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Panelist: Discussion eases tension

By LIZ CRAWFORD
Staff Reporter

The first step toward achieving a more peaceful society is for adversaries to begin talking and stop fighting, a religion professor and biblical scholar said Monday.

The professor, David Gunn, took part in a panel discussion that covered political, social and religious issues surrounding the peace process. The discussion was part of International Week, which aims to raise awareness and encourage students to think globally.

Gunn said he is concerned with how religion relates to violence and the number of people using the Bible to advocate violent causes.

"When you've got God on your side, who can argue with you?" Gunn said.

Gunn said discussion is key to easing tensions because once people get to know their enemies, they dislike them less.

Panelist Anthony Nicotera, a lawyer with a background in social work, said he is concerned with the fact that people know the names of movie stars but not those of important peacemakers.

Nicotera said he has worked with adolescents and encouraged them to use different ways to handle conflict.

"Clinical social workers are working with young people in trying to

get them to break down barriers, to encourage dialogue and get them away from the us-versus-them mentality," Nicotera said.

Panelist Jeff Ferrell said the government is declaring war on social problems. The war on drugs is an example of this, because the local governments are making criminals out of nonviolent people. The government should be helping the community work toward social justice without conflict, Ferrell, a criminal justice professor said.

Panelist Eric Cox, a political science professor specializing in conflict, said high poverty rates, conflict over natural resources and a low level of education all contrib-

ute to violence.

Courtney Goode, a sophomore economics major and president of Peace Action, which hosted the panel along with University Ministries, said she wants students to learn what they can about how to make a positive impact.

"We can't do anything until we educate ourselves," said Goode.

Claudia Vaz, a junior finance major and the International Week chair, said she hopes that students will get to know each other in an attempt to resolve conflict.

Part of International Week is exploring and examining what is going on in the world, said the Rev. Angela Kaufman, minister to the university.

MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photographer
Lawyer and Peace Activist, Anthony Nicotera, from Boston, speaks about the lack of common knowledge about peace activists versus Army generals in the United States.

TRAUMA TO TRIUMPH

Lecturer in psychology finding calling after tragic family accident

By KIM TESAREK
Staff Reporter

Dr. Pamela Stuntz was hanging up the last of the balloons in a colleague's office at Whitley Penn and Associates accounting firm for the next day's 40th birthday celebration when the phone rang.

"Your son has been shot in the head by a high-powered BB gun," the paramedic on the phone said.

It was the plight of a mother that got Stuntz to the hospital on that cold day in January 1992 before the ambulance even arrived. And it was the hope of a mother that kept her by her only son's side as the prognosis went from a minor emergency to a life-threatening situation in a matter of hours. Fifteen-year-old Travis's speech stopped making sense and he could not move his right side.

"Your son may not make it through the night," the neurosurgeon told her.

The memory of the pain flickered in Stuntz's eyes as she described the life-changing event that brought her from her accounting desk to her office in Winton-Scott Hall at Texas Christian University.

"I quit my job three days after the accident," she said. "I lived at the hospital with my son."

Although the accident was ultimately not fatal, it affected Travis' memory, made simple math impossible and changed his personality.

"The brain injury made him unable to show emotion," Stuntz explained, "but we knew he was in there."

She wanted to know everything that was happening with her son.



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Dr. Pamela Stuntz speaks in her Human Neuropsychology class about the stages of alcohol intoxication.

High court ignores execution issues

Recent study shows lethal injections not totally painless

By GINA HOLLAND
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court refused Monday to directly consider whether the drug combination used in executions across the country amounts to unconstitutional cruel punishment.

The justices had already agreed to hear arguments in April in a case brought by Florida death row inmate Clarence Hill about the procedure for lethal injection challenges to be filed in federal court.

Monday's decision, which came on a separate appeal by Hill's lawyer, has little practical significance because Hill's other case is still pending.

The justices did not comment when they declined to broaden their review and take up Hill's appeal that raised constitutional concerns about lethal injection.

The execution method is used by the federal government and every state that has capital punishment, except for Nebraska.

Interest in lethal injection

has escalated in recent weeks. In California, an execution was postponed last week when no doctor or nurse would agree to administer a fatal dose of barbiturate. A judge is reviewing the state's system.

Death penalty supporters contend that the Constitution does not guarantee convicted killers a pain-free execution.

Hill is on death row for killing a Pensacola, Fla., police officer after a bank robbery in 1982.

Hill came within minutes of being executed last month when the court intervened. His lawyer said he was already strapped to a gurney when the high court issued a stay.

