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Police seek man about reported assault

By ASHER FOGLE $Staff\ Reporter$

man in a surveillance photo who they say might have information about a reported sex- crimes unit. ual assault in the GrandMarc last week.

show a man near the woman Thomson said. "He might be told police she woke up later who reported the assault in able to tell us more informa- and saw a man she did not

the front foyer of the Grand- tion because there were some recognize in her room but she Police are searching for a ly after 3 a.m. Feb. 25, said the video." Sgt. Jim Thomson of the Fort Worth Police Department sex been out with friends, Thom-

victim when she was dropped when the video was taken. Surveillance camera images off, standing in the foyer,"

The 20-year-old woman had "He was right behind the boyfriend was taking her inside

Marc at Westberry Place short- other people we can't see on was unable to clearly remember the incident.

> Police have been contacting residents on the woman's son said, and her roommate's floor to identify the man in the image, Thomson said, but have been unable to determine if Thomson said the woman the man was a TCU student.



Fort Worth police say this man could have information regarding a sexual assault See **CRIME**, page 2 investigation. TCU Police plan to send the photograph to students in an e-mail.

Adviser says he warned against SGA fiscal policy

By Erick Moen Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association was intentionally overbudgeted in 2005 in order to raise the student government fee, said a former SGA president.

Former SGA President Dave Watson said he, former Chief of Staff Sebastian Moleski and others purposely overbudgeted SGA by \$30,250 for 2005.

However, Watson said, the rest of SGA didn't know his intent and it wasn't in any of the bills, but raising the fee was his personal goal.

Larry Markley, SGA adviser, said he advised SGA officers against this sort of fiscal policy.

Markley said it wasn't against the SGA constitution or illegal, but he didn't think it was a good idea.

Watson said he told students he wanted to raise the student fee during his campaign for SGA president in Fall 2004.

At his inauguration, SGA's budget was \$275,000 and the fee was \$20, but after the student body approved the \$4 increase, the new SGA budget totaled \$315,000.

"I wanted to raise the student fee because it hadn't been raised in 10 or 15 years, and over that time, the spending power of SGA had decreased," Watson said.

Every time the issue had been brought up in the past, it had been dismissed because the reserve was

ALL IN THE FAMILY



BILLY WESSELS / Photo Editor

Sandra Camp refills the mandarin oranges at the wok in Edens. Sandra's daughter, Julia Barnes, 16, works in both The Main and in Frog Bytes.

Three-generation family represents Dining Services

By LESLIE DYER Staff Reporter

Three Fort Worth women work side by side for TCU Dining Services. Not only are they co-workers and friends, they are also family.

Shirley Camp, 63, her daughter Sandra Camp, 38, and her granddaughter Julia Barnes, 16, represent three generations of a family that serves students each day in the oncampus dining facilities.

chose to work for TCU when when she moved to Edens,

who has worked for Dining Services for more than three years, told her about in September.

The job site was convenient for her because she to stay upbeat on the job. would save gas money driving her daughter to school, Sandra Camp said.

Sandra Camp worked at The Main cash registers, which she lovingly referred to as her "crazy little cor-Sandra Camp said she ner," until about a month ago



Shirley Camp prepares to swipe the ID card of sophomore radio-TV-film major Danny Grigg. Shirley is the first of three generations of the Camp family to work

Edens." she said. "I make saling plastic cups during lunch ads and occasionally work Sunday, she told him, "I take the wok. I'm always here and care of these kids like they're there," Sandra Camp said. Shirley Camp works in

Bytes, said Stan Rush, retail manager of Dining Services. The youngest of three

brothers and a sister, Sandra Camp said she still feels and acts younger than she is. Erin Primm, junior ear-

ly childhood development Barnes, a junior at Paschal. major, said Sandra Camp is enthusiastic and fun.

"She's so nice all the time," an opening two years ago Primm said. "She's always smiling and friendly."

"I like to sing while I'm at work," Sandra Camp said. "I four and wife of a man, try to always have a good attitude or at least put one across whether I am or not."

She said she likes most everything about work but especially the students.

While Sandra Camp jok-

"The days are fast in David Sanchez about refillmy own kids."

Sanchez, 17, a senior at Pas-The Main and Barnes works chal High School and onein both The Main and Frog year co-worker, considers Sandra Camp a good friend.

> "She is really cool and we talk about a lot of things," Sanchez said. "She likes to get things done quick and works really hard."

