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Davis to retire in December

A committee formed by Chancellor Boschini will seek an experienced replacement before December.

By BRIAN WOODDELL
Staff Reporter

Even though Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, is retiring, Chancellor Victor Boschini is not worried about finding someone who wants the job.

"I think that we won't have any trouble attracting people for this position because the school's on a real roll right now," Boschini said. "I think our location will help us, I think the quality of our faculty and our students will help us."

Plans are already under way to find Davis' replacement. Boschini said he will form a committee to do a national search for candidates. The committee will include students, faculty, staff and alumni and will be led by Kristi Hoban, director of alumni affairs, Boschini said.

Davis

Hoban will have final say regarding the new vice chancellor.

Boschini said the new vice chancellor must be experienced in raising money for a private institution. Boschini also said the replacement must understand the culture of the South and of Texas. The goal is to find a replacement before December, Boschini said.

Although officially Davis is leaving, unofficially he will still be available to break in the new vice chancellor. Bos-

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Students honored for enthusiasm, initiative

Scholarships to be established in memory of McAlpine, Maher

By ASHLEY MOORE
Staff Reporter

The TCU and Greek communities experienced the loss of two students after Sean McAlpine and Mindy Maher died this summer.

McAlpine

McAlpine, 19, vice president of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity who would have been a junior this fall, died in a car accident June 25 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Maher

Mindy Maher, 22, member of the Delta Gamma sorority, died in a car accident in Arlington May 3, a week before graduating with a degree in interior design.

McAlpine was on his way to work for a highway construction crew in the early morning when his vehicle collided with a tractor trailer, said Alaska State Trooper Vance Peronto.

McAlpine, who was wearing a seat belt, was pronounced dead at the scene by emergency medical technicians, Peronto said. The cause of the accident is unknown, Peronto said.

"He had a passion for our fraternity, and when we were placed on social probation last spring he worked diligently to see our chapter through it," said Miles Freeman, president of Delta Tau Delta.

McAlpine was one of 16 to participate in Delta Tau Delta's Adopt-a-School philanthropy. Once a week he would go to Clayton Elementary to read to students, Freeman said.

McAlpine, a business major, was a conscientious and hard working student, Moreno said.

Sean McMahon, a high school friend and fraternity brother, said he was an experienced golfer and was known for his smile.

Maher was known for her unforgettable smile as well.

Sorority sister and close friend Kristin Wallner said she was probably smiling on the day of her accident because she was anticipating graduation.

Maher was on her way to turn in her final interior design project when her vehicle collided with a car, according to the Arlington police accident report. Maher's Tahoe spun into a guardrail and rolled down an embankment, according to the accident report.

Maher, who was wearing a seat belt, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, according to the report.

She was a rare student, said Jane Kucko chairwoman of the department of design, merchandising and textiles.

"In the classroom she was very enthusiastic about learning, [which] was personified in her pursuit of graduate studies in Florence," said Kucko.

After graduation Maher was to attend the Florence Design Academy for her master's in interior design.

"She [also] had this natural ability to reach out," said Kucko. Maher was involved in more than 15 organizations and clubs including TCU Ambassadors, Frog Camp, the board of directors with Habitat for Humanity and Delta Gamma sorority.

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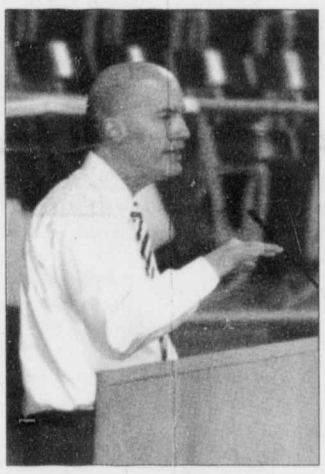
Putting best foot forward for the new semester



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Director of TCU's School of Nurse Anesthesia Kay Sanders, in the red, enjoys line dancing led by TCU Showgirls and instructors from Billy Bob's and at the Faculty Luncheon on Tuesday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. At the luncheon, Chancellor Boschini announces his goals for the year including the theme of Politics and Principles for the fall semester and a continued focus on Vision In Action.

Boschini outlines plans for school year

Chancellor details the theme for the semester and announces a goal to break line-dancing records at a faculty and staff luncheon.

By JENNY EURE
Staff Reporter

Faculty and staff will probably remember this year's opening luncheon as much for the cowboy hats that flew and cheers that rose from the crowd of 1,200 people Tuesday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum as anything else.

Following the planned speeches and announcements, Billy Bob's dancers, TCU Showgirls and cheerleaders streamed down the aisle to lead faculty and staff in a line dance to the song "Cowboy." They danced in preparation to break the world record of more than 12,000 people line dancing at the Nov. 20 football game against the University of Southern Mississippi.

Chancellor Boschini kicked off the speeches by welcoming returning employees and recognizing 44 new faculty and 25 new staff members.

"I've worked at several different schools and I can't believe what hard-working people we have here at TCU," Boschini said.

Rebecca Roach, assistant to the provost, was recognized as the staff member of the year at the luncheon. The chancellor selected Roach from a group of seven finalists.

"I feel so privileged," Roach said. "It's such a wonderful, unbelievable

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Health Center to close early

The Health Center will be closed at 3 p.m. today to accommodate the memorial service of Dr. Blanche Terrell. Terrell was a Health Center physician from 1975 until her retirement in 1984. She is also the mother of Dr. John Terrell, the director of Health Services. All flags on campus will be flown at half-staff today.

Hyman: Award reflects support

AD recognized as tops in his field by national publication

By GABE WICKLUND
Staff Reporter

This year's athletics director of the year says the award reflects not only on him but on the entire athletics department.

"Right now we are just fine-tuning what we do, and one of our goals and objectives this year is (that) what we do, we want to do it very well," athletics director Eric Hyman said.

Hyman

Hyman was named the 2004 National Athletics Director of the Year by Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal after being chosen as the Division I-A West Regional Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. He is beginning his eighth year directing TCU athletics and under his guidance the Horned Frog athletics program has become nationally prominent.

"Getting the award is a wonderful recognition for him," Chancellor Victor Boschini said. "I think it reflects

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Summer makeover brings new options to Main

Layout loses "cafeteria" feel

By SAMANTHA SUTTLE
Staff Reporter

Summer vacation has ended and so has Mom's home cooking. But new homestyle meals will be available on campus this year in TCU's recently renovated cafeteria, The Main.

The more than $400,000 construction project added several new food stations in The Main, said Rick Flores, general manager for TCU Dining Services.

Most menu items are priced lower than local restaurants' average prices. Prices for the Grill 155°station range from $1.49 for a small order of fries to $5.99 for a grilled chicken sandwich combo.

"The food is pretty good," said Jake Mattison, a freshman entrepreneurship major. "There are more food choices than I thought they'd have."

Flores said a nutritional program called "Your Health, Your Way" has been created to offer better information about food and nutrition.

The program will put most foods into four categories: carb-friendly, well-balanced, vegan and vegetarian. These particular foods are labeled on the menu, as well as on prepackaged food items sold in Frogbytes.

Flores said he hopes the program will help students make better decisions about what they eat.

The color scheme of the Main has changed as well. The white and black tile floor contrasts with adobe red and

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Sarah Krebs / Staff Photographer

The new salad bar is part of the more than $400,000 in renovations to The Main.

Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

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- The Center for Writing is located on the top floor of the Rickel Academic Wing of the University Recreation Center, across from Moncrief Hall. Students who want to discuss some of their writing can stop by the Center for Writing or call (817) 257-7221 for an appointment.
- Senseless Acts of Comedy will perform at 9 p.m. tonight in Moudy Building South, Room 320.
- TCU's NAACP chapter will host a Kick Off Party at 6 p.m. Monday on the Frog Fountain Lawn. Contact e.d.parker@tcu.edu for more information.
- Sign ups begin Thursday for TCU LEAPS 2004, the campus-wide community service day on Saturday, Oct. 2. Contact m.wade@tcu.edu for more information.
- Programming Council will have its first meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Student Center, Room 222. Anyone interested in getting involved in events such as Frog Family/Homecoming, Holiday Tree Lighting and more should attend. Contact s.moleski@tcu.edu for more information.
- Delta Sigma Theta and Sigma Lambda Alpha sororities will host a block party for all students at 7 p.m. today on the Frog Fountain Lawn. Festivities will include free food, music, games and more. Contact e.d.parker@tcu.edu for more information.

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chini said he has requested that Davis serve as a consultant to the university for the next year.

In 1990, Davis accepted the advancement position at TCU after leaving an unsatisfactory job as vice president for development and alumni affairs at Tulane University.

"I was a vice president at Tulane and it was a mess," Davis said. "I just couldn't see my way out of it."

Fourteen years later, Davis, 61, and his team have raised $300 million for TCU, and $126 million of the money came from his Next Frontier fund-raising campaign that he began in 1992 and ended in 1997.

Alumni donations have increased from $12 million when Davis first came to TCU to $25 million last year. Currently, 31 percent of alumni donate to the university, up 13 percent from when Davis started.

"A lot of things he does you may not know about directly, but you'll definitely feel indirectly," Boschini said.

Seventy to 80 percent of student scholarships and many campus facilities were funded through both private and corporate investors who were courted by Davis and his team, Boschini said.

Boschini said he thinks Davis accomplished a great deal in his 14-year tenure.

"I think his most outstanding contribution is that he modernized our advancement and our development areas," Boschini said. "He organized them into the structure for a modern university."

He said that Davis is an expert at "friend raising" and fund raising, and that he developed both ideas to encourage TCU's approximately 55,000 living alumni to donate to their school.

In June 2000, his department began a fund-raising campaign called Our Time, Our Future. But soon after its initiation, there were problems.

"We kicked it off, and we had done everything right," Davis said. "We thought it was going to be a perfect campaign and then Sept. 11 came and really hit us flat. We really couldn't do anything for three months."

Chancellor Ferrari's retirement in 2003 also affected the new campaign. When Boschini became chancellor, he started his own planning campaign, Vision In Action, which, Boschini said, gave more focus to Our Time, Our Future.

It was in the midst of these transitions that Davis decided to retire.

The board of trustees was considering delaying Davis' campaign, which Davis said was complicating the situation.

"I thought, 'You know, maybe they need to bring in somebody new and let that person begin the new campaign with the new strategic plan,'" Davis said.

Davis said recent roadblocks have been frustrating and that since he became eligible for retirement this past summer he will step aside and allow new leadership to take over.

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> **Victor Boschini**
> *Chancellor*

In retrospect, Davis said he hopes he created a much stronger university advancement program. He said the university should be raising $30 million a year, just $5 million more than last year's total.

Davis said he wants some changes in his personal life now that he is retiring.

"I have a couple book projects that I have wanted to pursue," Davis said. "I'd like to clear my head for about six months, so I'd like to spend that time working on them."

He said he has two books in mind. One would be a guide to fund-raising management and the other, entitled "Always Ask," would provide keys to fund-raising solicitation. In addition to his books, he said he would like to travel and read. He said if he becomes restless, he could possibly become a corporate consultant.

CHANCELLOR

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honor when you consider how many outstanding staff members we have here."

Nowell Donovan was officially named provost and Daniel Short of Miami University of Ohio, as the new dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business. Angela Kaufman was introduced as University minister.

Faculty Senate chairman Blaise Ferrandino announced that TCU's new core curriculum, which emphasizes citizenship and social values, will begin with the incoming freshmen in 2005.

TCU Staff Assembly chairwoman Emily Burgwyn said the assembly plans to contribute to the Vision In Action initiative. Vision in Action town hall meetings began during the 2003-2004 school year and involve students, faculty, staff and administration in deciding components of TCU's future. Boschini said Vision In Action members have been discussing the general environment of higher education and assessing the economic resources of TCU and America.

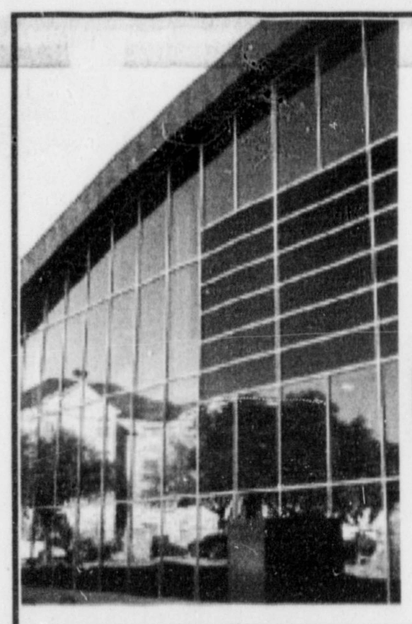
Boschini encouraged faculty and staff to attend the Vision In Action conference Sept. 11.

