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Students' miniature research gets sizable funds

TCU students receive a helping hand from a technology power.

By RYAN BUTTS
Staff Reporter

TCU students were the beneficiaries of a gift from friends in high places Friday.

The TCU Engineering Department announced Friday that it received a $25,000 grant from Lockheed Martin Corp. that will fund a student-based research project on microelectromechanical systems.

The research will focus on developing tiny, self-powered devices that could one day support aeronautical applications, as well as many other industrial, medical and commercial products, according to a press release from the TCU Office of Communications.

The funding was presented to Mike McCracken, dean of the College of Science and Engineering, by Bob Manney, Lockheed Martin vice president and deputy for engineering.

"Lockheed Martin is pleased to partner with TCU on this project, which has direct application to our business needs," Manney said. "University research is important to technology development and the fact that TCU is a local partner makes this relationship even more productive and significant."

Walt Williamson, chairman of the engineering department, said the department is excited to use the funding for the student research.

"This grant will enable us to provide high-quality research opportunities for some of our undergraduate engineering students and ensure they are acquiring skills of value to high-tech organizations like Lockheed Martin," Williamson said.

Manney said the grant furthers Lockheed Martin's interest in providing opportunities for students.

"We are always interested in providing students with the means necessary to develop their understanding of technology," Manney said. "This will provide students with a lot of opportunities."

Edward Kolesar, professor of engineering, said the funding will help attract prospective students to the engineering department.

"Students working hands-on with new technology will be able to describe exactly what they are working on to those touring the department," Kolesar said. "That's the best advertising this department can have."

Thiri Htun, a senior electrical engineering major, said the program will provide valuable benefits to students hoping to start a career in engineering.

"It gives students an opportunity to work with the electronics and harness the

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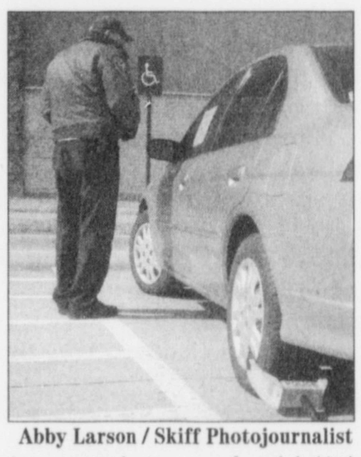

Abby Larson / Skiff Photojournalist
A commuter's car was found behind Moudy on Feb. 7 with a car boot and a ticket for parking in a handicap spot without proper documentation.

False permits get the boot

TCU Police report there are about four cases every semester of students using fraudulent handicap tags.

By TIFFANY GREENER
Staff Reporter

Two cars in the Moudy Building South parking lot were "booted" last Monday for fraudulent handicap tags, TCU Police Detective Vicki Lawson said.

Cpl. T. W. Young said TCU officers are always on the lookout for handicap hanging tag abusers.

Young said when officers run the tag numbers and discover an elderly person's handicap tag on a student's car, they immobilize the vehicle until the student comes to the TCU Police Department to fill out paperwork.

"We don't want to penalize anyone who really needs the special permit,"

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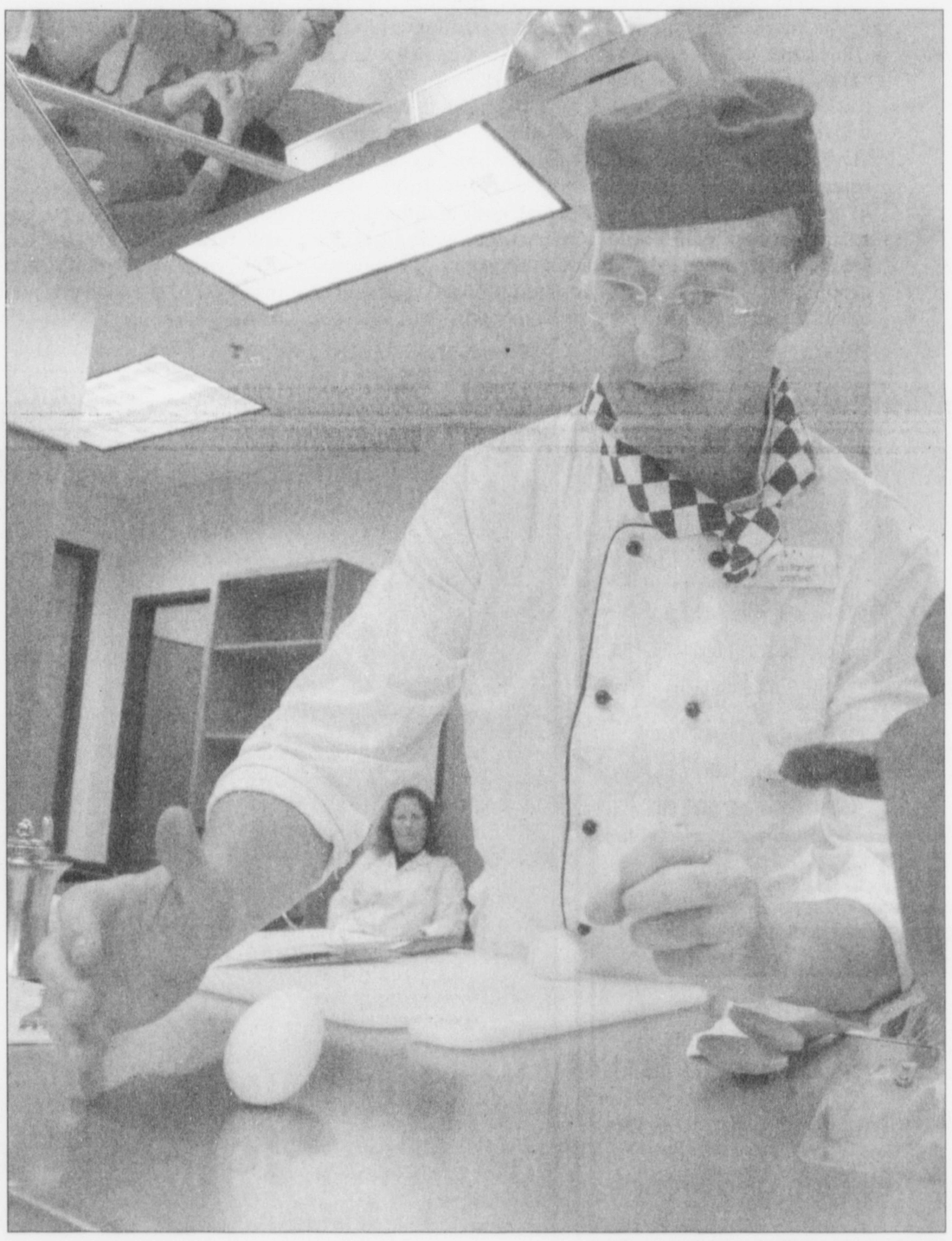

Stephen Spillman / Photo Editor
British chef Ian Barnett, an employee of Sodexho, came to Fort Worth to serve TCU students a taste of British cuisine. Barnett introduced four different omelets for a nutrition class Monday afternoon.

Burns' departure still a mystery

Administrators will still not comment about the communication studies professor's apparent dismissal from the university.

By CHRISTINA RUFFINI
Staff Reporter

University officials are still not commenting about the apparent dismissal of communication studies professor Ryan Burns.

Burns was an instructor in the communication studies department from June 2002 until Thursday, when he and TCU parted ways.

Although administrators are remaining tight-lipped regarding the specifics of the incident that called TCU Police to the third floor of Moudy Building South on Thursday morning, a police escort is typical university protocol when a staff member is summarily dismissed, said Becky Roach, assistant to the vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Whether it is a faculty member or an employee at the physical plant, "any time you dismiss an employee" it is normal to have security present, Roach said.

Burns was employed on a temporary employment contract, she said, which meant that he was subject to annual renewal.

Normally, when the university is dissatisfied with professors on a non-tenure type of contract, administrators simply choose not to renew them at the end of the year, Roach said.

In order for an employee's actions to merit immediate dismissal, she said, those actions are most likely of a very serious nature.

"There are many professional ethics policies and other things that faculty/staff could violate and end up being fired for," Roach said.

According to the Handbook for Faculty and Staff, any "conduct resulting in embarrassment to fellow employees, the University or the teaching profession, will reflect adversely upon the member's fitness for his/her position and will be considered as grounds for dismissal."

Dean of the College of Communications William Slater said he could not comment on the situation.

"As dean, I am the last person to know anything about anything," Slater said.

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Roommate process receives revision

Changes to the roommate preference questionnaire include more specific inquiries.

By SUMMER KENNY
Staff Reporter

The roommate preference questionnaire has changed to better meet students' needs, Robin Williamson, associate director of Residential Services, said.

Questions have been added and reworded to make it more detailed for fall 2005 housing assignments, Williamson said.

He said previous questions on the roommate survey were too vague.