Sanchez attends school with

Barnes plans to attend Sam Houston State University after graduation, Sandra Camp said.

"That is her first choice, Sandra Camp said she tries and I have no doubt she'll get in," Sandra Camp said.

A working mother of Tony, with a serious back injury, Sandra Camp said she does not have much time for fun anymore.

"Work is the most fun I have," Sandra Camp said.

See FAMILY, page 2

See **SGA**, page 2 her mother, Shirley Camp, she said. ingly fought with co-worker Perrotti's hopes to move to GrandMarc within month

By JAMES BROWN

Staff Reporter

a property company repreright around the corner.

In November, Andrew Harris, assistant asset manager for Phoenix Property Co., which owns and oper- ing us up is all the permits," first of the year, but "a few plicated it is." minor issues" have delayed the move.

we thought it would."

It's taken Perrotti's Pizza of Perrotti's, attributes the the GrandMarc. longer than expected, but delay to the numerous persentative said the pizzeria's the new space. After one up," and after a few final move to the GrandMarc is inspection, Perrotti's was inspections from the city, of the GrandMarc's retail forced to redo some ventilating because a vent-a-hood failed to pass code.

"The only thing that's holdates the GrandMarc, told Perrotti said. "You need a ment already in the new the Skiff that Perrotti's was permit for every little thing. space, Perrotti said she hopes to be signed. expected to move in by the I just didn't realize how com- to be in the GrandMarc with-

One crucial permit Perit's taken a little longer than granted until the city has lation process.

finished construction on

Harris said the sidewalks mits the city requires for are almost entirely "wrapped "it's just a matter of moving them over there, dishes and silverware and all that good stuff."

With most of her equipin the next month.

Citibank, the only othrotti's is still waiting to er company to have leased "(The interior) is already receive is the certificate of space in the GrandMarc, is built," Harris said. "(But) occupancy, which can't be further behind in the instal-

interior and will likely need they'll sign a lease)." until the summer to finish construction.

Though the majority space remains vacant, Harris said two additional leasnegotiation. He was unable to disclose the companies' names as the leases are yet across the street.

ants doesn't bother Per- GrandMarc resident, said he rotti, who thinks it's only would certainly take advana matter of time before the tage of Perrotti's new locaspace fills up.

things like that," Perrotti signed my lease."

Harris said Citibank is still said. "Most people like to see Beverly Perrotti, co-owner the sidewalks that border working on the plan for its things up and going (before

Residents are glad to finally see progress but said Perrotti's move would have little effect on their daily routines. Junior Lindsay Haver-

lah, a secondary education es are in the final stages of major, said the move didn't make a difference because Perrotti's is literally moving

Nate Arnold, a sopho-The lack of other ten- more business major and tion, as it was "something "I don't worry about that was promised when I

Dean unhappy with changes in department

By AUNDREA EICHMAN Staff Reporter

The design, merchandising and textiles department will be the newest addition to the College of Fine Arts, but the dean of its previous home said she is not happy about the change and the way it was handled.

The department has been a part of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences since its separation from the former AddRan College of Arts and Sciences in 2000.

Mary Volcansek, dean of the AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said she was unhappy that she was not consulted about the change and did not know about the change until the department informed her. She said there were problems with the way the transfer was handled and she

declined to go into further detail. "It has just not been handled well," Volcansek said.

Provost Nowell Donovan said Volcansek was consulted and that she had a lot to do with the initiation of the transfer.

He said there may have been one or two areas where Volcansek and Scott Sullivan, dean of the College of Fine Arts, didn't communicate.

Sullivan said he was unaware of any problems Volcansek could be referring to.

Volcansek said she would have liked to have kept the department in AddRan. She said it had been part of the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences since the 1970s.

"Design, merchandising and textiles have been a part of AddRan historically since home economics disappeared," Volcansek said.

Donovan said, "I've heard she made a statement when she was displeased, but the most important thing is the future of DEMT. Both deans had mentioned it to me as a potential move." Sullivan said the College of Fine

Arts invited the department to join the college. He said he approached Donovan about the possibility of having the school transferred to the College of Fine Arts, and then Donovan approached the DEMT faculty and they voted to join. Janace Bubonia-Clarke, chair of

the DEMT department, said she and other faculty members are excited about moving into the College of Fine Arts. She said it will be very positive for students and faculty.

