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Computer hackers cause problems for nationwide Internet network

By BEN JOHNSON
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Hackers have been targeting the Internet in recent weeks, stealing thousands of user passwords and creating other problems on the international computer network.

This electronic sabotage is prompting university administrators to warn faculty and students to change the passwords they use to get into the network.

Officials at schools such as Harvard and Rice universities, the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston said their

University's computer systems have not been seriously threatened, Senter says

computers have been targeted by hackers in the last three months.

However, Bill Senter, manager of technical services at TCU, said the university has not had the problem of these other schools.

"We've been pretty fortunate," he said. Senter said the university has problems every now and then with hackers invading the school's network and causing some trouble, but there have been no serious attacks on the system.

The biggest problem the university system

has had in recent memory, he said, was when a couple of students from Texas Tech University found their way into TCU's computer system and began causing some problems.

The students gained access to some of the library and public accounts and began sending messages to people, he said, but there was never any real threat of serious damage.

Senter said there have also been a few minor internal problems with TCU students getting access to restricted areas of the university system.

He said most problems with computer hackers come from the use of Unix machines. Unix is a type of computer operating system that was created for easy access for users, he said. Because of this, security for these machines is limited, he said.

"Security is just not there for those machines," he said. "It wasn't designed for that — it was made to be open to people."

"Some people can find and exploit the weaknesses in those systems pretty easily," he said.

The TCU computer network does not use many computers of this style, he said, and more often uses computers with better security. However, there is always a threat of being the victim of an attack, he said.

Another problem TCU has been lucky to avoid is computer viruses, he said. Viruses are computer programs that are secretly installed into disks or hard drives in computers, often without the knowledge of the person introducing the program.

These viruses are designed to cause problems with the computers or networks into

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TCU Daily Skiff/Alex Talliercio

Students and fans cheer at the men's basketball game Saturday against Texas (Game story, page 5). A spirit contest was held for the game, which residents of Sherley Hall won.

Late break caused by planning snafu

Spring Break normally tied to FWISD

By DENA RAINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

This year's Spring Break is a week later than it usually is because of a scheduling mishap by the University Council, which makes the decisions about the academic calendar.

The University Council plans the academic calendar 18 months before a given academic year.

Registrar Patrick Miller said the University Council tries to plan TCU's Spring Break to coincide with that of the Fort Worth Independent School District. That is done so that faculty and staff who have spouses and children involved in the FWISD can spend time with them during their vacation, he said.

Because the University Council decides TCU's Spring Break six months before the Fort Worth public schools make their decision, the council is forced to guess when the public schools will take their vacation. Usually, the FWISD chooses the third week in March for its Spring Break, he said.

"Every year we try to guess what they consider the third week in March," Miller said. "This year we just guessed wrong."

Because of the time span between the school district and the university's Spring Breaks, there is no way to keep a scheduling mishap such as this year's from happening again, he said.

The University Council tentatively sets the academic calendar five years in advance, Miller said. The academic calendar is then approved 18 months in advance.

Green prof says global news coverage lacks

By CHRISTY HAWKINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The media needs a more systematic approach to covering international news events, Everette E. Dennis, executive director of The Freedom Forum Media Studies Center at Columbia University, told students, faculty members and staff Monday at a lecture sponsored by the journalism department.

Dennis is the visiting Green Honors Journalism Chair.

His speech, "Global News in the Post-Cold War Period: Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy and International Relations" emphasized Dennis' own experiences and travels throughout the world as they relate to mass communication.

Dennis said the media as a whole is less committed to global coverage despite technological breakthroughs such as the fiber optic highway and international satellite coverage.

"This is a somewhat gloomy approach," he said, "but we will find ways to improve."

Dennis came to the university as a Green Honors Professor in the position endowed by Cecil H. Green of Dallas and his wife, the late Ida Green. Dennis will meet with various journalism classes as well as individual students and faculty members as part of his visit.

Dennis has met with several media leaders in countries including the former Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. He happened to be visiting Moscow in August

of 1991 the day the Soviet Union began to fall apart.

While in Moscow, Dennis saw the flow of information stop.

"I saw freedom of expression come to a grinding halt," he said. Although the government tried to cover up the conflict it had with its citizens, journalists and protestors were persistent with their fight to inform the public, Dennis said.

Dennis said he believes the Cold War offered a way for the media to look at the rest of the world. The media could look at areas such as Central America, the Middle East and South Africa in terms of the Cold War. Now that the Soviet Union has disbanded there is no framework, he said.

After the Persian Gulf War, Dennis took part in a detailed study of war coverage by

the media and how it relates to government. He feels there should be more collaboration between the two to bring more effective coverage.

"We have a series of potential guidelines for media and government to follow in future wars," Dennis said.

Dennis said the media lacks a clear approach for systematic coverage of

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Everette E. Dennis

Administration OKs unrestricted weekend parking for freshmen

House also plans town meeting

By ANN RICKERMAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Freshmen will be allowed to park in any student parking lot Friday through Sunday evenings starting the last weekend of Spring Break, said Scott McLinden, president of the House of Student Representatives.

The change in policy was the result of the administration accepting a parking resolution passed by the House two weeks ago, McLinden said.

Starting March 25, freshmen will be allowed to park in any student lot from 5 p.m. Friday until 5 p.m. Sunday, he said.

Freshmen were only allowed to park in the ranch management building parking lot until the resolution was passed.

In addition to that announcement, McLinden plans to discuss the upcoming Board of Trustees Student Concerns Committee and the town-hall meeting 5 p.m. today at the House of Student Representatives meeting in the Student Center Rm. 222.

Talks with the Board of Trustees will be Wednesday and Thursday. The House committee chairs will be meeting with the Board to discuss changes and improvements for the future, McLinden said.

