

# TCU Daily Skiff

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## Tanning salons' business up as 'Break' approaches

By **DANI KUNKLE**  
TCU Daily Skiff

With Spring Break rapidly approaching, the pressure is on to look good.

Local tanning booth operators said university students have flocked to salons to ensure they have the "sun-kissed" look before hitting the beaches.

"TCU students are a big percentage of our customers," said Diana Arms, manager of A Tan for All Seasons.

The period between Christmas and Spring Break is the best time to make money for tanning parlors, operators said.

The trend of students purchasing one-month specials appears to be the preferred option.

"I bought a one month membership for \$25 so that I would be tan for Spring Break," said Christina Principe, a freshman marketing major.

The phenomenon of tanning occurs when natural sunlight strikes the skin. Tanning is the body's defense of protecting itself from the sun's ultraviolet rays.

The waves from the sun contain two types of ultraviolet light, UVA and UVB. UVB rays have shorter wavelengths and are believed to be the cause of sunburn.

UVA rays, which are longer, stimulate melanocytes in the skin to produce melanin, which darkens the skin naturally to protect against sunburn.

Tanning salons use ultraviolet light to stimulate skin to produce melanin. Arms said the practice of

tanning only 20 minutes each day teaches customers to control their exposure to ultraviolet light.

"Many people who work during the week will try to catch up on their tans all at once over the weekend," Arms said. "Instead of gradually building up a natural protection to ultraviolet rays, they get sunburned."

Tanning beds at A Tan for All Seasons have a UVB intensity of 4.6 percent and customers are limited to 20 minutes of exposure, Arms said.

Stand-up tanning booths, which have a higher intensity of 7.8 percent, limit tanners to only 12 minutes of exposure, she said.

Although these percentages may seem small, there is reason for concern over the recent tanning craze.

According to an American Cancer Society pamphlet, over 600,000 new

cases of skin cancer are reported every year making it the most common form of human cancer.



Medical researchers warn that increases in the number of skin cancer cases is due to a larger number of sunbathers deliberately exposing themselves to the sun's ultraviolet

radiation.

Dr. Danny Thomas, chairman of the Public Education Committee in the Fort Worth branch of the American Cancer Society, said tanners should not be fooled by the low percentages of UVB rays in tanning beds.

"A few beds actually have up to 25 percent UVB rays," Thomas said. "Numerous studies in the United States and Europe have also shown that UVA rays are damaging to the skin and the UVA rays in tanning beds are possibly more intense than those in natural sunlight."

Other studies have shown that the amount of protection tanning beds build up in the skin is only equivalent to an SPF of 4, Thomas said. However, normal Caucasians should use an SPF of 15 or more to satisfactorily

protect them from severe skin damage, he said.

"With many people, the need to be tan in order to improve appearance is an obsession," Thomas said. "What these people don't realize is that down the road, they will wrinkle much quicker and have a greater chance of skin cancer than people who protect their skin from ultraviolet light."

Some students are aware of the danger of exposure to ultraviolet light. But the fear of being pale during Spring Break often outweighs the potential damage of "fake baking."

"Generally, I'm not too crazy about being microwaved," said Sam Ditore, a sophomore radio-TV-film major. "But I only bought a 30-day membership, and I'd rather be tan than hit the beach being all white."

## Blood drive gives campus opportunity to save lives

By **KRISTI SWAN**  
TCU Daily Skiff

University students have an opportunity to save lives this week.

Giving blood through the TCU Blood Drive this week may mean the difference between life and death for someone in need of a blood transfusion.

TCU also receives benefits when blood is donated to Carter Blood Center. Any university-related person who is in need of blood can receive it for a reduced cost.

Blood transfusions can be extremely expensive, averaging around \$70 per pint, said Judy Mires, donor recruiter for the Blood Center. But any university-related person or family members can make use of the TCU's reserve fund if needed.

"TCU receives one credit per unit of blood that is donated," Mires said. "This way if any students or their family members have a blood need, this will help in the cost of the transfusion."