Clarke said one of the major advantages they considered while voting was that the DEMT department and the College of Fine Arts both have professional-based programs. She said the change will enhance student collaboration with colleagues. She did not disclose the outcome of the vote.

Sullivan said, "Their programs, I believe, are a better academic fit

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WEATHER TODAY: Mostly Sunny, 75/54 FRIDAY: Mostly Cloudy, 78/54 SATURDAY: Partly Cloudy, 80/57 PECULIAR FACT

BERLIN — A 42-year-old German man was so enraged by a foul during a boys' soccer match that he invaded the field and downed the 8-year-old culprit with a karate kick, police said Wednesday.

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"You have to make your day fun or else it's just work."

Working at TCU and collecting her husband's workers' compensation checks provide the income for her family, Sandra Camp said.

"I don't need any more than I want, but I don't want any more than I need," Sandra Camp said. "I don't live a lavish lifestyle, but if I had a lot of money I still don't think I would."

This close-knit family likes to spend time together both on and off the job, Sandra Camp said.

Sandra Camp said she and her mother have worked together at about six different jobs, while the rest of the family has also worked together on numerous other occasions.

Sandra Camp said it is comforting to know she is surrounded by her family even though they do not get to work alongside each other often.

"We also like to go camping, well, minus my mom," Sandra Camp said. "I don't think she'd fare well with camping."

Sandra Camp said she was unsure if the next generation would follow suit, but students said they would like to see this tradition continue.

FASHION

in our college."

He said the kind of work the students and faculty do are closer to what fine arts faculty and students do. He said the fine arts faculty more easily understands the student's work.

"We do drawing in the art found, he said. department," Sullivan said. "They teach fashion history, lege, they will be sharing a and we teach costume history. They have a lot of courses in in dance and theater."

to be the natural thing to do."

be of a fit in the College of provide opportunities for cre- courses and degrees, and Fine Arts because they are ative synthesis with their new classes will stay where they different from AddRan on a colleagues in the Fine Arts." professional level.

change came when they the College of Fine Arts.

looked back to see if the 2000 right the first time.

He said it is like playing with in. The right place has to be

"My hope is in a new colcommon interest," he said.

lighting, and we teach lighting Donovan said, "The move came about as a result of is an art form," and part of his tiveness of the division of job is to look at the balance of the colleges that occurred a department are excited by the

Sullivan said it makes

"The accreditation of our split of AddRan was work- art program by the Nationing and where the best fit for al Schools of Art and Design DEMT was, Donovan said. He was an impetus as it mansaid they questioned if they dated inclusion of interior got the placement of DEMT design and pointed out the difficulties of having such a program outside our college," a jigsaw puzzle and trying to Sullivan said. "Graduate stufit a piece in a hole it won't fit dents in interior design will show their work in our art gallery. They used to do it in the student center."

He said the change will take effect June 1, and that In a letter to colleagues, they are already working toward the transition by creating degree plans that Donovan said, "Design of art an assessment of the effec- will easily accommodate new students.

Current students will probcolleges and the change "seemed few years ago. Faculty in the ably not notice the change, Sullivan said. He said there He said DEMT seemed to move which they believe will will be the same majors, are in the current building.

Donovan said he sees a bright The main reason for the more sense to have them join future for the department in the College of Fine Arts.

SGA

large, Watson said.

for having good fiscal policy," Watson said.

Thomas Guidry, a former member of SGA, disagreed.

reason." Guidry said.

\$20,000 be in the reserve a semester. account at all times to serve as a financial cushion.

Thompson said the reserve account had accumulated during the years to roughly spending out of it.

est." Thompson said.

Watson said he wanted to not frivolously, but to give series.

back to the students and show them that their money was being used to benefit them.

Spearheading this effort "We were being punished was the Student Activities Funding Board, an organization created in Fall 2005 by Watson, Moleski and others.

The AFB was original-"The reserve is there for a ly funded by \$25,000 per semester out of the reserve Current SGA President Jace account, but because of Thompson said SGA's con- the increase the figure was stitution mandates at least raised and locked to \$38,250

> The AFB gives money in grants to student organizations to help them put on their own events.

The plan to use funds \$100,000 before SGA began from the reserve to raise the student fee appeared "I don't think it's good to to have worked, but Markhave student money sitting in ley said he didn't think the an account gaining no inter- vote was passed because of residual spending.