The House will propose improvements that include changes in the academic policy, enrollment, athletics, landscaping, security and residents halls, he said.

The House will also be discussing the town-hall meeting at noon, March 14 in the Student Center Ballroom, McLinden said.

Scott Wheatley, vice president of the House, said the meeting will be a forum for students to voice their con-

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'Days' producer teaches what it takes to shoot a show

By SHERILYN SHAW
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A former executive producer of the soap opera "Days of Our Lives" emphasized the importance of professional conduct in the workplace to radio-television-film students during a seminar this weekend.

Al Rabin, who produced "Days of Our Lives" for 17 years, directed the seminar in a classroom and the Moudy Building's Television Studio A.

Rabin has been called the "Godfather of Romance" by former colleagues because he created loving, tender moments for daytime soap operas that most people lack in their own lives, Rabin said.

Richard Allen, an RTVF instructor who was the soap opera's head writer for six years, requested that

Rabin teach the seminar at the university.

"The purpose of the directing seminar is to somehow create in a 40-hour period what it's like in the real world," Rabin said. RTVF students submitted applications to take part in the seminar in February.

Allen assigned them to a variety of crew positions to work on projects during the weekend.

Student directors had several weeks to prepare their assigned projects; however, the workplace requires that the same amount of work be done within a lesser period of time, he said.

"I definitely learned how to work under pressure," said Allison Scott, a junior RTVF major. "You couldn't feel nervous around this guy (Rabin) or he would think you're incompetent."

On Friday Rabin showed the production crew how

to camera-block scenes and he showed directors how their scripts should be marked, said Mack McKinney, a junior RTVF major.

Camera blocking tells the camera operators which shot they should take.

The seminar ended around 11 p.m. Friday and the directors still had to camera block and mark their scripts, McKinney said. The crew was exhausted, McKinney said.

The 10 student directors met individually with Rabin on Saturday to discuss the blocking of the student actors, McKinney said. The directors also met with their actors to show them how they should position themselves on the set and how they should inter-

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NEWS DIGEST

Astronauts test station prototype

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Towering over the loftiest ironworkers on Earth, Columbia's astronauts erected a scaffold and then jolted it Monday for the benefit of space station architects.

Crewman Charles "Sam" Gemar snapped the thin rods and cylindrical joints together on day four of the 14-day shuttle research mission. He subjected the rectangular structure — a miniature version of a space station truss — to electronic vibrations so engineers could gauge its sturdiness.

'Anti-racist' art removed

IRVING, Texas (AP) — North Lake College officials have agreed to remove artwork featuring Ku Klux Klan gatherings and lynchings from a viewing area after receiving complaints that the material was offensive. The artworks are three quilts, made of photosensitive linen, containing pictures depicting black men hanging lifeless by a rope from a tree branch and white-hooded men on horses.

The artist, Fay P. Fairbrother, is white and said her work is meant to have an anti-racist message.

Congress may cut helium reserve

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is taking new aim at a program it loves to hate: the Texas-based federal helium reserve.

Rep. Richard Lehman, D-Calif., planned to introduce legislation Tuesday that would free government agencies from their obligation to buy helium exclusively from the federal stockpile.

The program dates back to World War I, when the military required an assured supply of helium for its blimps and there was no private production.

Israel sees more violence

JERUSALEM (AP) — Soldiers shot two Palestinians in the West Bank and guerrillas killed nine people in Israeli-held south Lebanon as violence erupted anew Monday amid efforts to revive stalled Mideast peace talks.

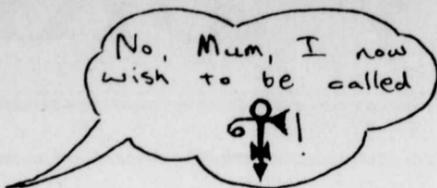
Muslim extremists warned they will unleash suicide attacks on Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, saying Israelis will "cry in blood" for the Feb. 25 mosque massacre in Hebron.

TCU Calendar

Today:
• Safe Break Week begins.
• 11 a.m. Chemistry seminar by Steve Webber of the University of Texas at Austin, Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4.
• 2:30 p.m. TCU Baseball vs. UTA, TCU Baseball Diamond.
• 5 p.m. House of Representatives Meeting, Student Center Room 222.
• 8 p.m. Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra Virtuoso Series featuring Karen Adrian, piccolo, Ed Landreth Auditorium.

The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus



What do you expect from the guy whose mom wrote 'Bohemian Rhapsody'?

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



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which they are installed, ranging from printing messages when a certain command is typed to erasing large amounts of information in the computer.

Senter said networks such as those in universities must be very secure, because viruses can be introduced from an individual's disk and can spread quickly.

Other than a couple of reports of fairly harmless programs, he said, TCU has not had much of a problem dealing with viruses.

"That's not to mean we're not con-

cerned about it," he said.

He said the university's technical services and user services departments were jointly in charge of checking for viruses and maintaining security on the network.

There are around 1,000 university-owned computers used by faculty, staff or students, he said. Around 800 of these are connected to the university network.

Around 2,500 TCU students and staff have their own Internet account, he said. Close to 500 people on campus use Internet regularly, he said, and many students use the network and do not know it when they search for library books from other universities on the library computers.

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act with each other, he said.

Each student director directed a scene Sunday. Rabin frequently stopped the taping of the student-directed scenes, offering advice to the director. He pointed out any problems such as camera shots that complicated rather than added to the scene.

While the students directed their scenes, Rabin encouraged them to use a "snapping" or "pen" technique. The directors snapped two fingers or struck a pen against a table top when signalling their technical director to change camera shots.

