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Police arrest assault suspects

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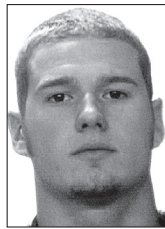
Two students were arrested in connection with an assault in Moncrief Hall in December, a TCU Police detective said.

Detective Vicki Lawson said Matthew Hunter, a TCU student, and Bryce Hudman, a student at Southern Methodist University, turned themselves in the week before Spring Break after police issued warrants for their arrests.

On Dec. 4 at about 4 a.m., TCU Police Officer Brad Murphey responded to a verbal dispute that



HUNTER



HUDMAN

escalated into a physical confrontation in Moncrief Hall, according to a police report.

According to the report, one victim sustained cuts on his brow and right wrist after he was hit across the face and thrust into a

glass door, and a second victim was bruised above his right eye and sustained a visible swelling on his right upper lip.

The victims' names were not released.

In the report, Murphey described the crime as assault, which is a Class A misdemeanor.

If convicted, Hunter and Hudman could receive a maximum penalty of a \$4,000 fine, up to one year in jail or both, said J. C. Williams, assistant chief of TCU Police.

Lawson said the assault investigation took months because she

had to communicate with external sources after on-campus witnesses were unable to identify Hudman.

Lawson said after the suspects were identified, she met with the Tarrant County assistant district attorney who reviewed the case.

Justice of the Peace Gary Ritchie reviewed and approved the arrest warrant, and set a bond of \$2,500, TCU Police Sergeant Kelly Ham said.

At this point, the case is out of TCU Police jurisdiction and is now being handled by the district attorney.

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Students aim to raise funds for children's aid campaign

By LESLIE HONEY
Staff Reporter

A group of TCU students is determined to raise awareness and funds for the Invisible Children campaign, an organization that provides financial assistance to abducted children in Uganda, said a student involved in the campaign.

Kelly Krammer, a sophomore social work major, said she helped create TCU's chapter of the League of Nations, an organization devoted to raising awareness for the Invisible Children campaign. The League of Nations also operates at Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University.

The Invisible Children campaign was started by three University of Southern California graduates who traveled to Uganda with the hope of finding a documentary story, said Jessica Chan, a representative from Invisible Children's national headquarters.

According to the Village Health Project Web site, more than 30,000 children in northern Uganda have been abducted by a rebel group called the Lord's Resistance Army and are forced to become soldiers and sex slaves.

"The students producing the documentary saw thousands of children walking from the outskirts of cities into the city to sleep on the streets," Chan said. "The thing they fear the most is being abducted, and it is safer for them to sleep on the streets in the city than at home in the outskirts."

According to the Village Health Project Web site, as many as 40,000 children flee their homes in the countryside to sleep on the streets of nearby cities.

Chan said the Lord's Resistance Army targets children between the ages of 7 to 12 and desensitizes them to killing.

"The abducted children grow up in an environment where all they know is killing so they begin to accept it," Chan said.

The national Invisible Children campaign is encouraging every young American to join in a protest April 29 to show the American government that high school and college students care about

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WAYS STUDENTS CAN HELP:

- Donate funds at the Praise Fest on April 8
- Take part in the Global Night Commute on April 29 in downtown Fort Worth
- Students who wish to participate can sign up at www.invisiblechildren.com
- Join the League of Nations
- Meets at 9 p.m. Wednesdays in Student Center Room 202
- They are currently assigning tasks for the Global Night Commute and working on committee tasks for Praise Fest

Engineering organization urges women to enter field

By KATHLEEN THURBER
Staff Reporter

When Becky Bittle, a senior lecturer in the engineering department, earned her bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State University about 30 years ago, she was the only woman in a class of more than 100 engineering majors.

In 2005, women comprised 20.3 percent of undergraduate engineering majors nationally, up from about 3 percent that were enrolled when Bittle graduated, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Though TCU's engineering department is about 4 percent below this national average, Bittle said, programs such as the Society of Women Engineers work to support the interests of college women at TCU.

"It's really hard to imagine yourself as being something if you don't see others like you there," Bittle said.

She said the Society of Women Engineers, a national organization with a chapter at TCU, helps maintain women's enrollment because it gives students a group to identify with. Bittle said she enjoys watching students attend the Society of Women Engineers' national conference each year because, for the first time, they are surrounded by 3,000 women who are also working to become engineers.

Students at the conference have the opportunity to interview with more than 150 companies, something she said, "doesn't happen at any other convention."

TCU's chapter also works to introduce adolescent girls to engineering, encouragement that Bittle said is key in honing young women's interests in math and science.

Undergraduate students recently helped 200 fourth and fifth grade girl scouts earn their science badges while teaching them some basic engineering skills, Bittle said.

The students do anything from working with electrical circuits, to learning the basics of an engineering computer program, to making polymers, or "GAK as they like to call it," she said.

Walt Williamson, chair of the department of engineering, also said he does not think women are encouraged in math and science as much as men.

"I think our son got more encour-

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ANDREW CHAVEZ / Assistant Photo Editor

ABOVE: Freshman political science major Giovanni Guerra (center) walks with Ronnietta Wimbrely (left) and Brittany Green on the second floor of Reed Hall. Wimbrely and Green, both seniors at Polytechnic High School, accompanied Guerra as part of the College Student for a Day Program. BELOW: Green (left) and Wimbrely talk before the start of professor Jean Knecht's French class Wednesday in Reed Hall.

A day in the life

Middle, high school students observe college classes

by JESSICA ST. JOHN
Staff Reporter

More than 80 high school and middle school students caught a glimpse of college life Wednesday during the College Student for a Day program.

College Student for a Day is a program that works in partnership with Communities in Schools, a nonprofit agency that works within the Fort Worth Independent School District to help at-risk students stay in school through high school graduation.

TCU hosts CSFAD twice a year and has participated in the program for three years.

The high school and middle school students experienced a day in college life, which included going to class, eating in the Main and stopping by dorm rooms.

Terence Kennedy, a representative for the center for Community Outreach and Service Learning, said most of the students who participate in the program will be the first in their families to attend college.

Kennedy said CSFAD serves to expose students to college life and dispel myths about college, such as

needing to be wealthy or needing to own a computer to attend.

TCU students voluntarily signed up to have a high school or middle school student shadow them for the day.

Megan O'Brien, a freshman art history major, signed up to show students around and teach them about college life.

O'Brien said she wanted the students shadowing her to get a firsthand experience of a day in college.

"I want them to know what they're getting into and to see if TCU is right for them," O'Brien said.

Amanda Armstrong, a junior at the Keys Learning Center, was assigned to follow O'Brien for the day.

Armstrong said she wanted to be a college student for a day to see what college is like and to know what to expect in the future.

"What scares me most about college is just finding my way around and knowing where to go," Armstrong said.

Armstrong said she is interested in possibly coming to TCU and hopes to learn what it is all about.



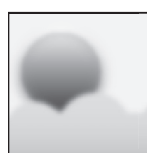
Shelley Marshall, a representative for Communities in Schools, said some of the high school students participating in CSFAD will not only be the first in their families to attend to college, but also the first to graduate from high school.

