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Students strive to rise above the ordinary with honors projects

BY SUSAN HOPPER
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It's not just a research paper any more. Krista Kovach, a senior biology major, designed a nature center for White Sands National Monument in New Mexico. James Kerwin, senior radio-TV-film production major, produced a full-length feature film called "The Garden."

These students and about 30 others are taking advantage of departmental honors this year. Seniors under departments in the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Fine Arts and Communication, Harris College of Nursing and the M.J. Ne-

ley School of Business are branching out from the traditional research paper to offer a different perspective on experiences, problems and new ideas in their fields.

"These projects involve going above and beyond the normal studies in a department," Kerwin said.

Every discipline designs its own departmental honors. For example, juniors in the honors program may take two semesters of preparatory seminars, then complete their project in the fall of their senior year, receiving variable amounts of course credit.

Students are required to have a 3.5 grade point average to participate in departmental honors.

When students' projects are complete, they are put on display in the Mary Couts Burnett Library. Officially, a student's transcript shows graduation with departmental honors, and a cum laude endorsement for those with a 3.5 GPA or above is announced at the commencement ceremony.

The independent work provides experience that students could not find in a normal classroom setting, Kerwin said.

Kovach's design began as a plan for the "ideal nature center," for which she called upon knowledge from her major and from her art minor. She was somewhat surprised when asked to build the project, starting as a volunteer with the National Park Service in

the summer of 1993 and eventually becoming a paid employee.

"I did most of the construction, wrote the text and designed the exhibits myself," Kovach said. "It's a good example of how a theoretical project can turn into reality."

After Kovach graduates in December, she will return to White Sands to finish the exhibits.

"It's great for my resume," she said.

Kerwin's movie is the "largest project from RTVF ever," he said. "The Garden," an Indiana Jones-type story about an archaeology student traveling abroad, is the department's first feature put together on film rather than videotape.

"It's a huge process," Kerwin said.

That process included an audio-TV-film class last spring which utilized students working as film crew, help from more than a dozen professors, a cast of 30 (plus extras) and a budget that started at \$13,000 and grew quickly. The film is being edited now, and Kerwin anticipates its premiere early in the spring semester. The film may receive a professional distribution when it is completed.

"I hope this will help career-wise," he said. Both students say that the Honors Program's involvement with the projects was paramount to their success.

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Student issues, campus safety discussed at town meeting

BY MARLENE WALLACE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU faculty members addressed students' concerns about tenure, student evaluations, campus safety and dorm life at a town-hall style meeting Wednesday in the Student Center lounge.

"The goal of this meeting is to hear issues that concern you and the community," said Jeff Benson, sophomore political science major and coordinator of the event.

Scott Wheatley, vice president of the House of Student Representatives, asked administrators about the viability of the tenure system.

John A. Breyer, professor of geology, answered that tenure is necessary to ensure academic freedom to faculty members.

"I don't think the purpose of tenure is to give job security to people who are incompetent," Breyer said.

Andrew O. Fort, associate professor of religion, said tenure allows faculty to work on research projects pertinent to their field in greater depth.

Jane Kucko, chairwoman of the design and fashion department, said the university recently completed a review of all tenured faculty.

"We are accountable for our pro-

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TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Thornhill
Jim Squires, freshman business major, plays guitar while Jill Keith, freshman pre-major relaxes in the grass in front of Winton-Scott Hall.

University to increase protection

Arrest prompts TCU to add 3 police officers

BY DENA RAINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The university is beefing up security, hoping increased personnel and patrols can keep potentially dangerous incidents — such as Monday night's arrest of a gang member — from being repeated.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said three people will be added to increase the number of personnel patrolling the campus. The Fort Worth Police Department will also begin regular patrols of the campus and a patrol car will be provided for the Worth Hills security guard.

"We want to make it clear to people that we have adequate security here," Mills said. "Even though we wished the guys (involved in the incident) weren't on campus Monday, our security system did work."

The added patrol will focus on the Worth Hills campus, a part of campus where Mills is most concerned about student safety, he said.

The added patrol car given to security officer Don Kimberling will look just like a regular patrol car even though it will be manned by a security guard, Mills said. The car will be used to patrol both the Worth Hills campus and the Daniel Meyer Stadium parking lots.

The actions are being taken as precautionary measures and not as a reaction to the incident, Mills said.

The increased patrol will continue indefinitely for now.

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Alcohol, drugs increase with stress

BY BILL CRAWFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

It's the time of year when students' projects and research papers are due, and the next wave of exams are on the horizon.

With all the stress, sometimes students turn to alcohol for relief, said Angela Taylor, coordinator of TCU's

Alcohol and Drug Education Program. The top reason college students drink is to relieve stress, she said.

Stress and the expectation of alcohol's power to reduce stress, create an atmosphere that is conducive to increased drinking of alcohol, Taylor said.

This thinking is called the "stress-vulnerability" model.

"This is particularly significant for college students because they are under more stress around midterms and finals," Taylor said. "This gives them a lot of opportunity to drink."

A survey conducted at TCU last year estimated that 72 percent of all TCU students drink, and 68 percent of

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Media ban forces withdrawal of jurors

BY MARK MOURER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

To date, 50 of the 57 possible jurors selected for preliminary questioning in the O.J. Simpson murder trial have been found guilty of watching or reading the media.

The group of 50 has been found guilty of violating California

ANALYSIS

Supreme Court Justice Lance Ito's ban on the media.

It outlawed all potential jurors for the Simpson case from any media exposure. This ban, which was enacted two weeks ago, includes watching television, listening to the radio, reading newspapers and maga-

zines or so much as peeking into a book store.

This process determines whether or not the individual has been exposed to media coverage that might render them incapable of handing down an unbiased decision, said Tom Williams, adjunct professor of law

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New handgun law not used in FW

BY CHRISTINA BARNES
TCU DAILY SKIFF

People with protective orders against them can buy guns in Fort Worth, despite the new federal law which prohibits it.

The Fort Worth Police Department does not include protective orders in its Brady law background checks because the orders are not automated in computer databases the police use for their research.

However, the recently enacted Federal Omnibus Anti-Crime Bill prohibits the sale of guns to those persons with protective orders against them.

The Brady law requires firearms dealers to submit to police an application from the gun buyer. Police have five days to return to the dealer a background information check on the buyer's eligibil-

ity to buy a handgun.

Police Officer Jim Cushman, who does research on the Brady law background checks in Fort Worth, said the idea of researching protective orders "makes sense," but as of yet, he hasn't seen that as a reason to reject anyone.

Protective orders are civil court orders issued by a judge. When a possibility exists of physical danger to an intimate partner or child being caused by an intimate partner, a judge will sign a protective order, effective for one year. The court may also issue shorter time period orders, called ex parte protective orders, which last for two weeks.

The district court sends written notification to the police departments and the sheriff's office to inform them of the order, said Geri Sikes, administrative clerk for the

325th District Court in Tarrant County.

Sgt. Lee Robertson of the Fort Worth police identification department said police are supposed to put forth a good effort to comply with the law. The Fort Worth police do the best they can, he said.

"I've just never looked into it (researching protective orders)," Robertson said. "It would depend on if those records were all computerized."

Robertson said researching protective orders would take more time and more police officers.

The police department has on file 5,000 protective and restraining orders. Searching through them would take too long, Robertson said, because they are not automated.

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NEWS DIGEST

Senator to push for gambling

AUSTIN (AP) — A state senator said Wednesday he'll sponsor a proposal for "first-class, first-rate" casino gambling in 1995, although he acknowledges the measure will face a hard legislative fight.

"What I'm pushing for is to give the voters of Texas the opportunity to decide whether or not they favor casino gambling... I think if it gets on the (statewide) ballot, it has a very good chance of passing," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

147 killed in Egypt explosion

DURUNKA, Egypt (AP) — A river of fire ignited by an oil tank explosion surged through a village in southern Egypt on Wednesday, razing houses and killing at least 147 people.

Deadly flooding in the region raised the death toll to more than 200, according to security sources.

The fire started when flooding from torrential rains collapsed a bridge over pipelines at a government oil storage depot, setting off the explosion and fires. Flood waters carried flaming petroleum from the depot into Durunka, an adjacent town of 22,000 people.

Minister convicted of murder

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A jury deliberated just 20 minutes Wednesday before convicting a former minister of murder in the shotgun slayings of an abortion doctor and his bodyguard.

Paul Hill, 40, could receive either life in prison or death in the electric chair. Hill, acting as his own lawyer, offered no defense during his three-day trial, refusing to make any statement or question any witnesses. Circuit Judge Frank Bell had barred him from arguing that the slayings were justifiable homicide to save fetuses.

Muslim forces attack Serbs

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Muslim-led government forces and their Bosnian Croat allies advanced on a Serb-held town Wednesday in a rare coordinated assault that could signal a new phase in the war.

Bosnia radio reported that Bosnian Serb lines near Kupres were in disarray and that thousands of Serb civilians had fled the town in anticipation of a pincer attack.

"The Croats are advancing from the south, the Muslims from the west. Heil could break loose when they meet in Kupres," said a Croat soldier at a checkpoint near Tomislavgrad.