"Al said that because there is so much conversation or chatter on the floor, 'snapping' or the 'pen' technique is a direct signal between the director and the technical director," said Craig Mohrhaus, a senior RTVF major. "The director is able to communicate with his technical director without confusion."

The student-directed scenes were taped and later publicly viewed so

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 at Oxford orientation meeting will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Woodson Room of the Student Center.

TCU Fencing Club meets from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Rickel Room 317. No experience is needed to attend. For more information, call Dave at 923-9477.

Psi Chi will have its general meeting at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday March 9 in Winton-Scott Hall Room 247.

PRSSA meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Moudy Room 280S to discuss interviewing. "Shadow Day" is Thursday.

Student Organizations interested in fund raising by sponsoring a booth at Frog Fest should contact Suzette Lomax or Clay Hancock at the Recreational Sports Department, 921-7945.

TCU's Student Foundation will be accepting new member applications through March 29 for the 1994-1995 school year. Student Foundation is a student organization that promotes the welfare of the university through volunteering in the offices of admissions, alumni and development. Members must be classified as at least a sophomore in the fall of 1994 after application is made and must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA. Interviews will be held April 11-13. Applications may be picked up at the Student Center Information Desk or the Alumni Office. For more information, call 921-7803.

Peer Counselors are accepting applications for helping skills training. This group provides basic skills needed in the client-counselor relationship. The training is from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Thursday from March 31 to April 21. Apply at the Counseling Center, 921-7863.

Video Contest is open to college students with cash prizes ranging from \$500 to \$3000. The contest is sponsored by The Christophers, a

New York-based international media organization. For more information call (212) 759-4050. The deadline for entry is June 10.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Varsity Club Room of the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Open to all. This week's speaker is Gary Randal, Fort Worth police officer and director of HOPE Farm.

Society of Physics Students is offering free physics, astronomy and math tutoring every Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. in Sid Richardson Room 323.

Student Concerns Committee meets every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Room 218. Anyone may attend. Contact Jeff Benson at 923-5553 or P.O. BOX 32326.

Permanent Improvements Committee meets at 4 p.m. every Thursday in Student Center Room 204. Suggestions and comments welcome. Contact J.R. Greene at P.O. BOX 29321 or 926-1272.

The International Students Association meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday. Check at the Student Center Information Desk for location.

The Organization of Latin American Students invites all students to its weekly meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Student Center Room 202.

Rape/Sexual Assault Survivors' Group is forming at the Counseling Center. The group will meet from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fridays. For initial screening appointment, call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

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EDITORIAL

Speak up today: Vote

Today's primary election is predicted to have one of the lowest voter's turnout in recent Texas history.

In a *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* article, Robert Parten, Tarrant County elections administrator, predicted that voter participation may be as low as 18 percent. Parten based his judgment of the number of ballots cast during the early voting.

The primary will decide the candidates for each of the major parties for the November general election. Included in today's primary are candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and most state-wide, county and city officials.

The right to vote given to us by our forefathers is much more than a right; it is a responsibility. It is your duty to go to the polls and vote for the person you want to represent your interests and concerns in city hall, Austin and Washington D.C.

This is your chance to voice your opinion. If you don't vote, you forfeit your opportunity to complain about the decisions our elected leaders make.

Today is the day; go out and make a difference. Vote.

The polling places for on-campus students is University Christian Church, across Cantey Street from Ed Landreth Hall.

COLUMNIST NATALIE TAYLOR

Get strict to deter crime



Nine-year-old Cassidy Senter should not be dead. The little girl from St. Louis, Mo. should have been skipping rope at recess this morning in her favorite pink outfit.

But it was in that pink outfit that she was found dead, having been horribly sexually molested by a St. Louis man who had been out on parole.

If the United States had a way to keep its convicted criminals from further crime, a mother's worst nightmare might never had come to be.

America is finally buckling down on the issue of crime. It is a well-known fact that America has the highest violent crime rate in the world, and it shows no sign of slowing down. But the greatest problem is the issue of what to do with repeat offenders.

Probation, according to the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, is no longer reserved for first-time petty crime offenders. In 1988, 40 percent of the 114,000 adults placed on probation had been convicted of felonies in Superior Court. Of those adults, 15 percent were convicted of violent crimes.

Because the number of people on probation has increased 50 percent in the last decade, American law enforcement officials are pursuing alternative sentences to standard probation and imprisonment.

Several alternatives are already being discussed or underway. Clinton's "Three Strikes, You're Out" program is going through the works in Congress. Another alternative which has already been tested throughout the country is intensive supervision probation (ISP), a type of sanction that is more stringent than traditional probation but less expensive than incarceration. Most ISP programs call for multi-weekly contacts with a probation officer, unscheduled drug testing and community service.

One such ISP program is boot camp, where young, nonviolent first offenders are placed in a military-style setting and for a few months are taught self-discipline, respect for the law and the value of work.

But none of these programs are working as well as planned. *Newsweek* reports that in a 1991 study of Louisiana boot camps, 37 percent of boot camp participants were arrested at least once during their first year of freedom, compared with only 25.7 percent of parolees.

And any good that comes from the programs doesn't reach the criminals who need it. Most of the participants are property offenders with insubstantial criminal records.

America is not going to get anywhere using its old standards of criminal punishment. In order for first-time offenders to be deterred, punishment for their offenses must be more strict, or these offenders will be back for more ... and worse.

Michael Fay, an 18-year-old American citizen living in Singapore was convicted in a Singapore courtroom of vandalism and retaining stolen property, according to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. The charges, involving tossing eggs at and spray-painting cars and retaining Singapore flags and road signs, would amount to no more than a small fine and a slap on the wrist in the United States.

