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Search down to three for endowed chair

Texas history chairperson may be named Friday

BY LAUREN HANVEY
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The history department could choose by Friday whom it will offer the new position of endowed chairperson in Texas history following a meeting, search committee chairman Gene Smith said.

The committee will make its recommendation and the department will vote on the candidates at the meeting, he said.

A search committee of three fac-

ulty members has been looking since fall at candidates for the new Erna and Ralph Lowe Chair of Texas History, who will work with the new Center for Texas Studies, Smith said. TCU alumna Mary Ralph Lowe gave a \$1.5 million endowment to create the chair, which became official last fall.

"This person is going to be an asset to the department, the college, the university, as well as the center," Smith said.

Lowe said she gave the grant because she wanted to add to TCU's educational excellence.

"It was an opportunity to do a 'first' and I was astonished to learn that there was not a chair in Texas history in the world, much less (the

University of Texas at Austin) or (Texas) A&M (University)," she said. "I think it's very important to understand the past to get a grip on the future, which seems so uncertain."

An endowed chair is salaried from the interest off the endowment, Smith said. With an endowment of \$1.5 million, the chairperson's salary will be more than \$100,000, he said. The chairperson will also be given control of a small discretionary fund from the interest, he said.

According to the job description for the chairperson, the candidate should be a Texas history scholar with a good teaching and publishing reputation who has other professional achievements as well.

There were about 15 total applicants after the advertisements were put out, said Mark Gilderhus, professor of history and Lyndon Baines Johnson Chair of American History. He said this is a relatively small number, but that there are just not very many Texas history scholars.

The committee narrowed the candidates to its five favorites in early February then presented them to the history department, Smith said. The department picked the top three of those five for final consideration, he said. All three are

from Texas, he said.

Each of the final candidates have now made a site visit to TCU, Gilderhus said. The last of them was here Wednesday and Thursday, he said. Each candidate was required to give a presentation of his research to graduate students and faculty, as well as

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— Gene Smith
search committee chairman

meet with administrators and give a lecture in Texas history, he said.

"These on-site interviews are crucially important," Gilderhus said.

Once hired, the new chairperson will begin as full professor at the

start of the fall semester, Smith said. This person will teach both graduate and undergraduate classes in Texas history and possibly other history topics, Gilderhus said. He will also work to raise money for the Center for Texas Studies.

"An endowed chair, very simply, is the best job on campus," he said. Lowe said she was excited to have the opportunity to create the chair position with the endowment.

"I hope this chair will first and foremost give students a chance to study with the best of all teachers, (and) to understand the beauty and complexity of Texas," she said.

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Students skip class to protest war



James Perrin, Diana Awde, Caroline Albert, Tiffany Rebstock and Tiffany Camp listen to TCU graduate Sean Grose play outside the Student Center as part of the "Books not Bombs" walkout. *Miranda Goodsheller/Photographer*

BY LAUREN HANVEY
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Only a handful of TCU students showed up for an anti-war protest at 11 a.m. Wednesday in front of Frog Fountain as part of a national "Books not Bombs" class walkout sponsored by TCU Peace Action and the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition.

Those who did show up said they were disappointed with the low turnout. Anyone who wished to be involved was supposed to leave class, or not go at all anytime between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., said James Perrin, a sophomore religion major. He said he only knew of five current students who attended.

"I don't think we got the word out very well," said Noah Figg, a junior computer science major. He said he did not have to skip class to attend the protest.

Perrin said he participated because he feels very strongly against a war with Iraq as well as wars in general.

"I just think this war is about public relations and empire," he said.

He said he hopes there will later be a similar event and that more people will participate. Perrin said, people are superficial and are not concerned with war and politics.

Hundreds of other Texas college students

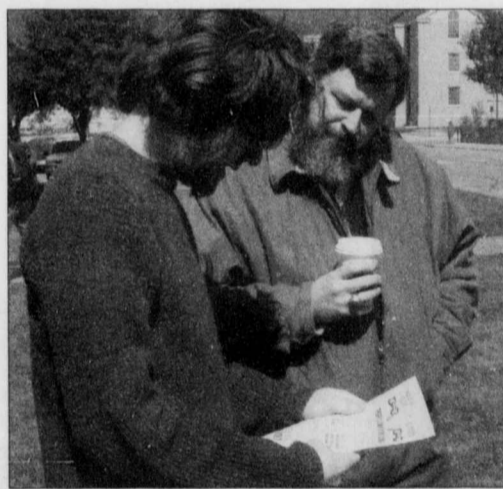
also left class Wednesday to protest the Bush administration's plan for a possible war with Iraq.

At San Antonio College, nearly 100 people gathered at noon to speak out against military action, waving anti-war signs and chanting slogans such as, "Wanna support the troops? Bring them home."

"We want to show them what democracy looks like," organizer Mario Gutierrez said. "Democracy is not a government saying it's going to war, no matter what."

Students also protested at the University of North Texas in Denton, and the student coalition predicted tens of thousands of students would walk out of more than 300 schools and universities Wednesday.

Gutierrez, who passed out anti-war fliers in San Antonio, said the protesters are sending a message to the White House that Americans are not of one mind about how



Junior computer science major Noah Figg and Brian Young, director of the Wesley Foundation, read an anti-war flier during the "Books not Bombs" walkout held Wednesday at Frog Fountain. *Miranda Goodsheller/Photographer*

best to deal with Iraq.

Steve Denton, another organizer, said protests are valuable because most Americans are not paying attention to facts, but are being swayed by fear-mongering.

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Rev. focuses on faith

Greeley to present campus' first Roman Catholic lecture

BY JACQUE NGUYEN
Staff Reporter

Just knowing the credentials of someone who is a best-selling author, Catholic priest, sociologist, professor and journalist, it could be difficult to determine what he would be speaking about at a university lecture.

But tonight, Rev. Andrew Greeley will present TCU's first Roman Catholic lecture co-sponsored by Brite Divinity School and the Amon G. Carter Foundation on the present condition of Catholicism, said Diane Cooper, director of annual funds and special events at Brite Divinity School.

