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Awards honor commitment among Housekeeping staff

By JOHN MOORE
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Two members of the TCU Housekeeping staff were recognized for outstanding commitment to their jobs at the 1991 Annual Housekeepers Recognition Banquet on Friday in the Student Center Ballroom.

Supervisor John Venema and Housekeeper Teresa Martinez, both of TCU's Facility Services,

were named Housekeeping Supervisor and Housekeeping Employee of the Year by the Worth-Metro Chapter of the National Executive Housekeepers Association, Inc. Venema and Martinez were presented plaques at the banquet, the first Housekeepers Association Banquet to be held at TCU, said Russell Gray, assistant director of Facility Services, who nominated the two TCU employees for the

awards.

"It was very satisfying to me personally to see that two of the outstanding supervisor and housekeeper finalists were from TCU and that they were also judged to be among the best for the Worth-Metro area," Gray said.

Nominees from six departments or companies, including TCU's Facility Services, Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital and the Fort Worth Hilton, were named

as finalists for the housekeeping awards.

Nominees for the awards were selected by co-workers to be recognized for several traits, including a positive attitude and loyalty to their department or company, according to literature published by the National Executive Housekeepers Association.

"John and Teresa are really representing their craft with these awards," Gray said. "They're

(members of the Housekeeping staff) all winners, and the awards really are a way of recognizing all of them."

Venema, who could not be reached for comment, has worked for Gray as a Housekeeping supervisor since April 1988, Gray said. Venema is well-liked and respected by those on his crew, as well as students, faculty and staff members, according to Gray's letter nominating Venema

for the supervisor award.

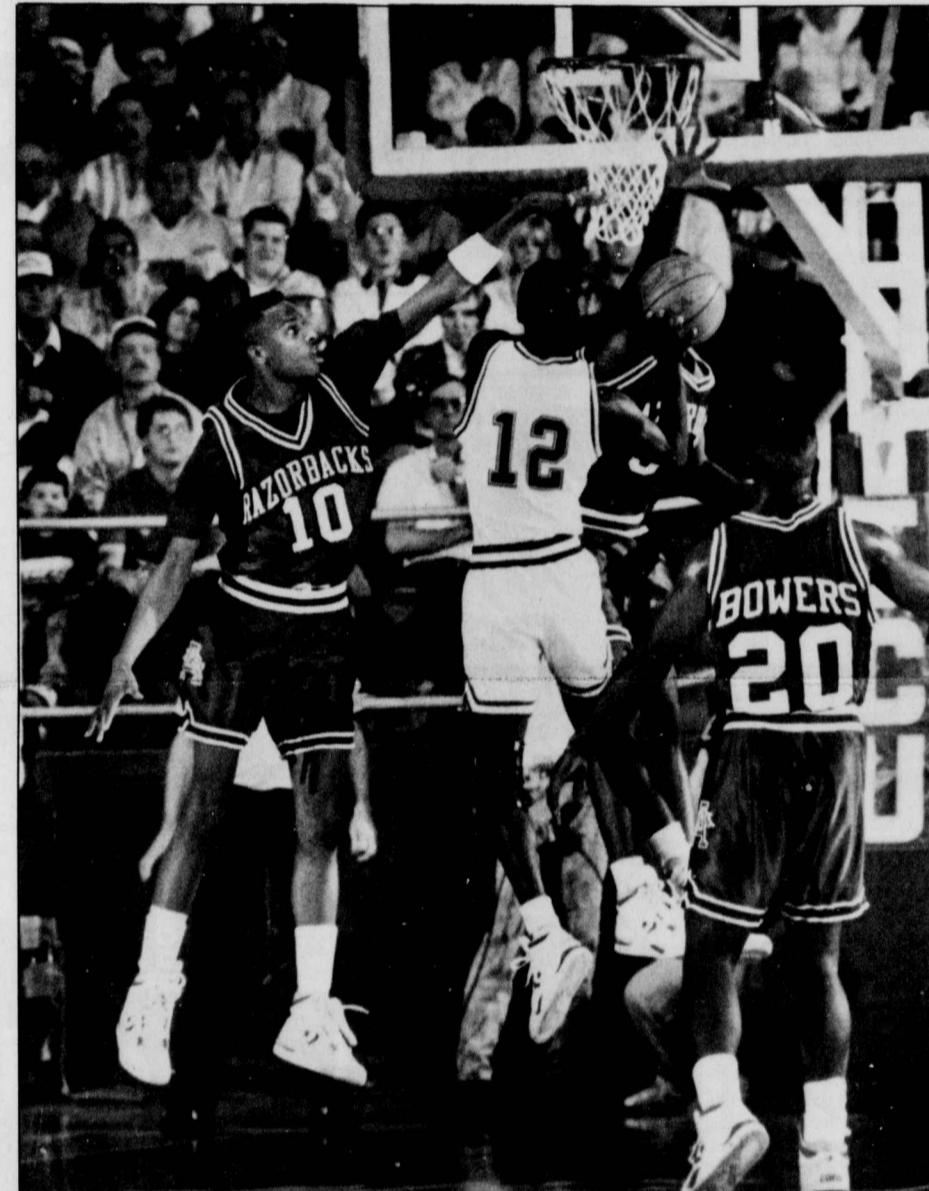
"John takes a lot of initiative and is always doing something to improve himself and the job he does," Gray said.

