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CAMPAIGN FOR TCU Strong start keeps campaign on track

\$250 million total *reachable in three years*, *officials say*

By Mark Bell Staff Reporter

Campus officials said they still expect the Campaign for TCU to meet its \$250 million fundraising goal by May 2012 despite tough economic conditions around the country.

According to an Inside Higher Ed article, universities around

drop in donations this year. But this stage of the campaign after fiscal year in May. a strong start to the campaign the strong start, and as they go helped the university stay on track to meet its goal, said David Nolan, associate vice chancellor for development.

Since the campaign began in June 2005, the university has raised more than 75 percent of its goal, Nolan said. According to the Campaign for TCU Web site, more than \$190 million had been raised as of March 8.

been seeing a decline in donations recently, Nolan said. Of- lion, \$34 million more than the the country are reporting a sharp ficials expected a slowdown at current amount, by the end of the

deeper into the prospective donor list, he said.

"We're thankful we got off to a great start," Nolan said. "We received some large early gifts and built a lot of excitement and enthusiasm. It really helped us, and we still absolutely think we can meet, and hopefully exceed, our goal."

The campaign has raised slightly more than \$10 million since However, the campaign has September. A campaign goal at that time was to raise \$225 mil-

Don Whelan, vice chancellor for university advancement, said the campaign team is in the process of evaluating campaign goals to determine if \$225 million by May is still feasible.

"It's like watching the stock market; it will drive you crazy if you look at it every day," Whelan said. "What we are doing is taking a long-term view. The goal is to surpass \$250 million by May 2012. We still think it's going to happen but maybe not as soon as

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NUMBERS

\$190

Amount raised by Campaign for TCU since June 2005.

\$250 Amount the campaign hopes to have by May 2012.

SGA Candidates may have to put down deposits

By Eric Anderson Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association House of Student Representatives debated a bill aimed at increasing the accountability of candidates running for office for more than an hour Tuesday night before deciding to table the bill to committees for clarification and consideration.

Joey Parr, chairman of the Elections and Regulations Committee, introduced the bill to alleviate the problems of collecting fines imposed against candidates that violate the election code.

Some of the most common fines include those for campaigning near computer labs and other places where students could immediately vote, Parr said. Others can come from having too many posters in one building, for example, he said. In last fall's election, presidential candidate Kelly Barnes was fined \$75 for soliciting votes within 50 feet of three computers, a violation of the Student Body Code. Treasurer candidate Greg Hamre was given a warning for sending an unsolicited e-mail, and Marlon Figueroa, who eventually won the treasurer race, received a warning for printing fliers for a campaign meeting using SGA equipment. The bill, if approved, would require candidates to pay a \$100 deposit that would be held until after it was determined whether a candidate owed fines.

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Offensive linemen participate in a drill during practice Tuesday. The Frogs are approaching the halfway mark of spring practices, which conclude with the spring game April 4.

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Representatives amended the bill numerous times. Amendments ranged from the amount of the deposit to the timetable needed to collect the fines.

Justin Brown, College of Fine Arts representative, agreed with the decision to table the bill for the next meeting, but said he would have tried to push through the final amendments that were awaiting debate before tabling the bill.

"It is the right decision to give legislation, particularly really important legislation that is changing things, as much time to

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Speaker: Border women risk lives, seek empowerment

By Elise Smith Staff Reporter

Latina women living on the border between the U.S. and Mexico are facing tough conditions that put their lives in danger, a visiting scholar said Tuesday.

About 95 people gathered at the Kelly Alumni Center to hear Milagros Pena, professor of sociology and director of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research at the University of Florida, speak at the lecture titled, "A Question of Justice: the U.S.-Mexico Border, Migration, and Women's Mobilization." The lecture was put on by the Brite Center for Latino/a Church Studies.

Pena said violence against Latina women is extremely prevalent and about 400 border women have been murdered in the Juarez desert. She said violence against women reveals a deep interplay between economic "Women can be exploitation, racism and sexism.

She said in order to understand the political discourse that is going on at the borders, it is also important to consider the living conditions of the population.

"One-fourth of the population living in the U.S. counties bordering Mexico live in poverty," Pena said. "And a lot of them live in squatter towns."

She said the issues of housing and unemployment are the main challenges that face Latina women and the faith-based or local service organizations that try to help them.

Women come to the border to find jobs in factories and when they can't find jobs, some of them turn to criminality, including prostitution and drug dealing. She said most of the women become home-

empowered first as community organizers, and then they will develop more of a gender consciousness."

