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Overseas family members missed during the holidays

By LEANNA STALEY
Special to the Skiff

Signs on campus of the nearing Christmas holidays range from the Christmas tree in front of Sadler Hall to the low amounts of credit left on students' meal cards.

These may be familiar signs to many students, but for families with relatives stationed in Saudi Arabia, the signs are not so familiar this year. "Families lose track of the continuity of life in this situation," said Lou Young, director of the family

program at CareUnit Hospital of Fort Worth.

During the holidays a certain amount of stress always exists, and the military buildup in Saudi Arabia has added another dimension to the stress families with relatives stationed in Saudi Arabia will face, said Jack Scott, director of the TCU Counseling Center.

That extra stress comes in the form of worry for a loved one in the life of Tara Rosenthal, a freshman business major.

Rosenthal's father, Lt. Col. Ed-

ward Price Rosenthal, had just moved to a new base in South Carolina when he was called to serve in Saudi Arabia after living on the base only a month.

"He's not having a lot to look forward to," Rosenthal said. "It doesn't seem like he could be very happy at all."

Her father was told he'd be in the Middle East for at least one year. "I was really worried about him during Thanksgiving," Rosenthal said.

The worries individual families

must cope with also stem from anxiety on a broader level, Young said.

"Not only is there a disruption to each individual and family, there is a societal disruption at Christmas," he said.

"There are fewer people out shopping and on planes," Young said. "There is a whole sense in our culture that an awful lot of people are missing."

Because U.S. military action has not been used on the scale it has in the Middle East crisis since Vietnam, many families face heightened anx-

ieties because there is no model for dealing with this action, Scott said.

"The reason for being there isn't as clear in some people's minds as in the past," Scott said.

Families are discovering how to deal with this military show of force, Young said.

"Nobody knows exactly how to deal with it, Young said. "There's no model. We don't know if we send them cookies or if we send them band-aids."

Families also must learn to adjust with the number of women stationed

overseas.

"With mother gone off, we don't have a good model for dad taking care of Christmas," Young said. "There is anxiety over this."

The large number of reservists now overseas adds yet another dimension to the anxiety their families are facing.

These families face a drastic shift in their economy because they depended on the income from the reservist's regular job Young said.

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TCU Daily Skiff/Trip Meado

Tom Brown residents participate Monday in the second annual Olympiad. The week is filled with events such as tug-of-war, frisbee golf, RA run and the facial hair growth. The wing of the hall that wins will receive medals of chocolate.

Committee to discuss fire safety

By JOHN MOORE
TCU Daily Skiff

Two members of the chemistry department and Willet Stallworth, director of the Physical Plant, plan to meet this week to discuss a fire Nov. 28 in the fourth-floor chemistry research lab of the Sid Richardson Building, Stallworth said.

Henry Kelly, chairman of the chemistry department; William Watson,

the professor of chemistry in charge of the lab; and Stallworth will discuss safety equipment currently in place in the Sid Richardson Building and the university's plans to add additional equipment and devices in the future, Stallworth said.

"The building has fire blankets on the walls, and the labs have eye washers and blankets in them," Stallworth said. "I am aware of what the building has and what it needs for the

fire code and for safety. We plan to discuss these."

Stallworth and Kelly met last week to set up the meeting, which may be held today or Thursday, depending on Watson's schedule, Stallworth said.

Watson has been out of town since Nov. 29 on planned business and is expected to return to campus this week, Stallworth said. Watson could not be reached for comment.

Stallworth referred all other questions about fire safety and prevention equipment and devices in the Sid Richardson Building to Randal Cobb, safety director for the university.

Cobb was out of his office Tuesday and unavailable for comment, but is expected to be back on campus today, his administrative assistant said.

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AIDS panel to field students' questions

By JACQUIE MAUPIN
TCU Daily Skiff

A panel of five guests will discuss AIDS and answer questions about the disease at 7 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom, in a program sponsored by the AIDS Awareness, Information and Discussion Society.

"One of the most important parts of this panel is for people to ask questions," said Beth Elam, president of AAIDS.

The panel will give students the opportunity to ask questions they have been too shy to ask or questions students did not know whom to ask, Elam said.

Notecards will be provided for those who want to ask written questions anonymously, she said.

The panel will include Allan Kelly, a private medical practitioner who specializes in infectious diseases and is on staff at several local hospitals, said Gary Willett, an infor-

mation and referral specialist at the Community Outreach Center.

Kelly is also a medical adviser for programs at the Community Outreach Center, Willett said.

The Community Outreach Center is a non-profit organization that provides services and counseling to people affected by AIDS. The center worked with AAIDS to bring the speakers to campus, Elam said.

The coordinator of volunteer services at the Community Outreach Center, Viktor Andersson, will discuss services offered by the center, Willett said. Accompanying him will be a volunteer, who will provide another aspect of someone who works with AIDS victims.

Becky and Jacob, two people with AIDS, will complete the panel by giving the audience an idea of what it is like to live with AIDS, Willett said.

Becky is a heterosexual female

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Cow emissions

A columnist ponders Congress' decision to devote \$19 million to the study of bovine air pollution.

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Prayer for peace

Campus Christian Community sponsors a vigil to pray for no for in the Middle East

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Outside

Today's weather will be sunny and warmer with a high temperature of 65 degrees and a low temperature of 32 degrees.

Thursday's weather will be cloudy with high temperatures in the 50's.

Grief

Alcoholism ends through pain, faith, speaker says

By LORI McCORQUODALE
Special to the Skiff

The process of drinking alcohol, feeling grief and having faith are necessary to recover from alcoholism, Max Jones said Monday during his program "Good Grief," which was sponsored by the Greek Ministries Steering Committee.

Therefore alcohol, grief and faith are interrelated, Jones told about 20 students and faculty members gathered in the Student Center.

Jones, who works with WellWay, a non-profit organization that provides education on drug and alcohol abuse, told how alcohol, grief and faith played a part in his life.

Jones said his first relationship with alcohol was fearful and confusing because it began when he was a child. His father's friends and his uncle drank, and Jones did not understand the disease, he said.

"I believed they were weak-

willed," Jones said. "So I vowed I would never drink."

