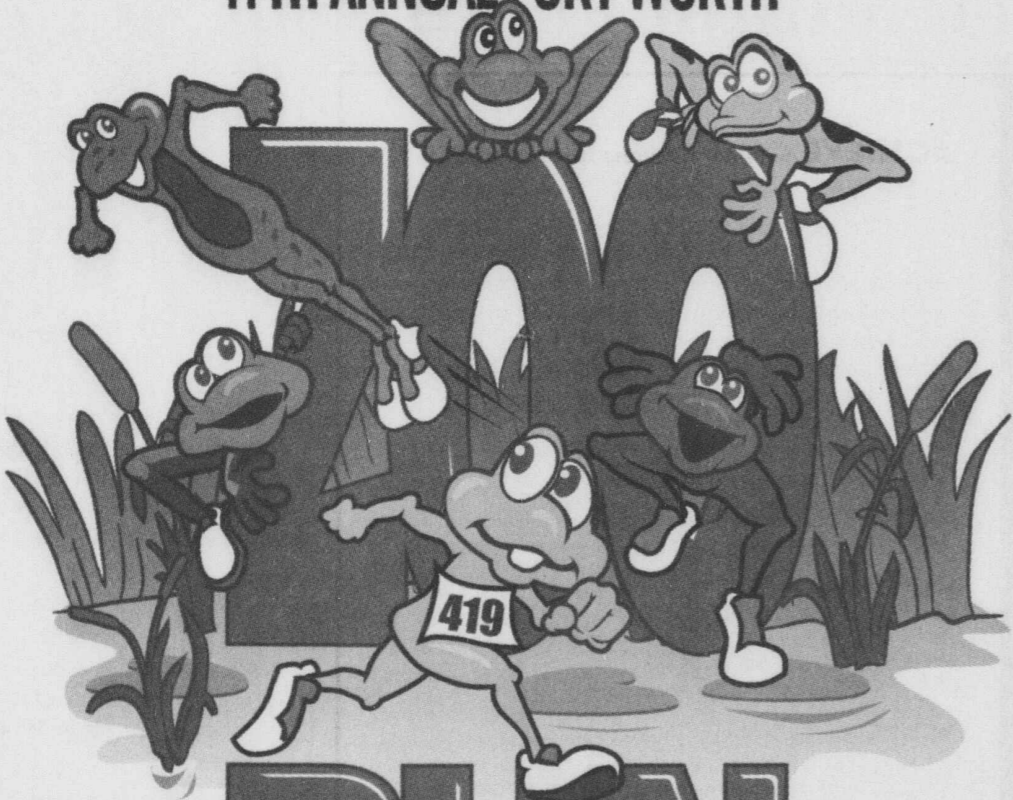
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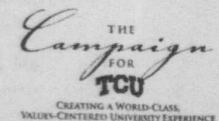
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