Milagros Pena

director of the center for women's studies and gender research at the University of Florida

service organizations.

Pena said some Latina women are organizing and shaping the feminist future by recovering their "Latina voice." She said less, which is overwhelming local social they do this by using their local churches

as a stepping stone in creating their political voice.

Building self-esteem is also a part of building women's empowerment and helping them discover their own potential, Pena said.

"Women can be empowered first as community organizers, and then they will develop more of a gender consciousness," Pena said.

Toward the end of her speech, Pena read a letter from a garment factory worker on the border to the audience. The worker wrote that she felt as if she was a "modern slave" because of the conditions she had to endure.

Low pay, not enough time to eat meals, health hazards from the chemicals in the factory and little time to spend with her family were factors that affected the garment worker, according to the letter.

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we projected."

Chancellor Victor Boschini said tough economic conditions have also contributed to the slowdown.

"I think everybody is more cautious," Boschini said. "Even if you don't have less money, whatever money you do have you are taking it much more seriously."

economic times, religion and education tend to receive financial support from community members.

"We see over history that during economic slowdowns people focus on who they support," Whelan said. "We know that we have a good product with a great history and great heritage."

Nolan said any financial gifts given to the university during the

Whelan said that even in tough time frame are included into the campaign total.

Boschini said raising money for scholarships is the most important goal of the campaign.

"The main thing that it will mean for students is that we'll provide more access to a TCU education," Boschini said. "I still think we'll surpass the goal. I think it means people see TCU as a good investment."

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debate it as is needed," Brown said. "Clearly this legislation needed a little more time to consider."

One valuable benefit to tabling this bill is that representatives will have the opportunity to see the legislation with all of the amendments, Brown said.

Myra Mills, College of Fine Arts representative, said the time limitations and confusion created by amendments caused the bill to be tabled.

"The decision kept representatives from making a hasty decision," Mills said.

Parr said the House tabled the bill to give representatives more time to think about it.

"I wanted to table the bill initially because I thought people were bogging it down with mindless amendments that weren't really helping legislation," Parr said.

After those amendments were removed the legislation should have been voted on, Parr said.

"I think people, in the long run, just got tired of talking about it," Parr said.

More students choose colleges based on price

By Lisa Black Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — When times were better, Susan and David Bersie considered sending their only son to an East Coast college where he could enjoy a traditional four-year education and broaden his life experiences - an opportunity that his mom says she missed out on.

But as Jake Bersie, 18, nears the end of senior year at Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein, Ill., the family faces an entirely different scenario. David was laid off from his marketing sales job in November. Susan is struggling to keep her small medical supplies business afloat.

They are divorced but united in making sure Jake pursues a higher education. They now consider a local junior college as the most viable option. Sending Jake to college has always been "non-negotiable," said Susan Bersie, who attended college one year before leaving to help her parents run a business. "Everyone else did in my family and I didn't, so it was really important for me that he goes. Now ... I can't even afford at this point to put him in a junior college.' For families mulling college options, affordability is weighing more heavily than it has in years, officials say. The federal stimulus approved last month promises more financial aid for college, but it's unclear what impact it will have. "Illinois students who may have applied to elite colleges — they are still applying there but are also applying to financially feasible schools, such as state schools," said Jean Childers, a career center assistant at Naperville Central High School.

ship dollars have dried up at many schools."

Over the last year, high school seniors have applied to an average of 7.3 universities and colleges up from 5.4 the prior year — as they try to ensure getting accepted into a school they can afford, said Craig Powell, CEO of Connect-EDU, a college planner.

"We have seen 60 to 65 percent of students are applying to public versus private schools," Powell said. "A year ago that was just the inverse."

Ilana Strauss, 18, a senior at Deerfield High School, is a Na-

"Illinois students who may have applied to elite colleges — they are still applying there but are also applying to financially feasible schools, such as state schools."

Jean Childers

County to save money. "I just couldn't keep up with it," Okamoto said.

She loved the University of Wisconsin but plans to apply to Illinois colleges when she is ready for nursing school.

As the recession deepens, a parent's illness can have an even greater impact on a student's ability to attend a desired school. Vivian Bryant-Schumacher, 48, of Rolling Meadows, Ill., always assumed she would return to a high-paying job she left when her children were young. But because of muscular dystrophy, she has not, and that has limited her son's options.