His lawyer said that the doses of drugs used in Florida executions — sodium pentothal, pancuronium bromide and potassium chloride — can cause pain. The first drug is a painkiller. The second one paralyzes and the third causes a fatal heart attack.

The attorney, D. Todd Doss of Lake City, Fla., pointed to a 2005 study published in the Lancet medical journal indicating that the painkiller can wear off before an inmate dies. The Florida Supreme Court ruled that the study was inconclusive.

Cattle drive



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Participants in the 5K portion of Saturday morning's Cowtown Marathon run down Taylor Street. The event comprised 5K, 10K, marathon and half-marathon runs.

Expert gives inside look at social work

By JESSICA ST. JOHN
Staff Reporter

Silence, story and song are tools for promoting social change, said a guest speaker addressing the TCU Justice and Advocacy Network.

Anthony Nicotera, a public interest lawyer, social activist and community organizer, presented to a group of about 20 students Sunday evening, most of whom were involved in social justice organizations.

The TCU Justice and Advocacy Network, a group working to create social change on the campus and in the community, organized the workshop called

"Thoughts and Tools for Creating Change."

Angela Kaufman, minister to the university, works closely with TJAN and was the organizer of the workshop.

"We wanted to bring in someone who's lived it, is living it, has done it or is doing it," Kaufman said.

Nicotera, who has been arrested six times for nonviolent action and has worked with Mother Teresa, is now a social worker helping inner-city youth in Boston.

Nicotera said his main passions are conflict resolution and social justice.

He engaged the audience in group

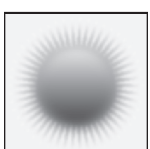
meditation, storytelling and singing to demonstrate tools that can be used to create social change and justice.

Stephanie Sherwood, a junior social work major and president of TCU's branch of the Living Wage Movement, said she enjoyed the meditation exercise because it made her feel relaxed and made her focus.

Sherwood said she found Nicotera's presentation interesting because she wants to pursue a career in his field.

"He made me realize how well-rounded you have to be as a social worker ... to be able to empathize with and help

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WEATHER

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FUN FACT

A small-town judge with three wives was ordered to be removed from the bench by the Utah Supreme Court on Friday.

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LOCAL BUSINESS

Phoenix, other cities bidding on Southwest to leave Dallas hub

Love Field disputes with home airline about expansion

By DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

DALLAS — Phoenix officials have met with executives from Southwest Airlines Co. to discuss the low-cost carrier moving its headquarters from Dallas and may soon make a formal offer, according to officials for the city and the airline.

Southwest officials say several other cities have also approached the airline, which is locked in a dispute about expanding at its home, Dallas Love Field. Southwest has declined to identify the other bidding cities.

The airline was also miffed last week when Dallas increased landing fees at Love Field by 57 percent beginning in April to raise an extra \$1 million a year.

Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon spoke with Southwest Chief Executive Gary Kelly by phone about a possible move two weeks ago, and he dropped in last week when city airport officials were having lunch with Southwest representatives, said the mayor's press secretary, Scott Phelps.

"It wasn't a hard sell, with PowerPoint presentations and all that," Phelps said. "He said, 'If you really want to move, we'll help you get where you want to go.'"

A Southwest spokesman, Ed Stewart, said Monday that Phoenix officials indicated they will make a more formal pitch but that a meeting has not yet been scheduled.

"They came knocking, saying that 'We're a city that knows how to appreciate a good employer, unlike others, and love to sit down and talk about it,'" Stewart said. He said Kelly believes that the airline owes Phoenix "the courtesy to hear you out."

Southwest is the second-largest operator at Phoenix's

Sky Harbor International Airport behind US Airways, which includes the former America West and is now headquartered in Phoenix.

Southwest has 4,500 employees in Phoenix and 5,000 in Dallas, including 3,000 at its headquarters just outside the Love Field fence.

This is the second time in four months that Southwest officials have aired the idea of moving from the city that has been the airline's home since June 18, 1971, when it served only a few Texas cities.

In late October, Chairman Herb Kelleher and President Colleen Barrett suggested it might make sense for Southwest to move because it couldn't expand at Love Field due to a 1979 law barring most long commercial flights from the airport. Southwest flights in Dallas have declined since 2001, and it offers more flights in Phoenix, Las Vegas and Chicago.

However, Kelly quickly quashed the relocation speculation last fall, saying Southwest was not considering a move.

A few weeks later, Southwest scored a small victory when Congress weakened the 1979 Wright Amendment by allowing flights from Love Field to Missouri.

