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Meal plans not fitting bill or filling stomachs, students say

By TY WALKER
Staff Writer

Few students can eat on as little as \$500 a semester, said Charles Peveler, assistant to the director of housing.

Peveler's words are no great revelation to many TCU students who finish out the last two weeks of a given semester on a meal card with a dried up money supply.

There are three types of a la carte meal plans provided by Marriott Food Service and the university. The

\$500 typical-eater plan, the \$410 lite-eater plan and the \$325 mini-plan are designed to serve students' best interests, Peveler said.

Meal plan prices are approved by the Student Affairs Office and are based on average TCU student participation patterns, he said.

"The typical-eater plan is for students who take 80 percent of their meals on campus," he said. "The lite-plan is for students who eat about five to seven meals on campus, and the mini-plan is for those who eat less than half of their meals on campus," he said.

However, the \$500 plan allows students to spend only \$4.62 a day for the 108 days of the spring semester (excluding spring break days). The lite plan allows students to spend \$3.79 a day, and \$3.00 a day can be spent on the mini-plan.

A typical meal of chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, vegetables, a medium coke and a slice of cake for dessert would cost \$4.20.

"I think it would be of some benefit to students to suggest an additional plan of perhaps \$600 to \$675 for students who intend to take most meals

on campus," said Peveler.

Peveler said 59 percent of TCU students choose the \$500 plan and about half end up adding money onto it.

"I guess to put it as directly as possible, I would say there are very few students who could eat most meals on campus for \$500," said Peveler. Most students, however, don't eat on campus all of the time, he said.

"I'm convinced that everyone eats out occasionally," he said.

John Sorensen, a freshman pre-med major who said he eats out five to six times a month, said he got the

\$500 plan last semester and ran out of money with a week left of school.

"A typical student who doesn't have a car is tied to campus," he said. Sorensen said he would prefer an all-you-can-eat plan because food prices are too expensive for the \$500 plan.

Kristin LeBlanc, a sophomore deaf education major, said she ran out of money on her \$410 plan last semester and had to add \$100 during the last month.

"I think an all-you-can-eat meal plan might be something TCU should look into," she said.

Peveler said Marriott Food Service submits its food prices to the university for approval.

"The actual food prices charged the students are recommended by Marriott and are derived from prevailing market prices and product costs," he said.

"Some of the guidelines we use to establish prices depend on the particular items," he said. "If it's something generic like green beans, we try to establish the current selling price and look at other cafeterias to get an

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Sheila Brice and the City of Fort Worth Employer Gospel Choir find reason to celebrate Wednesday night as they participate in Delta Sigma

Theta's Gospel Festival in the Student Center Ballroom. The theme of the festival was "Let Freedom Sing," and eight gospel groups performed.

Texans see dots as rash spreads

No measles on campus yet

By BRENDA WALLACE
Staff Writer

Although outbreaks of measles have been reported in other parts of Texas, so far none have been reported at TCU, said John Terrell, a medical doctor at the Health Center.

Therefore, except for specific groups, reimmunization is not necessary, Terrell said.

"We put the vaccine where there is the greatest risk," he said. "Most people probably have a pretty good antibody level."

Measles have broken out on the campus of Texas Tech University, with about 80 cases reported, said Carol Plugge, a health educator at Texas Tech.

Plugge said about 5,200 students have been vaccinated so far. This includes students who live and eat in residence halls and student teachers who work in public schools.

Those reimmunized were students who had been vaccinated prior to 1980 or are younger than 33 years of age.

There has also been a major outbreak of measles in Houston, with the number of cases currently at 547, said Laura Andress of the Houston Public Health Center.

Some students from Odessa went on a field trip to Houston and carried

measles back to Odessa. They did not know about the epidemic in Houston, Terrell said.

He said the Health Center has a limited supply of vaccine, but if students will be visiting Houston, Lubbock or Odessa, they should be reimmunized.

Terrell also said people immunized before 1968 or before they were 15 months old need to be reimmunized.

If students health records indicate they were vaccinated before 1968, the Health Center has been contacting them, he said.

"From what I understand, the shots that were given in '60s were 90 percent effective, and it's the other 10 percent breaking out," said Becky Clark, a receptionist at the Texas Tech Health Center.

Terrell said if there is an outbreak of measles at TCU, anyone vaccinated prior to 1980 must be reimmunized.

The reason for the Health Center's different immunization requirements is the limited amount of vaccine at the Health Center, he said.

"We're not sure how many are at risk, and this is a way to keep a strain off the supply," Terrell said.

Mary Steinhausen, the unit manager for Health Planning and Promotion at the Fort Worth Public Health Center, said measles is a disease that must be reported when it is contracted.

Zoo volunteers to take walk on the wild side

By KERRI CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to walk or talk with the animals?

Students now have the chance to volunteer at the Fort Worth Zoo working with some of the animals and helping present programs to visitors.

