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Upcoming election spurs theme

TCU's "Politics and Principles" semester encourages student interest in politics.

By CHRISTINE WILSON
Staff Reporter

Politics is one of those topics, along with religion and money, that is banned from polite conversation. But, through the theme for this semester, "Politics and Principles," political discussion is being encouraged throughout campus, Chancellor Victor Boschini said.

In addition to a series of political talks and symposia, including a notable evening with Mary Matalin, adviser to Vice President Cheney, and James Carville, adviser to former President Clinton, professors are being prompted to incorporate political discussion into the classrooms, Boschini said.

"I think there is a lot of interest in civic engagement in general within our faculty and staff," Boschini said. "They will then spread that interest to the students."

"The idea behind the theme is to get everyone on campus involved," Student Government Association President Jay Zeidman said. "We want the leaders and educators to help keep the discourse on campus alive."

Whether the class is religion, history, business or science, there is a political issue that corresponds with it, Zeidman said.

Elizabeth Spiller, associate professor of English, is teaching a Renaissance literature class this semester, called Crowns and Laureates, which studies the interdependence of poetry and court power in the English Renaissance.

"The Politics and Principles semester seems like a timely one," Spiller said. "What is important is committing to thinking about the ideas and ideals that shape the politics as a civic community. These are questions societies must

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Students intern in RNC, New York

TCU students discover what it's like to be Texans in NYC for the Republican National Convention.

By ASHLEY MOORE
Staff Reporter

Fourteen TCU students, many of whom are republican, are attending the Republican National Convention this week in New York City only to find out that they are the minority in a sea of Democrats.

Thousands of protestors marched in front of Madison Square Garden, where the convention is being held, opposing four more years, while students were inside interning for various media outlets and the Republican National Committee, Brandon Knieper, sophomore radio-TV-film major said.

Internships have been provided by the Washington Center, a non-partisan group out of Washington D.C., said John Tisdale, a journalism professor chaperoning the students during their stay.

Students are receiving class credit for their internships in New York as well as the various classes, seminars and speeches they attend, Tisdale said.

They are also required to keep a daily journal, write a 500-word essay and read a text on how the convention process works, Tisdale said.

"This is like a mini-mester on steroids," Tisdale said.

Inside the convention students have found there is a different breed of republican, Knieper said. "They are more liberal than the conservative, Bush Republican you find in Texas," Knieper said.

There are republicans here that are pro-choice, he said.

Outside the convention students encountered thousands of protestors, Amy Kitchel, sophomore international communication major, said.

Students were able to see the Planned Parenthood march that crossed the Brooklyn Bridge one block from their dormitory last Sunday, she said.

"[Protestors] here are ultra liberal and granola crunchy," Kitchel said. Most of them hate Bush and hate Republicans, she said.

"Democrats outnumber republicans 5-to-1 in New York City even though the

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Paul Sancya / Associated Press
Former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani waves from the stage during the evening session of the first day of the Republican National Convention Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, in New York.

Stephen Spillman / Photo Editor
Provost Nowell Donavan's new responsibilities do not consist of sweeping, but the Provost is still waiting to move into his new office on the third floor of Sadler Hall next door to the Chancellor.

New provost settles into position nicely

Nowell Donovan excels in his new role as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

By NEELEY JACKSON
Staff Reporter

While most professors would consider the position of provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs a difficult challenge, R. Nowell Donovan says he feels it is just another day in the classroom.

Donovan had the task of replacing the retired Dr. William Koehler who spent the last 24 years in the vice chancellor position. "He is assuming the role and doing a great job," said Larry Adams, associate provost for academic affairs.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said the new job brings a different pace and a different set of challenges for the former endowed geology chair. Boschini and Donovan both said that the most immediate issue is the acquisition of faculty to accommodate the growing number of students. Donovan said he wants to improve the quality of the freshman experience by hiring more adjunct professors and offering more sections of lower level courses.

Boschini said another major hurdle Donovan will face as provost is the implementation of the new core curriculum, which will go into effect next fall. Donovan said he agrees and that he believes the new curriculum will provide a greater variety of knowledge for all students. Donovan said he began working on the new curriculum while he was a faculty member and now has the new job of overseeing how the pro-

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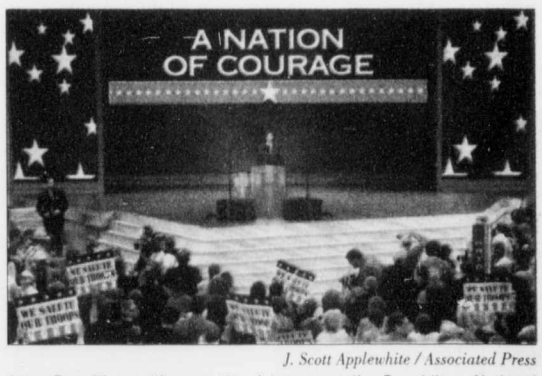

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Actor Ron Silver addresses the delegates at the Republican National Convention Monday, Aug.30, 2004, in New York.

Republicans show strong support for Bush at convention

While republicans show their support inside, over 100,000 protestors demonstrate outside.

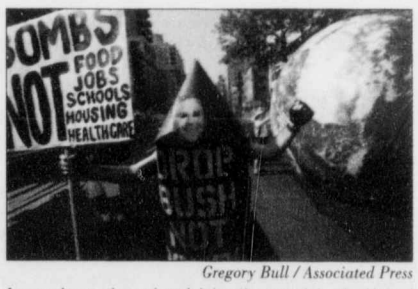
By TOM RAUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sen. John McCain said Monday it was fair game to criticize Democrat John Kerry's anti-war protests three decades ago, firing an opening salvo as Republicans at their national convention sought to portray President Bush as a strong wartime leader.

"We will leave here with momentum that will carry us to victory in November," Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie said to a roar of approval as the convention got under way in Madison Square Garden. Gillespie promised a positive agenda that he said would expand Republican control of Congress and governorships.

Republicans were paying tribute to victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in their opening session.

"We've shown the world New York can never be defeated," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said in welcoming delegates.



Gregory Bull / Associated Press
A man dressed as a bomb joins the march by the United for Peace and Justice group along Seventh Avenue in New York Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004. Thousands gathered Sunday to protest the upcoming Republican National Convention which begins here Monday.

Thousands of police kept the city under tight wraps for the opening of the convention.

Normally bustling Penn Station was extraordinarily empty, except for the police officers posted every few feet.

Protesters, who numbered at least 120,000

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Students seek aid as tuition rises

Tuition increases have caused students to look for work study jobs.

By JULIE PAPENFUHS
Staff Reporter

Some students have returned for the fall semester needing to apply for additional scholarships or look for on-campus jobs, but the university has found more funding for at least some of them, financial aid director Mike Scott said.

With the 11.9 percent tuition increase announced last spring by the Board of Trustees, some work study students like Natalie Rodriguez, a sophomore math major, have expressed concerns about paying for college. Last year's tuition totaled $15,740. For the 2004-2005 academic year, the cost for an undergraduate to attend TCU equals $19,700, said Scott, the director of scholarships and financial aid.

According to Scott, the undergraduate portion of the university's institutional aid budget increased 15 percent from last year. More notable this academic year is the incremental funding of an additional $1 million to assist returning students who receive TCU need-based grants, Scott said.

The total amount of aid disbursed this year at TCU will be in excess of $90 million and half will be educational loans, Scott said.

The undergraduate population as a whole has had an incredible increase in "need," Scott said. Need is defined as the difference between an institution's "cost of attendance" and an individual student's ability to pay for college, Scott said.