Southwest is lobbying Congress to lift all limits at Love Field, allowing it to fly anywhere in the country from the airport near downtown Dallas. But it is opposed by American Airlines and nearby Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

American, a unit of Fort Worth-based AMR Corp., plans to begin its own service from Love Field to St. Louis and Kansas City on Thursday, competing directly with new Southwest flights to those cities.

Meanwhile, Southwest continues to say it has no interest in starting service at DFW Airport, where American controls about 85 percent of the traffic.

CORRECTION

The bookstore permit story printed Friday reported that the staff is planning to locate its buy-back sites in the University Recreation Center, Worth Hills and the Student Center at the end of the spring semester. Those are only possible sites for the book buy-backs. Lissa Lewis, manager of the bookstore, said the staff will consider those locations.

STUNTZ

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"If he went to a training session, so did I," Stuntz said.

She soaked in everything they did and everything they said, knowing it would soon become her responsibility to take the reins of her child's recovery.

After three months of therapy, Stuntz refused to believe the doctors' prognosis that Travis would never return to high school. She pushed him toward a full recovery, repeating all the exercises from the hospital at home.

The following August, Travis started his sophomore year of high school as if he had merely taken a short vacation. The only thing different was instead of being enrolled for honors math, Travis was on the regular track.

"He's our miracle," Stuntz said.

Stuntz tried to return to accounting after her son was back in school, but something was not right.

"Accounting was no longer satisfying for me," she said. "It didn't give my life any meaning."

She became an advocate, stopping to tell her story to customers in the checkout line at Wal-Mart with the BB gun that almost killed her son in their hands. She wrote letters to get the gun considered a weapon in Texas.

She read books about brain injury recovery stories. She was fascinated by how the brain worked, and how parts stopped functioning after injury.

Stuntz thought back to the conversations she had with the therapists during her son's recovery about the lack of brain injury research. She felt her calling.

"There has got to be a better way," she said about the treatment. "There has got to be more research done to make people whole."

At 38 years old, Stuntz was determined to do something

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people," Sherwood said.

Courtney Goode, a sophomore international economics major and president of TCU's Peace Action, said listening to Nicotera made her feel good about what she is doing to promote positive change.

"Social justice is my passion but I think

our campus is somewhat apathetic when it comes to social issues," Goode said.

Goode said she thinks students at TCU are more focused on what party they'll go to on the weekend than the less fortunate people in the world.

Even though Nicotera admitted to the audience that these were not his words, he said, "We can bomb the world to pieces, but we can't bomb the world to peace."



MICHAEL BOU-NACKLIE / Photographer

Sophomore Psychology major, Lauren Gervais addresses issues concerning antipsychotics during Dr. Pamela Stuntz's Human Psychology class, Monday in Winton Scott.

about it. She made an appointment with the chair of graduate studies in psychology at TCU. She would have to take 30 hours of undergraduate psychology classes, an independent study, and score well on the GRE that year before she could even consider getting into graduate school for psychology.

With the same determination Stuntz had to help her son recover, she went back to school to receive her second undergraduate degree, finishing her classes with straight A's and starting graduate school in 1996.

"Travis was at TCU at the same time I was," she explained. "He was pretty tolerant for someone his age when he saw his mother in the halls."

Stuntz went on to graduate school at TCU, where she was mentored by Dr. Timothy Barth through her dissertation.

"Pamela came to me with a very compelling story," Barth said, describing the time they met. "She always had a level of commitment and motivation that is essential, and she brought to the research first-hand knowledge of brain injury that none of the rest of us had."

In graduate school, Stuntz began her brain injury research

on rats, which she continues today.

The research is conducted by first brain-injuring the rats. Then Stuntz gives the rats different kinds of drugs and tests them in underwater mazes to see if the recovery happens quicker and better than it would naturally.

"I really think if we gave drugs to brain-injured patients, they would have better recoveries," Stuntz explained. "But you can't see for sure until you've worked with humans and that is a touchy subject."

Stuntz received her doctorate in physiological psychology in 2003, and because of a shortage of professors that year, was asked to teach psychology courses at TCU.

"I kind of fell into teaching," she said. "My original goal was to do research. But when I am able to teach college-age kids about the brain, about the drive of the human spirit," she paused, "that's when I make the biggest impact."

Stuntz often has students in her office just to talk about life. She considers herself a surrogate mother to the young adults who have just left home.

"There are a lot of hurting students that need something," she said. "I just want to be there."

Junior Antoine Scott described her as a teacher and friend.

"At times you forget she is your professor and think of her as your mom," he said.

Even though he currently doesn't have class with her, Scott said he often stops by her desk to chat.

"She is very open to all her students and has a lot of wisdom and advice."

Stuntz said she doesn't miss a TCU graduation, and, like a mother, it always makes her cry.