The zoo will begin its docent program with an open house at the new Texas! exhibit at 10 a.m. Saturday, according to a zoo press release.

The literal definition of a docent is one of nature's treasures, a rarity in the scheme of life, according to zoo publications.

In reference to the program, it is a volunteer teacher, a person at the zoo who promotes a greater awareness and appreciation of the animal world to the public, said a zoo press release.

"Anyone can be one of our volunteers," said Ken Seleske, a spokesman for the docent program. "We

would like the people to be interested in animals and children."

Volunteers will present shows with live animals, such as rabbits, goats and sheep in the petting zoo, Seleske said. The docents may also be working with pythons, owls and ferrets, Seleske said.

There are weekday and weekend opportunities for men and women to participate in the program, he said, and there are volunteers of all ages.

"Our program is a great way for education or speech communication majors to sharpen their skills," Seleske said.

The docent program began in 1969 with 15 volunteers and was sponsored by the Junior League, according to a zoo press release. The program now consists of more than 50 members, but there is always a need for more docents to add new ideas and energy to the program, zoo publications said.



Rebecca Slug, Monica Fehse and Diane Hutchens watch Fort Worth Zoo resident Star.

The open house Saturday will serve as a time to inform interested volunteers about the program and have them sign up, Seleske said.

"Volunteers will fill out a formal application later and go through a training process to qualify to work with the animals," he said.

The training for weekend volunteers will take place on two consecutive Saturday mornings and every morning of next week for weekday volunteers.

"We are looking for people who want to appreciate and learn about wild animals," Seleske said.

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Today's weather is continued rainy and cold with temperatures remaining in the mid 30s. Winds are from the north at 15-20 mph. There is an 80 percent chance of rain with freezing rain likely as temperatures fall into the 20s. Saturday's weather will be cloudy and cold with a 40 percent chance of freezing rain or rain. Highs will be in the low 30s.

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Wilson hits a high note

Jazz band, new album get radio exposure

By MONICA LANDERS
Staff Writer

His piano stands in the right corner. His desk sits in the left. His stereo system and record collection span the left wall of his office. It's not the typical office of a TCU professor, but then, he's not a typical professor.

Curt Wilson is a music professor. And he said he loves teaching students the world of music.

"It's a fantastic thrill to see students take black notes off a sheet of paper and breathe life into them," said Wilson, an associate professor of music.

He shared this thrill with the Metropex recently when music recorded by the TCU Jazz Band, which he directs, was played on KJZY, Dallas' newest 24-hour jazz station.

"They have a real swinging Big

Band sound," said Hugh Lampman, program director of KJZY, Jazzy 99.1. "Zanzibar" is the name of the album, and although the name may sound out of the world, the album is 100 percent TCU.

Wilson wrote the title song during his sabbatical in the fall of 1986.

He said the song is a technically difficult piece, and since the average high school band or even college jazz band won't be able to play it, he doesn't expect it to sell much.

"Actually, I'm surprised they published it, since their purpose is usually to make money," he said. "I won't be able to retire off the royalties."

Wilson said he named the song "Zanzibar" after an old jazz club on East Rosedale Street, where many black jazz players from Fort Worth got their start.

The harmony came first as he was writing the music, he said, "and it just kept growing and growing."

Tom Laney, a senior music education major who plays piano in the jazz band, said Wilson doesn't spend extra time rehearsing the music he writes.

"We did an arrangement of his one time, and I didn't know it was his," Laney said. "It didn't have his name on it or anything. He doesn't make a big deal of it."

The "Zanzibar" album was released in April 1987. The jazz band usually records an album every two years.

"It's like a gigantic lab," Wilson explained. Each student records on separate tracks, which are then mixed, he said.

"I think students feel it's the most

Fund-raising activity calling for \$100,000

By DIEGO DE LAVALLE
Staff Writer

After six nights of making nearly 2,000 phone calls a night, the 12th TCU Student National Phonathon has raised almost \$100,000.

If the Phonathon keeps raising \$15,000 to \$20,000 a night, as it has done so far, the \$225,000 goal should be easily met.

David Boggan, development assistant at the office of University Development, said although they are not concerned about the final goal at this time, there are chances of meeting it.

"We are really encouraged by the results so far," he said.

According to statistics, this year's Phonathon has raised in six days what last year's Phonathon raised in two weeks.

The main reason for this is the Phonathon is working under different rules this year and is, therefore, be-

coming more competitive, he said.

Dirk Plante, coordinator of the Army ROTC group, said large groups no longer have an advantage. The new system forces each group to make the most of their time each evening, he said.

Ignoring this year's increase in competitiveness, last year's top fund-raising group, Army ROTC, is repeating its performance this year, having raised \$10,935 so far, he said.

Army ROTC secured \$21,324 of the \$200,340 raised last year, he said.