"There has been recent concern regarding financial aid due to the tuition increase. Costs go up, in education as well as in every other part of our lives. Students are concerned each time we raise tuition, whether it's 3 percent or 11.9 percent. What's different now is that we have more opportunities for students to receive assistance," Scott said.

Applications for work study jobs have steadily increased for the past five years, Scott said. In 2001, 3,289 applications were

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- All Class of 2008 Members are invited to walk with Chancellor Boschini to the first football game on Thursday, Sept. 2. We will be meeting at Frog Fountain at 8 p.m. wearing our Class of 2008 T-shirts. From there, we will walk to the game and onto the field with the Chancellor. Come early to get free snow cones from HyperFrogs! For more information, call SDS at (817) 257-7855.
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gram will impact students' learning.

According to the Faculty and Staff Handbook, being provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs comes with a wide range of responsibilities, Donovan is now the senior member of the chancellor's staff and acts for the chancellor in his absence. The Faculty and Staff Handbook said he also has the responsibility of governing all academic colleges and programs.

Even with all the new responsibilities, Donovan said being an effective faculty member is the greatest challenge of all.

"Dealing with a class of over 200 students is an enormous challenge, a lot of raw emotion," Donovan said.

While he said he admits that being provost is slightly easier than being a faculty member and chair, he claims he is still quite busy.

Becky Roach, assistant to the provost, said his teaching background helps him in his new position. "He puts learning above all else and the students were enamored with him," Roach said.

Klinton Farrar, a sophomore geology major, said, "He knows the needs and desires from being a professor."

While Donovan said he hopes to achieve a lot in his new position, to him the most important goal is to create an even greater intellectual experience. "People will want to their kids here, and if it works right we'll have happy students and faculty."

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received compared to the 4,395 applications received this year, he said.

"The work study program is helpful when paying for college because it dramatically decreases the amount of loans I will have when I graduate," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez started working as a student worker this fall in the Waits Hall office.

When compared to similar schools, TCU's financial aid packages are probably lower, Scott said. What is important is that each dollar spent in financial aid is a dollar taken away from other operating needs, Scott said.

"In my opinion, it's more important to maintain a balance between the need for financial aid and the need for other student services," Scott said.

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during loud but peaceful demonstrations on Sunday, generally gave back the streets of Manhattan to commuters. One group of protesters in oversize Bush masks and wild costumes heckled convention-goers as they left their hotels Monday morning.

McCain, R-Ariz., told CBS's "The Early Show" that television ads run against Kerry accusing the Democrat of lying about his military service in Vietnam were "dishonest and dishonorable." But, he added, "What John Kerry did after the war is very legitimate political discussion." Kerry was a leader of Vietnam veterans who opposed the war.

While seeking to energize the party's conservative base, Republicans also were reaching out to moderates who remain undecided. Most of the prominent convention speakers — McCain, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger — are popular among moderates and independent-minded voters.

J. Scott Applewhite / Associated Press

Actor Ron Silver addresses the delegates at the Republican National Convention Monday, Aug.30, 2004, in New York.

Democratic Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia gives the keynote address on Wednesday.

And another Democrat, former New York Mayor Ed Koch, addressed the opening session, delighting delegates by saying, "This year, I'm voting for the re-election of President George W. Bush." Koch was mayor from 1978-89.

Marc Racicot, chairman of the Bush-Cheney re-election team, was quick to sound the GOP theme of the day. "Under President Bush, we have a safer, more hopeful America," Racicot said.

Democrats fought back with strong rhetoric of their own. Kerry's running mate, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, dismissed GOP assertions that Bush was a strong world leader.

"We have seen what this administration's approach does to our standing in the world. It isolates us. It costs us respect from our allies. It means we must face these new challenges alone," Edwards said in remarks prepared for a speech in Wilmington, N.C.

"After months of saying he'd done everything right on Iraq and foreign policy, the president acknowledged just the other day that he miscalculated the way in which he waged the war in Iraq. He believes that he may have won the war too quickly and that was a miscalculation," Edwards added.

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always continue to ask and thus are at the heart of any liberal arts course of study."

Joanne Green, associate professor of political science, teaches Campaigns and Elections, a class that is taught every two years in conjunction with the presidential and midterm elections. This year it corresponds directly with the theme semester, which she said she sees as a happy coincidence.

In response to the challenge of staying neutral in classroom debates, Green said educated people should be open and critical.

"Hopefully my students can be critical thinkers and not just accept what I tell them," she said.

The upcoming presidential election is not the only issue on board for the fall. "We are talking about much more here than just who will be the next president," Boschini said. "We are talking about the overall values and everyday actions of our governmental leaders, which in turn affect all of us."

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mayor and the governor are republicans," Tisdale said.

High security monitors everything and everyone inside and outside the convention, Knieper said.

Students are conscious of the fact that the convention is a terrorism threat, Kitchel said. Yet, New York City feels safe because there is a cop on every street corner, even on the subway trains, she said.

Over 10,000 police officers patrol New York City, Knieper said.

Anyone entering the convention center is required to have a credential, and there are many security check points you are required to go through, Kitchel said.

Knieper's credentials guarantee him access to the convention floor, he said. So far he has been able to meet Governor Pataki, Ben Stein and the Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, he said.

The convention ends this Thursday after President Bush accepts the nomination.

Students will return to Fort Worth this weekend to resume their normal class schedules next week.

Educational funding challenged

By APRIL CASTRO
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lasting effects from segregation and racism in Texas have contributed to the prevalence of poorer schools in Mexican-American neighborhoods, experts testified Monday in a trial challenging the way Texas funds public education.

Discrimination against Mexican-Americans in government, housing and education have been so pervasive throughout Texas history that by the 1970s "they would very probably be living in low-income areas," said Andres Tijerina, an Austin historian.

Tijerina testified for plaintiffs in the case, in which hundreds of wealthy and poor Texas school districts are arguing that the state does not allocate enough funds for education and that the school finance system is unconstitutional.

Attorneys for the state contend that Texas does satisfy the constitutional requirements of equal education opportunities and any changes to the system should be made by the Legislature, not the court.

Monday marked the beginning of the fourth week of the trial, which is expected to last until mid-September. Any ruling by Judge John Dietz probably will be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.

In morning testimony, Tijerina testified that Mexican-Americans in the early-1900s were prevented from living in certain neighborhoods, relegating them to "barrios" on the other side of the tracks. Political lines were drawn to keep their political power to a minimum, he said.

"Segregation was planned, organized and explicitly done," he said.

By the time Mexican-Americans began to take advantage of their rights with groups such as the League of United Latin American Voters and the American GI Forum, the population had already began to bear the effects of the discrimination, he testified.

Christine Drennon, an urban studies professor at San Antonio's Trinity University, testified that school district lines in the San Antonio area were drawn at a time when property deeds were largely restricted based on race. Some deeds stipulated that Mexicans and blacks were not allowed to live in houses, while others mandated "Chicano only," Drennon testified.

Segregation carried over into the schools, she said.

"Those with extreme wealth and those with extreme poverty remained isolated," she said, noting that the legacy was "coded into the district lines."

An attorney for the state maintained that the racism and segregation does not exist today in the Texas Education Agency.

Skiff View

Candidates must end mudslinging

Campaign should focus on positives

Candidates have been slinging mud at each other since the cherry tree was chopped down. But fighting a dirty campaign with commercials that can't be proven true is a waste of time and energy and in no way helps a candidate.

The Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, claiming Kerry lied about receiving medals for rescuing people while not really under enemy fire, are using suspicious methods to get people to question Kerry's character. Do we know no one was shooting at him? Most of the evidence, including nine out of 10 witnesses, say that he was.