"We have always planned for our kids to go through college," she said. "I put myself through school. My husband got a master's degree. But then I got sick in 2000."

Her medical bills gobble up at least \$30,000 of the family's \$100,000 income, she said.

Her son Charlie Schumacher, 18, turned down acceptance offers from the University of Illinois, the University of Wisconsin, Purdue University, Northern Illinois University and Boston University. Instead, he hopes to transfer to a four-year university after completing core requirements at Harper Community College in Palatine, Ill., where he gets free tuition because of his academic record. "It was just kind of frustrating because at this age, like all kids, I just wanted to get out of the house," said Schumacher. But after comparing notes with a friend at the University of Illinois, he found they were working on the same material for chemistry class. "I'm not bummed out about that anymore," he said. David Bersie said he is disappointed that he cannot afford to send his son Jake to a four-year school right now, but "the economy has really put the hurt on me."

Some sense too many friends on Facebook, other Web sites

By Jessica Yadegaran Contra Costa Times

I knew I had to delete her or suffer the consequences.

I'm talking about my Facebook profile, that page on the social networking site devoted to me and where 175 million other users around the world can "friend" me by sending a simple note. The female in question was an acquaintance of a friend. I barely know her, but she has a reputation as queen of gossip in the greater Los Angeles area.

I thought about it for another second then clicked "remove," and freed myself. Two days later, I was on the phone with the original friend and there was an awkward pause in our conversation. "So, Ashley is hurt that you don't want to be her friend," my friend told me. I wasn't sure how to respond.

So I spoke the truth: "Ashley and I barely know each other. Who cares?"

Not long ago, most devotees of social networking sites believed in numbers. Fill your page with goofy photos and pensive updates then amass as many friends as possible to prove your popularity. These virtual friend armies became the norm, and even though we never spoke or saw each other, somehow we felt validated by the three- and even fourdigit tallies. Now our pages are oversaturated, however, and we're craving a little peace and privacy. As such, friend pruning and unfriending have taken over as the latest behaviors on social networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn and MySpace.

But rather than agonize over whom to remove — your boss? your girlfriend's mom? - many users are starting from scratch or scaling back on whom they friend or accept requests from

in the first place. Discretion, it seems, has also surpassed the need for numbers, experts say.

Self-censorship

LizaDawn Ramirez of Hayward, Calif., knew it was time to do some major friend cleaning when she began censoring herself on her Facebook page. She had hit 143 friends, and didn't feel close to many. So, she deleted everyone and started over. First, she reached out and friended family. Then, close friends.

"It's awesome. It's so freeing," she says of the purge. "I know the people on my Facebook now and genuinely feel that they have my best intentions at heart. I don't have to censor myself anymore." She also got rid of her MySpace page and limits LinkedIn to a home for her resume. "I don't ever update my status there and just stay connected to colleagues in case I ever have to find a job," she says.

Today, Ramirez is happy with her 44 Facebook friends, and hasn't had to deny anyone. Most of the fat she cut was well-meaning but long-lost high school and college classmates or people she met at parties who reached out to her but whom Ramirez knew she would never hear from again. "I felt like Pokemon because people were trying to collect me," she says. Her rule now? "I'm definitely not going to accept anybody if I don't think we can carry on a legitimate relationship outside of Facebook," she says.

Yolanda Higareda of Union City, Calif., has all of five people on her Facebook page, and they're all relatives. She surfs chat rooms but doesn't belong to other social networking sites. The family uses Facebook to post photographs of the children. Higareda did friend one person outside of her family, and eventually deleted her following an offline falling

out. "In this world, you just surround yourself with people who make you happy," she says. "You can get drama online and off. Who needs it?"

Before the Web turned networking into a computerhuman relationship, socializing had to do with sharing placeappropriate information, says Dana Herrera, an assistant professor of anthropology at Saint Mary's College who researches virtual worlds such as Second Life. That could explain the added drama.

'We're social creatures'

"When we would socialize at work or school, we would talk about work or school information," Herrera says. "We're social creatures. We enjoy feeling part of a group. This is how we developed as humans. One thousand years ago, being taken out of the group was a social commentary on your success."

Even though the sites don't alert the person who's been dumped — the sudden lack of access does — the situation can still be awkward. Even for Herrera. "I can't begin to understand the social ramifications of unfriending a student," she says. So, at the beginning of each semester, the professor encourages her students to friend her but suggests they consider their click very carefully.

