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DNA testing unlocks doors for suspect identification

By KATHERINE THOMPSON
Special to the Skiff

Charles Dabbs was convicted in 1984 for a crime he didn't commit. Seven years later he was released from prison when a relatively new technique—DNA testing—proved he did not commit the rape he was accused of.

While reversals in convictions are only a small part of the uses DNA testing can be implemented for, the new technique has proved an effective tool in uncovering important criminal evidence.

DNA testing, also known as genetic fingerprinting, is a method of typing body fluids, such as blood, semen or saliva, to identify an individual. DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) is the blueprint for the body,

said Ron Singer, chief criminalist for the Tarrant County Medical Examiner.

"From a historical perspective, there were other tests available before DNA testing came along," said Philip Hartman, associate professor of biology and an expert on DNA testing. "The difference is that the power of exclusion with DNA testing is phenomenal."

Hartman said everyone has a different DNA sequence, except for identical twins, which makes DNA testing a significant method for identifying individuals.

Singer said in most cases where a perfect match is found between an evidentiary sample (found at the scene of a crime) and a sample taken from a suspect, the chances of finding another match out of the popula-

tion at large is about one in 50 million to 100 million.

Of course with such conclusive statistics as these, several criticisms and accusations have been hurled at the supporters of DNA testing by its proponents. Since DNA testing was first implemented in the late 1980s, questions have been raised about the quality of the work done in labs across the country.

"The technology itself is a classic scientific technique," said Singer. "It is well established and accepted by the majority of molecular biologists."

Hartman agreed. "There's no question that the basic scientific method is correct for this testing, but there are technical aspects in question," he said. Some of these questions include methods of

standardization and the certification of lab personnel.

Hartman said the specific scientific aspects were developed in the mid to late 1970s, but forensic applications did not begin until the mid 1980s.

"I don't think that there won't be criticisms in the future (about DNA testing)," Hartman said. "The question is now, is it okay to be doing it now or should we be researching it more?"

Singer said the second area in DNA testing questioned by critics was statistics. He said critics often want to know, when a biologist claims there is only a one in 100 million chance of another match if the biologist has actually tested 100 million samples.

"This isn't an accurate argument

because anyone who has had a basic statistics course knows that you don't have to sample the entire population in order to come up with a statistical estimate," he said.

Singer said potential privacy issues have also been virtually overcome since the database access is limited to other medical examiners, law enforcement agencies and related agencies. Even then, no names or other information is kept with the DNA file in the database, so the Medical Examiner's Office can decide who to give the information to, he said.

Forty-nine of the fifty states accept genetic fingerprinting in a court of law, said Dwight Adams, supervisory special agent with the FBI. Since 1988, there have been over 5,000 cases in which DNA evidence

was introduced, he said.

Bill Eubanks of the North Texas regional FBI office said DNA testing that produced a match was very convincing evidence to a jury in a court of law, however, some misconceptions still exist as to what exactly the tests can prove.

"It is a misconception by the public that this (DNA testing) is used to determine a suspect's physical appearance," Eubanks said. "We do not try to reconstruct what the suspect looks like with the DNA information; we are just comparing one DNA pattern with a known DNA pattern."

Singer also saw misconceptions the public had of the new typing method.

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Campus receives volunteer honor from food bank

By JENNIFER WILLINGHAM
TCU Daily Skiff

Loaves and Fishes food bank and soup kitchen has named TCU as its volunteer of the month.

Ron Riel, volunteer coordinator for Loaves and Fishes said the entire campus community received the honor because it was impossible to single out one volunteer.

"Ten years ago when we first opened the doors, our first volunteer group came from TCU," Riel said. "There is no way to count the thousands of volunteers from TCU over these past 10 years."

Working at Loaves and Fishes can include everything from cleaning out a freezer of food that has expired to packaging food to be distributed to other food banks.

"It was hard for me at first because I live in a situation where you don't see poverty on a day to day basis," said Alissa Stephan, a freshman pre-major.

"I saw that the homeless people working there are no different than I am and there is much more to life than what occurs on this college campus," Stephan said. "It was a humbling experience and people there are not interested in material things."

"It is amazing how much we can contribute as individuals and what a difference you can make in someone's life who is less fortunate," she

said. Other students had similar experiences.

"I volunteered there on Tuesday and packaged cereal for children," said Traci Campbell, a junior education major.

"The people there are friendly and really appreciated all of the TCU volunteers," she said. "They made me feel like our work was worth while."

I will definitely go back because I like to volunteer and the atmosphere is uplifting," Campbell said.

"I feel that it is a privilege to help people out who are less fortunate than I am," said Chris McCraw, a freshman pre-major.

"It was a rewarding experience to give back to the community and to the needy," he said.

Officials said the relationship between the university and the food bank is a reciprocal one.

"Loaves and Fishes participates in the annual Career Week activities and takes part in the Thanksgiving special at Landreth Auditorium," Riel said. "Future journalists enlist our expertise on articles relating to hunger and homeless and term paper writers call for further information relating to the hunger plight in the Metroplex."

Loaves and Fishes also provides guest speakers for the nutrition and

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Susan Marshall, a sophomore art major, puts the finishing touches on a sculpture she will display at an exhibit as part of Fort Worth's Mayfest celebration. The exhibit will begin April 30 and end May 3.

Journalism workshop to return to campus

By LEANNA STALEY
TCU Daily Skiff

Editors in journalism have constantly bemoaned the low number of minority journalists in the field. As a result, publishers and editors have made it a top priority to add ethnic diversity to newsrooms throughout the nation.

The TCU journalism department will sponsor an Urban Journalism Workshop for Dallas and Fort Worth area high school juniors and seniors this summer from June 7 to 19, as a grassroots effort to recruit more minority students at the college level, an organizer said.