EPA opens El Paso office

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency now has a permanent presence along the Texas-Mexico border.

EPA Administrator Carol Browner was in town Wednesday to open her agency's liaison office with communities along the border. A similar U.S.-Mexico Border Office was opened in San Diego last week.

"The Clinton administration is demonstrating a meaningful commitment to environmental and health issues throughout the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border," Browner said at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

CAMPUSLINES

Campuslines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 2915 or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

ISA INDIAN DAY is at 5 p.m. today in Student Center 222. Everyone is invited to come to a panel discussion in India. There will be speakers, exhibits, dancers and a video. All are invited to the Indian restaurant Maharaja afterwards. It is sponsored by SAICA.

UNITING CAMPUS MINISTRIES is sponsoring an Interfaith Exchange at 5:30 p.m. today in the Faculty Center of Reed Hall. Following dinner, at 6 p.m., a program on Homosexuality: A Faith Dialogue. Open to all.

SENIOR MALL DEDICATION will be held at noon Friday in front of the library.

LUTE EVENTS Catherine Liddell will deliver a lecture/demonstration on renaissance and baroque lutes at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Ed Landreth Room 115. The Lute Society of America and the music department will host an all-day workshop Saturday in the Woodson Room of the Student Center. The cost for the workshop is \$45 for students. Call Dick Hoban at ext. 7834 for information on both events.

RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS GROUP meeting from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays, is forming at the TCU Counseling Center. Call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863 to set up an initial screening appointment.

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION is meeting at 5 p.m. Fridays in Student Center Room 203, and is open to anyone interested. Contact Amina Sodiq at 926-0810 for more information.

PROFESSOR'S NIGHT OUT, sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, is a night of free babysitting for the children of any TCU employees, from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday. For more information call Katie Thorp at 923-6709.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT: THE SEQUEL is at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the TCU Observatory. Since the last outing was cancelled due to weather, SPS and Sigma Xi are going to try it again. Pizza will be served.

The Adventures of Superfrog

by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



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by Bill Watterson



WEATHER

Today's forecast is mostly cloudy and windy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high in the upper 70s.

Tonight will be cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Friday will be cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms and highs in the upper 60s.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Art Faculty Annual Exhibition, Moudy Bldg.
12:30 p.m., Panhellenic Faculty Appreciation Week Dessert in Faculty Center
Brite Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday
Student Account Payments Due
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Art Faculty Annual Exhibition, Moudy Bldg.
11 a.m., PC presents Bobby Bridger in a book signing in the bookstore.
Noon, Bobby Bridger concert in the Student Center lounge.
1:30 p.m., Catherine Liddell performs a lecture/demonstration on renaissance and baroque lutes, Ed Landreth Hall 115
8 p.m., Fall Dance Concert in Ed Landreth Auditorium
9 p.m., PC Film: "Maverick" in the Student Center Ballroom

Saturday
Senior Retreat
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Art Faculty Annual Exhibition, Moudy Bldg.
8 p.m., Fall Dance Concert in Ed Landreth Auditorium
9 p.m., PC Film: "Maverick" in the Student Center Ballroom

Sunday
Senior Retreat
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Art Faculty Annual Exhibition, Moudy Bldg.
2 p.m. Fall Dance Concert in Ed Landreth Auditorium

Monday
Health Enrichment Week
Schedule Advising for Spring Monday at TCU
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Art Faculty Exhibition, Moudy Bldg.
4 p.m., Lecture on "How Did Harry James Make Us Love Him?" by Michael Meckna, Ed Landreth Hall 103

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Night Out offers night off

By SHANNON WOMBLE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Alpha Phi Omega will host its third annual Professor's Night Out from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday in the Rickel building.

Members of the organization will baby-sit children of TCU faculty, ages 3 to 12, for free.

The children will be entertained with activities ranging from big-wheel bikes to board games.

"We have a Disney movie room and a gym set up for basketball and volleyball," Katie Thorp, a junior special education major and APO service assistant, said. "In the carpeted gym, the kids can play with hoola-hoops and other toys."

A snack room with graham crackers and lemonade will serve as a rest

stop for the children.

The Rickel donates the space for the annual program, and the Speech Pathology Department donates board games for the kids to play.

"APO uses the project both as a service project and as a thank you to the faculty," said Andrew Fort, associate professor of religion and APO faculty adviser.

"The faculty thinks the program is great," he said. "My wife and I get to go to dinner, a play or a movie knowing our child is having a good time."

The children, as well as professors, look forward to the Professor's Night Out, Fort said.

"My daughter looks forward to playing with the 'kids at TCU' as she calls them," he said. "She doesn't understand what Alpha Phi Omega

is, but she knows how fun they are to be with."

APO is expecting approximately 30 children on Saturday. Faculty had to notify the group by Oct. 31 if their children would be attending.

"We sent fliers out to the faculty," Thorp said. "We got a great response, just like we always do."

The group is expecting more younger children than usual this year, she said.

"We have eight kids under age 3," she said. "We allow children under 3 to attend only if we can find a member to be specifically assigned to that child."

"I think the Night Out is a welcome event for everyone involved," Fort said. "Parents and kids get a break from the normal routine."

Group offers alternative vacation

By DAVID JIMENEZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Looking for something to do over Christmas Vacation or Spring Break other than the usual?

Global Volunteers is an organization which provides an opportunity for college students to volunteer on a service project over vacation.

The group's objective is to provide volunteering options for college students, Global Volunteers Vice President Michele Gran said.

"We wanted to give people a short-term alternative to the peace corps," Gran said. "A typical project takes one to three weeks and fits into a normal college vacation."

Global Volunteers is a self-support-

ing, non-profit organization established in 1984 in St. Paul, Minn. It provides opportunities for students to assist with domestic and international human development projects, she said.

Gran said volunteers can perform a variety of activities ranging from teaching English in Russia to building homes in the Rio Grande Valley, tutoring children in the Blue Mountains of Jamaica, working on a water system on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica or building homes and community buildings in the Mississippi Delta.

Since Global Volunteers is not sponsored by any religious or government agency, volunteers pay their own way. However, all costs are tax-deductible. Gran said discounts are available for student groups.

The cost of the trips range from \$300-\$1,900, Gran said.

Global Volunteers president Bud Philbrook said students are especially useful to these projects.

"Past student volunteers have discovered that they can make a significant difference in the lives of the people we serve," he said. "Most projects can be completed in a short time and have long-term benefits to the community."

There has never been a TCU student who has participated in Global Volunteers, Gran said.

For a free schedule and group information, contact the Global Volunteers at 1-800-487-1074 or write to 375 E. Little Canada Road, St. Paul, Minn. 55117.

TCU, Harvard launch video series

By CHRISTY HAWKINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Harvard University and the Smithsonian Institute chose TCU as one of only three sites in Texas for an educational development video project, said Dale Young, adjunct instructor of education, director of teacher placement and TCU's coordinator for the project.

The Private Universe project, which will utilize input from TCU education students and educators from Metroplex school districts, will become a six-part professional development series for teachers, Young said.

"The shows will be produced and then shown on public television," Young said.

The Private Universe Project is a video series used with teachers to

explore students' conceptions about the natural world. These conceptions, which arise from a child's natural curiosity and intelligence, may block further learning when they differ from accepted scientific views.

Students in TCU's education school view the raw footage at TAGER-TV, the university's broadcast studio, and Young faxes their comments and constructive criticisms back to Harvard. The feedback will then be used in the editing process for the completed video.

The series is expected to be ready for viewing in Fall 1995.

"New methods of teaching will be explored to clarify certain scientific subjects," Young said.

Harvard graduates were asked at their graduation ceremony questions about the solar system and how

a light bulb works. Some surprising answers were given, Young said. One of the project's goals is to teach all elementary and high school students the accurate reasons for natural scientific wonders instead of believing in myths, he said.

Nancy Finkelstein, a school teacher and a member of the National Education Association, approached Young at a conference and asked him if TCU's education school would become involved in the project.

Teachers from around the country were selected to narrate parts of the videos, Young said. Sites are located around the United States, Puerto Rico, London and Italy.

Those who participate in observing the videos will receive a certificate with TCU, Harvard and the Smithsonian seals on it.

U.N. drafts treaty to quell attacks

By DONALD SWINTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — Increasingly under fire, U.N. troops killed in the line of duty often get little justice from the countries they are trying to help.

WORLD

The United Nations is drafting a treaty designed to change that by allowing countries to punish attacks on members of U.N. peacekeeping missions.

Diplomats give the proposal a good chance of winning approval in the General Assembly this year, despite objections from some countries that it could violate national sovereignty.

The treaty would ask all nations to make it illegal to abduct or harm soldiers or civilian U.N. employees. Countries that sign on would agree to

put suspects on trial, or turn them over to the victim's home country. In countries without a government, such as Somalia, other countries could track down and capture suspects.

The treaty was inspired by the ambush killing of 24 Pakistani peacekeepers in Somalia in June 1993. Three months later, 18 Americans and 300 Somali clan fighters died in a firefight in the same humanitarian mission to feed Somalia's starving.

More than 100 peacekeepers have died so far in Somalia. The United Nations plans to wind up its work there by March 31, but fighting continues between rival clans.