"We are not going to count our blessings yet. There's a long way to go," Plante said.

"Nothing would please our organization more than winning it again," he said.

Kappa Alpha Theta sorority occupies the second place with \$9,982 collected so far.

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Malcolm X to be saluted

By JENNIFER DOLT
Staff Writer

A salute to civil rights leader Malcolm X will be given at 7 p.m. Monday in Woodson Room, Student Center Room 207-209.

Imam Yahya Abdullah, a Black Muslim leader with the Mosque in Dallas, will speak about the contributions made by Malcolm X to the black community.

"The salute is to correct misinformation and rumors about his life. It is to let the record be known what he was trying to accomplish," said Logan Hampton, minority and program adviser.

Malcolm X, born Malcolm Little in 1925, joined the Black Muslim religious group in 1953.

He toured the country in the early '60s, supporting the ideas of racial pride, separatism, and black nationalism.

In 1964, Malcolm X formed a new

religious organization, Afro-American Unity, which modified his previously violent views.

Hostility brewed between his old and new followers.

Malcolm X was assassinated Feb. 21, 1965, in New York by a Black Muslim follower.

The most important contribution made by Malcolm X to the civil rights movement was his positive image of a strong black male, which provided a good role model for young African-American males, Hampton said.

"He is a part of our collective history, both black and white, and we need to be well-informed about his contributions," said the Rev. John Butler, university minister.

The salute is sponsored by University Ministries, Black Student Caucus and the House of Student Representatives.

Abdullah's lecture will be videotaped for educational purposes, Hampton said.

CAMPUSlines

AERho CD Hour features Elton John. Today 8-10 p.m. on KTCU-FM 88.7

Deadline for intramural soccer is today. Divisions are Men's, Women's and Coed. Individuals may play on one men's or women's team and a coed team. Teams may register in Rickel 229. For information call 921-7945.

Deadline for intramural weightlifting is today. The meet will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday. Events: bench press, squat and deadlift. Register Rickel 229. For information call 921-7945.

PC Films This Weekend - "Man From Snowy River," 7 and 10 p.m. today. "Return to Snowy River," 7 and 10 p.m. Saturday. All showings in Student Center Ballroom. Admission \$1.50. Ask about group specials.

Alpha Lambda Delta the freshman honor society will have its first meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Room 205. All freshmen with a 3.5 or higher GPA are invited. Be prepared to pay dues of \$13.

Recent developments in El Salvador will be the topic of a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Student Center Room 204-5. Arnoldo Ramos, representative of a Salvadoran national liberation commission, will be the speaker at the meeting, partially sponsored by OLAS and political science.

AIDS Walk-a-thon for children at 10 a.m. on March 4 to benefit the Bryan House in Dallas. Sponsored by Mortar Board. Information sheets in Dean of Students or Student Activities offices or call 921-3942.

Biology Spring Seminars - Fridays at noon in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 3.

Extras needed for "Post Mortem," a horror comedy. Anyone interested in a minor part should call John Harvey, director, at 926-6530 to set up an appointment.

TCU Calendar Cover Competition for 1989-90 TCU Calendar/Student Handbook. Entries may be slides, photos or art and must be related to TCU. Cash prizes. Submit entries in Room 101 of Sadler Hall. Deadline March 15.

Soccer officials needed, experience preferred. Stop by Recreational Sports, Rickel Room 229 for information.

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idea of what other prices are," he said. Peveler said a fixed or an all-you-can-eat meal plan would cost between \$700 and \$1000 each semester in order to provide the same facilities, service and food quality that TCU presently has.

TCU had a fixed meal plan in the 50s that was abandoned as a result of student government recommendations, Peveler said.

"The student government didn't feel like the fixed plan was satisfying the requirements of the majority of students.

The plan was abandoned by the university because of concern about an excessive amount of wasted food and the fact that students had to pay for unwanted meals, he said.

Experience indicates that a fixed meal plan is a disadvantage to women,

he said. Women miss more meals than men and thereby end up losing money, he said.

"It's never appealed to me that one student should subsidize another student's eating habits," he said.

"There is a fixed board plan at a certain university. I'd rather not name because I don't want it to seem as though I'm saying we're better than them. Their program for 20 meals a week costs a little over \$1,000 a semester, which is 52 cents a meal.

"They also offer a 13-meals-a-week program which costs \$960. The difference is \$59 for those seven meals. However, the university knows that students usually miss 30 to 35 percent of their meals. The total participation factor in a 20-meal program is usually only 65 to 68 percent," Peveler said.

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Other top groups are Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity with \$7,652 and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity with \$7,215.

As of Thursday, 15 groups are raising money in the Phonathon. More groups are expected to participate during the upcoming days.

John Rodenberg, a religion-studies major and last year's top individual fund-raiser, has collected \$6,000 so far, making him the leader again this year.