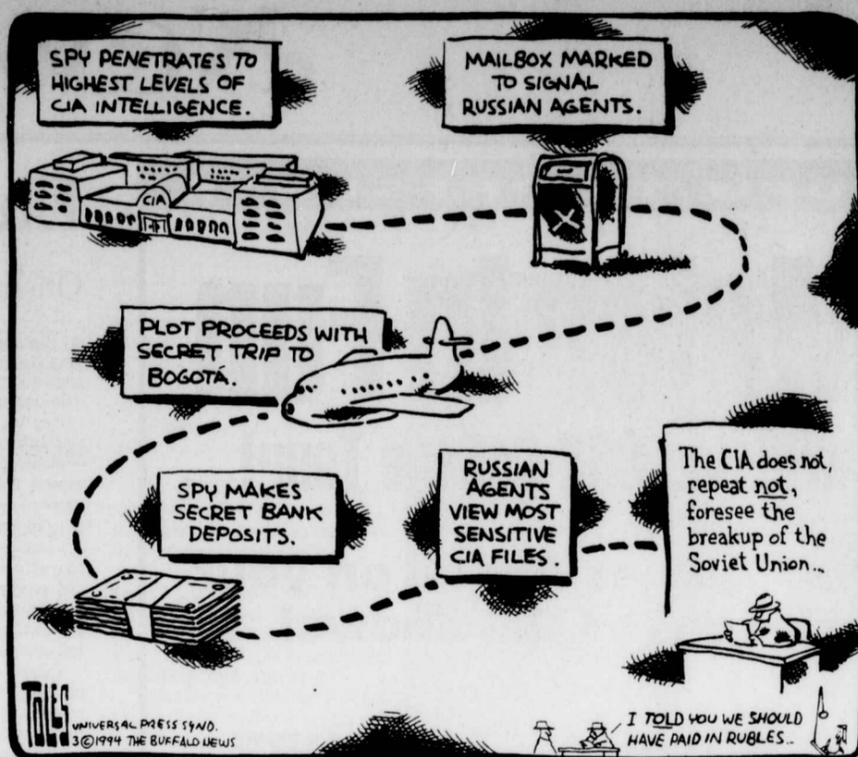
But this first-time offender faces a four-month jail sentence, a \$2,000 fine, and a caning, which is an extremely painful thrashing of the bare buttocks with blows generally hard enough to split the skin and cause permanent scarring.

The U.S. Embassy has stepped in in appeal, citing "a large discrepancy between the offense and the punishment," arguing that caning a person does more damage than doing temporary damage to a car, and that a first-time offending teenager deserves leniency.

America could stand to learn a lesson in dealing with petty crime from countries such as Singapore, where repeat criminal offense is obviously not as problematic as it is here. If counseling, community service, sit-ups, and weekly meetings with parole officers don't seem to work, maybe a swift kick in the butt would do the trick.

If Cassidy Senter's killer had learned his lesson when he was still involved in only petty crime, he might not have had the freedom of probation, and the little girl might just have been jumping rope today.

Natalie is a junior Spanish/RTVF major.



LETTERS

Bring back the Campus Man

We are writing to voice our disappointment at and disagreement with the cancellation of the cartoon strip, "Campus Man." To our understanding, this particular strip was discontinued due to controversial content and offensive subject matter. In our opinion, these are poor and insufficient reasons to cancel the cartoon. Remembering that this artistic form incorporates a degree of humor, consideration should be given to flexible boundaries within which the artists should be allowed to express themselves. Again, "Campus Man" is a medium through which the artists express humor — an element that must often mingle with the offensive in order to elicit laughter from an audience. However, in the opinions of five open-minded Texas Christian University students, the existing "Campus Man" cartoon strips that have been run have been fairly benign and far less than offensive. Rather, we feel that "Campus Man" is the only TCU cartoon strip that simultaneously focuses on the TCU environment and affairs and is consistently humorous.

If ever Jeff Keffer and Andrew Deutsch were considered talented-enough artists, and "Campus Man" was deemed worthy enough to appear in the *Skiff*, why not have a little faith in their abilities to maintain the balance between vulgar, offensive filth and flat, parochial fluff, and to deliver appropriate satirical stabs at campus life that are all in the name of good, clean humor.

One final point — we truly loathe the fact that the *Skiff* management dictates what the university public should or should not be allowed to write or read, as if the writers have no First Amendment rights, and as if the readers don't have the ability to not read something they find offensive. If "Campus Man" was, in fact, met with an overwhelming response of disapproval, then this letter should serve as the forerunner to an overwhelming wave of support and approval that is sure to come. A petition to have "Campus Man" placed back in the *Skiff* is in the works.

Becky Bertino, junior, English
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Jansen earned the title "Hero"

This letter is in response to Thomas Manning's column on March 2 where he questions Dan Jansen's right to be a national hero. In his column, Manning asked us all to think about whether Jansen really is a national hero because "he won one medal at one Olympics after failing numerous times previously."

The fact that Jansen won only one medal after several attempts is not the reason he has become a national hero. Dan Jansen has displayed the essence of what it means to succeed in this world. He has taken the failures and hardships in his life and used them to make him stronger. He never quit or blamed his hard life on his failures, unlike many people in our society today. Too many people expect to be handed success in life instead of working hard for it. But Jansen felt not only a duty to himself, but also a commitment to his family and his country to continue to strive for an Olympic medal. In fact, after winning the gold medal he said he was happy for his family.

Whenever any of us fail we have two choices: to turn that failure into a positive by moving on and learning from it, or giving up and blaming that failure on future failures. Dan Jansen has always chosen the former. That is what has made him a national hero. In the closing ceremonies of this year's Olympics, Jansen was chosen to carry the American flag because he has demonstrated to all what it should mean to be an American role model.