If students want to make donations when the blood drive isn't in progress, it can be requested that the units be added to the university fund, she said. Blood can be given by healthy donors every 56 days.

"So by giving blood you're helping TCU and your community," said Jeannie Schroeder, junior economics major and president of the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

RHA has sponsored the blood drive for about the past six or seven

**TCU Blood Drive**

Goal: 400 pints

Hours: 10 am to 7 pm

As of Tues. night: 69 pints

Ends Friday

years, Schroeder said.

If a potential donor is reluctant to give blood, he or she should try using the "buddy system," said Marsha Graves, donor recruiter for Carter Blood Center.

"If people who are donating blood bring someone in who has donated before, it's sometimes a lot easier," she said.

Carter Blood Center and similar organizations depend on donor drives to continue operating, Graves said.

"We need 250 donations a day to stay alive," she said. "And 75 to 80 percent of our donations are collected at donor drives, so they are very important for our survival."

There's not a day that goes by that blood is not needed, Mires said.

"Blood transfusions are done about every 90 seconds, so it's easy to see why donors are so important," she said.

But TCU's numbers for donated blood are falling, not rising. In 1988, the university donated around 550 units during each drive. In 1989, the numbers dropped to between 400 and 500. And in 1990, the units had fallen again to between 300 and 400.

One reason for the decrease is that the blood drive dropped from four to three days, Mires said.

Another reason is the increase in the number of deferred blood donors, she said. Deferrals usually occur because of iron deficiency in the blood.

Others include a waiting period after ear piercing, tattooing or having been out of the country.

The university's goal for this spring is 400 pints.

By the close of Tuesday, the first day of the blood drive, 69 pints had been given, Schroeder said.

Ninety-one people had tried to give blood, but 22 had been deferred.

Mires said that although there are people in desperate need of blood,



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**Tami Goos, Jarvis hall director, donates blood Wednesday at the RHA sponsored blood drive. The drive will continue from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Friday in the Student Center Lounge. TCU's goal for this spring is 400 pints.**

some are still scared to donate, Mires said.

People tend to automatically think of AIDS when it comes to donations, Mires said.

It's simple to think that AIDS or other diseases can be acquired easily through a blood transfusion, but the blood donated for possible use undergoes 16 hours of rigorous test-

ing, Graves said.

"Plus, disposable needles are used so there is virtually no way of trans-

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## The sky is falling!

### New data prompts sense of urgency in Europe to ban ozone-eating chemicals

By **MARK FRITZ**  
Associated Press

With a sky-is-falling urgency, European nations are rushing to ban ozone-eating chemicals after a study said a vast hole may open over their continent this winter.

In recent weeks, startling new data have prompted governments to shave years off their timetables for banning chemicals that weaken the earth's natural sunscreen.

"It's time to understand that sensible people don't utter dire warnings unless they are really very scared," said British scientist Joe Farman, who in 1985 discovered the only known ozone hole, over the Antarctic.

On March 23, the 12-member European Community is expected to ban production and consumption of ozone-eating chemicals by 1995 and reduce their use by 85 percent by the end of next year.

The EC's environment ministers endorsed the proposals during a meeting in Portugal on Feb. 22. The community said it will seek to get the rest of the world to follow suit.

The action followed President Bush's Feb. 11 order for a U.S. ban on chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, by 1995.

The bans are a full five years ahead

of the international Montreal Protocol signed by the United States in 1987, and two years earlier than the EC's previous ban.

But some European nations are moving even more quickly. Germany and the Netherlands are considering comprehensive bans by 1993.

CFCs are commonly used in refrigerators, air conditioning and aerosol sprays, and in foam and solvent manufacturing processes.

The ozone layer is a form of oxygen in the Earth's upper atmosphere. It provides a shield from the sun's ultraviolet rays, which can increase risks of skin cancer, cataracts and reduced immunity to disease.

The EC's environment chief, Carlo Ripa di Meana, said Wednesday that the additional radiation caused by the unexpectedly high ozone depletion will lead to an estimated 1.6 million new cases of cataracts.