Greeley said he intends to focus his lecture on Catholicism from a sociological

standpoint. "I won't be speaking as a theologian," he said. "I'll talk sociology."

Greeley said he will compare Catholicism and Protestantism and also explain the strong appeal of his faith.

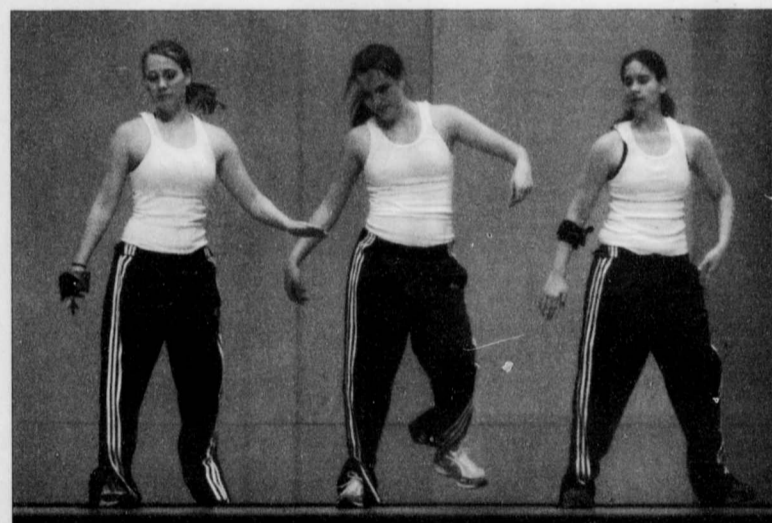
"With my lecture I hope (TCU) will accomplish a better understanding of Catholicism and of other denominations of Christianity."

Toni Craven, chairwoman of the Roman Catholic program at Brite Divinity School, said she and a committee chose to invite Greeley to speak as one of the initiatives to enhance the graduate theological program at TCU and foster an understanding of the Roman Catholic faith, which is the most represented religion among TCU students.

"He is an enormously popular author and of great interest of the community," Craven said.

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In step with the beat



Freshman math/spanish major Sarah Rozzell, freshman fashion merchandising major Abby Schneider and freshman movement science major Cathy Borne represent Alpha Chi Omega at the Alpha Kappa Alpha "First Steps" Wednesday night. *Ty Halasz/Photo editor*

Model U.N. program looks to train students in global arena

BY JACQUE NGUYEN
Staff Reporter

As America stands on the brink of war, the TCU Model United Nations Program aims to bring knowledge and training for students just in time to help resolve international issues.

Political science professor Donald Jackson said TCU will be a first-time participant of the National Model United Nations Program starting in fall 2003 to gain a more detailed idea

of international affairs and the United Nations. He said the program will include a class on international politics and send a delegation of students to the 2004 national conference in New York City.

"(The program) is a good way for students to learn about what the U.N. actually does," Jackson said.

Twelve students will be selected for the course through an application process, eight of

these students will form the delegation and four will be alternates, Jackson said.

At the national assembly in New York City, groups of delegates from schools nationwide each represent a different country and attend a simulated general assembly where mock issues and situations are raised for decisions to be made as the appointed country, Jackson said.

"The prospect of war will obviously be a

focal point (in the assembly)," Jackson said.

He said problems with resource allocation were why the university has not participated in the program in the past.

"There hasn't been enough professors to teach the classes," Jackson said. "I'm doing this as an overload."

Chelsea Hudson, a senior political science

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Correction

A story on the front page of Wednesday's *Skiff* should have said a war forum was hosted by student organizations from TCU and Brite Divinity School. Also, one of the panelists should have been identified as Juan Floyd-Thomas, a history professor.

The Weather

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High: 61; Low: 44; Mostly Sunny

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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Looking Back

1475 — Italian Renaissance artist Michelangelo was born on this day in the small village of Caprese.

1857 — The United States Supreme Court issued a decision in the Dred Scott case. In the ruling, the court affirmed the right of slave owners to take their slaves into the western territories, negating the doctrine of popular sovereignty and severely undermining the platform of the newly created Republican Party.

Watch For

Can the baseball team end its three-game losing streak? Check Friday's Sports page for more details and a recap of the game.

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■ **International Week Martial Arts Demonstration** will be from 4 to 6 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom. For more information call (817) 257-7292.

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■ **Radio-TV-Film** presents "The Letter" (1940) at 7 p.m. today in Moudy Building South, Room 164. For more information, call (817) 257-7630.

■ **Piano Recital** featuring Adam Jackson will be at 7:30 p.m. today in PepsiCo Recital Hall. For more information, call (817) 257-7602 or visit (www.music.tcu.edu).

■ **"The Present Condition of Catholicism"** a lecture led by Father Andrew Greeley, will be given at 8 p.m. today in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium. For more information, call (817) 257-7575.

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WALKOUT

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"When they are actually informed, they come over to this side," he said.

A larger number of people gathered around the protesters, most to watch but some to counter the anti-war position with vocal support for Bush's plans.

Melissa St. John, who favors an Iraq invasion, got involved in a nose-to-nose shouting match with a young man who argued strenuously that no positive linkage has been made between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden. A crowd pressed in on the pair as if it were a playground scrap.

"Why don't you go to do what John Walker did and support (Saddam)," screamed St. John, referring to John Walker Lindh, the young Californian serving a long prison

sentence after being caught with Taliban fighters in Afghanistan.

St. John later said she does not like the idea of war, but that diplomatic efforts to rein in Saddam have failed.

"None of us like it, but it's time," she said. "Our country is under attack."

At the University of North Texas, about 250 people gathered for a noon rally. Organizers said the turnout was significant for a largely commuter campus.

Doran Sauer, a 23-year-old political science major, said he fears going to war will only destroy the infrastructure in Iraq and intensify the poverty.

"I don't think we're prepared to spend the money or the time and effort to turn the country into a working democracy," Sauer said.