Well Manning, I've thought about it and Dan Jansen really is, and deserves to be, a national hero.

Kristine Record, graduate student, education

COLUMNIST CRAIG MCNEIL

We shouldn't risk progress for a spy



Russian authorities arrested a British subject for spying Tuesday. They said he was in possession of "spying equipment." What — was he using a shoe phone? Did he have a camera in

his lighter or a .22-caliber pistol concealed in his wristwatch? Was he using the Cone of Silence?

Everyone has had a megadose of spy fever since the arrest of the world's dumbest spy, Aldrich Ames. I can see him now, inputting his to-do list into his home computer: "Have car tuned up, send flowers for Mom's birthday, pick up milk, leave list of double agents at Russian embassy, pay water bill." It reminds me of Sen. Bob Packwood's diary: "Made pass at secretary today, Senator Mikulski still won't go out with me."

Never mind my anger at the CIA for putting the fox in charge of the henhouse security by putting Ames in charge of its counterespionage office. "Aldrich, I think you'll do well at your new job, but stop calling me, 'Comrade!'" NBC's Tim Russert, the host of "Meet the Press," asked the head

of the new KGB, the Russian Foreign Security Office, if the Russians would agree to stop spying on the United States if we would do likewise. I don't think so. Let us never forget that the Russians control the world's largest stockpile of nuclear weapons, and one of the world's most unstable political and economic systems. We still need to know what they're up to, and we still need to send them aid.

Those who think we should stop sending money to the Russian Federation because it spies on us need to gain a foothold on reality. Countries gather intelligence on other countries. The CIA obtains information on nations as diverse as Slovakia and Canada. It is (and always has been) essential for decision-making by our national leaders.

The same people who want us to punish Russia for spying will, in the same breath, ask the president to pardon Jonathon Pollard. Pollard is an American who spied on the U.S. for Israel. He is just as big a traitor to his nation as Ames is alleged to be. Yes, Israel deserves our continued support and, yes, Pollard ought to rot in jail. Yes, Russia deserves our continued support and, yes, Ames (if found guilty by a jury of his peers) should also rot in jail.

I don't want to marginalize this issue; spying is ugly, cruel and not nearly as fun or

romantic as it seems in books and in the movies. Ames may be the cause of the deaths of U.S. agents, but intelligence-gathering is a necessary function of statecraft.

Former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, a 1996 GOP presidential hopeful, believes that Poland and the Czech Republic should be offered immediate NATO membership. He doesn't seem to care what Russia thinks about this, and while I would agree with that sentiment on most issues, I think making Russia have to worry about an attack from the West undermines both the possibility of reform and our own security.

The president can provide private assurances to the new democracies of the East without giving indirect support to the crazies who long for the bad old days of the Soviet Empire and its odious iron curtain. If Mr. Cheney longs for the comfort of the Cold War he should read about it in a good book. A history book.

The United States must do everything in its power to help rescue Russia and the rest of the former Soviet Union from the failure of communism. We must also support democracy and the formation of a respect for basic human rights in the East. Otherwise, we will face another 50 years of Cold War and the nightmare for the East will resume.

Craig is a senior general studies major.

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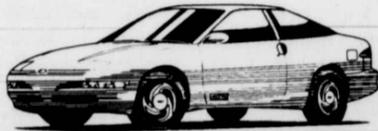
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Electrifying class discussion

On-line journals help students cross verbal swords

By KIM JOHNSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

In one political science class this semester, students participate weekly in an electronic free-for-all. Students use computer journals to express their ideas about class discussions and lectures on religion's role in Latin American government.

Claudia Camp and Michael Dodson, associate professor of religion and professor of political science, respectively, split the teaching duties for The Cross and The Sword, a political science and religion course.

Camp said the demanding and challenging nature of the course makes it difficult for some students to get involved in class discussion.

Students are required to sign onto

a computer linked to the university's mainframe and write 100 words a week in response to others' comments on issues discussed in class.

"It (journaling) gives students an alternative to express their ideas anonymously," Camp said.

Students start out with pen names and remain anonymous throughout the semester. Some students find security in the use of pen names.

"I feel like I'm able to respond more freely to conflicting ideas," said Jodie Smith, a junior international relations major. "It's easier to have confrontation."

The journal format gives students time to reflect on others' opinions and respond rationally, Smith said. There is also a better chance for more substantial dialogue.

"The interesting thing about these journals is that it raises the level of student authority in the conversion and diminishes the professor's authority," Camp said.

Student control of the conversation is not always positive, said Ben Trujillo, a participant in the class and a senior political science major.

Trujillo said the conversations tend to turn into intellectual chest-beating.

When this occurs, Camp can intervene to get the conversation back on track, but students decide whether to heed or ignore the advice.

Camp said the journaling format helps students who do not normally get involved in the dialogue and said she will probably use it for future classes.

Organization looks for leaders

Student Foundation accepting applications through March 29

By GINGER RICHARDSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

If you've always wanted to make a difference at TCU and have the opportunity to work with both past and future Horned Frogs, applying for membership in the Student Foundation might be a good place to start.

The organization will be accepting new member applications through March 29.

The Student Foundation is an organization that promotes the welfare of the university through volunteering in various offices on campus, said David Nelson, associate director of alumni relations.

"The members of the Foundation are student leaders on campus," he said. "They provide a very important service to the university in that they serve as student ambassadors to both alumni and incoming freshman."

The Student Foundation works in conjunction with the Admissions, Development and Alumni Relations offices, said Phoebe Fleming, a junior nursing major and Foundation member.

"In the development office, we simply call alumni who have donated money to the university to thank them for their contribution and answer any questions that they may have about events on campus," she said.