"If this continues it will have major effects on the Earth's sea and food chain and could have an impact on human health," he said.

The issue gained urgency last month after NASA said a new hole in the ozone layer could develop above Europe and North America this winter.

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**How 'bout them Frogs!**  
Columnist notes the surge of Horned Frog pride and spirit at recent basketball games.

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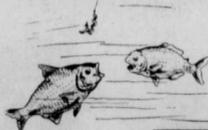
**Frogs fall to Cougars**  
Cougars shut down Reggie Smith and the rest of the cold shooting Frogs to win 50-44.

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### Outside

Today's weather will be cloudy with a high temperature of 72 degrees.

Friday's weather will be partly sunny with a high temperature near 72 degrees.



## Mini-courses to assist in job search

By **JOHN GAETZ**  
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU Career Planning and Placement Center is offering mini-courses to May graduates to aid them in the search for jobs.

Although unemployment is high, people can find the right job with the right skills, said Carolyn Ulrickson, director of Career Planning and Placement.

"I am totally convinced that there is a job out there for every TCU graduate who conducts a thorough and intelligent job search," Ulrickson said.

Up to 8 inches of rain hit parts of Houston Wednesday, pushing bayous out of their banks, leaving some freeways under water and making normally clogged traffic even worse.

Four handicapped children and the driver of their school bus escaped serious injury when their small bus went into rain-swollen White Oak Bayou near downtown. Police said the frightened bus riders were alert and conscious as they were put into ambulances and taken to a hospital by police dive team members.

Forecasters said the rains were

caused by a line of storms that hovered over the area for several hours. "The thunderstorms just stalled out on us," Bill Evans, spokesman of the Harris County Flood Control District, said.

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood watch for all of southeast Texas, where the ground has been saturated by repeated heavy rains since Christmas.

Rain totals Wednesday averaged from 3 to 6 inches with isolated areas reporting more.

Although the weather was expected to clear by nightfall, a new line of storms was developing across central Texas in the late afternoon

and moving east. Forecasters said those rains could aggravate the already serious flooding problem.

Several major bayous that drain rains from Houston were reported at or above their banks, including Buffalo, White Oak and Braes bayous. Evans said Greens Bayou north of the city was also an area of concern.

Along the Interstate 10 freeway at the White Oak Bayou, dozens of cars were stranded in door-handle-high water.

"It's the first time I've seen it like this," Ken Baugh, who has lived in Houston since 1984, said while wait-

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**CAMPUSlines**

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Parabola presents a lecture on "A theorem about Primes Proved on a Chess Board," to be given by Loren Larson, Problems editor of "Mathematics Magazine," today at 3:30 p.m. in Winton-Scott Hall room 145.

TCU Student Foundation is looking for excited new members for the 1992-1993 academic year. Interested students should pick up an application at the Information Desk or in the Alumni Office. All applications are due no later than Friday, March 27. For more information contact the Alumni Office at 921-7803.

The Permanent Improvements Committees looking for large new ideas for physically improving the campus. PI is designed to beautify the campus, and past projects include the sand volleyball courts. Anyone with ideas please call Laura Cummings at 923-3370.

Political Convention Programs Space is still open for the 1992 Democratic and Republican National Convention Programs. Applications are available in the political science department, Sadler 205, or call x7395 for more information.

The Poetry Society of Texas is offering a College Student Award for the best poem of any subject or form that is no more than 28 lines. Send poems to Budd Mahan, 410 N. Yale Drive, Garland, Texas 75042. Must be post-marked by April 1.

The Student Activities Office is looking for outstanding students to serve as peer advisors for the Minority Student Welcome Program. Applications are available in the Student Activities Office, and interviews will be held March 30 and 31. For more information, call Monica Mendez 921-7926

Frog Fest/Siblings Weekend will be held April 3-5, 1992. Registration materials and information are being sent to parents next week. If you need further information, contact the Recreational Sports Office, 921-7945.

TCU Students Age 25 Or Older are invited to attend "Seminars for Mature Frogs" on topics such as time management, preparing for and taking exams, and information exchange. Call 921-7130.