Gray cited Venema's academic pursuits as an example of these efforts.

Venema is enrolled in classes at the University of Texas at Arlington, where he is completing a degree in business management.

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May-Day



TCU Daily Skiff/Jessica Mann

Arkansas to much for Frogs

By JEFF BLAYLOCK
TCU Daily Skiff

When the league's best shooting team and the league's best shooting defense meet, something has to give. And it was Frogs doing the giving, turning the ball over a season-high 24 times, until they finally shouted "May-Day."

Lee Mayberry and Todd Day, that is.

Mayberry scored 16 and Day added 19 as the No. 2 Razorbacks beat the Frogs easily, 93-73, before a sellout crowd of 7,166 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Arkansas' 13th straight win kept them in first place in the SWC with a 16-1 record, 5-0 in the SWC. TCU remained in second place with an 11-3 mark, 3-1 in SWC play.

A murderous full-court press, which Nolan Richardson's Hogs applied throughout most of the game, was responsible.

"We pressed them and weren't gonna back up," Richardson said. "We played like we practice. We played it like it was a home game."

"The referees let us play," Mayberry said. "That was one of the best times this year we've executed the press."

When TCU broke through the press, about mid-way through the first half, shot selection became the Frogs' worst enemy. TCU took too many rushed perimeter shots and ended up shooting a dismal 35.5 percent from the floor.

TCU head coach Moe Iba said the outside shots weren't what his

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TCU guard Michael Strickland drives inside but is met by Razorbacks Todd Day (10) and Isaiah Morris (35). Arlyn Bowers (20) watches from the free throw line.

Capitol bound

'People's March' leads Richards into governor's seat

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Thousands of people from across the state Tuesday marched up Congress Avenue with Ann Richards to help her "take the Capitol back."

For Richards, who shortly afterward became the 45th governor of Texas, the "People's March" was a celebration in what she said was the "greatest day in my life."

Hours later, Richards and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock arrived in horse-drawn carriages to the reviewing stand for the Inaugural Parade that featured about 100 parade entries, including a giant can of hair spray, an apparent joke at Richards' hairstyle.

The bands of Pecos and Hereford high schools gave Richards yellow roses and serenaded her with "The Yellow Rose of Texas."

Richards invited the two bands, saying she was impressed by their sportsmanship after Pecos students voted to give their Class 4A state band contest slot to Hereford when a scoring error was discovered in regional competition.

During the morning "People's March," Richards was pointed out as "the lady with the white hair" by

those who stood on ladders, rooftops, office benches, and waved from office windows to catch a glimpse of her.

People carried signs proclaiming their hometowns, and one window held a sign "On to the White House."

Richards wore a white mohair coat and yellow ribbon as a reminder of the conflict in the Persian Gulf.

She walked briskly up Congress behind high school marching bands from the Edgewood school district in San Antonio, which is known for its legal fight for equality in public school funding.

Behind Richards, the marchers stretched over the entire 12-block route. The Texas Department of Public Safety estimated a crowd of about 5,000 marchers that swelled to between 15,000 to 20,000 by the time they merged with onlookers on the south lawn of the Capitol.