Throughout his time as a TCU Phi Delta Theta fraternity member, from 1956 to 1960, and throughout seminary, Jones kept his promise, he said.

"Everyone says it will never happen to them," Jones said. "Well, it happened to me, but not because I'm weak-willed or immoral, but because I'm genetically disposed and because alcohol makes you feel good."

Alcohol makes people feel good, but "eventually it will turn on you," Jones said.

"When you misuse alcohol grief sets in," Jones said. "Grief is the pain you feel when you hurt someone else or when you hurt yourself."

However painful it may be, grief is necessary to recover, he said. Without first experiencing grief, one cannot realize their problem and begin a new life, he said.

Jones experienced grief when he tried to give a sermon at his church,

but was too sick from drinking the night before, he said.

"At that moment I wanted to die," he said. "But I called Alcoholics Anonymous, and by the grace of God I'm sober today."

His faith saved him, he said. "Faith is the resource which frees us from our addictions in life to live free by the grace of God in the spirit of God," Jones said.

Jones could not become alcohol-free by himself, he said. He needed the help of God and a support group like AA, he said.

After Jones spoke, the audience broke into two groups to discuss alcohol and grief.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, president of the Greek Ministries Steering Committee, called the presentation a success.

"The group was small enough to have meaningful discussions after Max spoke," she said. "It was great."

Student Center gate approved

House to finance Jazz Ensemble

By KENDRICK BLACKWOOD
TCU Daily Skiff

The House of Student Representatives passed three bills allocating a total of \$6,410 from its accounts, tabled a fourth bill to the Finance Committee and elected its committee chairs for next semester Tuesday night.

The large number of bills was not surprising for this time of the semester, said Steve Likes, chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Likes attributed it to the amount of time it takes to put legislation together.

"It's the culmination of a semester's work," Likes said.

The House passed one bill to update its fiscal guidelines.

The House fiscal guidelines are the rules by which the House treasurer and Finance Committee operate, said Stephanie Smeltzer, House treasurer.

The guidelines have not been updated since the spring of 1986, she said.

The bill, submitted by Smeltzer, says that "many changes have occurred in the standard operating procedures of the Treasurer's office."

Some of the changes in the procedures were made by the Elections and Regulations Committee, Smeltzer said.

The update of the guidelines was necessary because it has been so long since the last one, she said.

"This doesn't change the way we're running business but changes the documentation slightly," she said.

One of the changes will delete a line that required a "formal review and audit of the House books for the fiscal year..."

A few years ago the House account was not part of the general university books, said Susan Batchelor, director of Student Activities and faculty advisor for the House.

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Outstanding professors recognized

By JEFF LEA
TCU Daily Skiff

More than 1,300 ballots were cast Oct. 31 and now the verdicts are in.

Five professors who were nominated by students as their favorites were given Preferred Professor Awards at the House of Student Representatives' meeting Tuesday night.

More than 350 professors were nominated, but the top five honorees were Roger Thomas, assistant professor of psychology; John Harvey, assistant professor of economics; Sonoa Hensley, assistant professor of accounting; Andy Fort, associate professor of religion; and Anantha Babbili, associate professor of journalism and department chairman.

"From all that I've heard of these faculty, they are noted for outstanding teaching," said William Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Students voted for their favorite professors during student officer elections on Oct. 31. This is the twelfth year that the House Academic Affairs Committee has presented these awards.

Committee chairman Steven Likes presented the awards to the faculty and thanked them for their positive impact on the TCU community.

Students showed their support in voting for Roger Thomas, who is in his last year at TCU because he was denied tenure last year. House member Deanna Taylor introduced

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CAMPUSlines

Terra, environmental awareness organization, will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in Student Center Room 203. For more information, call Robert Newburger at 370-1065.

Pre-law association is sponsoring a field trip to Baylor Law School Saturday. Anyone interested should contact Marilyn Eudaly in Sadler Hall

Middle East Forum will be held by the International Student Association at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center Lounge. The program will include viewpoints of faculty and students.

Mathematics department will hold a reception honoring Miss Janet Lysaght from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in Winton-Scott Hall Room 112.

Die Hard will be presented by the films committee Friday at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is \$1.50.

Die Harder will be presented by the films committee Saturday at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Admission is \$1.50.

Food Committee Meeting will meet in Eden's Greens every first and third Monday of the month 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Roxi Cantu at 921-7924.

"On the Edge", a choreographic thesis concert, will be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 8 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 9 in the University Theater in Ed Landreth Hall. Admission is free. For more information, contact Melanie Envani at 921-7615.

Self-Help Group information is available from the Mental Health Association of Tarrant County. For more information, call (817) 335-5405.

HELPlines

Volunteers are needed at an area food bank to sort, mark and organize donated food. Volunteers are needed days, evenings and Saturdays.

Volunteers are needed to spend time in recreational activities with youth staying at a shelter. Take time to listen and be a positive role model.

Volunteer teacher aids are needed to assist with a program of activities for preschool children who are temporarily staying at a shelter for battered women.

Female volunteers are needed to plan recreational activities for troubled girls who are in a halfway house program.

Reading volunteers are needed to help teach basic reading and writing skills to students on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Volunteer drivers are needed to pick up donated items that will be distributed as part of a Christmas aid program. Volunteers must have a valid Texas driver's license and be able to lift 25 pounds.

Volunteers are needed in Arlington to spend three hours a week to help register, refer, and follow-up on individuals who want to do volunteer work.

Teaching volunteers needed on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to help school age children with their homework, teach and help strengthen their English skills.

Teacher's aides needed to assist in classroom activities for an agency that provides diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation services to children with disabilities.

Interviewers needed to speak to people who are applying for assistance through a Christmas aid program. Volunteers must keep interviews on schedule and check for duplicate applications.

Bush rejects one-year wait on sanctions

By **TERENCE HUNT**
Associated Press

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay — President Bush on Tuesday rejected recommendations from former Pentagon chiefs to give sanctions against Iraq at least a year to work. A Uruguayan leader urged Bush to have "infinite patience" before resorting to military force.

Bush, on the second day of a salute-to-democracy tour across South America, said he was not convinced "sanctions alone would bring (Iraq's Saddam Hussein) to his senses."

Oil prices driven up by the gulf crisis

have devastated many countries economies, he said, vowing, "This is not going to go on forever."

