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Three members of the TCU Junior Frog Club, first grade students at Mary Louise Phillips Elementary School, cheer on the Frogs at the mens' basketball game against Houston on Jan. 14.

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Athletes hurt in auto crash

Sophomores in good condition at Harris Methodist Hospital

By CHRIS NEWTON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Two TCU students are in good condition at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth after a Saturday night automobile accident that left them both unconscious, said Michael Russel, assistant dean of campus life.

Scott Taft, a sophomore computer science major, and Sheila Hewardine, a sophomore pre-major, suffered moderate injuries and are expected to be released Wednesday, according to hospital officials.

"We don't know what happened," Taft said. "There were no police witnesses, no eyewitnesses. We woke up and we were here (the hospital). Because of the trauma of the accident neither of us can remember what happened."

Hewardine could not be reached for comment.

Taft was driving his vehicle south-

bound on University Drive at about 9 p.m. when the accident occurred.

"There have been a lot of rumors...that we were in a coma or injured more severely than we were," Taft said. "None of those rumors are true."

Taft also said his truck was "totalled" in the accident.

Russel said he expects both students to be fine.

"I think the hospital is just trying to be cautious," he said. "They'll both recover fine."

According to Taft, Hewardine suffered a broken scapula, a punctured left knee and a cut above the eye. Taft suffered a dislocated hip in the accident.

A Fort Worth Police report on the incident could not be obtained in time for publication.

Taft is a member of the football team and Hewardine is a member of the swim team.

President outlines initiatives to aid college costs

By R. BRIAN SASSER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

President Clinton promised to help all college students pay for their education with increased college loans, a continuation of the national service initiative and an increase in the minimum raise during his State of the Union address Tuesday.

Clinton proposed a "New Covenant" that he said would increase Americans' chances of reaching success.

"New conditions impose new requirements on government and those who conduct government," Clinton said. "All Americans have not just a right, but a responsibility to

rise as far as their God-given talents and determination can take them and to give them something back."

Clinton promised to increase the direct college loan program, which he said made it easier and more affordable for college students to receive money for school.

"This loan program cuts out the paperwork," Clinton said. "We must give every college in America the opportunity to be put on it."

In his "Middle Class Bill of Rights" Clinton outlined his proposals to offer deductions for college tuition and promised \$2,600 vouchers for those seeking job training.

"We hold the future of our young people in

our hands," he said. "We must empower people to improve their skills. Our most important job is to empower people to succeed in the global economy."

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In another pledge, Clinton promised to maintain support for AmeriCorps, a program in which college students can earn money by working in grassroots service groups where "people work person to person."

Clinton urged Congress to continue to support the program, which has come under fire from some Republicans.

Earlier this week the Republican leader-

ship threatened to cut funding for the program.

"This is citizenship at its best," Clinton said. "It's the essence of the 'New Covenant,' and we shouldn't stop it."

Clinton also encouraged Congress to make an undefined increase in the \$4.25-an-hour minimum wage. Over two million people work for that pay, which he said is at its lowest value in 40 years.

"The plain fact is you can't make a living on \$4.25 an hour," he said, "especially if you have kids to support."

Congress members make more money in one month, than those on minimum wage do in a year, he said.

Chris Childs, president of the Tarrant County Young Republicans, said that while Clinton's address was a masterful speech, it contained some basic flaws.

Childs said Clinton's proposal to increase minimum wage was foolish because it will put unnecessary strain on business owners by forcing them to cut costs and fire employees.

"A wage increase will lead to higher unemployment," he said. "That's not right or wrong, that's just business."

The Republicans should also be cautious of Clinton's plea to keep AmeriCorp up and running, Childs said.

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Prof: emissions testing necessary

By NEELIMA ATLURU
TCU DAILY SKIFF

You may not want to take the time and money to get emissions testing on your car, but that testing may be necessary to help stop air pollution, said Leo W. Newland, chairman of the university's environmental sciences program.

Emissions testing can help clean up the environment, Newland said.

"It is my general opinion that 10 to 20 percent of the cars produce 80 percent of the pollution," he said. "If we could bring these under control, that would lead us toward a cleaner envi-

ronment."

Car exhaust, when combined with sunlight, produces excess ozone, Newland said. Ozone causes air pollution and is the target of the emissions testing program, he said.

The new program began Jan. 2, but almost immediately ran into complications.

Opponents of the program, including the National Motorists Association, said the testing is inconvenient, costly, and rather ineffective in reducing the pollution problem, according to an article in *The Fort Worth Star Telegram*.

Vehicles are only responsible for

about 40 percent of this area's pollution; the other 60 percent is formed by other gasoline-powered equipment, industry, small businesses, and trees and shrubs, which naturally produce some ozone-forming compounds, according to the *Star-Telegram*.

However, Newland said testing is still necessary because it targets the pollution that is the result of car exhaust.

Emissions testing will also directly benefit the public because citizens will be more aware of the

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Poll shows support of education

By CHRISTOPHER THILGEN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Although many federal programs may be on Congress' chopping block, only one out of three Americans supports cuts in federal education programs, according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll released by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Jan. 6 poll found two out of three surveyed would not support a balanced budget amendment if it meant that education or social security would be cut.

"People know education is the key to prosperity and the wisest investment we can make in our children's and our nation's future," said Richard Riley, secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

"The American people's message has been consistent over the years," Riley said. "They are willing to spend on education, but they demand results. They want safe schools, disciplined classrooms, challenging academic standards, and a commitment to a high quality education for every student."

Mike Sacken, a professor of education, doesn't believe the American people will be willing to sacrifice for education.

"I think most people are theoretically in favor of education, but when

push comes to shove they aren't going to be willing to pay for it," he said.

The cost of education is one of the issues addressed by President Clinton's Middle Class Bill of Rights.

The proposal calls for tax cuts for middle class families with children and tax deductions for education.

Sacken said parents who enroll

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Campus leaders gather for seminar

By SUSAN WILLIAMS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A group of 38 TCU students joined over 1,000 other African-American college students for the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference at Texas A&M University last weekend.

Kimshi Hickman, Waits hall director and A&M graduate, said the goal every year has been "to promote leadership, communication skills, academic success and to provide an

avenue for coalition building."

Tenneil Terrell, freshman business major, received that message.