"I'm counting on all of you to become a part of the Vision In Action process," he said.

Boschini also announced the theme for the semester, "Politics and Principles," which will coincide with the upcoming presidential election.

SGA President Jay Zeidman said students will be seeking more information and asking more questions due to the upcoming election and encouraged faculty to keep alive discourse in the classroom.

"The TCU student body has become more engaged in what is happening around the world and on campus," Zeidman said.



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Testimonies sought in abuse trial

By DAVID RISING
Associated Press Writer

MANNHEIM, Germany—The U.S. military judge hearing charges of prisoner abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison rejected a request Tuesday for Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld to submit to an interview, but said he would reconsider if the defense could show a Rumsfeld link to the case.

Judge Col. James Pohl also suggested he would compel top military intelligence commanders to testify unless prosecutors move forward with criminal charges against them by Sept. 17. So far, the commanders have refused to testify on grounds they could incriminate themselves.

The request to interview Rumsfeld and his deputy Stephen Cambone came from a lawyer for defendant Spc. Javal Davis at a pretrial hearing. While the judge rejected it, he said it could be brought back if the defense can fill in some gaps.

"There's got to be some links in that chain," Pohl said.

Davis and the five other military police accused of abusing prisoners at the Baghdad prison insist they were following orders from military intelligence officers and civilian contractors.

Davis' civilian attorney, Paul Bergrin, asked the court to grant immunity from prosecution to Col. Thomas Pappas, the military intelligence commander at Abu Ghraib, and several other officers who may have known of abuse but refuse to talk to investigators, citing their right to avoid self-incrimination.

A grant of immunity could remove that obstacle, but prosecutor Maj. Michael Holly argued that the officers themselves could face charges after the military completes a report into the role of military intelligence at detention facilities, expected to be presented to the U.S Congress next month.

Additional testimony could broaden the case beyond the six low-ranking Army reservists and raise the possibility that intelligence officers and others within the military encouraged abuse to gain information about Iraqi insurgents battling U.S. troops.

Pohl gave the prosecution until Sept. 17 to convince him the officers should not be compelled to testify. He made it clear, however, that if the government does not intend to file major charges by then, he would probably grant the officers immunity.

"This would appear to be critical information to the defendants ... that this was condoned by the higher-ups," Pohl told the prosecutors. "You know where this is going _ it's either pay me now or pay me later."

However, Pohl said Davis' defense had not presented enough evidence to establish that comments allegedly made by Rumsfeld authorizing rough treatment of detainees at Guantanamo Bay resulted in abuse at Abu Ghraib.

"I'm not saying there is not a link. I'm saying at this point you haven't shown me sufficient evidence," Pohl said.

Later, Holly said he expects two U.S. military intelligence soldiers who worked at Abu Ghraib, Spc. Armin J. Cruz and Spc. Roman Krol, to be charged soon. Those would be the first charges against members of military intelligence.

Signs of a plea bargain emerged Tuesday for another defendant, Staff Sgt. Ivan L. "Chip" Frederick. He was the senior enlisted officer at Abu Ghraib between October and December, when the mistreatment allegedly occurred.

Military prosecutors agreed to drop some charges after Frederick agreed to plead guilty to the rest at an Oct. 20 sentencing hearing in Baghdad, his lawyer, Gary Myers, said.

"He's taking responsibility for certain acts," Myers said. He refused to elaborate or say whether his client would spend time in prison.

Frederick is charged with maltreating detainees, conspiracy to maltreat detainees, dereliction of duty and wrongfully committing an indecent act. The judge also rejected a defense request to move Frederick's proceedings out of Iraq because witnesses would be afraid to travel there.

Frederick would be the second Abu Ghraib defendant to plead guilty. Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits, pleaded guilty May 19 and was sentenced to a year in prison.

The Abu Ghraib scandal erupted last spring when photos became public, causing worldwide outrage about the physical abuse and sexual humiliation of inmates. Those charged were in Iraq with the 372nd Military Police Company.

Airliners crash, disappear

By STEVE GUTTERMAN
Associated Press Writer

A Russian airliner crashed and a second disappeared from radar about the same time Tuesday night after both planes took off from the same Moscow airport, raising fears that terrorism was involved.

The Russian news agency Interfax reported that a hijacking signal was activated on the second plane before it went missing. The signal came at 11:04 p.m. from the Tu-154 airliner, Interfax quoted the source in Russia's "power structures" as saying.

There was no word on survivors among the 89 people believed to be aboard the planes, which left Moscow's Domodedovo airport 40 minutes apart, Russian news agencies reported.

President Vladimir Putin ordered an investigation by the nation's top intelligence agency, and security was tightened at airports across the country.

Authorities have expressed concern that separatist rebels in the southern republic of Chechnya could carry out attacks linked to this Sunday's presidential election there. Rebels have been blamed for a series of terror strikes that have claimed hundreds of lives.

Chechnya's previous president, the pro-Russian Akhmad Kadyrov, was killed by a bombing in May.

Witnesses reported seeing an explosion before the first plane crashed about 125 miles south of Moscow, and authorities were not ruling out terrorism, the agency said.

Interfax said emergency workers spotted a fire about 600 miles south of Moscow in the region where the second plane went missing.

Putin ordered the Federal Security Service to investigate, Russian news agencies reported. The service is the successor to the Soviet-era KGB.

No restrictions were placed on flights at Domodedovo, Interfax reported.

A Tu-134 airliner with 43 people aboard crashed in the Tula region, 125 miles south of Moscow, at about 10:56 p.m. Tuesday, Emergency Situations Ministry spokeswoman Marina Ryklina said. She said the plane was carrying 35 passengers and a crew of eight.

ITAR-Tass reported that the plane belonged to Volgograd-based airline Volga-Aviaexpress and was being piloted by the company's director. Rescuers found the jet's tail near the village of Buchalki, Interfax reported.

A Tu-154 with 46 people aboard lost contact with flight officials about three minutes later near Rostov-on-Don, about 600 miles south of Moscow, Ryklina said. The jet belonged to the Russian airline Sibir, which said the plane disappeared from radar screens at about 11 p.m. Tuesday, Interfax reported. There were 38 passengers and a crew of eight aboard the plane, which Sibir said had been in service since 1982.

Interfax later said emergency workers were headed to the region near the Ukrainian border to see if the fire was from a crash. Rainy weather hampered the search, state-run Rossiya television reported.

Earlier, ITAR-Tass reported that emergency officials said the second plane crashed.

Quoting an unnamed air traffic official in Moscow, ITAR-Tass said authorities were not ruling out terrorism. The agency also reported that witnesses said they saw an explosion before the Tula region crash.

The plane that crashed near Tula left Moscow at 10:15 p.m. and was headed to the southern city of Volgograd, while the plane that disappeared left at 9:35 p.m. for the Black Sea resort city of Sochi, where Putin was vacationing, ITAR-Tass and Rossiya reported.

When Russia's U.N. Ambassador Andrey Denisov was told of the initial report of two near-simultaneous crashes, he said, "Now we have to see if there's terrorism."

In Washington, a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity Tuesday evening, said it was the understanding of American officials that the two Russian planes disappeared within four minutes of each other, which "in and of itself is suspicious."

Separately, a U.S. counterterrorism official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was no threat reporting to indicate a threat to U.S. aircraft or to U.S. aircraft in Russia.

The U.S. Homeland Security Department was monitoring the situation.

Area college student dating self

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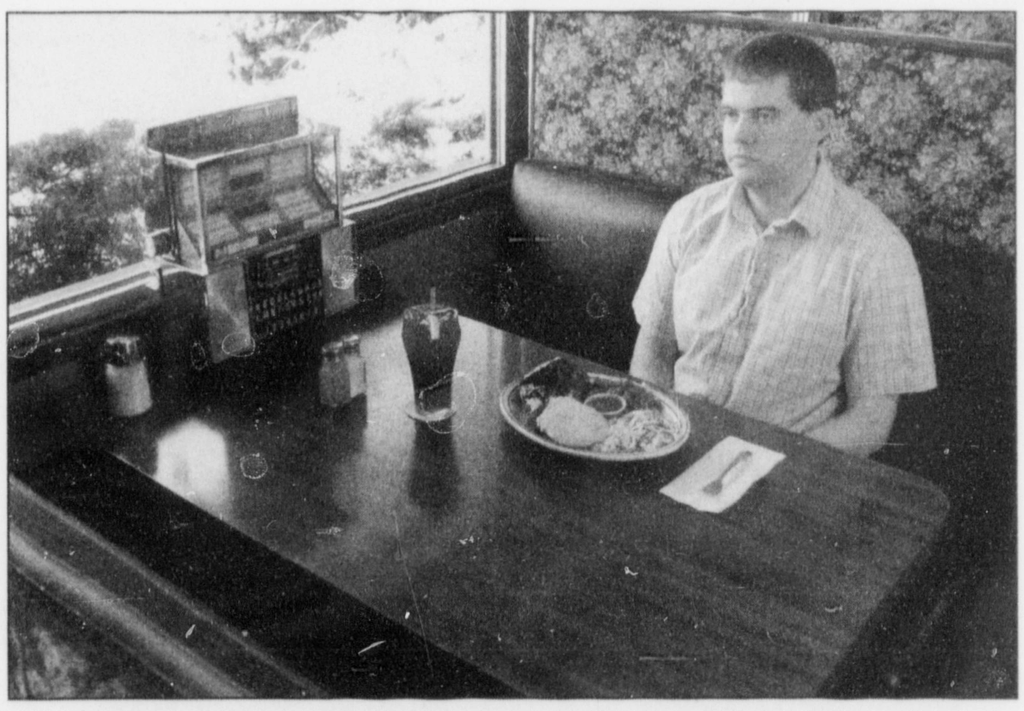

Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.

By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he's entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that the two were dating other people. "We're totally committed to each other. We've never been happier." When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up in large part to his current financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. "It was partly a cost-effective decision on my part, but it's been really nice for us to spend more time together." Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It's an account with no monthly fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at wamu.com. "Dang," said Peterson, "if I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn't have settled down with someone so soon."

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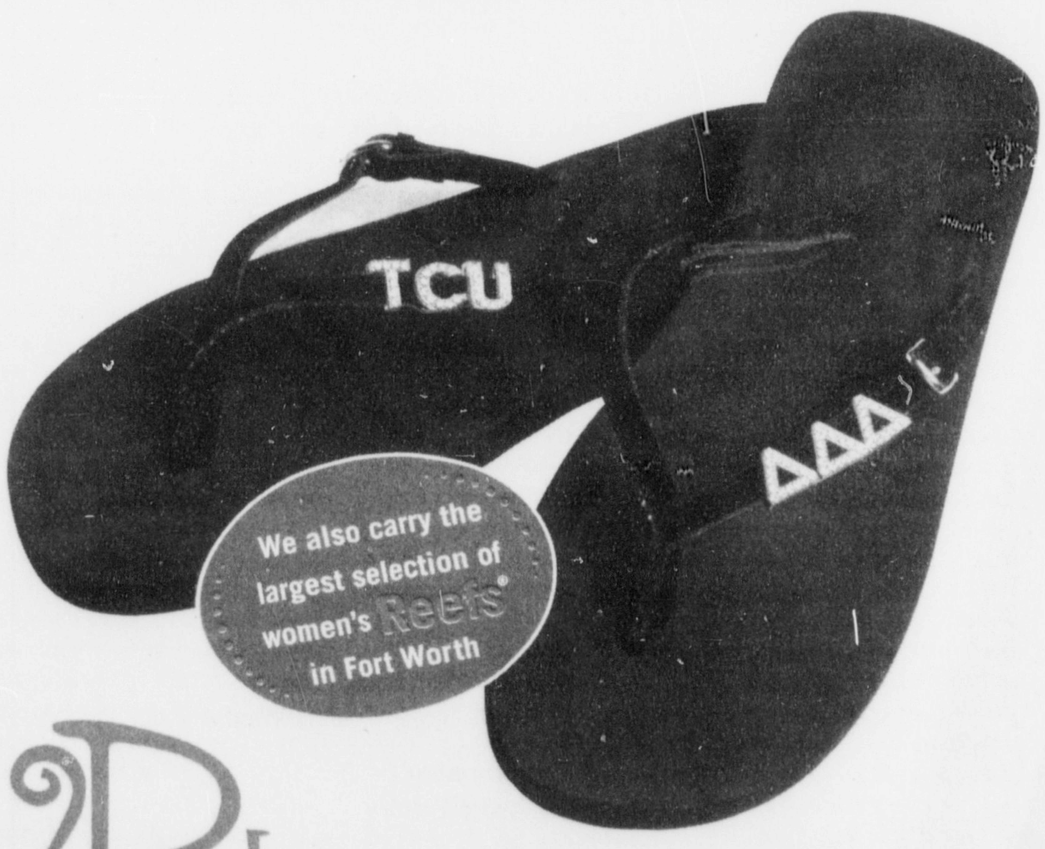

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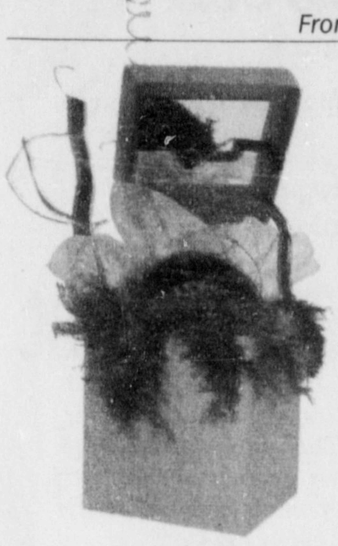

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Maher's favorite project was chosen for display at her senior presentation.