The workshop is returning to TCU after a five-year absence. The last time the university sponsored the Urban Journalism Workshop was in 1987.

Funded by a stipend from the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Inc., the workshops are designed to give minority students realistic exposure to the news media.

"There's not enough students of color getting into journalism," said Mercedes Olivera, director of the workshop and a journalism department faculty member.

"Hopefully this will give them a realistic insight into the real world of journalism," Olivera said.

She said the latest surveys have

shown that the number of minorities in journalism is stagnant. The numbers are not going up, Olivera said.

Organizers said they are thrilled about the opportunity to welcome the high school students.

"I'm very excited because this is the only workshop of its kind in the North Texas area," Olivera said. "We've gotten requests from as far away as Colorado and Brownsville, Texas."

"I think the workshop will serve as an excellent way to introduce minority high school students into journalism," said Alfred Charles, a senior journalism major and *Skiff* editor, who will be assisting with the program.

"The workshops will allow the students to explore the many facets of journalism from developing a story idea into reporting all the way through production," Charles said. "I didn't have the opportunity to attend a workshop like this. I wish I had."

Olivera said she hopes that 16 to 18 students will participate in the program. The participants will live on campus and take field trips during the 12-day workshop.

The final project for the students will be a newspaper they produce themselves using student publications' computers.

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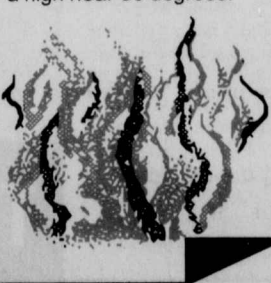
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Today's weather will be sunny with a high of 88 degrees.
Friday will be sunny, with a high near 90 degrees.



Few fond memories

Individual differences can be obstacles at university

By ALFRED CHARLES
TCU Daily Skiff

When Leslie Swann left Midland to pursue a college education at TCU, she was full of romantic notions about what college life would bring.

Swann fantasized about going to wild animal-house parties, meeting and dating fraternity guys and snuggling with classmates during cold football games.

Swann's dreams have not materialized. In fact, the junior habilitation of the deaf major and president of Black Student Caucus is anxious to leave university life behind her because her "difference" has proved to be an obstacle.

Swann is African-American.

"I don't feel like I have had the ideal college experience," Swann said. "When I graduate, I am gone and I'm not looking back at TCU."

Swann is not alone. Other minority students have said TCU is a university that does not care about minority students' concerns.

Demographic data that indicate a growing minority population will force administrators on campuses of universities throughout the nation to strengthen efforts to recruit and

retain minority students if institutions are to survive during the '90s and beyond, scholars warn.

According to information contained in the university's institutional statistics for the fall semester, 3.7 percent of the campus population

and 49 females. Native American students had 3 percent of the student enrollment, seven female students and 10 male students.

White students were 87.3 percent of the student population with 2,371 male students and 3,335 female students.

Administrators said they were not satisfied with the numbers.

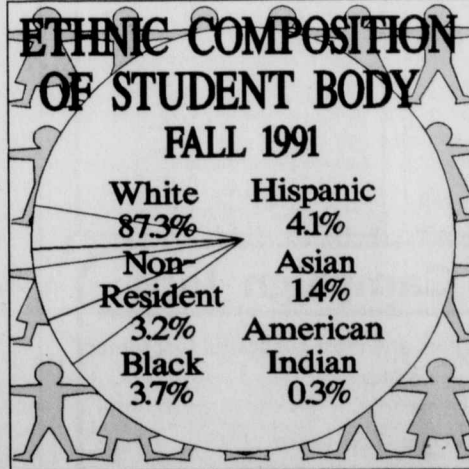
"The university is trying to recruit more minority students," said Leo Munson, dean of admissions and an assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"We talk a lot about bringing in more minority students," Munson said. "We talk more about the perception of the student once they get here."

Munson said efforts to recruit minority students are extensive. Programs initiated by the admissions office such as outreach programs that target minority students, admission officials who target Texas high schools with predominantly minority populations and the minority phone-a-thon program were implemented to recruit minority students.

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CAMPUSlines

CAMPUSlines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 291S or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

TCU Chemistry Department will sponsor a seminar with Dr. Galen Stucky, titled "Using the Interface and Inclusion Chemistry in Nanosphere Synthesis and Self-Assembly" on Thursday, April 30, at 11 a.m. in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4.

Army ROTC 5K Frog Trot will be held on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 9 a.m. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. this week in the Student Center, or at the starting line on the day of the race. Call 921-7455.

Wine and cheese reception, benefiting the Dan Danciger Jewish Community Center, will be held on Monday, May 4, at 8 p.m. at the Center. The event is being held in conjunction with a touring art show titled "Israeli artists from the Promised Land."

Black Student Caucus will sponsor a pool party from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. on May 6 in the Rickel Building. Food, games, music and more!

Media Law Seminar titled "Covering the Criminal Courts" will be held on May 8, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Belo Mansion (2101 Ross Ave., Dallas). Admission is free.

Making Strides against cancer a walk, run, or roll-a-thon (rollerblades, skateboards, or wheelchairs) to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held on Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. in Dallas and Fort Worth. Teams or individuals can register and solicit sponsors for the event. For more information, contact Elizabeth Hopkins at 737-3185.

Andrew H. Mellon Fellowships one-year, entry level, portable merit fellowships for graduate study. Carry a stipend of \$12,500 plus tuition and fees. They are awarded to exceptionally promising students to help them prepare for careers of teaching and scholarship in humanities studies. Dean Priscilla Tate in AddRan has information about the awards and complete procedures.

TERRA, Environmental Awareness Organization, meets every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Sid Richardson room 244. New members always welcome! Current issues include a rainforest preservation project, Ft. Worth Clean Cities projects, Earth Week projects, etc. For more information, call Elizabeth at 924-7194

Codependents Anonymous meeting at 12:30 p.m. each Thursday in Student Center Room 204. The program offers recovery for those who are seeking healthy relationships. For more information, contact University Ministries at 921-7830.