**HELPlines**

**Volunteers interested in working for the George Bush/Dan Quayle re-election campaign please call George Young at (817) 878-6328.**

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

Volunteers are needed to demonstrate pioneer craft skills at a historic log cabin village in Fort Worth. Training is provided.

Volunteers are needed to coordinate and help organize a historical library for a Fort Worth agency. Available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays or on weekends.

Volunteers are needed to call people who have requested assistance through a local agency. Social work skills helpful.

Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver library materials to home bound people and return previously delivered materials to the library. Available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Must use own vehicle.

Volunteers are needed at a Fort Worth museum to assist with a special hands-on children's "discovery area." Must be available on weekdays and weekends. Training begins in September.

Volunteers are needed to assist with a recycling program on the East Side. Help is needed on Saturday mornings to sort the recyclables and help carry them from cars to the recycling area.

Volunteers are needed at a local hospital information desk to help admit and dismiss patients, deliver mail and flowers to patients' rooms and give directions to visitors. Shifts are available Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to conduct tours at a local nature center. Lead groups of children and adults through the area and emphasize the ecology of the area and how each person can help preserve the environment.

Volunteers are needed to conduct a storytelling session with children while their mothers are waiting for medical services at a Fort Worth community clinic. Must enjoy being with children and be able to interest them in hearing stories.

Volunteers are needed to lead group discussions for children or parents who are grieving over the death of a loved one.

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mitting the disease in this manner," she said. "The people who take the blood wear gloves not only to protect the giver, but to protect themselves."

Others aren't hesitant to give donations.

There are about 8 million donors in the nation, Graves said. Although this may seem like a high number, it doesn't make up a big percentage of the population, she said.

"Only about 5 percent of the healthy population donates blood right now, and that's just not enough," Graves said.

The university's situation is different because door prizes are being awarded to encourage blood donations.

The items range from Chili's restaurant gift certificates to sweat shirts. Also, anyone who gives blood, or tries to give blood, receives a coupon to Park Hill Cleaners.

Few places, if any, give incentives for donating blood, Graves said.

This semester's blood drive, titled "Just a Drop in the Bucket," is a part of the SPLAASH (Students Promoting Life, Alcohol Awareness, and Sexual Health) program sponsored by the TCU Safe Break Committee.

The blood drive will continue from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Friday in the Student Center Lounge.

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ing out the flooding on a bank along the bayou. "I'm not going to be a statistic. I'm going to stand right here, drink beer and watch it."

Steve Wilson, a manager at the Fiesta Supermarket next to Interstate 10 in west Houston, said traffic was at a standstill in both directions.

"There's high water underneath the bridge. It's high enough so our parking lot looks like a lake," Wilson said.

**Corrections**

In Tuesday's edition of the Skiff, an article incorrectly said tickets for "Fiddler on the Roof" could be reserved only through the Hebrew Day School. Tickets can be purchased through the TCU Theater Box office.

In Wednesday's edition of the Skiff, an article incorrectly stated that the TCU women's tennis team will play Tulsa next Tuesday. The Lady Frogs beat the Hurricanes 6-0 last Tuesday at the Mary Potishman Laird Tennis Center. The Skiff regrets the errors.

**Campus Man**

by Andrew Deutsch



**Insanity Fair**

by Joe Barnes



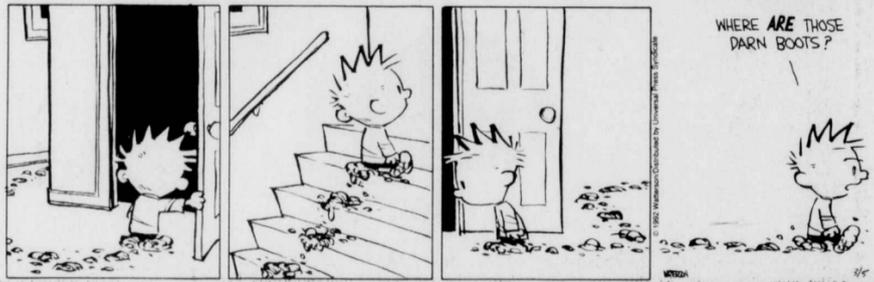
**Siege**

by Andy Grieser & Kall Loper



**Calvin and Hobbes**

by Bill Watterson



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A quote from *Newsweek* December 2, 1991... **Out of College Out of Work - Great White Collar Depression**