Maher was determined to experience a total collegiate life, and she did this by being energetic, enthusiastic and positive, Kucko said.

"She was really responsible but always wanted to have a good time," said Wallner.

In commemoration of these students, a Sean McAlpine Scholarship and a need-based Mindy Maher Scholarship have been created. Guidelines for the McAlpine scholarship have not yet been determined. For further information contact April Culver at (817) 257-7019.

A reception with the McAlpine family is scheduled for family weekend at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house in order for students to pay their respects.

National Roundup

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HOUSTON

Use of death penalty debated

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Attorneys for two condemned inmates facing execution this week were trying to keep the prisoners from lethal injection by challenging the way Texas juries decide death penalties.

Jasen Shane Busby, 28, was set to die Wednesday evening for the fatal shootings nine years ago of two teenage girls in Cherokee County in East Texas.

Twenty-four hours later, James Vernon Allridge, 41, was set to follow him to the Texas death chamber for the shooting death of a Fort Worth convenience store clerk during a robbery in 1985.

In similar appeals filed with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, attorneys for the condemned pair argued a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June in a Washington state case makes improper the question of whether convicted murderers present a future danger. Texas jurors are asked to make that determination when considering whether a capital murder convict should be sentenced to death.

That question asks jurors if evidence shows beyond a reasonable doubt there's a probability the defendant would commit violent criminal acts that would make him a continuing threat to society.

"The way this is structured, it really puts burden of proof, I think, on the defendant," said Scott Smith, Busby's lawyer. "So that's what we're asking them to look at."

According to the appeals for Busby and Allridge, lawyers and courts, but not jurors, understand that "probability" must mean "more than a mere possibility."

"Nearly everyone, from Charles Manson to the Pope, has some chance, however slight, of committing future violence," the appeals argued.

IOWA

Cheney pro gay marriage

DAVENPORT, IOWA—Vice President Dick Cheney, whose daughter Mary is a lesbian, spoke supportively about gay relationships on Tuesday, saying "freedom means freedom for everyone."

At a campaign rally in this Mississippi River town, Cheney was asked about his stance on gay marriage, an issue for which his boss, President Bush, has pushed for a constitutional amendment to ban such unions.

"Lynne and I have a gay daughter, so it's an issue our family is very familiar with," Cheney told an audience that included his daughter. "With the respect to the question of relationships, my general view is freedom means freedom for everyone ... People ought to be free to enter into any kind of relationship they want to.

"The question that comes up with the issue of marriage is what kind of official sanction or approval is going to be granted by government? Historically, that's been a relationship that has been handled by the states. The states have made that fundamental decision of what constitutes a marriage," he said.

Bush backs a constitutional amendment prohibiting gay marriage, a move Cheney says was prompted by various judicial rulings, including the action in Massachusetts that made gay marriage legal.

"I think his perception was that the courts, in effect, were beginning to change, without allowing the people to be involved," Cheney said. "The courts were making the judgment for the entire country."

TEXAS

Parcells to cut team roster

IRVING, TEXAS—Forget the Xs and Os.

Bill Parcells is consumed by something else right now: determining the 53 players who will run the plays for the Dallas Cowboys.

"That's all day long. That's what I do," Parcells said Tuesday. "My mind continually goes about those things. ... It's what I do. This time of year, my mind is continually on personnel, from morning to night, and into the middle of the night sometimes."

There is just a week until Parcells has to cut at least 11 players from his 78-man roster. The first mandatory cut comes the day after Dallas plays Tennessee in an exhibition game Monday night.

After that, there will be only five more days and the final exhibition game before the Cowboys have to determine the roster for their Sept. 12 season opener at Minnesota. So 25 cuts have to be made in less than two weeks.

Parcells knows the core groups of 18-20 players on offense and defense. Most of the starting positions are pretty much set.

"I think I have a pretty good idea about the people offensively who are going to be integrated in," Parcells said. "Defensively, I would say that has been a little more difficult because of the uncertainty of a couple of positions."

The biggest question mark seems to be at cornerback and determining who the extra defensive back will be during passing situations. Donald Mitchell was signed because of his ability as a nickel back, but the Cowboys also have three rookie cornerbacks they drafted in April.

"If it's going to be one of these young guys, how much do I take away from his learning how to play corner to play nickel," Parcells said. "We don't want to screw up a young player if we can help it, but somebody has got to play it."

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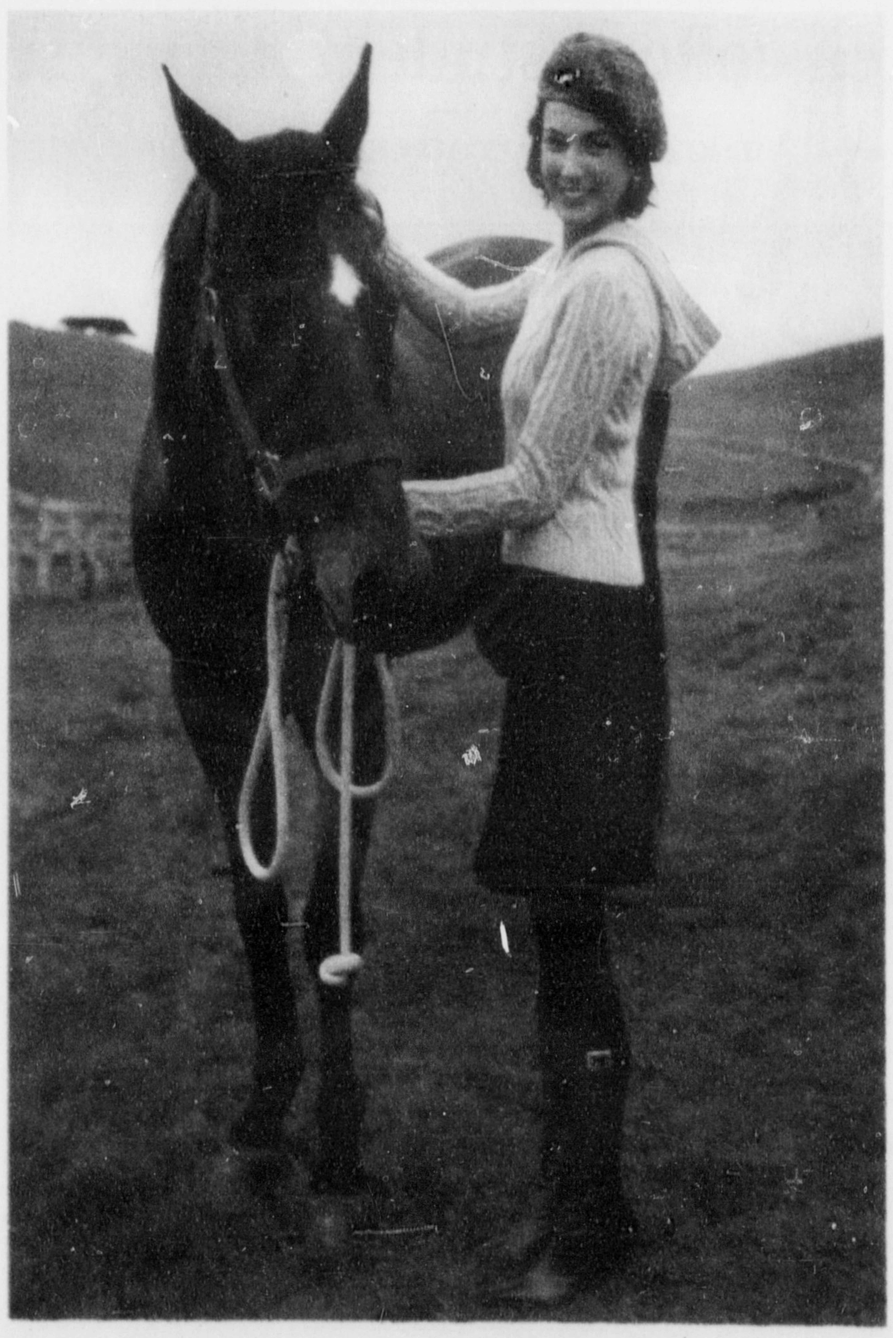

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Skiff View

Fans need to make some noise

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It was an engaging sight to see last year. If you're a freshman, you have no idea what we mean, but to see Amon Carter Stadium filled to the brim is a sight to behold. Despite the winning games and record attendance, the events resembled sedate golf games more than football games.

Fans need to move their parties from the parking lots to the stadium because that's where the real action is.

TCU athletics are on the rise and it is time for students to realize this. It is time to go cheer for your mighty Horned Frogs. Not just football either; basketball, volleyball and soccer all need some love and support too.

It is much more fun for both players and fans to be at games where the fans are going wild than at a game where there is near silence.

Silence is not golden in the world of sports. We want noise.

But being a fan is an art.

There are rules and guidelines on how to properly cheer for your home team. The first step is to be there.

Secondly, fans need to know what is going on in the game and how to respectively harass the other team.

So get out there and cheer for your Frogs. Be there in the stands and be a part of the game.

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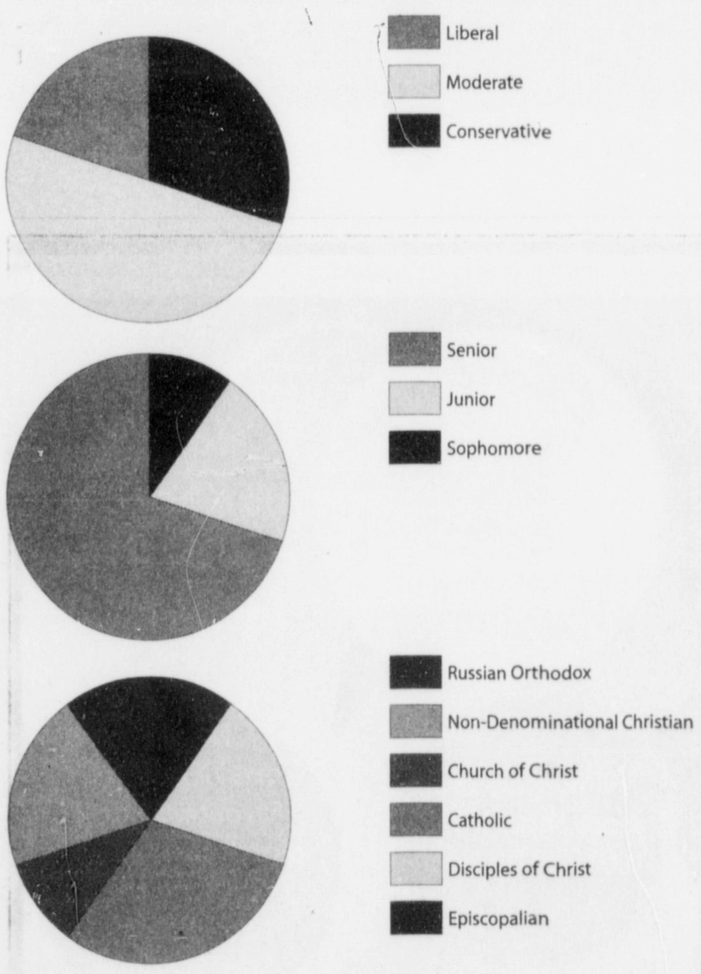

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Home: 4 Texas, 1 Oklahoma, 1 Colorado, 1 Virginia, 1 North Carolina, 1 Iowa, 1 Russia
Past Experience: 5 have been editors, 8 have been reporters
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COMMENTARY

Elizabeth Bassett

Every year here at TCU, the old meets the new.

