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A Frog and a dog



Kari Anne holds Winston Churchill, a friend's puppy, at the men's soccer game Sunday versus Texas Wesleyan. The Frogs won 2-0.

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Senators spar over issues at confirmation hearing

By JAMES ROWLEY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas told senators at the opening of his confirmation hearing Tuesday he believes the Constitution grants a basic right to privacy, but he declined to say whether that includes a right to abortion.

Thomas spent the afternoon sparring with members of the Senate Judiciary Committee on such touchy legal matters after opening his testimony with an emotional account of his rise from poverty in rural Pin Point, Ga.

He paid tribute to the grandparents who raised him and all those "who gave their lives, their blood and their talent; but for them I would not be here."

During questioning, Thomas sought to disavow his earlier advocacy of a "natural law philosophy" that Senate Democrats suggested could be invoked to lessen personal

privacy and to outlaw abortions. "I don't see a role for natural law, or natural rights, in constitutional adjudication," Thomas told Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., the panel's chairman.

Thomas said he had written extensively in favor of a natural rights philosophy "from a political theory point of view" rather than as a basis for judicial decisions.

"There is a right to privacy," Thomas told Biden. "I think the Supreme Court has made clear that the issue of marital privacy is protected."

Asked about the high court's 1973 decision extending the privacy right to abortions, Thomas said, "I do not think at this time I could maintain my independence as a member of the judiciary and comment on that specific case."

"We'll want to learn what you really believe," said Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis. "Don't hide behind the argument that you can't discuss the issues."

"The burden is on you to explain

your views," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who voiced frustration that Justice David H. Souter ducked similar questions at his confirmation hearing last year.

"Confirmation of a nominee should not turn on a commitment to prejudge an issue," declared Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

In his opening statement, Thomas choked back tears as he recalled the racial segregation that subjected his grandparents to daily humiliation because of their race in the Georgia of his childhood.

"Their sense of fairness was molded in a crucible of unfairness," Thomas said. "I watched as my grandfather was called 'boy.' I watched as my grandmother suffered the indignity of being denied the use of a bathroom, but above it all they remained fair and decent people."

"They never lost sight of a better tomorrow," Thomas said. "I have followed in their footsteps and I have

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New representatives sworn in House members discuss responsibilities at first meeting

By NICOLE FOY
TCU Daily Skiff

The newly-elected members of the House of Student Representatives were sworn in Tuesday during the first meeting of the semester.

President Emie Ross welcomed the new representatives, who were elected Sept. 4 by their residence halls or selected as town student delegates.

Ross explained the significance of the House to the new representatives.

"The House is one of the most important organizations on campus," he said. "As members of the House, you will have a chance to influence what goes on around you, instead of being a bystander."

The House had a moment of

silence before regular business was addressed to mourn the deaths of a former representative and a benefactor to the university.

Robert Campbell, a freshman pre-major, was a member of the House last year. Campbell had been working on a new idea for a mock United Nations on campus, Ross said.

"He will be held in our memory always," Ross said. "He gave of himself daily and he gave a lot to this institution."

Gloria Lupton Tennis was also remembered. Tennis was a major contributor to the university, especially to the Brown-Lupton Student Center. Most recently, she helped to finance the renovations in the food service facilities, Ross said.

Executive officers introduced

themselves to the new members and told about their responsibilities to the House.

Vice President Ben Walters announced the New House Member Retreat will be held Saturday and the Leadership Retreat will be held Sept. 21 and 22.

Organizations will send delegates to the Leadership Retreat, which will focus entirely on university relations, Walters said. Fort Worth Mayor Kay Granger, former Mayor Bob Bolen and former Speaker of the House Jim Wright will speak at the retreat.

"This should be an exciting star-studded event," Walters said.

Treasurer Jeff Sherman said the House budget will be \$175,000 this year. Ten percent of that money will go to the

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Greeks, administration end housing dispute

By BRANDY ANDERSON
TCU Daily Skiff

University administrators and members of the Greek community have settled a six-month long conflict concerning housing contracts in Worth Hills.

The conflict began in February when the university distributed the Facility Use Agreement to each fraternity and sorority, said Don Mills, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs.

"The fraternities kept getting contracts for Greek housing, alcohol policies and party policies," said John Johnson, president of Delta Tau Delta. "The Interfraternity Council hired a lawyer to review the contracts and give a professional

point of view."

"The fact that we hired a lawyer was never meant to provoke any animosity," said Bobby Chesney, secretary of IFC. "We felt it was in our own best interest to fully understand what we were signing."

The old housing contract contained many legal terms that were not easily understood, said Randy Segnar, president of Phi Gamma Delta.

The IFC submitted a list of recommended changes to the university, Chesney said.

TCU's lawyers and the IFC's lawyer worked toward negotiating a new contract last semester, said Mills. Things were progressing slowly, and in June administrators and Greek representatives decided to meet and attempt to work the problem out

directly, he said.

"During the summer, they came up with a new contract," said Susan Batchelor, director of student affairs.

"The new Facility Use Agreement contains changes involving insurance provisions, specific descriptions of maintenance functions and legal terms were rewritten," Mills said.

"One of the best changes in the new contract is at the beginning of each semester the Greek officers do a walk-through of the houses with Emily Burgwyn, the associate director of housing," Segnar said. "We point out what needs to be fixed, and the repairs are done quickly."