"We changed the questionnaire to be more inclusive," Williamson said. "I don't think it was specific enough for students."

The new questions have more options so students can better pinpoint their habits, Williamson said.

For example, instead of asking if someone is a night owl or an early bird, the new questionnaire asks what time the student usually goes to bed and wakes up, she said.

Other new questions include asking whether a student prefers to study in the room and how often he or she expects guests in the room, Williamson said.

"We do everything in our power to match survey information to find the best fit," Williamson said.

The survey only works well if students are truthful, she said.

Amanda Shipman, a graduate student in the School of Education, had roommate problems during the two years she lived on campus. She said her roommate sophomore year was not truthful on her questionnaire.

"She told me, 'I didn't want to sound crazy, so I lied to sound good'," Shipman said.

Barbara Hawkins, associate director of Residence Life, said she thinks the new questions will help to match roommates with more defined preferences.

"I think (it) will give students a more thorough understanding of their new roommate's likes and dislikes," she said. "Hopefully it will increase the satisfaction of students regarding the assignment process."

The questionnaire has also been consolidated onto a single Web page, Michael Selman, systems analyst, said.

'Apprentice' recruits alumni

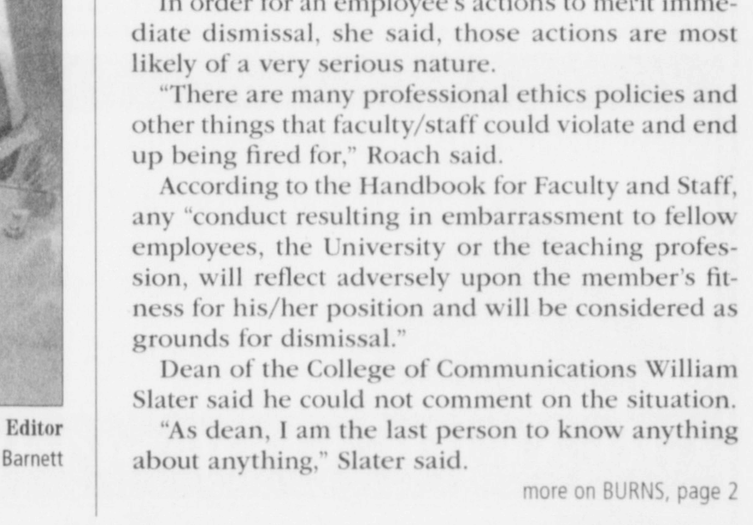
A casting team came to TCU searching for contestants for the reality show's third season.

By RYAN CLAUNCH
Staff Reporter

"This will be the furthest thing from a typical interview," said Kristina McGann, a casting director for NBC's reality show "The Apprentice."

She said this as she began interviewing candidates in Smith Entrepreneurs Hall on Thursday afternoon.

Bunny Ridgeway, director of Masters of Business Administration alumni relations, said around 1,100 e-mails were sent out to MBA graduates and graduate students, notifying them of the invitation-only event.



Stephen Spillman / Photo Editor
MBA students of TCU had a chance to interview for The Apprentice reality television show Friday afternoon with members of the casting crew of CBS.

"We got a response from around 100 MBA," Ridgeway said. "We were hoping to have somewhere around 150 show up, so then we sent out the invitation to Bachelors of

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Campus Lines

Your bulletin board for campus events

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to (skiffletters@tcu.edu). Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are to run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

- English majors and minors who want to apply for Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, may pick up applications in the English department office in Reed Hall, Room 314. Applications should be turned in by noon Feb. 18 to the English office. For more information, contact Bob Frye at b.frye@tcu.edu or (817) 257-6249.
- Students looking for an internship or a job should come to Career Night from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center. The event, hosted by Career Services, is open to current students and alumni of all majors. For more information, call (817) 257-7860.

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PERMITS

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he said. "TCU Police treat TCU like a little city. We're here to protect the students."

Young said TCU Police seize the tag and send it to the Department of Public Safety. He said it is then the department's decision whether to issue another handicap tag to the proper owner.

The TCU Police Department Web site says anyone with a doctor's certificate that states the type of disability can obtain a special temporary handicap permit from the TCU Police Department.

With the proper documentation students can get a special sticker for free, Lawson said.

The special permit allows unlimited parking time in faculty and staff spaces, all student areas, visitor parking and 30 minute parking, according to the Web site. However, the permits do not allow parking in state handicap spaces, reserved spaces, fire lanes or 10-minute zones.

Young said most of the students trying to squeeze around the parking regulations are freshmen.

"People get really creative," Young said. "Students borrow the placards from friends and relatives."

He said TCU Police must check out every suspicion.

Cpl. Phillip Hyder said it takes time to find out if the handicap tag is being properly used by the person it was meant for.

"It's not the car, it's the person that each situation depends on," Young said.

According to the Fort Worth parking brochure, which can be obtained at the TCU Police Department, family members can be fined for using the placard if the person with the disability is not in the vehicle.

"It's not a parking problem," Young said. "It's a convenience problem for students."

Lawson said some students do not realize they are breaking the law by fraudulently using handicap placards.

"TCU Police try to be lenient," Lawson said. "But habitual offenders are fined."

CASTING

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Business Administration graduates and graduate students."

Mickey McClure, a fall 2003 MBA graduate, said she felt the work environment was one reason so many in the business field want to try out for the show.

"Work can get tedious," McClure said. "This is a great opportunity to get out and do something different."

McGann, along with casting director Susan Salgado and casting associate Kathie Kopa, interviewed potential contestants for next season's "The Apprentice," as well as the upcoming spin-off show with contestants vying to be Martha Stewart's apprentice.. Interviewees were brought in groups of four or five so the casting team could see how they interacted in groups.

"What we're looking for are motivated, outgoing people that stick to their opinions," McGann said.

The casting team was in Houston interviewing potential candidates before coming to the Metroplex.

"TCU is a great school, and we're glad that we could come here," McGann said. "We always have a great turnout when we come to Texas."

McGann did not say directly that Amy Henry, a former contestant and TCU graduate, played a role in the casting team's coming to TCU, but that it was a "possibility."

Chris Heitman, a TCU graduate student, said the interview was not what he expected.

"I thought it would be more one-on-one, more businesslike," he said.

The interviews were casual, and candidates were encouraged to openly discuss a variety of business-related topics. At the end of the interview, which lasted around five to seven minutes, they were asked to explain why they should be chosen to be on next season's "The Apprentice."

The casting team also held open calls on Saturday and interviewed close to 350 people, including remaining graduates and graduate students who did not interview on Thursday. Candidates waited outside in a line that wove from the Rec Center Stadium Drive entrance to Bellaire Drive. They were called inside in groups of 10.

Andy Swift, an MBA graduate, heard about the auditions from his parents while visiting from New York.

"I decided, 'Why not?'" Swift said. "The timing was right, so I'm giving it a shot."

If anyone from TCU receives a callback, he or she will be contacted to do a video interview and move on to the next round of interviewing.

BURNS

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In addition to teaching classes, Burns also conducted several research projects while at TCU.

"My research investigates the social and interpersonal dimensions of new communication technology, specifically the Internet," Burns said on his Web site.

Burns was currently concluding a study on online dating and relationships.

Other studies of his include "Type dirty to me: Exploring the relationship between disclosure of sexual fantasies to relational partners and the use of cybersex," "Exposure to Internet Pornography and Rape Myth Acceptance," and "Male Internet Pornography consumers' Endorsement of Masculine Gender Roles."

Burns' works have been published in magazines such as Time and Health and are featured on several Web sites.

The Web site www.altpenis.com features an article about one of Burns' studies involving persistent viewing of pornography and how it alters the male perception of female roles.

"He was a fledgling researcher but a very productive one," said Chris Sawyer, chair of communication studies. "I was satisfied that he was trying to have a productive topic of research."

Sawyer did not address why Burns is no longer at TCU.

Burns could not be reached for comment. Family members would not comment except to say he is currently out of state.

TCU Campus Recreation

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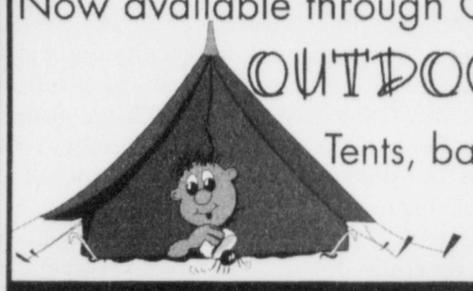

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12:30pm *20 min		Mind-Body Studio Power Stretch - Jasey		Mind-Body Studio Power Stretch - Sara	
3:30 pm	Cycle Studio Cycle - Mike				
4:30 pm *30 min	Rippit Room Cardio Express – Kat	Rippit Room Hard Core Upper Cut (weights) – Lindsey	Rippit Room Interval Blast – Adrienne	**Rippit Room Jump Rope - Chelsey**	
5:00 pm * 20 min	Rippit Room Abs – Kat	Rippit Room Abs - Kat	Rippit Room Abs - Adrienne	Rippit Room Abs - Kristin	
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Passes may be purchased in the Campus Recreation office.