"The main thing I got out of the conference is that we need to come together as African-American students on a predominantly white campus to develop the future leaders of our black community," Terrell said.

This year the conference was called, "When Will Tomorrow Be Today?" The workshops and speakers focused on subjects such as black unity, mentor programs for youth,

black economics and the importance of education. In many of the workshops and speeches, emphasis was placed on the church and a call for black people to return to God.

Marcus Allen, a senior social work and psychology double major, said the conference opened his eyes to a lot of things he thought he knew but didn't.

"It gave me a different outlook beyond the statistics," Allen said.

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NEWS DIGEST

FDA: products cause hair loss

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has seized tens of thousands of bottles of "Rio" hair relaxer products after deciding they can cause severe hair loss or turn hair green. The agency received more than 1,800 reports of people claiming the products caused severe scalp irritation.

FDA scientists determined product relaxants are not low-acid and chemical-free, but highly acidic and contain a copper salt that could cause the color change.

World Rio couldn't be reached for comment.

Limo driver found dead

VEGA, Texas (AP) — A 22-year-old Michigan man was arrested Tuesday after police found him asleep in a car that held the body of a missing limousine driver.

Denium Roman of Taylor, Mich., was arrested about 8 a.m. by officers who linked the Lincoln Town Car — parked at a rest stop — to the disappearance of Gregory Crouch, who had been reported missing Monday in a Detroit suburb. Crouch's body was in the trunk. He had been shot once in the head.

Roman later was arraigned on a first-degree murder charge.

Warden resigns; ends riot

CIUDAD VICTORIA, Mexico (AP) — The warden of the local penitentiary resigned after inmates rioted and took hostages Tuesday, protesting poor prison conditions, officials said. Warden Martin Villavicencio Ramirez resigned after the inmates took two guards hostage, a reporter in this northern Mexican city said.

About 200 of a total of 900 inmates participated in the unrest, which ended after the resignation. The riots broke out after prison officials frustrated an escape attempt, Rodriguez said.

Clinton freezes terrorists' assets

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton struck back at Mideast terrorists Tuesday by freezing their assets in American banks. One of 18 individuals whose assets were frozen at midnight Monday was Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, on trial in New York on charges of conspiring to try to blow up the Lincoln and Holland tunnels and other public facilities.

The initiative picked up steam when a Jewish extremist opened deadly fire on praying Muslims in Hebron and crystallized with an Islamic Jihad suicide-bombing Sunday in central Israel that took 19 Israeli lives.

Foster dad guilty of abuse

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A man who had been honored as the state's best foster parent has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for sexually assaulting a teen-age girl who had been placed in his care.

The girl was in foster care because she first had been sexually abused in her own home. Cleveland Lenord Casmire, 46, was sentenced Monday after he pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault of a child.

The 13-year-old girl and another foster child were living with Casmire and his wife when the assault occurred June 7, 1993.

Anteing Up for U.S. Schools

Three recent polls indicate that a majority of Americans support spending federal tax dollars on education

Washington Post-ABC News Poll

Would support balanced budget80%
Would not support balanced budget if education or Social Security programs were cut66%

Released January 6, 1995

Times Mirror Center for The People & The Press Poll

Favor increased spending on public schools64%
Favor decreased spending on public schools 6%

Released December 8, 1994

New York Times/CBS Poll

Oppose cuts in education59%
Support cuts in education22%

Conducted December 6-9, 1994

Source: U.S. Department of Education

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PSI CHI general meeting is tonight at 6:15 p.m. in Winton-Scott Room 215. All members need to attend. Pizza will be served.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS WORKSHOPS Two-year vs. four-year colleges roundtable discussions for new and returning

junior college transfer students are tomorrow from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

PHI THETA KAPPA alumni meeting is Friday at 3 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

ROAD WORKERS Responsibility of Alcohol and Drugs, meets at 11 a.m. and noon on Mondays in Rickel 235. Come to one or the other—everyone is welcome! For more information call 921-7100.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan 31 to March 21. Sign up in Student Center Room 139 or call 921-7830.

OLAS Organization of Latin American Students meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Student Center Room 204. For more information call Chris Montez at 737-5012.

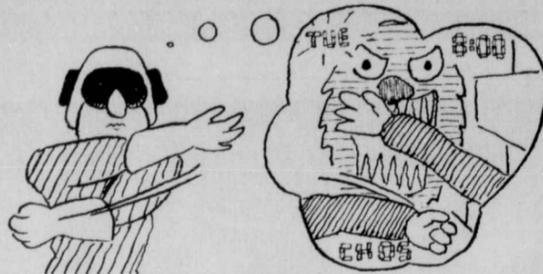
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NESS ORGANIZATION is looking for donations and volunteers for "Experience India," a fund-raising event Feb. 11 in the Student Center Ballroom. Call Aashish Patel at 921-3216 for more information or to volunteer.

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by P.D. Magnus

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by Bill Watterson



WEATHER

Today's forecast is mostly cloudy and warm with a high near 58 and a low in the 40's. There is a 30 percent chance of rain for this evening.

Thursday will be mostly cloudy with a high near 60.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today
Waiver/Enrollment Period for Student Health Insurance Ends
Noon, University Chapel, Robert Carr Chapel
Noon, "Living Safely in a Dangerous World," Student Center Woodson Room
Angel Flight Rush
Cliburn Concert
7 p.m., Men's basketball, TCU vs. SMU, Daniel-Meyer Coliseum
7 p.m., Women's basketball, Lady Frogs vs. SMU in Dallas

Thursday
First ISA Meeting
Angel Flight Rush
7:30 p.m., Graduate recital by percussionist Larry Gerber, Ed Landreth Auditorium

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■ CHRIS SMITH

PBS programming has merit, deserves federal funding

Ah, American TV — where else can one turn to for the incessant puking forth of mindless gibberish? America's youth wake up to the bright box with the voice and are lulled to sleep by its hypnotizing hum.

Yet there is one redeeming quality, save for the Flowbee infomercial. This life preserver in an endless sea of vapid, brutish, broadcasted waste is the Public Broadcasting System, popularly known as PBS.

Yes, that station that every parent locks out in fear that their children may learn something is still here providing the same old boring educational programming that actually doesn't cause the untimely death of brain cells.