"I remind them that if they can see me, I can see them," she says. The result? Out of 70 students, one will end up friending her. A fellow professor at St. Mary's friends students only after they graduate, Herrera says. Another colleague, Herrera's co-researcher, adjunct economics professor Andres Margitay-Becht, poses this question: "If unfriending is so cruel or unusual or rude, then does it mean that in 30 years we'll still be friends with these students?"

Obama urges extended school year

By Steven Thomma McClatchy Newspapers

as part of a broader effort to improve million-member American Fed-

He proposed longer class hours Weingarten, president of the 1.4

'What we don't want is a student to apply for five great schools, get accepted into all of them and then have Mom and Dad saying, 'Oh, my gosh, we thought you would get a lot more in scholarships," Childers said. "Scholar-

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I'm in the Guard to help pay for

I'm in the Guard to help pay for school. And with the College First Enlistment Option*, I won't be eligible for federal deployment for the next two years. It just makes sense - since they're paying for it, they want me in class.

Naperville Central High School career center assistant

tional Merit finalist who is looking at colleges she had never considered before. The reason: their affordability. The University of Alabama wasn't her first choice, but she applied because it offers full scholarships. "I am probably going to have to take out some student loans," said Strauss, who is still waiting to hear from other colleges. "I am definitely going to be working through school."

Two years ago, Christin Okamoto, 19, of Lindenhurst, turned down a free year of tuition at an Illinois college because she wanted to attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison. But three semesters later, she has moved back home to attend the College of Lake

Jake, who hopes to open a cigar shop, said he understands. "It's not his fault," he said. "The market is just horrible."

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama said Tuesday that American children should go to school longer — either stay later in the day or into the summer — if they're going to have any chance of

against foreign kids. We can no longer afford an academic calendar designed when America was a nation of farmers who needed their children at home plowing the land at the end of each day," Obama said, adding U.S. education to his already crowded list of top priorities.

competing for jobs and paychecks

"That calendar may have once made sense, but today, it puts us at a competitive disadvantage. Our children spend over a month less in school than children in South Korea. That is no way to prepare them for a 21st-century economy."

He urged administrators to "rethink the school day" to add more class time.

"I know longer school days and school years are not wildly popular ideas," he said. "Not in my family, and probably not in yours. But the challenges of a new century demand more time in the classroom. If they can do that in South Korea, we can do it right here in the United States of America."



U.S. schools that he said are falling behind foreign competitors.

"Despite resources that are unmatched anywhere in the world, we have let our grades slip, our schools crumble, our teacher quality fall short and other nations outpace us," Obama said. "In eighth-grade math, we've fallen to ninth place. Singapore's middle-schoolers outperform ours 3-to-1. Just a third of our 13- and 14-year-olds can read as well as they should."

Among his proposals: extra pay for better teachers, something opposed by teachers unions.

"It is time to start rewarding good teachers and stop making excuses for bad ones," he said in a speech to the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. "Too many supporters of my party have resisted the idea of rewarding excellence in teaching with extra pay, even though we know it can make a difference in the classroom."

Teachers groups applauded Obama's speech, largely sidestepping the thorny question of merit pay.

"Teachers want to make a difference in kids' lives, and they appreciate a president who shares that goal and will spend his political capital to provide the resources to make it happen," said Randi



Despite his call for changes and his use of examples from around the country, Obama didn't mention the simmering dispute over one program in Washington.

Democrats in Congress were

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Barack Obama president

poised Tuesday to use a budget bill to wipe out \$14 million for the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship program.

The federally financed program gives grants or vouchers averaging \$6,000 to 1,700 poor children in Washington to help them attend private schools.

Obama, who sends his children to private school rather than to Washington's public schools, didn't mention the program.

"President Obama himself passed up the District's public schools and sent his daughters to prestigious Sidwell Friends," The Washington Post said in a recent editorial. "Two Sidwell students will lose their Opportunity Scholarships if Congress kills the program. There is nothing wrong with choosing the best possible school for your children, but doing so while denying that choice to poor D.C. students is shameful."

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The Skiff View

Spring Breakers, take precautions

'hile Spring Break gives many students an opportunity to let loose and blow off some steam, it is important to do so responsibly.

Even though drinking and partying are Spring Break staples that are part of the allure, it is important that any students going to the beach remember the risks involved.

Many beachside cities tremendously beef up law enforcement around Spring Break, making a minor in possession or public intoxication ticket all the easier to obtain.