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TCU Career Night

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Skiff View

Yes, parking is a hassle for all

But some students show handicapped conscience

OK — we all know that parking around campus is seemingly getting worse. The lot by Perrotti's is no longer an option, and circling every parking lot for 15 minutes before deciding to take the TRAC bus is just as time-consuming as walking. This is a situation that plagues all of us equally, but when it comes to our ability to get from our vehicle to our classroom — we are not all created equal.

Handicap parking spaces are created for a reason, and these reasons should be taken into consideration when choosing to park in an empty handicap space, even if it is for only five minutes. No one should take advantage of a friend or relative's disability by passing off somebody else's handicap hang tag as their own, even if it is just for a day.

Take into consideration that not all handicaps are visible, and the validity of a disability should not be judged on appearance. That validity is the reason these placards are issued in the first place, and using them if you do not need them is not only illegal, but unethical.

Much to the dismay of two students displaying placards that did not belong to them in the Moudy parking lot, the police do have a way of checking the lawfulness of these hang tags and ticketing and booting any car who displays one falsely.

We all have to deal with parking lot hassles. Not all of us have to deal with a disability. Think about it in context the next time you are cruising the parking lot five minutes before class and your cousin's hang tag from his old knee injury is beckoning you from your glove box — a handicap tag is not a privilege, it is a necessity for those who need its assistance. Give in to your conscience and take the TRAC.

Your View

Letters to the Editor

People fear America, not our culture

As a very proud and patriotic American I felt I had to respond to Michael Bou-Nacklie's part of the January 21 "Point/Counterpoint." Bou-Nacklie quotes a Newsweek poll that claims that most people in the world are more afraid of "a world shaped and dominated by U.S. culture and idealism" than of terrorism.

Bou-Nacklie, if many people in the world are afraid of American culture and idealism why do so many, including yourself as you are from Switzerland, flock to this great nation in search of a good education and/or economic opportunity? I also would like to ask how you know for a fact that U.S. intelligence knew that Iraq posed no real threat to anyone in the region. We had substantial evidence (satellite photos) that Saddam Hussein had the capabilities to make weapons of mass destruction, and his track record showed that if he had the capacity to make WMDs he would do it. Saddam Hussein was also a threat to Israel because of the funds he was giving to terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Islamic jihad, that were using that money to attack innocent civilians. Iraq did not pose a conventional threat to U.S. interests in the Middle East and here at home.

Bou-Nacklie states that both the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were unjustifiable because "both are substantially weaker opponents" than the U.S. Is a war unjustifiable just because a country is weaker than us? Absolutely not! If an ant bites you don't you usually find it and squish it? The Taliban regime that was in power in Afghanistan harbored the terrorists that planned and perpetrated the Sept. 11 attacks. They posed a real threat to U.S. security, and as a free and independent republic we do not need a permission slip from the rest of the world to protect the lives of our citizens.

> "These terrorists are brutally and purposely killing innocent civilians, Arabs and Westerners, and if that isn't evil I don't know what is."

You put "evildoers" in quotation marks like they're not really doing evil things, they're just being given a bad name. These terrorists are brutally and purposely killing innocent civilians, Arabs and Westerners, and if that isn't evil I don't know what is.

Chris Benavente is a sophomore political science major from Spring.

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'No comment' says something

COMMENTARY

Gabe Wicklund

Many students think TCU should have a name change to remove the word "Christian" from it.

I am one of those students.

I think the school should be renamed Texas "Closed-mouth" University, because university officials do not allow us as students to know anything that goes on around here.

Everything's a hush-hush matter. It's all a big secret. When the Daily Skiff asks questions about breaking news, usually it gets a "no comment" answer — and nothing else.

According to an article in Friday's Skiff, David Whillock, associate dean of the College of Communication, said communication studies professor Ryan Burns "has left the university indefinitely."

But that's the most we could get out of any of the university officials or the TCU Police.

So, my question is, where has he gone?

Did he spontaneously decide to retire and move to Bora Bora? (After all, in the article, his mother said he was "out of state.") Was he fired for "serious improprieties" like head men's track and field head coach Monte Stratton was in September 2004? Did he step down as professor because of an internal conflict?

What made him leave TCU and why is it "indefinitely"?

I have a right to know something about why my professor is no longer with the university.

I have not heard one bad thing said about Burns from students majoring in communication studies. In contrast, I always hear students telling others to take him because he is an interesting and good professor.

As an aftermath of his abrupt departure, many students within the department are in shock, and many, including myself, are left professor-less.

Now we basically have to start the semester over because a new professor will be stepping in and taking over. My semester in organizational communication class has just begun as far as I'm concerned — and we're four weeks into it.

As one of Burns' current students, I feel it is unfair that I am left in the dark about the whole situation, and now we are being penalized for actions we were not a part of.

At least give me something: Was he fired or did he resign?

That's all I really want to know — at this point. It would at least ease my mind a little to know the university trusts us with the major issue at hand.

News Editor Gabe Wicklund is a senior broadcast journalism and speech communication major from Anoka, Minn.

by Yousif DelValle

February 14 not just for lovers

COMMENTARY

Mallory Bolduc

Valentine's Day (or "The Ides of February," more aptly) provokes single people nationwide to look desperately for a special someone, who will stay true for at least the duration of the holiday.

From the time Valentine's decorations start going up in grocery stores until the last conversation heart is sold, all I hear is people complaining. "Commercial." "Created by greeting cards." "Trite." Well, I'm here to announce that I've figured out why Valentine's Day is such a horrible thing to so many people.

Because it all comes down to this.

I don't think having a boyfriend would under any circumstances increase my enjoyment of this holiday. If anything, Valentine's Day probably just puts unnecessary pressure on couples to make the day special, when really it's just like any other day. (And this year, it's just any other Monday. Try making that romantic.) Flowers, gifts, mountains of dollars spent, for what? Added security? The distant glimmer of potential action?

Save it for the weekend. That's probably your best bet, anyway.

I'm pretty sure it's only worse for new couples, or those who are loosely dating.

It's hard to escape the fear that I could fall prey to someone who wants nothing more — and nothing less — than a Valentine. A guy I dated for a few weeks last month (who does not attend TCU and hopefully does not read the Skiff) just started calling again a few days ago. That's dubious at best.

So, I guess what I'm getting at is this: If Valentine's Day isn't for couples, who is it for? Single people.

Yes, that's right.

Valentine's Day isn't marketed toward singles, but that doesn't mean that we're not the ones with the most to gain. First of all, we don't have anything to lose if plans fall through. Any signs of admiration — a box of chocolates, flowers — are a turn for the best. And if we aren't given any on Valentine's Day, we can buy them in the days after for ourselves at incredible prices.

Furthermore, when we walk into a grocery store during this season, our first reaction might be to recoil at the overwhelming gift and candy displays that greet us. But this is our chance to show the people we love — platonically — that we care about them. Without the risk of being dumped if we're unconvincing. Who got the short end of the stick on that one? Not singles, that's for sure.

Besides, in about a week Wal-Mart will start welcoming us with huge displays of bathing suits. Let's enjoy the hearts and flowers while we can.

In conclusion, I think we should all remember that single people are not left out on Valentine's Day — contrary to popular belief. We are not meant to stand on the sidelines, quietly cursing the couples who stroll past us. Instead, we should take full advantage of the opportunities that this holiday has to offer.

Mallory Bolduc is a sophomore political science major from Arlington.

Not even Charlie Brown is all alone

COMMENTARY

Carlos Alvarado

You don't have to wear a yellow shirt with a big zigzag line running across your belly to feel like Charlie Brown. You don't even need to be a balding kid with only two curly little hairs on your head. Charlie Brown is in all of us whether we want him there or not.

He is in our failures and our anxiety. Charlie Brown connects to so many generations because Charles Schultz created a character in a world that looks foreign, but at different times in our lives is comforting.

Especially now that Valentine's Day has come and gone. Charlie Brown's biggest disappointment comes on Feb. 14 every year, and ABC sees fit to remind us of how Valentine's Day was a bad experience for ol' Chuck.

It can be the same kind of day for many of us. The flowers, the chocolates, the cards — the day can quickly turn sour if not one of those were meant for us. The day can wear on you or it could make you soar, but it is just one day. One out of 365. One day can deliver such a sense of loneliness that it is hard to shake. No matter what, though, we are never truly alone. Whether you believe in God, or have an assortment of friends, you are never alone.

If you are on this campus, you are not alone; there are thousands of people around you, and all it takes is for you to smile or to say hello. We are never alone, though we may feel lonely.