Find out why in tomorrow's spend out of the reserve, conclusion of this four-part

From page 1

"We're hoping someone will name," Thomson said.

flier to the TCU Police Depart- sures of the complex. ment, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, office for circulation.

come forward and give us a GrandMarc's management Thomson said. company refused to comment

As of Wednesday evening, the Skiff and the GrandMarc the TCU Police Department was planning on sending the Representatives of the flier in an e-mail to students,

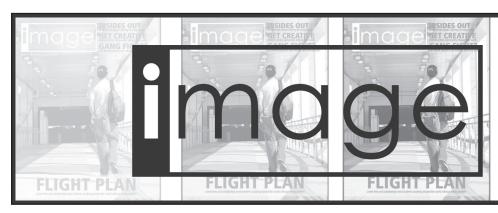
Residents of the GrandMarc son said. Thomson said police distribut- on whether it will distribute use an electronic key to enter ed the photo and accompanying the flier or the security mea- the building, and Thomson for information concerning a Thomson said.

same time as the woman and knocking on doors and sayher friends.

opened again. They all came ed assault occurred. in at the same time," Thom-

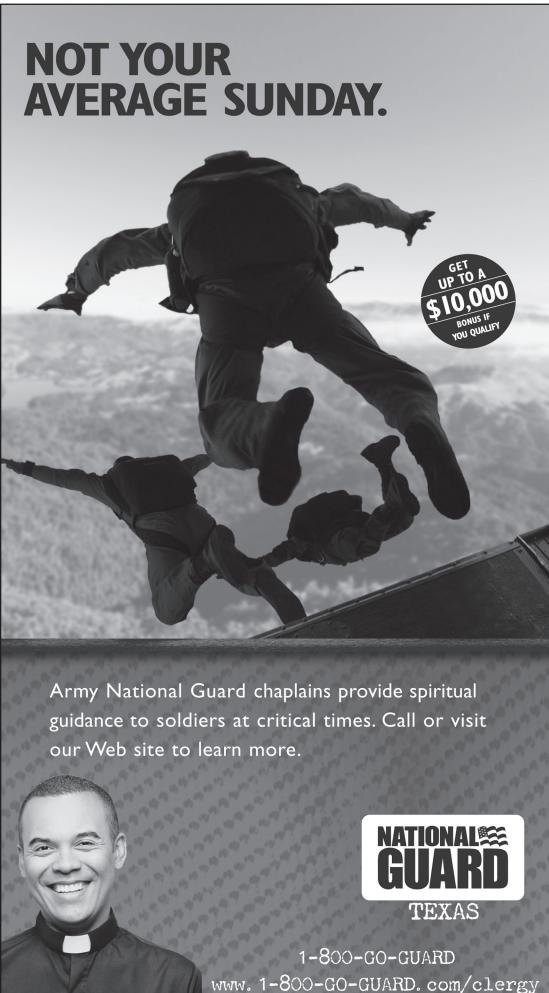
said the man came in at the man who neighbors say was ing he was locked out of a "The door never closed and room on the night the report-

"They did not recognize him from living on that floor, Police are also searching so they thought it was odd,"











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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I not only use all the brains that I have, but all that I can borrow." — Woodrow Wilson

THE SKIFF VIEW

Pass/no credit result right decision

he University Council made a good decision last week in extending the deadline to change a class to the pass/no credit grading option from the fourth week to the eighth Wednesday of the semester.

At a liberal arts university such as TCU, students are often encouraged to branch out from their key academic interests and majors and explore other areas of study,

By extending the deadline to change grading options to a later date, the idea of taking classes to experiment in new areas is more inviting to students, as they will not have the fear of being penalized academically if the classes are not their strongest subjects or turn out to be harder than previously thought.

The extension allows students to step outside their comfort zones and explore classes without worrying about damaging their GPAs. And, in so doing, students may very well find new courses of study that interested them more than their current academic selections.

The date to drop classes is currently set at

about nine weeks into the semester, which allows students to drop classes that have proven problematic or are not of their interests. Now, students might not completely drop undesirable classes but, instead, take them pass/no credit and still be able to finish the classes.

By the same token, if a student is interested in a class and has put forth effort in learning the material, he or she should be given a chance to salvage the semester if his or her performance in that class is somehow hindered by outside circumstances.

If students aren't interested in subject materials early in the semester, it seems as though they would be more likely to drop those classes early in the semester.

However, if students are to use the class-

drop option haphazardly, it becomes a burden for faculty members because they're stuck with students who are just getting by. Ultimately, the burden lies with the students

to ensure that this option is not misused.