The Austin Police Department, however, estimated that between 20,000 and 25,000 people marched.

"I hope that this is the beginning of what marks a people's administration," Richards said as she took her place in the march.

She said the idea for a "People's March" was something of an accident.

"On the campaign trail, I was mak-

ing a speech and I just said, 'We're going to win this and when we do, we're going to join arm in arm and take the Capitol back for Texas.'

Wilbert Williams, a retired machinist from Houston, marched, saying, "I think this is the greatest day in Texas. I think that with Ann as the governor we are certainly going to have a chance to have a more humane government."

Tina and Guy Valdez of San Antonio celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary as they marched behind their son who plays trombone in the John F. Kennedy High School band, which is part of the Edgewood district.

Mrs. Valdez said she expected Richards to improve public education in Texas. "That's why we voted for her," she said.

Richards said the Edgewood bands were selected to lead the march for symbolic reasons. "That is that every child is going to have an opportunity for an equal and quality education," she said.

The state education funding system has been declared unconstitutional because it allows disparities in funding between property-rich and property-poor school districts.

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Today's weather will be cloudy with a high temperature of 48 degrees.

Thursday's weather will be partly sunny with a high temperature of 54 degrees.



By KATHERINE THOMPSON
TCU Daily Skiff

Spring rush events are scheduled next week as fraternities and sororities invite students into their houses and possibly into their chapters.

All eight fraternities plan to participate in an organized spring rush, beginning with an opportunity to sign up and fill out applications Jan. 21-25, said Amy Sturhahn, Greek affairs program advisor.

A sign up table will be located in the Student Center and fraternity members will visit men's residence halls with applications next week.

An information session held Jan. 29 in the Student Center Ballroom at 6 p.m. should give interested men an idea of what to expect during rush, Sturhahn said.

Parties held at individual fraternity houses on Jan. 30 give rushes a chance to tour each house and meet active members, Sturhahn said.

After the parties, each fraternity begins the process of deciding who will receive bids to join the fraternity, and rushes may pick up bids Jan. 31, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in front of the Student Center Ballroom.

Interfraternity Council Rush Chairman Steve Snyder said the spring rush process is much shorter than the formal rush held in the fall because only one round of parties is held before bids are given out.

Snyder said during the two weeks following bid night, rushes who failed to receive a bid to the house of their choice may visit the houses again and be considered for pledge ship as a second chance.

After rush, new members must complete one semester as a pledge to the fraternity before being initiated to active status, Snyder said.

Sorority spring rush is much more informal and does not follow set guidelines like those of the fraternities, Sturhahn said. Parties and the process for distributing bids is left up to each participating sorority, she said.

Sturhahn declined to name the participating chapters, but said three sororities will take part in spring rush.

Members of the participating chapters notified female students of rush events through mailed invita-

Events arranged for spring rush

Protests rage as countries brace for war

Associated Press

The clamor of nations preparing for war mixed with shouted protests, words of fear and entreaties for peace Tuesday in the final hours before the U.N. deadline expired for Iraq to free Kuwait or risk attack.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar made a final appeal to Saddam Hussein to withdraw his troops and avert war, although Baghdad all day rebuffed pleas and jeered at America and its military allies that the "furnace of hell" awaited them.

The U.N. chief assured Iraq that once it begins a decisive withdrawal, its forces would not be attacked. He said he also had promises "from the highest levels of government" that with the crisis over, "every effort will be made to address, in a comprehensive manner, the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestinian question."

That links the Persian Gulf crisis with the Palestinian issue, a connection the Iraqi president sought and the United States and Britain opposed.

Perez de Cuellar's statement came six hours before expiration of the U.N. deadline.

President Bush, described as resolute, talked with his national security advisers Tuesday. The U.S. Defense Department said Iraq was digging in against a multinational force that had grown to 680,000.

Iraqi state TV said Saddam visited the front in occupied Kuwait on Tuesday after arriving there Monday. It said he toured military zones around Kuwait and the Iraqi city of Basra, just north of the emirate invaded and conquered by Iraq Aug. 2.

Saddam met corps and division commanders and repeated that Iraq would not submit to the U.N. resolution demanding withdrawal.