Marshall said CSFAD provides a chance for TCU students to give back to the community.

"Many students have found the program is rewarding, and some of the TCU students keep in touch with their shadows," Marshall said.

Marshall said CSFAD is a program that will definitely continue in the future.

"We achieve our goal if we ignite even a spark of interest in college," Kennedy said.



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SATURDAY: Sunny, 66/43

FUN FACT

A Tulsa man was arrested when his 3-year-old son wandered into a strip club. The child was told to wait in the car while his father went in or "monsters would eat him." — ASSOCIATED PRESS

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agement in those areas," he said, adding that his son became an engineer while his daughter became a teacher. "But she definitely had the capability to succeed in those areas."

Despite the low enrollment of women engineering majors at TCU, Williamson said four of the past seven outstanding graduate awards have been given to women, which he said proves women clearly have the capability to compete in the field.

TCU's engineering program offers emphasis' in electrical and mechanical engineering, two fields that nationally are comprised of about 14 percent women, Williamson said.

He said nationally, the number of women interested in biomedical and chemical engineering continues to increase and that TCU does not reflect these trends because of the types of engineering offered here.

TCU's engineering program was started in 1992 and is still relatively small, Williamson said, but said the small classes help prepare students for the job market — regardless of sex.

He said companies such as Lockheed Martin Corp. look for

communication skills, adaptability and flexibility, teamwork and problem solving skills.

"Given everyone has good technical skills," he said. "These are the things I think students here have a better opportunity to acquire."

Lori Shannon, a senior engineering major with an electrical emphasis, said she has always enjoyed math and science and came to TCU because of the smaller class sizes.

Shannon will be one of three girls to graduate in December out of a class of 20, and while she said there are not many women in her field, "(she) doesn't think women are scared away at all."

"Girls that end up doing (engineering) are of a different breed," Shannon said.

When she looks for employment at engineering companies, Shannon said she assumes she will be one of few women.

"I think being a woman gives you an edge," she said, "though you still have to be qualified."

Williamson said he thinks there is still a perception that engineers work alone in a back room all day, and that while this image is slowly being transformed, he said there is no quick way to increase women's enrollment in the engineering department.

Study session



CURTIS LEWIS / Photographer

The recent cool weather kept many students from their usual outdoor activities. Freshman Lyndsay Peden, a biology and political science major, braves the cold on the lawn outside of the Mary Coats Burnett Library Wednesday.

CORRECTION

In previous Skiff stories about the plus/minus system, it has been inaccurately reported that the university intends to implement the new grading system. The university is still in the process of discussing the possibility of switching to the plus/minus system.

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this problem.

"We are asking every American to walk to their downtown and sleep on the streets," Chan said.

The organization has 135 cities that will take part in what it calls the Global Night Commute, and TCU's League of Nations is planning to get a group together in Fort Worth, Krammer said.

Besides organizing the Global Night Commute in Fort Worth, the League of Nations is working hand-in-hand with Praise Fest, an event held on TCU's campus to raise funds for the Invisible Children campaign.

Felececia Benton, a senior advertising/public relations and theater major and coordinator of Praise Fest, said the festi-

val will be held April 8 and will include a screening of the Invisible Children documentary and a concert led by various artists across the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Krammer said the money raised at Praise Fest will go directly to Invisible Children's corporate office and then to the children in Uganda. The event will also support a full-length documentary that will hopefully make it into theaters, Krammer said.

Benton said about 20 students are involved with the campaign on TCU's campus and that it was easy for her to become involved in the project.

"I think people innately have a heart for helping people in trouble," she said. "I also am excited about getting involved because the Invisible Children Campaign is so organized. They state the problem, state the solution and give you a plan of action."

ASSAULT

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ney's office, Ham said.

The case has been filed, and the next step are docket calls set for April 12 and April 20 at 9 a.m., said Sean Colston, Tarrant County assistant district attorney.

At the docket call, the attorneys will gather to decide if the case will go to trial, Colston said.

Ernest Rothfielder, Hudman's attorney, said he thought the case would be dismissed.

"[Hudman] said he didn't start [the fight]," Rothfielder said.

Rothfielder said if it is determined that Hudman initiated the assault, he believes that the sentence will be probation.

If it is established that Hudman acted in self defense, the case will be dropped, he said.

Bill Lane, Hunter's attorney, was not available for comment.

Glory Robinson, associate dean of Campus Life, declined to comment on the victims' welfare.

She said it is under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act to keep the victims' information confidential.

Any student found guilty of causing any form of bodily or emotional harm will be disciplined under the Code of Student Conduct, Robinson said.

Robinson declined to comment on the specific university disciplinary action being taken in the case.

Probation, suspension or expulsion is possible, according to the Code of Student Conduct.

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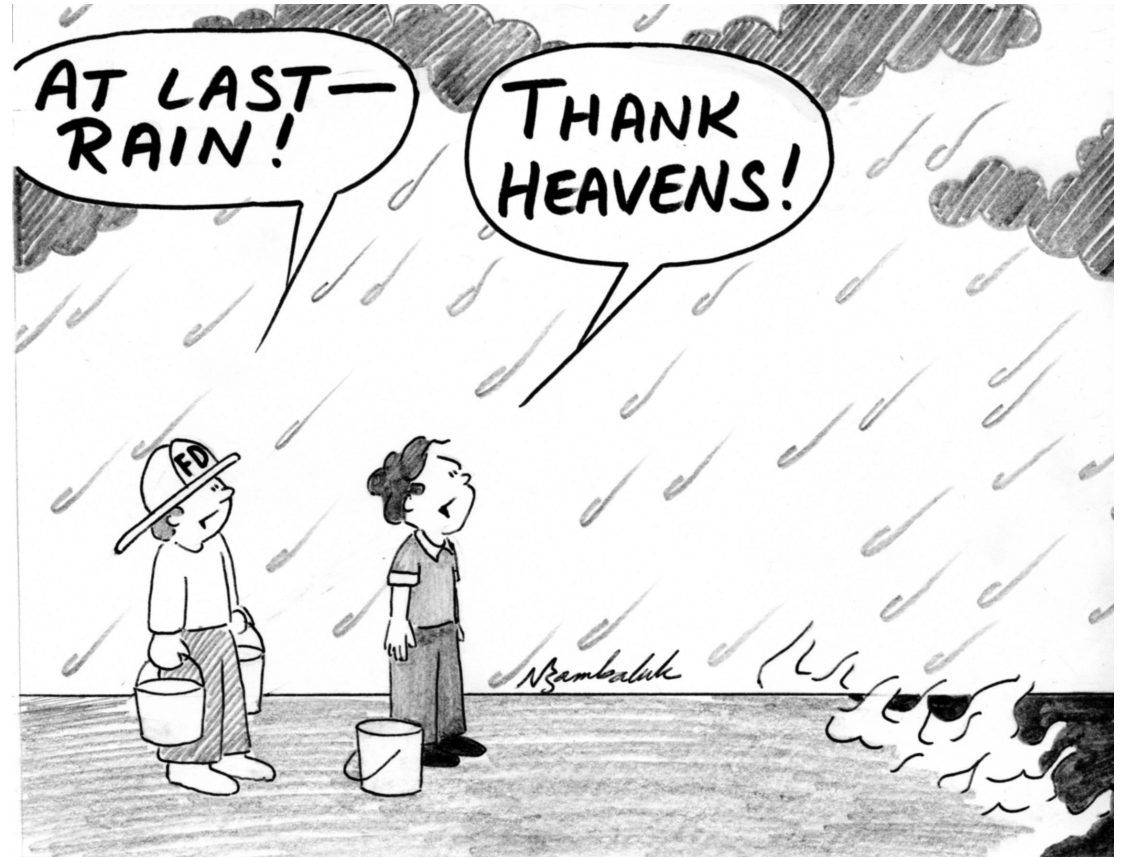
High school a time to explore