Since the turmoil over these ads started, Bush has disassociated himself with the group's actions and said that Kerry's record is something to be proud of, but an ad saying Bush doesn't respect America from the group MoveOn.org is more than opinionated. The problem, however, is that these ads have not or cannot be proven. Cheap shots shouldn't be taken when there is no reliable proof. Candidates should be picked on merits, elected on what they've done right, not on their opponent's deficiencies. It shouldn't matter if the candidate funds the ad or if a specific interest group does. The ads should not be used.

Other View

Opinions from around the country

Free speech, security are equal

More than 300 demonstrators were arrested in New York City before the Republican National Convention even began.

It's no secret that President Bush has enemies, but seeing them arrested while exercising their free speech rights is alarming. Imposed regulations, such as banning protesters from walking on the grass, only seems to be an unreasonable restriction to stifle unpopular opinion.

Too often during the Bush presidency it seems free speech has taken a back seat to security concerns with the Patriot Act allowing officials to detain individuals who pose any threat.

However, order and especially security are essential in a city already sensitive to threats. Protesters have an obligation to honor the First Amendment by expressing their views peacefully in order not to violate others' essential rights like security.

Republicans would be wise to ensure unfair silencing of opposition is not occurring outside the building where inside the democratic process is unfolding.

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Sudan poses huge problem

COMMENTARY
Leah Ricker

Sudan is the location of the dubious honor of world's worst humanitarian crisis, according to the United Nations. The location of abductions of women who are held as sex slaves by the Janjaweed, a pro-Arab government funded and discreetly run (think Taliban vs. the Soviets a decade ago) oppressor of black Africans. The location of such pillage, slaughter and rape is reminiscent of the Romans.

In the western region of Darfur, over one million people have fled and 50,000 have been killed, due to a "tension" between the government who is said to ignore the black African native land and rebel groups such as the Sudanese Liberation Army. This tension had been building for centuries, dating back to the issues over grazing rights between the Africans and the Massaleet farmers.

It finally exploded in April 2003 when the SLA blew up several planes at the El-fasher Airport in Darfur. The Sudanese President, Bashir, then created the Janjaweed to wipe out such a faction, and as a result, a massacre is in the making.

The U.N. has to decide if the steps taken to eliminate the SLA and other rebels constitute a genocide and if so, then it is bound to take action. The government and the rebels have signed a cease-fire and aid workers are slowly filtering into Darfur, but these actions are not enough, and people are still dying, if — miraculously — not from gunshot wounds, then from malnutrition and poor water.

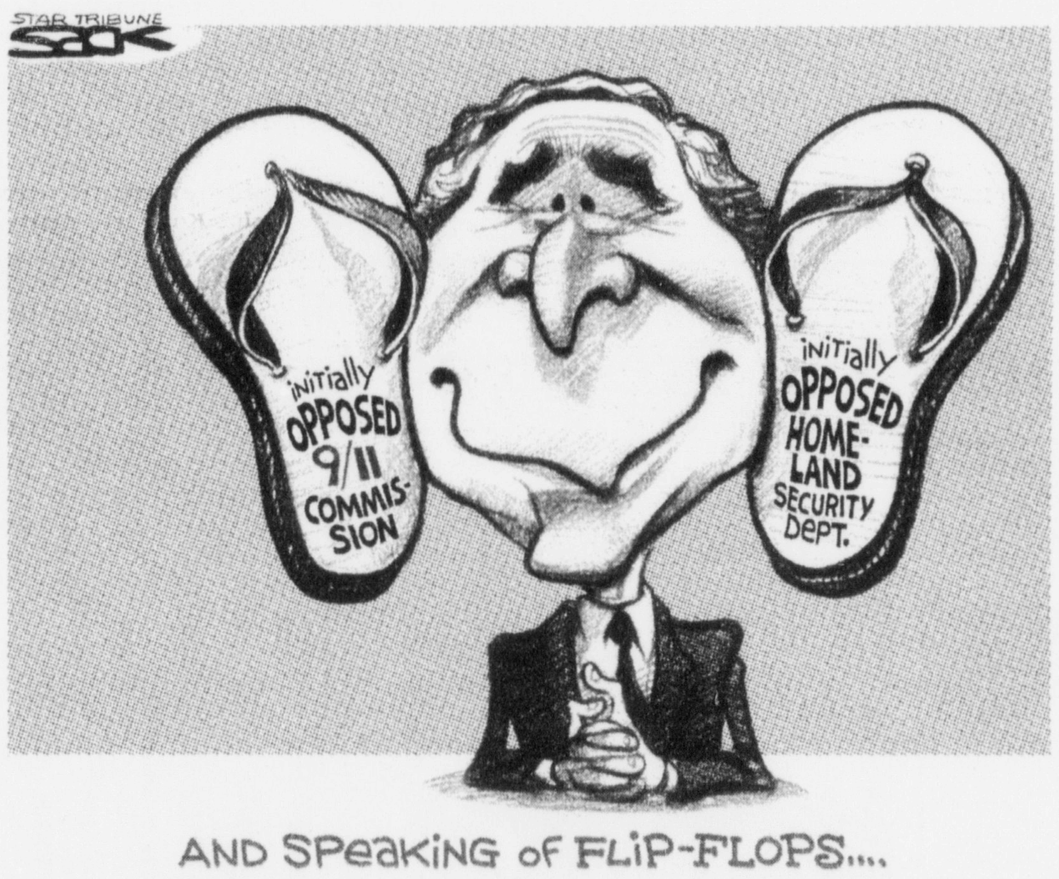
The U.N. Security Council recently passed a resolution requiring Sudan to cease their actions against the rebellious sects. It was passed after the United States delegate to Sudan successfully dropped the word "sanctions" from the list of consequences and substituted "measures."

So the question presenting itself now is: Why would the U.S., who always holds the voice and values of the people close to its bosom, forcefully lobby for "measures" (a euphemism for "nothing") to be taken against a country where Arabs are razing Africans? I was under the impression we liked the Africans. On top of that, judging from the historical actions of the U.S. regarding the Palestinian and Israeli conflicts, I thought we didn't like the Arabs.

A few months back, Colin Powell was on tour to improve the internationally bad view of the U.S. to a generally good one when one of his appointments was canceled, and so he decided to take the detour leading to Sudan. What did he find? What were his conclusions? He must have had some eye-opening views of the shattered and smoldering ashes of the planes from the airport attack and the letters to the government pleading for aid. However, we really don't know, since after he got on the plane back to the States, he adopted the "out of sight, out of mind" philosophy regarding the matter.

Unfortunately, the rest of the world has adopted this stand as well, as only the African Union has sent any significant number of troops (150-300) to Darfur. The popular analysts have concluded that 15,000 to 20,000 troops are necessary. Why isn't the U.S. doing anything about this crisis? We have thousands upon thousands of troops all deployed to the other side of the world in a land unnecessarily; we need them elsewhere, now.

Leah Ricker is a columnist for the Ka Leo O Hawaii of the University of Hawaii. This column was distributed by U-Wire.



Live your life without any regrets

COMMENTARY
Kara King

"Quit going out to eat so much!"

"You don't understand anything about finances or money."

"We had to live the hard way, eating bread and crackers to survive. A 13-inch black-and-white television is how we watched the news."

These are three things my parents reiterate to me time and time again. Many other college students are going through the same thing. We come to Ball State University partly to get away from our parents and obtain a sense of freedom. It's hard to "find yourself" when you have a curfew of 11 p.m. and high school activities every day. So we all breathe a sigh of relief when saying goodbye to our parents on move-in day. We believe we are breaking all ties with our parents, but in reality they are still paying the car insurance, the tuition, the housing, the bills, etc.