There are still parking problems, but new strategies have been proposed to fix the overflow of cars. The beautiful door on the Cantey side of Ed Landreth Hall is gone, but a new addition is being made to the building. The Student Center looks the same from the outside, but The Main has been renovated.

What we all really want to know is if The Main will serve the same old chicken strips.

The Skiff has four returning editors, and six of us are new to the experience. The Skiff itself is 102 years old, but our mission has not changed. We are students dedicated to printing the news TCU wants to know. We also have the support of experienced faculty and staff to ensure our paper is helpful for everyone, not just students.

Sometimes when the old meets the new there can be problems — we have brand new software on all our computers at the Skiff this semester. It's been difficult for some of us to learn the new system, but this software will let us put out a better looking paper for our readers.

Some things haven't changed and will never change. The Skiff still welcomes reader feedback, and I would encourage everyone to send an email to Skiff Letters and let us know how well we're doing. You can tell us what else we should write about and what you think of the stories we print.

This semester I have some definite goals for the Skiff which will involve continuing with our newspaper traditions. I want us to cover immediate, breaking campus news and give in-depth information about trends and issues that will affect our TCU community. We will also give you the most interesting photos and graphics to go along with stories.

Needless to say, our crossword puzzle will continue to be great. The Skiff will continue to be bold and fearless in its defense against boredom whether you're in class or at work.

But without reader input, we can't become perfect. We can't be certain that we're covering all the news, getting all the eye-catching pictures, and challenging you enough with the crossword unless we have feedback. We have ideas about how things should be, but the Skiff shouldn't just reflect its writers, editors, designers and photographers. You are coming back from jobs, summer classes, internships and relaxing, and you are bringing new ideas back with you. Give us your ideas the Skiff can be what it truly is: TCU's newspaper.

Editor in Chief Elizabeth Bassett is a senior news-editorial journalism major.

Being space-smart helps keep your dorm room from feeling so confined

COMMENTARY
Matt Sussman

By now your mom is crying over you being in college. They all cry. They are driving back home and they already miss you. On one hand, their little baby is all grown up and on his or her own. On the other hand, your mother can finally have that sewing room she's always wanted.

Your mother is terrified that you and your roommate won't be able to live in that tiny dorm room. After all, even Guantanamo Bay prisoners are able to stretch their arms back without clanking them on the loft.

None of this is a concern to you yet. You have "your own room, sweet!" You might even say it's a "tight crib." Referring to it as a crib isn't such a bad idea in this case; your two month old nephew has a crib of comparable size.

In a week, the allure of "your own room, sweet!" will begin to fade. The existence of floor space will soon be an urban myth. There's no place to put those construction cones you stole from the street.

Thankfully, like Gloria Gaynor, you will survive. Even if you don't know how to love, I know you'll stay alive. You've got all year to live in a small enclosed space, but I don't think you'll crumble, I don't think you'll lay down and die. You will survive.

There are countless space-saving techniques. Stack your empty pop cans on top of each other and tape them together not only to preserve desk space but to give your room that "totemy" feel.

When you're done chewing gum, don't throw it away. That takes up space in your garbage. Instead, throw it upwards and don't worry about it until May when you have to scrape it off using a high-powered scraping device.

The food courts have those Styrofoam to-go boxes. Don't ever bring them back to your dorm room. They take up space, and as we have already discussed, we are trying to save space.

If you can make your room look awesome, it might make you forget about its size. Go to The Shed and buy something really kitschy, such as a glow-in-the-dark spider web. Hang it in the corner, and hopefully in two months you won't be sorry you bought it.

Also, make your roommate extremely ill. Slip some West Nile into his morning Pepsi. He'll go home for about a month, and the place will be yours — all yours!

You may think you can save space by not bringing a computer, but you will need one — if only to talk on Instant Messenger. If you don't stay on IM all day and all night, well, you're just not cool.

You don't, however, need to bring a printer. What do you think you're going to need it for? To print out homework or something? Ha! The university emptied the pockets of your parents (another reason they are crying), so swindle the university out of their paper supply by printing off your homework in the library computer labs.

This column should end with thoughts of Lindsay Lohan and Anna Kournikova. That way, the guys will associate hot bods with space-saving techniques. And for the ladies, I have six words for you: Johnny Depp, Matt Damon, plastic crates. That way, when mommy calls, tell her there's no need to cry until the grades are released.

Matt Sussman is a columnist for The BG News at Bowling Green State University. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

Changes can be made just by voting

COMMENTARY

Carlos Alvarado

The fall of 2004 has arrived. In the life of the student, the year has begun anew. There are differences with the new year, like new financial aid packages and new classes. It truly is a time to start over or rebuild.

This fall appears to be like every other fall: students are excited to be on their own and the football team is gearing up for another exciting season.

Yep, if it wasn't for this darn election, everything would be just the same. The opportunity to change our world is not limited to school or ourselves anymore. Many students will get their first opportunity to vote in what is an important election. Things can change or they can stay the same.

President Bush is up for re-election, which means it is time to evaluate his performance over the past few years. John Kerry is here to present us with another choice should we not care for Bush's track record or where he will lead our country in another four years.

It is particularly tough this year because it isn't just about a president anymore. It has extended to our national identity. President Bush is despised in just about every part of the world that has television, radio or written symbols on a stone tablet. Keeping Bush in office will push the hatred of Bush into a deeper hatred for America.

Do we care? Do we care that the world hates us for being No. 1? Must we always check our power to those who can only dream of matching our industrial, economic and military strength?

Bush has done nothing but use the power that being the world's lone superpower affords. Choosing a president this year has come down to personality. What kind of person are you? Are you arrogant or cooperative?

Regardless of all the little things our country does to help in various places throughout the world, if Bush is in office for four more years it will look like arrogance is our true national identity. As a country, we will have supported his actions by voting him in again.

As students, there is plenty of work to be done to change or maintain the status quo in our own lives. Freshmen just want to make it through their first year and seniors can't wait for school to be done with. However, we must not forget to make time to vote and ensure that the vote is made carefully and with some thought. You can make a difference — but not without a vote. It's time to start over again or keep things the same. The decision is up to you.

Carlos Alvarado is a senior education major from Weslaco, Texas.

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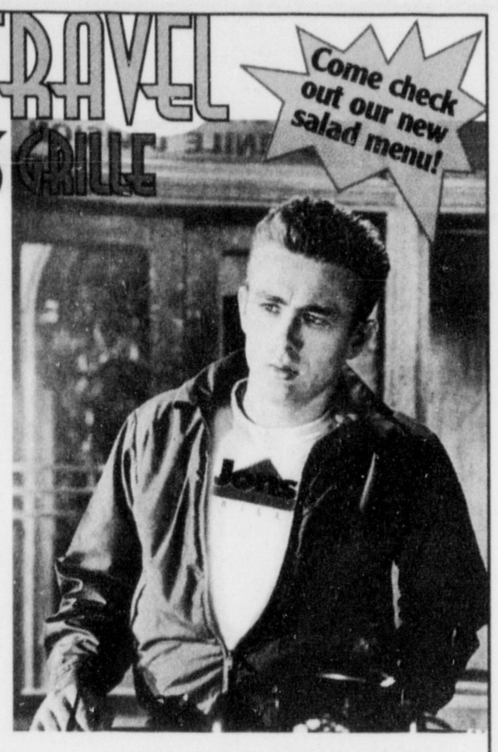

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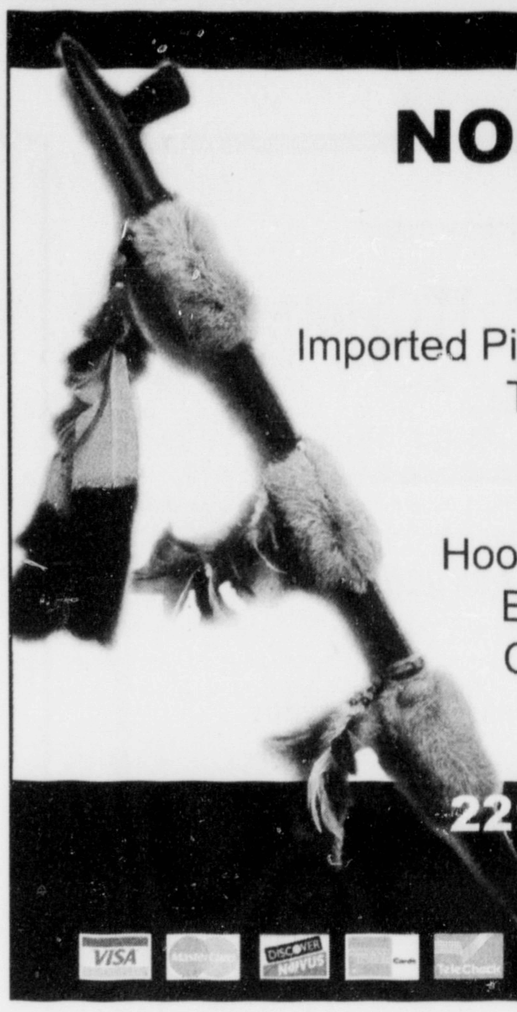

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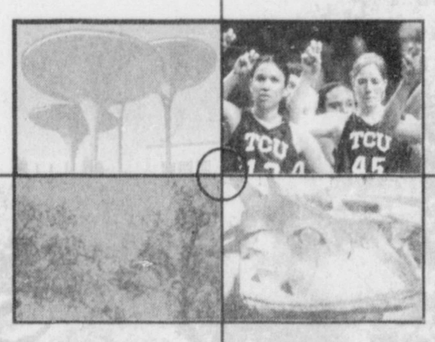

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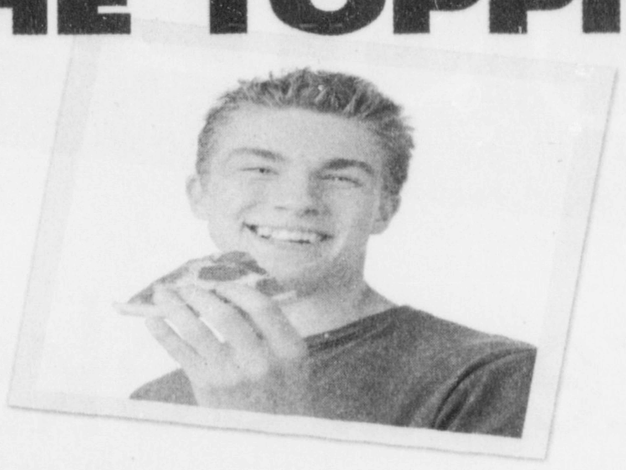

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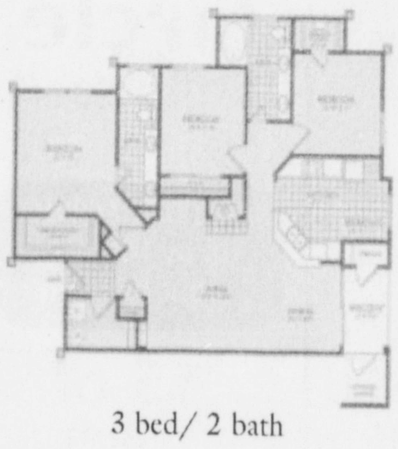

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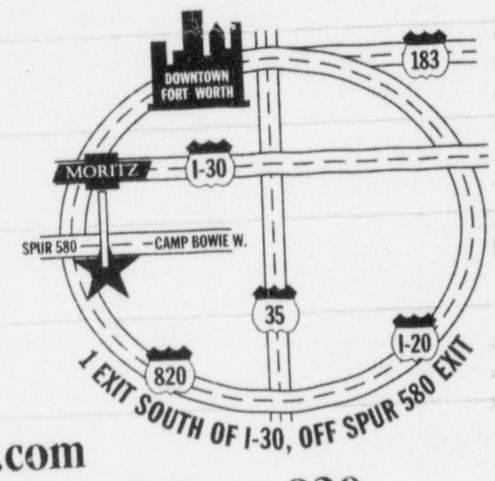

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Stairway to nowhere

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A staircase awaits destruction as the last part of the Bellaire Condominiums to be torn down this summer. The former site of the apartment complex is to be a parking lot in the near future.

MAIN

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and pale yellow furnishings. Existing booths were reupholstered in creamy yellow vinyl. The carpet was replaced and more seating was added to accommodate the increasing student population.

Flores said dining services' administration has purchased new china in hopes of cutting down the amount of plastic foam containers used. However, grab-and-go options are still available, he said.