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## Letters to the editor

### Apology

I sent in a letter slandering Andrew Deutsch last Monday. I attempted to shift the blame to the ROTC in order to get Deutsch off of Tom Brown's back. I strongly apologize to the ROTC for my statements which were not founded on truth, rather on assumption. I made the same mistake that Deutsch is making: I categorized the ROTC for the actions of an individual just as Deutsch has characterized Tom Brown Hall based on the stupidity of my roommate and myself.

I do not want a feud with Mr. Deutsch; I would, however, like to point out that fun has its reasonable limits. Shooting a car with a paint gun crosses the line; so does slandering the members of a particular dorm.

I realize that your job is to entertain, but the subject of paint guns is old news. I suggest that you find a new center of focus, a not-so-derogatory one. There

exists a general, subtle feud between the fraternities and the independents. This feud involves jokes and ridicule of a general level. When the feud becomes personal and attacks a specific group, the jokes are no longer funny and it takes on an air of ridicule that is sardonic. What if the paint gunmen were of a specific fraternity and an independent cartoonist slandered the entire fraternity constantly? The fraternity's members would be angry. The same applies with the members of Tom Brown Hall. I hope that you will find a less harsh topic in the future — one that the members of Tom Brown can enjoy as well. The choice is yours.

Ted Strout  
Sophomore  
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### Paint

Several items have recently appeared in the Skiff which are far from accurate, objective accounts. Specifically, we are referring to reports of the campus paint pellet gun shootings. At this time, we would like to set the record straight.

First, the article which appeared in the February 27 edition of the Skiff reported that the shooting of one of our female cadets occurred at 4:50 p.m. on Sunday, February 23, 1992. In fact, the shooting occurred at 4:50 a.m., shortly after our cadets had been released from a weekend training exercise. In addition, the cadet was not the sole target. Two other cadets and a cadre member were also fired upon during the incident.

Secondly, we wish to respond to the March 3, 1992 letter written by Ted Strout. Mr. Strout, no members of TCU Army ROTC have engaged in paint pellet gun shootings. The individuals who shot our cadet were indeed, as the February 27 article indicated, "... dressed in camouflage clothing and had paint on their faces." However, we know for a fact that they are NOT members of the TCU

Army ROTC program. Wearing camouflaged clothing does NOT make a person a member of ROTC.

Mr. Strout, TCU Army ROTC condemns the paint pellet gun shootings. Far from being the culprits, we seem to have suffered the greatest number of casualties during this recent shooting spree. We regret that you feel we "... would be happy to execute (Andrew Deutsch) as well." At TCU Army ROTC we emphasize People First, and Mission Always. We do not attempt to execute other individuals. Hopefully, in the future you will refrain from making such libelous remarks.

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### Victim

I would like to clear up the confusion about my name. I was identified as the victim of a mugging outside Dunkin Donuts last Saturday night in an article printed Wednesday. I was not the victim.

For the last three years the actual victim, B. Jeanne Schroeder, and myself, Jeannie Schroeder, have been confused by almost everyone, administrators and students alike. The fact is we are both juniors and are involved in many of the same activities. We are also friends and have learned to accept the confused looks, strange messages and misdirected mail with humor.

Although I am not really upset with the Skiff for confusing us, I am concerned that proper journalistic techniques are not being followed. Over this past week I have received cards, letters and phone calls from concerned members of the TCU community expressing support and sympathy. While I have forwarded these

messages on to Jeanne, they would have meant more to her if she had received them herself. Also, some of my friends were unnecessarily alarmed by the article.