Rodenberg, who is participating with the Scholarship Committee, said the principal factor in raising funds is the number of calls made. "I'm going every night so far and probably making more calls than everybody else," he said.

Callers have to be very diplomatic with donors, Rodenberg said. "Be nice and friendly and let them know it's a benefit to them as well as to TCU."

Other top individuals are Sean Hopkins, from Sigma Chi fraternity, with \$2,580 and Plante, Army ROTC, with \$2,435 and Karen Metscher, Army ROTC, with \$2,105.

"I think everybody is having fun," Boggan said. "We feel very good about it. Everything is positive."

The Phonathon started its 16-night journey through the lines Feb. 6 due to bad weather conditions Feb. 5. For this reason, there will be an additional night of phoning March 7, he said.

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important thing they do," he said. "It really tests their musical ability to have a microphone staring them in the face and a tape running at \$90 an hour. You can't make mistakes."

He said producing 500 records cost about \$4,000. The majority of the the band's records are then given away.

"The purpose is not to make money," Wilson said. "Each student gets a record, and many are used for recruiting (students to play in the band)."

The years of recording are usually alternated with touring years. The

band has toured in the Soviet Union, Poland, New York, St. Louis, and Chicago. In 1987, Wilson accompanied TCU's Bluegrass/Country-Western Band to Tokyo.

Wilson said the jazz program consists of only 40 percent music majors. However, the first jazz band is 60 percent music majors.

"This year's band could prove to be the best by the time we do the album," he said. "There's a lot of talent, but it will be hard top the last band - hard to challenge even."

'Fly II' will not buzz off
 Sequel to horror movie receives high rating

By **BRETT BALLANTINI**
 Staff Writer

Every so often, a movie is released that extends the artistic boundaries of cinematographic presentation.

"The Fly II" shatters them, breaking vast expanses of screen ground. And skin. And bones. And hopes of any digestive regulation . . .

Okay, it's not as revolutionary as, say, "The Jazz Singer," although it does earn the title "divinely gross," which is an actual snippet of post-"Fly" synopsis I overheard as the credits rolled.

In 1986, Jeff Goldblum starred as Seth Brundle in "The Fly," a remake of a 1958 original starring Vincent Price. Seth was transformed into a violent fly hybrid when a housefly decided to ride with him during a teleportation experiment and is eventually shot by his pregnant girlfriend, Veronica Quaife (Geena Davis).

Remember the complexion problems? Seth's frequent and essential upset stomach? How about all the money he made from the tooth fairy?

"The Fly II" picks up with Veronica giving birth to Seth's son. This five-minute opening scene is packed with more riveting tension and special effects than most films manage to employ throughout. It also features more loose membrane and green mucus than Hollywood has seen fit to film -

on or off the set - in the past 20 years.

The child is Martin Brundle (Eric Stoltz). Martin's mental capacities and physical growth are remarkably accelerated. Possibly aided by a collegiate penchant to never sleep, he is fully mature by age 5.

Brundle ends up working for Bartok Industries and Anton Bartok (Lee Richardson), trying to perfect his father's teleportation device. There he meets Beth Logan (Daphne Zuniga), and the two fall in love.

"The Fly II" boasts an interesting set of exposures and twists, the greatest of which come after Brundle begins to change into a fly. Shortly thereafter, when Brundle learns that his father figure, Bartok, has betrayed him, all skin breaks loose.

It's not a good thing to give a revenge factor to a man who's in the process of transforming into a 10-foot fly and whose highly-volatile digestive tract functions as essentially and excessively well outside his body as inside.

Like the 1986 film, "The Fly II" is both beautiful and hideous, featuring some very memorable special effects. The pace of the movie, unlike many, will keep you so off-balance it will be impossible to evaluate the movie and judge its value while it is going on, unless you can count the number of popcorn kernels still hopping about in your stomach.

The off-balance effect is achieved by moving the film through phases ranging from "Friday the 13th" to self-parodying comedic interludes, adding even a touch of "Love Story."

Mick Garris, who wrote the story and co-wrote the screenplay, should be located and examined extensively for the methodic series of deaths in the film, from back-breaking to head-popping to tie-dragging to face-peeling and lots of bodies being tossed around at dangerously high velocities. All must be seen to be believed.

"The Fly II" outdoes the original. The images that made "The Fly" so unique in 1986 are even more vivid here, and the compassion that the images draw out of us is even stronger.

Other than the sensory perspective, a tangent theme of the film caught me by surprise and turned out to be pretty impressive. The fates of two "specimens" destroyed by teleportation experiments intertwine and produce a strong argument, laced with poetic justice, against animal testing.

This movie is a four-star package. It makes me itch for a sequel, which is bound to sound odd not only as long as Sly Stallone is making movies, but because when itching is mentioned in respect to the "The Fly," something inordinately icky usually happens.