Fleming became involved with the Student Foundation after hearing about it through her sorority sisters.

"I was looking for a way to get

involved with students and the university," she said. "This has been a great opportunity."

Nelson, who serves as an adviser to the organization, said the students provide an invaluable service to the Admissions and Alumni Relations offices.

"They help with alumni events, both on and off campus," he said. "They give weekly tours to prospective students five days a week and on Saturdays, in addition to doing 'Monday at TCU.'"

"These are students who are dedicated to giving something back to TCU," Nelson said. "And we are thrilled to work with them, because active students mean active alumni."

Todd Bouillion, a senior finance major, decided he wanted to become a part of Student Foundation after he received a tour of the university as a senior in high school.

"When I came here to look at TCU, I was taken on a tour of the campus by a student and it really impressed me," he said. "I wanted to be a part of the organization."

Bouillion said working with prospective students and alumni has been a very rewarding experience.

"I love meeting people who were here 50 or 60 years ago," he said. "They just love this place, and their enthusiasm is contagious. It really puts things into perspective and has been a very rewarding experience."

Brian McCormick, president of the Student Foundation, became involved with the organization

because he wanted to give tours to prospective students and work with alumni.

"Student Foundation represents 1 percent of the student body, so we'll probably never go above about 65 members," he said. "It is open to all students who will be at least sophomores in the fall of '94 and are very active on campus."

There are approximately 30 openings this year.

The application process is very selective, with about 25 percent of applicants receiving membership offers, McCormick said.

"Students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and be active on campus," he said. "After we receive all of the applications, a selection committee composed of 12 members cuts the number of applicants in half."

"Those students are then interviewed by one of the committee members, and we make the final selection from there."

McCormick said the purpose of the interview is to judge how well a student can think on his or her feet.

"The interview questions are based specifically on that student's frame of reference," he said. "We ask you things that parents of prospective students or alumni might ask."

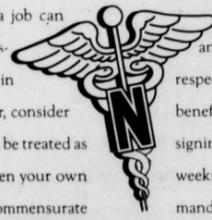
New members will take part in a retreat next fall.

"The retreat is designed to train the new members on how to give proper tours and work with the alumni and

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Sports

SPORTSBRIEFS

Lacrosse team defeats SMU

The TCU men's lacrosse club defeated SMU 25-21 Sunday at the TCU intramural fields. The win broke a four year losing streak against the Mustangs. James Korth led the Frogs (2-6) in scoring with a 11 goals. Sam Webb added six goals and Jason Benefield and Jason Cole each scored three goals.

TCU's Cash named to Balfour-NABC All-American team

Former TCU basketball star James Cash was named to the Balfour-NABC All-American Team Tuesday. Cash was a three-year starter for the Frogs in 1966-69. He was a two-time academic All-America selection and was the first black scholarship player in Southwest Conference history. Cash ranks 13th in career scoring (13.3 points per game) and fourth in career rebounding (11.6 rebounds a game). He is the first full tenured black professor at Harvard and was appointed chairman of the MBA Program in 1992.

TCU wins two over weekend

By THOMAS MANNING
TCU DAILY SKIFF

In the final weekend of action before conference play begins, the TCU baseball team won two out of three games against Coker College and Abilene Christian.

BASEBALL

The Frogs (15-5) dropped their home game against Coker, 3-0, and then swept Abilene Christian in a doubleheader, 10-3 and 3-0.

Former TCU assistant coach and present Coker coach Dave Schmotzer had a welcome return to Fort Worth thanks to the arm of pitcher Sam Arminio.

Arminio shut TCU down for nine innings, allowing only six hits and one walk as the Cobras (12-3) beat the Frogs 3-0.

TCU rebounded from the Friday loss to Coker by sweeping Abilene Christian in a Saturday doubleheader.

Right fielder Rob Johnson had two hits and drove in four runs to lead TCU in the first game, a 10-3 drubbing of the Wildcats.

Reid Ryan (3-1) went the distance for the Frogs, giving up six hits and two walks in seven innings to pick up the win.

The second game featured outstanding pitching by the Frogs, as starter Clay Carruthers (4-0) combined with Jeff Baker to four-hit Abilene Christian.

Carruthers pitched four solid innings before giving way to the reliable Baker. Baker pitched three perfect innings to pick up the save, striking out five.

The Frogs' final game before SWC action begins will be Tuesday against UT-Arlington at the TCU Baseball Diamond. The game will start at 2:30 p.m.

Next weekend TCU travels to Lubbock to open SWC play with a three game series against Texas Tech.

Soza clinches NCAA berth

By TASHA ZEMKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU sophomore swimmer Walter Soza will compete in NCAA national competition after qualifying for automatic standards at last weekend's Southwest Conference championship meet in Austin.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Soza will swim the 400-meter individual medley, the 200-meter individual medley and the 200-meter butterfly at national competition March 24-26 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Soza is ranked between 10th and 12th in the nation right now and has an outstanding opportunity to place well at nationals, said TCU head swimming coach Richard Sybesma.

Soza was the only TCU swimmer to qualify for automatic standards. The following swimmers made

consideration cuts: Junior Ron Forrest in the 200-meter and 500-meter freestyle events, junior Luke Small in the 100-meter breaststroke and junior John Dolynchuk in the 400-meter individual medley.

The 200- and 800-meter relay teams also qualified for consideration cuts.

Consideration cuts are alternates who will have a chance to swim in national competition if there are enough time slots available.

The University of Texas won the men's SWC championship with a total of 1,056 points. Texas A&M University placed second, Southern Methodist University third, and TCU fourth with 485 points. Rice University finished last.