"There will be no compromise on

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CAMPUSlines

High Adventure Club will be holding its first meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Student Center. New members are welcome. For more information, call Bryan at 924-6881.

Deadline for summer travel/study program financial aid is Jan. 31. Applications are available from Mary Alice Oatman, Extended Education, Sadler Room 212.

High Adventure Club will be horseback riding Feb. 2. For information call Bryan at 924-6881.

HELPlines

The Volunteer Center, a service of the United Way, needs volunteers. Call 860-1613 for information about the following or other opportunities:

Volunteers are needed to supervise activities for a group of children, ages 6-10, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

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

Correction

A story about international study programs in Tuesday's edition of the *Skiff* incorrectly attributed a quote to Larry Lauer and identified him as associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Larry Adams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, not Lauer, was interviewed for the story. Lauer is associate vice chancellor for University Relations.

The *Skiff* regrets the errors.

Banquet to honor King with dance

By KRISTEN GOULD
TCU Daily Skiff

In memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his struggle for racial equality, the TCU Black Student Caucus and the Fort Worth Tarrant County Martin Luther King Committee will sponsor a banquet at 6 p.m. Monday in the Student Center Ballroom.

Students from TCU and Dunbar High School will sing, dance and narrate a program tracing the history of African-Americans from slavery and bondage to celebration and triumph, said Logan Hampton, Student Activities minority program adviser.

The program will move from the "time we were picking cotton and moving, to the time of the civil rights movement and then to apartheid in Africa," said Kecia Watson, a sophomore nursing major and president of the Black Student Caucus.

Watson, who is dancing in the program, said she and other dancers are working on a tribal African dance.

"The dancing is dramatical," she said. "The purpose is to educate people. We hope to educate people on what we've gone through, what we're doing and where we're going."

Hampton hopes the program will remind people of the past and encourage them to think about the many accomplishments of African-Americans, he said.

Tickets, which are available in the Student Activities Office, are \$20 for the public and \$7 for TCU students.

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tions and phone calls throughout the holidays and will continue over the next week, Sturhahn said.

Panhellenic Rush Chairwoman Lori Plengemeier said sorority rush in the spring is much more informal, but still a good opportunity for women to join a chapter.

"The opportunities are more limited in the spring but certainly not hindered," Plengemeier said.

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Gray said. "John is the best," said Teresa Balandran, housekeeper assigned to the second floor of Moody Building South. "He is very helpful with everybody and listens to what everyone has to say."

Martinez, who has been a housekeeper in Facility Services since 1979, has worked "in almost every building on campus" and currently is assigned to Brite Divinity School, according to Gray's letter nominating her for the employee award.

"I'm very glad for her (Martinez), and she deserves it very much," said Maria Pena, a housekeeper assigned to Brite Divinity School. "She's a very good person to work with, and I know her for her honesty and her responsible attitude toward her job and who she works with."

Martinez is grateful for the Housekeeping staff's support and recognition, she said.

"I'm very thankful for my job and everyone — even the professors — who are very supportive of me," Martinez said.

The TCU Housekeeping staff includes housekeepers in Facility Services, who are responsible for cleaning offices and buildings on campus, and those in Residential Housing, who are responsible for cleaning campus residence halls, Gray said.

Facility Services employs 60 housekeepers and five supervisors, who each are responsible for the work of a 14-person crew, Gray said.

"Housekeeping can be a thankless job," Gray said. "Many of these people are responsible for cleaning offices at night when no one is around to thank them. What we were trying to do with this (selecting nominees) was like a player of the year award honoring and thanking people who showed a lot of teamwork and effort."

Judges for the competition included representatives of Goodwill Industries and a comprised "blue-ribbon panel," Gray said.

TCU football coach Jim Wacker was keynote speaker for the banquet.

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the region within range of Iraq.

"Obviously the forces can read the calendar," said Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams. "They know what the date is."

Bush summoned his top national security advisers to a meeting to discuss "the full range of diplomatic and military issues relevant at this time," Fitzwater said.

The gathering included Defense Secretary Dick Cheney; Secretary of State James A. Baker III; Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff; Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser; Robert Gates, Scowcroft's deputy; John Sununu, the chief of staff, and Vice President Dan Quayle.