"In accounting, you are trained to see the product of your work," she said. "Every semester, I get to see my products walk across the stage with a big smile on their faces and get their degree."

Travis Stuntz became a founding father of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity while at TCU and now, at 29, has a full-time job and is going back to school at night to become a nurse. He described the role his mother has had on his recovery and his life.

"She has been my main supporter, my coach, my protector."

When asked to describe his mother, he paused for a brief moment in thought.

"My mom ..." he said slowly. "She has just been an amazing inspiration to my life, and she says the same about me."

He added, "Everyone who has her for class or knows her should feel blessed to have her in their life in the same way I do."

Pamela Stuntz, speaking from a life as a successful accountant, a determined and loving mother, an eager student, a motivated researcher and a passionate teacher, had one last thing to add.

"It may take something traumatic, but you have to have a passion in life. You have to love what you do. I almost had my child taken away, but that's why I am where I am today."

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"CODE" QUESTIONED...

"The Da Vinci Code" movie may be stalled because the book is the subject of a copyright infringement suit that sites excessive use of material from the 1982 nonfiction book "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail."

—Associated Press

THE SKIFF VIEW

Pardon the pill-popping

America — the land of the quick fix and pill-popping to relieve any ache or pain — is being faced with a study supporting just how the mind can play tricks on those seeking relief through any means available.

In a recent government study that is part of the effort to examine unregulated health remedies, such as glucosamine and chondroitin sulfate for the treatment of arthritis, it was found that an alarming percentage of participants taking the placebo, or dummy pills, reported an improvement in their pain.

With at least 5 million Americans taking these herbal supplements either separately or together, the fact that 60 percent of participants in this study said the placebo granted them relief begs the question: Just how effective are these over-the-counter remedies?

In light of the concerns swirling around about the health effects of painkillers, including Vioxx, which was pulled from the market in 2004, Americans are turning to other forms of treatment for arthritic pain. But with the study showing a large response to placebos,

one must wonder, are the healing powers of herbal remedies all in the mind?

This is not to say that serious illnesses, or even arthritis, are made-up conditions or a figment of the imagination. But it is possible that in a country obsessed with taking medication, from Advil or Tylenol for a minor headache to herbal remedies for colds or simply to boost energy, people operate under the assumption that pain and other conditions are only cured through medical or herbal treatment.

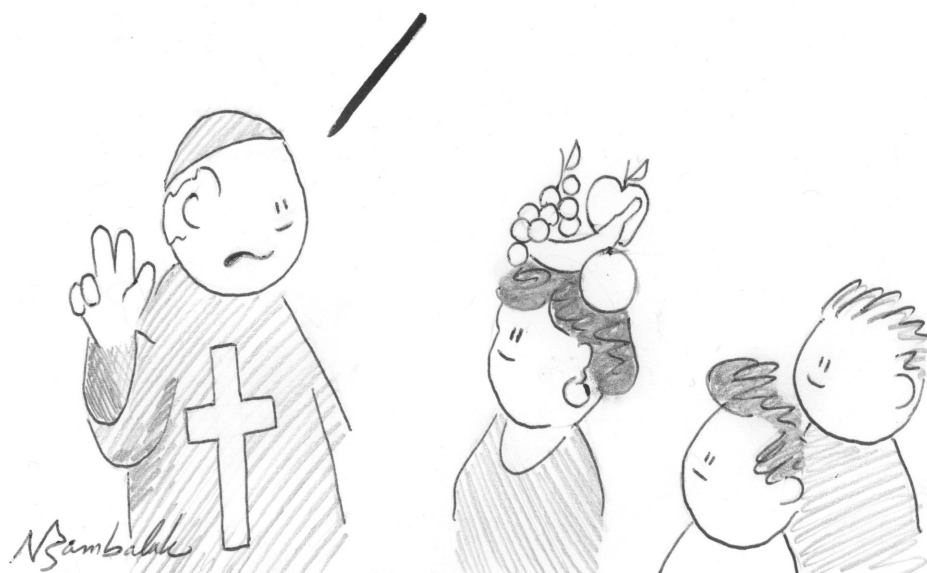
In separate studies conducted, it was shown that echinacea, another nutritional supplement, commonly used for the treatment of colds, had little effect, as did the use of saw palmetto for an enlarged prostate.

So before you jump on the bandwagon, consider relaxation for stress headaches, rest and working out for added energy and other therapeutic methods of curing, or in the least helping with daily pains. Maybe even start by telling yourself that taking a pill may not be the answer to all your medical prayers.

Editor in Chief Courtney Reese for the editorial board.