But this isn't about loneliness; this is about life, about our shortcomings. Charlie Brown is a success in a world of failure. Through him we can see that in spite of it all we are never truly down, we can choose a crummy Christmas tree, or screw up Thanksgiving, or never win a baseball game, or trust people who always let us down.

As much as Charlie Brown wanted to talk to the Little Red Haired Girl, as much as he felt alone, as much as he felt left out of the whole Valentine's Day spectacle, he was never alone. He had a friend who carried around a blanket, a pet beagle who danced with the love of his life, and a psychiatrist who charged him a mere nickel. He was never alone; he just never took to the time to see how nice he had it.

Charlie Brown is in us all. We learn from his lessons and move forward, even after Valentine's Day. Many people do not count valentines from family and friends, but it turns out those are the most important ones. Those are the ones that help us make it through, because the year is long, and we need family and friends every day of the year, not just one.

Charlie Brown saw that too, and so he smiled, felt the warmth of the card he received, and went to bed knowing that he wasn't going to feel lonely all year.

Carlos Alvarado is a senior education major from Weslaco.

'Vagina Monologues' exceeds organizers' expectations

A sold-out audience showed an array of emotions at "The Vagina Monologues" Friday evening.

ASHLEY CHAPMAN
Staff Reporter

Sixteen actresses came. A sold-out audience saw. "Vagina" conquered.

Many taboo topics were addressed Friday evening as the TCU Women's Network and the Women's Studies program presented "The Vagina Monologues."

"I just thought it was amazing that something like this was happening at TCU," economics professor Rob Garnett said.

The performance, a part of the V-Day celebration, was held to raise funds and awareness for the prevention of violence against women, event organizer Natalie Wright said.

"We never thought we'd be sitting here with a sold-out crowd," Wright, a senior biology major, said.

An audience of men and women of all ages displayed an array of emotions as each monologue presented various women's issues.

"I think every part was so important to itself," said Jessica Broadaway, a freshman Spanish and theater major who performed in the show. "These women have a voice and should be heard."

According to www.vday.org, the monologues were compiled after writer Eve Ensler interviewed more than 200 women.

The evening began as Wright recognized three "vagina warriors" for their work in fighting to stop violence against women.

Marcy Paul, director of the Women's Resource Center; Pam Christian, the crime prevention officer for TCU Police; and Joanne Green, director of the Women's Studies program, were all acknowledged.

Inside the PepsiCo Recital Hall, Shania Twain's song "Man! I Feel like a Woman!" played to start the show.

Monologues covering sensuality and sexuality caused the audience to erupt in laughter and cheering. Topics of menstruation, childbirth and female genital mutilation resulted in stark silence and gasps of concern.

Victoria Mays of Shreveport, La., came to watch the performance with her daughter, a freshman at TCU.

"There was something different that touched everybody that was there," Mays said.

After the performance, event organizers said they were pleased with the response.

"The number of students, I think, is clear evidence that TCU is not only ready, it is willing and excited about these kind of performances," said Green, who helped plan the event.

All proceeds from the performance benefited TCU's Assault Prevention Theatre and the Women of Iraq V-Day Initiative.

"It was both funny and tragic," Garnett said. "That's what is so amazing about it."

BASEBALL

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to come in here and try to take one from us."

The Horned Frogs' will face the Red Raiders at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Lupton Stadium in the first of a two-game series. The Frogs' will continue to protect their perfect record and hope to take their momentum from the weekend into the game against the Red Raiders.

"Our goal is to go 1-0 56 times this year," Musslewhite said. "We started it off good this weekend; hopefully we can carry into the game against Tech."

GRANT

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technology," Htun said. "This research will give students valuable experience to use in their later work."

Jeff Tippey, a sophomore electrical engineering major, said the program will allow students to obtain valuable connections within the field of engineering and technology.

"This will develop relationships that will help future students' advance in the technological field," Tippey said. "There are definitely connections that can be secured with the help of this program."

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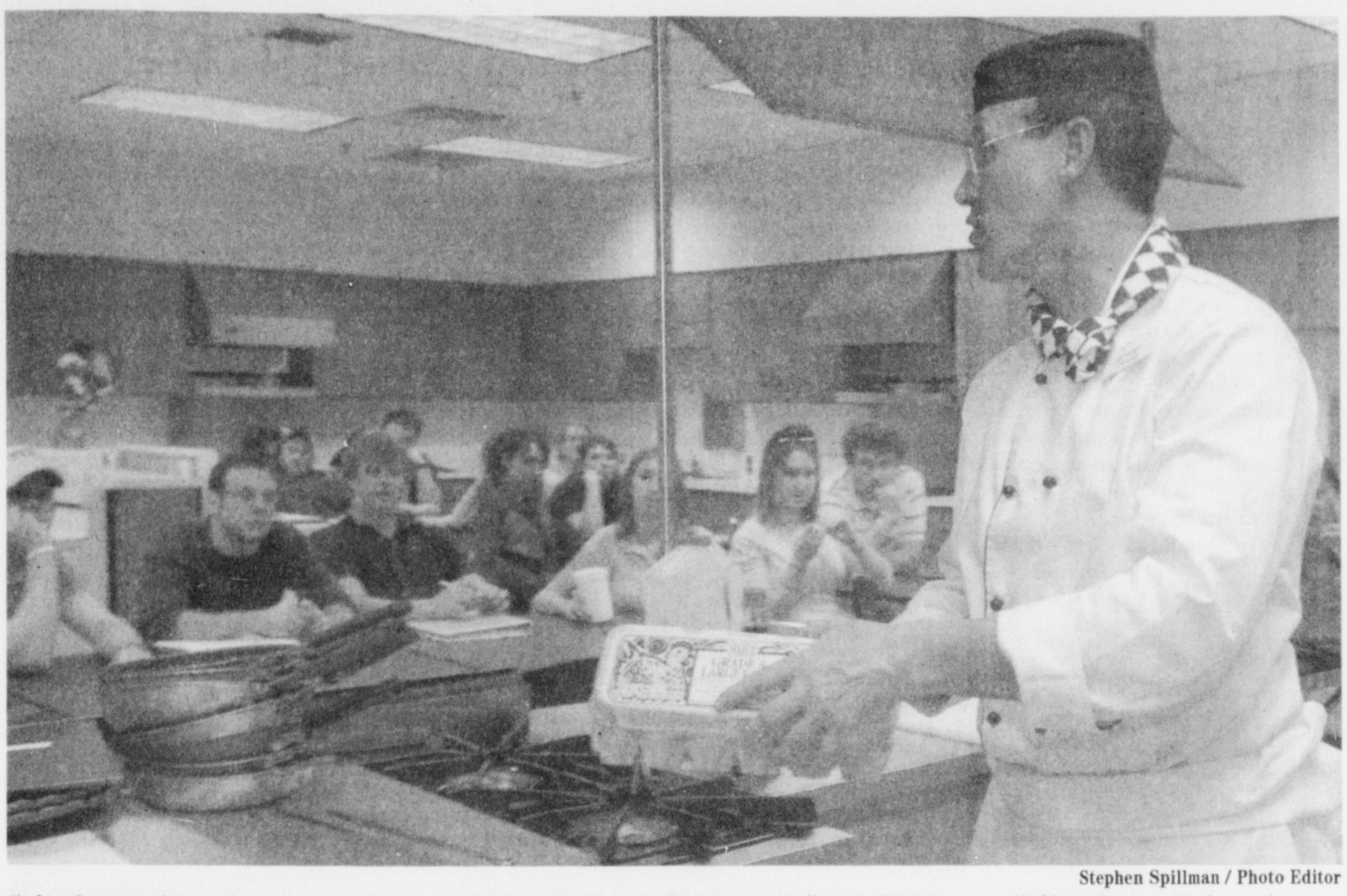

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Chef Ian Barnett spoke to students about the different omelets and how they are made. Barnett squared off against TCU's Excecutive Chef Susan Smith on Monday evening.

Foreign foods spice up The Main

British chef Ian Barnett's entrees were well received by students.

By STACEY CHILDRESS
Staff Reporter

TCU Dining Services offered students who frequent The Main the unique chance to taste international cuisine last week with the help of an imported chef.

British chef Ian Barnett was on campus to bring an international flavor to TCU and was a hit among students.

"I think it's great to change things up," said Tyler Ferguson, a freshman music major from Frisco. "It makes things more fun for students as well as (dining services)."

Making The Main more exciting was exactly what Dining Services had in mind when it decided to bring in an international chef.

"We wanted to bring something to the students that would create some excitement," said Legia Abato, TCU Dining Services marketing manager.

Students hope the effort by Dining Services to showcase many different types of food will continue.

"I think that it's cool," said Amanda Lee, a sophomore transfer secondary education major from Fort Worth. "At (Stephen F. Austin State University) they never did anything to break up the everyday food. It's nice to give us options and bring in cultural-type things."

This event ended on Monday when Dining Services presented "Battle of the Zones — America vs. England" in which students voted for the best use of a secret ingredient in both American and British dishes.