Binge drinking and an emphasis on hooking up also increase the odds of having an experience that students will regret.

According to ABCNews.com, Spring Breakers take binge drinking to a whole new level, dangerously drinking up to 18 drinks a day for men and 10 drinks a day for women.

Not to mention that an article in Tuesday's USA Today cited a study that found that 71 percent of women believe that men want them to drink excessively. However, only about half that number of men said they like for women to drink in excess. Not only is binge drinking dangerous, it's not as socially desirable as one might think.

Dr. Jennifer Wider said in an interview with The Pride, the student newspaper at California State University - San Marcos, that an American Medical Association survey showed that 70 percent of students had friends who were sexually active with more than one partner over Spring Break.

While students shouldn't be expected to act like Puritans during their week of fun, it is important that they consider the risks behind their behavior.

Casual sex with multiple partners who are little more than strangers will undoubtedly increase the risks of a sexually transmitted disease, while binge drinking can lead to alcohol poisoning very quickly.

Getting "good and drunk" is possible without consuming 18 beers. If one chooses to engage in sex, safe sex should be practiced.

Acting wild and crazy for one week a year is a privilege, not a right. It's important that we do not abuse it.

Associate editor David Hall for the editorial board. The Skiff View represents the collective opinion of the editorial board.

Rangers games worthy of student attendance



tend a home game early in the season. This is America's pastime we are talking about. Fans should embrace the sport no

natter who is playing.



Don Wright is a political cartoonist for The Palm Beach Post.

University females should dress appropriately, avoid roving eyes



Often times, when I am on campus, I cannot help but wonder if some of the young women are making their way to class or to the club. But before I get myself in too deep and offend someone, I should say that I do not take for granted how far we have come in a society that for decades oppressed women.

In fact, drawing attention to this less-than-modest trend is in honor of that great struggle, not in contention with it.



The grass is turning green once again and flowers are starting to bloom. The sweet smell of freshly cut grass is back. We all know what time it is.

Spring training is upon us and your favorite team is heading back to the diamond. But where will you be?

Where you need to be is Rangers Ballpark, with your butt in a seat, and a warm hot dog and a cold beer or soda in your hands.

You may be thinking: "We aren't all Rangers fans and they are horrible anyway, so why should I go?"

If you insist on being so negative, I have a definitive reason why you should be at the games. They are fun, and no matter who is playing, you will have a great time with your friends and family.

I will admit that I am a die-hard Rangers fan and I will for sure be in the parking lot on opening day at 8 a.m. with my fraternity brothers. But I still believe that everyone should at-

Who wouldn't want to see Alex Rodriguez come back to town and heckle him? Who wouldn't mind spending five dollars to get a crappy nosebleed and then sneak down to the lower level and watch an offensive-minded team hit a couple dingers into your neck of the woods?

These are just a few reasons why a baseball fan, and even those who are not, should at least attend a game or two. For those who have attended a baseball game, this is a common theme that has become a tradition.

The Rangers have been known to put on quite a show, and even non-Ranger fans can have fun at the games. If you enjoy seeing lots of home runs, great defensive plays and even pitching that no one could ever predict, then the diamond is where you should be.

So get off the couch in mid-April and enjoy a night at the ballpark. Before finals come rolling in to steal the last few hours of your precious sleep, you owe it to yourself to have a night on the town in support of our local team.

> Shawn Redd is a junior human relation major from Sunnyvale.

In a 2004 TCU Magazine article, former TCU student Sherry Bush Smith, class of 1968, said "We could not wear slacks on campus, so we wore skirts, dresses, hose and sometimes pumps to class."

Thankfully we have come a long way from those days. But the truth is that excessive amounts of cleavage, skirts and shorts leave very little to the imagination and I see a lot of guys lusting over and objectifying women.

I do not believe that the arduous journey to women's liberation was for freedom such as this. On a campus with no dress code, I suppose it is fair game to wear what you want. But for myself, as a pastor, I have made a covenant with my eyes to keep them on the ground, because every woman is someone's daughter and/or someone's wife. And each lady deserves to be treated with dignity, honor and respect.

So, this is a call to action, not judgment. Despite the objectification of women in the media and advertising, we should rebel against the standards

that our society has set and dare to be modest. We could start a radical movement among our generation in which guys have enough respect to keep their eyes and hearts pure, and ladies insist on carrying themselves as individuals who are worthy of deepseated respect and honor from men.