Asked if the president had decided to go to war, Fitzwater said, "A final decision has not been made in the sense that the war hasn't started, but I'm not going to comment on any further decisions. Period."

Cheney briefed lawmakers on Capitol Hill and later told reporters that Bush had not made a final decision on war. "No. The president has instructed us to do various kinds of planning," Cheney said. "He has not yet instructed me to carry out those plans."

Bush telephoned two religious leaders, Edmond Browning, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church and a participant in a huge antiwar rally Monday night, and the Rev. Richard C. Halverson, chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

"He told them both he had been praying for peace during these troubled times. They both offered prayers on behalf of the president and the country," Fitzwater said, adding that Halverson offered a prayer on the telephone.

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Inauguration

Richards begins term as governor

Tuesday, while the majority of the world's people sat watching the United Nations deadline grow closer, a new era of Texas politics began.

Under sunny skies and with a crowd estimated at 30,000 people Ann Willis Richards took the oath of office and officially became the first woman elected governor in her own right and swore to her supporters and those who supported her opponent that a "New era is beginning for the people of Texas."

Richards said she hopes that era will be punctuated by ethics reform, new standards of excellence in education, prison reform and the growing inclusion of Texans of all walks of life in state policy making decisions.

As the United States and the rest of world community edge ever closer to war, Richards' inauguration was a bright spot for many Texans. Clearly, she hopes to be an administrator for change in a time where Texas has grown stagnant.

Let the new era begin.

Letter to the Editor

Unjustifiable war

The recent passing of Christmas and New Year was characterized by dark foreboding. To quote a once-popular rock band, "I see a bad moon rising." Of course I'm referring to the imminent war with Iraq. I want to share with you four simple reasons why this former gung-ho Marine sergeant is opposed to war in the Persian Gulf.

The first is national security. George Bush asserts our national interests are at stake. However, it is fallacious to think Iraqi occupation of Kuwait threatens our national interests. The United States is quite capable of functioning without Kuwaiti oil. Rather than force Iraq from Kuwait, the United States could protect her national interests simply by assuring Saudi Arabia is fortified defensively.

Yet, Bush insists on complete Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. This brings me to the second reason I oppose our current gulf policy. A close inspection of Kuwait reveals a corrupt oligarchy and a general populace despised throughout the Arab world because of their arrogance and ill-treatment of their foreign labor pool. In spite of these facts, Congress has acquiesced to Bush and given him the authority to initiate a nightmare that may kill 20,000 or more Americans. Kuwait is not worth one American life.

But, for Bush, economics rather than human life is really the issue. The third reason I'm opposed to Operation Desert Shield is that its financial cost will probably not equal the momentary gains of Kuwaiti oil imports (unless you're an executive for Exxon, Chevron, etc.). For example, one single night of bombing Libya cost the United States more than \$50 million.

Yet, this short operation did not include the enormous expenses of providing supplies and medical attention to ground troops. Additionally, a victory in the Persian Gulf will cost the United States the expenses of maintaining stability in a region that is inherently unstable. This translates into further U.S. military presence in an area where we are despised. And of course military personnel in this region will always be especially vulnerable to terrorist attacks. These facts illustrate that Operation Desert Shield will not economically benefit the great majority of Americans.

Let us not forget the Israeli problem. This is the fourth reason for my opposi-

tion. Saddam Hussein claimed he would assault Israel if the United States attacked Iraq. Israel is likely to respond to such an assault with nuclear weapons. Even a conventional response from Israel would have serious consequences in the Arab world. Saudi Arabia has already expressed a willingness to be defeated by Iraq rather than fight as an Israeli ally. In short, the fragile Arab alliances standing against Iraq would be destroyed by an Israeli response to Iraqi aggression.

Another aspect to the Israeli problem is that it is not logically, morally, or ethically correct for the United States to kill for some U.N. resolutions while ignoring others. The United States has observed Israel annihilate Palestinian culture over the objections and resolutions of the U.N.

However, you will not see Bush rally the American public to enforce U.N. resolutions against Israel. Also, you will not see a vigorous effort by Bush to free the oppressed people of Lithuania, South Africa or Rwanda (Rwanda is an African nation where "freedom fighters" routinely direct their violence against children, sometimes forcing them to mutilate, cook and eat their parents). The sad truth is that our government does not care much about human suffering unless it can be used to manipulate the American public to support endeavors intended to preserve our national interests. This may best be illustrated by our ties to the Saudis. Bush has voiced no outrage that Americans suspected of crimes are tortured to extract confessions. It is easier to infer that the phrase "blood for oil" is accurate.