According to U.N. records, 1,176 peacekeepers have died in the line of duty since 1948. Not only to troops but also U.N. relief workers and other staff members are in danger.

"These days, working for the U.N. entails volunteering for missions in life-threatening locations, often in situations where there is no law and

order," said Mohamed Oumhah, an official of the union that represents civilian U.N. employees.

He said 86 civilian employees have died on U.N. missions since 1992, most in Somalia, former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

"Most were shot dead, and in no case has anyone been brought to trial," he said.

The legislation faces objections in the U.N.'s legal affairs committee. Diplomats say India, China, Russia and Thailand have complained, among other things, that such a law could undermine national sovereignty by requiring governments to turn over suspects even if they don't have extradition treaties.

The treaty critics also want to remove a reference to financial compensation for peacekeeping deaths, because of the difficulty in deciding how much to pay survivors of victims from rich and poor countries. Few countries appear to oppose the treaty.

Proteins may encourage Alzheimer's, study says

By MALCOM RITTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Two proteins that normally help the body may also promote Alzheimer's disease by encouraging the formation of tiny fibers that kill brain cells, research suggests.

NATION

If drugs that interfere with fiber formation can be developed, they might slow the progression of the disease.

The new work may also explain why a gene recently linked to Alzheimer's promotes the disease.

The two proteins have been dubbed "pathological chaperones" because they bind to a normal substance called beta amyloid in the brain and apparently encourage it to form the microscopic fibers.

These fibers can kill brain cells in the test tube, and in the brains of Alzheimer's patients they are found clumped together into amyloid plaques that are one hallmark of the disease, said researcher Huntington Potter. So the fibers may be responsible for the brain cell deaths that produce Alzheimer's, he said.

Some 4 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, a progressive

brain illness that causes confusion, memory loss and personality changes. No cause or cure is known.

Potter, an associate professor of neurobiology at Harvard Medical School, reported the work along with other researchers in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

They found that in test tubes, beta amyloid formed the toxic fibers in hours rather than days when it was exposed to either of the two proteins. The amyloid also formed 10 to 20 times more fibers than usual.

The proteins are made in the brain and elsewhere in the body. One, called alpha-1-antichymotrypsin, normally protects body tissues from being damaged by the disease-fighting immune system. The other, called apolipoprotein E or apoE, delivers cholesterol to cells for use in making membranes.

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he said. If incidents do not reoccur, the personnel and patrols will be gradually decreased.

Mills said the Offices of Student Affairs and Campus Life as well as Campus Police have received about 24 calls from concerned parents regarding Monday's incident.

A security information update released from the Office of Communications gave students advice on how to keep themselves and their fellow students safe:

- Do not walk outside alone.
- Report any suspicious people to Campus Police.
- Be aware of emergency phone locations. If there is a red button on the phone, push it to call.
- Do not let strangers into the residence halls.
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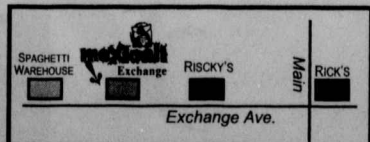
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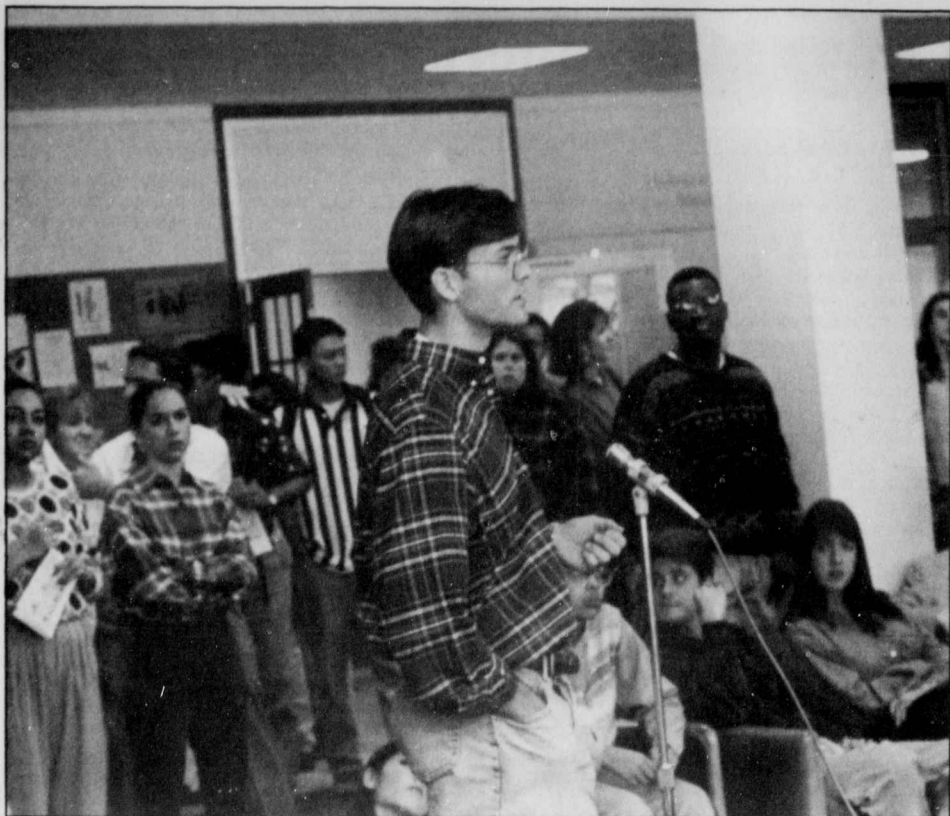
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Ashley Edens, senior finance/accounting double major, asks a question about university facilities in need of repair at the town-hall meeting on Wednesday.

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ductivity and our quality of teaching," Kucko said.

Another student asked about how to go about protesting a poor professor.

William H. Koehler, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said students who feel subjected to unrealistic classroom expectations by a faculty member at TCU should talk to the dean or chairman or chairwoman of that particular department to facilitate change.

Koehler said faculty members sometimes disregard the written comments of students on evaluation forms when compared to the average grade given to them by the class as a whole.

"We're not going to see improvement unless we know what needs to be improved and work on it together," Koehler said.

H. Kirk Downey, dean of the M.J. Neeley School of Business said simply filling in the bubbles on the teacher

evaluations is not as meaningful as writing personal comments because it is too general.

"There is a lot of ways that you can interpret that data," Downey said. "But when a student writes out a very candid, very open comment, either positive or negative, it's really hard to distort that data. Those written comments are the ones that the faculty really pay most attention to," Downey said.

Downey said students who do not write their personal complaints about a faculty member are missing their opportunity to be heard.

Breyer said that student evaluations affect the amount faculty members get paid at TCU.

"I can assure you that the quality of my teaching affects the size of my pay raise," Breyer said.

Also at the meeting, Mike Russel, assistant dean of campus life,

announced that additional security has been hired to patrol the campus in response to Monday night's arrest in Worth Hills.

Russel said students should travel in groups at night, keep doors to residence halls closed and alert police when they see something suspicious. Students shouldn't argue with police over minor traffic violations as it takes time away from them patrolling the area, he said.

Several students also voiced complaints about the electrical, water and air conditioning systems in residence halls and fraternity houses.

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the facilities need replacement, but that the cost would be in the tens of millions of dollars.

Instead, he said, the university is more likely to repair instead of replace older systems.

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and ethics of mass communication.

Of the potential jurors selected, 27 have been dismissed either because they had already formed an opinion on the case or because they had violated Ito's media ban.

Among the offenders is a man who admitted to spending time with his grandson watching cartoons. Others include a football fan who watched a game, a movie buff who saw a Barbara Stanwyck film and an individual who was awakened by her radio alarm clock when an update on the Simpson case was being aired.

Williams said that the media ban is placed on the potential jurors to limit media exposure which might influence their judgement.

"Ito is trying to get around the media's intervention in the trial,"

Williams said. "It is undoubtedly a very significant restriction on them, but I think Ito is doing everything possible to secure an unbiased jury."

Williams said that when selecting a jury, it is not always possible to find a panel completely uninformed about a case. He said that the jury selection process aims to find someone who can render a fair, unbiased decision in court.

There has been a huge amount of coverage on Simpson's case, making it difficult to keep from forming opinions on the case, Williams said.

"There has been so much publicity, some in favor, some not in favor of O.J.," Williams said. "And we're not even seeing the same amount of coverage as in L.A. where the trial is taking place."

Ito has promised those jurors fol-

lowing the media ban that he would modify the order allowing them to watch approved shows, Williams said. Ito is trying to strike a balance between the rigid ban and allowing jurors to follow election coverage and other shows not related to the case, he said.

The jury selection process began Sept. 26 with those passing the preliminary round set to continue the next round later this month.

According to Newsweek, when dismissing a juror last week who was unable to restrain himself from watching football, Ito asked him his impression of the game.

"Did you at least see that punt return?" Ito reportedly asked. "That's good special teams coaching!"

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underage students do the same.

Taylor said there are many consequences of drinking. Alcohol affects every organ in the body, and when stress is combined with alcohol, it effects the ability of the body to fight off opportunistic diseases such as the common cold, she said.