"We're going to leave them high and dry just like we did Afghanistan."

Several dozen people waving American flags said they supported Bush, and that anti-war protesters were naive about the danger Americans face from terrorism.

"It's their innocent families and children or our innocent families and children. It's that simple," said Clinton Petersen, a 20 year-old political science major.

In addition to the planned U.S. protests, thousands of students also rallied in Britain, Sweden, Spain, Australia and other countries.

This report contains information from the Associated Press.

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U.N.

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major, said the Model U.N. program would not have existed at TCU if Jackson hadn't volunteered to head the program.

Senior business management major Andrea Reed said she wants to join the program because she participated in it in high school and loved the experience.

"It was a valid learning tool in international affairs and the issues with multilateral decision making and cross-cultural conflict resolution," Reed said.

Reed said bringing a program like this to the university will bring a greater global awareness to the campus.

"It will put the name of TCU into the global community as an institution that makes international education a priority," Reed said.

Jackson said the Model U.N. program is co-sponsored by Student Development Services. He said he will work on the organiza-

tion and the growth of the program with Kay Higgins, director of new student programs.

"This is a critical time and the U.N. has had a lot of publicity lately," Higgins said. "(The program) is an opportunity for students to see why the U.N. really matters."

Higgins said the Student Development Services staff will help students with presentation skills.

Hudson said leadership is one of TCU's strongest attributes and the program is an opportunity for students to enhance these leadership skills while gaining better understanding of the world around them. She said it was a natural step for TCU to participate.

The national program works toward further understanding the United Nations and contemporary international problems to prepare participants to be better global citizens, according to its Web site. The site also stated that more than 2,600 student delegates and faculty from around the world attend each conference.

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FAITH

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According to the Brite Divinity School's Web site, Greeley is the author of more than 30 best-selling novels and many scholarly articles on various issues in sociology, education and religion.

TCU Catholic Community sponsor Rev. Charles Calabrese, said TCU will benefit from the lecture because Greeley will bring his personal insight on Catholicism.

Nadia Lahutsky, religion professor, said Greeley's current research focuses on the issues facing the Catholic Church, including celibacy of priests, ordination of women and the sexual behavior of Catholics.

"I will be very surprised if he doesn't touch on the teaching authority of the (Catholic) Church,"

Lahutsky said.

Lahutsky said Greeley is the most well known public representative for Catholics.

"He is a public face, a very lively character with lively opinions," Lahutsky said.

J.T. Williams, a Brite Divinity student, said the Brite Divinity school is devoted to bringing in diverse speakers.

"(Greeley) is another voice who brings a different perspective not often seen," Williams said. "(Brite Divinity School) likes to have a diversity of voices."

Cooper said Greeley's lecture will show that TCU and Brite Divinity School are not two separate entities but that they work together to help students and the surrounding community better understand religious studies.

"Father Greeley is of interest to all people, not just to the Catholic

Church," Cooper said.

Lahutsky said she hopes non-Catholics will attend the lecture and learn about the Catholic Church and that Catholics will attend to hear a critical inside perspective.

Sandy Stafford, a sophomore theater/TV major, said the lecture will be a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism.

"I hope (the lecture) will offer some educated insight into Catholicism so that non-Catholics can have a better understanding of it and Catholics can consider the present condition of our faith," Stafford said. "Maybe we can learn something about ourselves."

"It's important to question, explore and understand your faith," she said.

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NewsBriefs

UTA grad student deported for terrorist accusations

ARLINGTON (U-WIRE) — Twenty days after an immigration judge's ruling, a Jordanian graduate student accused of considering a terrorist attack was deported Thursday.

An official at the Homeland Security department, who asked that she not be identified by name or agency, confirmed Tuesday that Tahir Ibrahim Aletewi, 30, was returned to his native Jordan. She said she did not know if he was in custody there.

"The circumstances are different in every case," the source said. "If he was wanted in Jordan for any reason, it is possible he is being

held by them. The country of origin is always notified of deportations. It's part of the process we follow."

The computer science engineering student was detained Jan. 31 by FBI and then-INS agents operating as part of a joint terrorism task force. He was ordered deported a week later after a hearing in which he reportedly told Dallas-based immigration Judge D. Anthony Rogers that he had considered becoming a suicide bomber.

Interviewed by telephone Tuesday, a Falls Church, Va.-based spokeswoman for the court disputed press reports that Aletewi was to be deported within five days of the Feb. 7 ruling.

— Brad Rollins, The Shorthorn at the University of Texas at Arlington

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The Skiff View

SECURITY

Branding people is not a solution

The government is taking a new spin on the game "Red Light, Green Light."

By the end of the year, the government hopes to have implemented a color-coded branding system that distinguishes a person's "threat level." These marks will be kept in a database and be used to check people before they are allowed to fly.

Based on such things as credit reports, bank account activity and names of people on government watch lists, people could be labeled green (normal checks), yellow (extra screening) or red (not allowed to fly).

Advocates say the system will be used to weed out dangerous people while making sure law-abiding citizens aren't given unnecessary scrutiny.

Officials also say the program will not profile people based on race, religion or ethnicity. However, for those marked as "security risks," this information will be kept 50 years. No time frame has been set for those of us deemed "safe."

Despite the "precautions" the government is looking at to prevent someone being labeled incorrectly, mistakes do happen. And having this "mistake" in writing for 50 years is a long time.

Also, there is no guarantee that this system will not turn into a racial-profiling system. More and more, the systems the government is attempting to implement to keep us "safe" are turning into ways to keep tabs on us — where we go, what we spend money on, how we live.

We understand the need for safety while flying, but eventually the Red Light, Green Light game must end.



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Athlete's statement disrespectful to America

If you haven't heard of Manhattanville College in New York or its Division III women's basketball program, don't feel too bad. Division III sports teams and their universities almost never get national recognition. However, one player on the Manhattanville team has sparked a national debate.