"There's a better chance of me eating on campus now," said Sarah Dittman, a senior art history major. "It looks less like a cafeteria, which is much more inviting to students,"

Legia Abato, marketing manager for TCU Dining Services, said the layout was designed by a local architectural engineering firm in conjunction with TCU Dining Services and Residential Services. Students on the dining services committee of Student Government Association gave their input when the plans were presented to them last semester.

George Ferguson, a junior international relations major and former dining services chairman , said he thinks it is great that The Main was renovated.

"Any improvements are a step in the right direction," Ferguson said.

Flores said he hopes students will embrace their new eatery. He said students will have a hard time deciding what new menu item to try "from the time (they) step onto the newly tiled floors, see the inviting colors and catch the aromas."

All stations in The Main are open Sunday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. However, Grill 155° stays open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

HYMAN

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him," Chancellor Victor Boschini said. "I think it reflects well on what he is doing at TCU also."

Hyman said he was surprised when he found out he was the recipient of the national award because he was not expecting the honor.

"I asked the person if they got the right phone number," he said. "It came from left field as far as I was concerned, and when I hung up, I thought it was a joke."

Since Hyman arrived in Fort Worth, the Frogs have generated 29 conference titles, according to a June press release. The press release also said that since the 1999-2000 season, TCU owns 26 league championships, and the athletes are excelling not only on the field but also in the classroom. TCU student-athletes have a higher graduation percentage rate (72 percent) than the overall student graduation rate (64 percent), the press release stated.

"It's not about one person," Hyman said. "It's about a cross-section of a lot of people, not only internally in the athletic department but outside the university in the Fort Worth community."

The Fort Worth and TCU communities have contributed to increased attendance figures.

"I think from our coaches that we hired, from the facilities that we built and because of what TCU is and what it stands for, this puts us in a position to continue to grow as a department as we've grown the last six or seven years," Hyman said.

Hyman played a big part in arranging TCU's invitation to join the Mountain West Conference in the 2005-2006 academic year. He also has successfully acquired some top coaches to work at TCU, the press release said. He has hired coaches for men's and women's basketball, volleyball, football, baseball and tennis.

"Obviously, the more success you have, the tougher it becomes because other people want to be able to compete against you and you get everybody's best punch," Hyman said.

Hyman has worked to improve TCU's athletics facilities since being named athletics director in 1997. He has overseen the construction of many new athletics facilities including recent additions of a basketball practice facility and all-weather football practice field.

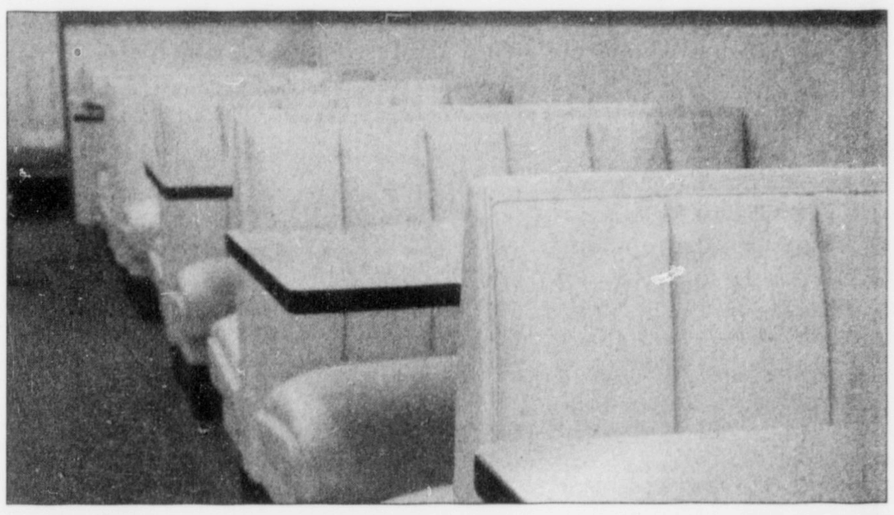
"We feel as an athletic department, we're large enough to compete at the highest level, which we've done, but what separates us from a lot of competitions is we're small enough to care," Hyman said.

Head football coach Gary Patterson said he thinks the athletics department is striving to have higher expectations as a whole but that it is a slow process.

"I speak of it as a chess board," Patterson said. "You can't move your pawn out there too far or it gets jumped.For us, I think we have done a good job of backing up our pawns and moving slowly and progressing."

Hyman said the department will focus on keeping the university nationally prominent and that the award reflects that.

" It brings recognition to the athletic department," Hyman said. "It brings recognition to the institution, and it's really a reflection on our coaching staff. It's a reflection on our university."



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Recent renovations to The Main include new booth covers (top), a Far East Fusion: Creative Asian Cuisine area (bottom left) and a new salad bar (bottom right) among others.

Court lowers Texas millionaire's bail

By JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON—An appeals court Tuesday lowered the bail for New York real estate heir Robert Durst for bond jumping and evidence tampering charges from $3 billion to $450,000, increasing the likelihood the cross-dressing millionaire will be released.

Durst, 61, in November was found innocent of intentionally killing his neighbor, 71-year-old Morris Black. He has remained jailed in Galveston, however, because he fled the island city shortly after his 2001 arrest.

State District Judge Susan Criss had set bail at $2 billion for two bond-jumping charges and $1 billion for an evidence-tampering charge, all third-degree felonies.

The 14th Court of Appeals in Houston ruled in June the bail amounts were unconstitutionally excessive and should be reduced by Criss. Durst's attorneys, however, asked the appeals court to decide a fair bail.

On Tuesday, a three-member panel of the court acknowledged Durst has a history of jumping bail, personal wealth to pay for his bail and a lack of ties to Galveston. But the judges said they were swayed to reduce the amount because of restrictions that would be placed on him if he were released.

Criss previously ordered that if Durst posted his bond, he would be ordered to surrender his passport, not leave Galveston County or adjacent Harris County without approval, appear weekly in court and be kept under 24-hour guard at his own expense. The restrictions originally were suggested by Durst's attorneys before the billion-dollar bond amounts were set.

The appeals court lowered his bail to $150,000 for each charge. Bail amounts for third-degree felonies usually range from $25,000 to $100,000.

"As one can imagine, this case defies comparison with any precedent," the appeals court said.

Durst's lead attorney, Dick DeGuerin, said he was pleased with the ruling, which makes it clear "that bail has to be reasonable and is not meant to be an instrument of oppression, not meant to punish."

"The fact of the matter is Bob Durst is not a flight risk," he said. "He's in a frame of mind he will face up to those charges. He is a completely different person than he was three years ago."

Durst will be able to pay for his bail, DeGuerin said.

Tuesday's ruling doesn't mean Durst will be freed immediately. Prosecutors can appeal the decision in the next 14 days, the time period in which the court's order will be issued to Criss.

In a short statement, Galveston County District Attorney Kurt Sistrunk said his office will review the appeals court's decision but since the case has gone twice before the court, he didn't anticipate making any challenge.

Federal court: Bible monument untouched

By PAM EASTON
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON—A federal appeals court Tuesday temporarily blocked a judge's order to remove a Bible from a monument outside a Harris County courthouse.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake had given the county until midnight Tuesday to remove the Bible after a woman sued claiming it was offensive to non-Christians. But a three-judge panel of the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday the Bible can stay for now.

The appeals court did not address the merits of the case and directed Kay Staley, a real estate broker and lawyer who sued the county, to respond to the appeals court by Wednesday, Harris County Attorney Michael Stafford said.

"Very often these cases go to the United States Supreme Court and as Judge Lake wrote in his opinion, unfortunately we don't have coherent guidance from the Supreme Court," he said. "We will go as far as we need to in order to get clear guidance for the county commissioners."

Staley said the county filed its stay request at the "very last minute" forcing the appeals court to have no choice but to temporarily block Lake's order.

"They are trying to cause as much negative excitement as they can," she said of county officials. "They can be pro-Bible, pro-God and anyone that opposes them is against God. I think it is a waste of taxpayer money. They should be out repairing roads."

Stafford said the county is simply doing everything necessary to defend itself.

Staley has argued that in addition to being offensive, the Bible display improperly advanced Christianity and sent "a message to her and to non-Christians that they are not full members of the Houston political community."

She sued the county last August in the wake of a controversy in Alabama surrounding a judge's refusal to remove a monument bearing the Ten Commandments from that state's judicial building.

The county argued the display outside the civil courthouse in downtown Houston was a private expression of free speech by the Star of Hope, a homeless mission, and the county should not be held responsible for its contents.

The Bible has been part of the lighted display since 1995, when the monument was refurbished. The monument originally was erected in 1956 to honor industrialist William Mosher for his contributions to homeless programs. Officials at the Star of Hope said a Bible was placed within the monument to symbolize Mosher's Christian faith.

"This is a monument to Bill Mosher that has the Bible included," County Judge Robert Eckels said. "If you take away the Bible, it is a totally different monument to Mr. Mosher."

Dallas Morning News stocks overstated; sue Belo

Associated Press

A federal class-action lawsuit accuses Belo Corp. of defrauding people who bought stock in the media owner by overstating circulation figures at its flagship newspaper, The Dallas Morning News.

The lawsuit filed Monday says misrepresentations made by Belo and two of its top executives artificially inflated the company's financial results and the value of its stock.

"You can't misrepresent a core aspect of your business to induce people to purchase shares," said attorney Darren Robbins, who filed the lawsuit that also names Belo chairman and chief executive Robert W. Decherd and former executive vice president Barry Peckham as defendants.

Peckham and a spokesman for Dallas-based Belo did not immediately return telephone calls Tuesday to The Associated Press seeking comment.

Belo disclosed on Aug. 5 that the Morning News had overstated newspaper sales by 5 percent on Sundays and 1.5 percent for other days. The company announced last week that it would pay $23 million in cash to compensate advertisers who overpaid because rates are usually based on circulation.

The lawsuit, which must be certified by a judge as a class action, seeks to recover damages on behalf of all those who bought stock between May 12, 2003 and Aug. 6, 2004.

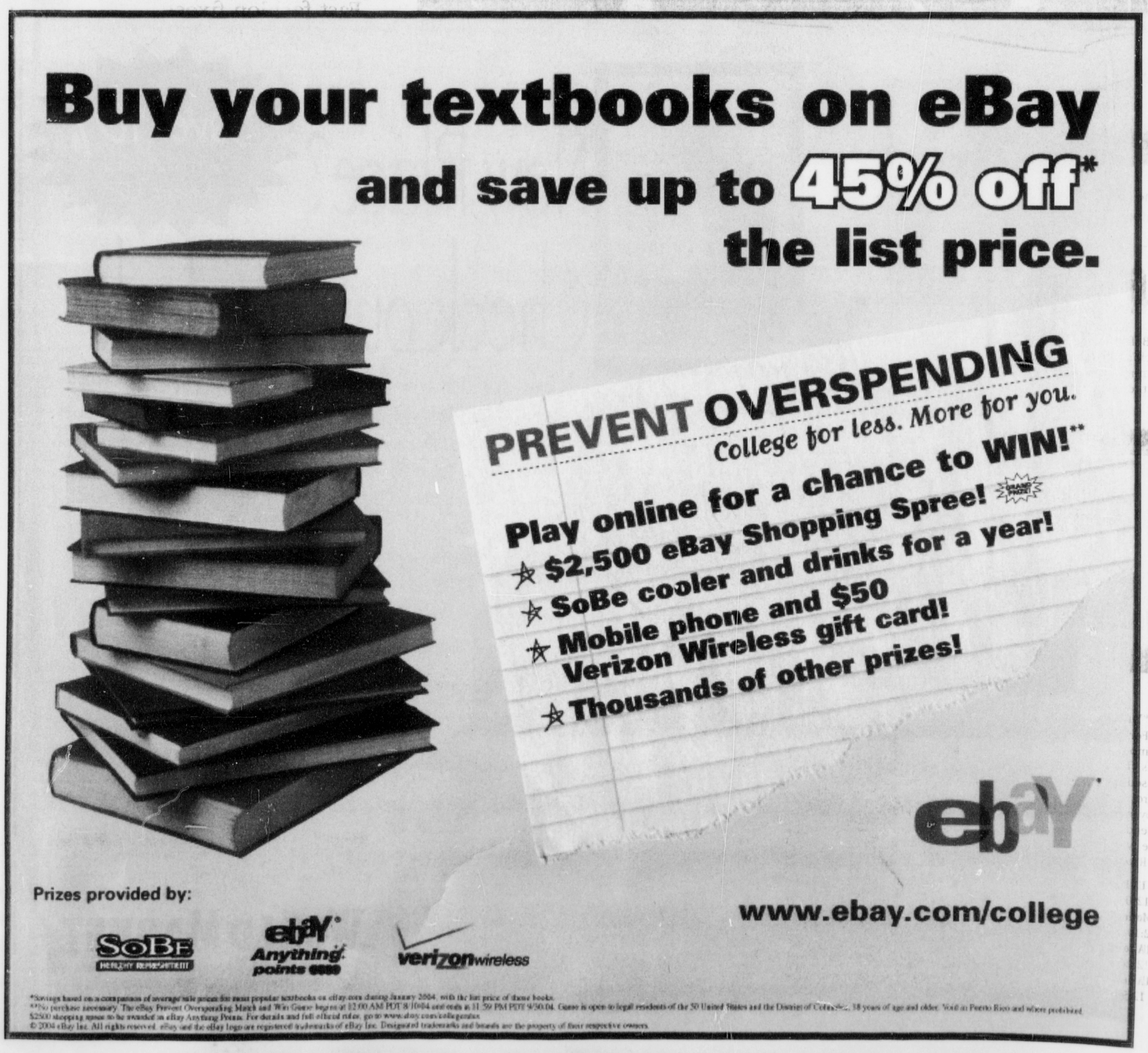
The plaintiffs would not have bought the stock at the prices they paid, if at all, if they had known that the market prices had been artificially inflated, the lawsuit alleges. Robbins estimated that the people who'd bought stock over the 15-month period may have lost hundreds of millions of dollars.