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Speaker emphasizes ethics

Retired Army colonel discusses the business world

By MANDY RAY
TCU Daily Skiff

Tuesday marked the second day of business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi's fall rush, and speaker Daniel A. Kile of Bell Helicopter emphasized ethics to those returning for the second round.

Kile, a retired Army colonel and attorney, is the current ethics director for Bell Helicopter-Texton Inc. He has also testified in several hearings as an ethics expert.

Kile quoted Albert Schweitzer, who said ethics is our concern for our moral behavior.

"This focus is the heart of business ethics," Kile said.

He mentioned some of the more recent insider trading and national defense scandals, but said political contributions stand out as the prime example of unethical behavior.

"It is easy to enforce rules," he said, referring to the policy some businesses have of not accepting gifts or entertainment from pleased

clients.

But there are exceptions, and overgeneralizing this rule imposes burdens on an employee that has no relationship to his or her job or profession in general, Kile said.

Kile also said businesses are at fault for punishing undesirable behaviors like drunkenness, insubordination, absenteeism and theft, while hidden unethical actions are overlooked.

Referring to the recent defense department scandal, Kile said investigators found 99.5 percent of that department's employees upheld ethical standards.

"Some individuals and businesses, when left to their own devices, tarnish the rest of the industry," he added.

He gave the following six reasons for employees' unethical actions:

- They do not know the standard or have not learned that compliance with the standard is important.
- Situational pressures may operate to impel an individual to act

unethically.

- Organizational superiors may be poor or ineffective role models.
- Peers and colleagues may provide pressure to deviate from the established ethical standards.
- Management may ignore behavior that is at variance from ethical standards.

- Personal gain or the hope of personal gain may induce behaviors at odds with established ethical standards.

He offered the following three "ethics check" questions as a guideline:

- Is it legal? (It doesn't violate civil or criminal law or a company policy.)
- Is it balanced? (It's fair to all concerned in the short term as well as long term relationships.)
- How will it make me feel about myself?

"Now the values in the workplace are changing," Kile said. "And you are part of that. I'm happy to say from my personal opinion that the change is a positive one."

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Television game show lets differences be settled safely.

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The Southwest Conference fights for its integrity.

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Outside

Today's weather will be sunny with a high temperature of 92 degrees.

Thursday's weather will be partly sunny with a high temperature of 92 degrees.



Glass computers

Grad students' 'sol-gel' development promises new computer innovations

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN
TCU Daily Skiff

The material is about two inches long, a quarter-inch deep, transparent and has the surface area of roughly 35 double TCU dorm rooms.

The material, called sol-gel glass, is highly porous. It contains numerous tiny holes that can be filled with liquids.

Graduate students Brian Hopkins and Jeffrey Watson, along with Associate Professor of Physics Waldek Zerda, are experimenting with a new glass that could eventually revolutionize such things as high-speed shutters, semiconductors and computers.

Using a \$150,000 grant from the Air Force, the students and Zerda are researching various properties of the material.

Hopkins, 33, is using the material to study the Kerr effect. Molecules of liquids put in the pores will line up a certain way when an electric field (created by running an electric current through two conductive plates) passes through it.

Then, by shining a very intense light (like a laser) through the material, the light will be refracted a certain way. Without the field, the laser beam passes through the glass. In essence, the glass is a form of optical switch, depending on the electric field passing through it.

"It is possible that this application of the Kerr effect may lead to the development of a switching device for use in an optical computer," Hopkins said.

Watson, 35, put another chemical, cadmium sulfide, into the substance.

Watson also speculated one use for the material would be to provide a heads-up display for fighter pilots. The same stuff used in LCD calculators could be put into the pores in the glass.

Running an electrical current through the glass would then activate the chemical and, depending on the current, tell the pilot the information he needs to know.

Hopkins described the process to create the sol-gel glass as creating "little monoliths." One small piece of the material (about two inches long by a quarter-inch deep) takes about two weeks to produce.

The raw material that produces the monolith is a liquid called tetramethylorthosilicate (TMOS), which costs about \$25 for 100 grams. The TMOS is hydrolyzed and what is left is a clear solid made of tiny (tens of angstroms) silica particles.

The particles eventually all stick together to form a transparent material. Then comes the "really tough" part, Hopkins said. The material has to be literally dry, as water and methanol from the raw TMOS still remain.

If the material cracks or is damaged anytime during the process, it is useless.

When the sol-gel glass is completed, a piece the size of Hopkins' "little monolith," which has a mass of about a gram, has a surface area of 700 square yards, which is roughly the floor space in 35 TCU double dorm rooms.

CAMPUSlines

Programming Council is looking for Performing Arts and TGIF chairs. Applications are available in the Student Activities Office until today. For more information call 921-7926.

TCU Hunger Week will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Student Center Room 222.

Parabola is hosting "Chaos, Fractals and Dynamics: Computer Experiments in Mathematics," a videotape by Robert L. Devany, at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Winton-Scott Hall Room 145.

Delta Sigma Pi is holding rush this week for interested business majors. Interviews will be held Thursday and an informal party will be held Friday night. For more information, call Kelly Jacobsen at 921-3153.

TCU Lectureship Fund will sponsor a lecture by Ian Campbell of the University of Edinburgh. The lecture will be held in the Faculty Center in Reed Hall. A reception will immediately follow the lecture.

Young Adult Support Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the St. Paul Arthritis Center. The Center is located at 5939 Harry Hines Blvd., Suite 430. Call 879-3975 for more information.