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ENJOY FAT TUESDAY, BUT DON'T FORGET ASH WEDNESDAY!



New Orleans still suffering financially

Has the French Quarter really already come back after Hurricane Katrina?

The sidewalks are desolate on Friday night, where they used to be crowded to the point of irritation, and the Quarter may be the only place in town where the streets seem cleaner than before.

There are people here, but most of them are men working with the phone company or helping to clean up in St. Bernard or on the Gulf Coast, taking a day off to shop for souvenirs in what's left of New Orleans.

The cultural mix too, has changed, as many Hispanic workers have come to help out with the recovery effort. Large placards in front of bars on Bourbon Street advertise margaritas and burritos where they used to mix hurricanes and serve slices of cold pizza to the tourists.

When strolling the Quarter, one is likely to see shortened hours, restaurants with limited menus, and that some things just aren't there anymore.

Restaurants and other places cannot stay open or even reopen in many cases as a result of a shortage of staff, many of whom lost their homes and are still displaced. But it is a vicious circle: even if the workers came back, there wouldn't be enough money to pay them because business has been so slow and inconsistent. The numbers, in some establishments, can't even compare to a third of last year's figures.

But liquor stores and bars are reporting higher sales since Katrina. A December issue of Gambit Weekly ran a story called "Wiggling Out", which discussed the overwhelmed people of New Orleans taking to intoxication to help them to cope with their troubles. The number of drunks on the streets has increased. Walk one block on lower Decatur Street and you might see a drunken yelling match, amorous incident or fist fight. Or even homemade cardboard signs reading, "Need \$\$\$ for Beer," accompanied by catcalls from the already intoxicated buskers.

A feeling of stress permeates the whole city. Beneath your smiling waiter's facade he might be thinking about FEMA inspectors, gutting his house, and where he's going to take his family in the long run. Everything seems to take longer, from going to the bank, to getting served in a restaurant. This could be explained by the massive employment shakeup that occurred after the storm. Name tags reading "Hi my name is" and "I'm a trainee", are a common sight these days.

The only thing that can help the French Quarter now is money — and lots of it. Since it is the economic, if not cultural, heart of New Orleans, that money will surely become available, but what will be left? Maybe just the mega tourist traps, the ones with the resources to rebuild, reopen, and hire people in these hard times, places like Hard Rock Cafe, Margaritaville Cafe, Bubba Gump Shrimp Company and The Coyote Ugly Saloon. Tourists need to come back, and fast. The prevailing feeling is that this Mardi Gras and the usually busy months following will be a true indicator of how the city's tourist trade will fare.

We'll just have to wait and see. Will the good times roll again?

Andrea Meier is a columnist for The Dolphin at Delgado Community College. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

U.S. must change wasteful ways

Peering down from his aerial perch aboard a red Cessna, J. Michael Fay surveyed the African continent in panoramic splendor.

To the untrained eye, the digital images he captured from several hundred feet in the air seem to reveal a breathtaking utopia, nature at its most pristine: rolling desert dunes, jagged mountain ranges, spreading plains dotted with antelope and bison and rivers teeming with hippopotamuses.

From Fay's experienced vantage point, however, the human footprint was evident everywhere. And it's growing by leaps and bounds.

Fay, explorer in residence for "National Geographic," came to campus in late January as the Geology Green Chair guest lecturer. While Fay's message centered on the need for stepped-up conservation efforts in Africa to preserve and repair its development-scarred ecosystems, it's the gas-guzzling, resource-wasting mind-set of Americans that he is bent on changing.

"I think every citizen needs to start recognizing the problem and acting on the problem," Fay said. "And the first place to start is energy consumption, no doubt about it. Everybody can conserve energy tomorrow easily and hardly have any impact on our quality of life. In fact, improving our quality of life."

We'd be wise to heed his advice. It's time we made a true commitment to battling global warming. It's time we invested serious research dollars toward finding viable alternative fuel sources. And it's time for the United States to stop acting like our natural resources are a never-end-

ing supply.

"If you kind of add it all up and you think about where humanity's going, it's a real dilemma," Fay said. "It's something that I grapple with every single day."

Forget for a moment the global warming debate and the fact that even conservative politicians are now acknowledging what scientists have believed for decades: that the world is getting warmer and that fossil fuels are playing a significant role in the warming trend.

Take a look, instead, at resource management. Fay is trying desperately to protect the richly forested Congo Basin from logging. He's fighting an uphill battle. According to a 2005 report by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, some 13 million hectares of the world's forests are lost to logging each year, and the rate of deforestation far exceeds the rate of forestland replenishment.