News editor Andrew Chavez for the editorial board.

BY NATE BEELER



NEW MARKET RESEARCH JUST CAME IN.... MY FORTUNE COOKIE SAYS 'SELL'.

Author has First Amendment rights; sexual-preference joke still wrong

Conservative political comedienne Ann Coulter should be proud of the amount of publicity she can generate for herself with one well-placed controversial statement.

COMMENTARY



among other things, that John Edwards was a "faggot" at last week's Conservative Political

ter joked,

Action Conference and has drawn criticism from both liberal and conservative groups.

Coulter actually said, "I was going to have a few comments about the other Democratic presidential candidate, John Edwards. But it turns out that you have to go into rehab if you use the word 'faggot.'

Taking away the fact that Coulter has built her career around controversy, this one joke has sparked debate about whether it is OK to use "faggot," a term typically demeaning to homosexuals in the United States, as what Coulter called "... a schoolyard taunt" Monday on Hannity & Colmes.

John Cloud, a gay columnist for TIME magazine, wrote Monday that he believed Coulter had not intended to be anti-gay but meant to crack a joke drawing attention to "speech codes," and Coulter herself said the joke was a reference to "Grey's Anatomy" star Isaiah Washington entering rehab after calling a costar a "faggot."

"I do have one complaint with Coulter's joke: It wasn't that funny," Cloud wrote.

Cloud then continued to say he didn't understand why Coulter had chosen to use an anti-gay slur against Edwards, but that "...she doesn't need her semiannual cadenzas of outrage to be funny; she just needs us to condemn them, louder and louder every time."

I have to agree with Cloud.

This statement wasn't intended to be anti-gay; it was intended to be anti-Edwards.

But, intentions aside, the fact remains the word "faggot" was used as an insult.

Language in American society is a funny thing. The words we use to insult each other rarely refer to characteristics specific to one individual, but rather characteristics applied to a group of people.

It would be very odd, for instance, to hear someone say, "Hey, you just cut me off, you gum-chewing, blonde-haired, blue-eyed, somewhat tall, white girl!"

Instead, it's more likely that someone would use the terms "stupid women-drivers" or "bitch."

But what does being a woman have to do with bad driving? What does being gay or straight have to do with John Edwards' politics?

In short, nothing. But it is so much easier and takes far less imagination to use these types of insults.

Coulter has the First Amendment right to say



Ann Coulter a Libertarian lawyer who worked on the Paula Jones case.

almost anything without being censored, and I definitely support that. But I would hope, as an intelligent and influential figure, she would be more creative with the words she choos-

On the other hand, I would also hope for a more intelligent public that realizes insults referring to sexuality are not OK and using words such as "faggot" are just going to slow the social progress of our country.

After all, if all men and women are created equal and are equal under the law, then they shouldn't live in fear of violence or verbal abuse simply for loving someone of the same gender.

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News agencies shouldn't serve as soapboxes to governments

You know the adage "there are always two sides to every story"? It's true for news reporting, too.

Last month, news agencies worldwide reported the

abduction of

an Iranian

Baghdad.

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Most agen-

ries shared

a common

diplomat in



ground of what, where, when and how. There was, however, some discrepancy about who and why.

It's widely reported that masked men abducted Jalal Sharafi from his car at gunpoint Feb. 4. Exactly who orchestrated and conducted the kidnapping is disputed by Iranian and U.S. government officials.

While the United States has its hands tied in Iraq, several leaders around the world, including Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, have been busy asserting themselves on the world stage.

Ahmadinejad has nuclear ambition, he's flexing his muscles by influencing Middle East politics and he's not afraid to make nice with opponents of the United States, such as Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Through all this assertiveness, he's managed to keep a tight leash on the Iranian press. But, in the 21st century, it's hard to excuse countries as rapidly developing as Iran for remaining in a state of authoritarian news reporting.

Read about Sharafi's

abduction according to the Islamic Republic News Agency, Iran's official news source, and you'll find several quotes from Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki.

Mottaki said the kidnapping of Iranian diplomats in Iraq by U.S. troops is aimed to undermine Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government and disrupt Iran-Iraq ties. The United States has denied these claims in other publications.

But no rebuttal is given to American officials in the IRNA article.

Read the story on the British Broadcasting Corp. Web site, however, and you'll hear from more than just one person. In fact, you'll hear from no less than five, including representatives from both sides.