"And yet you never flinched, your country never flinched, you never wavered in support of these U.N. sanctions," Bush, the first American president to visit Uruguay since Lyndon Johnson in 1967, told the lawmakers.

Back in Washington, House Democrats voted 177-37 in caucus for a non-binding resolution telling Bush he must first get permission from Congress before sending troops into battle.

Former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara added his voice to the

witnesses before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee urging caution in the U.S.-led effort to force Iraq to relinquish its hold on Kuwait.

"Who can doubt that a year of blockade will be cheaper than a week of war?" asked McNamara, who led the U.S. military buildup in Vietnam.

Even in Montevideo, restraint was urged upon Bush. Uruguay's vice president exhorted Bush to exercise "infinite patient in making a judgment" in the gulf crisis.

"If the decision is for war, perhaps we will not justify it but we will certainly understand it," said Gonzalo Aguirre in introducing Bush to the Uruguay's Congress. Several leftist

deputies and senators boycotted the speech and 400 demonstrators protested outside.

Bush, at an earlier news conference with President Luis Alberto Lacalle, said Saddam "has not gotten the message" so far that he must withdraw from Kuwait or he will be forced out.

The United Nations resolution authorizing force against Iraq unless it withdraws from Kuwait by Jan. 15 was "loud and clear," Bush said.

"The best hope for peace is for him to understand that all means necessary to fulfill these resolutions will be used against him," Bush said.

Fire/ from page 1

The TCU Safety Committee, of which Cobb is a member, will meet in the spring to discuss the fire, said John Albright, chairman of the committee.

The committee, which consists of about 30 to 40 members, including faculty members from across the university and representatives of the Physical Plant and other divisions of the university, meets "when situations involving safety come up that need our input," said Albright, an associate professor of chemistry.

The committee does not meet on a regular basis, and no date has been set for the meeting concerning the fire, Albright said.

"I can tell you we will meet next semester to discuss this and submit our opinions to university," he said.

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with AIDS, and Jacob has been living with AIDS for some time, Willcutt said.

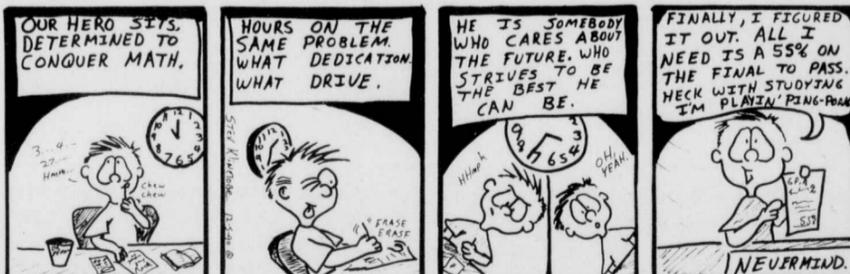
The panel is the largest program A AIDS has sponsored this semester, Elam said. The panel was not planned in conjunction with World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, but the timing of the panel is fortunate because people's awareness of AIDS is heightened, Elam said.

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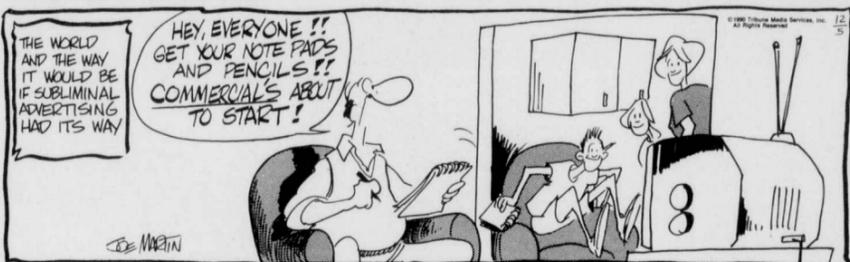
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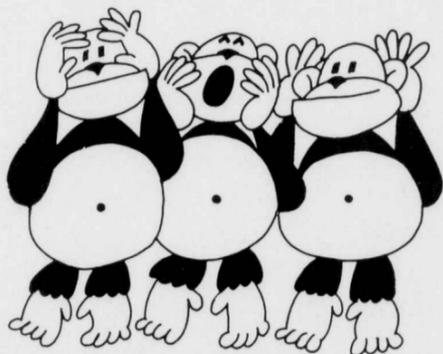
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Olympics help build dorm spirit

By STUART MINNIS
Columnist



Once again, it happens. It is graceful. It is spirited. It is often quite pathetic. Yes, once again, the Tom Brown Olympiad graces our campus. Majesty and Brilliance mate; the child is Fun.

With the opening ceremonies and much of the competition already behind us, the games seem to be shaping up well. The opening ceremony itself was a model of inspiration. A soulful lighting of the Olympic flame by a nearly naked (or, in Fort Worth, "nekkid") resident assistant was followed by a multi-lingual, multi-cultural address by which one could scarcely hold back the gushing tides of tears.

But oh no, this is no ordinary, run-o'-the-mill Olympiad. The events of these meetings challenge every aspect of human skill, not merely the transitory faculties of bodily strength and agility. However, traditional events will be held. They do indeed have their place.

Such events include: 1) Tug-of-War. Granted, this event is better suited to the "Battle of the Network Stars" than the true Olympics, but I personally feel the large amount of strategy and planning required for a good tug is grossly underestimated. 2) Basketball. Well, Nerf Horse actually, but that's just nitpicking. 3) Football. At night, in the cold, few, if any, rules. 4)

Ah, the glory of unembittered competition. The Tom Brown Olympiad stands as a monument to brotherhood, spirit, and childish TOMfoolery.

Sprint . . . around Tom Brown. 5) Discus. Of course, we couldn't afford real disci, so we'll be using our friendly AT&T Yellow Pages.