Changing majors: Almost every college student considers it. Classes are getting too hard, too boring or maybe, in the process of exploring the different avenues required by the core curriculum, a student decides there is another course of study that is more interesting. There's nothing wrong with changing majors. Who can really be sure of what to do at 18? The indecision around choosing a major can stretch the college experience from four years into five or even six. Imagine having to make a similar choice in high school. For some, it would be hard to say whether he or she would be in college right now or still be struggling with an ill-advised choice made at 14. According to an Associated Press report released Wednesday, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush has developed a proposal that would require high school freshmen to declare a major. Under the plan, students would declare a major in one of a variety of general fields, such as math, science or English and also be

required to declare a minor. He or she would have to complete a set of classes in a major field of study along with courses required by the core curriculum and electives. Bush said the plan would make school more interesting and help prepare students for the realities of life after graduation. In turn, Bush said, dropout rates would fall. While efforts like Bush's to improve the education system should be applauded, requiring 14-year-olds to know what path to go down is the wrong way to go about it. How realistic and grounded are the goals of a high school freshman filled with dreams of being an athlete or the next big pop star? High school is a time for teenagers to find out about themselves — learn their likes and dislikes and decide where to go from there. The idea behind a high school education should be to open minds to different possibilities, not to mold minds to fit into a particular line of work.

News editor Mike Dwyer for the editorial board

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Men's basketball needs change

The disappointing TCU men's basketball season came to an end a few days before Spring Break. And it is obvious Danny Morrison, TCU's Athletic Director, must fire Neil Dougherty, TCU's head basketball coach. The future of the program hangs in the balance. Dougherty, a lifelong assistant coach at Kansas, Vanderbilt and Cameron University, was hired in 2002 to win games, lead the Frogs to the top of the conference, land recruits who can be developed to fit and progress in the TCU system and recruit talent similar to the talent he allegedly recruited at Kansas and Vanderbilt. Take a quick glance at the results and you can see Dougherty has not met any of these goals in his four years at TCU. Dougherty coached the Frogs to a 9-19 record his first year, a 14-17 record his second year and earned a 21-14 record his third year. After TCU's best players (Corey Santee, Marcus Shropshire, Nucleas Smith and Jamal Brown, all of whom were recruited by TCU's previous coach, Billy Tubbs) graduated, Dougherty had his own players. When he was hired, Dougherty promised to install a Kansas-style offense (built heavily on outrunning and outshooting your opponent) to bring the Frogs to the top of the conference. But Dougherty's offense resembles the offense of the Washington Wizards more than the Jayhawks. There is no motion or cutting. No one can establish position on the blocks; there are few opportunities to

penetrate and create foul shots, and a regular possession includes a flurry of wasted passes on the perimeter, ending with an often missed last second desperation three point shot, which leads to fast break opportunities for TCU's opponent. Dougherty hasn't recruited the players needed to win with a Kansas offense. The Frogs are 8-25 and 2-14 in the Mountain West Conference. They did not win a single game on the road and rank last in the MWC in scoring offense, field goal percentage, free throw percentage, three-point percentage and opponent's field goal percentage. These stats can't make recruits and transfer students want to play at TCU for Dougherty. The team's success in 2004-2005, the Frogs' best season under Dougherty, was due completely to the players recruited by Tubbs. Dougherty has attracted few quality transfer students and has not recruited a good prep star. An assistant coach from a quality program should have contacts with head coaches from many high schools, AAU teams and junior colleges, but Dougherty does not. And he has no European or Australian contacts of which to speak. His lack of contacts is baffling and hurts the program tremendously. Dougherty will have difficulty selling his program to recruits if his teams win very few games and finish last in their conference. TCU's Image magazine, which is everything The Alternative wants to be but isn't, reported Dougherty earns nearly \$350,000 each season. His buyout, presumably, is a few thousand dollars higher and prob-

ably close to \$400,000. By choosing to retain Dougherty, TCU and Danny Morrison will lose more than Dougherty's \$400,000 buyout because unhappy boosters will stop donating to the basketball program, disgruntled fans won't renew their season tickets, casual fans won't buy walk up tickets — which cost \$15 — and no one will be in attendance to buy concessions. Danny Morrison and TCU must take note of Dougherty's failure and avoid hiring another assistant coach from a high profile school. Hiring a head coach from a smaller school in a smaller conference is the answer. These head coaches have the proven experience, organization and recruiting ability needed to improve TCU. They have proven results for which they are entirely responsible — something which could not and cannot be said for Dougherty. TCU would be wise to consider the following head coaches: Jessie Evans, San Francisco; Matt Doherty, Florida Atlantic; Lonnie Reisman, Tarleton State; Ronnie Arrow, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi; and Monte Towe, New Orleans. But TCU must act quickly. With each loss, the price TCU must pay for a quality head coach rises, and the job becomes considerably less attractive. TCU has a great practice facility. TCU can, if it wants, offer a great salary. And TCU is in an area where it can recruit great high school players and attract great transfer players. Now it must find a great head coach.

Joel Petersen is a secondary education major from Lafayette, La.

Ultra-thin not example of healthy body weight

In America, body image is everything. We hear continually about the obesity crisis, how to lose weight, the next big diet or pill. Hasn't anyone heard of moderation? It is certainly not healthy to weigh 400 pounds, but it's not healthy to weigh 100 pounds either, unless you are very short.

Last week, I tuned in to "The Real World" and there was a 95-pound girl talking about how ugly she feels — of course she's ugly; she's skin and bones. But just 15 pounds would turn her into a very attractive woman, though still skinny. Many trim women with slightly healthier body weights feel just the same as this girl, though they have no reason for concern. When did body image become part of every woman's identity? Eat right and exercise, certainly. Cardiovascular disease is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. You don't want to let your body go to fat. Eating McDonald's every day is not a healthy choice.

But abstaining altogether and switching to pricey brand-name diet foods is not the way to go either. If you really want to become healthier, start eating more fruits and vegetables. And not just any fruits and vegetables (though it's a start) — green, leafy ones.

And work out. But don't stick strictly to cardiovascular exercise.

At our age, my personal fitness teacher told us, people — women included — should be building muscle. They should be doing this by lifting a few reps at high weight. (If you can do more than 12 reps easily you need to increase your weight. Less than 5 and you're lifting too much weight.)