The company said a sales reward program for third-party vendors contributed to the overstatement. The circulation managers who were supposed to audit the vendors allowed the inflated numbers because they also worked under an incentive program, the lawsuit alleges.

The lawsuit also contends that Decherd and Peckham schemed to prevent any internal or external accountants from auditing the circulation figures and exposing the overstatement.

Decherd also is accused of violating the "abstain or disclose" rule by selling more than $3 million of his own shares of Belo stock during the class period while he had negative information about the company that was not available to the public.

Belo also owns 19 television stations and three other daily newspapers.



FEATURES

OLD WEST *New Grill*

By: CHRISTINE WILSON
Skiff Reporter

You may have heard that Fort Worth is where the West begins. The Gunsmoke Grill and Saloon on West Berry Street and Cockrell Street is where the West meets TCU.

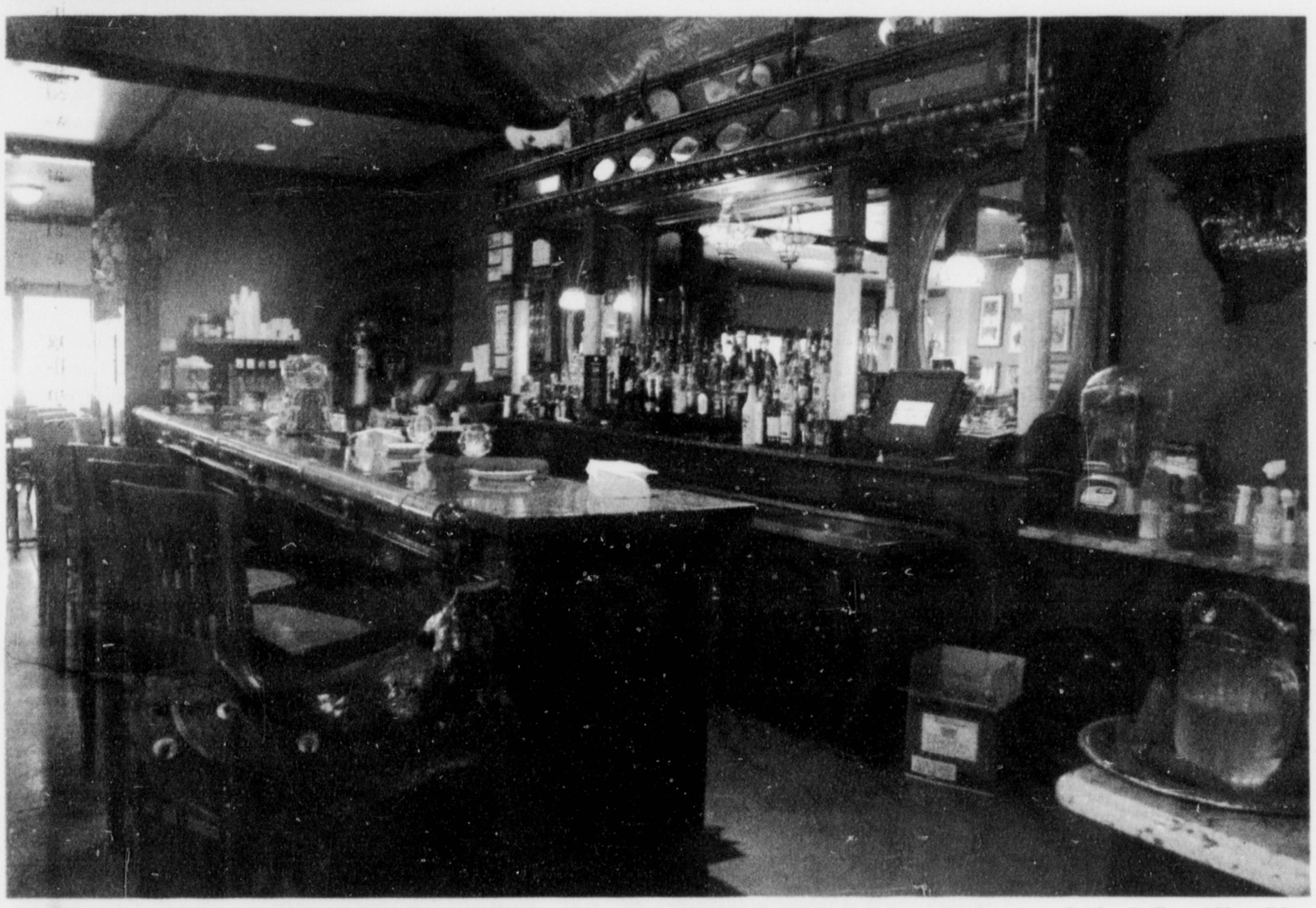
The newly-opened grill brings the Southwestern flavor of the Stockyards closer to campus in a stone building reminiscent of a West Texas ranch house. Diners enter through saloon doors and may dine in the main room, replete with black-and-white cowboy mug shots and Western decor, or at the tables on the outdoor patio.

The menu includes the usual Southwestern meals under new descriptive names such as Campfire Queso, Lonestar Nachos and Gunsmoke Chips. Other Texas favorites on the menu include steaks, chicken, burgers, seafood and chicken fried steak. The Cowtown Breakfast Burger, seasoned and topped with an over-easy egg, bacon and kiwi salsa on a croissant was featured on "Emeril Live." Lighter fares such as vegetable platters, fruit plates and salads are also offered.

I opted for the Southwest Chicken Salad ($9), a pricey but delicious salad with chicken breast, avocado, pico de gallo, tortilla strips and cheese. I enjoyed the prompt and attentive service and the addition of a yellow rose ornamenting the table. I was surprised to find the dining room was dominated by male diners, a rare ratio in the TCU vicinity.

Since it was more expensive than the typical collegiate lunch, I would suggest it for nicer lunches or dinners. My waitress informed me that the restaurant is primed for intimate dinners in the evenings when they dim the lights and place candles on the tables. The Texas theme may be slightly kitsch, but overall The Gunsmoke Grill and Saloon is a welcome addition for the TCU eater.

Rating 1-5: 4



Stephen Spillman/ Photo Editor

The restaurant's doors and the original bar from an 1880s saloon add to the Western feel of the Gunsmoke Grill and Saloon. The restaurant is located on the corner of West Berry and Cockrell streets.

Top ten things every freshmen should know at TCU

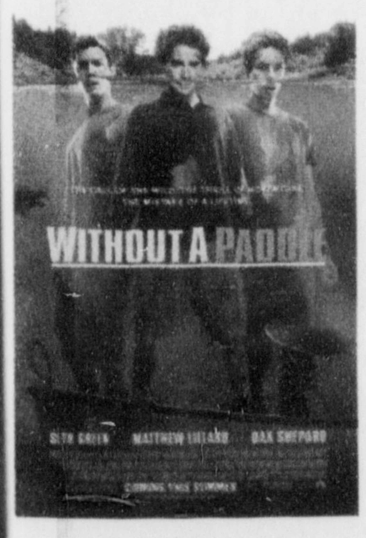
1. Hold on to the railing, it is not just for show. Stairs to look out for include Sid Rich, Student Center, and the Library.
2. Do not eat anything that contains the word soufflé, casserole, or surprise. Only eat food that you can readily identify. Chicken fingers are usually safe.
3. You do not need to look like a fashion magazine every single day of class. Professors do not give extra points for the cutest outfit.
4. You will lose your TCU ID card at least once. It is better to cancel it quickly and buy a new one, than have a stranger find it and go Christmas shopping at the bookstore.
5. Wear flip-flops at all times while in the dorm bathrooms or hallways. If you live in Milton consider purchasing a hazmat suit.
6. Do not believe all of the rumors you heard at orientation (ex. TCU imports squirrels). Only some of them are true.
7. If you have money left over on your dining plan at the end of the year, buying 80 cans of spam is much more satisfying than giving it back to TCU.
8. Girls should never drink the punch at fraternity parties. Boys shouldn't drink it either, but for different reasons.
9. Even though it is 110 degrees with 89 percent humidity outside, it is sub-artic inside every building. Bring a long-sleeved shirt, hoodie, or parka to class.
10. Napping is an official college pastime second only to football. Sleep is no longer a necessity; it is a luxury. Sleep anytime and anywhere you want, so long as it is not in class.

Fast fashion fixes:

For a fast way to remove smudges from polarized sunglasses, run the lenses under cold water for a few seconds and then allow them to air dry.

AUGUST FILMS

Before deadlines begin to loom and course work starts sucking up all of your free time, push school and all of your commitments to the back of your mind and check out one of the many films in theaters this month.



"Without a Paddle"

A combination of "Scooby-Doo" and "Deliverance", this film follows three Philadelphia friends through a canoeing expedition gone awry.

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UA Fossil Creek 11
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UA Bedford 10
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"Yu-Gi-Oh! The Movie"

For all the anime fans on campus, "Yu-Gi-Oh! The Movie" has finally arrived. The movie, based on the popular trading card game, follows a young boy named Yugi as he and his friends conquer evil and save the world.

Rated PG

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UA Bedford 10
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"Open Water"

"Jaws" did it in the 70s and it worked. Now, the successful combination of sharks and suspense is re-introduced in "Open Water." This drama, filmed in the style of "The Blair Witch Project," is based on the true story of husband and wife scuba divers who were accidentally stranded in the middle of shark-infested waters.

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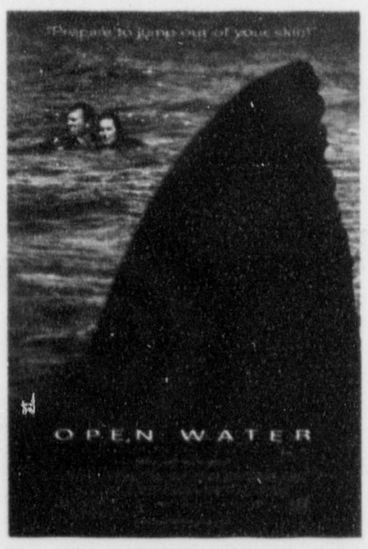

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UA Bedford 10
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"Fahrenheit 9/11"

Possibly the most controversial movie since "The Passion of the Christ," Michael Moore's latest documentary on the Bush administration is risky, outspoken, and still in theaters. This month may be your last chance to see it before it goes to DVD.

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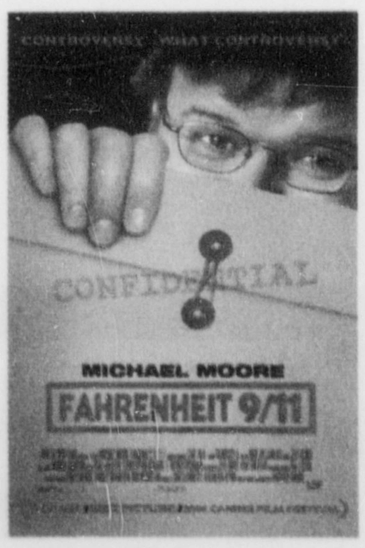

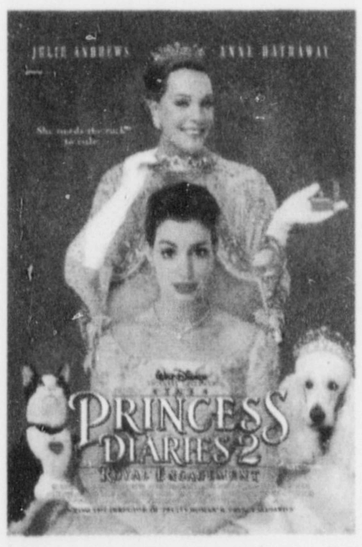

"The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement"

In this sequel to the 2001 release "The Princess Diaries," Mia Thermopolis travels to the country of Genovia to take her thrown as princess. Things become complicated when she learns that she must not only become queen earlier than expected, but she must also find a husband before her coronation.