All this season, guard Toni Smith has turned her back to the American flag during the national anthem. The sociology major is staging her own personal protest against the looming war in Iraq.

I'm not going to argue whether her opinion is right or wrong, because plenty of people, myself included, have already done that. Rather, the question is whether this form of protest is appropriate. On a larger scale, people are debating whether it's appropriate for athletes to use their arena as a political soapbox.

COMMENTARY



Patrick Jennings

Argument is great — differences are key to American democracy — but in an argument, there's a level of respect you have to maintain for the other side. Toni Smith is angry with America and has shown a large amount of disrespect toward the country that bore her.

I could write an entire other column about the role of the American flag, but I'll sum it up real quick. The flag is the most recognizable symbol of the United States. Turning your back on the American flag — or burning it, using it as a handkerchief or whatever — is a conscious slight on America. If the flag was just a piece of cloth, no one would bother doing anything to it because it would have no meaning.

Smith released a statement to the press about why she was protesting America and the war. Polite words can not describe my opinion of those three paragraphs. Dan Patrick, as part of ESPN's coverage and debate, summed it up rather well, "(I) can't ignore the ignorance and naiveté of her

stance." Smith's statement is on ESPN's Web site too, and I suggest you give it a look.

I have little tolerance for people who take the United States for granted. This is a country so wealthy that it has to worry about it's poor people becoming overweight. It's a nation where you don't need to worry about a warlord burning down your house in the middle of the night. You don't have to like what the government is saying. You don't have to like what the media is saying. You do have to like that they're able to say it.

This is, of course, not the first time an athlete has used a sporting event as a sounding board for his or her views. One of the most famous is Tommie Smith and John Carlos, who used the medal platform at the 1968 Olympic games to protest race relations in the United States. During the national anthem, they each raised a black-gloved fist as a symbol of black power, dignity and pride. They were subsequently excluded from

future track and field competitions.

The difference between the 1968 and 2003 incident is one of respect. Tommie Smith and John Carlos didn't walk off the platform or extend a middle finger at the stars and stripes; they just made their feelings known without insulting anyone or anything. Antagonizing those whose opinions differ from your own weakens your argument and makes you easier to dismiss as a loud wahoo.

Indeed, athletes shouldn't have to hide their opinions for fear of reprisal. However, it doesn't give you free reign to do whatever you please.

At the end of the day, Toni Smith will still enjoy the amenities of being an American. She'll still be allowed to voice her opinion. She'll have the opportunity to live in a place where the biggest concern is not whether you can find enough to eat.

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Point/Counterpoint

The Issue: Are the anti-war protesters unpatriotic?

Bush needs support, not protest

Presidential decisions are not easy

I have been amazed recently at the dissension with which people yell at the top of their lungs. From anti-war protesters, to the ever-growing number of Democratic presidential hopefuls, to all of the talking heads on television, people have been ranting about the decisions of President Bush.

I acknowledge their right to disagree; that I do not challenge. What I do challenge is the word "I" all the above people use at the beginning of every sentence.

Let me make it clear that I am not attacking their right to assemble or to have an opinion for that matter, (I am, in fact, happy that they have an opinion different than mine), nor am I attacking the people saying it. I am attacking what is being said.

The Executive Office of the Presidency, similar to the one I worked at last semester, is not easy. Recently, I have heard more people try to explain what they would do if they were President. They pres-

ent an over-simplified, clear vision: a two-story, four-car garage house for every American, no threat of war with anyone on the globe and government surpluses in amounts that we have never dreamt of.

I reject the idea that presidential decisions are easy. The tone in which those ideas are delivered imply a sense of superiority over the current president's decision making.

I believe that even if President Bush had done everything according to the Democratic strategy, those same Democrats would strongly oppose President Bush simply because he is a Republican. We must realize that President Bush is our elected leader at this time in history. If, at the end of four years, we believe that he did not do the job to our standards, then we can vote for another candidate. It is democracy at its finest.

President Bush took office at the beginning of a recession, was given a severely under-funded military and intelligence community from the previous administration and was handed a nation which was split almost 50-50. He would continue to see the recession deepen as a result of the terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. He was also given the task of tracking down the terrorists responsible for the attacks and the coun-

tries that harbored them. He now faces war with Iraq.

Because voting U.S. citizens believed in him, Bush now willingly sits in the Oval Office confronting life-and-death decisions, and some people still have the gall to protest against him. I do not proclaim to have anything resembling an answer for the current problems facing our nation, but President Bush is my leader, and he has more information on how to make his decisions than I do.

Why didn't millions of people all over the world protest the Taliban and al Qaeda after 9/11? Why don't millions of people all over the world protest against the oppressive regime in Iraq? Why don't millions of people all over the world protest against North Korea developing nuclear weapons? Why don't millions of people all over the world protest against the attack that killed 17 sailors on the U.S.S. Cole, the attack that killed over 200 Marines in Beirut, the assassination of the U.S. Ambassador in Jordan and the terrorist attacks on an airliner over Scotland and Queens? Where were the peace signs then?

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Protests reminiscent of Vietnam

Peace activists are patriotic, not un-American

Everywhere you look, there are people disgusted with the constant war rhetoric of the United States. In the past weeks, hundreds of thousands of people have taken to the streets to protest President Bush and his hawkish plans for war with Iraq, but while such protests lead others to question their patriotism, it in fact makes them more American.

The current situation in many ways mirrors that of the Vietnam War. While many would say the peace movement of the 1960s and 1970s was nothing more than a blip on the political radar screens, there is a definitive resurgence of anti-war sentiment. Many of our parents took part in the protests of those turbulent years; are they less patriotic for having done so?

As much as more conformist

groups would like to admit, the framers of our country were protesters of their government. They saw a system that was corrupt and malfunctioning and sought to change it for the better. The 250 people who were arrested in New York City Feb. 15 probably see themselves in the same light. Would the commanding faces of

Mount Rushmore disapprove of such efforts? I, for one, could not imagine a Benjamin Franklin or a John Adams adhering to the rules of a government they deemed unjust and immoral.