The St. Paul Outreach Prime Time Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of every month at Raymond's Barbecue Cafeteria on Garland Road. For more information, call 879-3975.

Lupus Discussion Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the St. Paul Arthritis Center. For more information, call 879-3975.

Codependents Anonymous will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center. For room number, call the Student Center Information Desk at 921-7928.

HIV counseling and testing for the general public will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic. Testing costs \$10, and is anonymous and confidential.

Gay and Lesbian Young Adults meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the AIDS Resource Center at 2701 Reagan. For more information call 521-5124 or 528-4233.

HELPlines

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

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Volunteers are needed to spend a minimum of one hour a week with a mental patient. Training is included.

Volunteers are needed to tutor children in reading or math. Good reading skills are needed, and Spanish language skills are helpful. Training is provided.

Volunteers are needed to lead educational tours for visiting adults and students at the Botanic Gardens. Tours are held on weekday mornings. Training begins Sept. 17.

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The new contract provides more security, Johnson said.

"Now that everyone knows what they have signed, they know exactly what is expected of them," he said.

Walker Holland, IFC's lawyer, said he believed the contract is 98 percent of what everyone wanted. He said the Greeks were satisfied with the new agreement, and they would really like to put the situation behind them.

Mills said the new Facility Use Agreement was much clearer.

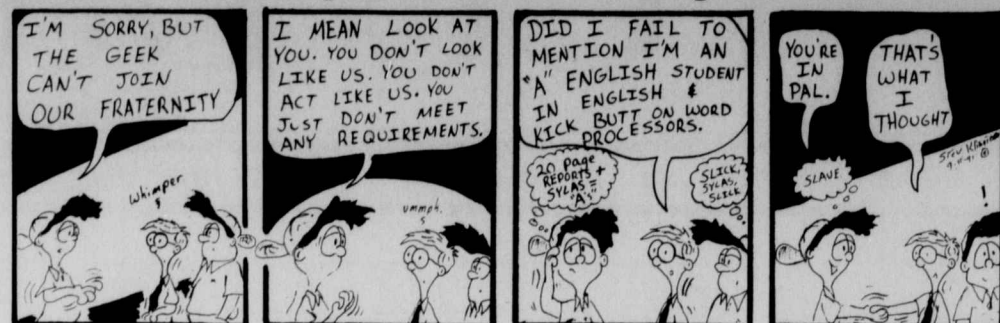
"It well-defines Greeks living in a university facility," he said.

"The school is really coming through for us and making the changes we need," Chesney said. "In exchange for their efforts, the Greeks are really taking care of the houses. I think everything worked out for the best."

The costs for the IFC's lawyer were split evenly between all sororities and fraternities except Lambda Chi Alpha and Kappa Delta, said Gail Landreth of the Delta Delta Delta housing corporation.

Ye gods & little fishes

by Stev Klinebobe



Insanity Fair

by Joe Barnes



Siege

by Andy Grieser & Kall Loper



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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always tried to give back." He vowed to never forget that the decisions he makes will "affect the people of Pin Point."

Thomas praised Thurgood Marshall, the liberal black jurist he hopes to replace on the high court, as "one of the great architects of legal battles to open doors that seemed so hopelessly and permanently sealed."

In addition to succeeding Marshall as only the second black justice in history, Thomas, at 43, would be the second-youngest this decade.

"I've aged over the last 10 weeks" since the nomination, Thomas said, referring to aggressive campaigning in that time between supporters and opponents. The crowd packing the hearing room laughed loudly.

Biden asked Thomas why he had praised an anti-abortion article by conservative businessman Lewis Lehrman as a "splendid example of applying natural law."

Thomas insisted his speech to the Heritage Foundation was simply to win conservative support for using natural law as a rallying point for "aggressive enforcement of civil rights."

He told Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., that his praise for the article was "a throwaway line." He added, "I do disagree with the article; I do not endorse it now."

"If this committee is to endorse your confirmation, we must know with certainty that neither of these radical constitutional departures is what you have in mind when you talk about natural law," Biden told Thomas.

Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., ridiculed those concerns, saying "natural law will become nothing but a pseudonym for natural opposition or natural partisanship or natural frustration" at putting another conservative on the Supreme Court.

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Permanent Improvements Committee, he said.

Laurie Trautner, vice president of programs, said this year's Howdy Week was a big success. A record number of 500 people showed up for one of the events, she said.

Each new member must be on at least one of the seven committees in the House. The committees are Academic Affairs, Elections and Regulations, Finance, Permanent Improvements, Student Concerns, University Re-

lations and Yearbook.

One of the main goals of the Permanent Improvements Committee this year will be to improve the lighting between Colby, Sherley, Waits and Foster halls, said Chairman Joey Martinez.



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Hoopla

Irrelevant issues have clouded Thomas nomination

The U.S. Senate began its confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas yesterday.

Since Monday the media has been filled with commentary either criticizing Thomas or criticizing the critics on their opposition to Thomas.

What has been lost in all the hoopla is what exactly the real criteria should be in evaluating Thomas.

The criteria should, contrary to what the *Star-Telegram* says, include his stand on abortion and birth control. It should also, contrary to what Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo. says, consider his stand on minority and civil rights issues.

Thomas should be evaluated on every aspect of his career and political standings.

No matter who sits in the empty seat, Americans need to feel secure that he or she is the most qualified for the position.

Charging the issues is the best possible way to do this. A Supreme Court nominee has to be run up the flag pole. There is no other way for Americans can see how he or she flies.