"Especially during this time of the semester, a few days off with a cold can affect grades," Taylor said.

Other consequences can be more severe. The survey showed that 50 percent of TCU students reported some kind of trouble with the police

such as driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, driving while intoxicated, taking sexual advantage of someone else or sustaining some form of bodily injury at least once during the past year, she said.

Taylor said that alcohol is the most common form of stress release on campus but not the only form.

The survey reported that 21 percent of students used marijuana at least once last year and 10 percent used an illegal drug other than marijuana at least once during the same time period.

Taylor said that the Alcohol and Drug Education Program wants to cut down on the perception that it is all right to drink and do drugs because everyone else is.

Taylor said there are better ways to relieve stress than drinking.

Exercise has been shown to be the best way to relieve stress. Taylor said exercising at least 20 minutes a day for five days a week is the best way to stay healthy and reduce stress.

"The best tip is to eat right, get plenty of sleep and get plenty of exercise," Taylor said.

Brady/ from page 1

Because protective orders are not criminal charges or warrants for arrest, criminal record databases in Fort Worth and national files do not contain protective orders.

The Fort Worth Police Department uses a number of databases to research background checks. These include the Fort Worth Police Department records, the Tarrant County criminal justice system, local Fort Worth municipal court warrants, Texas Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center, which includes state information and federal crime agencies information. The Fort Worth Police Department also sends the county clerk's office a fax to check the Tarrant County Mental Illness Commitment indexes on the buyer.

The district court clerk's office that handles family cases has computerized records of protective and restraining orders. Police can have access to these records, but requests are done in the office and not by fax or online computer system.

Special Agent Marvin Richardson, public information officer for the Dallas office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said that although the new law is in effect, the government doesn't require police departments to check for protective orders.

Most police departments would have to make the effort to search court files, Richardson said.

"They don't have to do that," he said.

Richardson said that he did feel that the Brady law could make a difference in violence if police departments took the effort to do background checks for protective orders.

Sharon Marshall, executive director of the Women's Haven of Tarrant

County Inc., said she believes if a woman has requested a protective order, that action indicates she is alarmed about her own safety.

Women should be protected against those persons against whom they have a protective order, Marshall said.

Marshall said she believes if people with protective orders against them can be prohibited from buying guns, some women's lives may be saved.

This year the Women's Haven has already had roughly 800 women and children seek refuge at the shelter from domestic abuse and violence, Marshall said.

The Brady law's intent was to curb "on the spot violence" - when someone gets mad, and decides on the spur of the moment to go buy a gun to shoot someone or himself, Richardson said.

"Now he's got to wait five days," Richardson said. "It (the Brady law) will curb the legal means by which people can get firearms."

Tanya Metksa, chief lobbyist for the National Rifle Association, said the new law sounds good, but she questions its ability to make a difference on domestic violence.

"Restraining orders don't particularly do much good," she said. "Women have been stalked, harassed, injured or killed."

There is a flip side to the issue as well, Metksa said. A woman may want to buy a gun to protect herself after she obtains a protective order. Once she applies for the gun, she must wait five days. The person against whom she has the order may threaten or attack the woman in those five days, Metksa said.

Metksa said the NRA supports instant background checks at stores so people do not have to wait to buy

guns.

Robertson also said he didn't believe researching protective orders and prohibiting those persons from buying handguns is realistic.

"I don't think it would be that effective," he said.

Bedford and Arlington police departments also do not check for restraining order records, but the Austin Police Department has been checking for protective orders since soon after the Brady law began.

Police Officer John Boyd, who runs the Brady law background checks in Austin, said no one has been turned down because they had a protective order against them.

At the end of August, the Austin police department had checked 6,085 applications and turned down somewhere between 55 and 65 people, Boyd said.

"I don't recall any of those people as having a violent background," he said.

The Fort Worth Police Department has researched a number of applications for firearms already this year.

As of Sept. 23, the Fort Worth Police Department had received 5,147 handgun applications since the Brady law guidelines began. Of these applications, the police department rejected 712.

The rejections included 74 felons and four drug users. Four had been declared mentally incompetent.

The police rejected 351 applicants because they had outstanding fugitive warrants on them.

Most of these warrants were from the municipal court, Robertson said, for things such as outstanding parking or traffic tickets. A few had county or felony warrants out on them, he said.



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Governor's race still up for grabs as last week of campaigning begins

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HOUSTON — The Texas governor's race remains a dead heat with less than a week to go, but incumbent Democrat Ann Richards is gaining momentum over GOP challenger George W. Bush, according to a poll published Wednesday.

The poll, conducted for The Houston Post and Houston television station KHOU, found that Richards was favored by 46.76 percent of voters or likely voters. Bush was favored by 43.94 percent.

The survey included 517 people, including some who had already cast early ballots, and was conducted Oct. 22-27. The margin of error is 4 percentage points, making Richards' slight lead statistically insignificant.

A Houston Post-KHOU poll conducted in September also had the two in a virtual tie, but with Richards then holding a 1.6-point lead compared to her current 2.8-point advantage.

In Harris County, the state's most populous, Bush has lost a 2.5-point advantage he held in September, according to the poll. Richards now leads in the county by 1.6 points.

The most recent poll, supervised by Rice University political scientist Bob Stein, was conducted before Ross Perot's endorsement of Richards on Tuesday.

However, 74 percent of the respondents said an endorsement from Perot would make no difference in their vote. Only 9.9 percent said backing from Perot would make them more likely to vote for a candidate, while 13.3 percent said it would make them less likely to support the candidate.

The poll found runaway races for other statewide posts.

Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison led Democratic challenger Richard Fisher 55.72 percent to 28.03 percent statewide. Incumbent Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock held a

commanding lead — 56.72 percent to 16.07 percent over Republican Tex Lezar statewide.

Democratic Attorney General Dan Morales was supported by 49.91 percent in the latest poll, compared with 20.69 percent for Republican state District Judge Don Wittig.

Asked about the poll during a San Marcos campaign stop Tuesday, Richards said she has sensed a shift in her direction.

"I have seen a real shift and turnaround about the past 10 days to two weeks. You can't define what it is, but I think experience makes a lot of difference," she said.

Bush, meanwhile, said he was undaunted by the findings.

"I'm very confident of victory if my people vote," Bush said. "I think

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Republican lieutenant governor candidate H.J. "Tex" Lezar campaigned Wednesday with former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III in his bid to unseat Democratic incumbent Bob Bullock.

At a news conference in front of the Austin police department, Meese backed his fellow Republican, saying that Lezar had the experience and know-how to fight crime.

"He has the commitment to do these things and that's one of the things that unfortunately appears to be lacking from the present officials in the governor's chair and the lieutenant governor's chair," said Meese.

Lezar, a former Justice Department official, criticized Bullock over the new penal code and the settlement of a long running prison lawsuit.

Bullock responded that when Lezar was chief of staff at the Justice Department, the department sided with inmates in the federal lawsuit

against the Texas prison system.

"Lezar's pro-inmate position cost Texas hundreds of millions of dollars and hurt the state's ability to operate its own prisons," Bullock said. Bullock also noted that Meese was attorney general at that time.

Lezar said the Justice Department sided with the inmates initially, but that he worked to change that position.

"The position did alter so much so that the prisoners lawyers tried to remove the Department of Justice from the case," he said.

Lezar criticized Bullock over the new penal code, calling it the "hug-a-thug approach to crime."

He said it gives automatic probation for auto theft, burglary of a business and selling less than one gram of crack cocaine.

Bullock spokesman Jim Warren defended the statute, saying those offenders, and violent criminals will serve a longer portion of their sentence under the new law.

"He ought to read the law," Warren said.

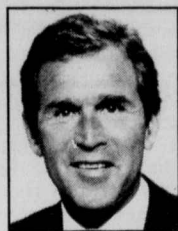
Meese, who served under former President Reagan, campaigned in September in Texas for GOP state comptroller candidate Teresa Doggett.

During that visit, he was criticized by Democrats over the 1980s drop in oil prices that devastated the Texas economy. Meese had said that the Reagan administration sought lower oil prices to benefit the U.S. economy.

More recently, Meese announced support of Republican Oliver North, who is challenging Virginia Sen. Charles Robb, a Democrat.

North, a former White House aide, was convicted of felonies for destroying documents in an arms for hostage deal, accepting an illegal gratuity and aiding in the obstruction of Congress.

The convictions were overturned on appeal because his trial was tainted by congressional testimony North gave under immunity.



George W. Bush



Ann Richards

Minority leaders endorse Bush

BY JEAN PAGEL ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Prominent blacks, Hispanics and Asians from the Dallas area called George W. Bush a racial unifier Wednesday and endorsed his candidacy for governor.

"I have told the people of Texas that my message transcends party, transcends demographics," said Bush, flanked by business leaders of several races.

The minority support for Bush came one day after Dallas billionaire Ross Perot endorsed Gov. Ann Richards.

A poll published Wednesday by The Houston Post showed the candidates remain locked in a dead heat.

Bush supporters who spoke out Wednesday in Dallas included Delia Reyes, past chairman of the National Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Robert Hsueh, chairman emeritus of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce; and Alphonso Jackson,

chairman of the Dallas Housing Authority.