Barnett created special British items to compete with TCU Executive Chef Susan Smith, who created special American meals.

Each item was served with a mini-flag of either the United States or United Kingdom, depending on the dish. Students then deposited the flags at the cashier stand so that the winner could be determined.

In a close but decisive victory, Barnett defeated Smith 113 to 83, according to Dining Services.

"We hope that the 'Battle of the Zones' (was) exciting for the students," said Rick Flores, TCU Dining Services general manager. "It also serves as a reward to our top Sodexho chefs."

Barnett is one of Sodexho's top British chefs and was brought to TCU as a part of Sodexho's Global Chef program. Sodexho is the company that operates the TCU Dining Services.

Contest held to rename portal

Students can compete to name the new roommate questionnaire.

By SUMMER KENNY
Staff Reporter

The portal through which students select roommates is undergoing changes, and with the new format, officials are also looking for a new name, said Robin Williamson, associate director of Residential Services.

The contest to name the portal began Feb. 7 and will end at 5 p.m. Feb. 21, Williamson said.

There will be online voting to see which name students like the best, she said.

Williamson said the prize for naming the new portal is a $100 gift card to Target and dinner for the winner and his or her residence hall's staff.

If the winner lives off-campus, he or she will still receive the gift card to Target and other arrangements will be made for dinner, Williamson said.

"There will probably not be many off-campus entries," she said. "We certainly don't want to exclude anyone."

Since the university now relies on information using my.tcu.edu, Residential Services wanted to keep up with that trend, she said.

The new questionnaire can be accessed through the Residential Life link under students' my.tcu.edu accounts.

The questionnaire was consolidated to one Web page to make it faster to complete, said Michael Selman, systems analyst.

"We want to get students more familiar with using the portal," Williamson said. "We want to follow suit with the university."

The portal will be useful for students because they will not have to worry about office hours, she said.

"Students can access it at midnight if they want to," Williamson said.

Officials from Residential Services collaborated with Information Services to make the new portal and have been working on the project since November 2004, Williamson said.

Barbara Hawkins, associate director of Residence Life, said she has high hopes for the contest.

"I expect something catchy that students can really identify the process with," she said.

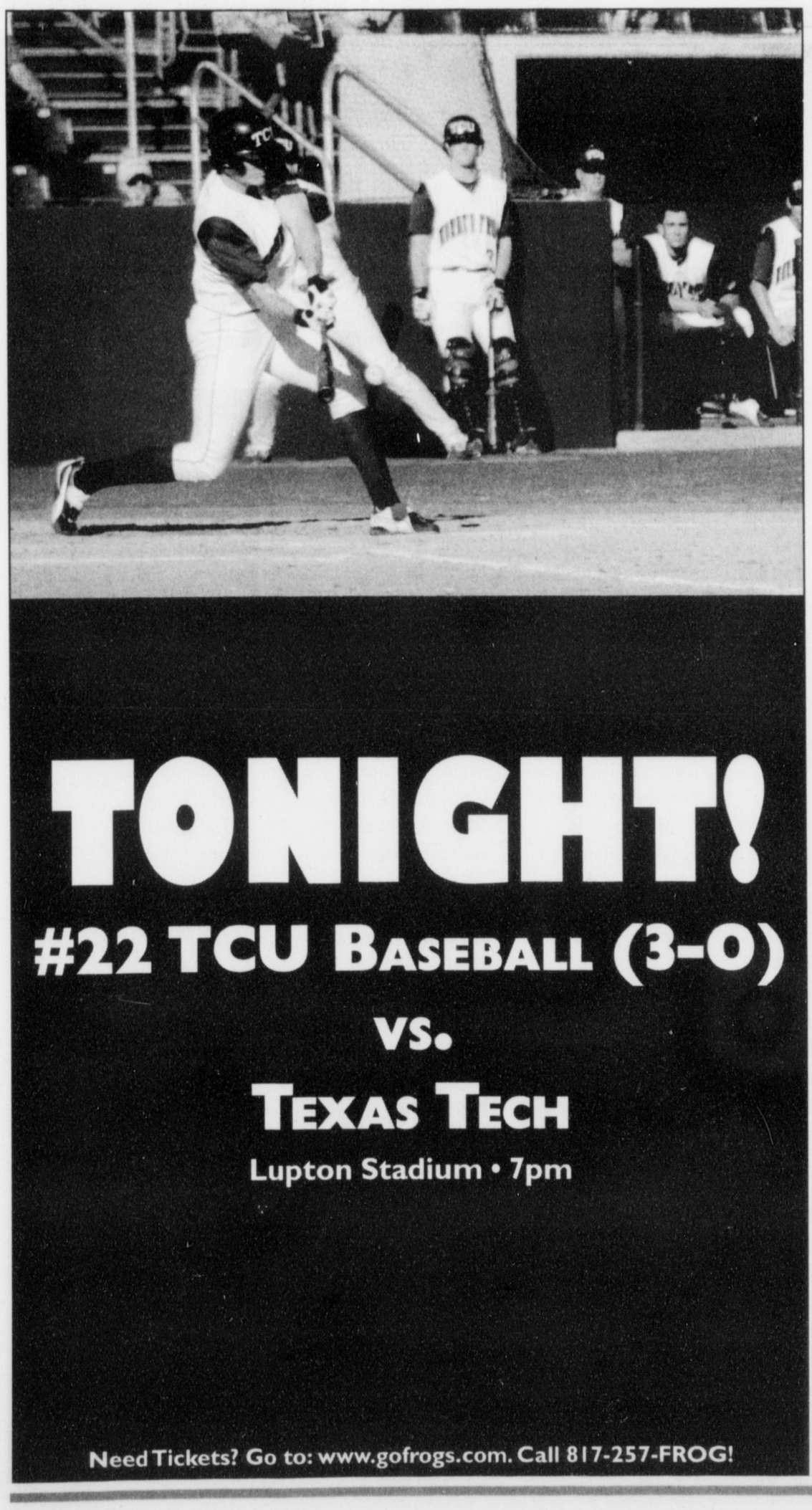
Meredith Stephens, a junior nursing major, said she thinks re-naming the portal might be difficult.

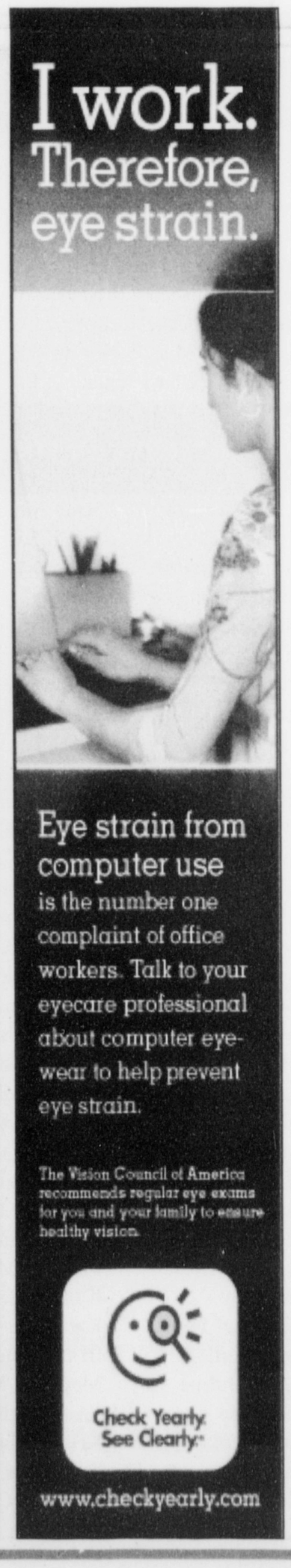
"People understand 'roommate survey'," Stephens said.

No matter what the name will be, Stephens said the new portal will be helpful.

To enter the contest, students may send their entries to housing@tcu.edu.

The new portal will be available by March 1.





Sports Briefs

Tennis team defeats BYU

The No. 16-ranked men's tennis team took the court on Friday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center against Brigham Young University, whom the Horned Frogs will face regularly in the newly restructured Mountain West Conference.

The Frogs swept the doubles events and finished 5-1 in singles for a 6-1 win over BYU. The win improves the team's record to 3-0 on the year.

The No. 8 ranked doubles team of junior Rafael Abreu and senior Fabrizio Sestini won their match 8-3, and both won their singles matches.

Head coach Joey Rivé said he had very clear goals going in to the match against BYU and the rest of the season.

"We want to win as many matches as we can and do well in the conference so we can get back to the sweet 16," Rivé said.

The top 64 teams at the end of the season advance to the NCAA Tournament, which will be at Texas A&M later this year.

Even with the victory over the Cougars, the Horned Frogs still have to improve if they expect to do better later in the season.

"I think we need to stay at a high level in doubles and get off to a good start and play with a lot of energy and heart. We should be fine because we have the talent to be really good," sophomore Andrew Ulrich said.