Gone are the days of Saturday morning "Sesame Street" and the "Electric Company". Now, the little brats awake screaming the battle cry of the "Mighty Morphin



Power Rangers" and "Saban's Virtual Reality Mind Sapping Mutant Dolts From Planet Vacuous."

Exactly what is the retrievable worth of these shows, besides the fact that Johnny Ranger doesn't have time for remedial math because he is busy fighting the giant booger-thing with nine arms and a penchant for flatulence?

The next opponent for the Power Rangers might as well be the Evil English Professor, who actually makes his enemies read a classic novel. This assault on American intelligence extends far beyond the bat-

tlefield of the "Superhuman Samurai Anything-for-a-Dollar Squad"; it has entered the political spectrum as well.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich wants to cut federal funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, calling it "a patronage for an elite group," which obviously he is not a part of due to his newfound affinity for hunting giraffes. PBS has also fallen victim as its federal funding is on the brink of being cut.

It has been said that PBS programming is no longer of importance to American education! Oh, I apologize. I forgot that the "McNeil/Lehrer NewsHour" has been replaced by the hard-hitting yet insightful "Hard Copy" and the omniscient "A Current Affair," which report on alien abductions and the O.J. Simpson trial and their relation to the growing number of black transvestites.

And who cares if Kurt Masur and Yo-Yo Ma are playing Wednesday with the New York Philharmonic — it might infringe on "Beavis and Butthead" time.

In the area of comedy, PBS has by far the most hilarious and wittiest shows on the telly. "Blackadder," "Red Dwarf" and "Are You Being Served" make Jim Carey, well, look like Jim Carey. "Doctor Who" provides true science fiction fans with a plethora of fantasy delights. Whereas other, lesser science fiction shows such as "Babylon 5" use plots submitted by mentally impaired garden equipment.

And don't think for a second that PBS is not hip. PBS had "Yanni: Live at the Acropolis," the Eagles in concert and White Zombie (not the band, the horror movie with Bela Lugosi) among others as part of its musical lineup.

"Masterpiece Theatre," "The McLaughlin Group," "Firing Line," "Frontline," "Benny Hill," "Mister Rogers," "The Frugal Gourmet," "Barney and Friends" and "Wild America" are all shows with baskets of merit that do not deserve to be cut off from the public.

So as our children are out on the playground air fighting and quoting the Blue Ranger by saying "Hey guys, math is tough. Let's go kill some brain eating cootie thing," there is an underground movement to retrieve the public's minds. It is led by a big yellow bird and a quiet man who likes to visit the land of make believe. And boy, are they hacked off.

Chris Smith is a sophomore psychology and sociology double major from Burleson, Texas.

■ MIKE McCAFFREY

Campus pranks make college unforgettable

At Rice University in Houston, four very old-looking buildings form a more or less symmetrical quadrangle with the administrative building at one end and the library at the opposite. It is one of the most beautiful parts of the campus. At its center is a larger than life statue of the school's founder, William Marsh Rice, facing the administration building, seated and generally looking very regal and academic.

Imagine the administration's surprise when they looked out to the quadrangle one morning and discovered their founder had turned his back on them.

Some enterprising young engineering students at Rice, it turns out, designed and built a special structure which they used to lift and rotate the statue 180 degrees in the middle of the night.

To make matters worse, the school called in contractors to spin ol' Willie back around with a crane, and the contractors managed to crack the statue's base. The students looked like geniuses all over again.

Another year, the students barricaded the campus with their cars, keeping the professors from getting into the school and effectively calling off class for that Monday. Why? They'd won a huge upset in football two days before.

What's the point? The point is that TCU doesn't have any good, childish, yet well-thought out pranks like that — or at least, not anymore. Sure, last year "Mike and Jeff" borrowed 1,700-plus forks from the Main and then returned them with a note to the front of the Student Center at 4 a.m., but that's just a good start.

A few years back, people used to borrow the Kip's Big Boy statue and place it at various locations on campus. Reportedly, the Kip's people didn't care because the Big Boy was always returned unharmed the next day. Sadly, Kip's isn't there anymore.

"Animal House," perhaps the film to define the college experience for students since it was released in 1978, transformed collegiate pranks into an art form. College would not be the same without such antics.

Don't you want to have something more to show for your four or five years at TCU besides a degree? Wanting something more out of college than just going to classes is perhaps the biggest reason students join fraternities and sororities, and it's a good reason. But when you come back in 10 or 20 years, what will there be here that will show you were here? Sure, maybe you'll have a brick in between the library and Sid Rich, along with everybody else.

What this campus needs is some good pranks. Childish and immature, yet classically thought out, planned and organized, but most importantly — BIG. Dressing the Clark brothers in togas and TCU hats for game day was good, but kind of on the small side.

Mike and Jeff's "forks-capade" received newspaper recognition in Houston and San Antonio, as well as making the *Texas Monthly* Bum Steer Awards. Now it's time to go for national exposure. Imagine Tom Brokaw, reporting from the steps of Sadler Hall, as it was wrapped in cellophane. Or Connie Chung, asking Chancellor Tucker, just between the two of them, what he thought of the 2,000 "No Parking" signs planted in his front yard. That would be nice.

Some limitations though, if for no other reason than to keep things interesting. First, no permanent damage to the school or other public property. Make sure it can be cleaned up. Second, don't mess with innocent people's private property — that's how people wind up in jail or in lawsuits, and it just makes the school look like a bunch of thugs. Third, it must have that indescribable quality to it — call it "sweetness" — that makes it stand out. Lastly, and most importantly, it has to display some intelligence behind it.

One last thing: if you get arrested, don't blame me. In fact, forget you even know me...

Mike McCaffrey is a junior political science, philosophy and economics triple major from Houston.



■ EDITORIAL

BASKETBALL

TCU's program has come a long way

Just one short year ago, the TCU men's basketball team attracted under 3,000 fans per game in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum and finished the year 7-20 at the bottom of the Southwest Conference.

Through seven home games of the 1994-95 season, the Horned Frogs have played in front of 4,254 fans per game, including the first basketball sellout TCU has seen in two years. The Frogs have an 11-5 record entering tonight's game, and have yet to lose a game in Fort Worth.

What a difference a year makes. Athletic Director Frank Windegger searched the country in April and lured Oklahoma head coach Billy Tubbs to Frogland. Tubbs is an established coach with numerous Coach of the Year honors.