Cardio alone can actually cause muscle loss. But I digress. Counting calories, beyond a casual measure, only encourages you to think of your body as something that needs to be fixed. Your body is meant to be maintained, not punished. Food is meant to be enjoyed — moderately.

Calorie-counting has its place, but a calorie-counting obsession is also a type of eating disorder. If you want to be healthy, eat a variety of foods, stop when you aren't hungry anymore, lay off junk foods (including anything you can find in a vending machine) and drink alcohol in

moderation. Avoid frozen foods and try your hand at cooking. If you want to step it up a notch, use organic ingredients and don't buy anything made from concentrate. Drink mainly water and avoid caffeinated beverages. Eating healthily is a much better fix than going on a diet or picking up brand name "health food." Expensive diet foods are merely expensive. They are frequently frozen, which means you are missing important nutritional elements, ingesting too many preservatives, and probably getting too much sodium.

I am a 21-year-old who is 5'6" and 150 pounds. For the most part I eat healthily. I do not get nearly enough exercise and I drink too much caffeine, but any extra pounds I have are not due to my diet and should not be cured that way. If I wanted to lose weight, I would need to exercise more. Eating less or "better" (with the exception of my pop addiction) would simply not be a healthy choice. I don't want to lose weight. I don't need to lose weight. If I exercised more, I would hope to gain at least part of my weight back in muscle.

Hearing very thin women talk about their calorie-counting is frustrating. I am not fat, but I don't look like them. I want to shake these women and tell them to grow up. Ladies, if you are 5'5" and weigh 120 pounds or less (or are equivalently small), I don't want to hear about your diet, unless you've just lost a considerable amount of weight and are now in the maintenance phase.

If you are any thinner than that, you make your body a target for disease. Fat allows you to lose weight when you are sick without becoming dangerously thin. If you are already dangerously thin and you get sick, what are you going to do? For most women, gaining curves is a natural part of growing up and becoming fertile. Teenagers — including females — are frequently distinguishable by their lanky bodies; gaining the "freshman fifteen" isn't always a bad thing.

Instead of spending your time on the treadmill, planning out how to lower the calories in today's dinner, use those reasoning skills you pay so much for and put it all into perspective. Avoiding obesity doesn't entail waiflike thinness. Be healthy: Avoid both categories with equal attentiveness.

Opinion editor Stephanie Weaver is a senior English, philosophy and French major from Westwood, Kan.

YOUR VIEW

Fair trade issue needs fact-clearing, consideration

Recently there has been a lot of buzz about coffee on TCU's campus. As co-coordinator of Frogs for Fair Trade I am ecstatic about the commotion. It was reported March 8 that we, Frogs for Fair Trade, would soon be part of a national campaign aimed at converting all Jazzman's Café locations to provide 100 percent fair trade coffee, cocoa and tea. This is true; however, some facts regarding the campaign must be cleared up. Fair Trade is not a flavor of coffee nor is it a brand of coffee. Fair Trade is a certification that tells us, the consumers, a farm cooperative is providing living wages for the producers and is acting on the environment with sustainability in mind. A source in the article points out that a 100 percent conversion is not possible "because (Jazzman's) needs to sustain its own brand name coffee."

Jazzman's Café uses Seattle's Best coffee, a subsidiary of Starbucks. So while the bag may have a Jazzman's logo, the coffee within the bag is roasted by Seattle's Best. The Jazzman's brand would be sustained during a Fair Trade conversion because Seattle's Best offers Fair Trade certified coffee. Another source's claim that Seattle's Best had to be switched to Rainforest Alliance in the fall semester does not seem likely. Rainforest Alliance is a certification, not a brand. So while Jazzman's may offer a coffee certified by Rainforest Alliance, there was no change in brands. Seattle's Best, or any other coffee roaster can purchase certified Rainforest Alliance beans. No brand switch has to take place,

as is the case with tea. The current provider of Jazzman's tea, The Republic of Tea, has many fair trade options available, though none here at TCU. While the prices of the products at Jazzman's will increase, it will not be dramatic. The increase in price is not without justification. It not only ensures farmers of living wages and environmentally sustainable farming practices, it also benefits the consumer by offering a quality coffee well worth the price. The house editorial March 9 was absolutely correct in saying we must pay attention to market forces. Our job now as promoters of Fair Trade is to create the demand for fair trade products. We have been educating the TCU campus about fair trade since the group was formed in February 2005. Perhaps you have been

in a class that has had a Fair Trade group member come speak. Perhaps you have stopped by one of our information tables at Senseless Acts of Comedy or in the Student Center. Education, as the editorial points out, is the essential tool with which to carve a wider niche for our cause. A 100 percent conversion to fair trade coffee in Jazzman's would be an example of the market speaking. We do not expect Jazzman's to listen to our group of 15 people on the campus of TCU. Let this discussion be the alarm bell for those market forces. It is time for us, TCU students, to wipe the malaise from our eyes as we begin to emerge from our consumer sleepwalk. Let this be a starting block for a new TCU.

Seth Harris, junior, co-coordinator of Frogs for Fair Trade

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Board to re-evaluate 27,000 SAT scores

By JUSTIN POPE
Associated Press

BOSTON — The College Board disclosed Wednesday that 27,000 SAT college entrance exams missed being re-scanned following the initial discovery of scoring problems, including those of another 375 students who were given incorrectly low marks.

A College Board spokeswoman said the latest problems came to light Sunday following a request that Pearson Educational Management, which scores most of the exams, confirm all 495,000 October tests had been rescored. That request followed an earlier oversight in which 1,600 exams that had already been set aside for various reasons were overlooked.

On Sunday, Pearson told the College Board 27,000 of the 495,000 tests had not been "completely processed" and would be rescored immediately, College Board spokeswoman Chiara Coletti said Wednesday. Coletti said she could not pro-

vide further details on how the tests had been missed.

Douglas Kubach, chief executive Pearson Educational Management, said in a news release that the company is "determined to take every possible necessary step to restore confidence in this process," but a Pearson spokesman said he could not comment further on how the mistake happened.

The announcement brings the number of students who received incorrectly low scores to 4,411. It is the latest in a string of embarrassing revelations for the College Board, the nonprofit organization that owns the exam, which said after discovering the 1,600 exams last week that it believed there would be no more problems.

The College Board said that from now on all answer sheets would be scanned twice, among other new precautions, and that it would retain consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton to perform a comprehensive review within 90 days.

Interior problem stalls spacewalks

By PAM EASTON
Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Officials have halted U.S. spacewalks until they can test the strength of handrails that line the U.S. part of the space station and are used to anchor the spacewalkers.

Space station managers said Wednesday they discovered some odd bubbling on the interior of some handrails that are still on the ground.

It isn't known whether any of the problematic handrails were installed on the station,

but that's a chance officials weren't willing to take, said Kirk Shireman, deputy station program manager.

"Because we couldn't be sure, we were being conservative," he said.

Shireman said he doesn't believe any of the dozens of handrails at the station will have to be replaced.

The news comes at a time when Russian spacewalks also have been put on hold because four canisters needed to rid carbon dioxide from the air spacewalkers breathe can't

be located on the station.