But drudging up useless issues and criticizing irrelevant characteristics is an irresponsible way to go about praising or discrediting a candidate.

Thomas' views have been run through the washer so many times he probably is not even sure what he stands for.

Surely Americans are not expected to keep track of all the controversy. We should be told straight and to the point what is and what isn't.

Such immaturity only taints the process. Even if Thomas gets the seat, can Americans be secure after all the snow jobs and PR clouding the real issues?



Political bickering no help to Thomas

By MATT HUNT
 Columnist



Over in Washington D.C., a few conservatives have taken advantage of the television audience. They made a commercial intended to help Clarence Thomas' nomination to Supreme Court.

The commercial says Thomas is facing bitter opposition from liberal Democrats.

The commercial then goes on to bring out the dirty laundry on three Democrats: Edward Kennedy, Joseph Biden and Alan Cranston.

All of this mudslinging supposedly helps Thomas' chances of being confirmed as a Supreme Court Justice.

However, the makers of this commercial have failed to take two things into consideration.

First, Thomas' worth as a judge is not changed by some political failings. There are many people in government with skeletons in

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President Bush and White House Chief of made this commercial are forgetting just what Thomas has been nominated for.

Staff John Sununu both realize the commercial hurts Thomas more than it helps him, particularly as Biden is the chairman of the committee reviewing Thomas. This is why both Bush and Sununu have urged the people who made the commercial to take it off the air.

More importantly, the conservatives who

If confirmed, he will be placed in one of the most powerful offices in the land, the office of Supreme Court Justice.

Despite what many people believe, the presidency is not the most powerful position on our government, nor is speaker of the house.

Here in the United States, we would be wise to remember the words of a former Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Hughes. Hughes said, "We are under a Constitution, but the Constitution is what the judges say it is."

We are a nation ruled by law, and no matter what President Bush or members of Congress do, we have nine people who make sure that the law agrees with the Constitution.

So it is very important the Senate Committee extensively question Thomas on what he feels the Constitution is, to decide if he should be one of the nine defenders of it. To do any less would be to fail the American people and mock what our forefathers worked so hard to create.

All in all, the makers of the commercial made an error in judgement. Their commercial only brings more of the bickering between parties that inhibits progress, which no one in their right mind could want.

Letter to the editor

Uninformed

I realize that working as a columnist for the *Skiff* is a learning experience. It should be; it is a college newspaper. However, I suggest the editorial staff should use a bit more discretion before giving the power of a column to the likes of persons such as Teri Lee Yankowsky. "Bleeding hearts set the guilty free" (Sept. 10) should become your model for knee-jerk, uninformed journalism.

Ms. Yankowsky begins by claiming the plague upon the judicial system has grown with America's "growing liberalism." Growing liberalism? Ms. Yankowsky, where have you been for the past twelve years? Ask the national chairmen of America's two major political parties if liberalism is or has been on the rise. I have to assume Ms. Yankowsky is a young woman and has never known anything but a Republican president since she became aware of her political surroundings. Ronald Reagan should be proud that he exhorted the bogeyman of "growing liberalism" so effectively in the early eighties that it still haunts Ms. Yankowsky today.

As your request for letters in Tuesday's *Skiff* claimed, Ms. Yankowsky is entitled to her own opinions — inane as they may be. However, the editorial staff has a responsibility. The *Skiff*'s audience is an elite one, and should not be forced to watch the integrity of the paper be compromised by prattle. I ask the editorial staff to fulfill their responsibility by providing columnists who are thoughtful, learned, and committed to their art.

Her "growing liberalism" idea is followed by one as equally unaware. She apparently believes the judicial system should work as simply as it was taught in her high school civics course. A quick lesson in Reality 101 for Ms. Yankowsky — complications are ubiquitous. Our judicial system will always remain problematic because exceptions to the rules do exist. Extenuating circumstances exist. Variables exist. A root to a problem is entwined with many others and rarely stands alone. It would stand against reason to assume that true solutions were not

equally complex as the problems. Getting tough in court will not solve the problem; it only shifts the problem to a penal system that is even more inefficient than the judicial system. The solution lies in reducing crime. Tougher sentencing may help, but it is only one head of the hydra.

Finally, Ms. Yankowsky's naive stops being laughable and becomes distasteful. Sanity is not an either/or case. Despite her assertion that begins with the words "The facts are..." she is wrong. And to say that a person is either sane or insane and can never be the other is a shocking display of intolerance and ignorance. Mental illness is precisely what its name claims — a disease of the mind and often its physiology. Yes, sometimes it is chronic and active. But sometimes it is dormant, waiting unseen for certain external forces to pull it to the surface. And still other times it is like a virus, a passing condition that attacks only those who are susceptible. Ms. Yankowsky's nineteenth-century views should be a slap in the face of those families who have suffered with the stigma of mental illness.

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Kinder, gentler revenge for the '90s

By CARL KOZLOWSKI
 Columnist



"It's Velveta versus cheddar. Our Velveta cooks much better. Cheddar's lumpy. Cheddar's oily. It dribbles off the plate onto your doily..."

The commercial wafts out of the screen.

You know the one, with the unseen person pouring melted Velveta dip over vast amounts of food and the lady's voice singing annoyingly what are perhaps the dumbest lyrics known to humankind.

It is the music behind that cloying voice that has the real significance. At one time, it was loved and recognized as one of the world's most famous classical pieces, popular enough to be one of the few and the proud tunes that Walt Disney selected for a segment of the 1940 classic "Fantasia." How times have changed. Just 50 years later, people know it as the Velveta song. What's its real name? Damned if I even know.