The Permanent Improvements Committee is 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 the office at 921-7395 for more information.

\$1,500 Scholarship available for an English graduate or undergraduate student who plans formal study in Great Britain in the summer of 1992. For application information call Keith Odom or Neil Daniel at x7240.

Interpersonal Growth Group will meet Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the TCU Counseling Center. The group will focus on improving personal relationships and enhancing a positive self-image. Contact John Schuster or Lisa Rollins-Garcia at 921-7863 for a screening interview.

The University Christian Church holds a weekly college fellowship at 7 p.m. every Sunday, and Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Room 259. For more information call 926-6631.

Adult Survivors of Incest is a newly formed group at the TCU Counseling Center. Students interested in a pre-group interview call Barbara Moore at x7863.

Chi Delta Mu meets at noon every Monday in Weatherly Hall in the basement of Brite Divinity. For more information call David Nolan at 921-0393 or 332-4197.

Congressman Joe Barton is now taking applications for summer internships in Washington, DC. Students interested should call Sharla Metzger at (202) 225-2002.

The Federal Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP) is conducting a contest for college students and student organizations to create and submit alcohol prevention material. The contest offers cash prizes and an opportunity to have the work published and distributed nationwide. For more information, call 1-800-487-1447.

HELPlines

Volunteers are needed to help the Pediatric AIDS Project by babysitting during a parent support group meeting on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. The group also needs volunteers to be Buddies for HIV-positive individuals. Contact Jody Cayce at 536-1160.

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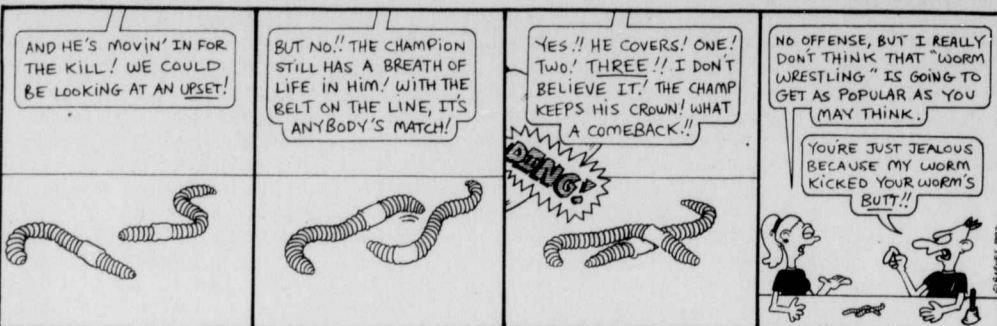
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by Andrew Deutsch



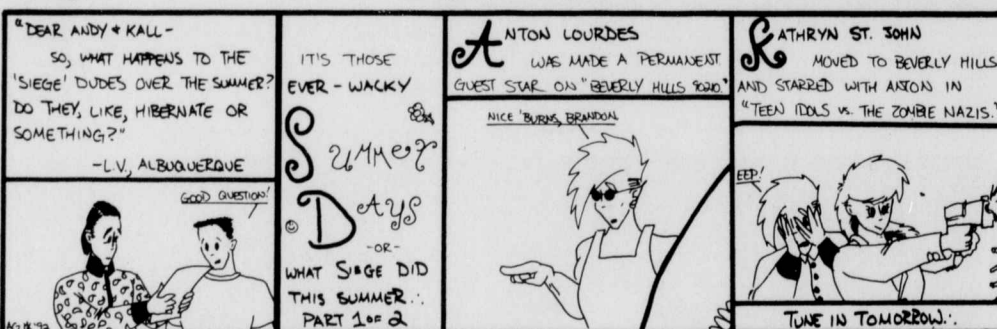
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Global

More remains to be done for diversity

University officials have spent hours and hours planning the university's Global-Theme semesters. The initiative was a recommendation from a committee exploring ways and means for the university to better promote globalism and diversity.

Speakers, exhibitions, films and other events will highlight Hispanic culture as part of the Global-Theme Semester. Academic departments are reviewing their course offerings to ensure students are getting an international perspective.

As well they should.

Students must be attuned to a changing world if they are to succeed in the 21 century and beyond. Indisputably, our world is a global village that will rely on the interaction of people with different cultures and values.

The concept behind the Global-Theme Semester is a good one. We commend all the committee members who have worked hard to ensure that the semester—the first of its kind in university history—is successful.

But we can't help but wonder if there is much more that remains to be done. If the sources of financial assistance received from outside donors and the university's own money could have been spent better, like hiring more Hispanic faculty members.

In an interview with the *Skiff* editor, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William Koehler said the number of minority faculty members is less than seven percent.

It seems that the university could spend *our* money wisely by investing in human capital—not lectures, films, exhibits and performances.

Years from now, students will remember a professor that touched their lives—not a band performance. The best way to promote diversity, inclusiveness and multiculturalism is by hiring more minority faculty who interact with students and assist the student in personal and professional development.

Although we commend the idea behind the Global-Theme Semester, the *Skiff* is obliged to say that the idea could have been developed better and implemented more effectively by increasing the number of tenured minority and international faculty members on staff.

Administrative officials should not allow simple solutions to serve as cure-alls. We must explore every avenue possible, if we are indeed serious about diversity, inclusiveness and multiculturalism.



Diversity in our own back yard

by
ELIZABETH LUNDAY

Columnist



Well, how uplifting. TCU is planning a Global Theme semester. Wonderful.

How better to enhance multiculturalism and diversity? How better to learn about other cultures? How better to make this campus intellectually aware of people who aren't white and middle class?

I can think of lots of better ways.