The victory is a stepping stone for the men's tennis team, Rivé said. The Frogs will welcome South Alabama Wednesday, Feb. 23, before entering the Conference USA Shootout Feb. 25-27.

— Ryan Wilcox

Frogs beat Clemson Tigers

The women's tennis team remained unbeaten this season after beating No. 7-ranked Clemson at home Sunday. Clemson was the highest ranked opponent the team has defeated in school history.

The Frogs went 3-3 in singles play but swept the doubles event to claim the victory.

There were two singles matches pairing up players ranked in the top 100. No. 14-ranked senior Story Tweedie-Yates lost to No. 5 ranked Julie Coin 63, 7-6 (5), but No. 25-ranked junior Helena Besovic defeated No. 88 ranked Romy Farah for TCU.

— Drew Irwin

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Singles

1. No. 5 Julie Coin (CU) def. No. 14 Story Tweedie-Yates (TCU) 6-3, 7-6 (5)
2. No. 25 Helena Besovic (TCU) def. No. 88 Romy Farah (CU) 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-0
3. No. 114 Maria Brito (CU) def. Ana Cetnik (TCU) 3-6, 7-5, 3-4 (ret.)
4. Kewa Nichols (TCU) def. Ioana Paun (CU) 6-3, 7-5
5. Carolina Salge (CU) def. Gloriann Lopez (TCU) 7-5, 7-5
6. Andrea Morgado (TCU) def. Richelle LeSaldo (CU) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles

1. Cetnik/Tweedie-Yates (TCU) def. Coin/Brito (CU) 8-4
2. No. 34 Besovic/Karla Mancinas (TCU) def. Farah/Salge (CU) 8-6
3. Paige Brown/Morgado (TCU) def. Paun/LeSaldo (CU) 8-3

Canseco's book an instant hit

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jose Canseco's autobiography accusing several top players of steroid use and charging that baseball long ignored performance-enhancing drugs appeared to be a hit on its first day in bookstores.

Amazon.com listed "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big" as third on its best seller list Monday.

Canseco

The book had an initial printing of 150,000 copies and Regan Books does not disclose sales figures, spokeswoman Jennifer Suitor said.

"I don't think it's a good thing, obviously, because it's bringing a bad light to the game," New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter said Monday. "This is a time, obviously, baseball is in a negative light, and Jose is not helping out. In terms of his accusations, the only people that know are him and whomever he is accusing. The unfortunate thing is, if it's not true, you're looking at guys having to defend themselves over something they haven't done."

Mark McGwire, one of the former teammates Canseco accused of using steroids, issued a written denial.

"The relationship that these allegations portray couldn't be further from the truth," McGwire's statement said. "I also worry how these false allegations will taint the accomplishments of the Oakland Athletics' coaches, players and executives who worked so hard to achieve success during the era in question, along with the other players and organizations affected by this book.

"Most concerning to me is the negative effect that sensationalizing steroids will have on impressionable youngsters who dream of one day becoming professional athletes. Once and for all I did not use steroids or any other illegal substance."

McGwire was not available for interviews.

In the book, Canseco is an unabashed advocate of performance-enhancing drugs.

"By the time my 8-year-old daughter, Josie, has graduated from high school, a majority of all professional athletes — in all sports — will be taking steroids. And believe it or not, that's good news," he writes. "I have no doubt whatsoever that intelligent, informed use of steroids, combined with Human Growth Hormone, will one day be so accepted that everybody will be doing it. Steroid use will be more common than Botox is now. Every baseball player and pro athlete will be using at least low levels of steroids. As a result, baseball and other sports will be more exciting and more entertaining."

Canseco calls himself the "godfather of steroids in baseball," saying "I single-handedly changed the game of baseball by introducing them into the game."

He says both baseball management and the union tried to ignore steroid use.

"Are players the only ones to blame when Donald Fehr and the other bosses of the Major League Baseball Players Association fought for years to make sure players wouldn't be tested for steroids?" he wrote, adding: "Fehr had to know the truth."

Nam Y. Huh / Associated Press

Jose Canseco's book, "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits & How Baseball Got Big," goes on sale Monday at a Border's book store in downtown Chicago. In the book, Canseco says he and fellow slugger Mark McGwire were never "buddy buddies" as teammates on the Oakland Athletics, but had at least one thing in common that they talked about regularly: using steroids.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig said last week that the sport's leadership was unaware of possible steroid use until 1998. Fehr declined comment Monday.

Canseco expresses resentment at the way he was treated by management and the media.

"There was a huge double standard in baseball, and white athletes like Mark McGwire, Cal Ripken Jr. and Brady Anderson were protected and coddled in a way that an outspoken Latino like me never would be," he wrote. "Canseco the Cuban was left out in the cold, where racism and double standards rule."

Canseco specifically took aim at Jason Giambi, a former Oakland teammate.

"Giambi had the most obvious steroid physique I've ever seen in my life," Canseco wrote. "He was so bloated, it was unbelievable. There was no definition to his body at all. You could see the retention of liquids, especially in his neck and face."

He also devotes sections to players' womanizing — including his own — and to umpires he calls "the most vengeful people you'll ever meet," saying they are on "power trips."

"There are certain things that belong with us ballplayers," Yankees pitcher Carl Pavano said. "It's a tight group. It's sad to see someone that desperate come throw themselves out there to make money."

The 1986 AL Rookie of the Year and 1988 MVP, Canseco spent 17 seasons in the major leagues, finishing with 462 home runs in a career that ended in 2001.

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The Family Monster

by Josh Shalek

HUMOR

Rednecks, rejoice: Aunt Betty Jo is cyber

In this increasingly specialized world of ours, there is literally something for everybody. From cars to magazines to men's razors, there's such variety that one never need use the same product twice.

It seems there's a perfect combination of goods and services to satisfy every possible permutation of the human personality.

And we know that what is true of the world is true of the Web. Dating Web sites have become so specific that it won't be long before I'll find 100 e-mails telling me how to find romance in my ZIP code.

Actually, I already get 100 e-mails a day offering to hook me up with hot, lonely local ladies. But I have a feeling it might cost me 99 cents a minute.

Online dating has become very specific to individual needs.

For young singles looking for a good time, there's lavalife.com, which lets viewers categorize their search by A) dating; B) relationship; or C) intimate encounter.

For those looking for lasting love, eharmony.com claims to be the site to turn to "when you're ready to find the love of your life."

But you may ask: "Eric, those sites are for the uptown crowd; I'm a little more down-to-earth. Where can I go to find true love?"

Well, if by down-to-earth you mean you drive a pickup truck, know all of Tim McGraw's songs by heart and have plans to make a pilgrimage to Dale Earnhardt's Garage Mahal in Mooresville, N.C., then I have the Web site for you.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, I give you redneckandsingle.com.

In the name of science, I decided to take a jog through the site to figure out what sort of things a redneck would be searching for in a significant other. Turns out rednecks are pretty much like the rest of us until it comes time to list their hobbies and tastes, which run the gamut from raisin' critters to raisin' crops to fixin' stuff.

For sport, those who will employ this site can choose favorites from the following: fishin', four-wheelin', muddin' and shootin' pool. And after a long day partaking of these activities, your potential redneck mate likes to dine on fried catfish, biscuits 'n' gravy or meat 'n' taters.

The site was founded by Kevin McIntosh of Winston-Salem, N.C., who saw this venture as a way to connect rednecks who find themselves living in an increasingly unredneck age.

"When Billy Ray moves from his hometown to a huge city such as Atlanta, he no longer has his Aunt Betty Jo around to introduce him to a Tammy Jo or a Tina Rae," McIntosh says. "The absence of those fix-ups is a threat to the perpetuation of the redneck culture. I'm hoping redneckandsingle.com can become like a virtual Aunt Betty Jo."

So if hitting the wine bar and then going home to your loft to catch the last 20 minutes of Queer Eye for the Straight Guy is not your thing, redneckandsingle.com might be perfect.

Who knows, if you hurry and register as a "redneck man" or "redneck woman," you might even lasso a date for your annual Valentine's cow-tippin' trip (listed under sports on the Web site).

Eric Edwards, who has never used NASCAR in a pick-up line, writes for The Orlando Sentinel. This column was distributed by KRT Campus.