Thus, Americans should not be commanded to kill and die for this cause. Our national security is not at stake. Kuwaiti oil is not worth the economic costs. We can not justify the attack on a moral basis. The Israeli element adds further duplicity. My pacifist attitude stems from the fact that a war in the Persian Gulf cannot be logically justified on any grounds. I would support military action had Iraq attacked a nation which shared with the United States similar ideals and philosophies concerning life and liberty. Kuwait is not that nation. Neither, in fact, is Israel.

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History

Letter policy

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Old MacDonald had a cow

By JEFF JETER
Columnist



Roseanne lives, thrives, and survives in the lap of luxury. Day in and day out she eats, sleeps and eats a little more. Yet, she is the subject of great adoration, curiosity and notoriety. People study her every movement (future pun intended). Roseanne is a cow. No, this is not in reference to Roseanne Barr. I am talking about Roseanne, the prized heifer of a Washington farmer. Though she is nothing more than a future lunch special at the Sizzler, Roseanne (once again, I stress the cow) has captured the fascination of a handful of curious, albeit extremely bored, scientists and free-spending government types.

The faithful *Skiff* reader might notice this is not the first time cows have been addressed in this column. Last semester, we dealt with the brilliance we call Congress allocating \$19 million for the study of cow manure and its detrimental effects to the environment. Prepare yourself for the sequel to what is fast becoming my series on bovine, bucks and those boneheads in Washington.

It was reported last week that three researchers from Washington State University will receive \$70,000 a year for the next three years from the Environmental Protection Agency to study cow belching. These researchers are being given the unbelievable total of \$210,000 to find how bovine burps

might be contributing to the greenhouse effect.

Our tax dollars are being used to strap gas masks on several hundred eructating cattle to "measure how much methane cows and other cud-chewing animals produce when they belch." The press release heralding this latest scientific endeavor (something akin to the Hubble telescope, I would wager) states that "most scientists agree ruminant livestock produce about fifteen percent of all methane released into the environment."

Admittedly, the environment is a significant concern. But, please, let's be serious here. The United States is facing a deficit of monstrous proportions and our leaders are spending money like Imelda Marcos in a Pay-Less shoe store.

Of course, the people who get worked up enough about the environment to favor such a ridiculous study of bovine belching are also the same brain donors who voted for Carter, Mondale and Dukakis, so maybe I should not expect so much. But for an entire governmental agency to approve such an appropriation is startling. Even more unnerving is that our elected officials in Washington did not even raise an eyebrow. Then again, these are also the same mental giants that approved \$19 million for the bovine bathroom study.

And how can we as a nation benefit from this latest investigation? Cows belch. Cows have been belching for thousands of years. Mother Earth has survived for millions of years, even with the gaseous livestock.

The scientists taking part in the epic cattle observation are going to discover cows relieve internal gas pressure the same way dogs, cats and human beings do. The next

thing we know, some Ph.D. is going to surface with a government check in hand, ready to study humans and their gastric pollution to the environment. We will be a nation resembling Darth Vader's stormtroopers, but man, will the ozone layer be appreciative.

If the EPA wants to protect our environment, why not spend all of this wasted money doing something productive — DWI checkpoints for Exxon tanker crews, for example.

And where are the SPCA and other moral guardians when they are really needed? Animal rights activists (the same ones fretting over bison, fur coats and the spotted owl) are being unusually quiet on the subject. All the while, poor Roseanne stands around being "observed" and "measured." No telling how much mental anguish she has endured. It sounds like an obvious case of pure, unmitigated discrimination to me.

Once again, I find myself wondering why it takes three years to do something like this. These scientists are not exactly building the pyramids. It seems like a relatively elementary undertaking. Take your basic cow, feed it some grass, and watch for it to smile. Repeat. Even someone like Ted Kennedy could master this. But three years?