The day after move-in, our parents call us to let us know that the car payment is due and getting a job will be necessary to help pay for tuition. Trips home end up in countless arguments about how as a young adult entering the real world, we do not understand anything about paying bills, loans, or finances. It is a frustrating process that produces hostility between parent and child and unnecessary arguments.

Although the above situation is being experienced by many students, there are others who pay their entire way through college and struggle to make it through, coming out with a large amount of debt. Some take on a full-time job while taking classes and make it through without having much of a life outside of paying for school. Lastly, some parents pay their child's entire way through college with extra spending money on the side.

No matter which financial category you fall into, we all have a common goal: getting a college education and a satisfying, fulfilling career after graduation. Eventually, we will all learn about debt and finances and start a family of our own. Most of us will even go through the same process with our children as we did with our parents. Learning to balance finances, schoolwork, a job, and a social life are key steps to "finding yourself" in this mess that is life.

As college students, we are independent people experiencing a life of our own. Throughout this experience, we will learn to survive and establish a separate mind from our parents. Not all of us wish to live like our parents did when they were 20 years old. Neither of my parents received a college education, they married young, and they survived on little. I have had to help them understand that I am not in the same situation as they were in the 1980s, but I respect them for how far they have come.

"Always remember that we love you and we will support you."

It comes down to this. Whether it comes from parents, professors, or friends, support is available. With the troubles aside, enjoy college and enjoy life. Only one life is given to us, and it shouldn't be full of regret and sadness. Put a smile on your face and keep on truckin'.

Kara King is a columnist for the Daily News of Ball State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Reality TV poor example of life

COMMENTARY

Talia Sampson

Since MTV's "Real World" and "Road Rules" in the early '90s, reality TV has swept across the nation. However, recent shows such as "The Swan" and "The Simple Life" are evidence that reality TV has evolved from merely portraying people as they are to negatively influencing the values of a nation of vulnerable viewers.

In "The Simple Life" and "The Simple Life 2" Hollywood brats Paris Hilton and Nicole Ritchie are forced into situations they would normally pay to have taken care of. Instead of humiliating themselves by actually trying to do an honest day's work, the girls lie, cheat and manipulate others into doing things for them. The scariest part is that there are only very rarely repercussions for their actions, and normally the repercussions are laughable. Just think about the impact this has on little girls and preteens who watch Paris and Nicole constantly use sexual appeal to get out of doing actual work.

The only show that could possibly be worse would have to be one that takes totally self-conscious women, gives them extreme plastic surgery, and then parades them in a beauty contest. Enter "The Swan." Women with large noses, big bellies, and bad teeth are cut apart and stitched together to make them more "attractive" looking. What a lesson that is for the women of the world: If you don't like the way you look, you can pay to look totally different. Or perhaps the lesson is that self-confidence comes with a tummy-tuck or a face-lift.

Now, there are totally valid medical reasons to have plastic surgery. But "I don't like the way I look" is not an excuse. There are other ways to improve upon what women have naturally than getting more stitched and stuffed than a Thanksgiving turkey.

While women are being trained to use sexual appeal to get what they want and to get plastic surgery to get sexual appeal, men are also being influenced to act and look a certain way. In order to be considered "worthy" to have beautiful women, men must look rich and buff. However, rich will do if buff is unavailable. With wealth comes power, and so powerful men are far more desirable than the "Average Joe," as the show "Average Joe" proved.

Reality TV has gone too far. Perhaps if cameras followed around ethical leaders or plain looking women who are successful and happy with their lives it would make for a boring show. But there really are people out there who are polite, kind and ethical. Don't believe it? Then it's time to get off the couch and experience the ultimate reality: life.

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National/International Roundup

Your link to news outside Fort Worth

TENNESSEE

Bush displays resolve on war

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Bush said Tuesday "we will win" the war on terror, seeking to quell controversy and Democratic criticism over his earlier remark that victory may not be possible.

In a speech to the national convention of the American Legion, Bush said, "We meet today in a time of war for our country, a war we did not start yet one that we will win.

"In this different kind of war, we may never sit down at a peace table," Bush said. "But make no mistake about it, we are winning and we will win."

Those statements differed from Bush's earlier comment, aired Monday in a pre-taped television interview, that "I don't think you can win" the war on terror. That had Democrats running for the cameras to criticize Bush for being defeatist and flip-flopping from previous predictions of victory.

"What if President Reagan had said that it may be difficult to win the war against communism? What if other presidents had said it'd be difficult to win the war — the Cold War?" Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards said on ABC's "Nightline" program. "The war on terrorism is absolutely winnable."

In his speech to the nation's largest veterans' organization, Bush also defended his decision to remove Saddam Hussein from power. Though no weapons of mass destruction have been found, he said Saddam had the capability to make them.

"Knowing what I know today I would have taken the same action," he said. "America and the world are safer with Saddam Hussein sitting in a prison cell."

UTAH

Kidnapper found competent

SALT LAKE CITY — A judge on Tuesday found the homeless man charged with kidnapping Elizabeth Smart competent to stand trial.

The ruling came at the start of what had been expected to be a three-day hearing to gauge the mental state of Brian Mitchell, 50.

Salt Lake County District Attorney David Yocom said he and Mitchell's attorney, Kim Clark, had been in negotiations over waiving the hearing.

Clark said at the hearing that it was a "tactical decision" the defense reached after a judge ruled the competency proceedings would be open. The defense had sought to close the hearing, arguing media reports concerning Mitchell's mental state would taint the jury pool if he were found competent.

Two court-appointed experts apparently could not agree on the issue of his competency. Both evaluators did agree he suffers from a narcissistic delusion. Mitchell, who describes himself as a prophet, had refused to cooperate with them.

A handcuffed Mitchell, bearded and with long gray hair, did not speak during Tuesday's hearing but nodded twice when Judge Judith Atherton asked if he agreed with the decision, and if he understood what it meant.

Yocom would not say whether there were plea negotiations under way.

Mitchell and wife Wanda Barzee, 58, are charged with kidnapping Smart from her bedroom at knife-point in 2002, and keeping her for nine months in Utah and California. She was 14 when she was abducted.

The two face kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, aggravated burglary and attempted aggravated kidnapping charges. The couple has been in custody since the teenager was found with them along a suburban street in March 2003.

Mitchell was reportedly motivated by a "revelation from God" to take and detain Elizabeth in the Wasatch foothills just a few miles from her home, according to court documents. Authorities say Mitchell had written a rambling manifesto espousing the virtues of polygamy and may have taken the teen to make her his second wife.

Barzee has been twice deemed incompetent to stand trial and is undergoing treatment at a state mental hospital. She is scheduled to be re-evaluated in August 2005.

Legal incompetence means a person is prevented by mental illness or other ailment from understanding the charges against them or aiding in their defense.

GEORGIA

Prisoner cleared by DNA tests

DECATUR, Ga. — A man who spent 17 years in prison for the 1986 rape, kidnapping and robbery of a hospital worker was freed Tuesday after DNA evidence cleared him.

Clarence Harrison, 44, was sentenced to life in prison in 1987 on charges of sexually assaulting the woman as she waited for a bus.

A DNA test of the rape kit used as evidence in the case showed Harrison did not commit the rape.

A motion for a new trial was filed on Harrison's behalf last week by lawyers from the Georgia Innocence Project; DeKalb County prosecutors did not object.

Judge Cynthia Beker granted the request Tuesday — and then dismissed the charges.

"All we know for sure is the culprit is not Mr. Harrison, " said John Petrey, chief assistant district attorney.

According to a police report, the 25-year-old victim, who worked at Grady Memorial Hospital, was standing at a bus stop when a man walked up, struck her in the face and said, "If you scream, I'll kill you right here." He walked her to a wooded area and repeatedly raped and sodomized her, the report said.