His "run-and-gun," up-tempo style, dubbed "Billyball," took his Sooners to postseason play each of the past 13 years. He said he could do the same for TCU. Critics laughed, saying it might take Tubbs five years to achieve a winning season.

Tubbs and Windegger are laughing now.

Going into this season, the Horned Frogs had scored 100 points or more 22 times in their 86-year history. Despite playing with players who were recruited to play a half-court, control game, Tubbs has guided his club to eight 100-point games through 16 contests. The all-time school record for points in a single game was broken — twice.

The Frogs lead the SWC, and are considered by many to be the dark horse to win the conference championship.

Success breeds success. In the early signing period for basketball, the team has signed several top high school players.

Meanwhile, the Frogs have five home games left on the schedule, anticipating sold-out crowds and crazed students.

As an announcer told a national TV audience Sunday afternoon, "Basketball is fun again in Fort Worth."

■ LETTER

Campus should be accessible

I arrived at this school, for the last Orientation of the summer, during the blistering August heat of 1990. Like most freshmen, I was scared to death. I knew almost no one or where anything was located. But I was also euphoric — I had made it to college! TCU was going to be great, and the few members of the faculty and staff I had met seemed happy to have me there.

What I quickly discovered was what sheer hell it is to try and get around this campus — even when someone is only slightly impaired.

Suddenly, I didn't feel so welcome anymore. After 48 hours I was ready to throw in the towel, something I had never done before and was not anxious to start doing.

Fortunately, I was sent to see a wonderful woman — Dean Proffer. Her passion for TCU

and what it could offer me was contagious and I was persuaded to stay. Over the course of the next semester I joined organizations and planted seeds for what I hoped to be life-long friendships. But accessibility was, to say the least, a continuous problem.

I dreamed of making a change. I made lists of where improvements could be made (nothing lofty; just a hand rail here and a ramp there). In my second semester, I served in the House of Representatives and I joined the Permanent Improvements committee.

It was when I first met with HVAC people that I first heard about TCU's "Master Plan" with the goal of making the campus better for all (or something to that effect). I was impressed and encouraged that the school acknowledged

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■ JOHN J. LUMPKIN

Mandating prayer in schools would be huge mistake

With Republican control of Congress, school prayer is rapidly becoming a major issue, with House Speaker Newt Gingrich renewing calls for a school prayer amendment and President Clinton not particularly arguing with him.

The options for public school prayer boil down to three:

- A moment of silence. Two state representatives — John Cook, D-Breckenridge, and Tom Ramsay, D-Mount Vernon, have pre-filed separate "moment of silence" or "quiet reflection" bills in the Texas House.

- Student-led prayer, or
- Teacher- or administrator-led prayer. The son of House Majority Leader Dick Army, Tom Army, a Denton County commissioner, has championed a non-binding resolution supporting this in county governments across Texas, which about half have passed. Commissioner Army claims that such prayer will restore morality to our school system.

They are all bad ideas. The standard argument against prayer in schools — mandatory or otherwise — is that it violates a child's first amendment rights.

"Because the politicians will not take the responsibility for dealing with the problem we have in the schools, they are asking for divine intervention to save them," says Joe Cook of the North Central Regional Office of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Beyond this argument, however, no one has considered who such an amendment will affect most — the children.

"Although (Army's resolution) speaks of 'voluntary prayer,' the practice that could actually develop in public schools would be 'voluntary' in name only," says Steven Green, a legal director of the American Union. "Forty or 50 years ago, some public schools commonly sponsored voluntary prayers. Those who chose not to participate were sent out to the hall and frequently subjected to ostracism from teachers and peers. There is nothing in this amendment that protects religious minorities from the excesses of unthinking, insensitive majorities."

Kevin Lintz, a senior elementary education major at TCU, will probably begin teaching next spring. A devout Baptist, he has student-taught in both religious (where prayer is teacher-led) and non-religious settings.

Lintz does not, however, support prayer in public schools, because he feels it would be an irresponsible use of a teacher's power.

"Children are mimics," he says. "When you have a teacher lead students in prayer, they'll do it without knowing what it really means."

Lintz describes a scene: a first-grade classroom with 30 children trying to experience "quiet time." Some children fidget, some put their heads on desks, some fold their hands, as they were taught, in some semblance of prayer. Most, however, try really hard to be quiet so the teacher doesn't put their name on the board (among the worst of all grade-school embarrassments).

Christian conservatives are the driving force behind the movement for school prayer, but it's actually contrary to their primary text. Matthew 5: 5-6 reads: "And when you pray, do not be like hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men... But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen."

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environment around them, he said. Lawmakers, including John Whitmire, D-Houston, have proposed a bill that would delay the vehicle emissions testing program or stop it altogether.

In response to the bill, the Texas Senate approved a 90-day moratorium during which government officials plan to search for alternative methods to the present testing program, according to the *Star-Telegram*.

Newland said the moratorium is unnecessary.

"I think it's uncalled for," he said.

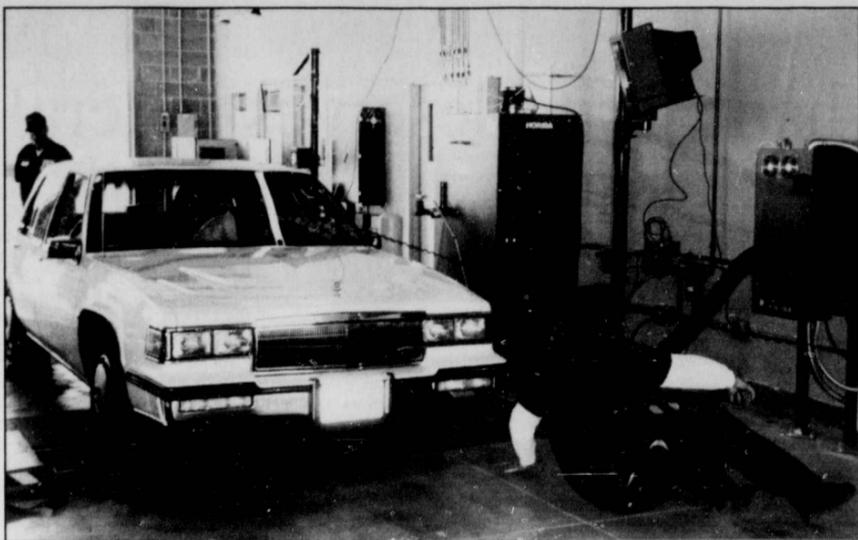
The EPA should also not ease up on the regulations for Texas, Newland said.