Upon discovering the United States government spent millions of dollars to gain a better understanding of the flatulence of barnyard animals, the reasons for this gigantic U.S. deficit became crystal clear. Now we are shelling out dough to learn more about the belching of these same creatures. The only logical conclusion that can be drawn is that all of my objections and criticisms have gone in one end and right back out the other.

Children's perspective on war

By MATT HUNT
Columnist

Children are truly amazing creatures. They make many people uncomfortable, and yet everyone is expected by society to raise at least one. They cause as much joy as grief. They have two overwhelming qualities: they are curious and they see the world in a unique way.

As any parent will tell you, children go through a stage of asking all kinds of questions. Many of these are hard to answer.

One example that comes to mind is of a commercial that aired a few years ago for a series of books about Vietnam. It showed a man and his son, walking near the Vietnam Memorial. The boy suddenly asked the father, "Daddy, why did we fight in Vietnam?"

The father couldn't answer, which is understandable. Vietnam was a murky war and even today we still do not fully understand what happened there.

Another example that comes to mind is from the television show, "The Facts of Life." One of the main characters was student-teaching at an elementary school, and one of her students asked her, "Why is there war?"

Not an easy question to answer, but to a child it is a question adults should be able to answer. And it hurts when we can't answer any question our children ask. There are two reasons for this. The first reason is our ego. We assume we know everything, and it galls us when we don't know the answer to something. The second reason has to do with how children see the world.

In a child's view, grown-ups know every-

thing. Especially his or her parents. There is nothing in the world the parent doesn't know, and the parent wouldn't say anything that isn't the truth.

When a grown-up or parent cannot answer a question, it disrupts the child's view of the world. And that hurts the parent.

That's only natural; parents hate to disappoint their children. But it's more than that. Parents try to protect their children from the harsh realities of the world. Perhaps we all do.

Which might be why tales of Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy came about. It also explains why questions about war, death, drugs and diseases like AIDS are so difficult to answer.

Children don't understand politics or economics, maybe not even social standing. They make statements we adults wouldn't. And sometimes those statements put us to shame.

One example of this is the story of the emperor's new clothes. We've all heard the story of the emperor walking down the street naked, and only a child would say out loud that the emperor was lacking clothes.

Children have an ability to make us look at a situation in a rather simple light. Mainly because that's how everything is to them: simple.

Take the crisis in the Mid East. Ever since Saddam Hussein took Kuwait, the world of international politics has been a hot topic of conversation. There is talk about treaties, the Palestinian question, oil prices, diplomacy. Nothing seems simple about the situation.

Diplomats and world leaders have been trying to come up with a solution to the problem. But there doesn't seem to be one in

sight. All things have been tried, and soon there may be war.

Enter the child.

It was a nightly news broadcast. It may have been national, but maybe it was local. All that is important is that a group of people were protesting against going to war. Men, women and children. And the reporter gave the microphone to one little girl.

And the girl said that all the leaders had to do is just talk it over and not fight. There was no reason to fight, everything could be fixed if they would just talk.

Of course the child had no understanding of the situation. They've been talking, the world leaders, and they haven't fixed anything. More than likely she had no understanding of Iraq's past, of Saddam Hussein, of Israel or the Middle East. But does that make her advice invalid? Is there a lack of logic in what she said? Or has a child put us all to shame?

President Bush has said he has done all that he can do for peace. He hasn't negotiated and neither has Saddam Hussein. Bush said that no one wants war.

Maybe a war is inevitable, perhaps even necessary. On the other hand, maybe if the world leaders were willing to compromise and seriously discuss everything. Talk to each other, and not at each other. Negotiate as well as communicate. Maybe then, war wouldn't be inevitable. Maybe we should just listen to a little girl with her simple idea of the world.

If we don't, we will have to answer more questions children have of why their mommies and daddies had to go fight a war. That's one question that might not be so easy to answer.

Sports

Tennis team climbs to 8th; star returns

By KYLE HENRY
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU men's tennis team has moved up to eighth in the nation in the Volvo Tennis Collegiate Rankings, and two Frogs are in the Top 50 individual rankings.

Luis Ruette has moved up to seventh nationally from his previous ranking of 16.

"Luis had a good fall," said TCU men's tennis coach Tut Bartzen. "He got in all of those major events where you get bonus points for just getting in."