The attacker took her money and watch and knocked out two front teeth.

The woman initially identified Harrison from a photographic lineup and later identified him at the trial.

RUSSIA

Car bomb kills 8, wounds 10

MOSCOW — A car exploded near a Moscow subway station Tuesday night, killing eight people and wounding ten , the Interfax news agency reported, citing emergency ministry officials.

The emergency ministry could not immediately be reached for comment. A duty officer at the Federal Security Service's Moscow branch confirmed there was an explosion that caused injuries.

News reports said the blast took place near the Rizhskaya station in northern Moscow, in an area between the entrance to the station and a supermarket-department store complex.

The blast came a week after two Russian passenger planes crashed simultaneously following explosions on board, killing all 90 people aboard in what authorities say was a terrorist attack.

Suicide bombings blamed on Chechen rebels and their supporters have hit Moscow and other parts of Russia over the past several years. In February, 41 people were killed in a rush-hour explosion on the Moscow subway that officials said was a terrorist attack; in December a female suicide bomber blew herself up outside a hotel adjacent to Red Square, killing five other people.

Chechens voted on Sunday for president of the warring republic in an election that was backed by the Kremlin as a move toward establishing stability. The election was part of the Kremlin's strategy for trying to undermine support for the separatist insurgents who have been fighting Russian forces for nearly five years.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Price of oil drops off slightly

WASHINGTON — The price of oil slid toward $42 a barrel Tuesday despite confusion about the status of Iraqi exports, indicating that the market has become less worried about the global balance of supply and demand.

With the busy summer driving season nearing an end, the demand for oil from refineries is expected to taper off — and that contributed to the decline in prices, traders said.

The government releases its weekly energy supply report Wednesday and most analysts expect commercially available supplies of oil and gasoline to grow or remain flat.

"Supply fears, in general, are diminishing," said James Steel, director of commodities and oil research at Refco, a New York-based brokerage.

A few weeks ago, there were concerns that output could suffer in Russia and Venezuela. Now, the likelihood of that happening in either of those countries has diminished significantly, Steel said.

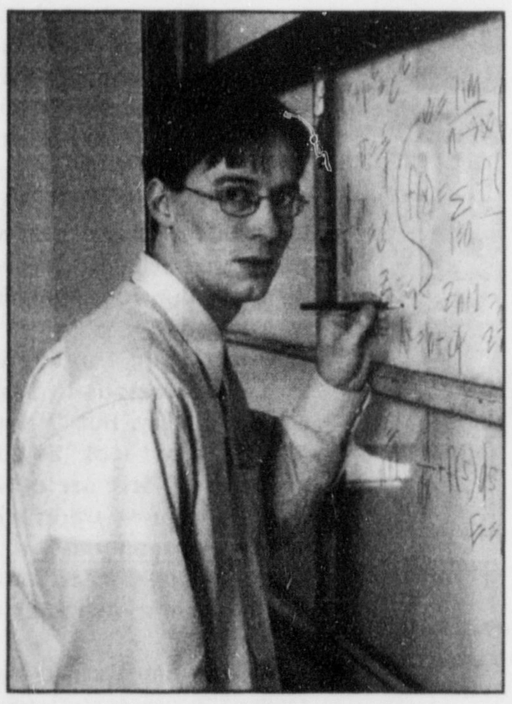
— A deadline for the beleaguered oil giant Yukos to pay a $3.4 billion bill for back taxes came and went Tuesday with the company repeating that it could come up with only half the amount. Authorities indicated Yukos has more time to pay.

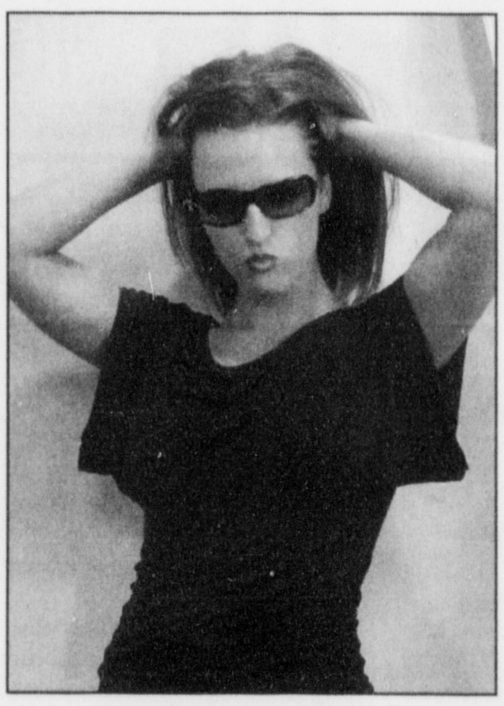
— More than two weeks have passed since Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez survived a vote to oust him — without any turmoil at the highly politicized state-run oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela SA.

Still, the status of Iraq's crucial oil exports was mired in confusion Tuesday, with government and industry officials giving contradictory statements about whether oil was flowing or whether there were even oil tankers at the port in Faw, Iraq.

College Math Club President Dumps Supermodel

He crunched the numbers, then crushed her heart





College sophomore Brady Burns, left, abruptly ended a six-month torrid love affair with a heartbroken Elene, right.

By JAMIE MURRY

Admitting that there was a good $(9-\sqrt{3})^2$ percent chance that he made the wrong move, college math club president Brady Burns recently called it quits with longtime supermodel girlfriend Elene. Burns, who claimed he carefully calculated the breakup, said his alleged free checking account had monthly fees that just didn't add up. The whiz kid was quick to admit that had he known about Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe, the relationship's longevity may have had better odds. "I loved her like a quadratic formula, but the off-campus lunches were killing me financially," said Burns. "I felt like a real abacus for breaking things off." The fact that he was unaware of Washington Mutual's Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay available at wamu.com—left Elene at a total loss. "He could have just gone to a Washington Mutual Financial Center or wamu.com," she said. "We were totally soul mates, but I guess he didn't see that. As far as I'm concerned, he can go jump off a logarithm. Whatever that is."

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Should camera phones be banned?

Health clubs and universities across Texas are deciding the fate of camera phones in the locker room.

By BRIAN CHATMAN
Staff Reporter

While the general public may not see camera phones as a threat, some businesses and institutions, and even lawmakers are seeking ways to ban the latest "must-have" pieces of technology.

As TCU establishes its own policy on camera phones in the recreation center, some institutions and health clubs already have strict rules regarding the use of these devices.

Some health clubs have completely banned camera phones in their facilities. 24 Hour Fitness, a health club chain, had existing policies banning photographic equipment and made no exceptions for cell phones.

Assistant Account Executive for 24 Hour Fitness Kari Bedgood said the improper use of camera/cell phones had already been addressed in their in-club photography policy.

"Shortly after their introduction to consumers, as a preventative measure, we began reiterating that our in-club photography policy includes camera phones," Bedgood said.

The club allows the use of cell phones without cameras in the facility, but members are banned from using them in locker rooms, Bedgood said.

Policies like those of 24 Hour Fitness are used to keep instances of video voyeurism from occurring within their facilities.

In Des Moines, Iowa television station KCCI reported that police are concerned with drivers taking pictures of car accidents to e-mail their friends while in motion. Police fear this new form of "rubber necking" is putting the motorists and those around them in danger.

With concerns mounting, representatives from the companies who make and sell the camera phones say that these are isolated cases, and do not represent the majority of users.

"Some people take advantage of situations," said Cingular Wireless' Region Manager for Public Relations Frank Merriman. "This is, of course, a minority of people and does not represent the general population."