"We are going to have to have a governor who does not make distinctions based on race, but makes distinctions based on capability and how well they can serve this state," Jackson said.

"I think George W. Bush will do that. I think he brings that kind of moral leadership," Jackson said. "He's not going to tout how many blacks, browns, greens and yellows he appointed to positions, but you will see them in large numbers."

Richards made race an issue this weekend when she criticized Bush for campaigning at black churches in Houston. She told a black congregation she had earned minority support and said it was "hypocritical" for those who haven't been involved in civil rights battles to make the same plea.

"I listened the other day on the radio and I said, Oh my God the governor must be in trouble because she's started race baiting," Jackson

said. "You see, when you're losing, you get desperate. We're not losing."

Bush said he believes he picked up the endorsements because he has delivered a consistent message stressing the need to reform welfare, improve schools and curb juvenile crime.

He again dismissed the Perot endorsement as nothing more than "an interesting political event" unlikely to change the election's outcome. Independent voters will side with him next Tuesday because they don't like the status quo, he said.

"I'm glad it's a horse race. Close is good for George W. Bush, and the reason it's good is that my voters are voting."

Bush embarked on a blitz through East Texas on Wednesday afternoon, touring a cylinder plant in Longview and greeting about 100 supporters at a rally in Texarkana.

"We are the campaign of joy," he said in Dallas. "We're having a lot of fun, because when I get out there, I can smell victory."

Richards campaigns in East Texas

BY MICHAEL HOLMES ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUFKIN, Texas — Campaigning with Democratic Gov. Ann Richards on Wednesday, congressman Charlie Wilson said he has seen this all before.

Wilson, a veteran East Texas Democrat, who laughingly calls himself "one of those entrenched incumbents they talk about," said Richards' closely fought re-election bid reminds him of her 1990 race against Republican Clayton Willia

"She did this against Willia We were behind down to the last week. Then, she ended up carrying the district by 55 percent," Wilson said.

Richards, who on Tuesday picked up the endorsement of billionaire Ross Perot, held a narrow edge over Republican George W. Bush in a poll by The Houston Post published Wednesday.

The poll, conducted for The Houston Post and Houston television station KHOU, found that

Richards was favored by 46.76 percent of voters or likely voters. Bush was favored by 43.94 percent.

The survey included 517 people, including some who had already cast early ballots, and was conducted Oct. 22-27. The margin of error is 4 percent, making Richards' slight lead statistically insignificant.

Richards says she feels the campaign's momentum shifting her way.

East Texas — traditionally "Yellow Dog Democrat" territory — is one of the key battlegrounds this year.

Wilson, seeking re-election himself against Republican Donna Peterson, said his campaign polling indicates things are breaking the governor's way.

"I don't know why she torments us this way and waits until the very end to surge. But that's exactly what's happening," he said.

Wilson said that while the number of Republicans in the region is increasing, GOP efforts to tie

Democratic politicians to an unpopular President Clinton aren't working.

"In my polling in my own race, my opponent has tried to make him a big issue and it certainly hasn't been reflected," he said.

Richards touted her administration's record in creating more jobs than any other state for three years in a row.

In Lufkin, she toured a small hydraulics plant that will be getting new business from Bell Helicopter and attended the ground breaking of a new factory that will make electronic components for missiles.

She said one of every four new jobs that have been created during her term were located outside metropolitan areas so everyone can share "in the incredible economic turnaround in Texas that we are all so proud of."

Richards said 20,000 jobs have been created in East Texas since she became governor in 1991, including 2,000 in Angelina County.

Bush ad upsets some Hispanic leaders

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Some Hispanic leaders are upset about a radio ad by GOP gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush criticizing Democratic Gov. Ann Richards' appointment of Lena Guerrero to the Texas Railroad Commission.

The ad, recorded partly in English and partly in Spanish, is playing on Tejano radio stations statewide. It says in part, "The quality of Richards' appointments is down — como (like) Lena Guerrero."

"He needs to apologize," said Rosa Rosales, state director of the League of United Latin American Citizens. "That is a slap to the Latino community. I do not take that lightly."

Bush spokesman Reggie Bashur told The Dallas Morning News that the ad wasn't meant as a personal attack on Guerrero.

The first woman and first Mexican American on the Railroad Commission, Guerrero resigned in 1992 after it was disclosed that she didn't have the college degree she had claimed.

"We cited one celebrated case that the whole state is very well aware of. The Hispanic community is as concerned as all Texans are about the appointments process and who gets appointed," Bashur said.

Rosales said, "Lena was a person that was doing great on the job and this misfortune of her education had nothing to do with her job."

State Rep. Irma Rangel, chair-

woman of the House Mexican-American Legislative Caucus, called the ad "insulting."

"She has never done anything but try to participate in the political process that was closed to so many of our people. Lena Guerrero is more qualified than George W. Bush to be governor of this state," said Rangel, D-Kingsville.

Bashur and Bush political strategist Karl Rove said they did not believe the ad would backfire.

Rove said many Hispanics voted for Republican Barry Williamson for Railroad Commission in 1992. Williamson defeated Guerrero, who after she resigned from the commission asked voters to forgive her and return her to the post.

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Runners display progress at Tech

BY JEFF CRANE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Both the men's and women's cross country teams have been running towards improvement at each meet they have competed in this season.

CROSS COUNTRY

At the Southwest Conference meet held in at Texas Tech last weekend, the men's team finished seventh and the women's team finished eighth out of eight teams competing.

Individually, sophomore Andres Gomez finished fifth and sophomore Cain Williams finished 11th out of 62 runners. For the Lady Frogs, sophomore Melony Patterson finished 11th and sophomore Kim Dooley finished 38th out of 66 runners.

Cross Country Coach John McKenzie said both the men's and women's teams are very young with mostly freshmen and sophomores. McKenzie said he is pleased with the improvement several run-

ners have made since last October.

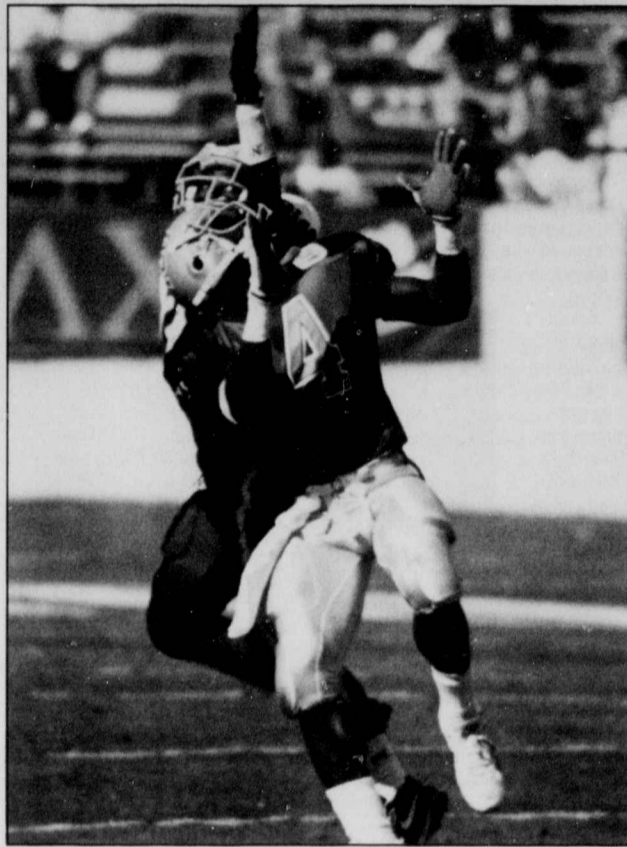
Both Patterson and Gomez greatly improved their finishes from last season. Patterson finished 36th and Gomez finished 10th in last year's meet in Lubbock.

McKenzie said he is confident that the team will improve and that the future is looking very bright.

"Melony Patterson has the potential to be a great collegiate runner and Andres Gomez has shown he can compete," McKenzie said.

This week Gomez, Williams, Patterson, and Dooley will be preparing for this weekend's NCAA District Championships held at Texas A&M in College Station. The top runners at the District Championships qualify for the NCAA National Tournament held at the University of Arkansas beginning Nov. 21.

Last year Gomez, as a freshman, qualified for the NCAA tournament and McKenzie says he has an excellent chance at qualifying again this year. Also, McKenzie says Williams and Patterson have a good chance at qualifying.



Receiver Jimmy Oliver looks to catch a pass over Rice defender.

TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

Lady Frogs prep for '94-95 season

BY RICHMOND WILLIAMS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU women's basketball team is looking forward to a fresh start this season, said head coach Shell Robinson.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

"Practice is going as well as could be expected," Robinson said. "We're just fine tuning some things."

The team, which posted a 5-20 record last season, is looking to improve as they start the 1994-95 campaign, she said. Robinson, in her 2nd year at TCU, is continuing her initial goal of "building a program."

Robinson said any of this year's crop of players could step up this year and do well. A group of sophomores, including Marie Ramos, Jennifer Pillich, Nicole Perdue, and Kayla Courtade should all perform this year, epitomizing Robinson's emphasis on a team effort.

"The team is more of a unit this year," she said.