According to the Islamic Republic News Agency Web site, the agency serves as the "mother source of information dissemination" within Iran.

"The professional activities of the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) are based on and aimed at securing the Islamic Republic of Iran's national interests," according to its Web site.

With a goal as plainly stated as this, it's hard to fault the agency for not presenting all sides of an argument, or even quoting the other side.

It's no secret there are varying levels of quality in global news reporting; freedom of the press hasn't yet gained a foothold everywhere.

But, if Ahmadinejad hopes

to gain respect for both himself and his people, it would benefit him to explore a more lenient press, a press with less control.

It's unrealistic to expect a complete transition from the current "mother source" to a free, unrestricted press, but some progress should be made.

The Islamic Republic News Agency isn't the only news agency covering Sharafi's kidnapping with bias; on the other side, the BBC is at fault for dedicating several paragraphs to U.S. and U.K. officials, while only minimal space to Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson.

In the BBC article, a U.S. commander, U.K. Prime Minister Tony Blair and the Iraqi government are included in the story speaking on behalf of coalition innocence. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mohammad Ali Hosseini is quoted only once.

Governments shouldn't use the media as a microphone to shout at one another; the media shouldn't allow itself to become a bullhorn.

If we think of time as a continual march of progress toward something greater, then a free press, or free exchange of ideas, should be a stop along that long road.

All governments and news agencies worldwide should work together to ensure the media are a public forum and not a soapbox.

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Don't let growing up make you forget things that defined you

Growing up and eventually having to get job in the real world is a scary

thought.

But, with

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today. There is a lot of focus placed on churches and schools when it comes to molding young adults for the future.

Our characters were shaped, not because of our education or religious views but because of the cartoons we watched growing up — and frankly, the ones we still love today.

The cartoons we watched growing up can show us a lot about who we have become.

When I was a kid, I loved "Winnie the Pooh." There is a wide variety of characters, so everyone has a friend.

I could be Winnie the Pooh. The "Poohs" are people who might not be the smartest kids on the block but will always be there for their friends.

The "Tiggers" are the social butterflies, always bouncing around and having fun living the carefree life.

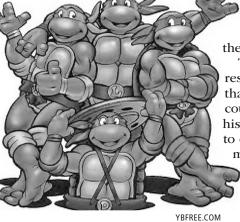
The "Rabbits" are the people who analyze everything and definitely think before they leap.

And the last group from Disney's "Winnie the Pooh" are the "Owls." They are the people who are always around to answer a friend's questions and give advice.

While "Winnie the Pooh" is the model of friendship, we would not be who we are without the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." This may simply be the greatest cartoon to ever run on television. In fact, I have every episode that has been released

on DVD and several VHS tapes with hours of episodes recorded.

For those who have been living under a rock, the turtles are four brothers



who come together to help protect the world. But there are many differ-

ent types of people represented in this cartoon. The Leonardos are the

leaders in our midst. These people are quick on their feet and don't know the meaning of the word "fear."

The smart kids are represented by none other than Donatello. This turtle could do anything he put his mind to, whether it was to create a pizza-making machine or create a portal to another dimension. As the theme song

says "Michaelangelo, he's a party dude." These are the "Tiggers" but with num-chucks and a love for pizza. And the turtle I most

exemplify would have to be Raphael. He was always deep in thought, thinking on the meaning of life. But, when thinking of the

Turtles, don't forget Splinter. He is the only father the turtles know. He is the person who is a guiding light. As we grow up, we may

forget who we are now or who we were as kids, but deep down, we all have a little "Pooh" or "Splinter" inside of us.

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A week of sun, beer and community service? Find out what some students are doing for alternative spring breaks. **TOMORROW**

Now Showing

'Black Snake Moan' to please; characters' emotions run raw

By SAM ORTIZ $Staff\ Writer$

moviegoer.

by Samuel L. Jackson, sing the blues too. stumbles across 22-yearold Rae, played by Chris- ing job bringing out all beaten and helpless on acter possesses at exactthe side of the road, and ly the right time. In fact, takes it upon himself to the worst acting in this rescue her. Desperate for film was done by Jusa change himself, Lazarus tin Timberlake ("Alpha holds Rae prisoner and Dog") who plays Ricci's sets out to "cure" her of boyfriend Ronnie, but he her wicked ways.

film is not, it's normal. No try. aspect of this film is in ety to sort through.