"I would never suggest EPA give us a break," he said. "All I know is we have a problem with our air, but I don't think we should let up."

Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston/Galveston, Beaumont/Port Arthur, and El Paso were targeted by the EPA as areas where the air did not comply with the Clean Air Act, according to the *Star-Telegram*.

In Texas, there are more pollution causing cars than in any other state, Newland said. The police here don't enforce the pollution regulations, he said.

The EPA's goal is to reduce pollution in the Dallas/Fort Worth area by 15 percent by 1996, according to the *Star-Telegram*.



Workers test cars' emission levels at Texas Air Care on South Hulen. TCU Daily Skiff/Brian Sasser

Laser tag fad sweeps country

By JASON VONDERSMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. — It's becoming the next step for teen-agers raised on video games: They are INSIDE the game, stalking an enemy with laser guns on a battlefield jumping with strobe lights and loud music.

And there's no sticky mess, as with Paintball war games.

It's laser tag, a craze that has swept the world linking the computer age with the ancient games of tag and capture the flag, a slightly grown-up version of the Lazer Tag home games of the late 1980s.

"Video games are dead," declared 19-year-old Eric Lentz. He plays nearly every day at Portland's Ultrazone, using the pseudonym "Apocalypse."

"Simulated combat, but well done," he said. "It'll turn into a sport someday, where money is made."

Two teams of players creep through a battlefield of fake rocks, mirrored walls and ramps trying to capture the opponents' home base. They fire laser beams to trigger an opponent's electronic vest, "deactivating" or "stunning" him, while a computer keeps score by the players' pseudonyms.

A game lasts just 15 minutes. Fees are about \$6, or two games for \$9; prices often go up a dollar on weekends. Laser tag came to the United States by way of Europe and Australia, where the game sprouted in the late 1980s. There now are about 110 versions of the game around the world.

One company, Q-Zar, has about 30 centers in the United States and 200 worldwide. Lazer Quest, a Canadian company, has about 100 centers around the world.

Ultrazone has 10 franchises from Honolulu to Richmond, Va., and caters mostly to the young and male.

Others bill themselves as family entertainment. Beaverton-based

LaserPort, for example, offers a birthday party package that includes pizza and soft drinks after the game.

"This is a social game, one that can be played by the generations. It's all in how you sell the game," said Drew Pawlak, Ultrazone vice president for marketing.

Pawlak said a franchise at the Circus Circus Hotel in Las Vegas averages about 1,600 players per day. Lee Sturman, who invested about \$400,000 to open Ultrazone in Portland, said he sees 600 players on a good day.

It's not just for teen-agers. The reigning high scorer at LaserPort is 40-year-old Perry "Gramps" Boyer, a father of 12 children ages 13 to 20.

"They've all been here and they love it," said Boyer. "It teaches them to participate as a group, to cooperate with each other."

There can be another benefit, too. Boyer said the roughly 700 games he has played since May helped him drop about 40 pounds.

"It's not a kill thing," he said. "It's competition, nothing serious."

Prepaid college plan suggested for Texans

By MICHA CORTESE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

If the Texas Comptroller has his way, parents will be able to begin paying for their child's college tuition even before they're out of diapers.

John Sharp is proposing the "Texas Tomorrow Fund" which will allow parents to prepay their children's college tuition at Texas public universities and community colleges.

TCU and other private universities would not directly be a part of the proposal, Sharp said.

The university's controller, Larry H. Calloway, said since the proposal does not apply to private universities, it should not affect TCU tuition payments or the number of student applicants.

"Students come here for things you can't get at public universities," Calloway said. "People attend private universities for one-on-one contact. Students are a name at TCU, not a number."

Sharp said the proposal would allow any person to purchase a contract covering tuition and fees

for a future student at any Texas public university. The tuition could be paid all at once or in payments until the child enters the university, he said.

The fund would invest the contract money to earn interest that would match rising college costs, he said.

Calloway said parents could invest their tuition money in a long range plan with a good insurance agency or broker. Then the money could be used for any university and would still maintain the interest.

Sharp said the program does not guarantee admission to the university and if the student decides to attend a school in another state or a private university the money, minus interest would be refunded.

"If the student wanted to attend a private university they would receive the dollar value of the contract, based on the average tuition and fees in place at a public college or university," he said.

Calloway said the payment plan currently at TCU is four equal payments throughout the semester. It used to be over a longer period of time, but people started taking advantage of that, he said.

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their children in private schools are going to find it very difficult to support a program that gives others a tax break.

"I do not believe that a majority of people are interested in spending money to educate other people's children," he said.

While Sacken is not optimistic that a measure such as that would be able to pass in Congress, Jim Riddlesperger, an associate professor of political science, said the possibility of Congress passing a measure is not "unthinkable."

"President Clinton is trying to

respond to Republicans who have said his measures are coming too small and too late," Riddlesperger said. "This is a measure Clinton had brought up in the '92 election and mothballed until the Republicans started talking about education reform."

Officials at the Department of Education, in response to the poll, said they were confident the American people will support education.

"The American people are telling us, 'Don't go back, keep moving forward,' and that's what we intend to do," Riley said.

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"and motivated me to try and make a difference."

Hickman said the conference is an annual event that started in 1989. She was in the group that first organized the leadership conference.

"Being on a predominantly white campus, we wanted to reach out to other black students," Hickman said.

The group got the idea after attending a Big 8 Conference on Black Student Government, he said. The idea was to have a conference in the southwest region, also.

Since the beginning, the conference has been a student-run affair with help from advisers, Hickman said. The students have to raise money for the conference and schedule speakers and also set up workshops and sponsor a career and vendor's fair.

Hickman said an important goal of the conference organizers has been to establish a link between college students and corporations.

The very first leadership conference was entitled "Today's Black Leader, Our Hope for Tomorrow," and the next one was called "Discovering the Keys to Success." At the second conference, one of the keynote speakers was Patricia Russell-McCloud.

McCloud, a black attorney and motivational speaker, will be on TCU's campus Feb. 9 to speak to students. She will be at TCU as part of the Black History Month celebration.