Oh, a Global Theme semester is all well and good. But I seriously doubt that anyone on the campus will be intellectually enriched or challenged by it.

You don't develop a mind set that appreciates other cultures with theme weeks or semesters. You don't come to a greater understanding of the Hispanic culture by walking past a Mariachi band in the Student Center at lunch time.

I'm completely in favor of the ideas of multiculturalism and diversity—the current bandwagon every academician has jumped on. Like many bandwagons, this one was conceived on excellent ideas: let's open our minds to different cultures; let's learn about other people in other worlds; let's have a diverse campus filled with people from other countries and other ethnic backgrounds and other religions and ideas and feelings.

There are two different issues that have often been confused. One is international

multiculturalism and diversity. This involves interest in other nations and nationalities and the cultures within them.

The other issue is diversity right here, right now. Not going out of the country for other cultures but understanding and appreciating and encouraging those in our own back yard.

So the idea is to do both of these things. However, a lot more emphasis has been placed on the former.

Nevertheless, the goal is to be both diverse and multicultural. Great. But I seriously doubt that most of the people who are currently spouting these words appreciate what they really mean. I doubt that most of the bandwagon-jumpers have any intention of changing the way they live or act or think about minorities. Perhaps they—or we, the entire campus—will come to a better appreciation of other countries (although I doubt it) but a truly diverse university?

The fact is that while it's relatively painless to learn about Spain or Morocco, it's a lot harder to achieve true diversity in a university. It's "unfair to white people." It lowers the quality of the neighborhood." It's "reverse racism."

Of course, I speak with a bias. My high school was the most racially and ethnically diverse in Fort Worth. We were white, black, Hispanic and Oriental. There was no majority; we were all minorities.

And did people stand on the entry hall steps and fling wide their arms and say, "What a stunning example of diversity and multiculturalism!"

No, they didn't. In fact, many middle class white families packed up and moved to Mansfield or Azle or similar suburbs to put

their kids in "better schools." What does the Azle school system have that the Fort Worth school system doesn't have? Put it the other way: what doesn't the Azle school system have? Minorities. Blacks. Those Vietnamese kids. The damn wetbacks.

I want to know where some of the bandwagon-jumping students, faculty and administrators send (or want to send) their kids to school. Unfair of me? I'm not saying everyone is obliged to have at least one minority friend—but do you? Will your children?

I want to know why TCU is spending money on Global Theme logos and guest speakers and Mariachi bands. Are we also spending money on minority recruitment?

If you want diversity—real diversity—you've got to pay for it. We have no problem saying, "Yes, we're setting a goal to increase international student enrollment." But say, "We want to increase minority student enrollment," everyone flinches. I'm not putting down international students or questioning the desire to recruit them. Go for it. But we don't have to go to Spain to find different cultures; we've got them in our own back yard in high schools like mine. Keep up the international recruitment but let's kick minority recruitment into overdrive.

Unless you're really not serious about diversity. In that case, let's throw a party, have some guest speakers and a Mariachi band and pat ourselves on the back for being so multicultural. And do nothing else.

It's up to you to decide.

● Elizabeth Lunday is a junior Advertising/Public Relations and English major from Fort Worth, Texas.

Letter to the editor

Racism

I am writing in regard to Michelle Smith's editorial, "Historical notions must change." I wholeheartedly agree with Ms. Smith's complaint regarding racial slang, but the rest of her editorial personifies "reading between the lines" to the nth degree.

Ms. Smith stated, "Aunt Jemimah has grossed over \$300 billion for white businessmen at the expense of the African American woman's image." Granted that the "happy mammy" image of Aunt Jemimah has earned billions of dollars for Proctor and Gamble, I strongly question Ms. Smith's point that white businessmen are the ONLY people that profit from the revenue of the Aunt Jemimah slogan.

Ms. Smith neglected to consider the other side of the "happy mammy" issue. The Caucasian equivalent of the "happy mammy," Betty Crocker, personifies the stereotype of the Caucasian woman as being June Cleaver, one who is expected

to stay at home and "stand by her man." Prejudice in this world, Ms. Smith, is TWO sided.

Efforts on this campus are being made to diminish the gap between minorities and Caucasians. This past weekend, members of Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Theta worked together on a service project to improve relations between the two organizations.

When minorities convey the attitude of Ms. Smith, they only broaden the gap. Personal grudges are NOT the tools that solve conflict; they only INCREASE conflict. In order to solve conflict, grudges MUST be left behind. Ms. Smith, I look forward to the day when personal grudges are set aside, enabling the "happy mammy," syndrome to be cured.

Leslie Smith
 Freshman
 Business

Letter policy

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A fond farewell to university life

by
TOM IVESTER

Columnist



Sometimes it's good just to take stock of what you've done and look back on life. I've been doing this quite a bit lately because graduation usually provides the opportunity to do this. Some of what I look back upon is regretful and some of it I wouldn't have missed for the world.

There are times when I start thinking I cringe. Someone once said, "No human can be totally truthful to himself for it will be the death of him." I don't buy that, but many of my past deeds provide a great deal of grief and guilt if I let them. I won't list them here, but trust me, there is shame involved. So many of the things that seemed so important to me at the time now seem so trivial and absurd. It even upsets me now to see people take the little things too seriously.

It's as though a magical transformation took place and I ended up as an adult. Many times I wish I wasn't and just want to go back to high school. Responsibility tends to weigh heavy and adulthood seems to be full of it. "If you can talk with men and not lose your virtue and walk with kings nor lose the common touch, if you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run, yours is the earth and everything that's in it and once more you'll be a man, my son."

Kipling may have been right when he wrote this, but sometimes it's damn hard to fill the unforgiving minute.