Although health clubs may feel that camera phone infractions are commonplace among the general public, many Texas universities are not in a rush to develop camera phone policies.

The University of Texas at Arlington's Director of Campus Recreation Doug Kuykendall said there have not been any incidents involving camera phones.

"We have not established a policy on camera phones," Kuykendall said. "It is an issue we will address at some point in the future."

The University of North Texas' recreational sports department is waiting before making a policy, as well.

"We have no policy on camera phones and there have been no problems regarding them," Coordinator of Marketing and Membership Shara Capper said.

Camera phone infractions have not yet been a problem at TCU either.

Assistant Chief of the TCU Police Department J. C. Williams has not had any complaints regarding camera phones on campus, but he remains cautious for the future.

"With technology advancing so quickly, it could become a problem," Williams said.

The University Recreation Center's assistant director of facilities Jay Iorizzo said that the staff are only in preliminary discussion about a ban and could not comment.

The nation-wide problems with camera phones are unlikely to dissipate anytime soon.

"Cameras are a necessity for the multimedia functions in new phone models," Merriman said. "It won't be long before it becomes difficult to find phones without cameras."

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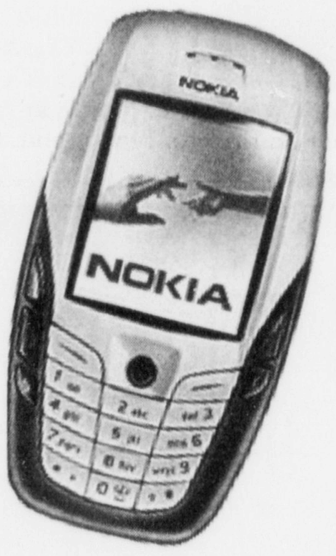

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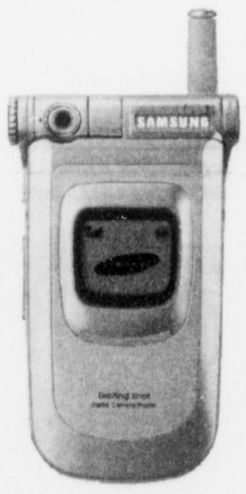

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And Baby makes five

By MORGAN MASSEY
Staff Reporter

It has been almost three months since Christy Lehew, former Hall Director of Waits, delivered 10-pound, 2-ounce Kara Lyn on the sidewalk outside the dorm and the family is happier than ever.

Lehew and her husband Tony both 33-years-old, hoped for a quick and natural birth of their third child, after having difficult pregnancies with their previous two children.

On May 25, Lehew was ten days past her due date and scheduled to have labor induced that evening at 8 p.m. Shortly after midnight, she began having severe contractions so she decided to go for a walk around the Waits courtyard. "I knew walking speeds up the delivery process, but my other two children took such a long time to be born, that I figured I had plenty of time," Lehew said.

After walking for almost an hour, Lehew said she started feeling nauseated. She went inside and told her husband that it was time to go to the hospital. "We took about 10 steps outside and I was really struggling. I knew I couldn't make it to the car or to the hospital; I was going to have this baby right there," Lehew said.

She layed down on the sidewalk and could already feel the baby's head coming out. Her husband and mother put cushions around her for support.

Within a few minutes, TCU police officer and father of five, Brad Murphey, arrived on the scene. "I felt a little helpless and was praying that MedStar would come quick. I knew that if I had to do this, I could," Murphey said. By the time Paramedic Kevin Carroll with MedStar arrived a few minutes later, half of the baby's head was already out.

Murphey and Carroll worked to deliver the baby, using hand-held flashlights for light. Before the baby could be born, the batteries in both the flashlights died, and they continued to work in the dark. The baby was born at 2:05 a.m., but was not responding. Her umbilical cord was wrapped around her neck and she appeared lifeless. Both Lehew and the baby needed to be rushed to the hospital, They were loaded into the ambulence, but as it was about to pull away, Kara Lyn let out her first cry.

Lehew is now healthy and back to work and Kara Lyn suffered no damage from her brief lack of oxygen.

"It sounds strange, but I wouldn't have changed anything, it was perfect," Lehew said. "She came quick, easy and naturally, everything we wanted."

Lehew, her husband, and their three children are currently living in a two-bedroom apartment in Brachman Hall. This will be Lehew's fifth year as a hall director. The family really enjoys living on campus. "We go to most of the football games, theatre plays, musicals and the pool at the Rickel," Lehew said. "I have chosen residential life as a career."

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Christy and Tony Lehew sit with their children Kyle, 2, Kara, 2 1/2 months, Kayla, 3, on the couch in their apartment living room in Brachman Hall. Kara was born on the sidewalk outside of Waits Hall.

commentary

Olympic hope for the non-athletic

COMMENTARY

Drew Irwin

Watching the Olympics and preparing for another season of TCU football has rekindled my love for competitive gaming. It takes me back to the days when I used to play (and win) all kinds of sports.

After struggling as the worst player in intramural basketball and softball, I've realized those days are long gone.

And it's sad because I've always dreamed of winning a World Series or a Super Bowl or even an Olympic gold medal. Sure, I could win a medal like Michael Phelps won his eighth (as a back-up on a relay team I will never compete on). And unlike some members of the men's gymnastics program, I actually want to earn my medal.

But surveying the sports out there left me wanting. No good at baseball. Too small for football. Too proud for hockey. And, sure, it seems easy to play Olympic-rules basketball, but I'd have to play *for* the American team. And that means I'd be lucky to get bronze.

I took a look at all the other sports and "speed walking" was the only one that I could even try to participate in. But I'm about 50 years too young for that.

So I got the idea that I should catch on with a sport that will be Olympic next go around but isn't quite there yet. And after I figured out baseketball is completely fictional, I figured it out.

Dodgeball.

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Bryant case's jury questioned

Jury selection in Bryant case to continue behind closed doors.

By JON SARCHE
Associated Press Writer

EAGLE, Colo. — Attorneys in Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case are questioning prospective jurors on their attitudes about race, experiences with sexual assault and any effect intense pretrial publicity has had on them — but it's all happening behind closed doors.

Individual questioning began Monday after District Judge Terry Ruckriegle rejected a media request for access. The judge said he wanted candidates to feel they could answer questions about potentially embarrassing topics without scrutiny by the press.

An unspecified number of potential jurors filed singly into a small hearing room in the courthouse for a first round of questioning that took nearly 10 hours. The second round was to begin Tuesday morning.

Ruckriegle also said Bryant's right to a fair trial and the potential jurors' right to privacy outweigh "qualified" First Amendment rights of access.

Bryant has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault, saying he had consensual sex with a then-19-year-old employee at a Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers' star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to $750,000.

Before the questioning began, potential jurors filled out an 82-item questionnaire asking them their feelings about interracial relationships, whether they have had "any negative experience with an African American" and whether they are biased against mental health professionals, among other things.

Trial consultant Howard Varinsky of Varinsky Associates said he believes the defense is particularly concerned about people's feelings on whether a defendant must prove he is innocent or whether he should be required to testify.

Prosecutors, he said, will be wary of people who have had negative experiences with law enforcement or the court system.

"Both sides are looking for who to kick," he said.

In fact, the questionnaire probably does not provide an accurate glimpse of arguments that will come up at trial, said Richard Gabriel, a Los Angeles-based trial consultant with Decision Analysis.