"We do lose things occasionally on board the space station," Shireman said. "There are little nooks and crannies and oh, by the way, things don't stay where you put them. They float away."

A supply vehicle is scheduled to arrive next month with new canisters, which will allow Russian spacewalks. Americans say they expect to have the handrail issue resolved well in advance of the next scheduled spacewalk after space shuttle Discovery's

planned July launch.

Shireman said that if the metal's composition hasn't been compromised, astronauts could perform a spacewalk and attach their tethers to the fastener that holds the rail onto the station, rather than the rail itself. The initial tests should be completed this week and the strength testing sometime next month.

The bubbling was discovered after the handrails were heat-treated during their manufacture, Shireman said.

FDA discourages warnings on ADHD drugs

By ANDREW BRIDGES
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal health advisers said Wednesday that Ritalin and other drugs for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder should not carry strong "black-box" warnings about potential cardiovascular and psychiatric risks.

Rather, the Food and Drug Administration pediatric advisory committee recommended that the drug labels include warning language written so people can understand it.

"I wouldn't use the word 'tougher,'" said panel chair Dr. Robert Nelson, of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "Clearer."

By rejecting the black-box warnings in a consensus decision, the advisory panel broke with another committee that voted just last month to include them on some ADHD drugs.

The FDA was poised Wednesday to follow the more recent recommendations.

"I think we are likely to follow them, yes," said Dr. Robert Temple, director of the FDA's office of medical policy, following the meeting.

Any updated language may not appear on labels until pharmaceutical companies begin using a recently adopted format, something that could take several years. And the FDA may yet require

black-box warnings on stimulants to treat ADHD that would alert adults to increased risk of heart attacks, strokes and other similar problems, Temple said.

Nearly 3.3 million Americans age 19 and younger used an ADHD drug last year, according to Medco Health Solutions Inc., a prescription drug benefit program manager.

Psychiatrists and others had urged the committee to move cautiously before recommending strengthened warnings associated with the drugs.

In February, the FDA's Drug Safety and Risk Management advisory committee voted to recommend the agency add the strongest possible warning to some of the drugs regarding their potential cardiovascular risk.

The FDA then asked the pediatric panel to examine that same issue, as well as reports that psychosis or mania can occur in some juvenile patients at normal doses of any ADHD drug.

Adding black-box warnings to some or all the drugs, which also include Adderall and Strattera, could cause more harm than good, some experts told the panel.

"I suggest confusion, polarizing viewpoints, initial press hysteria. But then what?" asked Julie Zito, a University of Maryland associate professor in phar-

macy and psychiatry.

The FDA has struggled since last year with the question of how to communicate the potential risks associated with ADHD drugs. It now appears likely the warnings will come in the form of highlighted language on drug labels, as well as guides distributed — admittedly infrequently, FDA officials said — to patients.

Psychiatrists and mental health advocates said leaving the disease untreated could rival the risks the drugs may pose.

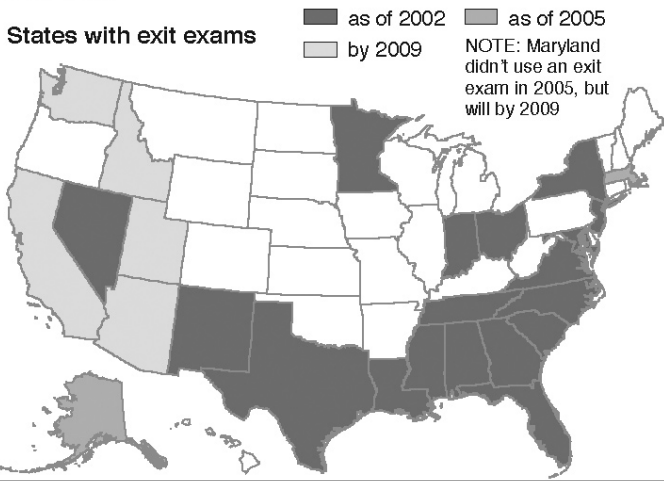
"It is important to not let the discussion of ADHD medications overshadow the public health crisis of untreated mental health disorders in children," said Cynthia Wainscott of the National Mental Health Association. Her 16-year-old granddaughter has ADHD.

Ritalin is manufactured by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. and in generic form by other companies; Adderall is made by Shire Pharmaceuticals Inc.; and Strattera, which is produced by Eli Lilly and Co.

Earlier Wednesday, FDA officials said patients and doctors should be aware that the small number of reported psychiatric events, including hallucinations, could represent side effects of the drugs, although they cannot point to a definitive link.

Bigger workload for SAT graders

As more states are giving standardized exit exams, the same companies that grade the SAT are often grading the state-level tests.



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SWEET EMOTION

Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler will undergo surgery on his throat this week. As a result, the band will cancel the remaining 12 dates on their U.S. tour.

Two takes on South by Southwest | The Skiff weighs in on the good and the bad of the conference.

Ten minutes into English punkers Art Brut's set, I remembered why I voluntarily gave up my Spring Break to cover the South by Southwest music conference.

COMMENTARY
Darren White

"Look at us! We formed a band!" declared Art Brut frontman Eddie Argos to a crowd huddled inside a tent in the Emo's parking lot.

In the midst of all the big names, it's easy to forget SXSW is really about uncovering that hidden gem of a band that played at the same time everyone else was fawning over the Arctic Monkeys or realizing their 16-year-old dream of seeing former-Smith Morrissey live.

I spent the first few days of the conference pushing past cigarette-happy hipsters only to find out I'd either missed the show (The Flaming Lips), the rumors about the band playing were untrue (Built to Spill) or that the act had canceled (Beastie Boys).

The disappointment was driven even further home by the Secret Machines at La Zona Rosa.

The band went on about an hour late, and once on stage, it started and stopped songs like they were traffic lights. Amid all the bad music, the band members still found time to curse the festival, the fans and each other.

It might just be me, but I wasn't buying what the Machines were selling. In the first 10 minutes of the set, it became obvious that the band spent more time practicing its rock star poses under laser lights and not enough time writing lyrics. After the 10th "blowing all the other kids away" refrain in "Road Leads Where It's Led," I was heading for the door.

To me, the Secret Machines represented everything wrong with indie rock. Overhyped and overblown, the Secret Machines made

a bigger point of appearing larger-than-life than playing larger-than-life songs. Instead, it settled for trying to look cool.

As I headed into Friday, I was disappointed to think my stint at SXSW was shaping up to be something of a bust.

And then came Art Brut. Something like a hybrid of Monty Python and The Sex Pistols, Art Brut is far and away, the snottiest band still alive and making records.

Decked out in black-framed glasses and a full length raincoat, guitarist Jasper Future looked frightfully similar to Andy Warhol, and lead singer Eddie Argos sported a pencil-thin mustache while spouting off half-spoken, half-sung lyrics.

"What do you want us to play?" Argos asked the crowd midway through the set.

After the crowd's request, the Brut broke into "Emily Kane," written about Argos' first girlfriend. After writing the song, Argos ran into his old flame and added it.