According to XXXChurch.com, a Christian ministry that helps people who struggle with lust, \$89 is spent on pornography every second, 72 percent of pornography viewers are men, and 89 percent of pornography is made in the United States. These statistics paint a picture of America and it reflects in our culture in many different ways.

Let's dare to break the bondage of lust in our society by starting with ourselves. The severity of this issue

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has echoed across two millennia by the words of Jesus of Nazareth, Matthew 5:28, "Any man who looks lustfully upon a woman has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

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International court should enforce arrest warrant for Sudan leader



AMMAR ABD Rabbo / Abaca Press via MCT The International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant March 4 for Sudanese President Omar al Bashir for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

"They can eat it!" That's what Sudan President Omar Hassan al-Bashir said the International Criminal Court could do with the arrest warrant it has issued for his alleged crimes against humanity in the Darfur region.

Bashir can afford to be dismissive of the ICC indictment, at least for now. After all, the court has no deputies to carry out an arrest. So long as Bashir remains in charge in his own country or visits only other nations friendly to him, he will be free.

The court had plenty of evidence to make its decision Wednesday. It said Bashir retaliated against a 2003 rebel movement by encouraging Arab militias, supported by Sudanese troops, to rape, maim, murder, and evict people in Darfur.

The bloody campaign over a five-year period left more than 300,000 people dead and nearly 3 million forcibly removed from their homes. The three-person ICC tribunal rejected charging Bashir with genocide, but that's an accurate description of the brutality he evoked.

Jerry Fowler, president of the Washington-based Save Darfur organization, hailed the arrest warrant as a "window of opportunity." He urged President Obama to use the court's decision as the impetus to appoint a full-time U.S. envoy for peace in Sudan.

Obama's response could reverse the previous administration's general disdain for the ICC. The Clinton administration signed the 1998 treaty establishing the court, but former President George W. Bush withdrew the signature. The United States is the only Western power not among the ICC's 108 member nations.

As his presidency neared its end, even Bush's hard heart toward the ICC was softened by the plight of the suffering Darfuris. His administration supported proceeding with the Bashir case. It took seven months for the ICC to reach a decision.

No one really knows what comes next. This is the first time the ICC has indicted a sitting head of state. There is a U.N. peacekeeping force in Sudan, but it has no authority to arrest Bashir — and he

clearly won't surrender.

There are understandable fears that the arrest warrant might backfire and worsen matters. It could intensify Sudanese support for their leader, who would no longer feel motivated to negotiate a peace agreement with the Darfuris. Or it could make Bashir vulnerable and lead to his ouster by someone worse.

But it's hard to argue with the ICC's decision. It did what every criminal court must do: consider the facts and issue the appropriate judgment. The ICC has said there is strong evidence that Bashir's actions led to the rape and murder of thousands. If he wants to argue otherwise, the opportunity is available.

All the Sudanese president has to do is turn himself in for trial.

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SPORTS

More pro teams turning to Twitter

By Sarah Talalay Sun Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. -Sports fans are always looking for more news, insider information and opportunities for trash talking about their favorite teams. Those with accounts on social messaging system Twitter.com are getting that kind of satisfaction literally at their fingertips.

In case you haven't tried it, Twitter is akin to instant messaging, allowing users to send free short text messages known as "tweets" explaining what they are doing, seeing or living in these days, thinking. The tweets are delivered instantly to users who are signed up to receive them, also referred to as "following" another user.

It's an easy way to send and get scores from live events, news of player injuries and tips that a certain parking lot is full. But fans are also using it for other applications to access us." - from tracking instant ticket sales to last-minute promotions for sporting events and even free sports-related gifts.

Toby Srebnik, a sports fan from North Lauderdale, Fla., has used Twitter to give his more than 1,100 followers play-by-play commentary and weather updates from a college football game and to report on the visit of a hockey VIP to South Florida.

"Waiting for NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and Panthers an account since October, used (General Manager) Jacques Martin to arrive for open house meeting at BankAtlantic Center," Srebnik wrote in one of his "tweets."

new technology to drive ticket sales, announce promotions and offer news updates.

The Miami Dolphins have a Twitter account to advertise ticket offers and make other announcements. The Miami Heat sells tickets, posts gameday reminders and hosts trivia contests on Twitter, through Facebook and via text message.