One of the biggest regrets I have is that sometimes I took the easy route. This may be because we at TCU have it very good and many times forget the world outside our campus. I'm as guilty of this as anyone. At times I've been narrow-minded, shallow, and uncaring. Many times it's just easier to retire to our own lives and absorb ourselves in our little world. This is what I regret most. I've done this too much and I'm afraid it has grown into a habit. I pray to God that I'll be able to break this pattern and hopefully I can use graduation as a turning point.

I've also had a great time in college. I've met some of the most incredible people and have had some truly life-changing experiences. But the one pillar that has led me through my college career and carried me when I thought I couldn't go on is God. Throughout my college years I've asked Him to guide and direct me, but most of all, just to be there for me. He has never failed. Every time I sit down to study, I try to pray that God will strengthen my mind and my talents for Him. Every time I go to work out, I try to ask that God will strengthen my body for service. I once heard that God wants us to be craftsmen and use our talents for His service. This one aspect has spurred me on when all I thought about was quitting.

I have not made it through college on my own. I could have never done it by myself. All I've done that is good is through and for God.

When I think about leaving I get a little bit sad. It's not so much the buildings and the

institution, but it's the people I'm going to miss. I've made some great friends and have had some of the best teachers one could possibly have and it's hard to know that I won't see many of them again. Roger Pfaffenberger, Libby Proffer, Linda Moore, John Butler, James Farrar, Lucille Cardenas, and Eugene Alpert, you've all had more of an impact on me than you'll ever know.

I would like to especially thank Mr. John Thompson, in the Management Department, for teaching me much more about life than any course in the business school. Sometimes facts and figures only go so far and then you run into an actual person. Mr. Thompson taught me this, and it is more precious to me than anything that has ever been on a syllabus.

I would also like to say a special thanks to my advisor, Dr. Shannon Shipp in the Marketing Department, for going that extra mile beyond just schedules. Whether he realizes it or not, he made me believe in my talents and made me really wake up to all of the possibilities out there. Sometimes all you need is a jolt and a lift up and I can't thank him enough for what he's done.

With all of that said, I'm off to start a new life. It's time now to begin using the talents I've learned here in this bastion of higher learning. It's time to start using what I have for something bigger than myself. Maybe it's a little scary but that's what makes it so fun. Goodbye TCU, it's time for me to start that grand adventure called life!

● Tom Ivester is a senior Marketing major from Sayre, Oklahoma.

Reflections/ from page 1

minority students begins at the end of their junior year," Munson said. "Our absolute target for recruitment is Texas. Any chance for success is going to be right in our back yard."

Munson said programs to recruit minority students are not enough if minority students feel the climate at the university will not allow them to succeed.

"If the perception is that minority students are dissatisfied, we will never get a minority student here," Munson said.

Swann said administrators' efforts to attract more minorities aren't enough.

"TCU is a very conservative school but our administrators should devote more attention to recruitment," Swann said. "I don't think administrators are trying to recruit because I haven't seen any changes."

Munson said his office is attempting to recruit more minorities but minority students should help administrators in their recruiting efforts.

"A solution totally driven by administrators is no solution," he said.

Munson said the climate for minority students is not the best, and some minority students said insecurity is a factor preventing more students attending the university.

Minority students said the climate at TCU is not a friendly one for minority students.

"I didn't like TCU at first because I didn't feel part of the school," Swann said. "It hasn't changed."

Margaret Barr, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the university does have a way to go before it is fully inclusive.

"We have done a fair job in being more inclusive. It's not excellent," Barr said. "I think there has been a strong commitment to inclusiveness."

Barr said top-level administrators are constantly exploring ways to make the campus more friendly for minorities by expanding the programs currently in place that offer minority students greater opportunities to participate in campus programming.

A transfer student from SMU said the university can improve the climate for minority students by ensuring that students have the funds to present minority programming.

"It's up to us to make administrators live up to their words and promises," said Wanda Mosely, a junior advertising-public relations major.

SMU minority students receive more support from the students, student government and faculty members, Mosely said.

Swann agrees. "They (SMU) have people who help them," Swann said.

President A. Kenneth Pye has announced that SMU would be stepping up its efforts to increase the numbers of minority students.

Barr said Chancellor William Tucker is also fully committed to inclusiveness for all students.

Food/ from page 1

dietetics classes and Hunger Week.

Evelyn Roberts, a nutrition teacher at TCU, said Loaves and Fishes is special because there are no guidelines in terms of qualifying to receive food.

"The only requirement is that they be hungry," Roberts said.

During one of Roberts' class, Riel comes to speak as part of a panel discussion on the issue of food in society.

"He speaks on hunger in Tarrant county and how particular services work to alleviate hunger," Roberts said. "I require my students to write a paper on feedback from this lecture."

Roberts said students are receptive to hunger and the problems hunger entails.

"It is impressive to me how the students recognize how fortunate they are and that hunger is a human need that needs to be met," she said. "Loaves and fishes relies entirely on volunteerism and donations to support it."

DNA/ from page 1

"An important thing for people to understand is that we have probably excluded people with DNA testing as often as we have included people," Singer said.

Hartman said even damage to a sample, which is not uncommon at a crime scene, cannot wrongly convict someone.

"Virtually any damage to evidentiary samples results in the lack of a result or a false exclusion," Hartman said. "It is pretty farfetched to discover any sample that would include a false inclusion. There's no way that you can get damage to a sample that will falsely convict someone."

While the method is widely accepted in the scientific and law enforcement fields, a recent New York Times article stated that a report by the National Academy of Sciences suggested courts should cease to admit DNA evidence until laboratory standards were tightened and the technique had established a stronger scientific basis.

The article was rebutted by the

Academy in an April 15 article claiming the report did not make such a recommendation.

"The article was absolutely wrong," Singer said. "The only issue left is statistical, and they are going to recommend a cap on the numbers and statistics that can be used."