Americans are growing uneasy as world opinion seems to be turning more and more against them. Britain, our closest ally, even boasted over a million people in London's streets to protest what they see as U.S. imperialism. Are they wrong? Webster's Dictionary defines imperialism as extending a nation's authority by acquisition of territory; is that not what the United States is doing in Afghanistan, and what Bush plans to do by occupying Iraq?

What might the great thinkers

of history say about our so-called patriotism? Voltaire said, "It is lamentable, that to be a good patriot one must become the enemy of the rest of mankind."

George Bernard Shaw wrote: "patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it."

If patriotism carries with it such ethnocentric virtues, I want no part of it.

None of this means that hippies are taking over; the "flower power" train has not yet left the station, but an ethical response is reacting to Bush's warmongering. People are feeling compelled to voice their opinion, to exercise their rights in an attempt to prevent what they see as an unjust war.

It would be wrong to think protesters are in anyway un-American because they are using their First Amendment rights. We cannot take a fundamental liberty and turn it against a citizen.

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National/International Roundup

Turkey's military says it supports letting in troops, pressures government for OK

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's powerful military said Wednesday it supported letting in U.S. troops for a war in neighboring Iraq, boosting pressure on legislators to reconsider their rejection of a measure allowing the American deployment.

The comments from Gen. Hilmi Ozkok, the nation's top officer, came a day after Turkey's top political leader, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, indicated that the government plans to reintroduce a new troop deployment resolution.

The two men are widely considered the most influential leaders in Turkey. The military is the most respected institution in the country and has led three coups since 1960.

Their statements seemed to have an immediate impact on parliament, where the resolution failed Saturday by just three votes.

"The conditions are changing fast," said Dengir Mir Mehmet Firat, a deputy chairman of the governing Justice and Development Party. "Many legislators are saying that they will cast a positive vote if the motion is brought to parliament again."

Washington has offered Turkey a \$15 billion aid package if parliament approves the deployment of 62,000 troops. It wants the deployment so that the U.S. military can develop a powerful northern front against Saddam Hussein.

In his remarks, Ozkok said a war would be "shorter, there would be less pain" if the country backed Washington.

Klein school system ends lawsuit, gives OK for creation of gay-straight club

HOUSTON (AP) — A 17-year-old high school junior won her battle to establish a gay-straight club at a suburban Houston high school when the school district agreed to settle her federal lawsuit, both sides announced Wednesday.

"We're going to be able to work toward spreading tolerance throughout the school," the student, Marla Dukler, said alongside her parents and attorney.

The new club, which Dukler said would likely hold its first meeting later this month, will be among nearly 1,700 established at high schools in 46 states in the years following the 1984 passage of the federal Equal Access Act. The law ensures the right to form non-curriculum clubs in schools that receive federal funding — such as Bible study groups — which meet outside school hours.

Such clubs at Klein High include Christian athletes and chess players.

Dukler and 16 classmates applied to establish the club last October, but received no answer. Backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, Dukler in January sued the Klein Independent School District, superintendent Jim Surratt and Klein High School principal Pat Huff for violating the act by failing to approve her club application.

School officials said at the time they were still reviewing the application. But the lawsuit prompted parents and district residents to voice opposition to the club and encourage the district to fight the lawsuit.

Threat of war looms over holy day

Pope John Paul II dedicates prayers for peace

BY RACHEL ZOLL
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roman Catholics across the United States heeded Pope John Paul II's call to dedicate their Ash Wednesday prayers and fasting to peace as an America strike on Iraq loomed.

The holy day marked the start of Lent, the 40-day period of penance and spiritual renewal leading up to Easter, and came as the pontiff intensified his lobbying against a U.S. attack.

The pope sent Cardinal Pio Laghi to Washington Wednesday for a closed-door meeting with President Bush. Laghi is a former Vatican ambassador to the United States.

John Paul also asked the world's 1 billion Catholics to raise a "choral prayer" for peace.

More than 65 million Catholics live in the United States, comprising the nation's largest denomination.

Gloria Purvis, a 33-year-old Washington resident, said the prospect of war weighed on her as the holy day approached.

Ash Wednesday is always a day of fasting. But after Purvis heard the pope's entreaty, she decided to give up more than usual, eating just one cooked meal a day and only raw vegetables at other times until Easter.

"I'm quite nervous about the war. I thought, 'What can I do?' I figure I can pray and sacrifice," she said.

Larry Price, a father of two from

Winona, Minn., usually recites the Hail Mary prayer before meals. During Lent, he plans to dedicate that prayer to peace.

"I don't think you have a justification to take pro-active action against someone on the theory that they might do some harm to you. That's not defense. That's offense," Price said.

America's bishops have taken a similar position. They released a statement last month saying "it is difficult to justify resort to war against Iraq, lacking clear and adequate evidence of an imminent attack of a grave nature," or of Iraq's involvement in the Sept. 11 attacks.

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COWBOY TAKE ME AWAY

Bull riding competition in Fort Worth this weekend

BY EMILY BAKER
Staff Reporter

There is something about watching a young man battle to stay on the back of a powerful 2,000-pound hunk of beef that makes the heart race. Four-time World Champion Bull Rider Tuff Hedeman calls the sport extreme, non-stop action eight seconds at a time. That makes some people wonder why only in the last few years has bull riding — one of the nation's oldest sports — enjoyed the popularity of mainstream professional sports.

"It's a cool sport," Hedeman said. "It's man against beast. The majority of the time when I invite someone to one of

"He's a real tough bull and hard to ride, but for \$1 million, a guy could do just about anything."

— Chris Shivers

PBR 2000 World Champion

these events, they like it, and they want to go back another time."

There was a time when even the best bull rider had trouble making ends meet. He only got paid what he won at an event, and he spent most of that money traveling to the next event and paying entry fees. His name was only recognized by his friends, and most of society never paid attention to him.