"It probably has more

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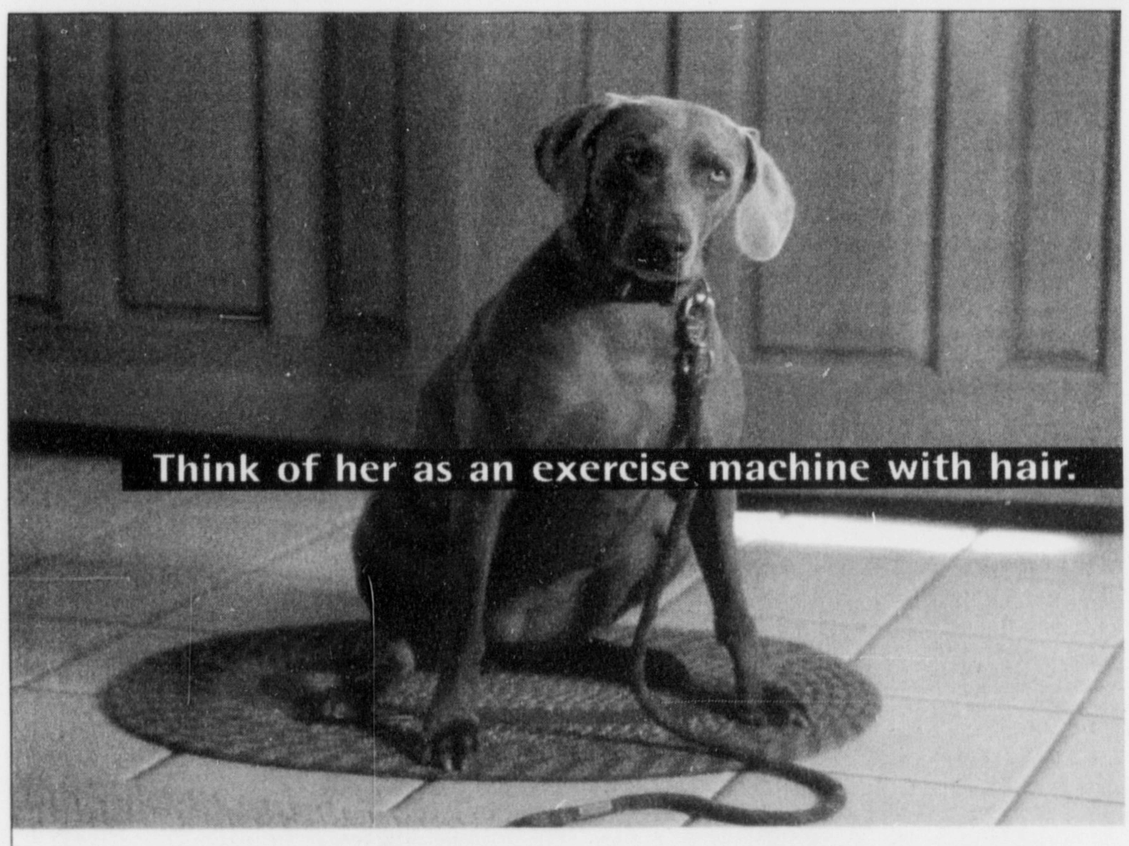

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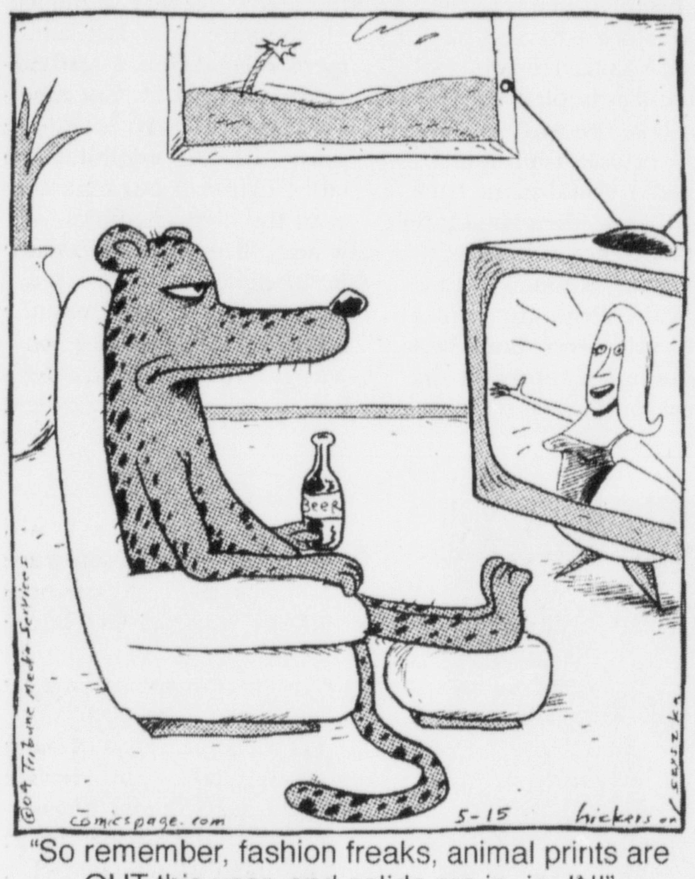

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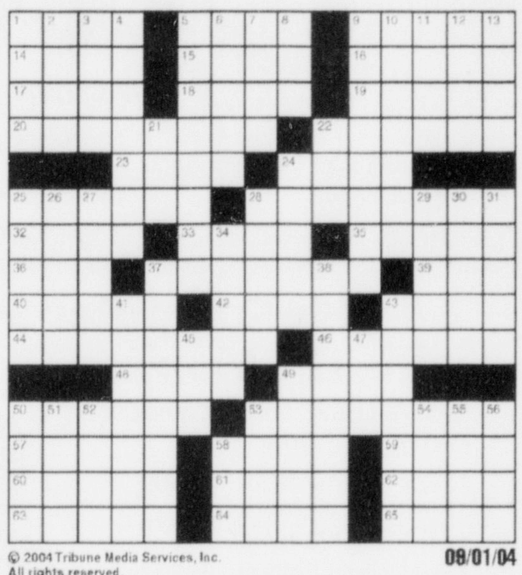

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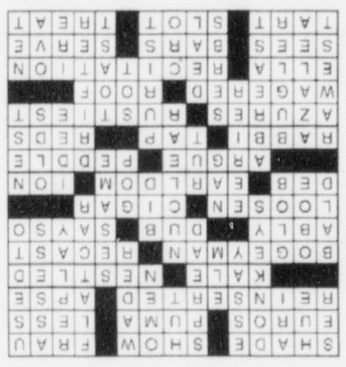

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so short that my ADD can't even kick in. It's a game Vince Vaughn, Ben Stiller and apparently half the Game Show Network can play.

Why not me?

So that's it. I'm starting up a TCU dodgeball team. None of this intramural stuff. An official NCAA-sanctioned team.

You might be asking yourself, why me? Aren't there hundreds of athletes far better suited to lead TCU to the first ever NCAA dodgeball championship? Yes, that's very true, but I thought of it first. Well, at least I printed it first.

I just need four teammates. And preferably good teammates because I won't be bringing much to the table since I haven't played since Vanilla Ice was cool.