Naturally, this particular version of the Olympics includes some not-quite-so-orthodox events. They easily outrank those of more respectable stature. They include: 1) Power Crossword. Vocabulary and trivia at their best. 2) Tray Riding. The Marriott trays do have a use. 3) Profundity. Example: In response to the challenge of comparing the Iraqi crisis to an ordinary event in life, prominent swami of profundity Wade Miller said, "It's like eating oatmeal. It's not something you want to do, but the longer you wait, the colder it gets." 4) Duration Wolf Howl. In a dorm where repression is practically a prerequisite for residence, this event should create quite a stamash. 5) Marshmallow Mouth Stuffing . . . by far the most revolting practice in history. Does anyone remember the cafeteria scene in "Animal House?" 6) Sitation. Hey, there's nothing better to do. 7) Paper Airplane Throw. Medals are given for

distance and for time aloft. All planes must have at least two folds since last year's winner for time aloft simply ripped a piece of paper out of a notebook and threw it out the window to meet one fabulous updraft. 8) Fast Facial Hair Fest. Testosterone-rich residents were shaved en masse at the opening of the games and will compete for beard length at the end of the week. (Steroid test required for this event.)

Competition is between the three different sections of Tom Brown Hall, which are most lovingly and creatively titled A, B, and C. C-section has traditionally been the overall victor and appears poised to continue its dominance. B and A sections are at a disadvantage, B-section due to its smaller size and A-section for its high concentration of apathetic upper-classmen.

The awards given are not real medals, obviously. Hall council programming funds only go so far. However, a reward has been decided upon that is worth far more to the typical college student than mere precious metals . . . food. Delicious chocolate—chip cookies hang at the ends of bronze, silver, and gold ribbons. Truly, victory is sweet.

Also, in keeping with the joyous nature of the games, a commemorative T-shirt has been designed featuring legendary figure of Skiff editorial cartooning, Mr. Sticky. Proud Tomrades will be sure to show you theirs.

Ah, the glory of unembittered competition. The Tom Brown Olympiad stands as a monument to brotherhood, spirit, and childish TOMfoolery. Surely no other TCU athletic tradition is more magnificent . . . at least during the last half of the football season.

Lend an ear

Lack of publicity shouldn't spoil turnout

The panel discussion sponsored by the AIDS Awareness, Information and Discussion Society today should prove a unique opportunity to hear from AIDS victims and those dedicated to fighting the disease.

This valuable chance to learn about AIDS should not be taken lightly or scoffed at by those who falsely believe it is a disease that never could affect them. Prevention of the disease will start with education and an openness that should be inherent to a college campus, if nowhere else.

A lack of advance publicity hopefully will not adversely affect attendance at the discussion. Efforts to make the public more aware of the program, like placing posters across campus, would have helped to insure a significant turnout.

While organizers of the discussion could have taken steps to inform the public about the program sooner, it is not too late for students to take an active part. Students should attend the discussion with an open mind and questions into which they have put serious thought.

AAIDS should be commended for its continuing efforts to foster an atmosphere of concern for others and increase awareness among students of a disease that can prove devastating to those who do not take the time to seek information from credible sources.

Letter to the Editor

Non-violent protest

The student body of the university has followed with the advice of the great Martin Luther King Jr. in that we have used nonviolent avenues to voice our concerns. These tactics have proven unsuccessful. It appears the "hierarchy" of this institution allows us to express our concerns simply to appease us. We talk, but we do not communicate. We shout, but we are still not heard.

These United States of America are a great place to call home. We have helped to fight oppression in South Africa and now in the Middle East. We helped to tear down the wall which separated East and West Berlin.

And as citizens of this great country, we are guaranteed certain rights and freedoms. The First Amendment states that laws will not be made respecting the establishment of religion, or the free exercise thereof; or the abridging of the freedom of speech or press; or of the rights of the people to peaceably assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Why is it this institution strays from following with these three examples? The TCU Board of Trustees was reluctant to divest in South Africa, and while the United States is busy tearing down walls, TCU's trustees are busy erecting walls between the student body and themselves. The Board of Trustees of TCU is

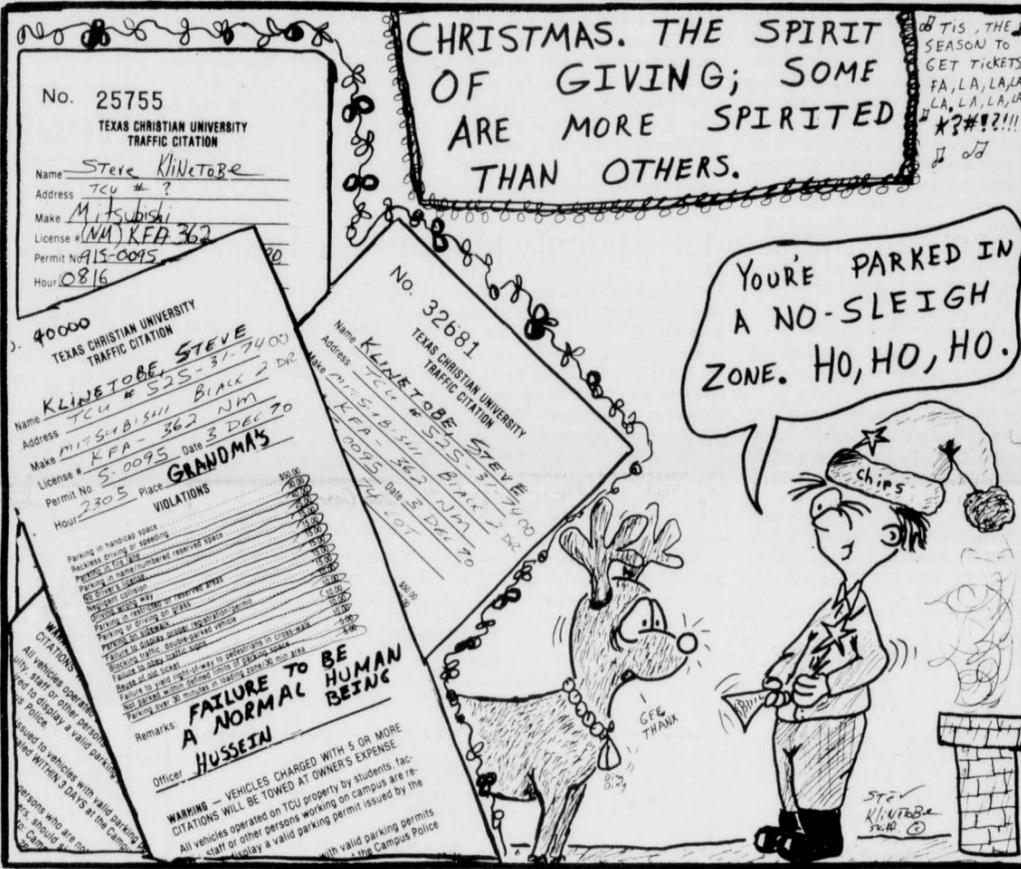
abridging our rights as citizens of this great country. We are being oppressed by the "hierarchy" of this institution. On numerous occasions now, the students of TCU have petitioned the trustees not for a redress of grievances, but simply for the opportunity to make our grievances heard in front of the assembly of the Board. But with each petition, the Board of Trustees appears to grow even more adamant in its rejection of our suggestions.