Watching "Fantasia" is an unusual cultural experience, to say the least. Even as Walt is trying to educate you from beyond the grave (or the ice block, depending what you believe about him) about the world's great music, you can't help thinking of every piece of music as a commercial jingle. Listen to Tchaikovsky, to pull a name out of the air. You're probably exclaiming to the person next to you: "That's the Parkay song!" Walt would not be pleased.

If someone asked the average American teen if they knew who Stravinsky (the composer) is, they would probably respond, "Yeah, isn't he that kickboxer?" But ask any true, red-blooded American to name the entire Brady Bunch, and there wouldn't be a moment's doubt or hesitation.

In fact, let's bring up the "Brady Bunch" theme song. Go anywhere in the world, from Nepal to Guatemala to New Guinea, and four out of five people will be able to sing it, word for word — even if it's their only knowledge of the English language.

Perform a little test on yourself and your friends — try humming the "Nutcracker Suite." Bet you can't do it. Now try humming the "Brady Bunch" song. Can't do it either, but not because you don't know the melody. It's

What would we do without the rest of our cheesy TV programs? We have left an impact on the world that cannot be measured in numbers and statistics. We have made the world laugh, dammit — even if they're ashamed of themselves for laughing afterwards.

those damn words, calling out to you day and night, waiting to be sung: "Here's a story, of a lovely lady..."

Some use these facts as a way to indict American culture. They say we're losing our standards of worth and taking the rest of the world down with us. But I ask them and all of you to look at it in a different way.

Imagine a world without a "Gilligan's Island," a "Gomer Pyle" or a "Happy Days." A rather chilling thought, eh? The world already feels a chill wind blow with the potential loss of cultural icon Pee-Wee Herman. What would we do without the rest of our cheesy TV programs? We have left an impact on the world that cannot be measured in numbers or statistics. We have made the world laugh, dammit — even if they're ashamed of themselves for laughing afterwards.

Not all that emerges from what some consider the cultural wasteland of TV is completely worthless. I'm not talking about the vaunted award-winners like "L.A. Law" or "St. Elsewhere." I'm talking about a new program that has come spinning out of nowhere to save us from the growing sickness and professional attitude of "American Gladiators." I'm talking about "Grudge Match."

"Grudge Match" fills in the wee hours of the night following "Gladiators." Its host is former pro wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura, also known to fans from his stirring performance in "Predator." His former occupation as a wrestler serves the program well. "Grudge Match" is a combination of pro wrestling, "American

Gladiators," "The People's Court" and "Super Sloppy Double Dare" that must be seen to be believed. It serves up revenge for the '90s — down and dirty, but without the violence that would mar our kinder, gentler times.

The object of the show is to have three pairs of friends — same sex or mixed — address the camera as if they were on a commercial for a bogus product like Cigarrest. They solemnly tell of how their friend did them wrong, and how they have waited months or even years for revenge. Closing it up with threats like "I will humiliate you. I will drive your face to the floor," the grudge match begins. Of course, they must first choose their weapons.

The weapons are introduced by a dignified woman host, who shows us the full array available in the Weapons Room. You can find anything here, from oversized boxing gloves straight out of a Popeye cartoon to tubs of Jello. Tubs of Jello, you ask? Allow me to explain.

The actual grudge match consists of three rounds. The first round is a mandatory boxing fest with gloves so big the only possible punching style is the windmill. In each of the rounds seen Saturday, the person accused of the evil clobbered the simpering weasel with the complaint. The second round is where the real fun starts. The contestants choose slimy food like Jello or melted ice cream and proceed to smear each other with as much of the stuff as possible. The optimum move is when one contestant manages to hold the other's face inside a container of the glop and forces them to eat it as the camera zooms in for a humiliating closeup. The final round involves throwing some kind of creamy pies at each other until the contestants are lathered from head to toe.

The audience decides the winner by their applause, and the contestants must walk away with their friendship renewed, their claims settled, just as on "People's Court." And this, as guest commentator Thomas "Hit Man" Hearn summed up the show, is its real value.

In a world where three punks register their complaints with Dallas bus drivers by pumping bullets into public transportation, isn't "Grudge Match" the future hope of our society? We can only hope and pray for the day when all people will try to settle their arguments by forcing their enemies' heads into a vat of Jello rather than stabbing them in the neck on a moving bus. Once again, our nation is on the cutting edge. God bless America.

News

News briefs

Drug policy director asks for budget raise

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Federal drug policy director Bob Martinez said Tuesday the number of drug users nationwide is decreasing, but additional budget money is needed for treatment programs.

"We still have 12.9 million Americans who use drugs, which is way too many, and we still have some hard-core addicts numbering about 5.7 million that we need to get into treatment," Martinez said. "We still have a lot of work to be done."

Martinez, the former Florida governor who succeeded William Bennett in the federal post earlier this year, addressed a U.S. Marshal's Service conference before visiting youths in drug treatment programs.

President Bush is seeking an additional \$100 million for treatment programs, which Martinez said he wants pumped into "capacity expansion programs."

Martinez said federal money should be allocated where addicts are rather than by population formulas. Treatment programs are operating only at an 82 percent capacity, he said.

"That's why we need to have dollars targeted to where the need is," he said.

A Bush administration goal of reducing drug use by 10 percent from 1988 to 1990 was achieved and exceeded, he said, citing an 11 percent reduction in use during that period.