Locally, DNA testing is being done by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office and the Dallas Police Department. The Fort Worth Police Department plans to begin case work within the next two to three weeks, said Frank Shiller, crime lab director.

Since 1988, the department has used outside labs to perform work on about a half-dozen cases, Shiller said.

"This program hasn't occurred in a vacuum," Shiller said. "There are lots of safeguards and checks and balances. I don't see any dangers that would impede the development of this program (in Fort Worth)."

While most of the local agencies praise the technique for its conclu-

sive and clear results, there are some disadvantages to the process, as Singer noted.

"DNA is a very powerful tool, but it is only one tool available to us," he said. "It is an expensive technique."

Singer said if other methods of typing are available, such as blood typing, enzyme typing or fingerprinting, those are used because of the high cost of DNA testing.

One of the first cases in Tarrant County cost \$30,000 plus the costs of expert testimony, Singer said. Now, the Medical Examiner's Office charges \$200 per sample plus the costs of testifying, he said.

In addition to its forensic application, DNA testing can be used for paternity testing, Singer said. This is a rapidly growing area which the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine has entered, but the school and the Medical Examiner's Office share technology and advice as well as references, Singer said.

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The newspaper project is designed to give the students a realistic experience in journalism.

"A lot of people think that they'd like to get into journalism but they have no idea what's involved," Olivera said.

Students will be recognized for their efforts during the program at an awards banquet near the end of the workshop.

Area community leaders will be speakers at the workshops. Olivera said some of the speakers include: Fort Worth Mayor Kay Granger, Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price, Congressman Martin Frost and possibly former Speaker of the House, Jim Wright.

Olivera said after this year the department will most likely sponsor the program annually.

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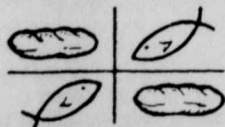
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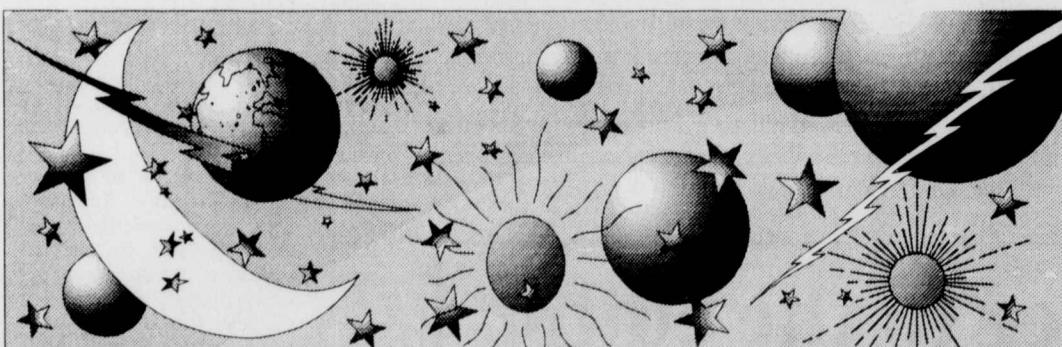
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Sports

Women's golf finishes season strong

By HOLLY C. LOHREN
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The TCU women's golf team ended their season with a third-place finish at the Southwest Conference Meet on April 26-28.

They played on the 72-par Club at Sonterra in San Antonio, Texas. SMU upset Texas to take the crown as the Mustangs ended UT's string of five consecutive titles.

Jane Kragh and Annette Kealoha won All-Southwest Conference. Kragh shot 78-80-74 for a third-place conference finish. Kealoha tied for fifth place with a three-day-total of 236.

Tricia Allen took 10th place in the 30-person field, with rounds of 82-80-77. Julie Perry placed 23rd and Michelle Mio finished 30th.

TCU's three top-10 winners finished their collegiate golf careers with the Conference Meet.

"I was real happy to finish up college golf with a good round," Kragh said. "It was a nice ending to finish third in the conference."

The course was narrow and the greens were small and slow but the weather was good until the winds came during the final round. Some holes played long but it was the tightness that had the Frogs concerned.

Most of the courses we play are spread out so it was different to play on a tighter feeling course, Kealoha said. But if you could stay even through the first five holes, you had a chance to "make up some ground" on the back nine, she said.

The fifth hole was a narrow par-four with trees on the right and hazards on the left and right. About 220 yards down, there was a big tree with branches that grew out into the fairway.

Most of the Lady Frogs hit a draw-type shot, which was detrimental on this hole. This type of shot would prevent them from having an open shot to the green.

"We're just not used to narrow courses," Kealoha said.

The small greens made it hard to get the ball up-and-down so if they didn't land the ball on the green it

was tough. The grass around the edges of the green was thick and heavy which added to the toughness.

"It was a placement course and you needed to be very accurate," Kragh said. "But the course was in good condition so the greens held. This was good because they were so small."

Barbara Blackwell of SMU won the tournament with 72-71-74 and Piper Wagner of Texas finished second with 79-75-73.

"It was great to play with Barbara," Kealoha said. "She's a long ball hitter and she really went after it. Plus she has a great attitude."

We were behind from the start and SMU was doing real well, especially against Texas, Kealoha said. So we were pulling for our arch rival.

Texas A&M, Tech and Baylor finished fourth, fifth and sixth.

"The tournament was exciting because it was my last round of collegiate golf," Kealoha said. "I tried to enjoy myself and ended up playing better."

Frogs soar at Penn Relays

By GREG RIDDLE
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The ability to overcome adversity is what makes a good team a great one.