"I realized I wasn't in love with Emily Kane; I was in love with being 15 and in love," Argos said. "It's complicated."

Midway through the note-perfect set, Argos jumped into the middle of the crowd for the fist-pumping chorus of "Modern Art." The band ended the too-short show with the cry of "Art Brut, Top of the Pops!"

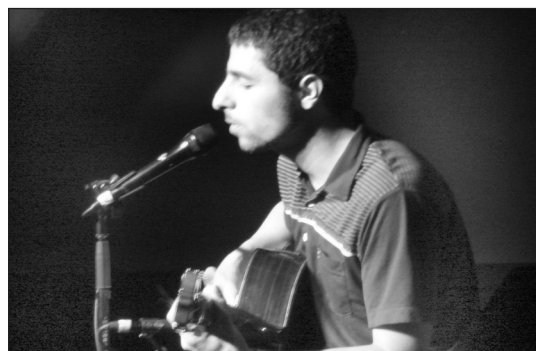
Art Brut delivered what most of the music industry missed at SXSW. Rather than chasing down the legends or the already overhyped, the real show was in the young, desperate artists, such as Art Brut, who played every show like its life depended on it, even if the lights don't go off at the right time.



Art Brut



Beth Orton



Jose Gonzalez



Ladytron

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This year I devoted the better part of my Spring Break to Austin's colossal South by Southwest music conference.

In past spring breaks, I've returned home to spend time relaxing with family and friends. This year, however, my experience at SXSW left me feeling more exhausted than rested.

Held annually, SXSW features more than 1,400 bands over four consecutive nights at 60-plus venues, all within about six blocks of one another.

Although getting lost in a maze of conflicts and choices is almost inevitable, I enjoyed spending the latter half of my break in downtown Austin.

Beginning on the 15th, my friend and I made our way through thick traffic to the Austin Convention Center where we picked up our wristbands.

Moments later, I realized that I'd forgotten my driver's license.

Of course, you can't go far on 6th Street without a valid ID, and my lack of proper identification locked me out of the first set of the conference by Swedish troubadour Jose Gonzalez at The Parish.

I had owned an import copy of Gonzalez's debut album "Veneer" for nearly two years, and my desire to hear his live set was at an all-time high. It was my can't-miss show of the conference.

And I spent it pacing around 6th Street, trying find an all-ages' show.

Trying not to fret about the possibility of missing the one act I cared most about, we marched on to Antone's to see Willy Mason and Beth Orton. While Mason sounded well beyond his 21 years, Orton sounded every bit her age, and the show lacked a little magic.

Unfortunately, for every show you see at SXSW, you miss another. This time we missed a surprise performance by The Flaming Lips at the Fox & Hound.

With day one being somewhat of a bust, we headed home to prepare a little better for our next day at SXSW.

Day two of our SXSW experience shaped up to be more fulfilling than day one.

At Emo's IV, Islands, the latest quirk-pop project from ex-Unicorns Nicholas Diamonds and Jaime Tambour, put on quite a show for a full crowd.

Clad in all white clothing and bathed in blue lights, Islands' eclectic ensemble of musicians played a set that highlighted SXSW's importance as an outlet for up-and-coming acts seeking exposure.

As the second day faded into the third, we found ourselves back at Emo's Annex for the Pitchfork media day party.

Now, with my driver's license in hand, I was finally able to get front and center for the showcase's second act, Jose Gonzalez.

Perched at the edge of a folding aluminum chair, Gonzalez shined as he played his cover of The Knife's song "Heartbeats;" an adaptation that's made it into a Sony television ad in which thousands of colorful bouncy balls are turned loose.

Before finally heading back to school, I headed to 6th Street one more time to see Gonzalez perform at Eternal.

Standing 10 feet from Gonzalez as he plucked his way through another bold set, I began to realize how important an event like SXSW is for promotion and, most importantly, accessibility of underexposed music.

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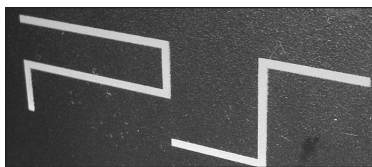


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Finding financial security after college

By COURTNEY REESE / EDITOR IN CHIEF

College graduates will walk across the stage in May, confident their education has provided them with the knowledge and wisdom needed to be successful in the future; however, there is one area in which young professionals are less savvy — consumer credit.

Bud Hibbs, a consumer credit expert in Fort Worth, says the biggest problem facing recent college graduates and young people in general is ignorance.

People coming out of college do not understand credit — such as credit cards, loans and how credit is determined — or what they should know, unless their parents have sat them down to detail the process, Hibbs said.

Planning a budget may seem like a simple task, but too often, young Americans are finding themselves in a bind.

Stan Block, Holder of the Stan Block Endowed Chair in Finance at TCU, says inexperienced young adults often stray from their budgets as a result of setting guidelines that are too rigid, or they plan a budget with too much wiggle-room, leaving temptations to end up in debt.

Along with the excitement of graduating and having a real job with a salary come the desire and temptation to buy a new car, a house or simply spend these newfound dollars on frivolous items.

A common pitfall many recent college graduates fall into is that they leave savings off their monthly budgets, or choose the route of investing, buy only one stock and put all hope in it, Block said.

Many college graduates come out of school already in debt with student loans. Mike Scott, director of scholarships and financial aid at TCU, said in the spring of 2005, 941 students classified as seniors had a loan. In the fall of 2004, 2,169 students were registered as seniors. The numbers for only the spring 2005 semester were unavailable.

Scott said that according to the state guarantee agency, which provides information on students holding federal loans, the average indebtedness of students holding loans at the time of graduation was \$27,000.

If you are concerned about your post-graduation financial future, you may have several questions. Here is how the experts answer common:



Q&A Budget common cents that can turn into dollars

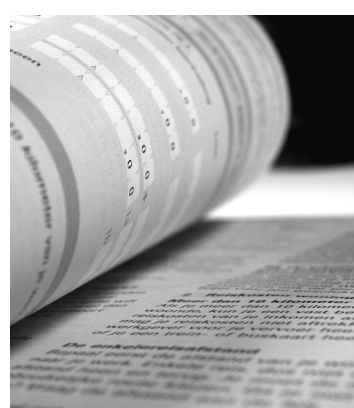
How do I make a reasonable monthly budget?

1. Make a list of all nondiscretionary items — things like rent, car payments, bills or anything else fixed.
2. Subtract the total of all fixed items from your disposable income, which is what is left over after taxes are taken out.
3. Put away 5 to 10 percent of your monthly income into savings.
4. Make a list of all discretionary items — such as dining out, dates and shopping expenditures.
5. Do a budget for six months, measuring yourself every month and making adjustments when necessary.

What budget pitfalls should I avoid?

1. Setting up a budget that is too rigid and leaves you feeling overwhelmed.
2. Setting up a budget with too much flexibility that leaves you with too many spending temptations.

— Information provided by Stan Block, Holder of the Stan Block Endowed Chair in Finance at TCU



How should I save my money?