Although 30 percent of the earth's surface is covered with forests, two-thirds of the forestland is located in just 10 countries, including the United States and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. That means in the rest of the world there are not a lot of trees to go around.

"A country's wildlife and resource management strategy and record are generally a good indicator of the path they have chosen," said Mike Slattery, director of TCU's Institute for Environmental Studies. "Typically, those who have neglected their natural resources, or pillaged them, are beset by political unrest, poverty, disease, etc."

"It's not that having a meaningful and rigorous wildlife and conservation program alleviates these. Rather, proper stewardship of the land generally leads to greater well-being and a more sustainable future."

There's a more pressing problem in Africa than logging or misuse of agricultural lands: us.

Africans, especially in countries where improvements are being seen in economic development and infrastructure, are consuming more fossil fuels and consuming larger quantities of factory-produced products. They want to consume like we consume, drive cars like we drive.

"Poverty alleviation doesn't mean anything other than let's bring this population of people or this individual to a place where he's consuming as many resources as the West," Fay said. "That's what it is. You can't really conceal that in some other language. That's what it translates into."

We in the United States need to set a different example. And we can start by doing little things, such as purchasing a hybrid car or, when practical, placing solar panels on our homes to make them more energy efficient.

Sound like liberal hogwash to you? It doesn't to Fay.

"This isn't left-wing liberal politics. This is reality," Fay said. "And this has nothing to do with being green or being a hippie. This has to do with practical reality, and conservation is one of those most conservative things you can do."

His words turned out to be prophetic. On the second day of Fay's two-day visit, President Bush gave his State of the Union Address. In it, he urged Americans to break our "addiction to oil."

It's time for us to do something to save what's left. And everyone can and should play a part.

Mark Wright is a second-year graduate news-editorial journalism student from Arlington.

Forget the bar; go see a ballet

By the end of this article, you should be running to your nearest fine arts theater to catch the next ballet performance. Okay, maybe not

running, but possibly more of a brisk jog.

Last week I went to my first ballet performance. Yeah, I said it. Ballet. While I didn't initially attend it out of my own free will, I'm now glad that I had the opportunity to go.

I first heard about it when I was invited to attend the opening night of the "Stars & Premieres" performance at Bass Hall. At first, I was pretty excited about it — possibly because I was asked to go by a really good-looking girl — but as the evening approached I became a little apprehensive about going.

I thought, "Man, I hope it's not boring. I don't want to fall

asleep during the performance. That probably wouldn't make a good first-date impression." I actually went as far as to drink half a Red Bull before I went out just to make sure I didn't doze off.

Now just so you know, I wasn't scared to go. It's just that ballets weren't necessarily at the top of my "Things to Do While Attending College" list.

Surprisingly enough, I really enjoyed myself! While I won't use words like "krunk" to describe my experience at the ballet, I will say that the performance was very enjoyable.

The performances were very intricate and it was clear that the performers had worked very hard on their acts. I can honestly say that I didn't even look at my watch once during the performance because it was that good. One of the performances, titled "Image," was a solo routine based on the life of Marilyn Monroe. Another performance that I really enjoyed

was titled "Love Thing" and had its dance routine set to a Tina Turner soundtrack.

Afterwards, I thought to myself that more guys should go see a ballet performance at least once during their college tenure. Now, before you say, "Is this guy smoking something?" hear me out.

A lot of times college students can get caught up in all of the bars, clubs, and other social activities that make up much of college life. Students, however, should also make time for more intellectual activities that happen every week around their campus and community.

Whether it be ballet, a choir or orchestra performance, listening to a guest speaker, or — God forbid — the opera, students can become intellectually stimulated by these performances; this can lead to a more diverse perspective on life.

Many of these performances even offer free or discounted

tickets to college students. Last Friday, the ballet department on campus had an AIDS benefit performance that was free for everyone. Bass Hall also offers Student Rush tickets, which that can be purchased an hour before the event for only \$10. So with prices like those, you really have no excuse.

The bars will always be around. But for now, bring on the opera.

Glenton Richards is a senior radio-TV/film major from Carrollton.

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SPORTS COLUMN

Hockey team's losing record reflects players' poor attitudes

These Winter Olympics were full of surprises, but at least one thing wasn't a shocker — how easily the men's Olympic hockey team was, well ... iced.

And you know what? I'm glad. I'm relieved, even. In a Winter Olympics that saw Michelle Kwan tearfully drift to the wayside — and Bode Miller drift pretty much everywhere — it may be safe to say that the squad Don Waddell built is the biggest disappointment so far.