Freda Murray, assistant to the dean of nursing in the Harris College of Nursing, said it took an awesome size of work to make the conference a success.

"I commend those students and the university (A & M) for allowing the conference on their campus without any restrictions," Murray said. "I think many of the speakers would not have come if their lectures were censored."

Terrell said there was a feeling of unity at the conference. She was also encouraged by the number of successful African-American people in attendance at the conference, Terrell said.

"The idea of the SBSLC made me feel good about my race," she said.

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Student Body President Scott Wheatley discusses the Executive Board agenda for next week's House of Student Representatives meeting with administrative assistant Julie Jackson.

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President discusses vision for term

By DENA RAINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Scott Wheatley will be sworn in as the president of the House of Student Representatives on Jan. 31. Reporter Dena Rains interviewed Wheatley earlier this month to discuss his plans, goals and opinions about the upcoming year.

Q: What would be the first thing you would do to improve the House?

A: If there were one thing I could do to make the House a better organization, I would probably instill the fire I saw in their eyes last semester in their eyes forever. Open debate has never been better than it was last semester. I want to continue that. It is so exciting when you see people who want to come. When people don't want to come, then we're not a good organization. When people are wanting to come to House, wanting to get involved in debate, wanting to be a part of change at TCU, then we are a great organization.

Q: What are your goals for the next year?

A: You've already heard some of them. Security is always a goal. We would like — it would be nice — if

we could solve the security issues once and for all. Unfortunately, I don't think that's ever going to happen. But if there are ways that we can enhance campus security, I would like to go ahead. We started the campus escort service last semester and I'd like to see that continue. I think the thing we've always done in the past is pay for security lighting where the university wasn't necessarily willing to chip in a buck or two.

Steven Wheelock's Permanent Improvements Committee has a lot of new ideas concerning the Pit and how to make that a more attractive place to meet and congregate and eat.

We'd also like to finish the mall project that was started when I was PI (Permanent Improvements) chairman. There are a few things we didn't ever finish such as the TCU seal. There aren't any TCU seals on that side of campus... Those are a few things the Permanent Improvements Committee will be working on.

Q: What do you see as your biggest obstacle?

A: Biggest obstacle? Well, there are always obstacles. Well, I guess we'll cross those bridges when we get there. I think the biggest obsta-

cle is time; we can always have grand ideas and aspirations, but unless we can accomplish our goals in set time limits, we're not being as successful as we could be. Time is always an obstacle. I'm only going to be here for another year-and-a-half and only be president for a year.

Q: When you were running for president, you said that you wanted to change the atmosphere of the campus — that you were trying to get "higher academics" and renovate dorms. How are you planning to go about getting "higher academics" in the classrooms?

A: Interesting question. It's not something that's going to change in one year, and I think you and I both know that. Four years is a short stay. People like administrators are here for a long stay. But if there's any way that as student leaders we can offer just a hint of vision of where we want TCU to go — and maybe even a little inspiration for those people who actually can make the definite changes — then I want to be the one doing it. I want to be the one working on those committees.

One of the things TCU is currently involved in with the Office of Communications is the image. Larry Lauer, I believe, is working

on improving the image. And I think it's going to be an advertising campaign. I'm not exactly sure what the details are, but there definitely are ways TCU can take pro active steps to make the outside perception of what we are on the inside... A lot of people at TCU agree that the educational system here is a good one and that it's just not known. It's a best buy in some sense of the word. We need to make it known how good of a school; how good of a university we do have.

Another thing we could concentrate on... is grade inflation. And grade inflation is something a lot of students may like and something a lot of students may not like. We need to find out where students stand, and then, as student government representing students, take pro active steps to represent their view. If students want to combat grade inflation, then I think we should. If they think it's great, we're not a government on our own. We have to represent their views, so we're going to do whatever they want us to do.

We're going to be bringing up key issues, such as... adding rank

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Participation crucial to House's success

When the gavel comes down to bring in the 1995 version of the House of Student Representatives, a new corps of enthusiastic student leaders will take the floor.

President Scott Wheatley faces the challenge of organizing and teaching an Executive Board and Administrative Cabinet that are mostly made up of newcomers to House leadership.

Only Wheatley and parliamentarian Nate Digby return to the Executive Board, which is made up of the president, vice president, vice president for programming, treasurer, secretary, parliamentarian and administrative assistant. The chairs of the six standing committees of the House make up the Administrative Cabinet, and there are no returning chairs.

Although they may lack experience, this is an exciting group of student leaders who are already causing the "winds of change" to blow.

First evidence of changing times: the Executive Board has appointed Julie Markus to be the House historian. Her charge is to keep accurate records of legislation and minutes along with compiling and organizing documents that go back to the 1970s.

Sharon Selby, the House vice president, will continue her efforts to improve campus computer labs. Another Selby project is the Frog Finder, a database of syllabi for university courses.

This will definitely help students find the right course once the system is implemented. The completion date has not yet been set. The House minutes will be sent out on E-mail, an idea that could save over 100 sheets of paper per week.

Vice president of Programming Council Greg Trevino will try to answer the student outcry for "big names" with a popular speaker. Kudos to Greg if he can accomplish a task that is often attempted but seldom successful.

Even more important and difficult will be determining whether or not to revive or abandon those programs which have not produced a large attendance recently.

Programming to different groups of people with new events will not only increase attendance, but give the students more for their money. This new group of leaders is

expected to launch several initiatives and write a lot of legislation. The two types of legislation are bills, which are statements of action, and resolutions, documents that state an opinion of the House or calls the faculty or administration to action.

Major bills which are expected to come up include allocating money to various student groups.

Resolutions calling for improvements and additions to handicap facilities will certainly be introduced during the early weeks of this administration. Issues such as completing the Frog Finder, improving residence halls and upgrading the computer lab facilities are also predicted to be major goals of the administration.

The success of Wheatley's administration rides on his ability to create a "team" atmosphere within the House and his willingness to communicate more fully with the student body.

The Executive Board and Administrative Cabinet have already completed the Alcohol and Drug Education ropes course, and their new "open door" policy within the office should foster a sense of cooperation.

The House should work toward providing a means of communication from the students to themselves, such as another student "town hall" meeting.

Another key to success will be the House's ability to attract off-campus students. These students are often under-represented in the House when compared to high participation from residence hall and Greek house representatives.