Sybesma said the team shot for third place, but A&M and SMU had

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UT cruises to title with win over TCU

By TY BENZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's basketball had hopes of derailing the Texas express Saturday and stop the Longhorns from winning the Southwest Conference regular season title.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Instead the Frogs weren't even a speed bump as the 'Horns rolled through Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and TCU was blown out 111-78 before 4,145 fans.

TCU's loss dropped them to 7-19 overall and 3-11 in the SWC, which put them in last place for the second year in a row. Texas raised its record to 22-7 overall and 12-2 SWC.

The two teams will meet again Thursday in the first round of the SWC Post-Season Tournament at 6 p.m. in Dallas at Reunion Arena.

And the Frogs better hope the rematch will be a better game because the Longhorns used its pressure defense to ignite its running game in the first half.

The result wasn't pretty as UT cruised offensively, hitting nine three-pointers while shooting 58 percent in the first half and jump out to a 60-38 first half lead.

Surprisingly for TCU, the Frogs tried to run with the 'Horns and it worked for a while. TCU trailed 24-20 with almost 13 minutes in the half.

But the Frogs ran out of gas and Texas forced several TCU turnovers and went on a 27-9 run that blew the game open.

"We weren't trying to run with them, but you have to take advantage of what they give you," TCU head coach Moe Iba said. "When they trap, if you can break it you've got a layup."

The problem for the Frogs was they didn't break it enough. UT's three guard lineup pressured TCU into nine first half turnovers.

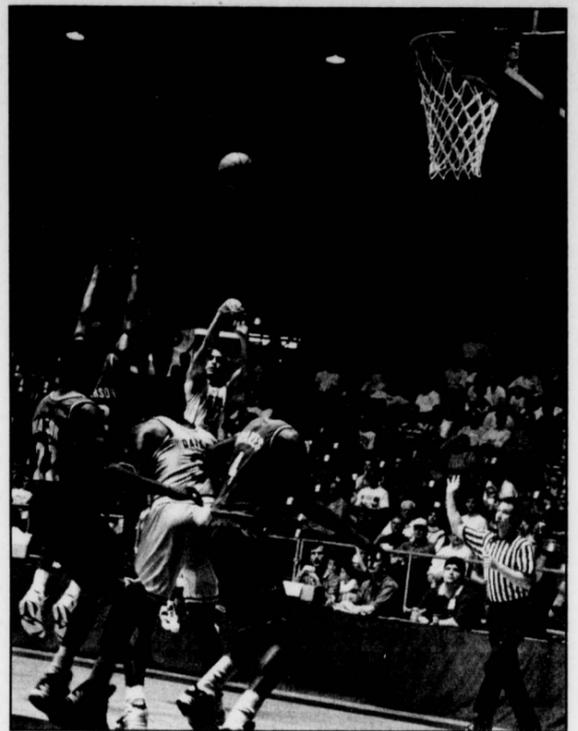
"We wanted to press and run all game," Texas head coach Tom Penders said. "Our game plan was to use a lot of players and keep pressure on their guards the whole game. I think our defense wore them down."

The second half was more of the same as Texas continued its pressure and three-point shooting as the 'Horns finished off the blowout win easily. All 14 Texas players scored in the game.

After the game, Iba called this Texas team the best Texas team he has seen because of their versatility on offense and defense.

"If we played our best game, we probably couldn't have beaten them, the way they played today," Iba said.

For TCU, point guard Jeff Jacobs led the Frogs in scoring with 20 points, while senior power forward Eric Dailey scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds.



TCU Daily Skiff/Alex Talliercio
TCU freshman point guard Jeff Jacobs shoots a three-point shot during the Frogs 111-78 loss to Texas on Saturday.

Despite big loss, Lady Frogs continue learning

By DAVID JIMENEZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

It's never too late to learn. Despite a 99-70 to the Texas Lady Longhorns on Sunday in Austin, the TCU women's basketball team continued the learning process in the regular season finale.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Frogs (5-19, 1-13 Southwest Conference) finished the regular season with 13 consecutive losses, all in conference play. TCU last won on Jan. 6 against the Houston Cougars at home.

TCU is 0-24 lifetime against the Lady Longhorns.

The Lady Frogs finished the regu-

lar season in last place in the SWC for the fourth consecutive season.

TCU head coach Shell Robinson said the losing streak is not her main concern. Robinson said she is concentrating on teaching her players new techniques.

"I am trying to get across new things to them," Robinson said. "They are learning things that have never been taught to them."

In the loss at Texas, two Lady Longhorns had career-high point games. Texas sophomore forward Erica Rount equalled her career-high by scoring 25 points while freshman guard Amber Hasenmyer scored 18 points, including three 3-pointers. Texas freshman forward Amie

Smith recorded her 10th double-double of the year. Smith scored 22 points while grabbing 16 rebounds.

Texas improved to 18-8 overall and 10-4 in the SWC. The Lady Longhorns finished the regular season in third-place in the conference.

TCU sophomore guard Kim Altman led the Lady Frogs with 17 points. Altman also connected on five 3-pointers.

Robinson said that turnovers continue to hurt the Lady Frogs. TCU turned the ball over 20 times against the Lady Longhorns.

Robinson said that lack of depth off the bench continues to be a problem.

"It's killing us across the board," Robinson said. "Other teams have

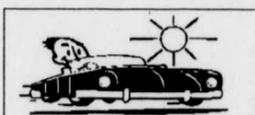
three or four rotations. We have one."

The Lady Frogs completed the season with a 2-10 record on the road including an 0-7 record in conference games. TCU lost its road games in conference by an average of 27.6 points a game.