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"Garden State"

The feature writing and directorial debut of Zach Braff. Braff is the star of NBC's Scrubs, and he stars as an over-drugged actor going home to Jersey.

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Arlington to vote on new stadium

By BOBBY ROSS JR.
Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas—As America's Team bids to become Arlington's team, Mayor Robert Cluck insists he's not enamored by the star on the Dallas Cowboys' helmet.

Rather, the mayor and other city leaders working to lure one of professional sports' most storied franchises say they're all about bringing new business to this cash-strapped municipality between Dallas and Fort Worth.

"If we did not think this was a good deal, we would not be pursuing it," Cluck said of the city's effort to persuade voters to split the cost of a $650 million stadium for the Cowboys.

But some residents and sports economists are not so certain.

"On the surface, it doesn't look like a good deal because the dollars don't add up," said Craig A. Depken II, an economics professor at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Arlington voters are expected to decide Nov. 2 whether to increase sales and other taxes to pay for half of a retractable-roof, 75,000-seat stadium that would be among the NFL's largest. The City Council was expected to give final approval for the referendum Tuesday night.

Arlington is the state's seventh-largest city with about 350,000 residents, but sales tax revenues are declining. A city-commissioned study found Arlington could add $238 million a year to its economy by helping build a Cowboys stadium, Cluck said.

However, economists who study the impact of professional sports teams find that hard to believe.

"That sounds like a lot of cost benefits studies paid for by people who want a stadium," said Bruce Johnson, a sports economist at Centre College in Danville, Ky. "You get what you pay for."

The Cowboys are the latest in a long list of teams to seek what critics deride as "public welfare for billionaires."

From 1990 through last year, public subsidies covered more than $10 billion _ or roughly 60 percent _ of the $17 billion spent on 75 construction and renovation for major-league baseball, football, basketball and hockey teams, according to the League of Fans, a Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group.

The Cowboys stadium would be built next to the Texas Rangers' Ameriquest Field and near the Six Flags Over Texas amusement park, creating what city leaders envision as a sports and entertainment Mecca. Arlington is about 15 miles west of Dallas, but the team would still be called the Dallas Cowboys.

Owner Jerry Jones wants to replace Texas Stadium in Irving, where the team has played since 1971. Jones began negotiations with Arlington after talks with the city and county of Dallas apparently fell apart.

Dallas Mayor Laura Miller has criticized Arlington's offer as "flabbergastingly generous."

Responds Cluck: "I don't know what that sweet lady is talking about. We feel like we have a very good deal."

Still, he and others expect a tough election fight.

"It's always a close election in Arlington for these types of things," said Diane Brandon, spokeswoman for the Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau. "We have a very active group of taxpayers in Arlington, and that's a good thing. It keeps everybody on their toes."

At a Chili's restaurant near the ballpark, waiter Brian Ward, 28, said he hears mixed reviews of the Cowboys' proposal.

"I know a lot of people from the business side ... love the idea because it's going to bring more traffic in," Ward said. "But at the same time, talking to some of the customers about it, I know some people are really upset that again they're being forced to pay for something that really a city shouldn't be involved in."

A group called Concerned Taxpayers of Arlington is mobilizing opposition, while the pro-stadium Touchdown Arlington rallies support.

Opponents say Arlington did not realize the benefits promised _ such as an amphitheater, shops and other development _ when voters passed a half-cent sales tax in 1991 to fund 71 percent of the Rangers' $191 million ballpark.

"Look at what the ballpark did for us _ look at our police department, our fire department, our streets," said Gary Abernathy, 46, a flight paramedic who lives less than a mile from the proposed stadium site. "What is our city getting out of it?"

USA wrestling for gold medal

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Greece - On a day when Rulon Gardner escaped any surprises on the mat, there was one waiting for him in the stands.

Alexander Karelin, the man who lost to Gardner in wrestling's greatest upset ever, is in Athens to see if Gardner can win another Olympic gold.

Three matches and three wins into his second Olympics, Gardner is showing Karelin that maybe his upset wasn't a once-in-a-lifetime accomplishment.

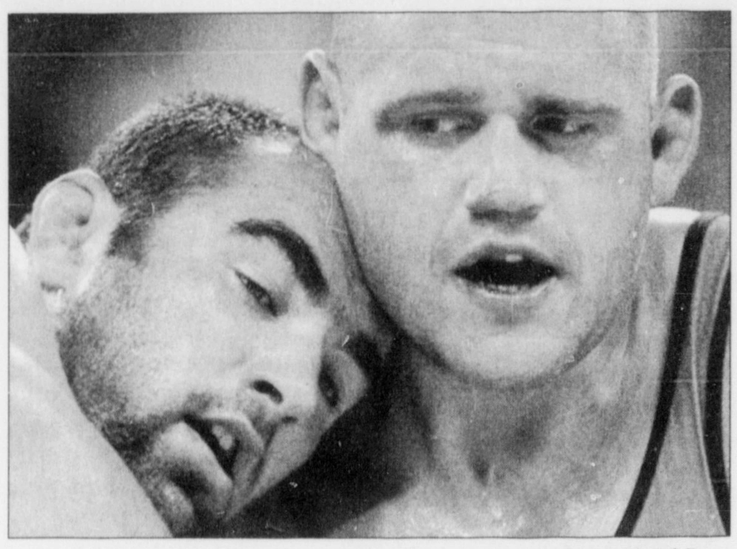
Gardner, far more experienced in international wrestling than he was in Sydney, was patient, technically sound and just aggressive enough to hold off three successive upset attempts Tuesday and reach the semifinals.

If he can beat Kazakhstan's Georgi Tsurtsumia on Wednesday, he will go for another super heavyweight gold later in the day, with a chance to become the first U.S. Greco-Roman wrestler to win two golds.

"Nothing against the group in Sydney, but these (early) matches were more difficult than those," Gardner said.

Gardner opened a busy day in the 264 1/2-pound (120kg) competition with a workmanlike 3-0 victory over Lithuania's Mindaugas Mizgaitis, followed it with a tie-breaking decision over 1996 Olympic bronze medalist Sergei Moreyko of Bulgaria and, about five hours later, a 3-0 decision over Poland's Marek Mikulski.

"He was very smart, very calm, very relaxed and very patient," U.S. coach Steve Fraser said. "He was a very smart wrestler."



Associated Press

Rulon Gardner of the USA, right, and Poland's Marek Mikulski wrestle during the men's Greco-Roman 120kg pool elimination bout during the wrestling event at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004. (AP Photo/Hasan Sarbakhshian)

And a very surprised one when his brother, in from Afton, Wyo., ran into Karelin, who was sitting undetected in a half-filled arena. Apparently, even Karelin wants to see if the man who was never supposed to be good enough to win one Olympics can win two.

"Sure, it motivates you," Gardner said. "He didn't lose for 13 years. He's the greatest wrestler of all time."

Gardner's tightest match was against Moreyko. Gardner, 33, broke their clinch in the second period, then thought he had another point when he muscled Moreyko off the mat in overtime. The referee initially awarded Gardner a point, but the call was reversed upon video replay because Gardner broke the hold first.

The call upset the U.S. coaches — the aggressive wrestler is supposed to be rewarded in such situations — but Gardner wasn't worried. His body has absorbed plenty of damage since Sydney, but his mind has stored up the tricks and gimmicks sometimes needed to succeed in a low-scoring sport where a single mistake can ruin years of hard work.

"I was OK when it was 1-1, I could be really patient," said Gardner, who was aware he had one fewer passivity call than Moreyko and thus owned the tiebreaker. "In the first part of the match I thought I was more aggressive than him, and that will get you some calls."

Against Mikulski, Gardner benefited from a now rarely called infraction: a two-point penalty against the Polish wrestler for refusing to lock up in the clinch position.

Unlike Sydney, where the crowd was decidedly pro-Gardner, the decision met with whistles and boos from a mostly Greek crowd that was clearly rooting for Moreyko.

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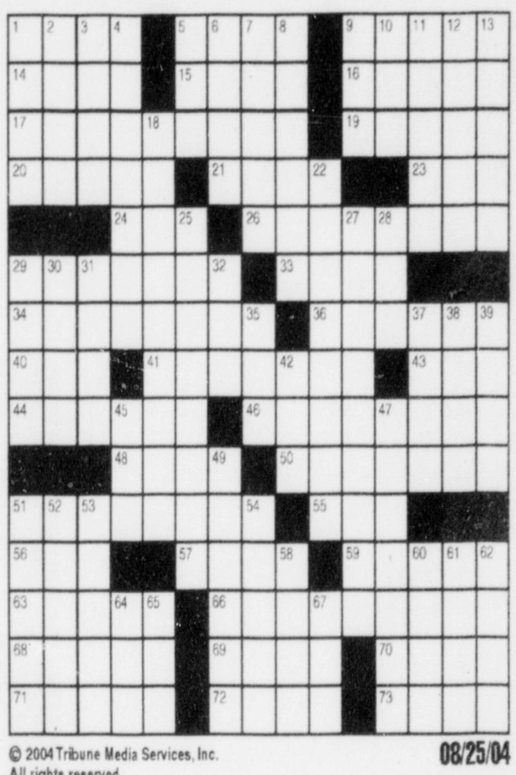

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School's in, NCAA goes back to work

COMMENTARY
John Ashley Menzies

It's been a long, long summer, and the NCAA has done a lot.

What I just said there was a lie. The NCAA managed to pretty much twiddle their thumbs at every important issue during the summer.

The Bowl Championship Series? They added a piggyback game. Do they expect us to throw a party to celebrate this? Mike Williams applied to be reinstated and allowed to play football at USC. What has happened? Nothing.

I know itwas summer and schoolwasn't in session, but come on, the NCAAhad a job to do.

What was really accomplished by adding the extra BCS bowl game? Nothing, of course. It prolongs the inevitable screw ups that will surely follow.

Sure, a fifth game looks nice and quiets those who want the mid-major schools to have a chance.But let's not lie here. Mid-major schools don't really have a chance in the BCS system. Mid-majors are set up for failure just because of the way everything is put together.

And until some type of playoff system is instituted, there will be five schools that have a realistic chance at the championship. What is wrong with doing a system like college baseball? Regional playoffs that lead to the big game, which would be one of the four BCS bowls.

Doesn't that work? Wouldn't that be just as exciting? Would they really lose that much money? And why isn't this about the players?

There are just too many questions, and unfortunately no one wants to answer them.

Because the thing is, after you get past the top 15 schools or so, everyone is pretty much the same. The teams that win at that point are the teams that pull everything together, fight through injuries and overcome difficult situations.

But to differentiate between No. 20-40, there needs to be something else.

Some better system than what we have.

Speaking of teams fighting for the national championship, why is Mike Williams not reinstated at USC? Does it take an act of Congress to get this done? I mean, it took that to get anything done about the BCS.

Mike Williams deserves to be back out on the field. He is the best receiver in the country with his combination size, speed, hands and, well, pretty much everything you could ask for in a receiver.

He followed Maurice Clarrett's lead, and who could blame him? He has fired his agent and returned the money. He is enrolled back at USC. What else does the NCAA want him to do?

This is a situation the NCAA needed to have cleared up well before spring practices started.

But did they?

Of course not, and I, for one, am not surprised.

Surgery not slowing coach down

Prentice Lewis rises above challenges and looks to continue on the success of last season with the support of her team

By MATT LOOLOIAN
Staff Reporter

It appears nothing can stop the TCU volleyball coach from preparing her team for this season — not even brain surgery.

Last March head coach Prentice Lewis underwent surgery to remove what doctors thought was a brain tumor. Instead they found an inflamed abscess which they removed without complication. The procedure didn't slow Lewis down for long.

"I only missed two weeks of the spring season," Lewis said. "I was semi-back for the end of it."

As a precaution Lewis must wear a protective helmet inside her hat. She was originally scheduled to have a plate implanted in August, but will now wait until after the season ends in December because the recovery would cause her to miss over three weeks of matches.