The Constitution of the House currently states that one representative is elected from every 70 students in a particular area of residence. Off-campus students are allowed over 40 spots, although only about 15 to 25 apply each semester.

More off-campus student representatives are needed. The House is pleading for more off-campus students, and is willing to give any eligible candidates an application.

When these officers were elected last fall, they promised to communicate with the students and make TCU a better place to attend. The students expect the House to deliver, and this vigorous group of leaders are ready for the gavel to fall.

Christian Ellis is a senior management major from Arlington, Texas. He has served as House treasurer, parliamentarian, finance committee chairman and elections and regulations chairman.



CHRISTIAN ELLIS
ANALYSIS



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The 1995 House of Student Representatives Executive Board includes, from left to right Christi Campbell, secretary; Nathan Digby, parliamentarian; Sharon Selby, vice president; Julie Jackson, administrative assistant; Shawn Groves, treasurer; and Greg Trevino, vice president for programming.

CATCHING UP WITH PAST PRESIDENTS

HERE'S A LOOK AT WHAT PAST STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS ARE DOING NOW, ALONG WITH THE YEAR THEY SERVED AS PRESIDENT.

SCOTT MCLINDEN (1994): Currently a senior at TCU. He will graduate in May.

MATT MCLENDON (1993): Is doing public relations work for Southwestern Bell in Dallas. He was recently engaged.

BEN WALTERS (1992): Served an internship in Washington, D.C. last fall. He plans to attend Yale Seminary.

ERNIE ROSS (1991): Lives one mile north of campus. Sells pharmaceuticals for Merck.

MATT HOOD (1990): Living in Fort Worth and working at Office Depot. Preparing to enter graduate school at Northwestern University.

KRISTEN CHAMBERS (1989): She lives in St. Louis, Mo., and works for Bell Telephone.

LEE BEHAR (1988): Lives and works in Atlanta in the banking industry. Currently in Russia on a partly-business, partly-humanitarian trip.

JOE JORDAN (1987): Lives and works in Fort Worth. Now working on his master's of business administration degree at TCU.

DONNIE THOMAS (1986): Lives in New York and works with an art gallery.

JACK LARSON (1985): He is an attorney in Fort Worth.

SARA SMITH (1984): She is currently an intern for TCU University Ministries.

MIKE LANG (1983): He works for the Fort Worth Police Department.

Information compiled by Dena Rains.

STUDENT HOUSE MEETINGS

WHEN:
every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

WHERE:
Student Center
room 222

WHO:
all student body
officers, on-campus
and off-campus
representatives

Meeting is open
to students

FIRST MEETING:
Tuesday, Jan. 31

ON AGENDA:
new officers will
discuss goals
for the semester
and set up committees
for next semester

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These types of federal aid programs have a tendency to balloon out of control, he said.

"A couple of years down the road we don't want to have to stop and say, 'My God, we're giving money to everybody,'" Childs said. "I think they should give it a chance but not go crazy on it."



Bill Clinton

However, Phil Kanayan, a general officer with the TCU Young Democrats, agreed with the president.

Clinton's national service proposal is an important element of the national agenda, Kanayan said.

"It was a great idea in the beginning," Kanayan said. "The federal government has a responsibility to improve education. It would be criminal to cut any more from national service."

Clinton's proposal to raise the minimum wage will benefit all Americans, Kanayan said.

"A raise in the minimum wage improves everyone," he said. "When people at the bottom improve, everyone improves. The disparity between congressmen and the people is as real as the president mentioned."

Staff writers Ginger Richardson and Michael Rowett and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

State of the Union Address Highlights

The following are excerpts from President William Clinton's State of the Union Address to Congress on Tuesday night.

On the Republican-led Congress . . .

"Let us put aside partisanship, pettiness and pride . . . As we embark on a new course, let us put our country first, remembering that regardless of our party label, we are all Americans."

On proposed welfare reform . . .

"We shouldn't cut people off because they are poor, young, unmarried. We shouldn't punish poor children for the mistakes of their parents."

On tax cuts . . .

"I know a lot of you have your own ideas about tax relief. My test for any proposal is: Will it create jobs and raise incomes? Will it strengthen families and support children? Will it build the middle class and shrink the underclass? Is it paid for? If it does, I will support it. If it doesn't, I will oppose it."

On federal regulations . . .

"Do we need more common sense and fairness in our regulations? You bet we do. But we can have common sense and still provide for safe drinking water. We can have fairness and still clean up toxic waste dumps. And we ought to do it."

On the current minimum wage . . .

"The plain fact is, you can't make a living on \$4.25 an hour, especially if you have kids to support."

On the attitude of Americans . . .

"People want less government, lower taxes and less spending from the federal government."

On the balanced budget amendment . . .

"If you're going to pass this amendment, you have to be straight with the American people. They have a right to know what you are going to cut and how it would affect them. And you should tell them before you change the Constitution."

Congress takes stand on budget

By Michelle Mittelstadt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the House opens debate on a constitutional amendment to balance the budget, there's little doubt where Texas' 32 members of Congress stand.

Twenty-four of the lawmakers, including Republican Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, are on record supporting at least one of the two main proposals being debated in Congress.

But more than their support, Texans also are driving much of the action that takes center stage on the House floor.

On one side is Republican Rep. Joe Barton of Ennis, author of the balanced-budget proposal contained in the GOP's "Contract With America."

Of the plethora of balanced-budget amendments circulating on Capitol Hill, Barton's is viewed as the toughest. It requires a three-fifths majority of the House and Senate to approve most tax increases.

While most House Republicans back the "supermajority" provision,

it has proved far less palatable among House Democrats and in the Senate.

Some lawmakers have questioned the constitutionality of a supermajority to raise taxes. They also have raised concerns that Barton's requirement could put too much power in the hands of a minority and hamstring Congress in times of crisis.

Those leery of Barton's option can turn to another Texan: conservative Democrat Charles Stenholm of Stamford, who has crafted the leading bipartisan alternative. Like Barton, Stenholm's measure would mandate a balanced budget by 2002. But it would not require a supermajority to raise taxes.

Twenty of Texas' 30 House members indicated that they would support a version of the balanced-budget amendment along the lines of Stenholm's proposal.

Three Texans have not announced how they would vote on Stenholm's version, including Barton and GOP freshman Steve Stockman of Friendswood, who don't want to contemplate the possibility that Barton's

version won't pass. Freshman Democrat Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston is the third uncommitted member.