TCU now prepares to participate in the SWC Post-Season Classic in Dallas at the Moody Coliseum. They open the tournament against No.1 seed Texas Tech on Wednesday night at 6 p.m.

The Lady Frogs meet the Lady Raiders for the third time this season and the second time in a week. TCU lost both Tech games by over 25 points.

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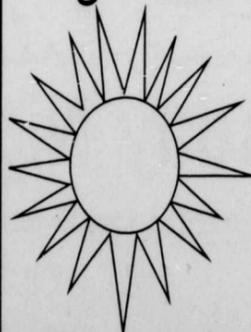


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News

Clinton defends wife, self in Whitewater affair

By **TERENCE HUNT**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton made an extraordinary and impassioned defense of his wife and himself against any suggestion of wrongdoing in the Whitewater affair Monday. Defending himself, he declared, "There is no credible charge that I violated any law."

NATION

Amid news accounts that Hillary Rodham Clinton had ordered the shredding of documents at an Arkansas law firm, Clinton said, "I have never known a person with a stronger sense of right and wrong in my life."

"And I do not believe for a moment that she has done anything wrong," he said.

Clinton vowed, "There will not be a coverup, there will not be an abuse of power in this office."

White House staff were ordered to scour trash cans, burn bags and files for subpoenaed paperwork and computer files possibly related to the investigation by a special prosecutor,

Robert Fiske.

The president and first lady agreed that their personal files were covered by the subpoena, aides said.

Mrs. Clinton told "Elle" magazine that much recent criticism was based on "the wildest kind of paranoid conspiracies."

In an interview, she said, "This is a well-organized and well-financed attempt to undermine my husband, and by extension, myself, by people who have a different political agenda or have another personal and financial reason for attacking us."

Clinton said he had been unaware of two White House meetings where his advisers discussed the Whitewater investigation with federal regulators.

He acknowledged being informed last October that the Resolution Trust Corp. was investigating whether his gubernatorial campaign had received improper donations from a Little Rock savings and loan. He was hazy about the details.

"I don't remember when I knew about it or who told me about it, but it was just sort of presented as a fact, a decision that had been made by the

government," the president said. "And I didn't think much about it at the time. It was just something that I absorbed."

Attorney General Janet Reno rejected a Republican request to suspend Webster Hubbell, an associate attorney general and Clinton confidante, until questions are resolved about his involvement in Whitewater. Reno said there was no basis for suspending Hubbell.

Republicans pressed for congressional hearings into Whitewater.

"If there's been no wrongdoing," Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said, "there should be nothing to hide."

Fiske said in a letter that congressional hearings into Whitewater "would pose a severe risk to the integrity of our investigation."

He said there would be a danger if witnesses were granted congressional immunity and if premature disclosures caused witnesses to alter their future testimony.

The letter was sent to House Banking Committee Chairman Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., and the ranking Republican, Alfonse D'Amato of

New York. D'Amato asked Fiske for a meeting to discuss the matter.

Clinton went on the offensive, accusing Republicans of "blatantly partisan" tactics to focus on Whitewater to derail his legislative agenda.

"The American people will be outraged if anybody uses this as an excuse not to keep going and doing the people's business," the president said.

Clinton said the White House staff had been ordered to comply fully in the federal investigation. He said he would soon replace Nussbaum with an attorney of "unquestioned integrity" in order "to inspire confidence in me ... that we are going the extra mile, not only in this case but in all cases, to deal with all matters in an appropriate way."

Clinton said that a "firewall" of new guidelines had been erected to prevent improper contacts.

"I think the evidence that we have certainly makes it clear that no one tried to influence any governmental procedure or do anything improper," Clinton said.

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too much depth for TCU.

Sophomore diver Cleigh Pascoe took third in platform diving and set a TCU school record at the SWC championship with 558.55 points. He also placed fourth in the 3-meter and fifth in the 1-meter diving events at the meet.

David Doggett, a sophomore diver, set a school record on the 1-meter springboard with 491 points and placed fourth in the event at the SWC championship. He placed fifth on the 3-meter springboard.

Pascoe, Doggett and woman diver Leah Springstead will compete in the NCAA zone qualifying meet this week in Oklahoma City.

Seven school records were set in swimming at the SWC meet in the 200 IM, 400 IM, 200 butterfly, 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke, 200 freestyle relay and 800 freestyle relay.

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also to break the ice between the returning students and the new ones," McCormick said.

"We usually play TCU trivia games, break everyone up into committees and have lectures by administration officials on what kind of service the organization provides," he said.

Applications can be picked up at the Alumni Office or in front of the Student Center and must be returned to the Alumni or Dean of Student's offices by March 29.

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armed conflicts.

"The press needs to come to a coherent approach for covering the world," Dennis said.

Along with that, Dennis believes the media follows a dangerous policy by choosing to cover the news and not think about the consequences. Dennis cited the Nancy Kerrigan-Tonya Harding scandal, which he said took up a great deal of space and time in the news media.

Dennis is the chief executive officer for the Freedom Forum Media Studies Center, which is the nation's first institute for the advanced study of mass communication and technological change. The center conducts research and sponsors conferences and meetings, and its favorably reviewed research and publications are widely circulated.

Dennis holds three post-doctoral fellowships at Harvard University. He earned his doctorate in philosophy at the University of Minnesota and bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Oregon and Syracuse University, respectively.

Dennis has been the author, co-author or editor of 26 books and well as more than 150 articles in professional and scholarly journals.

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cerns.

Chancellor William Tucker, the vice chancellors, some faculty members, Pat Sullivan and other athletic coaches have been invited to the meeting. Wheatley said those invited have not yet confirmed whether they plan to attend.

"The town-hall meeting is a chance for people to ask questions and hopefully get answers," Wheatley said.



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