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Commentary

Our View 'Publish or perish' shouldn't play here

"Publish or perish" is a commonly heard phrase around college campuses.

Professors at most research-oriented institutions are expected to publish a set number of articles each year as a requirement for attaining tenure. Those who do are granted tenure; those who do not find themselves looking for a new job.

The publish or perish precept puts a great deal of pressure on professors to have their articles published. To accomplish this objective, some professors shirk their classroom responsibilities in favor of researching the articles they are required to publish.

This is a bad situation.

When professors are pressured to publish their work to the extent that students suffer in their education, the true purpose of a university is lost.

TCU promotes itself as a learning-oriented university, committed to individual education. The student-to-faculty ratio is highly stressed as is the relatively small size of classes at this university.

Yet there are some professors at this institution who focus their attention on research, and there is a view among many of the faculty that it is research and publishing which drive their careers. This hurts students and raises questions as to the veracity of the university's commitment to education.

If TCU is in fact committed to education, the administration must take action to remove the publish or perish stigma from over the heads of faculty members. Some such action has been suggested by the Faculty Senate in a proposed change to the tenure policy which would make it clear that teaching is the primary purpose of every TCU faculty member.

This proposal and others will be voted on by the Faculty Senate in March and then sent to William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

If Koehler wishes to support the university's claims of being a teaching institution, he should approve the proposed changes. In addition, the university should look for other ways it can strengthen the teaching orientation of the university.

Research can be beneficial to teaching, but there should be no question that teaching is the higher priority at TCU. If this is not the case and TCU is to become a research-oriented institution, the administration must change the way it promotes the university so as not to lure future students here whose goal is to get a good, individual education.

One drink too many was Jones' downfall

By MICHAEL HAYWORTH
Editorial Editor



Who is responsible for Thomas Jones' death?

First Gibraltar Bank just paid Jones' family \$680,000 in an out-of-court settlement because they are legally responsible for his death. How did they kill him?

By selling him beer.

Jones, a General Dynamics employee, went to the Gibraltar company party last summer with his wife, who was employed by the savings association. It was a casino beach-type party held in the parking lot of one of the bank's Fort Worth branches. Beer and wine were sold for \$1 per glass at the party.

While Jones was there, he had several beers. In fact, he was intoxicated.

His wife eventually noticed that he was intoxicated and tried to take his keys to his truck away from him. They argued, and she failed to get the keys away from him. News reports of the event carry no indication she asked anyone else for help.

She then went to the restroom. When she returned, party organizers told her her husband had left.

"To her horror, she found out (they) had let him go home," said Mrs. Jones attorney, John Mallios. "They knew he was so intoxicated that he was an immediate danger to himself and others."

What were they supposed to do — gang tackle him?

Anyone who has ever tried to take a set of keys away from someone who has been drinking and doesn't want to give them up knows that it's not easy. In fact, one average-sized, angry drunk can sometimes inflict injury upon several average-sized sober people and still get away with his keys.

Jones left the party and drove north. According to police records, he ran a stoplight in Wise County. His truck became airborne and flew 73 feet before crashing to the ground and striking a telephone pole.

He died of massive head injuries. The autopsy showed Jones' blood-alcohol content was 0.19 percent. In Texas and most other states, 0.1 percent is considered legally intoxicated.

His family sued Gibraltar under what is generally known as Texas' dramshop law, which holds sellers of alcohol responsible for damages and injuries caused by their customers.

This law was passed in the gung-ho movement against drunk driving. That campaign against drunk driving was a good thing, but the dramshop law was not.

There are many problems with the law, such as what to do if a customer buys alcohol in several bars and then causes damages. Or what if a customer has been getting plastered for so many years that he appears sober and in control even when he isn't? How is a bartender to recognize such a customer?

So who killed Thomas Jones?

Was it his upbringing that may have led him to excessive drinking? Problems in his life that he tried to escape with alcohol? Maybe a dog that ran in front of his truck, leading to his accident?

Any of those may have existed in Jones' life. Any of them might have contributed to the situation that caused his death. So did the fact that the person selling the beer — probably with a long line to handle — didn't tell Jones he couldn't buy any more.

But there was only one person raising the mug if Jones' lips. There was only one person who decided that Jones would drink too much that night. Only one person who allowed himself to become judgment-impaired, then decided to drive while angry.

Nobody killed Thomas Jones except Thomas Jones.

But Thomas Jones and the Texas dramshop law are costing Gibraltar \$680,000. The bank will pay Jones' family \$550,000 in cash and establish a \$130,000 trust fund for Ashley Jones, who was 9 months old when her father died.

I wonder if Jones thought of his daughter when he decided to drink too much. No, probably not.

The problem is that he didn't think — period. And now somebody else has to pay his bills.