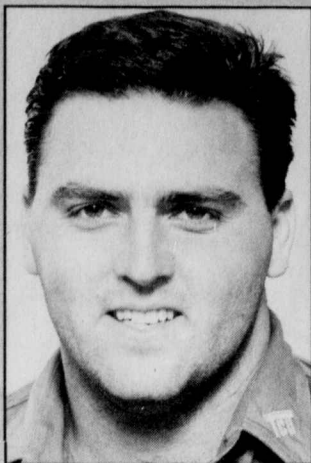
The TCU Flyin' Frogs track team overcame the loss of senior relay member Carey Johnson to finish second in the 4x200-meter relay at the prestigious Penn Relays last weekend in Philadelphia. Meanwhile, senior Jordy Reynolds continued his dominance in the shot put as he captured his second consecutive Penn Relays title.

"I think everyone did extremely well under the circumstances," said TCU sprint coach Bubba Thornton. "We're used to winning, but the injuries slowed us down. There are still about 100 universities that would have loved to trade places with us and have finished second."

The Frogs saw Johnson's hamstring tighten midway through his leg of the 4x100-meter relay in Friday's prelims. However, the defending NCAA, Southwest Conference and Penn sprint-relay champs got strong third and fourth legs from seniors Ralston Wright and Horatio Porter to qualify for the finals with a time of 40.86 seconds.

Without Johnson, the tandem of Dennis Mowatt, Raymond Redmond, Wright and Porter easily won their qualifying heat in the 4x200 with a time of 1:23.58. The Frogs were looking to defend their championship in the 4x100 and regain the crown in the 4x200, which they had won four of the past six years.

However, after years of glory and gold, this year's Penn Relays ended in frustration and disappointment for a team that has become one of college track's present day dynasties. Because of a lane one assignment in the 4x100, Thornton decided to scratch his team from the finals out of fear of injuries



Jordy Reynolds

"Lanes one through four are equivalent to 350 meters," Thornton said. "With the tight turns and running that fast, I was afraid we would just suffer more injuries. I was trying to look down the road to nationals."

In the 4x200, Mowatt got out of the blocks fast and had the Frogs near the front of the pack. However, Wright and Redmond had trouble with the third exchange and the Frogs found themselves in fourth when Porter got the baton. Porter showed why TCU is called the Flyin' Frogs as he blew past the hapless Alabama and George Mason anchor legs to move the Frogs into second. The Frogs couldn't quite catch LSU, finishing with a time of 1:22.89—less than a second off the Tigers 1:22.02.

"We did well under the circumstances," said Wright. "Cary's injury messed everyone up psychologically. We need to come back and win conference and get focused on nationals."

The Frogs did capture one gold medal as Reynolds added a second Penn Relays title to his trophy case that includes three Texas Relays

championships and one Southwest Conference title. Reynolds winning heave covered 62 feet 11 inches, good enough to beat Dwight Johnson of Florida by a good 5 inches.

"I was pleased that I won for the second year in a row," Reynolds said. "It was a nice way to cap off my career. However, I won't be satisfied until I break 65 feet. I feel I'm due for a breakthrough at conference or nationals."

The sprinters won't be the only ones making some noise this weekend in College Station as the Frogs enter the Southwest Conference Outdoor Championships. Juniors Glenn Le Gros, Rodney Wellman, Keith Pickett and Ron Dennis lead a group of distance runners that should pile up some points.

"With Le Gros, Wellman, Pickett and John Nichols, we have four guys who could make the finals in the 1,500 and score points for us," TCU distance coach John McKenzie said. "I really thought Ron did an excellent job at Penn in the 5,000. Randy Mickan has been running consistently and could go under 51 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles."

Le Gros and Wellman have both run 3:51 or better in the 1,500 meters this season, while Pickett finished fourth in the mile at the SWC indoor meet in February with a time of 4:15. Le Gros and Dennis both ran well in the 5,000 meters at Penn, running 14:36 and 14:39 respectively. Both should improve their times at conference and have excellent opportunities to place in the top six. Senior Randy Mickan will look to end his career on a high note in the 400-meter hurdles. Mickan has already tasted gold three times this season and is ranked among the top five in the conference.