carried through its actors. Rather than just acting out "Black Snake Moan" their characters, Ricci and rolls in artistic splen- Jackson lead the cast by dor, but it's certainly not managing to become their intended for the casual characters. As the old washed-out blues player, The film is set in a small Jackson puts on a stun-Tennessee town where ning portrayal of a man two unlikely characters who has given up and are brought together at a relies on drunkenness crossroad between rage and rage to solve his proband love. Lazarus, played lems. Jackson can really

Ricci does an outstandtina Ricci ("Monster"), the emotions her charwasn't bad, being a new-If there is anything this comer to the film indus-

The film's ability to tune with popular culture tear raw emotion out of or the huge "blockbuster" an audience is by far it's hits of our time, and yet most important aspect. In it is wonderful — a true a two-hour time period diamond in the rough. we are led to laugh, cry, Although certifiably 100 feel all alone, feel intense percent outrageous, the anger, scoff, show empastory is perfectly pieced thy and hate the charactogether and begs the ters. This roller coaster of viewer's attention in every emotions unravels one of scene. On a deeper level the truths of life — that beyond the literal plot, our emotions are never in film. There is bound to the film attempts to drive a constant state. "Black be something that agrees out the inner demons of Snake Moan" serves as human emotions, and a window into our souls fection, the music, the stoshamelessly lay them all by giving us a tour into ry, the actors, the emotion out on the table for soci- the souls of the charac- or the good looks of either ters. Over Spring Break, Ricci or Timberlake.



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Christina Ricci stars as Rae, a young woman forced to reform her "wicked ways," in "Black Snake Moan."

with you: the artistic per-

Length only detraction in psychological thriller

By KYLE ARNOLD

Staff Writer

The puzzle thriller "Zodiac" kills from the very beginning and ends leaving the viewer wondering if the killer was in the audience while they were watching. This unique situation sets "Zodiac" apart from every other fright movie out there.

Starring Jake Gyllenhaal ("Brokeback Mountain"), Mark Ruffalo ("Just Like Heaven") and Robert Downey Jr. ("Wonder Boys"), "Zodiac" recreates the case of the mass-murderer by the selfproclaimed name who was never apprehended by authorities for the killings of his victims during the late 1960s and '70s. Throughout California, from Vallejo to San Francisco, the "Zodiac" terrorized the state by killing his victims in no particular way or fashion.

Directed by David Fincher ("Se7en"), this true account scares mainly because it is so real. There are no masks or makeup, simply cold-blooded murder. The reality this low-key kind of cinematography creates gives the viewer a first-hand look into the murder case, seeing every break in the case as it happens along with Gyl-

Gyllenhaal leads the way as a cartoonist-turned-detective for the San Francisco Chronicle. He becomes entranced with the "Zodiac," to the point where he will stop at nothing in his pursuit to find the true killer. During the movie, he is transformed from a simple man employed by a newspaper to a crazed fanatic who sacrifices everything for a lead in the case.

Downey Jr. adds pleasing comic relief that settles the stomach and eases the mind, but the sus-

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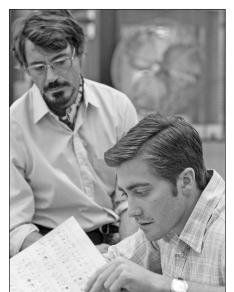
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pense does not quell for too long. "Zodiac" rekindles the serial-killer-genre flame in an awesome way. It is an intense, gritty film from the very start and never lets up.

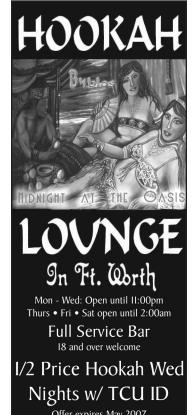
This film follows the same chronological order that took place back in the '60s and '70s, and, in scale, it covers about the same amount of time. With a running time of two hours and 40 minutes, "Zodiac" is a bit lengthy, but, because of the suspense and excitement that oozes from this film, the length is but a minute deficiency.

Having never been caught, the "Zodiac" could still be alive, living among the people of this country, eating popcorn the big screen.



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Paul Avery (Robert Downy Jr., left) and Robert and watching the same film on Graysmith (Jake Gyllenhaal) play newspapermen who scrutinize over the puzzling clues and symbols left by a serial killer in "Zodiac."