Elephants pay with ivory

By NICK EASTHAM
Columnist



It is used to make everything from pool balls to ornate comb handles to piano keys. The cost of this cherished item has been rising dramatically in the past decade, both in how much people are willing to pay for it and in the tragic toll it is having on the elephant population in Africa.

The price of ivory has risen from \$25 per pound in 1981 to \$50 per pound. At that price, a poacher could make up to \$8,000 a tusk simply by firing an automatic rifle and firing up a chainsaw.

In 1981, there were an estimated 1.2 million African elephants. Now their number is down to a frightening 760,000.

Unless the poaching of elephants for their ivory is stopped, it may mean the extinction of the species within the decade.

The elephants have little or no chance of survival when they are found by groups of poachers crafty enough to evade the game warden and police.

Before firearms were used, elephant hunters would set fires around herds of their prey, letting the animals die in the fire, later returning for the tusks.

Other methods included herding them into pits or shooting them with poison arrows.

Now poachers herd the elephants into small groups and kill them with automatic rifles or shotguns. After the animal falls, its tusks are removed.

Because an elephant's tusk is imbedded one-third into its jaw bone, the task is not easy. Usually a chain saw is used to remove the face of the elephant, and the carcass is left behind to decay or to be eaten by indigenous scavengers.

Because the poacher does not discriminate except by tusk size, both bull and cow elephants are killed. With the recent reduction of the population, younger, smaller-tusked elephants are being killed with more frequency.

The poacher is erasing the chances of the survival of the species not only by killing the living elephants but by destroying their chances of reproducing.

Crowding the elephants into cramped reserves also is playing a part in their elimination. Although the reserves are designed to protect the

animals, food supplies run down to nearly nothing.

The hungry elephants then migrate toward areas of food but sometimes enter human settlements and are killed to protect the people.

A plan will be released shortly advising how the elephant may be saved. A coalition of several international organizations, called the African Elephant Conservation Coordinating Group, hopes to make the public aware of the relationship between the sale of ivory and its effect on the elephant, cut down on poaching and reduce the illegal selling of tusks.

The group may be too late, though. The demand for ivory keeps rising, and laws on collecting the ivory are very difficult to enforce.

Because of that, up to 90 percent of the ivory on the market was illegally obtained, and a known 30 percent of that was sent to the United States. Americans should realize ivory is not dug out of the ground like jade or diamonds, and any given piece of ivory represents the death of an animal on the endangered species list.

When an animal is put on the endangered species list, it means that the species can not survive without human help. We are the new keepers of the elephant, and it is our job to see they do not disappear forever.

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by Berke Breathed

Bush only shifts budget

1990 proposal shows few cuts or increases

By MEGAN LEE
Columnist

The Democrats called it "old-time Democratic religion," but Bush called it the 1990 fiscal year budget that will bring about a "kinder and gentler America."

The \$1.16 trillion budget calls for increases in traditionally Democratic areas such as education, social security and social services.

Bush rejected Reagan's proposal for a 2-percent increase in defense and only allowed the budget to keep up with inflation.

This left \$2 billion to be allocated elsewhere, but with no new taxes and increased spending, where will the money come from?

Bush said the government will bring in \$80 billion in new revenues, but he gave no specifics.

Bush projects the reduction in the capital gains tax will be the source of \$4.8 billion in federal revenues. Some economists disagree.

The reduction looks like a tax break for the rich since most of the owners of capital goods are in the upper-middle class.

Bush plans for the economy to expand as a whole because the economy will improve at the tax base — the

capital. The public's negative or positive response of confidence in the economy will decide whether the plan will succeed.

Although the deficit would be reduced to \$91.1 billion next year as compared to the current year's \$163.3 billion, the high dollar amount still can lower confidence in the economy.

This false low confidence could result in low spending and a real problem economy.

In actuality, the deficit is declining relative to the Gross National Product, and the ratio between the budget and the deficit has declined 1.7 percent in the last four years.

Taxpayers will pay for the \$1.9 billion allocation to save the savings and loan industry, compared to Reagan's proposed \$2.1 billion.

Ralph Nader, consumer advocate, made proposals to save the industry, which include a tax hike to the most wealthy 1 percent of taxpayers.

A big criticism of the current economy is the inability of the United States to compete technologically with Japan.

Bush responded by giving business incentives for research and development and tax credits and tax breaks to encourage companies to locate in depressed regions.

Approval of \$250 million for the Superconducting Super Collider was proposed, and science and space research spending was increased by \$2.3 billion.

Contrary to Democratic hopes but consistent with Reagan's proposal, Medicare will be cut by \$5 billion. However, Bush will not give Medicaid the planned \$1.7 billion cut Reagan had proposed.

Bush compared his proposals to the spending in the current fiscal year and said there will be a 19-percent increase in the space program and a 13-percent increase in AIDS research. Actually, the numbers are the same as Reagan's proposals.

There were a lot of political buzz words amid the 64 interruptions of applause. Small allocations include a child-care tax credit, a public service program for youths and clean coal technology.