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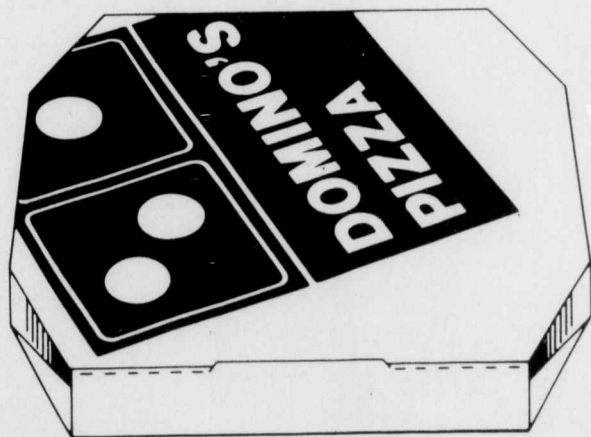
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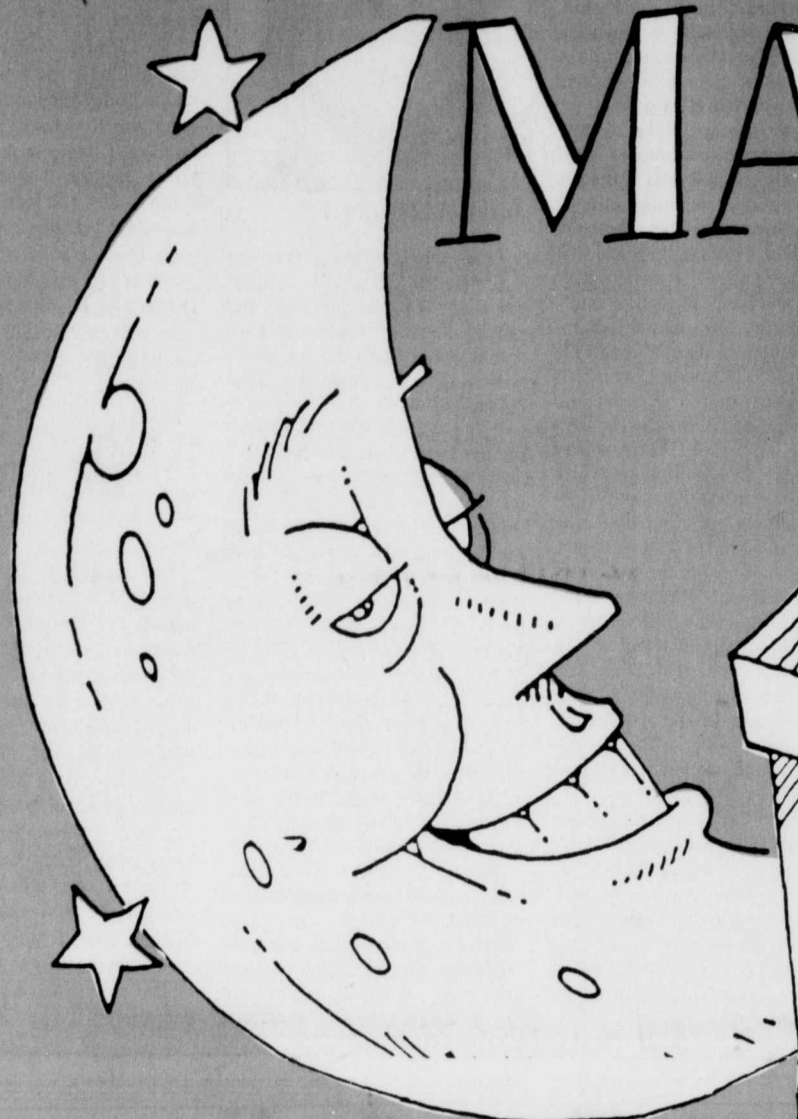
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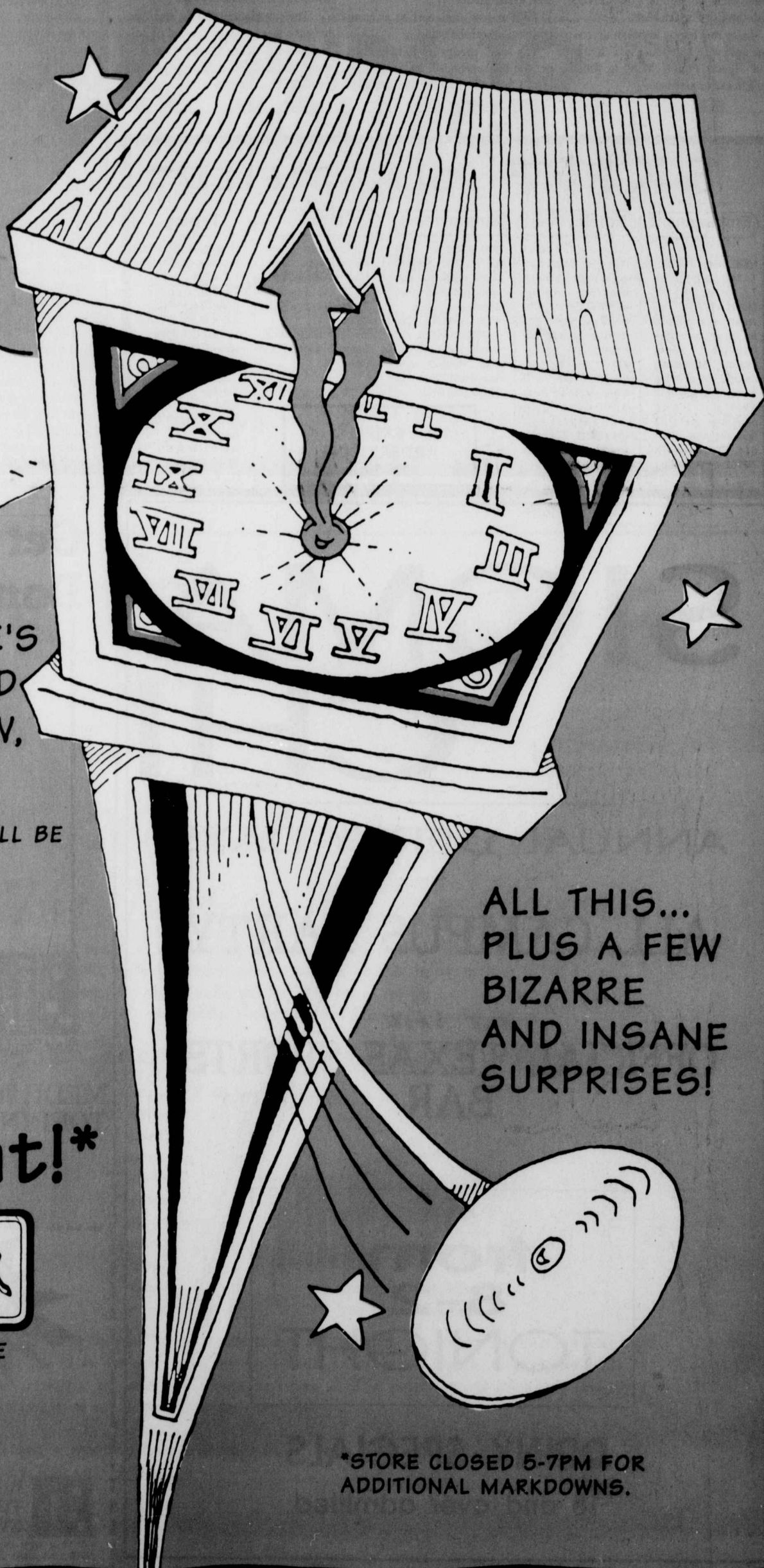
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