Let it be known I have been called to the dean's office because of actions by me stemming from my feelings on this topic. I am aware this letter may very well land me in the dean's office once again.

Nonetheless, I will say it is my belief time has come for the students of TCU to become more active in their nonviolent pursuit of achieving needed changes.

Martin Luther King Jr. marched along the roads and highways of Birmingham, Alabama, to bring to the public's attention the abridgement of rights of black persons of his time. If he was alive at TCU today, I believe he would suggest that we, as students, take to the streets and roads surrounding TCU so the public might be made aware of our troubles with the university. To some, this may sound extreme, but I would suggest that often it takes extremity to bring about change.

Chris Barrow
Junior
Psychology



Old McDonald had \$19 million

By JEFF JETER
Columnist



Throughout the annals of time, with annals being the key word, man has grappled with many perplexing questions. Issues such as "why is the sky blue" (so you will know where to stop mowing the lawn) and "can there ever be a perfect utopia" (not while American Gladiators is still in syndication) have turned more than one scholar into a bowl of philosophical jello.

The wise souls who sit high atop Congressional Hill often find themselves wrestling with issues of a similar magnitude. Social security, the deficit, welfare, defense, where to go during the Labor Day recess — all are avenues of Congressional debate the three or so months they care to attend to business. Such is the case you see printed before you.

Our senators and representatives, frugal kids that they are, have used our tax dollars in an effort to unlock one of life's deepest, darkest mysteries. Is it euthanasia? Nope. How about utopia? Hardly. It has got to be abortion! Wrong. Then what is it?

Flatulent cows.

In the final hours of the 101st Congress, a shockingly superfluous piece of legislation was passed which should surely make the nation marvel at the brilliance of its 535 elected officials.

The Clean Air Act is a nifty little bill which, among other things, allots some \$19 million toward a three-year study of the methane emissions from the flatulence of cows and other barnyard creatures. That's correct. Our Congress has just allocated \$19 million for the study of bathroom habits of barnyard animals. Call 'em curious.

The Democrats in Congress have refused

Our senators and representatives, frugal kids that they are, have used our tax dollars in an effort to unlock one of life's deepest, darkest mysteries.

to cut spending to any serious degree, which results in higher taxes for you and me. And why? So we as a nation can become well-informed on cow dung.

We all know of the current craze over the environment and global warming. The environmental bandwagon has warned us that we will destroy our delicate planet within the next decade.

Considerable evidence suggests that methane emissions greatly contribute to global warming. Scientists have also told us that these methane emissions come from natural sources such as marshes, swamps and yes . . . cow paddies.

So what do the enlightened souls that make up our legislative body decide to do? "Hey, let's commission a study of cow chips with \$19 million dollars we really do not have." Tax and spend, tax and spend, tax and spend — the disheartening reality is that the nation is getting nothing all that useful besides a heightened awareness of the digestive system of cattle.

And we wonder how a group of reasonably intelligent (Ted Kennedy excluded) legislators have this incredible knack of running up a \$200 billion deficit? E-I-E-I-O. Since our tax dollars helped finance this grand study into the excretory process of our steaks, there are several questions that should be addressed.

1. Does a cow defecate in the woods? Apparently scientists have learned that a

cow does not "go" in the woods. A bear does however; but woodland critters will be dealt with in depth after taxes are raised again. The Flatulent Cow Study revealed cattle enjoy the privacy and sanctity of their grassy fields, undisturbed by man and beast.

But controversy in the cow community has erupted in recent days over charges that the government only surveyed Jersey cows and completely skipped over Holstein cows (someone call the ACLU), which makes all the findings of this commission invalid.

2. How can we as socially responsible people deal with this alarming problem of cow manure messing up the environment? The obvious answer is to slaughter cows at a much younger age. Still, there has got to be a more acceptable way of reducing the methane emitted by cattle.

3. Are bovine bowel moo-vements enhanced by a diet high in fiber? This new study indicates that farm animals receive the same healthy benefits of a diet high in fiber and low in saturated fats enjoyed by humans. By limiting Elsie to just grain, grass, and kibbles (not the bits, mind you) as well as cutting back to one beer a day, she will produce methane of the highest grade. If we learn nothing else, a better quality of manure will surely mean money well-spent.

The most alarming aspect of the entire Clean Air Act is that Congress is paying for a three year study. Three years? Somehow, three years seems to be a bit much for watching cows go to the bathroom and then examining the evidence. Call me crazy, but a day and a half would probably do the trick. Cows are not the most creative creatures in the world, and when you've gotta go, you've gotta go. It does not seem that complicated.

In retrospect, our free-spending Congress-people might have learned just as much if not more had they concentrated on their own legislation instead of recklessly throwing away \$19 million.

The 8th Dimension by Edward Patton



A movie reviewer after severe radiation.

News

News Briefs

Vigil to offer students chance to pray for peace

By TRACY MAESTRINI
Special to the Skiff

A peace prayer vigil focusing on the situation in the Middle East will be held tonight and Monday from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. in Robert Carr Chapel.

The chapel will be open for anyone to come and pray for as long as they wish.

"The Campus Christian Community felt it was an appropriate way to respond to the fact that we might go

to war," said Matt Vossler, president of Campus Christian Community.

The prayer vigil grew out of a discussion during a CCC meeting, Vossler said.

"We decided that rather than focusing on war and violence in a protest, it would be better to pray for peace," said Vossler.

Andy Hernandez, a CCC officer, said, "It's good because it's not something denouncing soldiers or government policies, it's just students praying that we won't go to

war."