Stacey Price and Leah Garcia, two junior college transfers, will add a new but experienced dimension to the team, Robinson said. She also said that all of the players, many of whom were recruited by their current coach, are getting adjusted to Division I basketball.

The players have the ability to end up just behind the perennial Southwest Conference upper echelon, which includes Texas, Texas Tech, and Texas A&M, Robinson said.

This may come as a surprise to some, considering that in 1993-94, the Lady Frogs were 1-13 in Southwest Conference action. The team also lost the last 14 games of the season.

TCU ended last season with a 103-55 loss to the Lady Red Raiders of Texas Tech in the conference tournament.

Robinson said as long as the Lady Frogs "read and react," instead of running set plays, their performance will match their ability.

The Lady Frogs open the regular season Nov. 26 at the Dial Classic against Central Florida.

Golf team to compete after rest

BY STEWART NEFF
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's golf team will travel this weekend to Austin for its first tournament since Oct. 10-11.

MEN'S GOLF

The 25th Annual Harvey Penick Intercollegiate tournament will be held Nov. 4-5 at the Morris Williams Golf Course in Austin. The course has

a Par 72 layout with a total of 6636 yards.

The first 36 holes will be played Friday and the final 18 played Saturday. The field includes Texas, Houston, SMU, Rice, Baylor, Texas Tech, Lamar, and Southwestern Louisiana.

Currently, the TCU men's golf team is tied at No. 10 in the country as of the Nov. 1 Golfweek poll.

TCU has dropped five spots in the poll since Oct. 11. The Golfweek poll is based on points gained through tour-

namment play, and lack of play has hurt the TCU golf team's position.

Head men's golf coach Bill Montigel has guided his team in against nationally ranked competition. The Frogs have competed against No. 3 Texas, No. 13 Houston, and No. 15 SMU.

Deron Zinnecker is the leading player on the team after three tournaments so far. Zinnecker's scoring average is 72.1, and he has finished in the top ten in all three events.

Seventh-grade girl starts at QB

BY PAUL CONATZER
VALLEY MORNING STAR

SANTA MARIA, Texas — Crystle Velez tucked her pigtail in her football uniform and went out to play the La Villa Cardinals.

Velez, a 12-year-old seventh grader, made her first start last week at quarterback for the Santa Maria Cougars.

"It's a new experience for us," said Santa Maria athletic director and head varsity football coach Raul Saucedo. "It certainly has created some interest around here."

And that interest may have unnerved Velez, who started and was in for only a few plays. In an interview with a local TV station, she admitted to being nervous before the start of the game.

She also played on the kick-return team and for a few plays on defense at cornerback in the game, which was won 20-0 by a bigger La Villa team.

The newspaper photographers and TV cameramen, in addition to a big crowd that included interested observers from neighboring towns Weslaco and Mercedes may have just a little bit to much for a 12-year-old.

"She was nervous. She told me she was nervous," said Santa Maria coach Chris Kromer after the game. "I wish you could have seen her practice on Wednesday. She

was calling plays, taking hits and just doing a good job. She's an awesome kid."

Kromer's first impulse when Velez asked if she could play football was to tell her no, but then he realized that UIL rules allowed girls to participate in football.

He had never seen a girl play football before.

"She's athletic and a really tough kid," Kromer said. "She's in just about every sport we have here."

Kromer said her presence on the team didn't create a problem with her teammates.

"I think they like it," said Kromer. "I know the intensity level increased when she took the practice field. Everybody was hitting harder."

For some of her teammates having a girl behind the center is a different and even disconcerting experience.

"It feels weird," said guard Alvaro Gomez. "It gives me a funny feeling," he said. "It's like the other teams see we have a girl and they may start laughing at us." But the members of the team accept her presence and her role as a fact of life. Eva Cantu, her mother, thinks it's good for her daughter to play football.

"I'm pleased with her playing football. She said she was nervous this morning. It's pretty exciting. I

just told her to do her best," she said.

Kromer expects Velez to be back for next season as an eighth grader.

"She told me she's going to work hard this summer. She has definitely impressed me with her work ethic. She's going to be a success. She's an awesome kid."

Like any coach starting a new quarterback for the first time, Kromer was nervous.

And it's a different experience for Kromer. "It's the first time, I've ever seen a girl play football."

Most of the time, people can't tell that she's a girl until she takes off her helmet," said Kromer.

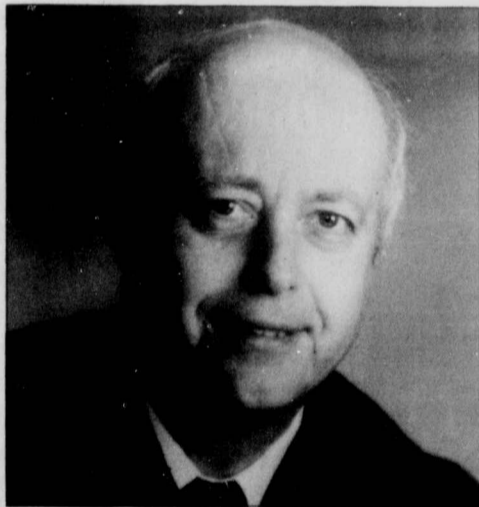
Kromer and his team are stepping into uncharted waters and Velez and Santa Maria made history.

According to Cynthia Doyle, assistant athletic director at the University Interscholastic League in Austin, this is the first time that a girl has started at quarterback in Texas. One has started in California.

Doyle said seven girls played the entire season on the high school level in 1993, the first year that the UIL allowed girls to compete. As far as she knows there are four playing on the junior high level this season. This was not the first time

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Trainers plead guilty NHL cancels games

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — The University of Arkansas will pay a \$100,000 civil penalty and two trainers will plead guilty to federal drug charges after a probe into the distribution of pain-killers to athletes, the U.S. Attorney's office said Wednesday.

Dean Weber, head athletic trainer, and David England will plead guilty to one count each of refusing to keep records of how their department distributed drugs. Weber will also pay a \$5,000 civil penalty.

TORONTO (AP) — As players huddled in Toronto for a union meeting, the NHL wiped 10 more games off its schedule Wednesday.

The league, which had already canceled four games from its 84-game schedule, further reduced its season to 70 games.

"We're getting very close to the point of no return now," player rep Mike Gartner said. "(T)here comes a point when it doesn't make any sense to play a schedule."

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■ P. D. MAGNUS

Collector's plates, tabloids mark absurdity of U.S. culture

In the discussion of U.S. foreign policy, we often end up talking as if everyone in the world is just like us. The United States can bring righteous democracy to Haiti and peace to the Middle East. We can help Russia on the way to a free market economy just like our sacred capitalism. Even when we complain about our foreign policy, we usually want to say that the current administration is responsible for derailing the whole program.

American piety is taken as a given. We use language that casts us as the good guys, the cowboys in white hats, the knights in shining armor and the samaritans spreading generous charity to a grateful globe. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, the United States has been the only "world power." Try as we might, we can't stop that thought from taking up residence in the pomposity



lobe of our brains. This kind of talk is easy to deflate at a logical level; examples of U.S. blunders are easy enough to find. Our own inner cities are, after all, dens for crime and drugs. We have more people living

in poverty inside our own borders than we would readily admit. All the same, the attitude lives on.

Intellectual recognition of the facts of the situation doesn't do much to eliminate the subconscious mind set. Somehow, America still acts as if it has some God-given right to throw its weight around. The cultural arro-

gance is so familiar, so ingrained, that it's impossible to think around.

Even in parts of the world where the United States wields little political power, U.S. culture remains potent. Our music plays on the radio and the U.S. image can be advertising magic. Here at home, we delude ourselves into thinking that personal mobility, consumerism and football are universal values. They play such a central role in so many lives, they're just taken in as part of the furniture of the world, never to be scrutinized.

It's hard to imagine, though, how we can even take ourselves seriously.

Look at collector's plates. It's not hard to imagine what someone unfamiliar with the American way would think of them: bad art at exorbitant prices on dishes made of materials so toxic that they come with labels

warning not to serve food on them. They're even too fragile to play catch with. The farming nuns, doe-eyed children, misshapen animals and "Star Trek" characters must seem queer sorts of icons, like devotional artifacts to strange and mysterious powers. The Franklin Mint and the Hamilton Collection become holy offices existing to aid the faithful by arranging the trinity of three monthly installments.

If not that, then look at tabloid journalism. Every news medium updates the O.J. Simpson trial, and television news increasingly takes judgmental jabs at even the most innocuous facts. News magazines and talk shows run on outrageous claims and wild fantasies. Any of that pales by comparison to the supermarket tabloids, raised on altars that the penitent file past as they pay for their food. With titles like the *Weekly*

World News, they make momentous pronouncements: "Voodoo spell turns woman into tree." "Woman gives birth to 11 pound dog baby." And "President Clinton signs secret pact with aliens."

Even in criticizing this or that, a lot of us in the fabled Generation X, not to mention many Americans from the Baby Boom and ones born in between, really do buy into the fundamental righteousness of American life and culture. It's one thing to say that there is something wrong. It's quite another to say that absolutely everything is teetering on the edge of the absurd. Maybe it really is, though. Maybe, just maybe, that's what makes America great.