Things are a little different these days. Bull riders on the elite Built Ford Tough Series, sanctioned by the Professional Bull Riders, are competing for a few million dollars in prize money. Millions of fans watch events each week on the Outdoor Life Network and NBC, and venues are selling out all over the country.

Hedeman and PBR CEO Randy Bernard said the sport is responsible for its own appeal and that the rise in popularity is due to keeping the fans, the riders, the stock contractors and the sponsors happy.

"The key to it is in 1992, a group of bull riders (including Hedeman) created the PBR, an organization that features the very best bull riders and the very best bulls," Bernard said. "In 1995, when I came on, (the employees) didn't care how big our paychecks got. We wanted to build the bull riders' prize money."

The Built Ford Tough Series is offering \$9.5 million in prize money with two \$1 million bonuses this year. That's up from \$7.2 million last year, Bernard said.

2000 PBR World Champion Chris Shivers is up for one of those \$1

million bonuses. If he successfully rides the notorious bull Little Yellow Jacket at a match ride in April, he'll be \$1 million richer.

"This is something I've always dreamed of," Shivers said. "I'm glad I get to be the first guy to live it," he said alluding to his confidence of covering the bull. "He's a real tough bull and hard to ride, but for \$1 mil-

"It's a great sport, and through TV and sponsorships we attract more and more fans, and as long as you have fans, you have a sport," Hedeman said.

Another mark of success is the popularity the sport has garnered from fans hailing from east of the Mississippi River, Bernard said.

The sport of bull riding "comes from rodeo, and rodeo was never that successful east of the Mississippi," Bernard said. About a third of the stops on the 29-city Built Ford Tough tour are east of the Mississippi River.

Bernard and Hedeman said this recent surge in popularity is something that will stick.

"We felt strongly about the success from the beginning," Hedeman said. "The success doesn't surprise me. Very seldom do people go to an event and not think it is fun."

Bull rider Mike Lee also said the popularity surge will last.

"It's an intense sport, and people get excited by watching it, and people are going to get into it," he said.

Vincent said one reason the sport is becoming more popular is because people are realizing bull riders aren't exactly what they are stereotyped to be.

"Sometimes people see a guy in a cowboy hat, and they get turned off to it," he said. "Traditionally, bull riders had a rough and tough attitude, and they were going to do it their way or not at all. Now there is a new generation, and the attitude is more business than rough and tough."

"Some of that attitude is still there because you have to be that way to get on a bull, but a lot of the bull riders have college degrees and are making a business career out of the sport," Vincent said.

The sponsors of the sport aren't strictly those of the Western industry any more either. Vincent is sponsored by Putnam Hitch Products and by Lucky Brand Jeans.

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The Built Ford Tough Series will stop in Fort Worth this weekend. The Tuff Hedeman Challenge will take place at the Will Rogers Coliseum Friday through Sunday. Tickets cost \$30, \$20 and \$15 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at (214) 373-8000.

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Mike Lee rides Terry Williams bull, Scream Machine for 85.5 points in the first round of the Atlanta Built Ford Tough Series PBR. Photographer Andy Watson/courtesy of the PBR.

lion, a guy could do just about anything."

Brent Vincent is currently ranked in the Top 10 best bull riders in the world, and he said he never thought he would be able to ride for so much money.

"But if they said they were going to offer a \$10 million bonus, it wouldn't surprise me," Vincent said.

The massive amounts of prize money come from a rise in exposure which causes a rise in popularity, Bernard said. That exposure comes mostly from television contracts, he said. The PBR events that are broadcast on NBC now rate nearly twice as high as the Arena Football League, Bernard said.

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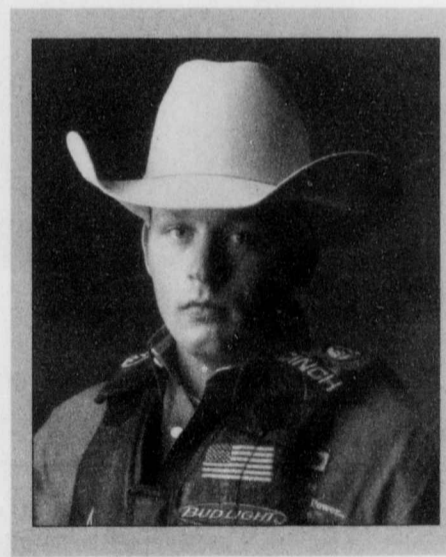
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Handy guide to bull riding

The rules:

A ride must last eight seconds for it to count. During that eight seconds, a rider is only allowed to use one hand. If his free hand comes in contact with the bull before then, he is disqualified.

Each eight-second ride is scored on a scale of a possible 100 points. Half of the score comes from the rider's performance — how well he maintains control during the ride. If the rider is in control, he'll be in the middle of the bull's back, he might spur with his outside foot and he matches each of the bull's moves with a countermove to stay on. The other half of the score comes from the bull's performance — how hard he is to ride. Difficult bulls to ride spin quickly, change directions of the spin and kick high with their back legs. Bulls are smart creatures, and they pay attention to where the rider is. If they feel the rider slipping to one side, they'll change their direction to better throw off the rider.

Only once in the history of bull riding has a perfect score been awarded, and many say a perfect 50-point bull would never be ridden.

The buzz words:

Bull rope: a basic piece of bull riding equipment. These ropes are fitted around the bull's middle — much like a high-fitting belt. At the top of the rope there is a handle where the rider slips his hand to hang on during the ride. Riders wear a leather glove and sticky rosin to better grip the rope.

Flank strap: a fleece-lined strap that is loosely tied around the a ticklish spot on the bull — his flank. This acts as a signal to the bull that the time to buck has come. Animals can not be forced to buck. The bulls are chosen for the competition because they like to buck and because they have a special "bull talent" for bucking. When they feel the flank strap, they know it is time to buck their best.

Bull fighters: a group of men who offer themselves as a target to distract the bull after a ride while the rider scrambles to safety.

Getting hung up: when a bull rider falls off the side of a bull, but his hand gets stuck in the rope. This is a dangerous situation because he is dragged along with the bull until he gets his hand free.