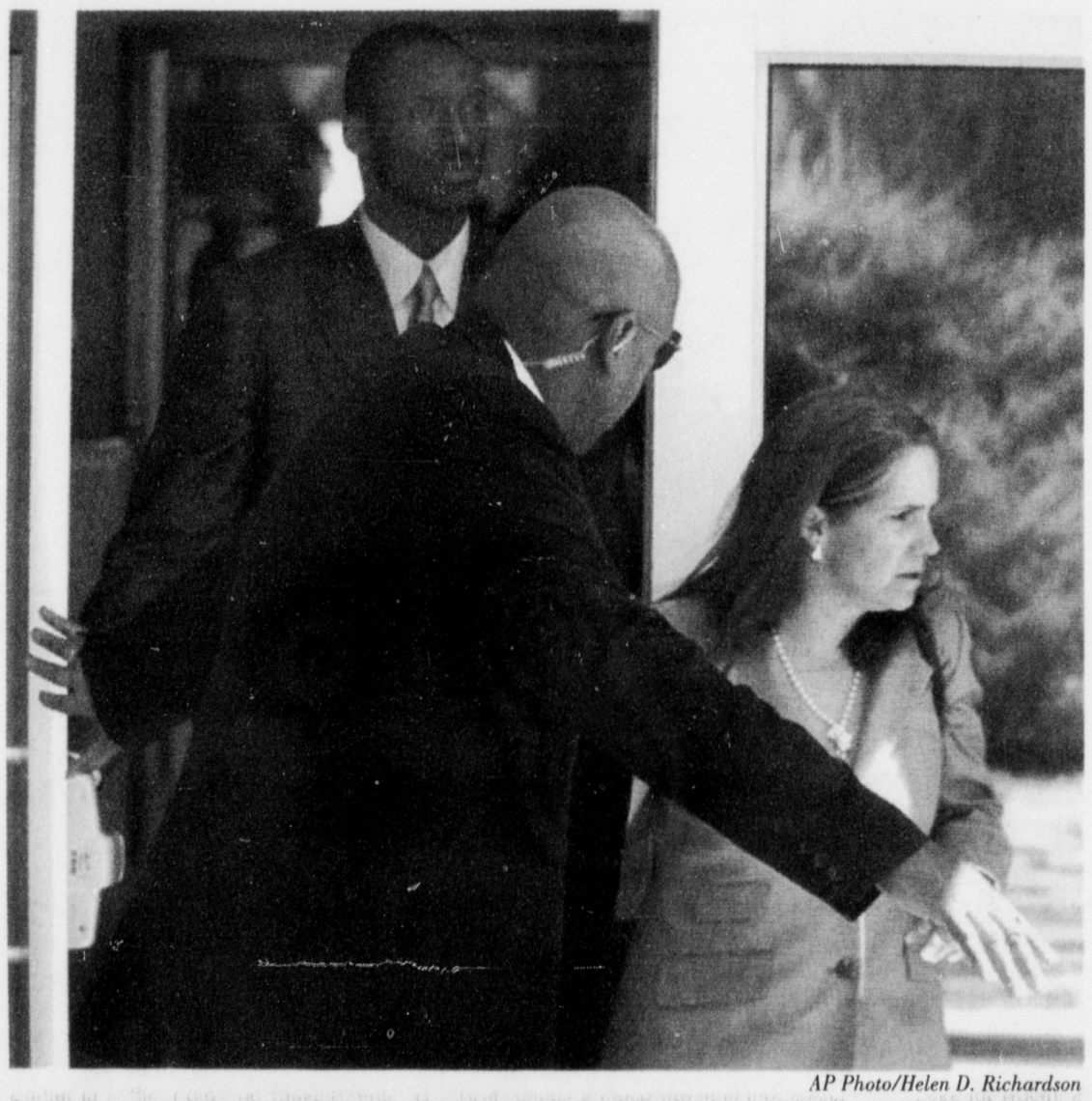
I'm just hoping my body can take the torture. I still have bruises from a particularly brutal game back in '91. And then there's the strength factor. I mean, I work out as much as the typical college guy. Which is to say, never. But I wasn't planning on throwing anything anyway.

But how hard could it be to pick back up? We're all basically professional dodgeball players, having to cross University every day.

I just have one request: we gotta have a pirate on the team. Not just to mooch off the success of last summer's related film. I just like hearing the word "booty."

And since I still have four years of NCAA eligibility left, I can lead our team until the next Olympics, where I'll put the limp back in Olympics.

Well, maybe not. But at least I'll finally be able to wear all that Underarmor I bought.



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A security team member holds the door as Kobe Bryant, left, and attorney Pamela Mackey, right, leave the Justice Center in Eagle, Colo., on Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, during a lunch break in jury selection process for Bryant's sexual assualt trial.

CASE

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to do with what one side anticipates the other side's themes and issues are going to be and wanting to clearly find out if people are going to be amenable to it," he said.

Also Monday, Denver television station KCNC released some details of the sealed, 150-person witness list. The station reported it included the accuser and her parents, along with some of her acquaintances from Eagle and from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley where she was a student until fall 2003.

Also on the list, the station said, were people from Calgary, Alberta, where the supermarket tabloid Globe published what it said were pictures of the accuser celebrating in a bar a few months after the alleged attack.

Attorney John Clune, who represents the accuser, criticized the leak, one of several in the case so far.

"On the eve of trial, we are once again reminded that no protections are assured and little efforts are made to correct the evident flaws that have defined this case," Clune said.

Ruckriegle said private questioning will be limited to topics including potential jurors' personal experience with sexual assault, any potential racial prejudice they harbor, whether pretrial publicity has prompted them to form an opinion on Bryant's guilt or innocence, and any familiarity they may have with the alleged victim.

In all, the jury pool includes 276 Eagle County residents — 205 of whom filled out questionnaires Friday and were called back for more questioning this week after attorneys reviewed the answers over the weekend and eliminated about one-third of the original pool of 300. Seventy-one more potential jurors filled out questionnaires Monday.

Jury selection will be private until at least Wednesday, when reporters will be able to watch and listen through closed-circuit television. By then, the jury pool will likely have been whittled considerably. Opening statements are expected on Sept. 7.

UT longhorn Bevo retires, age 20

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN - It's official. Bevo XIII, the University of Texas steer mascot, is being put out to pasture to make way for a new longhorn.

Pregame and halftime ceremonies at Saturday night's football home-opener against North Texas will usher in a new Bevo, a 2-year-old checking in at about 1,300 pounds.

Officials with the Silver Spurs spirit club that manages the mascot have been considering retiring the 20-year-old Bevo XIII since before last season's Holiday Bowl.

After 16 seasons on the sidelines, they decided he'd had enough.

"He's given us so much," said Colby Muecke, student president of the Silver Spurs. "He's going to live out his days chewing grass and walking the pasture."

Bevo XIII is the longest tenured Bevo. With a 124-67-2 record during his tenure, he has seen more Longhorns' victories than any other Bevo.

Muecke said Bevo XIV was donated by the same rancher who owns Bevo XIII. The new mascot stands about 5 1/2 feet at the hind legs. His horn span currently measures 56 inches, a mere whisker compared to Bevo XIII's span of 5 feet, 7 inches from tip to tip.

According to the Silver Spurs, the Longhorn "represents courage, fighting ability, nerve, lust of combat, efficiency in deadly encounters and the holy spirit of 'Never Say Die.'" The first Bevo was dragged onto the field at the Texas-Texas A&M game in 1916.

Bevo XIII has seen the best and worst of Texas.

He stood behind the end zone through the final three years of coach David McWilliams' struggles, the tumultuous era of John Mackovic and the program's resurrection under Mack Brown.

He watched Texas win three Southwest Conference titles and its only Big 12 title, in 1996. A year later, he bore the shame when UCLA beat the 'Horns 66-3 at Royal Memorial Stadium.

In the 1996 Big 12 title game in St. Louis, Bevo left a lasting memory for many Longhorns fans. After Texas beat Nebraska 37-27, Bevo's handlers were walking him out of the stadium when nature called. With perfect timing, he left his mark squarely on the Cornhuskers' logo.

"A crowning achievement," said Ricky Brennes, a board member of the Silver Spurs alumni group.

To honor Bevo XIII's service, the Silver Spurs have set up an endowment to benefit the future care of the mascot, the university's Neighborhood Longhorns Program and student scholarships.