As a whole, the budget proposal did not significantly cut or raise spending in any area, but shifted money within the budget.

Bush claims a healthy economy and new federal revenues will provide funding, but many wonder how the existing budget can be supported without new taxes.

U.S. tastebuds choke down mystery meat

By LISA BIANCHI
Columnist

Starvation was putting me on the edge of desperation. A slow, throbbing headache had already settled at the nape of my neck. The last hot shower had been somewhere in the not-so-distant past.

The Salcraft tour bus seat 4B had formed a permanent concave mold of my bottomsides. I was wiped out — a virtual tourism zombie about to lose consciousness at the sight of another war-torn cathedral.

All I wanted was a sodium-packed, fried greasburger from an ol' American favorite. "God, just one all-beef patty with a smidgen of that special sauce. You can even leave the dried onions on this time."

My pleas to the great god of fast food remained unheard. The only arches visible were those belonging to yet another American-bombed cathedral, and they sure weren't golden.

Slowly I shuffled across frozen mud and through sub-zero, wind-chilling weather to the only restaurant open in Dresden, East Germany.

There was no sign or advertisement outside. I strained to see through the dirt-streaked, curtainless windows about 70 square aluminum folding tables. It reminded me of my grandmother's basement in the early '70s.

I left the burning stench of industry outside and ventured into the communist cafeteria.

Dingy gray concrete floors echoed my steps through this food stadium. I kept my head low, hands in pockets until I reached the lengthy single-file food line.

I grabbed a burnt-orange plastic tray, a fork and a spoon. No knives or napkins were available. The utensils were weightless and bent with the slightest force.

Most of the salads, or at least the clear gelatin molds with dark green and pink chunks in them, had a light brown fuzz forming around the edges. I stared at the mold.

I glanced around the tables. "Hey, people are eating it," my starved mind rationalized. I tossed a small sample on the tray.

Cost was no object with the market exchange rate. I decided to treat myself.

Yummmmm. The mystery meat line approached.

I suppose there was only one meat for the day. It came sliding toward me on a dull-gray, plastic plate from behind a small, square opening.

After the log-shaped hunk stopped rolling around in a bit of dirty dishwater, I realized I wasn't paying for preparation. No dab of coleslaw on the side — not even a sprig of parsley.

Lysol would have been my suggestion for the side order.

I placed the wobbling log on my tray and checked the bottom of my shoe to make sure it was the meat and not anything I had stepped in that made my stomach turn.

The drink line approached. Glasses of assorted shapes, sizes and colors were spread amiss on a wooden counter top. No signs of identity.

A clear liquid, which may have been water, and an orange liquid, which may have contained some of the previous clear liquid, were my only choices.

The cashier totaled my bill on a dirty piece of used scratch paper with a pencil stub. Being a German illiterate, I held my remaining currency from about five countries.

She glared at me, obviously ticked off at the ignorant capitalist, and grabbed two East German marks.

"My father always said, 'Lisa, you get what you pay for.' He was finally wrong."

I got less.

Still pondering why this place was packed, I wandered aimlessly with my tray of rolling culinary delights, trying to appear local in my bright-red sorority sweatshirt, Reeboks and pearls.

The only vacant seat was at a table occupied by an elderly couple.

The spoiled stench of the gelatin salad overwhelmed me as it neared my mouth. I could live without an appetizer. God knows it was the farthest thing from stimulating my taste buds.

I finished my meat log solely for the caloric intake. I washed it down with some orange-colored tap water, and tried to dismiss the congealed ring of yellow on the top.

So much for my communist cuisine.

I always knew I had strong capitalist tastes.

Sports

Frogs end road trip with Louisiana win

By REID JOHNS
Sports Writer

TCU's baseball team ran into trouble in the second leg of its trip through Louisiana. Problems started last Saturday when the Horned Frogs came face-to-face with the Louisiana State Tigers.

The Tigers were sporting a Collegiate Baseball ranking of 14th and the best professional baseball pitching product since the University of Texas' Greg Swindell turned pro in 1986.

Ben McDonald, the 6-foot-7 firethrowing all-American, took the mound for the Tigers in the first of two games between the teams.

McDonald helped lead the U.S. Olympic baseball team to the gold medal last summer in Seoul, South Korea.

"He will be the best (pitcher) that we'll face," said TCU outfielder Darren Thorpe.

McDonald struck out 10 batters in six and two-thirds innings to lead the Tigers to an 8-2 victory.

The TCU offense never got on track against McDonald. Only Thorpe and Scott Loeffler enjoyed good games at the plate.

"So far, he (Thorpe) has hit the ball well," said TCU head baseball coach Lance Brown.

Thorpe recorded his second three-hit game of the season and Loeffler went 2-for-4 with the team's only runs batted in.