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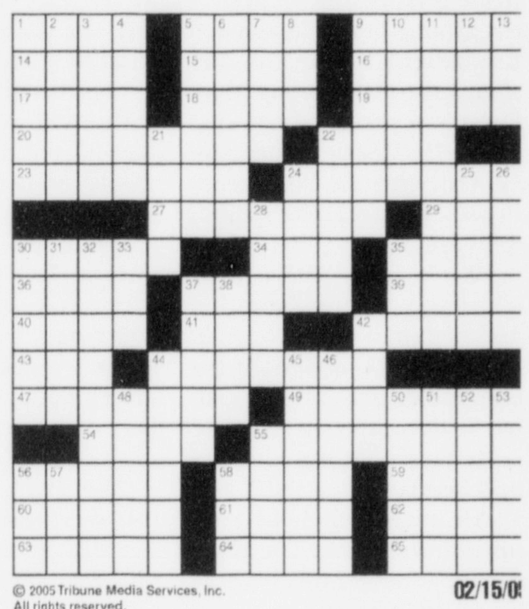

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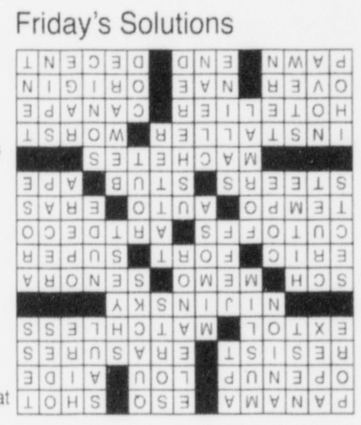

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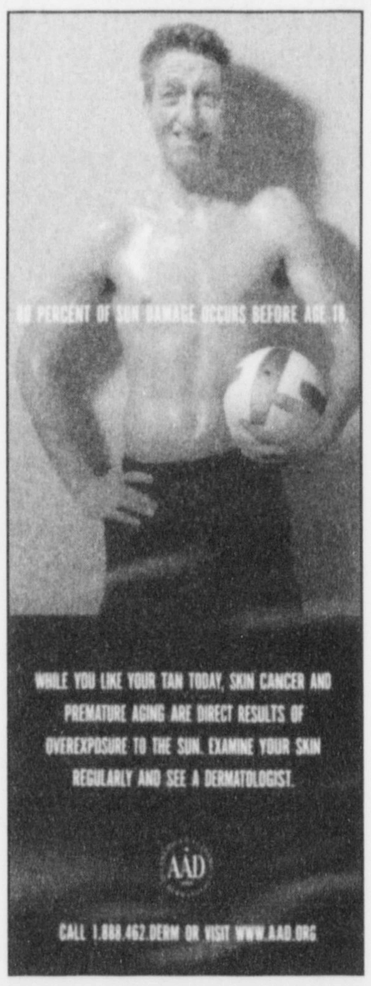

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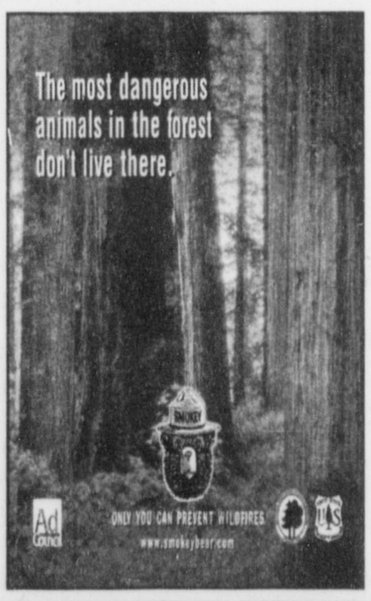

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Baseball team sweeps Utah in season opener

After winning every game in their first series, the Horned Frogs prepare to face Texas Tech.

By DAN McGRAW
Staff Writer

Sophomore Stuart Musslewhite scrapped and pawed at the ground before he entered the batter's box in the bottom of the third inning. With his stance perfected and eyes focused, Musslewhite connected with the ball, sending it a few feet over the left field fence.

The 6-foot, 195-pound shortstop dropped the bat and began to circle the bases amidst the cheers of his teammates. He ended his at-bat with a grin.

"It was a sitting changeup," Musslewhite said. "I was a little out in front but I got it up into the wind. The wind carried it out for me. I wasn't try to get a home run. I was just trying to get a base hit. I think it was clutch, because the game was 0-0."

Musslewhite's shot was clutch as the Horned Frogs' bats reeved up producing 13 runs on 10 hits to give the Horned Frogs a 14-7 win to sweep the Utah Utes on Sunday afternoon.

"Hitting is contagious, I've always thought that," Musslewhite said. "I felt like when we started hitting that it would just carry us throughout the game."

While hitting was contagious for the Horned Frogs, they were hindered with strike outs. During the three game series, the Horned Frogs struck out 24 times, but they did knock two balls out of the park.

"We struck out too much this weekend and that's not the kind of club we want to be," head coach Jim Schlossnagle said. "We are going to work on that."

The Horned Frogs' exited the three-game series with a perfect 3-0 record, which was the first time the Frogs' opened the season 3-0 since 1995.

"We needed to come out and go 3-0 big time, especially going into Texas Tech on Tuesday," Musslewhite said. "It is going to be a big asset for that game."

The Red Raiders come into Fort Worth with a perfect 4-0 record after a three-game sweep of the Northern Illinois Huskies and a 18-6 victory over New Mexico in the season opener. The Red Raiders' offense has been red hit in all four games as Tech is averaging 15 runs-per-game and 15.5 hits-per-contest.

"It's going to be a big test for us, because they are a scrappy ball club," Musslewhite said. "They are going

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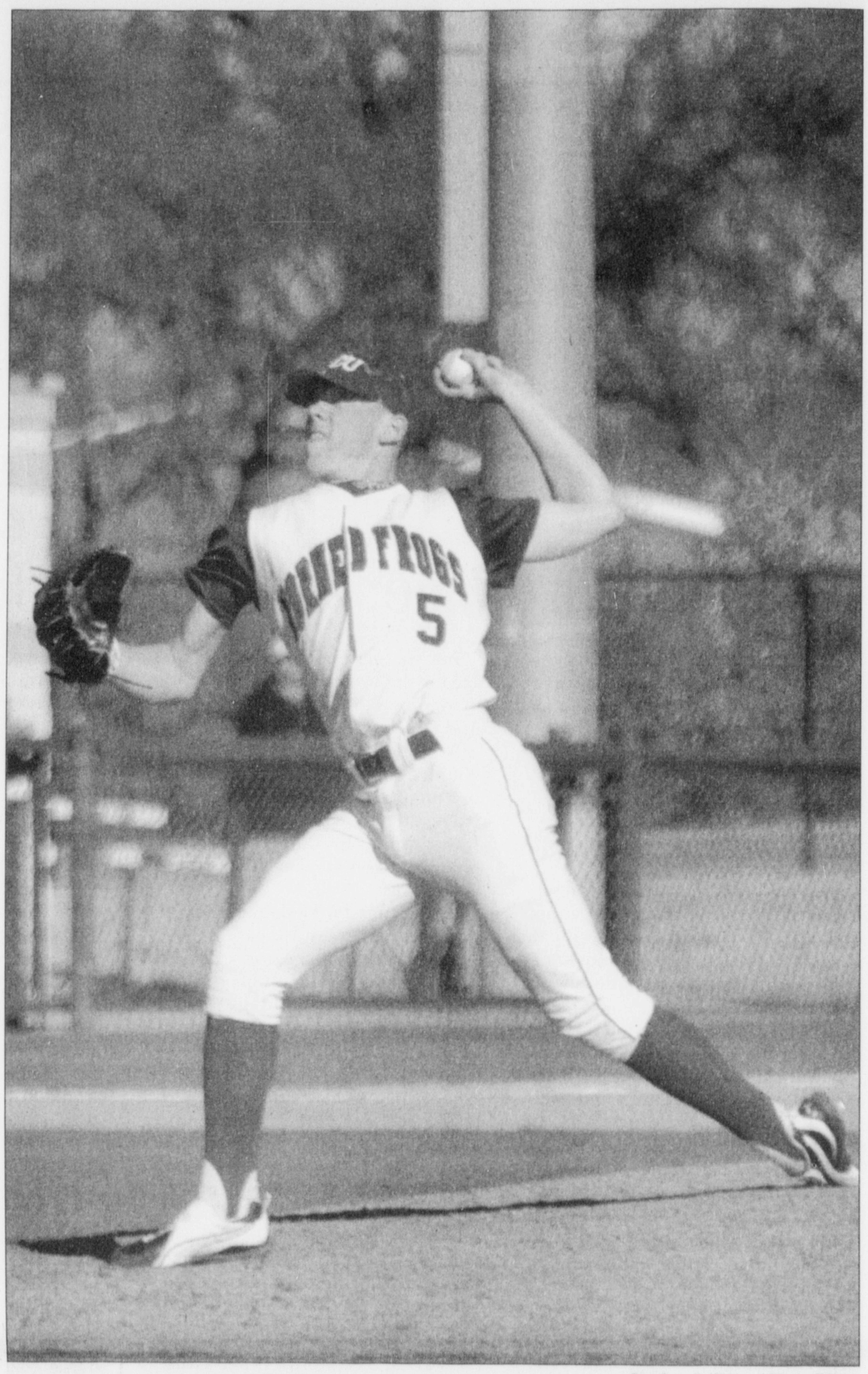

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Sophomore pitcher Brad Furnish throws a pitch during the third game of the Frogs' series against Utah on Sunday afternoon. Furnish will start against Texas Tech at 7 p.m. Tuesday night at Lupton Stadium.