In 1992, Martinez added, his Office of National Drug Control Policy may look at cracking down on illegal use of alcohol and tobacco by minors.

Campaign to support increased prenatal care

AUSTIN (AP) — Pregnant women who get health clinic checkups will receive a bag of gifts for themselves and their babies, according to a program announced Tuesday by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The campaign is aimed at increasing prenatal care and reducing the number of babies born with problems from maternal use of tobacco, drugs and alcohol during pregnancy, TCADA officials said.

"Babies born to mothers who do not receive prenatal care are much more likely to be born prematurely, have low birth weights or other serious health problems," said acting Health Commissioner Dr. Robert MacLean.

"Yet it is a sad fact that about one in three pregnant women in Texas receives inadequate or no prenatal care in this state at this time," he said.

Under the new program, any woman seeking prenatal care at one of more than 250 public health clinics around the state can receive a canvas tote bag. The bag contains information on prenatal care and items such as cosmetic samples for the mother and bowls, bibs and T-shirts for the baby.

Numerous private companies and organizations have donated gift items and other assistance through the Texas Prevention Partnership, a public-private TCADA initiative.

The Texas Department of Health will distribute the bags to the clinics, MacLean said.

One in six infants in Texas will be born exposed to drugs this year, and as many as 100,000 infants born next year are expected to have been exposed to drugs or alcohol, said TCADA executive director Bob Dickson.

Nearly 11,000 of those babies will be of low birth weight, and their initial hospital costs are expected to approach \$400 million, he said.

Encouraging women to receive prenatal care can save the state money by producing healthier babies and reducing medical costs, MacLean said.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Wade Wegner

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Milwaukee killer pleads innocent

By LISA HOLEWA
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Jeffrey L. Dahmer, who admitted to police he killed and dismembered 17 people since 1978, pleaded innocent Tuesday to 15 murder charges and said if convicted he would claim insanity.

The plea means Dahmer would first be tried on charges that he committed the crimes. If found guilty, a jury or judge would then determine whether he was insane and could not be held responsible for his actions.

Defense lawyer Gerald P. Boyle said there was "a strong likelihood" Dahmer will change his plea later. He might plead guilty to committing the crimes but ask the court to rule that he couldn't be held responsible because mental disease or defect prevented

him from realizing his actions were wrong.

"I always found it somewhat inconsistent for a person to stand up in front of the court and tell a jury my client did not commit this offense and then say later, come to think of it, even if he did he was insane at the time," Boyle said.

If found sane, Dahmer would have to serve Wisconsin's mandatory life-in-prison term for each murder. If ruled insane, he would be sent to a mental hospital and could petition for his release every six months after one year of treatment.

To gain release, he would have to convince the trial judge he was no longer mentally ill and no longer posed a threat to the public or himself.

District Attorney E. Michael McCann said he was not surprised by

the insanity defense but would vigorously fight it because of the possibility Dahmer could be freed someday if found insane.

Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Laurence C. Gram Jr. scheduled a trial Jan. 27 and a pretrial hearing Jan. 13.

Boyle said he doesn't plan to request a change of venue for the trial, saying police and prosecutors had thus far acted correctly to limit the effects of pretrial publicity that could bias jurors.

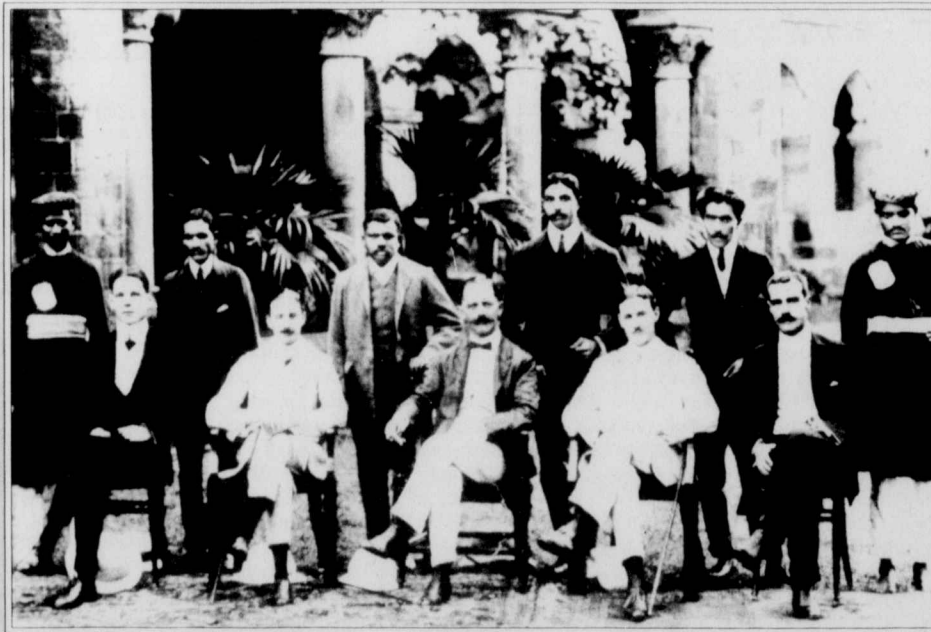
The judge granted a defense request that Dahmer be transferred to the Milwaukee County Jail from the state prison at Portage, about 100 miles west of Milwaukee, where he has been held since his probation on a child molestation charge was revoked last month. The move will make it easier for his lawyers to meet with him.