I sincerely urge reporters and editors of the Skiff to be more careful in their identifications. While it has done no real harm this time, misidentification is not good journalism and may do actual damage in the future.

I would also like to thank those who have expressed concern, sympathy and support. I know that Jeanne really appreciates it. We would both like to urge all members of the TCU community to take security and safety more seriously. You really never know when something like this could happen to you.

Jeannie Schroeder  
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### Letter policy

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## BUSH: WHAT TO DO TO LIBYA?



## Kudos for an exciting hoops season Team made it a year to remember

by  
JOEY  
MARTINEZ

Columnist

HOW 'BOUT THEM FROGS! Even though the TCU men's basketball team lost Tuesday night to Houston, last Saturday's come from behind win against Rice provided good reason for optimism among all Frog fans, and sent some of us daydreaming of Super Frog rubbing the bald head of Dick Vitale on national TV in the NCAA tournament.

To clarify for those who went to Mardi Gras or who are still experiencing "Pre-Spring Break Hormonal Surge Syndrome" — YES, TCU is a Division I school and could showcase our potent (NOT) zone offense in the NCAA tournament, providing we could win the Southwest Conference Tournament first.

Along with this year's hooping success has come some obvious changes in the atmosphere of a Horned Frog basketball game. For the first time in my three years of watching the Frog hoopsters in Daniel Meyer Coliseum, there was a sense of excitement and tension in the crowd, and people were cheering — I think we actually even cared if we won or lost!

I saw purple in the stands. Mind you, not purple wrapskirts, but actual TCU sweatshirts. People are even willing to stand up. At times this season, the crowd has started the wave and it has actually made it through the alumni sec-

"If I could use one word to describe TCU, it would be 'class.' Not the kind we skip, but a word that describes the way our university and the people it is made up of maintain a standard of personal and institutional excellence that includes a belief in equality among all people."

tion. The announcer has joined in the progressiveness — the once "Beautiful TCU Showgirls," became just the "TCU Showgirls," and are now honored as being the "Lovely and Talented Showgirls." This is a good change. "Talented" surely won't offend even the most right-wing feminist on campus, although we could possibly hear another public outcry in response to the word "lovely." Check with the economics department. As long as James Bond and Eddie Murphy are out of the picture, I foresee no sequel of the fall Showgirl image dispute gracing the award-winning pages of the TCU Daily Skiff.

What is newsworthy, however, are some of the comments you can hear the TCU Band yelling at the referees, the visitors' coaches, and the visiting players. Some of these comments are welcome sarcastic jibes such as the

one making fun of the St. Louis coach's sports coat. Other comments I heard would be better suited for a white supremacist geneticists' convention.

A handful of band members made loud comments to the effect that St. Louis had "too many white boys" on the floor. To these two or three band members: say what you will, believe what you may, but don't prove your lack of intelligence while wearing our university's uniform. Mr. Henning, are you reading this? Get control of your musicians — maybe put a note in the sheet music: "Don't make racial comments." I hope to see improvement in this area next year, as I'm sure the rest of the university community does.

If I could use one word to describe TCU, it would be "class." Not the kind we skip, but a word that describes the way our university and the people it is made up of maintain a standard of personal and institutional excellence that includes a belief in equality among all people. It's not often you see a slip up in this area at TCU. We make mistakes, we work to overcome problems, but we never lose our class. Let's keep it that way.

All things considered, it's been an exciting season of Frog basketball. Students, administrators, faculty, staff, alumni, Showgirls, cheerleaders, Super Frogs, and yes, the band have all done a superb job of supporting the team this year. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a successful SWC tournament - Good Luck Frogs!

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## Throne offers time for reflection

by  
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Guest Columnist

It's late in the evening and you have the exam from hell to study for. It seems as though these questions were designed to "weed you out" of this garden of knowledge. Anyway, the pressure is steadily mounting and bringing you down. Those burritos from a few hours ago are not exactly helping matters much. You (and I) often scamper toward that cold, white realm and begin your reign of terror.