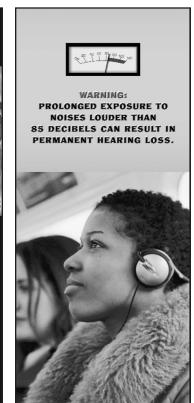


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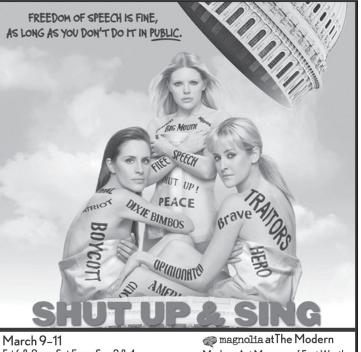
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HOCKEY'S SHORTHANDED SEASON

Club team struggles to 3-17 season, ready for better results next year

By SUSAN GILMARTIN $Staff\ Reporter$

The slap of the puck and the sound of the buzzers stopped, but the inline hockey team isn't putting up its skates just yet.

of the club inline hockey team, said the team finished its season Feb. 11 but is in the process of preparing for next year's campaign.

LaRocca, junior accounting major, said this was his third year on the club team, but he has played hockey for 10 years.

rebuilding season for us," LaRocca said. "We lost a few players this season out of state, such as the and we were trying to get the team back together again."

The team's record was 3-17, LaRocca said, but Joel LaRocca, president he thinks next season the team will have a better year because they will have more players.

Team captain Matt Ross said they usually start off the season with 14 players but once the tournaments start, the roster size drops down to eight to 10 players because it is too demanding to ask people to give "This year was kind of a up their weekends to travel

to tournaments. Some of the games are

and gained a few new ones, tournament hosted by Top Shelf Sports in Lafayette, La. The Horned Frogs travel to different schools in Texas as well, Ross said.

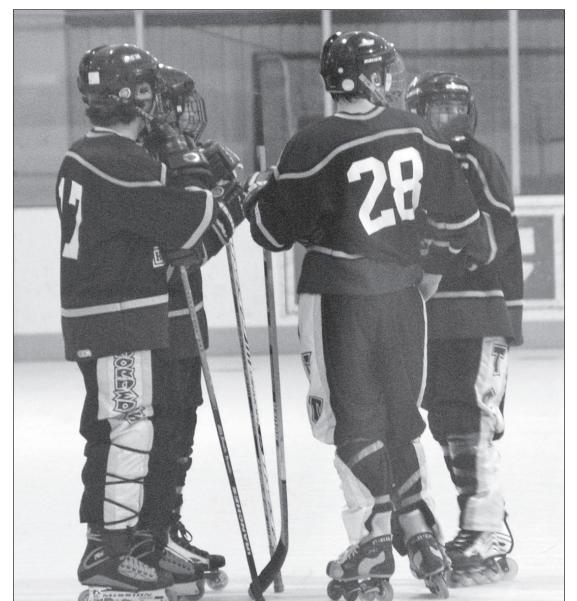
LaRocca said the team is allotted \$950 in the fall and \$850 in the spring from the Student Government Association. He said the money is used to pay for hotels and league fees, while the players pay for food and gas while traveling.

Ross, a senior finance and accounting major, said he joined the team his freshman year after reading about it on the University Recreation Center Web

During the season, which starts in October and concludes in February, LaRocca said the team practices once a week at Breakaway Roller Hockey Center in Arlington.

Ross said he saw playing on the team as an extracurricular activity and didn't feel it was necessary to have mandatory practices three times a week. He said they have fun and enjoy playing hockey. They welcome anyone that wants to join the team, experienced or not.

"All of the guys have a lot of fun together, we all come from different things, some are in fraternities and some are in band," LaRoc-



SUSAN GILMARTIN / Staff Photographer

Members of the club hockey team discuss a play during a game earlier this semester. The season is over for the team, but club president Joel LaRocca (28) said the team is already preparing for next season.

ca said. "But, when we all team, the hockey team has both ice hockey and roller come together, it doesn't an extreme passion for its hockey. really matter because we sport. all enjoy hockey."

Center graduate assistant, ing hockey in elementary said like any other club

Both Ross and LaRoc-Mike Hackemack, Rec ca said they started playschool and have played know the new players.

Ross said the team will most likely start its spring league this semester to keep practicing and get to



SUSAN GILMARTIN / Staff Photographer Team captain Matt Ross (91) makes a stab for the puck on defense in a game this semester. The team finished 3-17 this season, but have high expectations for next season.



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