"It's a 365/24/7 kind of world we're and we need to allow our fans to access the Heat when, where and how they want

Michael McCullough Heat Executive Vice President

"It's a 365/24/7 kind of world we're living in these days, and we need to allow our fans to access the Heat when, where and how they want to access us," Heat Executive Vice President Michael Mc-Cullough said.

John Sternal, a Plantation, Fla., marketing executive who has had Twitter to bet a couple of Chicago Blackhawks fans the Florida Panthers would beat Chicago in a game last month. When the Panthers lost,

ing role after the graduation of

Conference center Blake Schlu-

eter, but Patterson said he is a lit-

with his appendix following the

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Poinsettia Bowl victory against

Boise State.

Teams, too, are embracing the Sternal had to put the Blackhawks logo on his Twitter account the following day.

> "I just got an avalanche of tweets. Not just Blackhawks fans, Detroit Red Wings fans and Dallas Stars fans," Sternal said. "At one point, I thought 'Where are the Panthers fans coming to my rescue to back me up?"

It might soon. The Panthers are preparing to launch a Twitter account to complement their YouTube channel and Facebook pages.

"It's possible to experiment and try all sorts of things," said Lee Berke, a Scarsdale, N.Y., consultant helping the Panthers and other teams develop TV, online and cell phone communications strategies. With Twitter, "You can talk about whether the parking lot is full, you can do commentary during a game, you can create marketing events, say meet us at this location at 3 o'clock for a special player appearance," Berke said.

Last month, golf's PGA Tour kept fans on Twitter updated on Tiger Woods' return from surgery and saw its followers nearly double to more than 1,200. The tour plans to tweet from this week's PGA Tour event at Doral Golf Resort & Spa.

Scott Gutterman, executive producer of PGATour.com, said the tour recognized that making its Web site robust was important, but couldn't be its sole Internet strategy.

"You want to reach out to people in other environments, who may not come to PGATour.com," Gutterman said. "This is a great way to reach people in other ways."

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More notes from spring practice:

• Patterson said there have been no major injuries so far, but wide receiver Jimmy Young did not fully participate in Monday's practice as a precautionary measure.

• Junior center Jake Kirkpatrick

is expected to take over the start- number for the spring. The junior wide receiver, who wore number second team All-Mountain West 88 last season, has switched to number 1 during practice.

 Coaches from colleges around tle behind after having problems the country and local high schools were in attendance at practice and visiting with Frog coaches. The most notable college coaches were from the University at Buffalo and • Young is also trying out a new the University of Oregon.

Hot McAlarney could help Irish

By Brian Hamilton Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Occasionally this season, Kyle McAlarney has found himself alone, in front of an opponent's bench, with an unmolested view of the rim.

Then come the swear words. In earshot of Notre Dame's senior sharpshooter, opposing coaches spew invective that would make Lenny Bruce blush. Their target is whoever is responsible for smothering McAlarney, if that player hasn't been yanked to the bench within nanoseconds.

"For the rest of the game, [the defender] is like, I'm not even turning my head this time," McAlarney said.

Success, for McAlarney, has been a curse. No Irish player is as capable of going nuclear offensively at the Big East tournament this week and thus re-entering Notre Dame into the NCAA tournament discussion.

And yet no player will have defenders stuck to his jersey like

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wanted to do. That's the main thing that I've tried to do, stay more focused on my shot and then help get my teammates get open.

Q: Aside from the Utah game, are there any other games that stick out in your mind as being really memorable?

A: I would say Maryland and Cal. Those were both really big games for us. That kind of made our confidence go up, just that we knew we could beat good teams like that. Hopefully we'll have some more good games coming up this week.

Q: What do you think this team is capable of as it heads to the conference championships

McAlarney. It has been a bane, especially during Big East play. McAlarney's conference threepoint efficiency dropped from 46.2 percent last year to 39.2 percent this go-round.

His overall numbers — 15.5 points per game, 42.9 percent three-point accuracy - essentially match last year's output. But McAlarney works exponentially harder just to obtain similar results.

"I don't really like to force anything," McAlarney said. "It's very unnatural to me. If it's not coming within the flow of the offense, it's hard to get a shot, because guys really aren't leaving me. It's way more difficult than last year. Absolutely."

The prime statistical corollary for Notre Dame's struggles is teams choking off McAlarney's looks. His three-point percentage in Big East play led the league last season. This year he dropped to 12th.

With defenders face-guarding him and grabbing handfuls of jersey, McAlarney's ability to shake loose in a half-court set-

in Las Vegas?