Hernandez said the reason he thought it was important is because it's an "expression of people's desire not to go to war, and the more people that share that idea, the more people will notice."

There will be materials available about peace and the Middle East in the Chapel both nights. The student body is encouraged to come and "reflect and pray about peace," Vossler said.

Contributions to fund to send personal greeting

By RACHEL BROWN
Special to the Skiff

Although it is a common practice for the TCU community to send Christmas cards across campus to each other, TCU offers another way to wish someone holiday greetings while helping financially needy students at the same time.

Dean of Students Elizabeth Proffer said that by contributing to the "In Lieu of Christmas Cards Scholarship Fund," students, faculty and staff members not only recognize their friends at Christmas but help build up the general university scholarship fund.

"It's a way of sharing what we have with others," she said. "That's part of the real meaning of

Christmas."

Contributions can be made in the Financial Aid Office located in Sadler Hall Room 108. Donors can specify how they would like their names to appear in the January University Bulletin.

Money in the fund goes not only to help prospective students who cannot afford TCU without assistance but also to aid students already here, Proffer said.

She said many people believe that all TCU students are wealthy, but about 60 percent of students are receiving some type of financial aid.

The fund was established in the early 1970s. Proffer said while she and a few friends at TCU got the concept started on campus, it was not her original idea. She said the church she

attended conducted a program to aid the poor and the hungry, and when a member helped with a donation, that person's name was put on the church's Christmas tree.

Money generated from the holiday fund is not enough on its own to make a dramatic difference in the amount of money available for scholarships, she said, but "every little bit helps."

Proffer said she receives many Christmas cards from faculty and students and appreciates the warm wishes, but she would prefer if people started looking into the "In-Lieu of Christmas Cards Scholarship Fund" as a way to extend greetings. She said doing this shows "a love for the community."

Seminars help older students prepare for finals

By MEREDITH FANE
TCU Daily Skiff

Mature Frogs are hoping to help students survive this semester's finals season.

Mature Frogs will present "Preparing for Finals," a seminar outlining techniques for taking specific tests, as the last of this semester's "Seminars for Mature Frogs."

The program will begin at noon Friday in Student Center Room 218. Gail Zimmerman, academic counselor, will moderate the discussion.

Participants are encouraged to bring their lunches but refreshments will be provided.

Sarah Schafer, the adult services coordinator, said although the program was designed for "mature frogs" — students 23 and older — the seminar is open to everyone.

"We would like students with test-taking expertise to attend as well. It is good for people who don't need help to offer test-taking tips," Schafer said.

Zimmerman said the most important strategy in preparing for finals is

to be prepared.

"Cramming isn't going to cut it. To find out how to prepare, come to the seminar," Zimmerman said.

Schafer said the Academic Services Center will present a similar program at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Rickel Room 100. She said although this seminar is directed towards new students such as freshmen, it is open to mature frogs as well.

"These are kind of nice support groups," Schafer said.

Men head to Texas for trial

Associated Press

CLARENDON, Ark. — Two men wanted in a Texas store heist that ended in a killing were waiting Tuesday for authorities to take them to Texas, Deputy Prosecutor David Carruth said.

He said David Hernandez, 37, agreed to waive extradition.

Monroe County Circuit Judge Henry Wilkinson approved an extradition order for Servando Pachecano Jr., 24, after a brief hearing, Carruth said.

Both were being held in the Monroe County Jail. They were arrested late Saturday after a Clarendon officer ran a check and discovered the vehicle in which the two men were traveling had been reported stolen in Texas.

Authorities later learned that Hernandez and Pachecano were wanted in connection with the abduction of two women — Cruz Torrez, 41, and Yvonne Molina, 22 — during a robbery Nov. 27 at a Credit Optical store in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Torrez's nude body, bound with electrical and duct tape, was discovered in a shed late Wednesday. Ms. Molina was released near

her North Fort Worth home after more than 30 hours of captivity.

Fort Worth police officers left for Clarendon Tuesday to assist with the case and return with the suspects, according to department officials.

Fort Worth police said Tuesday that they found Ms. Molina's Chevrolet Cavalier, which was stolen in the incident, but they refused to release details of its exact whereabouts.

Carruth said Pachecano originally contended that he was Albert Lopez. Carruth said he contacted Texas authorities and asked them to send photos, fingerprints and other materials.

He said a 2 p.m. hearing was scheduled with the idea that he would have the material in hand. Carruth said he walked into the courtroom prepared to ask for a postponement when a Federal Express courier approached him with a package.

Carruth said the judge watched him open the package in the presence of the defense attorney. The package contained warrants for both men, supporting information, fingerprints, photos and signature

cards, he said. After a huddle between Pachecano and his attorney, the hearing began.

Carruth said the hearing lasted about 30 minutes and Wilkinson granted the order.

"Both gentlemen are headed back to Texas," Carruth said.

Prior to the hearing, Pachecano insisted his name was Lopez, Deputy Ricky Davenport said.

The Clarendon officer spotted a car with Texas tags leaving a local night spot Saturday night and ran a check on the tags as he trailed the vehicle, Sgt. Randy Julian of the Monroe County sheriff's office said. That procedure is routine in the small town when officers spot strangers from out of state, he said.

Authorities identified Hernandez through his driver's license. The man who said his name was Lopez fit the description of Pachecano but had no identification on him, Davenport said.

Hernandez has maintained his innocence in the slaying. He appeared frightened and anxious to cooperate with police after he and his cousin were arrested Sunday in Clarendon, authorities said.

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The House funds were deposited in a bank downtown and had to be audited separately, Batchelor said. Now the House accounts are audited each year with the general university accounts, she said.

The House also passed a bill to help the TCU Jazz Ensemble attend the Montreux International Jazz Festival this Summer in Montreux, Switzerland.

The bill will allocate \$3,000 from the House special projects fund to help pay for part of the \$33,188 it needs to raise to be able to make the trip.

The TCU Jazz Ensemble has been invited to perform at the festival as one of only fifteen other college bands, said Curt Wilson, the group's director and an associate professor of music.

Wilson told the members of the House that the group was not just going so that they could have a good time in Europe.

"We auditioned rigorously and were accepted," he said.