1. Savings account
2. IRA — Individual Retirement Account
3. Mutual Funds — a collection of stocks and/or bonds
4. Certificate of Deposit — also called CDs that have a fixed interest rate for a given period of time
5. Stocks — but do not put all your eggs in one basket. Diversify your stock choices.

What is a FICO score?

1. A FICO score is a credit score developed by Fair Isaac & Co. A score of 850 is perfect. Most people your parents' age run in the range of 700.
2. Credit scoring is a method of determining the likelihood that credit users will pay their bills.

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How can I get a free copy of my credit report?

1. Every person is entitled by law to a free credit report once every 12 months.
2. Go to www.AnnualCreditReport.com to obtain your free copy.

What should I know about credit cards?

1. They are deliberately designed to entice you. Do not be fooled by advertisements, such as "2.9 percent guaranteed!"
2. A college degree automatically puts you in a more elite crowd in the world of credit.
3. You should never have more than three or four credit cards, and this includes gas cards.
4. Shop around before signing up for a credit card. Interest rates vary and can be as low as 5 percent and as high as 20 percent.
5. Make sure you know what the APR, or annual percentage rate, is.
6. Credit cards should only be used to simplify transactions, such as paying bills.
7. You should be paying credit cards off regularly and not expanding your bill by \$1,000 or more each year.

What should I know about my student loans?

1. Student loans are perpetual — they will follow you forever!
2. Never default on student loans — it can cost you up to 43 percent in penalty fees for defaulting.

4. Plan student loans into your monthly budget, but do not be too rigid. Make sure to leave yourself some money to play with.

5. The payment period for student loans is 10 years; however, that may be extended in some cases.

6. The interest rates on student loans are some of the best you will ever find!

— Information provided by Stan Block and Bud Hibbs.

What determines my credit score?

1. Late payments
2. The amount of time credit has been established
3. The amount of credit used versus the amount of credit available
4. Length of time at present residence
5. Employment history
6. Negative credit information such as bankruptcies, charge-offs, collections, etc.

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QUIZ

TEST YOUR TEMPTATIONS: HOW FINANCIALLY SMART ARE YOU?

1. My budget is intended to cover:
 - a. All my expenditures and allow me to save anywhere for 5 to 20 percent.
 - b. All my expenditures.
 - c. 80 percent of my expenditures.
2. I use my credit cards:
 - a. To simplify my transaction expenditures.
 - b. To allow me to make larger expenditures than my income can cover with the hope of making more money in the future.
 - c. As a permanent source of funding.
3. When it comes to savings, I:
 - a. Am conservative — I put all my money into a savings account or CDs.
 - b. Tend to diversify my investments.
 - c. Look for only one stock and put all my eggs in one basket.
4. When it comes to being in debt:
 - a. I never like to owe any money.
 - b. I am comfortable with a reasonable amount of debt.
 - c. I am willing to use all credit anyone is willing to supply me with.

RATE YOURSELF:

1. If you answered mostly A's, you are financially conservative and on the safe side. You are far less likely to end up in debt or serious financial trouble.
2. If you answered mostly B's, you are financially savvy. You tend to make good decisions on savings. You realize that having manageable debt is OK, but having debt that is more than 40 percent of your income is not OK.
3. If you answered mostly C's, you need to rethink your budget, or make one in the first place! You should consider seeking advice from a professional on how to make better financial decisions so that you do not end up with thousands of dollars worth of debt.

— Information provided by Stan Block



If I do get into debt, what are my options?

1. Get your credit report. Make sure to read it carefully. If you do not understand it, seek assistance from a professional, such as credit counseling.
2. Make a new budget, following the budget guidelines mentioned before. Never spend more than you make. Make paying off your debt a priority.
3. Never run away from debt. Debt collectors will come after you!

4. Credit counseling — but be aware! Debt collectors make a 12 to 15 percent commission off what they collect. Make sure to do your research before consulting a company or individual.

5. Debt consolidation — combining all forms of debt from varying sources into one payment plan.

6. Bankruptcy — only in the most extreme cases, such as it will never be feasible for you to be able to pay your debt off in your lifetime! Loss of a job, serious illness or extreme, life-changing family tragedies are the common reasons for bankruptcy.

— Information provided by Bud Hibbs

How do I find the best credit card for me?

1. Go to www.CardWeb.com for recent credit card news, frequently asked questions and to find the best card for you.

— Information provided by Bud Hibbs

How can I increase my score?

1. Pay your bills on time. Late payments and collections can have a serious impact on your score.

2. Do not apply for credit frequently. Having a large number of inquiries on your credit report can worsen your score.

3. Reduce your credit-card balances. If you are "maxed" out on your credit cards, this will affect your credit score negatively.

4. If you have limited credit, obtain additional credit. Not having sufficient credit can negatively impact your score.

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TOMORROW IN SPORTS

See how the baseball team is preparing for its weekend series against the University of Central Florida. The Frogs, coming off Tuesday's loss to Baylor, play the first game of the series at 7 p.m. Friday at Lupton Stadium.

MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Senior dives at NCAA finals

By KAILEY DELINGER
Staff Writer

Another year at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships means a new mindset for TCU men's diver Kelly McCain, who will compete today in the NCAA Championship Meet.

McCain, a senior, made history last year as TCU's first male diver to qualify for the NCAA Diving Championships. This year, he is the men's swimming and diving team's only representative at the meet.

McCain is making his second appearance at the championships and said this time he knows what he is doing. The senior said his nerves have faded since last year and he is more mentally prepared for the competition in Atlanta.

Now that McCain and diving coach Wayne Chester know what to expect, they said they are training accordingly.

The competition at the championship meet is different from the regular season, Chester said. Instead of four divers doing the required six dives, 36 men will be diving.

For McCain, that means training for a lot more downtime.

"The NCAA Championships are different because there is 20 minutes between each dive," McCain said. "I have to train to dive and then to sit around before the next one."

If the training pays off, the diver said he will be happy with placing in the top 16. His coach,



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor
Senior diver Kelly McCain prepares for a dive at a fall-semester practice. McCain will start competition in his second NCAA Championships today.

however, said he sees more potential. "I expect top 16," Chester said, "but I hope for top eight."

Either placement would be an improvement from last year's 21st place finish.

McCain said he is happy and relaxed about diving in his final competition.

"I will just dive and get it over with," he said. "I've got a lot of other stuff to do."

"Outfielder" takes new position

By R.B. FALLSTROM
Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — Alfonso Soriano took his spot in left field for an exhibition game Wednesday, agreeing to play the new position for the Washington Nationals two days after refusing to move from second base.

"It's a relief for everybody, it really is," manager Frank Robinson said before the Nationals played the St. Louis Cardinals. "We get the distractions away from here and we can focus on baseball now and getting this ballclub tuned up and ready to go for opening day."

Soriano led off the game and flied out. He was the last player out of the dugout for the bottom of the first inning, loping to his new post, and did not get any plays in the field.

Before the game, Soriano did not comment on his

move. He was all smiles as players stretched and took batting practice, and he also signed several autographs.

Soriano was an AL All-Star the last four years at second base, and played there this spring for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic. He has never played the outfield in a major league game.