Ruette's doubles partner, Tony Bujan, is ranked nationally for the first time, breaking in at the No. 37 position.

"Tony is a lot further along than this time last year," Bartzen said. "He hasn't won as many games as Luis, but he is playing well."

Ruette and Bujan are ranked fourth nationally as a doubles team.

The Horned Frog's moved up from their previous ranking of ninth going into the fall campaign.

Although the TCU women's team is unranked nationally, Lisa Beard broke into the individual rankings, placing 36th.

Overall, Bartzen is happy with his team going into spring and confer-

ence action.

"(Mark) Tjia played well for us in the fall," Bartzen said. "He along with Ricardo Rubio and Gerard Ronan provide us with a little more depth than we had last year."

The men's team received more good news over the holidays when All-American Sandon Stolle decided to return to campus after a one-semester hiatus.

Stolle did not play for the Frogs last semester because he played in satellite tournaments in Australia.

"He is coming back," Bartzen said. "I don't know if he is on his way back, but he is coming back."

Stolle lost his singles match in the Australian Open, but his return to TCU could be delayed a few days if he decides to play in the doubles bracket.

Bartzen said the Australian Open was the tournament Stolle had been shooting for, but he doesn't know whether Stolle decided to play doubles. Stolle could not be reached for comment.

"His return will have a big effect on our team," Bartzen said. "He's an impact player. It's not like adding a six or seven guy. He's an All-American."



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Arkansas guard Todd Day (10) tries to tip the rebound away from TCU's Kelvin Crawford (14).

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Frogs needed to be taking. He had wanted to see layups and 10-foot jumpers.

When TCU got it inside to Reggie Smith, the Hogs started to foul and freethrow shooting became the enemy. Smith was just four of 13 from the freethrow line, where TCU shot 46.7 percent as a team.

Iba said better freethrow shooting would have helped everybody, but it would not have been enough to beat the more talented and quicker Hogs.

"We didn't do very much to take anything away from them," Iba said. "They took us out of everything we were trying to do."

TCU found itself in a hole early, trailing 16-4 after Arkansas converted five turnovers into uncontested layups and back-to-back threes from Arlyn Bowers and Day. TCU never recovered and trailed by as many as 27 in the second half.

Iba said the early turnovers and Arkansas' easy transition baskets rattled the Frogs, and their play on offense showed it.

"We lost all our organization against their press," Iba said. "Then defensively, time to time, we didn't play very well."

Michael Strickland, who led TCU to a win over Arkansas last season, said TCU did not play well enough against the press or on defense to win.

"Once we had the turnovers and got the jitters out, we broke their press," Strickland said. "After we broke their press, we took some bad shots."

Strickland was five-of-12 shooting three-pointers and led the team with 23 points. Smith had 18 from inside. Strickland and Smith accounted for 29 of TCU's 35 first-

half points while nine Razorbacks contributed to their 52.

Starting forward Allen Tolley said this year's Arkansas team has a much stronger bench than the team TCU beat 81-79 Feb. 14.

Tolley said the Arkansas press was much tougher than he expected and TCU probably had not practiced enough to beat it.

Iba said many of his players who were new to the team did not know what to expect from a team like Arkansas. Two starters, Mark Moton and Albert Thomas (six turnovers), had never played against the Hogs and Tolley has only played against them once.

Iba said his team was not too pumped up for the game, and Richardson preferred to call his team's intensity "focused."

"We were very focused," Richardson said. "Every game played is a championship game for the opponent. You have to be focused."

Especially Fort Worth native Oliver Miller, who played high school ball at Southwest Miller, playing against Smith in the paint, scored six points and had six blocked shots.

"Any time a team beats you, there's a revenge factor," Day said. "I'm really happy for Oliver Miller because this is his home."

Miller was rather happy about this last homecoming also, saying that it was good to win in front of family and friends who don't get to see him play often. Miller, a junior, had not won a game in front of his hometown fans until Tuesday.

"Coach Richardson told us to kick their butt royally," Miller said. "And that's what we did."

Staff writer Kyle Henry contributed to this report.

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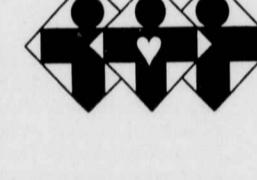
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