Four-Time World Champion Tuff Hedeman's picks for whom to watch at his upcoming event:

Riders:

Chris Shivers: the current leader in the race for the Built Ford Tough Series World Championship. He was the world champion in 2000.

Justin McBride: also a consistent top finisher. He's currently a hot contender for the championship and has already won two events this season.

Owen Washburn: the 1996 PBR World Champion. **J.W. Hart:** "Ironman" of the PBR. Hart has competed in nearly 200 consecutive events. He's one of the few riders to qualify for all of the PBR World Finals competitions.

Bulls:

Little Yellow Jacket: a world champion bull. He has been paired with Chris Shivers for a match ride at the upcoming Colorado Springs event. If Shivers completes a ride on this notorious bull, he'll win \$1 million.

Mossy Oak Mudslinger: runner up for 2002 Bull of the Year.

Bo Howdy: a son of notorious bucking bull Bodacious and a "rising star," Hedeman said.

Hammer: a bull that has only been successfully ridden twice, and it took a world champion (Owen Washburn) just to accomplish that.

Cripple Creek Promiseland: a former world champion bull who is considered one of the best bulls ever.

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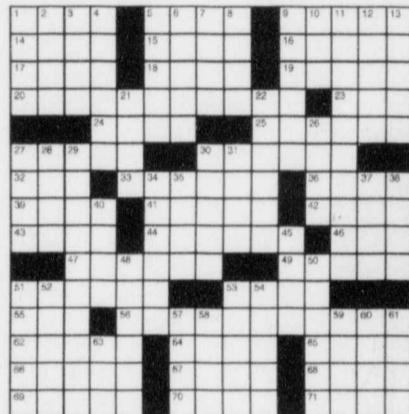
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The Sideline

Men's tennis team moves up in ITA rankings

According to the Omni Hotels Collegiate tennis rankings administered by the ITA, the TCU men's tennis program moved up in the rankings, which were announced Wednesday.

The Frogs previously held the No. 37 spot, but with a win over No. 30 Louisville Sunday, the Frogs have moved up in the rankings to No. 34.

The men's tennis match between TCU and Southern Methodist (5-4) scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Dallas was canceled due to inclement weather. The match will be rescheduled at a later date.

The Frogs are 7-3 overall and 3-0 in C-USA action after hosting the C-USA Shootout this past weekend. They are currently on a three match winning streak.

Freshman Jacopo Tezza is 9-1 and has not lost a singles match since February 1, a six match winning streak. Freshman Rafael Abreu is 10-3 and senior Toni Gordon is 7-2. Both are currently riding a three match win streak.

Up next for the Frogs is a match against No. 7 Duke at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center at noon Saturday.

— (www.gofrogs.com)

Three finalists named to Basketball Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Former Wayland Baptist coach Harley Redin is one of three finalists for election to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

The three were proposed by the Women's Screening Committee, which considered a dozen nominees, officials announced Wednesday. Barmore is a first-time finalist. Rush and Redin had been proposed previously.

Redin, 83, amassed a 431-66 record, two undefeated seasons, six AAU National Championships and a 76-game winning streak during the 18 years he coached the Wayland Baptist Flying Queens in Plainview, Texas, from 1955-1973.

The team, with a flashy warmup drill it learned from the Harlem Globetrotters, was initially sponsored by Harvest Queen Mill and Elevator and then by a local air service owner, who flew them to their games.

Cathy Rush, 55, coached for just seven years, but led tiny Immaculata College outside Philadelphia to three consecutive national collegiate titles, including the first for women in 1972, while amassing a 149-15 record.

She also took her team to six consecutive Final Fours. Her Immaculata squads were the first women's college team to play on national television in 1975 and at Madison Square Garden and the first to play overseas.

Athletics look to curb economic woes

BY JACQUE PETERSELL
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Editor's note: This is the second installment of a two-part series.

The economy has played a large part in the way the athletics department makes and spends money, said Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletics director for internal operations.

"As an athletic department, we've always tried very hard to spend the money in the most frugal way, while at the same time maintaining a level of competition, of presentation, that is worthy of the school," he said in an interview last semester. "But, in the past couple of years, we've looked at some things, for example, when we develop our budget, (like) what are some things that we absolutely have to have."

"I'm not trying to say we're taking any short cuts on spending, but we're trying to maximize the bang for the buck," he said.

One way of tightening the budget, in regards to travel, is looking at the most cost effective way to travel, Hesselbrock said. Busing to close games, such as when the women's basketball team would take a bus to Tulsa and the football team taking a bus to last year's Galleryfurniture.com Bowl, is a way to save money, he said.

"It's not just the assumed 'Well let's just hop on the plane and go,'" he said.

Tom Hathaway, assistant director of media relations at the University of Cincinnati, said a benefit to C-USA is the stability of the conference and the sharing of revenues.

"Members can budget for years in advance with the stability of scheduling, etc.," Hathaway said. "Members also benefit from the sharing of revenues. These benefits of membership are available in times of both healthy and fluctuating economies."

Monies from such things as bowl games, television appearances and NCAA basketball appearances go back to the conference, Hesselbrock said. Then the money is divided among all the schools in the conference, with the schools helping to earn the money receiving a larger share.

According to the NCAA information, the average C-USA and the WAC distribution last year was \$800,000.

When dealing with revenue, Hesselbrock said, the athletics department has been looking at different marketing ideas to focus on getting more people to the games.

"We're trying to increase opportunities for all different levels of consumer to come," he said. "There was a basketball game (in early December) where you bought one (ticket) you got one free, trying to get more people in."

One new way of increasing attendance and concession revenue, such as the opening of the pavilion during the men's basketball game against Texas Tech and the sale of alcohol during games.

"You're always looking for ways to enhance that game day experience, so when they leave they say 'Boy that was a good time,'" he said. "But we planned to do that with several more

games and some of the marquee games. Unfortunately, to do something at a TCU athletic event that has not been attempted before with the sale of alcohol took a lot of discussion."