Wasn't that refreshing? It is now somewhere around 12 or 1 in the morning. Since you cannot possibly get to sleep, you (and I) might go through an Olympic gymnastics routine — all within the confines of your bed. You have an 8:00 class but are still curiously wide awake. Your roommate either cannot sleep or is about to pummel you with a tennis racket.

You can relax. This isn't a spot for Depends or Sealy Posturepedic. This isn't a "how to" spot either, as I trust that you all already know how. Whether you're on the throne or in bed, random thoughts like to crop up during these times. Many of us take this time to philosophize and get into deep intellectual discussions. Others like to talk about stupid things or muse over observations. It's time to go random.

Let's talk about hypocrisy. We all see

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plenty of examples of this each day. Some health nuts make me chuckle. Some people take such good care of themselves and work out all the time. They drink Evian water and eat salads. These people will have a heart attack if you offer them some ice cream. You will then hear a litany of how bad the stuff is for you. One of these people might do enough smoking to single-handedly keep a tobacco company in business.

Now let's get into something really funny. Racists exist in every color of the rainbow. Take a run through the following fictional account.

A group of white women are sitting around engrossed in a discussion concerning the inferiority of black people. They have come to the conclusion that blacks are not as pretty, strong, or smart as their white counterparts. The group splits up and some of these girls go to the mall. At the mall, they fork over good money to people at tanning salons. They are paying to get their skin darker like the black people that they just denounced as inferior.

Not too far away, a group of black girls are sitting around discussing the inferiority of white people. White people are not as pretty, smart, or strong as their superior black coun-

terparts. This group breaks up and some of its members head off to the same mall. These ladies are paying good money for colored contact lenses, skin bleaching, or the infamous weave. This is all done in an attempt to look like the white people just minutes ago denounced as inferior.

Although I condone racism by no man, woman, or child from any background, one of my nights of musing brought me to a conclusion. Racists should be looked upon with some pity since they are so insecure. Think about it. Imagine being so insecure that you feel the need to tear down persons of another racial background to build yourself up. Such people need help and need it now.

To end on a lighter note, think for a moment about very random things. Why do people close their eyes when they kiss? While many of us do it, it seems quite awkward if you are the observer. Do you remember Steve Kline-tobe's "Ye Gods & Little Fishes" comic strip? A college coed had an ongoing romance with Nigel the squirrel. I found this series quite entertaining but I had one nagging thought at the back of my mind. Steve Kline-tobe's strip was unentertaining but there is potential for it to become eerily prophetic. Are decent men so scarce that some of Nigel's buddies will be able to go after human women? Something for the guys to think about between now and formal.

For any readers I may have out there, I apologize for the wait. For any readers that I don't have, just remember that I might be peering at you from behind my glasses, or a thick book.

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# Sports

## UH stops cold TCU

By TY BENZ  
TCU Daily Skiff

The chants of "airball, airball" coming from the Houston crowd was the one word that described TCU's performance Tuesday night in Houston.

The TCU men's basketball team fell into third place in the Southwest Conference in Houston as the Cougars downed the cold shooting Frogs 50-44 at Holfeinz Pavilion.

The Frogs (21-8, 9-4 SWC) shot only 30 percent in the game as TCU couldn't solve Houston's (21-5, 9-4 SWC) switching defenses that collapsed the middle against Frog senior center Reggie Smith. By sending two and three guys at Smith, the Cougars shut off the middle, forcing the Frogs to pump up three-pointers all game long.

"The key to this game was Smith," said Houston forward Craig Upchurch. "He's the key to their entire inside game, and we wanted to stop him and get him in foul trouble. To do this, we double and triple teamed him."

The strategy worked as Smith was held to 15 points (five of them on free throws) on only 5-of-12 shooting while grabbing 12 rebounds. Most of points came off of offensive rebounds as the Cougars frustrated him into a poor shooting game while getting him into foul trouble.

"They sat in their zone and packed it inside," Smith said. "I couldn't do anything and worked too hard, which cost me some cheap fouls."

With Smith shut down, the Frogs were forced to go to their perimeter game, and the Frogs were cold as ice.