The group receives an average of about \$1,500 a year from the House, Wilson said.

This was the fourteenth year that

Wilson has requested funds from the House, Smeltzer said.

Each year the group needs more money than the department is able to offer, Wilson said. This is due to the costs of putting on the high school jazz festival in the spring, as well as the costs of recording albums, he said.

Because the bill passed, the group will not ask for funds in the spring, Smeltzer said.

There is only \$2,780 left in the special projects fund for the fall

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Awards/ from page 1

Thomas as a man who is dedicated to teaching.

"He's so dedicated that even after breaking his leg in two places he still came to class to teach us," said Taylor, sophomore pre-major.

Thomas, who was honored as the 1990 Honors Professor at the Honors Convocation in April, said that receiving this latest recognition was ironic.

"I'm always grateful for the support students have given me," Thomas said. "It feels weird to be getting awards for doing such a good job when I'm looking for a job."

Student Body President Matt Hood said Babbili was one of the finest communication scholars in the nation. Hood said he hoped that Babbili, who has taught at TCU since 1981, would refuse all his offers to teach elsewhere and remain at TCU.

"To say that Anantha has been an asset to TCU is an understatement," Hood said.

Sonoa Hensley was introduced to House members as a professor with a unique teaching style that helps students understand the difficult subject of accounting.

House member Stephanie Smeltzer, senior accounting major, said Hensley sparked her interest in learning and was the reason she decided to major in accounting.

"Her selection comes as no surprise to the business department," said Kirk Downey, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business. "She cares about students, she works hard with them and she teaches a very strong course."

Fort's efforts as a professor did not go unnoticed by students. House member Laura White said Fort is extraordinarily challenging and makes his students think.

"He definitely gives something special to the university community," said White, a senior social work major.

White specifically noted the



Roger Thomas

effort Fort gives during Hunger Week. Fort, who has been the Hunger Week Faculty Chairman since 1984, raised more than \$1,200 this year by letting students and faculty bet on whether he should cut his ponytail.



John Harvey

"This is the most broad-based award that a professor can receive," said Fort, who has taught at TCU since 1982. "That's what makes it so valuable."

Secretary of the House Kaushika Kansara congratulated

Sonoa Hensley

John Harvey for his sense of humor and his willingness to add a personal touch when he teaches economics.

"We could not have chosen anyone who is more deserving of the award," said Richard Waits,

Andrew Fort



Anantha Babbili

professor of economics and department chairman.

"It really is nice," said Harvey, who has taught at TCU since 1987. "It makes me feel a little guilty that I might want to work a little harder."

TCU Daily Skiff/ Jessica Mann

Family/ from page 1

"I'm going to be doing the same things I always do (for Christmas)," Rosenthal said.

"He's by himself because he's an officer. It's hard for anybody to be alone at Christmas, but being in this country there's still a Christmas spirit. Over there they don't even celebrate Christmas," she said.

Another point that makes her father's situation worse is that he doesn't have anyone to share Christmas with. He does not have the sense of camaraderie the troops do.

"The troops can have Christmas with each other," she said.

Other members of Rosenthal's family are having a hard time dealing with her father's absence.

"I think it's a lot harder on my grandma than anybody realizes," Rosenthal said.

Families with relatives held hostage in Kuwait or Iraq also face a tension that people might not realize.

"They've got a distinct fear of people getting killed. These families are very aware they're dealing with life and death efforts," Young said.

"It's considerably different than anxiety. The threat's not just immi-

nent, it's been prolonged," he said.

No matter how long the situation in Saudi Arabia is prolonged, families will continue facing anxieties due to their separation from loved ones.

But certain families who have relatives in captivity are not waiting for the end any longer.

In recent days, several families from Texas have left for Baghdad in an attempt to bring their captive loved ones home.

"There are tremendous risks involved," Young said. "There are a whole lot of logistic problems in making that work."

Suggestions that might work in making the holiday season easier for the troops overseas include letting them know how the everyday flow of life at home is going, said Young.

He suggests sending pictures of family members and newspaper articles on everyday events like football and basketball games.

Rosenthal and her family sent her father a Christmas tree with ornaments and some cookies. She said they wrote him a letter telling him he should put up the tree.

The absence of a family member at this time may make it necessary for relatives at home to seek support for getting in the spirit.

"They (relatives of people overseas) need to realize it's a reality, share the emotion with someone else and get actively involved in something," Scott said.

For Rosenthal, finding something to get involved in is not that difficult with finals coming up. However, sometimes just missing her dad is hard to deal with.

"I don't want him to die. I don't think about that very often because I'd be miserable," she said.

She does have the opportunity a lot of U.S. families don't have right now. She can call her dad on the phone and he can call her. In fact she even heard from him on her birthday even though it was on her telephone answering machine. She recorded his message onto a tape so she can hear his voice whenever she wants to.

While Rosenthal's situation is not typical of the majority of Americans who have relatives in Saudi Arabia, her wishes are, especially at this time of year.

House/ from page 4

semester. The \$3,000 bill will require that \$220 of next semester's budget be used.

A bill was also passed that will pay for the installation of a \$3,410 security gate in the Student Center so that the section containing the Reading Room and Lounge can remain open while the rest of the building is locked for security reasons.

The gate will allow that part of the building to stay open as a study area until midnight, said Ben Walters, chairman of the Permanent Improvements Committee.

Marriott has also agreed to keep Pizza Hut open later on a trial basis, Walters said.

"We would hope to have it put in over Christmas," he said.

Walters, who was the author of the security gate bill, submitted another bill that was tabled to the Finance Committee.

The bill, which is scheduled to be debated next week, would allocate \$3,877.07 from the permanent improvements fund to help finance the renovation of the House Chamber, Student Center Room 222.

The \$19,742.07 renovation is

planned as part of the Student Center's general upkeep, Walters said.

The Student Center budget will provide \$15,865 of the cost. The rest will be financed by the House.

"I see it as a huge bargain," Walters said.

Walters said the House money would "help them finish it."

The room is used by more than just the House, he said. Interfraternity Council, Air Force ROTC, Programming Council and Student Foundation also use the room as a meeting space.

In other business, elections were held to select the committee chairs for next semester.