Want evidence? Check out this brutal remark by Finnish forward Teemu Selanne (after he got three teeth knocked out in Finland's 4-3 victory over Team USA on Wednesday): "We know we can beat anybody when we play on our level, and we didn't even didn't have to play that well tonight."

Excuse me?

When you play a sport that allows haymakers and large men to carry big sticks, you have to be confident — or stupid — to say something like that.

But there's a problem: Selanne's right. Every team the U.S. (1-4-1) lost to in this Olympics has gotten by with "just enough;" all four losses came by one point. The only team the Americans beat, mighty Kazakhstan (1-4), didn't even qualify for the quarterfinals.

And I don't want to hear

complaints about lodgings or plane tickets, Mike Modano. Are you serious? Your team loses four games out of six, squeaks into the quarterfinals and gets bounced from the first round of single elimination ... and you spend the postgame interviews discussing how management failed to provide the athletes with adequate transportation options?

I'm equally unimpressed with your tears, Mr. Waddell. Getting emotional following the final chapter of a dismal 2006 performance does not inspire me to invest great faith in you. What might have assuaged my fears would have been an honest admission, a confession that this team did not gel, and four years from now, the personnel would be sub-

stantially different to ensure a different attitude. So what did you say?

"We're out of the tournament, but it's not like we have to blow it up and start over."

Isn't that a contradictory statement? How do you leave Torino with just one notch in your belt and not do it with a mindset focused on change? I bet you the men's Olympic basketball team, following their unacceptable bronze medal two years ago, will look mighty different come 2008.

It's the science of sports, Team USA: If your experiment blows up in your face, you better put it under the microscope.

Sports editor Travis Stewart is a junior broadcast journalism major from Sugar Land.



GENE PISKAR / Associated Press

United States goalie Rick DiPietro, left, keeps his eyes on the puck as he loses his stick during a 2006 Winter Olympic men's ice hockey quarterfinal game against Finland.

Stumbling to the finish



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Staff Photographer

Senior forward Chudi Chinweze collides with BYU guard Jackson Emery Saturday night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Frogs lost the match up 81-72, and there final home game is this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Shortstop returns to second for tourney

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — All-Star shortstop Michael Young is switching back to second base — a temporary move that isn't for the Texas Rangers.

When Young joins Team USA later this week to begin preparations for the World Baseball Classic, he will go as a second baseman. It will be the first time he's taken grounders on the right side of the infield since AL MVP Alex Rodriguez left Texas two years ago.

"I'll wait until I get over there," Young said Monday. "I want to make sure that my teammates know that my No. 1 priority is improving at shortstop. When I get over there, I'll focus on second. It won't be a problem."

Before winning the AL batting title last year (.331 average and majors-best 221 hits) and

being an All-Star shortstop for the second time, Young was the Rangers' starting second baseman for 2 1/2 seasons. He moved to shortstop, his primary position in the minor leagues, when Rodriguez got traded to the New York Yankees two springs ago.

Derek Jeter, who remained at shortstop in New York while A-Rod shifted to third base, is the shortstop for Team USA.

Young was one of the best defensive second basemen in the major leagues, with only 17 errors in 1,231 total chances (.986 fielding percentage) in 2002 and 2003 — his only full seasons at the position. He was fourth among AL shortstops with a .974 percentage last season.

"Range-wise, it's the same exact position. You have to put a little more steam on your throws from short," Young said.

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By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD
2/28/06

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TOMORROW IN SPORTS

Check Wednesday's sports section for results from tonight's baseball game against Dallas Baptist.

BASEBALL

Improving defense necessary for team success, coach says

Pitcher: Tonight's game in need of same focus, weekend momentum

By NATALIE MERRILL
Staff Writer

After its 2-1 series with the Wright State Raiders over the weekend, the Horned Frogs (6-4) are aiming to beat the Dallas Baptist Patriots (7-3) in a home game Tuesday.

TCU head coach Jim Schlossnagle said that in order to win, the team needs to make some improvements.

"This weekend was a struggle for us," Schlossnagle said. "We were very fortunate to win two games because we didn't really play that well."

He said the Frogs will need to be sure to make advancements in their defense. The Frogs had no errors in their final game of the weekend series — the first time this has happened all season.

"We need to continue to play better defense," Schlossnagle said. "We didn't make any errors in today's game, and that made a big difference."

The Patriots have a strong player in infielder Cody Montgomery, who already has 12 hits, 11 runs, 13 RBIs, three home runs and averages .308 for the 2006 season.

"Cody Montgomery is outstanding for them," Schlossnagle said.

TCU junior pitcher Brad Furnish, who is 1-0 and has two saves for the 2006 season, said that although DBU is talented, the team can be beat.