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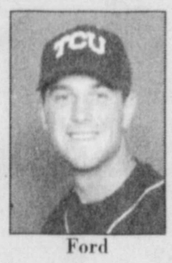

Ford

Sophomore Shelby Ford: In three starts, Ford has been consistent on the plate. He's hit 7 of 11 for a .636 batting average with 4 runs scored, 3 doubles, 4 RBIs and 10 total bases. He also has a .909 slugging percentage and .714 on-base percentage in the first series against the Utah Utes.

McGuirk

Freshman Matt McGuirk: In three games, McGuirk has been second only to Ford at the plate. He's hit 5 of 9 for a .556 batting average, including one double and no strikeouts. His .667 slugging percentage and .636 on-base percentage has helped him to knock in five Frogs.

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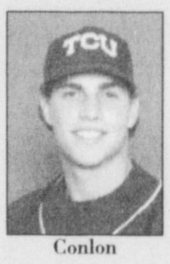


Conlon

Sophomore Keith Conlon: Conlon has struggled at the plate, hitting 1 of 12, including 3 strikeouts against the Utes. He's opened the season with a .083 slugging percentage and a .143 on-base percentage, but has knocked in a pair of Frogs in his opening series.

Dahlberg

Senior Kyle Dahlberg: In the series against the Utes, Dahlberg has gone hitless in his first five at-bats. He started two of the games against the Utes and came in during the second game. He was hit by a pitch in the third game, which came in the middle of a 6-run inning for the Frogs.

Sports Briefs

Golf team ties for sixth

The TCU men's golf team ended its stay in Waikoloa, Hawaii, with a share of sixth place in the Taylor Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate with a 13-under-par 375 showing in the final round. Their final round score ended the Frogs' tournament at 37-under-par 837.

"I thought we shot an awful lot of low scores this weekend," head coach Bill Montigel said. "J.J. and Colby played extremely well for us."

Senior J.J. Killeen shined under the Hawaii sun posting the best round of his career by carding a 7-under-par, which was eight shots better than his previous career best. Killeen fought his way into the top 10 with a 54-hole sum of 14 under par.

Junior Colby Beckstrom followed his previous round performances with a 5-under-par in the final round to earn a share of 15th place with a 12-under-par. Beckstrom's performance in the tournament gave him his third top-20 finish of the season.

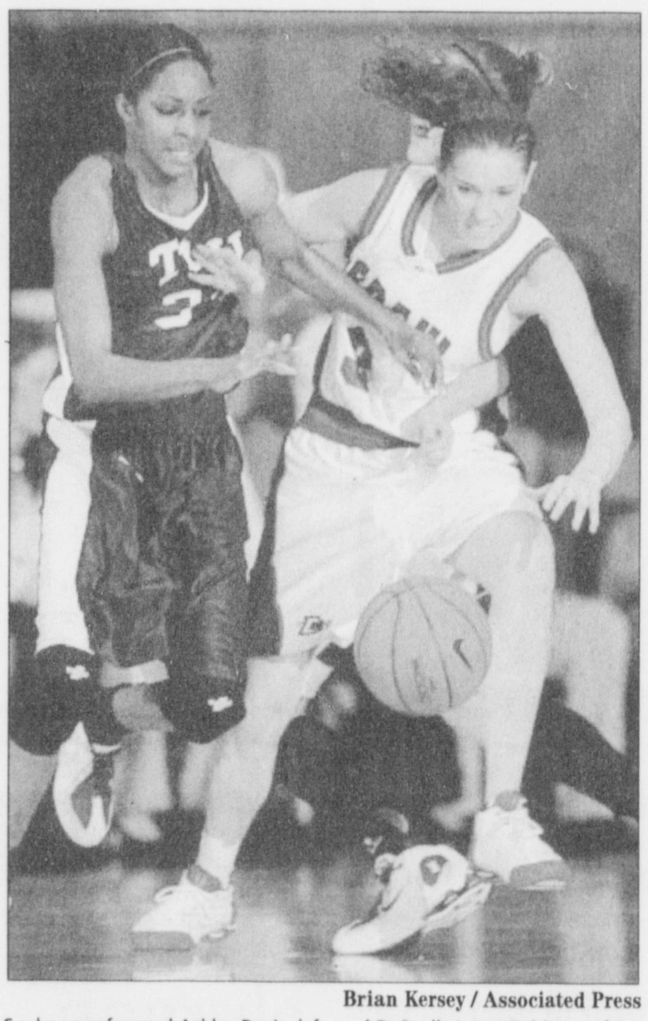
While Killeen and Beckstrom climbed the leaderboard, junior Drew Pigg was sliding down after shooting a 3 over par in the final round. Pigg ended the tournament with a 4-under-par and tied for 54th place.

Senior David Schultz and freshman Franklin Corpening closed out the Frogs' scoring. "We hadn't played the golf course, but now that we have played it, I'm not surprised. Against the people we were playing, finishing sixth was a very respectful finish," Montigel said.

TCU's next tee time will be at the Las Vegas Collegiate from March 11 through 13.

— Dan McGraw

Women suffer weekend losses



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Sophomore forward Ashley Davis, left, and DePaul's Jenna Rubino go for a loose ball during the first half of play Sunday in Chicago.

By DAN McGRAW
Staff Writer

The Lady Frogs did not enjoy a trip away from Daniel-Meyer Coliseum as they dropped two games on the road to conference opponents.

The heartbreaker came against No. 15 DePaul, who beat the Lady Frogs 84-81 in overtime Sunday in a nationally televised game.

"We knew it was going to be a tough weekend before we left," said head coach Jeff Mittie. "I was proud at how we fought back against DePaul, and we did some good things. The game came down to one or two plays, and we just didn't convert."

The Lady Frogs battled from 18 points down to tie the game at 74, but were outscored 10-7 in the overtime period.

"I think overall 95 percent of what we did was good against DePaul," Mittie said. "We just have to take the other 5 percent and improve on it. Obviously, this is a very disappointing loss, but we have to remain focused."

The Lady Frogs will battle against Charlotte on Friday as they return to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Extra Info

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Men's basketball		No games			at Houston 7 p.m. (UPN 21)		
Women's basketball				vs. Charlotte 7 p.m.		vs. East Carolina 2 p.m.	
Women's tennis			vs. Texas A&M 2 p.m.		at SMU 2 p.m.		
Women's golf							Puerto Rico Invitational
Track							
Baseball	vs. Texas Tech 7 p.m.			at Florida Atlantic 6 p.m.	at Florida Atlantic 6 p.m.	at Florida Atlantic 12 p.m.	

Frogs secure win despite lack of offensive support

The men's basketball team won its third straight game and improved to 13-2.

By BRIAN ALLEN
Staff Reporter

Fresh off a home win against Marquette Wednesday, the Horned Frogs defeated Alabama-Birmingham 76-65 Saturday night in front of a crowd of 5,459 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"We are a much better basketball team than we were a year ago."
Neil Dougherty
Men's basketball coach

The win mathematically ensured TCU (16-9, 6-5 Conference USA) a winning season with only five regular season games left . TCU has not recorded a winning season since the Billy Tubbs era ended in 2002, when the team went 16-15 overall.

"We are a much better basketball team than we were a year ago," head coach Neil Dougherty said. "This team has a chance to be good enough to compete for post-season play, and that definitely would mean to include competing against teams who I feel are worthy opponents."

Three Frogs scored double digits for the game. Junior guard Nile Murry led the way with 17 points and connected on a perfect 7 of 7 from the free throw line. Senior guard Corey Santee and senior forward Aaron Curtis added 16 points and 11 points, respectively. Senior guard Marcus Shropshire was 1 of 7 from the field but was 6 of 6 from the free-throw line.

Shooting was not a strong point for the Frogs in the first half, as they hit 31.4 percent of their shots. The Frogs struggled from a 3-point range as well, only completing 1 of 14 attempts.

Dougherty said the Frogs were fortunate to be down by only six points at halftime.

With 13:51 left in the second half, Murry knocked down a 3-pointer, and that gave the Frogs its first lead of the game. UAB regained the lead briefly, but TCU retook the lead 46-44 with a layup by Santee and led the rest of the game.

Although Santee was scoreless in the first half, he ended the game with 16 points and five assists.

"They said I was taking good shots, but it was like a lid was on the rim," Santee said. "I had to be more aggressive so we could come up with the win in the second half."

Santee said penetration, fast break points and switching sides on the offensive end got him heated up in the second half.

The Frogs return to action Saturday when they will face Houston. The game will air live on UPN 21.

EXTRA INFO

Next game: TCU at Houston
7 p.m. Saturday (UPN 21)