Lewis said she is for the most part back to normal. She said her energy level is not as high as she would like it to be, but she hasn't had any more problems with memory loss.

Rather than dwell on the past, Lewis said she wants to focus on the challenges of the season ahead.

"I don't want to be treated differently," Lewis said. "I'm back and ready to go."

Lewis said her condition shouldn't affect her ability to coach this season and the team has responded well to her since her return.

"They're proud and glad I'm back," Lewis said.

Lewis said if nothing else, the team can't make excuses after seeing its coach recover so quickly.

"It's a lot harder for players to complain when they're hurt now," Lewis said.

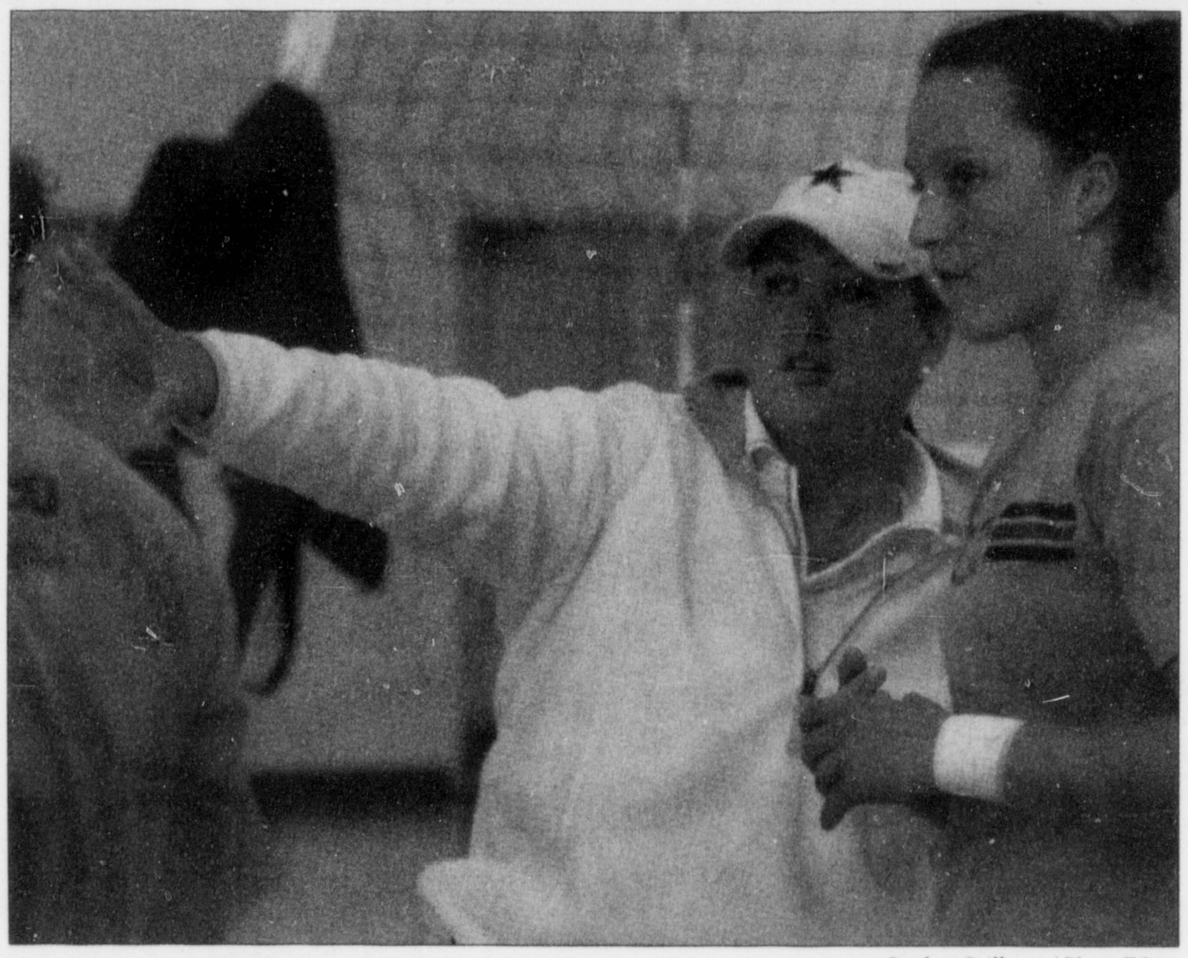
Since the operation, Lewis has been working to build on last year's successes. A season ago, the team won 20 games and reached the second round of the Conference USA tournament for the first time in school history.

This spring, just prior to her surgery, Lewis signed a three-year contract extension. In her three years as head coach, Lewis carries a 32-34 record.

Doctors are still unsure what caused the abscess or how long it was there before she experienced its effects.

While on a recruiting trip in March near Sacramento, Calif., Lewis began experiencing memory loss and confusion. In less than a week she found herself on the operating table.

Once the plate is implanted in December, Lewis said she expects to be done with medical treatment related to the surgery.



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Above and top left: Freshman setter Loren Barry listens to her coach Prentice Lewis during practice on Monday afternoon. Coach Lewis underwent brain surgery in March.

Olympic judges exhibit lack of consensus

Judging, scoring disputes tarnish Olympic competition

By STEPHEN WILSON
AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Greece—These Olympics have been hit by so many scoring and judging disputes, it raises the question: Who's watching the judges?

Gymnastics, swimming, equestrian, rowing and fencing all have been embroiled in protests and appeals over medal results. Three gymnastics judges and a fencing referee have been suspended for errors affecting gold medals.

While the controversies haven't reached the level of the Salt Lake City Olympics figure skating scandal two years ago — there have been no suggestions of impropriety — they raise the issue of how such crucial mistakes could occur on sports' biggest stage.

"It looks bad for the federations if their judges are not capable of judging at an Olympic level," longtime Canadian IOC member Dick Pound said. "You can't run the risk of having years of training trivialized by judges who are not capable of making the kind of decisions required."

The International Olympic Committee doesn't control judging. That's left to the 28 international sports federations, which run the events and appoint judges, referees and other technical officials.

But IOC officials are closely monitoring disputes and say the federations should work harder to train judges and improve the standard of refereeing.

"You should make clear to every judge that they are just like an athlete," IOC vice president Thomas Bach said. "If you do well, you can come back to the games. If not, you do not qualify any more."

Judging scandals at the Olympics are nothing new. There've been plenty through the years, including the boxing decision which deprived Roy Jones Jr. of a gold medal against a Korean fighter in Seoul in 1988. Other cases weren't so magnified.

"In the past, nobody discussed it," IOC executive director Gilbert Felli said. "Now more and more lawyers are getting involved. As soon as anything happens, they jump right onto it. But the quality of the judges is much higher than before. Boxing is now doing an excellent job. Most federations are making a big effort to monitor the judges."

The IOC contends that decisions on the field of play should not be challenged, that only cases involving technical errors or ethical impropriety should be subject to review. The Court of Arbitration for Sport, an independent body, has a tribunal in Athens to hear such appeals.

In the highest-profile case so far, American gymnast Paul Hamm won the gold last Wednesday after judges incorrectly scored Yang Tae-young's parallel bars routine, failing to give the South Korean enough points for the level of difficulty. Yang ended up with the bronze, and his national Olympic committee wants to appeal.

The international federation, known as FIG, suspended the two judges who determined the start values and the judge who oversaw the panel, but said it couldn't change the results.

The case has drawn comparisons to the figure skating uproar at the Salt Lake City Games, when Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier were given duplicate gold medals after a French judge said she had been "pressured" to put a Russian couple ahead of them.

But there are no such signs of fixing in this case, only human error, and the federation and IOC have all but ruled out changing the medals or awarding duplicate golds.

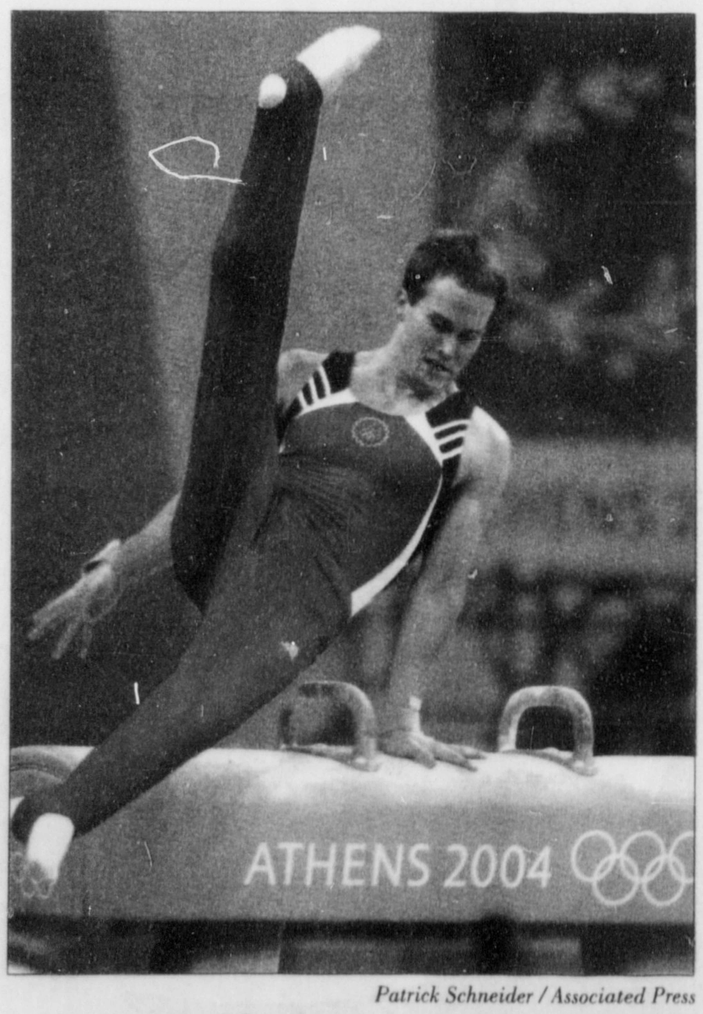
"The IOC has to stick behind judgments," Felli said. "Otherwise it will have to redistribute all medals. You have to trust the federations who are in charge of the sport."

International Skating Union president Ottavio Cinquanta, who was a key figure in the Salt Lake story, said his federation's rules allow for results to be overturned if there is a mathematical or computer error.

"There never should be a situation of one athlete giving his medal to another," Cinquanta said. "It's not the athletes giving titles, it's the organization. If there was a marking error, you have to change the result. If it's a wrong technical decision of the judge, then you cannot interfere."

Americans and South Koreans weren't the only ones entangled in the gymnastics controversy.

Greeks, Bulgarians and Canadians all questioned scores in the men's competition, and the Russians complained about the scoring that cost Svetlana Khorkina a gold medal in the all-around and kept Alexei Nemov off the medal stand in high bar finals.



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Paul Hamm of the U.S. competes on the pommel horse scoring a 9.750 in the team competition of the 2004 Olympic Games on Monday, August 16, 2004.

Sports Briefs

Baseball takes great strides

TCU Baseball did something the program has never done before. They made the NCAA tournament, and not only made the tournament, but won a game as well.

First year coach Jim Schlossnagle lead the Frogs to a Conference USA tournament victory that landed the Frogs in the NCAA regional tournament.

The Horned Frogs beat Youngtowns State, but lost to Oral Roberts twice, who eventually lost to the University of Texas.

Other summer sports notes

Freshmen Chad Huffman, Shelby Ford and German Duran all were selected to the 2004 Freshmen All-American team. This was the first time that a Frog was selected since 1996, when Huffman's brother, Royce, was named a freshman All-American.

Carter signs on as QB for Jets

Quincy Carter ended up replacing the quarterback who took his spot in Dallas.

In an odd switch, the quarterback cut by the Cowboys signed with the New York Jets on Tuesday and will back up Chad Pennington. Pennington's backup last season was 40-year-old Vinny Testaverde, who was released by the Jets in June and became the Cowboys' starter when Carter was let go.

Carter, who started every game for the Cowboys last season, was released suddenly on Aug. 4. Reports said he failed a drug test, and the NFL Players Association has filed a request for arbitration in the case.

Gene Upshaw, the union's executive director, told The Associated Press that the NFLPA will continue to press the case. "We have to," he said, adding that part of the grievance involves potential salary loss to Carter.

Carter gives the Jets the experienced backup they didn't have. Neither of the other two quarterbacks, second-year man Brooks Bollinger nor Ricky Ray, who played in the Canadian Football League, has ever taken an NFL snap.