The Nationals got Soriano in an offseason trade with Texas. Washington already has an established second baseman, three-time All-Star Jose Vidro.

Robinson said he gave Soriano the option of not playing Wednesday and making his outfield debut on Thursday for a home game. But he said Soriano wanted to get started now.

"All I wanted to know from him was, was he willing to play left field?" Robinson said.



JAMES A. FINLEY / Associated Press
Washington Nationals outfielder Alfonso Soriano chases a foul ball during a spring training game in Jupiter, Fla. on Wednesday.

"He said he was ready to go, he wanted to get at-bats and get out there and play."

Robinson said he considered the position move permanent to the point he doesn't even consider him the backup at second base.

"We're doing it for the season," Robinson said. "We didn't ask him to do it for today, that's not the answer we wanted."

Robinson said he'd be patient with Soriano if he struggles at his new position. All he wanted to see was effort.

Q&A

BRAD FURNISH

Junior pitcher Brad Furnish sits down with Ryan Thomas to discuss his pre-game ritual, a Red Sox legend and what it would take to pitch a perfect game.

What kind of pitcher are you: Power or finesse?

I would say I am more of a power pitcher.

Why?

Well, because I am left-handed and, for most left-handed pitchers, I guess I could say I have an above-average fastball. I like to throw my fastball.

Is that your best pitch?

I guess you could say so.

If you could meet any professional baseball player, who would it be and why?

Well, the professional baseball player I always wanted to meet is actually dead now. That was Ted Williams. I am a huge fan of Ted Williams.

Are you a big Boston Red Sox fan?

I actually wasn't until two summers ago when I played in Cape Cod and went to a Red Sox game and experienced the Red Sox Nation.

Why would you want to meet Ted Williams?

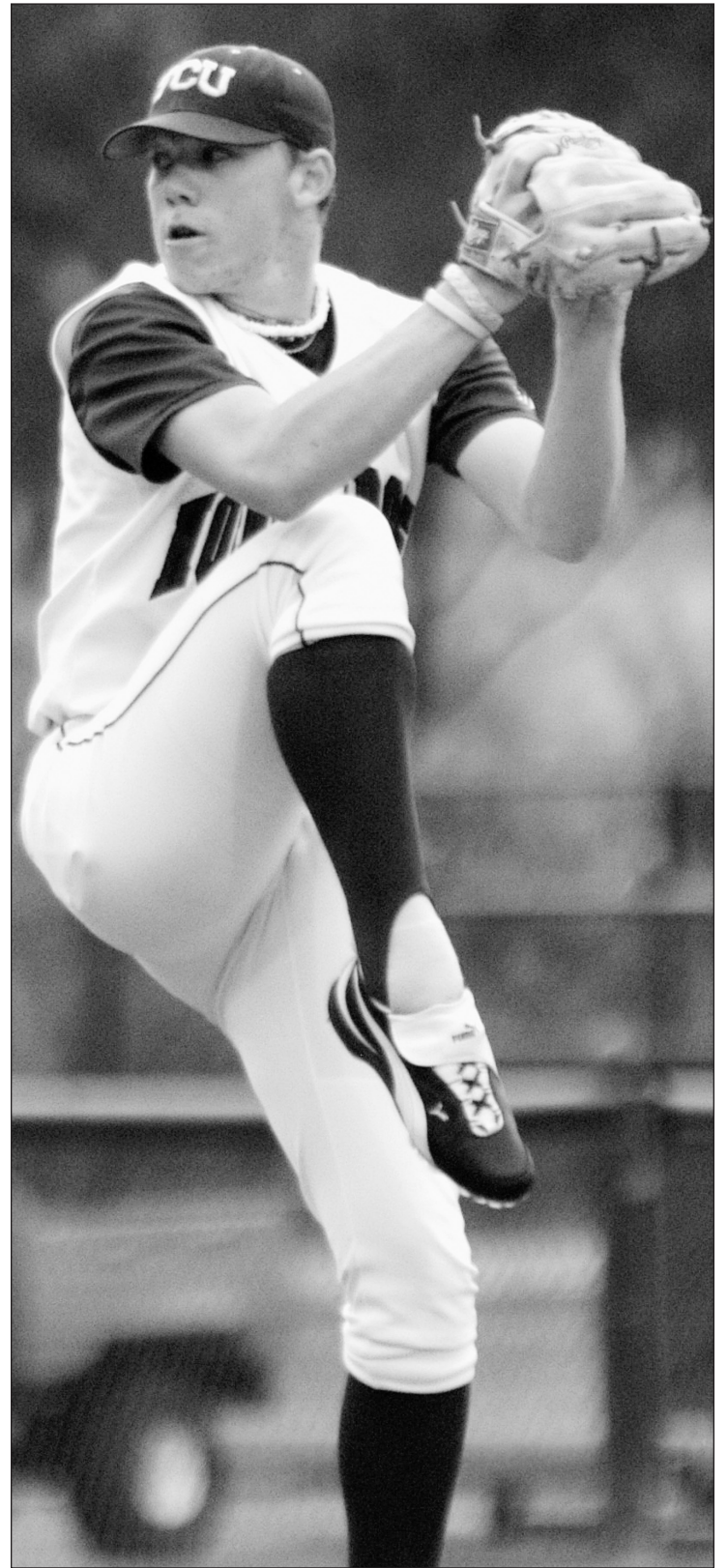
Just the way he approached the game and him being one of the best hitters who ever lived. As a pitcher, it would be amazing to talk hitting with him to figure out how much hitters approach it, considering there are a lot of people who still take lessons from him.

Before you pitch, what is your pregame ritual?

Being my goofy self, usually I like to eat waffles with strawberries and whipped cream in the morning. It has become sort of a big deal when we go on the road and I kind of have to make it myself. I like to think of myself as a little bit of a culinary artist. But other than that, it is just have fun and when the time comes for me to go out and do what I do, I go out and do what I do.

Before your no-hitter, what was your greatest pitching accomplishment at TCU?

At TCU... I would have to say the eight innings I pitched against Baylor last year. It was



STEPHEN SPILLMAN / Photo Editor

a big Tuesday night game and a huge RPI game for us. I never really liked Baylor because they sort of screwed me up during the recruiting process coming out of high school.

What would it take to pitch a perfect game?

You have to be able to throw strikes consistently. Honestly, a perfect game should not be a pitcher's accolade. I have never seen anybody strikeout everybody in the game. The defense has to play perfectly and the pitcher is just a part of it. It is more of a defensive and team award than it is a pitcher's award.

If you weren't a pitcher, what other position would you want to play?

I would have to say outfield

or first base because I played those in high school. I love playing in the outfield because you get to run around recklessly after fly balls. And first base, me being left-handed, first base is the only place I can play in the infield other than pitcher. It would be fun to play that.

Are you a good hitter?

I used to be, but when you don't touch a bat consistently for three years your skills kind of diminish a little bit.

Who is the best hitter you have faced?

I would have to say Alex Gordon, who went to Nebraska. I went there my freshman year and it turns out he went No. 2 overall last year, so I would have to say that is a pretty tough guy to face.

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