Hesselbrock said local fan support has been up in recent years, but opponents' fan travel has been down.

Another source of possible revenue was the opening of the Lupton Baseball Stadium, Hesselbrock said.

"Texas is such a hot bed for college baseball," he said. "I think with the stadium and the ability to play some night games and to potentially bring in some opponents that would be very attractive to the baseball fan that they could see them at night after work. I think there's potential there. It's new ground for us."

According to NCAA reports, in 2001 women's sports, on average, generated in revenue only about one-fourth of what the programs spent. According to the report, women's sports, on average, generated \$1.4 million in revenue while spending \$4.6 million, a difference of \$3.2 million. However men's sports, on average, generated \$15.8 million and spent \$10.9 million during the same time.

The numbers are similar at TCU. During the school's last year in the WAC, women's sports brought in \$106,140 in revenue and spent \$3.9 million. The amounts were up just slightly in C-USA, as the women's program brought in \$130,038 and spent \$4.1 million.

Hesselbrock said not to assume choices in

spending on men's versus women's programs. "Something a lot of (people) don't like to pinpoint is that it's obviously going to take more money for football players, equipment wise, then it would a men or women's basketball player," he said.

Hesselbrock said the department is looking at ways to increase revenue across the board, not just in women's athletics.

"A good example of how it's grown is your season ticket base in women's basketball," he said. "(It) has grown from 300 or 400 a few years ago to 800 or 900 this year. And I think those sports and the revenue sports are looking for ways to narrow that gap."

Recently, the NCAA has started a task force to examine current economic forces and other factors that may influence the way institutions, make financial decisions. The group is also to look at where revenues for schools come from, how they are spent and the relationship with the overall budget, according to an NCAA document.

Hesselbrock said the task force is still in its early stages and said he does not think there is a school that is not looking to increase revenue, and curtail spending in the current economy.

"And that goes for even some of the conferences that traditionally make a lot of revenue," he said. "(Creating revenue has) gotten to be a real issue. It mirrors society, mirrors the economy."

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2003 C-USA Women's Basketball Tournament



Lady Frogs to play E. Carolina in round 1

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After a long and unpredictable season, the women's basketball team is preparing for something quite familiar to them.

Post season play.

The Lady Frogs (15-13, 8-6 Conference USA) will face off against East Carolina (12-15, 4-10 C-USA) in the first round of the C-USA Tournament today in Memphis, Tenn. TCU, which holds a fifth seed in this year's tournament, had the top seed last season.

"It's wide open," head coach Jeff Mittie said. "Moving to a neutral building is important because I believe there has been a big home court advantage this year."

The standings prove Mittie is correct. The 12 teams in the tournament have a combined 60-24 record in home conference games this season. On the road, that record decreases to a mere 32-52. In fact, only three of the 12 teams sport conference road records over .500.

But TCU is not one of those three. After losing their first three C-USA road games, the Lady Frogs finished conference play with an overall 2-5 record away from Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

TCU beat East Carolina Jan. 24, 85-46, at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

However, Mittie said he is not using that game as a determinant to how today's game will go.

"We haven't faced East Carolina in a month," Mittie said. "As far as I'm concerned, they're a different team, and I know we're a different team."

If TCU beats the Lady Pirates, it

will play Tulane (19-8, 10-4 C-USA) 8 p.m. Friday. Tulane is 3-0 against the Lady Frogs in the last two years, including a 74-65 win in February. Tulane knocked TCU out of the conference tournament last year in the second round with a 80-76 win.

Junior guard Ebony Shaw said she would have liked to face Tulane later in the tournament but is not looking past East Carolina.

"We need to focus on the first one," Shaw said. "We're going to go step-by-step. We're not even thinking about (Tulane)."

In such an unpredictable conference, Mittie said no team is safe. This year, C-USA has seen several upsets, including a February win by last-place South Florida over first-place Charlotte.

"The tournament is unpredictable," Shaw said. "There have been a lot of people winning and losing games and that shows that we have a good conference."

Elsewhere in the conference, Charlotte claimed the C-USA championship Sunday after finishing 12-2 in conference play. The 49ers will have a first round bye in the tournament, along with Cincinnati, DePaul and Tulane.

Despite the second-round loss in the tournament last year, the Lady Frogs were still invited to the NCAA tournament for the second straight season.

This season it appears that TCU will have to win the C-USA tournament if they want to make a return trip.

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Frogs try to end losing streak

Team to play three-game series against BYU

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History is on the side of the baseball team this weekend, as it kicks off its three-game home series against the BYU Cougars 6:30 p.m. today.

The Frogs, who have an overall 9-7 record this season and a 4-1 all-time record against the Cougars (4-8), have won the last two meetings. In its four wins against the Cougars, TCU has beat them by an average of five runs. BYU's only win came back in 1998 when it defeated the Frogs 11-10.

Head coach Lance Brown said the coaching staff has not had the chance to scout BYU's baseball team this season.

TCU is currently on a three-game losing streak. It dropped the final two games of its three-game series against Texas-Arlington this past weekend and lost to the Oklahoma Sooners on the road Tuesday, 13-6.

Brown said the team will look to take advantage of the recent offensive output of sophomore right hander Jake Duncan.

"He is a good ballplayer, and we expect him to be doing what he is doing to protect (senior outfielder) Terry (Trofholz)," Brown said.

Duncan, the only consistent starter in the field who is not a senior, has seemed to find a niche in the cleanup spot, as he has hit .571 with four home runs and 6 RBIs in his last two games at that position in the batting order.

"We have to give people a chance in games to see what they can do," Brown said.

In the last two games, 19 different players have seen starting time in the field and on the mound for the Frogs.

"We didn't have a fall to work out our problems," Brown said. "We are three months behind everyone else."

The lack of a fall training has shown some of the apparent problems with the team.

Even though they did not have much for fall training, Brown said, he sees that as no excuse for TCU's recent downfalls.

"Right now it's time for people to play well," Brown said.

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