Dahmer, 31, a former candy factory worker and Army veteran, was arrested after a partially handcuffed man flagged down police July 22 and took them to Dahmer's apartment, where they found 11 dismembered bodies.

Police say he admitted killing 17 young males in the last 13 years, including a 14-year-old missing child, a 19-year-old hitchhiker near his boyhood home in Bath, Ohio, three males at his grandmother's home in a Milwaukee suburb and 11 men at his Milwaukee apartment.

Dahmer hasn't been charged with the Ohio killing, because authorities are still trying to identify the victim's remains or the murder of a boy at his grandmother's home in West Allis because of a lack of evidence, police said.

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Sports

Lady Frogs take first one at home

By JENNIFER BROOKS
TCU Daily Skiff

The Lady Frogs defeated Richland Jr. College at home Monday, 3-1, to win their first game of the season.

Both teams played a controlled offense in the first half. But neither team managed to get things going. Richland played without any substitutes the whole game. Still the Frogs didn't take advantage of the situation until later in the game.

"In the first half, we played down to their level," said senior forward Beth Wilson. "In the second half, we played closer to our potential."

"The first half was rushed excitement," said assistant coach Kathy

Ludwig. "The girls needed to concentrate on long passes rather than playing and passing in small areas."

Freshman midfielder Kristen Cathey scored in the first seven minutes of the second half, thus breaking the Richland defense who began to tire. Richland only had two shots on goal, but managed to slip one of those by at 51:54, to tie the game 1-1.

"Kristen Cathey set up most of the offensive attack," Ludwig said. "She's a freshman from Burleson and a great player. She set up good plays."

The Richland defense broke down at times giving the Frogs several opportunities to score.

"It helped us to play a team that wasn't very aggressive because we could work on plays and teamwork," Wilson said.

The Frogs substituted heavily in the second half with fresh legs. All goals were scored off the bench. First,

Susan Holkas scored at 58:17 off a cross shot to give the Frogs a 2-1 lead. Then with less than 10 minutes in the game, Kelly Dallas added the final punch with an assist by Jennifer Cook.

The Frogs struggled in the first half but experimented with player combinations and teamwork in the second half, Wilson said.

The season opener was crucial to win for obvious reasons. The Lady Frogs finished at 6-13-2 and expect to play tougher teams this season.

"The things we need to work on are confidence on taking players on, getting on tackles sooner, and a tighter defense," said Ludwig.

The Frogs will play its first road games of the season this weekend in California in the St. Mary's College Fall Soccer Classic. TCU plays St. Mary's on Friday, Sept. 13, and San Diego State, Saturday, Sept. 14.

Lackluster opponents don't make champions

By JEFF BLAYLOCK
TCU Daily Skiff



The Southwest Conference football schedule makers have long been criticized for scheduling weak non-conference opponents. Although coaches defend their schedules adamantly, there are some outclassed teams on SWC schedules.

Teams like New Mexico. The Lobos were 2-10 last season, garnishing victories over equally hapless UTEP and New Mexico State. New Mexico lists a basic 3-4 as its defense, but drenched Frog fans saw little of what could classify as defense on the field. Verdict: 60-7 win for the SWC.

The Frogs will tangle with MAC winners Ball State — a football power about which most TCU students can only say "Who?" — and Oklahoma State, a Big Eight team rapidly heading into the lower reaches of mediocrity.

Some of the other teams on SWC schedules include Cal-State Fullerton, the team with the nation's longest active losing streak; Northwestern, the team who had the nation's longest active losing streak before the CSF Titans took over; Vanderbilt, improving but still the Southeastern Conference doormat (at least until the Hogs seize that distinction next season); Tulsa, who went 3-8, including a 28-3 loss to Arkansas; and Southwestern Louisiana, whose five wins came against Tulane, Nicholls State, previously mentioned Tulsa, Arkansas State and Northern Illinois.

Of the two, Baylor stands the better shot of the upset. Running backs Robert Strait, David Mims and Craig Stephens churned out 260 yards rushing in a 27-7 win over UTEP. Make no mistake, the Veer is back, and it will make an impressive showing against No. 12 Colorado. The Bears certainly hope to grind out the upset.

Few Houston followers expect Cougar coach John Jenkins to stay on the ground against Miami. Top Heisman candidate David Klingler tossed nine touchdown passes in a 73-3 win over Louisiana Tech two weeks ago. If Miami's pass defense can hold Klingler to less than 400 yards passing, the Hurricanes may ground the run-and-shoot.

Baylor will win if it can consistently keep out of third-and-long situations and keep control of the football. The Bears cannot afford to fall behind, because doing so will nix their clock-consuming drives.

Unlike Baylor, the Cougars lack a solid running game. Although they flew by a weak opponent, they can't expect to do the same against the Hurricanes. The key for the Cougars is to explode early and keep pouring it on.

But to say that the SWC relies on pansies to boost their bowl potential is to be grossly unfair. Yes, conference teams will play some truly outclassed opponents. But two teams in particular have some tough opposition on this weekend's slate.

Baylor will take on defending national champion Colorado, and Houston meets Miami tomorrow on ESPN.

Both games are tests of each team's legitimacy as SWC contenders, and for Houston, possibly national championship contenders.

Some writers, including this one, had picked the Bears to take the SWC title. In view of Texas' poor offensive showing this past week against Mississippi State, another SEC power-wannabe, the Bears have a chance Saturday to prove themselves to those who are skeptical.