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■ LAURA POTTER

Some people refuse to take responsibility

We are a country full of people seeking the easy way out, looking at how opportunities can serve us and if what we put into a situation is worth what we get out of it.

Human relationships are a perfect example. Divorce is becoming more common than marriage, and people seem to be splitting up faster than they can get together. It is the cure-all for personal strife within a relationship, and people don't seem to want to put work into fixing things.

If you have an argument with your spouse, instead of trying to work it out, it is simply easier to split up. In fact, there are lawyers who specialize in agreed divorce.

People separate over things as simple as who's getting the higher salary or realizing that they rushed into marriage without really getting to know each other.

Movie stars are perfect examples of this mentality. They get married and split up faster than the press can cover it, which makes you wonder if they ever loved each other at all, or if it was all a publicity trick.

Many fathers leave their wives and children, rather than stay and help their wives take care of the family they both created. They divorce them or leave them, and neglect to pay child support, choosing to simply get away from the situation rather than face it.

Instead of taking responsibilities for their actions, people come up with fabulous excuses.

Alcoholics don't choose their lifestyle; they have a disease. They aren't responsible for putting the vodka to their lips; the sickness made them do it. It is not their fault they drive drunk and crash into a light pole or worse; they are suffering from alcoholism. The liquor made them do it.

Criminals often argue that they are the products of society, and if they had been given a Jaguar when they were 16, they would be fine, upstanding citizens now. Having to live where they did and experience what they did made them criminals. Never mind the other people in the same neighborhood who came out of the experience without killing someone.

Some people's claims are simply ridiculous. Murderers supposedly kill because their fathers suffered from the disease of alcoholism and weren't around to raise them. Drug dealers are just trying to make it out of the inner city life, they say. If you commit a crime, there is always an excuse you can come up with for your actions: your family life, the community, stress and abuse. When all else fails, there is always the insanity plea.

Perhaps one of the saddest ways people take the easy way out is when it comes to abortion. When my mom helped someone get to a clinic because of a miscarriage, a teen-age girl came bouncing through the door of the clinic with two young men. She was laughing and carrying on, and told her friends, "Don't worry, this shouldn't take long." Makes you wonder if she even thought about the decision she was making.

When a teen-ager gets pregnant, it is more than likely that she will choose to have an abortion rather than deal with the problems pregnancy can cause. It is far easier just to rid yourself of your "accident" than deal with the consequences.

There are more problems than solutions in life, but unfortunately, people have stopped looking for solutions and have just come up with excuses. Instead of taking responsibility for themselves and their actions, people all too often just quit and get away from the situation as fast as they can.

If the situation will not benefit us, we just quit. If the rewards are less than we expect, we give up. There are some people who work above and beyond what is expected of them, but very few people fit this category. Americans are supposed to have this glorified work ethic, but like everything else our founders brought to America, it's just history now.

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■ TODD MCKINNEY

Governor's race is too preoccupied with mudslinging

HORSE RACING COMMENTATOR: (Rapidly and with vivacity). They're coming around turn number four to make their way down the homestretch at illegal speeds! It's a two-horse race, and this one is for all of Texas! Who's it going to be? Him or Her? We have a doozy of a haul here. I'm telling you this is neck and neck and nobody knows who's going to take the ribbon!

OPINION COLUMNIST: (Cranky) Stop! (Brief pause and with relief). Thank you. What does this sound like? A) a horse racing commentator, B) a headache, C) the 1994 Texas gubernatorial race, or D) all of the above. Pick the best answer.

C is the correct answer, because not all horse racing commentators are like this and headaches don't always sound this bad. Besides, at the moment, every voting Texan has their eyes on the race for governor between incumbent Democrat Ann Richards and Republican businessman George W. Bush.

The gubernatorial election is a big event for all states and happens only once every four years in Texas, like the Olympics. But in the Olympics, good sportsmanship is regarded as noble and if unsportsmanlike conduct is displayed, athletes are denounced vehemently by all and rightfully so.

Politics is not a sport and, as such, good sportsmanship is not required. But it should be.

Politics has become less and less civil as time has gone by. Mud seems to have grown wings. And it's still flying.

It's really quite disgusting how politicians run a campaign today. For example, if you've been watching television lately, you've probably seen some of these advertisements promoting Gov. Richards and George W. Bush. They are terrible!

I recall one of Gov. Richards' commercials which merely showed a picture of George W. Bush along with a list of all of his failures rolling down the screen (and it seemed, into the pile of mud that's been growing ever since these campaigns began).

It wasn't an advertisement of Richards telling people why she stands where she does on a particular issue like education. For that matter, many of Bush's commercials don't explain his positions either, but also concentrate on mudslinging. The candidates seem more interested in attacking each other than explaining what they want to do if elected.

Both Richards and Bush recently attended the services of several African-American churches in order to display their involvement in the minority communities.

That's great, but why do they involve themselves in such activities? Or why don't they involve themselves in such activities? Is it merely their reaction to the action of the other candidate? Or is it a genuine expression of concern? Why? That's all I am asking.

Political campaigns are no longer events where each candidate tries to explain his or her motives for running for office, and haven't been since I can remember. Instead, they are verbal battlefields where the winner hopes to emerge victorious not because he or she is actually the best qualified candidate, but because he or she did a good job of discrediting his or her opponent as unqualified or incompetent.

OPINION COLUMNIST: Okay, Mr. Commentator, it's all yours. **HORSE RACING COMMENTATOR:** And here they come ladies and gents! It looks like it's going to be Richards — no, Bush — maybe it's Richards. I can't tell with all of this mud in the air.

Todd McKinney is a senior English major from Tulsa, Okla.

■ EDITORIAL

GAMBLING

Proposed casino needs evaluation

Recently, a Fort Worth businessman proposed building a casino and hotel in the Fort Worth stockyards. Many members of the Fort Worth City Council argue that the proposed Stockyards Resort & Casino would bring jobs and pump money into the Fort Worth economy.

The casino/hotel complex would employ 2,000 people and draw an additional 5,000 people to the Stockyards, according to Holt Hickman, the local businessman who proposed the project.

The development of the Stockyards Resort & Casino would be possible only if both the Texas Legislature and two-thirds of the voters approve casino gambling, which is not legal in the state of Texas at this time.

The location of the proposed casino in the Stockyards would make it accessible to TCU students. The Stockyards

Resort & Casino, if approved and built, would be open 24 hours-a-day, seven days a-week.

Many opponents of casino gambling will undoubtedly object to the building of a casino so close to a university. They will argue that students, given an opportunity to gamble, would do so, and spend an inordinate amount of time at the Stockyards instead of studying.

These concerns have merit. Before any casino is constructed in the Stockyards, several factors, including its proximity to students, should be considered and evaluated.

Having a casino in the Stockyards would undoubtedly help Fort Worth's economy, and would provide thousands of jobs. But before such a casino is built, its total impact on the surrounding community needs to be considered.

■ LETTER

Crime isn't restricted to TCU

When I first stepped foot on this campus four years ago, I had many images of what I thought TCU would be like. I envisioned academics, athletics and socialization. However, I never dreamed that TCU would be such a leader in amazing discoveries.

For instance, I never would have imagined that the students, faculty and administration would discover the first case of homosexuality in 1994. The controversy with the Triangle was a forerunner in dealing with that social issue. Along those same lines, who would have imagined that TCU would play host to the first case of gang activity? What's next, alcohol related deaths or rape? The possibilities are endless.

This past semester, through the *Skiff* and hearing people talk around campus, I am amazed by the fact that so many TCU students have hid behind their security systems, their fenced in residential areas, mommy and daddy's checkbook and countless other useless barri-

ades. It seems as if this campus as a whole has taken the attitude that something isn't an issue until it happens to TCU. Campuses nationwide have long settled the homosexuality "problem," and have been taking safety procedures long before we ever had to worry about it. But not TCU. I guess now we're finally realizing that we can't hide our heads in the sand and hope it doesn't happen to us.

How selfish of us as a campus to throw a fit about "gang" activity, when innocent children are daily being murdered in this city. What right do we have to invalidate their sacrifices by ignoring the problem? Is the frightening of TCU students any more significant than the murder of an inner city child? Of course not, but we treat it as if it is.