"Against a guy that they say is that good, you just gear up to it," Thorpe said. "I really didn't change anything (from my normal approach)."

"Whenever Ben pitches, other teams gear up," said LSU head baseball coach Skip Bertman.

"When you face the ace, the hitters always get up a bit," said Brown, a former all-American pitcher.

McDonald simply out maneuvered the Horned Frogs with his

blazing fastball and wicked breaking pitch.

"Ben averages about 95 mph and he has an excellent breaking ball," Bertman said.

Bertman is adamant about where McDonald will go in the draft next spring.

"He will be the first pick by the Baltimore Orioles in the 1989 draft," Bertman said.

The Orioles earned the right to the No. 1 choice by being baseball's worst team last season.

TCU jumped out to an early lead in the top of the first with a bases-loaded single by Loeffler, but that lead didn't even last for one full inning.

The Tigers took the lead for good in the bottom of the inning on back-to-back homers by outfielders Matt Gruver and Craig Cala. Both shots came against Steve Callarman, who took the loss.

LSU scored three in the sixth and two more in the eighth to put the game out of reach.

In Sunday's game, LSU's Curtis Leskanic threw six shutout innings and recorded nine strikeouts on the way to his first win of the season.

"He's our second best pitcher," Bertman said. "He's definitely a professional prospect."

LSU opened a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Gruver tripled with runners on first and second.

The Tigers added a three-run third, two-run fourth, and two-run sixth to run up a comfortable lead of 9-0 before TCU got on the board.

TCU lost the game 10-5.

The Frogs ended the Louisiana run with a come-from-behind victory against Southwestern Louisiana.

Chris Ellis and Brad Owen combined to hold on to a one-run lead and complete a 10-9 win. This was the Frogs fourth one-run victory of this young season.

Frogs steamed by Rice in Houston

Frogs watch SWC dreams die

By JOHN CLEMENTI
Sports Writer

The TCU Horned Frogs dream of a conference championship lost some of its sparkle Wednesday night.

The Rice Owls held off a second-half TCU surge and a barrage of three-pointers from guard Danny Hughes to survive 70-67.

Hughes was unconscious from the perimeter, canning seven of 11 three-pointers, bringing his total of threes to 57 for a new TCU record. Hughes passed up former TCU guard Jamie Dixon, who had 51 during the 1986-87 season.

Since winning six consecutive games to open the conference season, TCU has lost five of its last six to fall three games behind Arkansas for the SWC lead.

Two freshmen played key roles for the Owls. Dana Hardy and Kenneth Rourke combined for 35 points, half of their team's total. Hardy had 18

points and hit several clutch buckets down the stretch.

TCU forward Craig Sibley was injured early in the second half and was forced to leave the game.

"Craig hurt his leg (pulled thigh muscle) and he couldn't go in the second half," head basketball Moe Iba said. "We're hoping he'll be ready Saturday."

With Sibley out, the Rice big men flourished. Rourke was seven for nine from the field and center Andy Gilchrist scored 14, all from inside the paint.

The Owls bolted to a 13 point lead early in the second half, but Hughes and reserve center Rich Antee led a furious TCU comeback.

"Rich gave us a big lift in the second half," Iba said. "I thought we played really well after we got down by thirteen."

The Frogs, who are fighting for a high seed in the SWC tournament, have only four games remaining.

Lady Owls win by 13 at home

By ANGIE COFFMAN
Sports Writer

It wasn't the St. Valentine's Day massacre, but the heartbreak loss to the Lady Rice Owls, 89-76, wasn't exactly the Gift of Love the Lady Frogs wanted to receive.

It wasn't roses but an abundance of turnovers that filled Atrium Court with the Lady Frogs committing 38 errors total.

"We were pretty much even in all other statistics, but the 38 turnovers killed us," said TCU forward Janice Dzuik, who led the Frogs with 22 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

Along with Dzuik, TCU's Michelle Henry had 18 points, eight assists and four steals, while Beth Naughton added 14 points.

Another key to Rice's victory was the excellent free-throw shooting ability of the team. The Lady Owls shot 78 percent from the line (22-of-28).

As well as turnovers, TCU was also plagued by injury. Guard Dana Hargrove just returned from a back injury and guard Michelle Henry, while still turning in an impressive effort, played with the flu. Forward Joi Wells was out sick.

"I wish I had a magic wand to wave over the girls and make them all better," Garmon said.

Rice was paced by the play of Amelia Cooper and Charity Shira with 27 and 21 points respectively.

Going into the game TCU head coach Fran Garmon was concerned about the Lady Owls' three-point range shooting, a key element in their last meeting. The Owls only shot 1-5 in the three point range while the Frogs were 1-4 from the zone.

"The conditions of the gym weren't great but it was the turnovers that really hurt us," Henry said.

The Lady Frogs go up against the Lady Cougars of Houston Saturday at 5 p.m.

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