Senior guard Michael Strickland suffered through one of his worst games, shooting only 1-of-9, all from three-point range, and committed four turnovers. But it wasn't any better for the other Frog guards. Junior point guard Brent Atwater shot only 3-of-9 from the field, including 0-3 from three-point range, while senior Albert Thomas came off the bench to score 12 points on 5-of-13 shooting, and was the only TCU player to hit a trey, going 2-of-6 from three-point range.

The Frog guards scored only a total of 20 points, 10 points under their average, on 9-of-31 shooting. TCU shot only 3-of-19 from three-point range.



TCU Daily Skiff/ Aimee Herring

TCU senior center battles inside against Rice last Saturday. Tuesday night, the Frogs lost in Houston 50-44.

"We didn't execute very well on offense," said TCU head coach Moe Iba. "We just couldn't hit our shots."

The deciding factor in the game was TCU's foul trouble inside. Smith picked up his fourth with 9:25 to go in the game and senior power forward Mark Moton picked up his fourth with 7:42 left and fouled out with 3:34 to go.

This gave Houston a decided height advantage, with the 6-8 Upchurch going against TCU's Allen Tolley, only 6-4. This allowed Houston to pound it inside, and the Cougars did this successfully, outscoring TCU 5-2 in the last three minutes to pull the game out.

## Golf finishes last in Miami

By DAVE NORDEN  
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU men's golf team flew to Florida last Thursday looking for a championship trophy in the University of Miami Collegiate Invitational. Instead the squad returned to Fort Worth looking for some respect.

The highly ranked Horned Frogs battled the course at Don Shula's Golf Resort in Miami Lakes for three days, and when the dust cleared, the Frogs shot an uncharacteristic 908 to finish in last place. The University of Texas captured the title, winning by five strokes, and trouncing the Frogs by an over-

whelming 44 shots.

"We were all hitting the ball terrible," said junior Robert Boisvert. "I really don't know what went wrong."

Senior Ren Budde finished as the top TCU golfer, scoring a 73-70-76 for a total of 219 and placing 14th. Freshman Doug Roecker also fared well, shooting a 77-69-74 for a total of 220, which placed him in a tie for 21st.

"I was happy to see him play good," said senior Charlie Stevens. "He has had a lot of pressure on himself, and he needed a good tournament."

Stevens, considered by team members to be the top TCU golfer,

finished in a tie for 66th place while carding a 75-80-75 for a total of 230. Other TCU golfers included junior Bo Cooper, whose total of 239 placed him in a tie for 87th and Boisvert, 79-82-88, good for 90th place.

According to Stevens, the University of Miami tournament entertained perhaps the weakest set of teams that TCU will tangle with this season. He said the team must improve on its last place finish to compete in the next tournament.

"A couple of us started playing badly and that put a lot of pressure on Stevens and Budde," Boisvert said.

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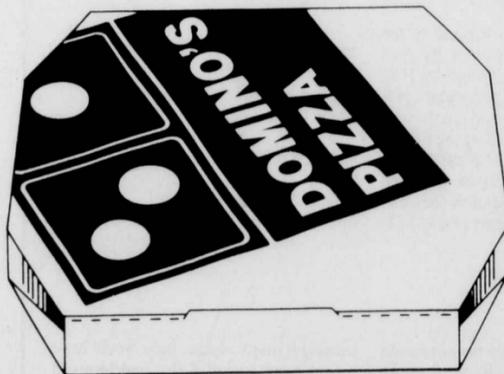
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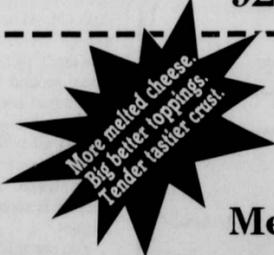


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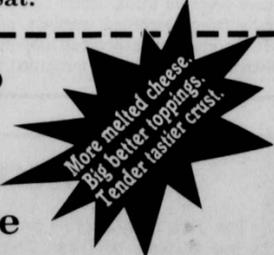
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