Only the Permanent Improvements Committee will have a new chairman because the former chairman, Ben Walters, will begin his term as vice president. Joseph Martinez, Jr. was elected to take his place as chairman of that committee.

Martinez said he was excited about learning what the students wanted to see done with the \$10,000 permanent improvements fund.

"You can have a significant impact on the appearance of the campus with a dollar figure of that amount," he said.

Government of Germany debated

By **TERRENCE PETTY**
Associated Press

BONN, Germany — One day after triumphing in all-German elections, Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Monday began talks with coalition allies on forming a new government and prepared to tackle enormous problems facing the new Germany.

His center-right coalition swept to victory in Sunday's parliamentary balloting, the first in a united Germany since 1932, but Kohl had little time to bask in the glory.

On Monday, the chancellor began talks with his Christian Democratic Union's current governing partners.

He was hit by an ultimatum from the Free Democrats, which made more gains in the elections than any other party. They said they would re-enter the coalition only if Kohl agreed that companies in former East Germany should pay lower taxes than those in former West Germany.

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Sports

TCU swimmers end fall by beating Arkansas

By ALAN DROLL
TCU Daily Skiff

TCU's swimmers and divers continued their steady improvement this weekend at the Arkansas Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. The Horned Frog men edged SWC rival Arkansas to take third place in a field of six teams, and the women finished third in a five-team field.

"It's one of the best meets we've had, top to bottom, during the season,

so I was real pleased with that," said TCU head swimming coach Richard Sybesma. "Our kids performed well, and it was a pretty grueling three-day meet."

The men nudged Arkansas out for third, 533.5 points to 529.

"That was our main goal—to beat Arkansas," said sophomore swimmer Robert Blair.

Mark Graves (1:40.8) and Ronald Forrest (1:41.7) led the way for the men by finishing first and second in

the 200-meter freestyle. Graves also took second in both the 100-meter and 50-meter freestyle events, while Forrest captured fourth in the 200-meter individual medley.

Divers Robbie Steward placed third, and Tony Ghanem took fourth from the 1-meter board.

Katie Tredennick remained unbeaten this season in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 23.7 seconds, and Gretchen Brannon captured the 200-meter butterfly in 2:04.8. Tre-

dennick also took second in the 100-meter butterfly and the 100-meter freestyle. Diver Kelly Crowell continued to have an excellent season, taking third in the 3-meter competition.

"We're coming together more as a team through the season, and I think that by the time conference comes around, we're going to have really good relays, and everyone's going to be swimming fast," said Lori Myers, a senior sprinter for the Frogs. Myers

recorded personal season-high bests in the 50-meter and 100-meter freestyle events.

"Our women's team has come along much better than I expected it to," Sybesma said. "Our (lack of) depth is hurting the women, definitely, but our women's team is really coming along."

TCU has 17 women on its swimming and diving team, and three of those are divers. The men have 24 swimmers and divers.

The men were also pleased with their performance in Fayetteville.

"I'd say this was probably the best we've performed," Blair said. "We worked together at this meet a lot better than we had been."

Louisiana State beat out New Mexico, 814-715, for the men's team title. Arkansas' women won the team title with 946 points. LSU took second with 681 points, and TCU settled for third and 606.5 team points.

Poor shooting dooms Lady Frogs on road

By TY BENZ
TCU Daily Skiff

Poor shooting doomed the TCU women's basketball team to two defeats in Louisiana as TCU was beaten 88-38 by Louisiana State and 59-55 by Tulane.

TCU shot only 24 percent in the loss to LSU and 30 percent from the field against Tulane. TCU also shot only 57 percent from the free throw line, and 12 percent from three-point range.

"All of a sudden we can't hit anything," said TCU head coach Fran Garmon. "Hopefully it will start to fall for us in Kansas."

The Lady Frogs (1-3) will next play Wichita State at the Dial Soap Classic in Lawrence, Kan., Friday at 6 p.m. They will play either Kansas or St. Louis Saturday.

TCU opened the Louisiana road trip against 20th-ranked LSU in Ba-

ton Rouge, La. The Lady Tigers started the game quickly and took a 38-21 halftime lead. The Tigers shot 52 percent from the field while holding TCU to only 26 percent shooting.

"We came out and hung with them," said sophomore guard Andrea Boris. "But our bad shooting percentage wouldn't let us stay with them."

The second half was a nightmare for the Lady Frogs. LSU shot 62 percent from the field and held TCU to only 24 percent. The Lady Tigers started the second half with a 22-4 run. LSU forced 20 turnovers and outscored TCU 50-17 in the second half to coast to an 88-38 win.

"I'm infuriated because we embarrassed ourselves and TCU," said junior guard April Ham. "I feel like crawling under a rock and hiding."

There was a bright spot in the LSU game as senior post player Joi Wells scored a career-high 21 points and

had with eight rebounds.

"I am really pleased with Joi's play," Garmon said. "She is our only senior and is playing like you want your seniors to."

In the second game against Tulane, TCU played well on defense but a 30 percent shooting night brought with it a 59-55 defeat.

"We tried to go inside against Tulane because we were bigger than they were," Wells said. "We had good shots, but they just wouldn't go in for us."

After TCU tied the score at 10-10, Tulane ran off 11 consecutive points. TCU then went on a 13-1 run to come to within a point, 23-22. The half ended with poor shooting by both teams and Tulane leading 32-27.

TCU opened the second half with an eight-point run and took the lead, 35-32. Tulane regained the lead, 36-35, and led the rest of the game. Late in the game, TCU missed three

layups that could have given them the lead. Instead, Tulane hung on to win, 59-55.

"This game was a heartbreaker," Boris said. "We did a lot of things right against Tulane, we shot so bad and only lost by four."

Boris led the team with 20 points. "You can't win in Division I basketball shooting 26 percent," Garmon said. "The only team you can beat shooting that bad would be a Trinity High School JV team, and their not on our schedule."

After the tournament in Kansas, the Frogs will play in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for the first time this season against Texas-Arlington. Tuesday's tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

"Hopefully we'll come home with a win or two in Kansas," Garmon said. "Then we'll find that rabbit's foot and shoot the lights out in front of a big crowd."

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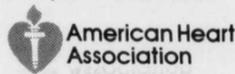
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