Baylor was left out of the pre-season AP Top 25 and only this week managed to make it in, entering at No. 23. The Cougars, recipients of one first-place vote, sit pretty at No. 10 as they prepare for tomorrow's showdown with No. 2 Miami.

Tomorrow's nationally televised battle is a showdown of football powers and powerful words. Everyone who knows that Jenkins doesn't take cajoling very well and that Miami tends to talk a lot of smack, realizes the importance of the game in terms of bragging rights.

But it means more to the SWC. Texas dropped from the Top 25 after losing to Mississippi State. Victories over the Big Eight's top dog and the ever-contending Hurricanes would bolster the SWC's image and perhaps help to overcome all those complaints about how weak SWC schedules seem to be.



Defender Julie Everitt (3) battles for a loose ball in the Lady Frog's first soccer game Monday. TCU beat Richland Jr. College 3-1.

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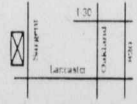
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News briefs

Philippinos to determine fate of U.S. naval base

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino led tens of thousands of people Tuesday on a march to the Senate, where she urged lawmakers to let citizens decide whether U.S. forces can stay for 10 more years.

But senators said Aquino failed to sway opponents of an agreement under which Washington would return Clark Air Base next year but keep Subic Bay naval base for another decade, in return for \$203 million in annual aid.

The current lease expires next Monday. In a preliminary ballot, the Senate voted 12-11 Monday to reject the new agreement, saying the long-time U.S. military presence has infringed on the country's sovereignty.

A small bomb exploded in front of the Senate building while Aquino was inside. Police said four men and a woman were injured. The device was concealed inside the bed of a delivery truck, police said.

The march followed a rally in which Aquino accused senators of betraying her although she had helped them win the election in 1987.

The crowd was estimated at 50,000 to 100,000, far short of the 1 million her administration predicted would show up to demonstrate popular support for the agreement.

Sen. Ernesto Maceda, who was elected on the Aquino ticket, said the president "tried very hard" during the rally to recapture the spirit of the 1986 uprising that toppled the late President Ferdinand Marcos and propelled her to the presidency.

"Unfortunately, after five years of hardship due to her own incompetence, the spirit of 1991 is no longer listening," Maceda said.

Georgians denounce president as dictator

MOSCOW (AP) — Demonstrators protesting the rule of Georgian President Zviad Gamsakhurdia built metal and stone barricades Tuesday around the headquarters of an opposition party as tensions grew in the southern republic.

Thousands of people in Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, massed in the street in front of the barricaded National Independence Party. Meanwhile, counterdemonstrators staged their own rally in front of Georgia's parliament, according to news reports and independent journalists.

The anti-Gamsakhurdia demonstrators feared an attack on the headquarters of the party whose leader, Irakli Tsereteli, has harshly criticized the Georgian president.

They fashioned a crude barricade of large stone blocks and scrap metal around the building on Rustaveli Prospekt, witnesses said by telephone. No attack came by nightfall.

"It is an extreme form of protest which we are using today, but it is the only way to prove to the people that a dictator has come to power," Tsereteli said in an interview Tuesday with the government newspaper Izvestia.

Gamsakhurdia, a strong Georgian nationalist who was overwhelmingly elected president in May, has become the focus of anti-government rallies this month by protesters who denounce him as a dictator.

His government has been accused of human rights abuses and oppression of minority groups in Georgia, especially in the wake of diminished Kremlin authority following last month's failed coup.

Singin' in the Rain



TCU Daily Skiff/ Jessica Mann

Faithful Frog fans brave the rain to watch the Daring Young Frogs overcome New Mexico 60-7 Saturday night.

DISD teachers await job status news

By JAY JORDEN
Associated Press

DALLAS — More than 200 teachers laid off in a Dallas Independent School District budget crunch awaited word Tuesday of the superintendent's plan to put them back on the job.

About 75 teachers picketed the DISD administration building Monday to protest the 270 layoffs.

Superintendent Marvin Edwards has announced he will submit a plan to school board trustees during a meeting Tuesday evening that will restore the job cuts.

"We kind of have to be in a wait-and-see attitude," said Bob Baker, the president of Classroom Teachers of Dallas.

"I've heard just about everything in the way of

rumors about the plan. But the bottom line is that the teachers have to go back to work."

A state district judge last week declined to issue a restraining order requested by the teachers' union and other groups. But Judge Frank Edwards said the layoffs would not be effective until after trustees met to review the budget and, if necessary, ratify the job cuts.

Edwards has been meeting with staff members since his announcement Saturday. Larry Ascough, a DISD spokesman, did not immediately return a telephone call Tuesday from The Associated Press.

"I don't think there is anything, anywhere, that can make everybody happy," Edwards said Monday. "We're just trying to solve the immediate problem."

Baker said trustees could decide to raise prop-

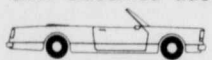
erty taxes by 19.5 percent, rather than the 17.5 percent tentatively approved last month, to make up for a \$47 million shortfall in state aid.

But five DISD trustees, including president Rene Castilla, remained opposed to increasing taxes. Cutting administrative costs was another proposal.

A third possibility mentioned, Baker said, is refinancing a 1985 district bond issue that could free up \$275 million in funds for operating expenses. The unencumbered operating funds could then go for teacher salaries.

Ollie Besteiro, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, warned Monday that the National Education Association would discourage its members from working for Dallas schools if the problem wasn't solved.

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