"They're usually a pretty good team," Furnish said, "but it's baseball. Anybody can beat anybody on any given day."

Like Schlossnagle, Furnish said, he thinks the Frogs need to focus on their defense if they want a victory over the Patriots.

"We've had some trouble as a whole playing defense," Furnish said. "But overall, if we compete like we did, there's not much improvement we need."

Furnish also said the Patriots have shown strong signs on the mound, as DBU pitcher Rodney Brantley threw a no-hitter against the University of Texas at Arlington Saturday at the Midland Collegiate Classic at Citibank Ballpark in Midland. Brantley is 3-0 for the season, has pitched 21 innings and has an ERA of 0.43.

Furnish said as long as the Frogs keep their focus and play the game their way, they are likely to have greater success.

"If we go out and compete and play the way we've been playing, we're going to make it pretty easy," he said. "The improvements will come."

The Horned Frogs take to the field Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Lupton Stadium.



ANDREW CHAVEZ / Staff Photographer

Junior Brad Furnish pitches against Wright State Sunday afternoon at Lupton Stadium. The Frogs went 2-1 on the weekend's series.

The Horned Frogs finished their weekend series with Wright State with a 2-1 record, putting them at 6-4 on the season. TCU clinched the series victory with a late rally in Sunday's game, scoring three runs in the eighth inning to overcome a 2-1 deficit. Junior outfielder Keith Conlon led the Frogs' offense for most of the weekend and finished the series 5 out of 12 at the plate with two home runs and four RBIs. TCU's defense also showed improvements over the weekend and did not record an error in Sunday's game — a season first. The Frogs' next game is against Dallas Baptist Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Brown-Lupton Stadium. For individual game coverage, check online at www.tcuplayoffs.com.

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WEEKEND RECAP

FEB. 24

Women's golf, Lady Puerto Rico Classic: 915 (51 over par), 9th of 16
Men's tennis: No. 32 TCU def. No. 70 Denver, 4-0

Men's swimming and diving, MWC Championships: 489 total points, 6th of 6
Men's track and field, MWC Indoor Championships: 6 golds, 3rd overall
Women's track and field, MWC Indoor Championships: 5 golds, 3rd overall

FEB. 25

Men's basketball: BYU def. TCU, 81-72
Women's basketball: No. 21 BYU def. TCU, 73-56
Women's swimming and diving, MWC Championships: 414 total points, 4th of 9

FEB. 26

Soccer: UT def. TCU, 2-1
Men's tennis: No. 32 TCU def. No. 13 LSU, 4-3

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MEN'S TENNIS

Frogs put rankings second

Players risking record against Jaguars' team of 'fighters,' senior says

By KAILEY DELINGER
Staff Writer

Just off an upset win over No. 13 LSU, the TCU men's tennis team is looking to keep its undefeated record when it takes on No. 61 South Alabama at 6 p.m. today.

Head coach Joey Rive said that in spite of the No. 32 Frogs' big win Sunday, the team has to work hard to earn a victory over the Jaguars.

"We always have a tough schedule," Rive said. "Every match on there we can lose."

Senior Jacopo Tezza also downplayed the Frogs' LSU victory.

"We have to take one match at a time," Tezza said. "We have to focus on what we are doing, not what we have done."

Juniors Andrew Ulrich and Radu Barbu agreed that rankings are not the team's focus entering this match.

"We had a tough match against (lower-ranked) UTA, but we beat No. 23 Texas Tech easily," Barbu said.

"For now, rankings are not important. In April it will matter."

Also lingering on the team's mind is last year's loss to South Alabama.

Rive said this year he hopes the Frogs will "get a little revenge" on the Jaguars, who have lost two matches thus far in the season.

"South Alabama had close results against good Clemson and Mississippi State teams," Rive said. "Anything can happen."

Tezza said the match against the Jaguars, at 6 p.m. tonight at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center, will be very different from Sunday's match against LSU, which has a talented team that serves and volleys. Southern Alabama is a team of fighters — it uses its scrappiness instead of a more refined serve and volley game, he said.

As for individual player matchups, Rive said TCU and South Alabama's players match pretty well.

Although he declined to comment on exactly who will be playing where, Rive said players' positions will stay close to the same.

TCU will be playing three new men that arrived in January and three players who have been here longer, Rive said.

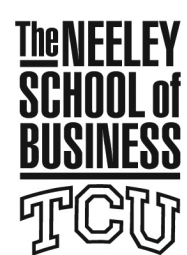


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Senior Jacopo Tezza returns a serve last season. The Horned Frogs are currently undefeated and have a match at 6 p.m. tonight at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center against Southern Alabama.

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