Of course, this incident has scared us all a little, as well it should have. The sad thing is, we should have been scared a long time ago. Instead of crying about what happened the other

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Basketball season to be dominated by Sir Charles, Shaq

It's that time of year again. Another NBA season will tip off on Friday night with no team as the consensus cream of the crop. It is good to know there is one sport that won't be interrupted by a strike. Here are some predictions on divisions, and who will be standing alone in June:



GREGOR ESCH
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Western Conference
Midwest Division — *Houston* has every major player back from the championship run. They still get little respect after their "football" series with the Knicks in the finals. "Team Hakeem" will rise to over-

take Mister Robinson's neighborhood in the division, but won't repeat.
San Antonio, led by David Robinson, will win more than 50 games, but Olajuwon just has a better team around him than Robinson. The Spurs never know if Dennis Rodman will literally show up or not.
Has *Denver* come too far too soon? Expectations will be a mile high. We know how good this team can be, right, Seattle? The Nuggets are on the definite upswing, and with some veteran leadership they could win the division.
In *Utah*, Stockton and Malone are good for the second round (this is a recording). *Dallas* will improve to 25 wins and could be more if Roy Tarpley can stay out of trouble. The young nucleus is there, and not having a guy acting like a coach will help. *Minnesota* has too many ball hogs and volatile personalities to go anywhere.
Pacific — *Seattle* still has the most talent in the league. They wish

the playoffs could start today. Seattle could go 82-0, and skeptics would still abound after last year's early playoff exit. *Golden State* is the most entertaining team to watch. If Tim Hardaway can bounce back from injury, and everyone else is healthy, watch out! The finals won't be out of the question for this team.
Phoenix still has enough to make title run. Getting Danny Manning was a coup. Questions linger in the middle with Wayman Tisdale and Joe Kleine. Time is running out for Sir Charles to get his ring which is an incentive for a monster year.
The *Los Angeles Lakers* are a long way removed from their five titles in the 80s, but are slowly on the way back. They made an excellent coaching hire in Del Harris.
Sacramento is improving, but has no way to go but up. The *Los Angeles Clippers* have replaced the Mavs as the worst organization in basketball. Enough said!
Sir Charles will rise to propel Phoenix to its second title series in

three years.
Eastern Conference
Orlando obtained just the power forward the Shaq needed in Horace Grant. The first round loss to Indiana last year was the reality dose this team needed. Watch out!
The championship gas tank is about to hit empty on *New York*. The new rules for hand-checking will force the Knicks to play offense, which they can't do. Pat Riley's coaching will have them in contention, but the NBA's image can't afford to have these guys in the finals again.
New Jersey could be a threat if they can get production from people other than Derrick Coleman and Kenny Anderson. *Miami* has the talent to knock off anyone, as Atlanta almost found out. Rony Seikaly and Glen Rice are a real good inside-outside combination. The Heat are a real sleeper.
Philadelphia will make strides this season under John Lucas. They could win 30-35 games. Shawn

Bradley, Sharone Wright, and Clarence Weatherspoon for a front line is a good start. *Boston* is trying to recapture past glory instead of rebuilding. Dominique Wilkins will bring excitement to the Garden, but the team is still lottery bound. *Washington* has some talent, but this team probably will struggle to win 30 games.
Central — *Indiana* is definitely for real. A return trip to the conference finals is possible. The Pacers got the point guard they needed in Mark Jackson. The new three-point line will cause Reggie Miller to go bonkers.
If healthy, *Charlotte* is a definite title contender. Its chances to be the Beasts of the East is riding on the health of Larry Johnson and Alonzo Mourning.
Chicago did a remarkable job last year in winning two less games than the year before. The first year post-Jordan was a success. With the player defections and an unhappy Scottie Pippen, it is hard to see the

Bulls making an impact.
Detroit has the cornerstone to their rebuilding project with rookie Grant Hill. Hill will have the biggest impact of the rookies this season, and Joe Dumars has a lot left. *Cleveland*'s first obstacle was His Airness, and now it's injuries and old age. After this season, coach Mike Fratello might have to resume his career as the "Czar of the Telestrator."
Atlanta doesn't have much hope despite being coached by Lenny Wilkens. *Milwaukee* will make the lottery even if they decide to shell out all those "Bucks" for Glenn Robinson.
Orlando will have a Magical season and reach the finals, but Barkley will tear the kingdom down.
Phoenix will win the championship, and Charles can start his gubernatorial campaign.
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Velez has played quarterback, she directed the team on a 72-yard drive against Riviera two weeks ago.
Taking up football because she thought it looked like fun, Velez said she hadn't seen any other girls play football.
Her favorite team is the Dallas Cowboys and her favorite athlete is quarterback Troy Aikman, she said from behind a shy smile.
She has been playing linebacker and also on the kickoff and kick-return teams.
In addition to football, she also plays basketball, volleyball, runs cross country and track and is a cheerleader. She's also plays clarinet in band and takes part in UIL academic activities.
Velez is one of the biggest players on the team at 5 foot 4, 114 pounds. But, it wasn't her size that made Kromer think of moving her to quarterback.
"I needed a back-up quarterback who could get the plays down," Kromer said. "I knew she was an honor roll student. It only took her a week to get all the plays down."
And when the starting quarterback got sick, Velez got the nod.
Playing quarterback seems to run in the Velez family, Crystle's 14-year-old brother Frank is the Cougar's junior varsity quarterback.
"I haven't seen her play yet," said Frank. "I try to give her some tips, but she's pretty tough."
Velez doesn't get any slack on the practice field and doesn't seem to need any.
During a blocking drill, she hit the blocking sled hard, hard enough to make it move on its springs. Her hit gives Kromer a satisfied look.
"She's pretty intense and she's got a great work ethic. She worked really hard during two-a-days," said Kromer, who served as a ball boy for the Houston Oilers when they held summer camp at San Angelo State University in his hometown of San Angelo.
It hasn't exactly been a summer camp for Kromer, who is in his first year as head coach. "We don't have an eighth-grade team and a lot of teams play their eighth graders against us and their seventh graders for a quarter or so. We have only a couple of eighth graders on the team."

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night, we should all be on our knees thanking God that something more serious hasn't happened before.
This isn't a Greek problem, or a women's problem or anything else. What is going on, and not going on at TCU, is a situation that involves the whole campus. The key is for us to become educated and to educate each other. After all, this is an institution for higher learning. My prayer for TCU is that we, as a whole, can become an action campus as opposed to a reactionary one. If we can confront the issues at the outset, hopefully we can avoid danger.

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Rodman suspended for 3 games

BY KELLEY SHANNON
ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio Spurs forward Dennis Rodman will be suspended for three games without pay and could face a stiffer penalty later if his conduct doesn't improve, the team said Wednesday.

BASKETBALL

"I hope he gets the message. I hope he returns to the squad wanting to be a full participant because we do respect what he can do," said Spurs general manager Gregg Popovich.
Team officials wouldn't venture to guess whether Rodman will decide to change his ways.
"Dennis has to realize he's not going to win the battle — fighting the NBA, fighting the officials, fighting (Popovich), fighting me," said Spurs coach Bob Hill.
The NBA consulted with the Spurs in setting the length of the suspension.
"The best way to deal with Dennis is to know we very much want him to succeed, and we'd like to see him succeed in the NBA complying with our rules," said NBA commissioner David Stern.
The team announced an indefinite suspension Tuesday, one day after Rodman was ejected from the Spurs' final exhibition game. Spurs officials said the suspension resulted from a series of preseason problems with Rodman.
"This is no way an attack on Dennis but rather a reaction to the continuous, flagrant disregard for the terms of his

uniform player contract and the Spurs team rules," Popovich said.
Rodman, who led the league in technical fouls last year with 34, missed a team bus and meeting the opening day of training camp Oct. 6.
He was fined \$15,000 for not showing up on time for an exhibition game against Milwaukee on Oct. 20. Rodman had not been expected to play in that game because of back trouble.
The Spurs open their season Friday against Golden State. Rodman also will miss the next two games against New Jersey and Utah.
"If (after the suspension) his conduct continues the way it has been, unfortunately we would probably have to look at a more serious suspension to get our message across," Popovich said.
Rodman, who is 33 and earns a reported \$2.4 million per season, is a flamboyant character who dyes his hair bright colors, who painted his fingernails black Monday night for Halloween and who dated Madonna at the end of last season.
His questionable behavior dates back to Detroit, before he came to San Antonio in an October 1993 trade. Rodman skipped training camp before the 1992-93 season and missed the first five games, frequently staying in hiding. He later said he was too upset over his divorce to play.
Later, in February 1993, Rodman was found working out at 6:40 a.m. at the Palace after a friend told police Rodman was "despondent." Rodman's loaded .22-caliber rifle was in his truck outside. A team official took Rodman to see a psychiatrist.

For the most part, Rodman has been quiet this week since the suspension. But on Tuesday, after a KSAT-TV crew pursued Rodman in his white Ford Bronco along a San Antonio highway and caught up with him at a restaurant, he sounded casual and confident the dispute would be resolved.
"It's no big deal. We'll work it out," he told the television reporter.
Meanwhile, Hill said he and Popovich planned to meet with Rodman Wednesday at Rodman's request. Hill said he did not know what Rodman wanted to discuss.
"When a player wants to talk to you, I think you have the obligation to go meet with him so that's what we're going to do. We're trying. We're trying," Hill said.

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"The Honors Program was a good opportunity for starting the process and getting things going," Kovach said.
Kerwin said, "The support is great. I would totally recommend Departmental Honors to other people."
Both Kovach and Kerwin traveled to the National Collegiate Honors Convention in San Antonio last weekend to present parts of their projects.
"This speaks eloquently to the quality of the students' work," Bohon said. "All the projects are get-

ting increasingly better, more sophisticated, more diverse."
The students were simply grateful for the chance to advance their experience and that of others.
"I got to use my unique skills and combine them in a unique way," Kovach said. "I'm excited about going back to finish my work."
Many projects are dreams that may not have come true were it not for the support the honors project program offers, Kerwin said.
"If I wasn't doing departmental honors, I wouldn't have been at the same scale," he said.

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