A: I think we're capable of winning a championship, it's just putting all of the pieces together offensively, defensively and just playing well as a team. I think we can do that.

Q: What's the one thing the team has improved on the most as the season has progressed?

A: I would say our defenses have improved a lot because we run a lot of different defenses and just working well as a team and playing together. We're playing together more now than we did in the beginning and it's showing.

Q: What is one key area the team needs to focus on in order to take it's game to the next level as the championships begin?

A: Our rebounding. That's

ting is virtually nil.

"It's a tricky one," coach Mike Brey said. "They've been able to not only put speed on him, but also some length on him too. That's why trying to get baskets in transition is always a key for us."

Teammate Zach Hillesland likened McAlarney's search for shots to taking a handoff in an NFL game, where "to get that first 5 yards, teams are all over him." Regardless, Notre Dame needs McAlarney to plow ahead.

Riding the hot hand of guard Gerry McNamara in 2006, Syracuse won four games in four days to take the Big East tournament. The Irish probably need a similar effort from another fireplug guard to infuse some reality into their NCAA tournament aspirations.

"I can get hot and go on a run, but as a team we can get hot and we can do that," McAlarney said. "I don't want to make it McNamara-McAlarney, that kind of thing, but as a team we can definitely do that."

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been something we've kind of been struggling with the entire year. Also, the teams we're going to play are going to pressure us a lot, so we just need to handle pressure better.

Q: What is the team's ultimate goal?

A: A conference championship. guess the NCAA Tournament is always a goal of ours, it's up on our board. We start this week with the conference tournament and then we'll move from there.

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The 2009 NCAA National Rifle Championships kick off Friday on TCU's home turf. Find out how it works and why you should see it. Tomorrow

FOOTBALL **BACK IN ACTION**



Defensive linemen participate in a drill during practice Tuesday. The Frogs have one more practice today and then seven more after Spring Break

Frogs nearing spring's halfway point

By Billy Wessels Staff Writer

March, but it seems like in Texas it is always football season.

The Frogs have gotten back onto the gridiron for a set of 15 spring practices, with the last

4 in Amon Carter Stadium. Head football coach Gary Patterson said he is glad to get his team has been doing on the The calendar may still read back on the field, but thinks field. the spring is flying by.

practices until we are half physicalness," Patterson said done," Patterson said. "We will hit practice eight, then we go on tice. "I think you will see more one being the spring game April Spring Break, then we have sev- on Thursday."

en more when we get back." Patterson said he likes what

"We've only got two more tinuity today and a lot more Patterson said. "Everything is after Monday afternoon's prac-

Patterson said he is using these practices as a way for his team to grow up.

"There are a lot of posi-"You saw a lot more con- tions we have to get better at," about becoming a complete football team."

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Championships begin tonight for Lady Frogs



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

By Michael Carroll Sports Editor

Sophomore forward Emily Carter, named to the All-Mountain West Conference Second Team on Monday, and the rest of the Lady Frogs will get rolling in the conference tournament tonight at 9 p.m. The team fought its way to a 20-9 record during the regular season including a 12-4 record in the MWC, good enough for third place in the conference. Carter was tied with fellow teammate TK LaFleur for sixth in the conference scoring at 13.9 points per game. She also finished first in the conference in 3-point field goal percentage at a 42 percent clip. She was fourth in steals as well. On Monday, Carter reflected on the Lady Frogs' regular season success and offered some thoughts on the important games that lie ahead.

Q: Your season ended on a high note with a win against Utah. What went right for the Lady Frogs on Saturday?

A: I think our defense did really well in the second half and that helped us. We stopped their two best players, which was good. We didn't shoot that great but we kind of compensated for that with our defense which led to some good shots in the second half on offense.

Q: If your team had managed to beat San Diego State on Feb. 28, the game against Utah could have been



for a share of first place in the conference. Is the team disappointed about not earning a share of the conference title?

A: It is upsetting, but we have a good seed in the conference and we have a chance to maybe play San Diego (State) again. If we get past the first round we'll play them in the semis. We know that we'll have another shot at them so that's kind of our motivation.

Q: Overall, how did the regular season go for the Lady Frogs?

A: I think it went well. I think we're still improving. You kind of want to be peaking at this time of the year and I think we are. We're really improving and working well as a team.

Q: How do you think you've done individually so far this season?

A: I would say pretty good. I feel like I've gotten more confident in myself, which is something I really

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