Seven House Democrats — Ken Bentsen of Houston, Ron Coleman of El Paso, Lloyd Doggett of Austin, Henry B. Gonzalez of San Antonio, Gene Green of Houston, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas and Frank Tejeda of San Antonio — oppose both Stenholm's and Barton's versions.

The Barton version is opposed by 11 Democrats, including four who support the Stenholm plan.

Barton suggested that grass-roots support for his plan had yet to kick into gear and put pressure on wayward lawmakers. Anything less than a tax-limitation balanced-budget amendment would be unsatisfactory, he said.

"I think you create a real unbalanced situation if you amend the Constitution and make it easier to raise taxes than to do anything else," Barton said. "We ought to be making it as difficult as possible to borrow money and raise taxes and make it as likely as possible to cut spending."

State considers abortion bill

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Doctors would be required to inform women seeking an abortion of the risks and alternatives, then wait 24 hours before going ahead with the procedure under a bill filed in the Legislature.

A bill by Sen. Chris Harris would require a doctor to personally inform a woman of the risks and alternatives to abortion; of the probable age of the unborn child; and that the father is liable for child support.

The doctor couldn't perform an abortion until 24 hours after the information was presented, unless a delay would endanger the woman's physical health.

The Texas Department of Health would put together the required information.

Harris, R-Arlington, said Tuesday that the 24-hour period is modest.

"I've counted at least 15 provisions of Texas law which

have a specified time period allowing a consumer to change his or her mind," he said.

His examples ranged from canceling a health spa contract to cremating a dead person.

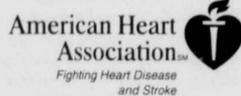
But Pauline Cashion, executive director of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League, said, "We're talking about health care. We're not talking about going and buying a bicycle."

Ms. Cashion said current law already requires a woman to be given information, in an unbiased fashion, before an abortion. She called Harris' bill "an attempt to create a state-mandated biased counseling law to try to talk women out of their decision."

She said a waiting period would put an "incredible burden" on women who may have to travel a great distance. Of Texas' 254 counties, 19 provide abortion services, she said.

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Frogs learn from conference loss

By DAVID JIMENEZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU head basketball coach Billy Tubbs said he is wary of the SMU Mustangs despite their 4-11 record.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Horned Frogs (11-5, 3-1 SWC) will face the Mustangs at 7:30 tonight at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"They have a deceiving record," Tubbs said. "They have played a difficult non-conference schedule."

The Mustangs come into Wednesday's game with a three-game losing streak and a 1-3 record in conference play. SMU is coming off a 98-77 loss at home to Texas Tech.

The Mustangs come into the game on the pace to break a school-record for three-pointers made in a season. SMU has made 122 three-pointers this season.

Tubbs said SMU's three-point shooting could cause the Horned Frogs problems.

"They shoot a lot of threes," he said. "It is the toughest shot to defend. If they shoot the three well, they're difficult to stop."

SMU sophomore point guard Troy Matthews leads his team in scoring at 15 points a game. Matthews also leads SMU in assists (four per game) and three-pointers made (38).

The Mustangs have one other player who averages double-figures in points, sophomore guard Jemeil Rich who scores more than 11 points a game.

While the Mustangs come into the game with a 1-3 conference record, TCU comes into tonight's game in a

three-way tie for first in the SWC.

The Horned Frogs are coming off a 103-92 victory against the Rice Owls in Houston on Sunday. TCU went on a 25-16 run in the final five minutes to pick up the victory.

Tubbs said the Horned Frogs are beginning to wear down teams towards the end of games.

"Physically we're in a good enough shape," he said. "At the end of games, we are going up and down the floor. Our ultimate goal is to wear

"They have a deceiving record. They (SMU) have played a difficult non-conference schedule."

BILLY TUBBS,
Men's basketball coach

down opponents."

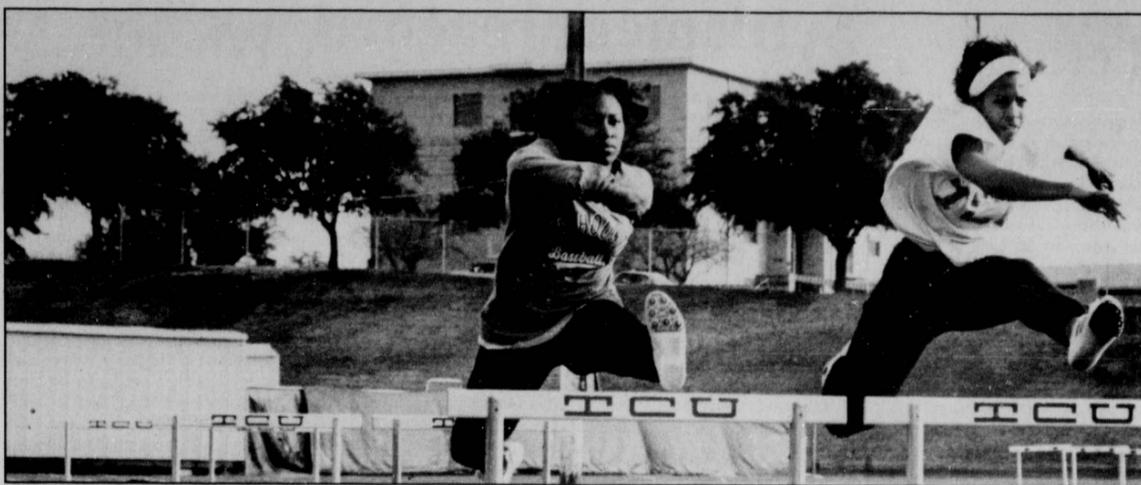
Senior center Kurt Thomas led TCU with 43 points and 13 rebounds against the Owls. Thomas scored 26 of his 43 points in the first half.

Thomas leads the conference with a 29 points and 14 rebounds a game.

Freshman guard Juan Bragg, who scored 16 points against the Owls, is second on the Horned Frogs in scoring with 15 points a game.

After SMU, TCU has upcoming games against the Texas A&M Aggies on Saturday and the Texas Tech Red Raiders the following Saturday. Tubbs said the Horned Frogs can not look past the Mustangs.

"We're not in a position to blow off anyone," he said. "The next game is our most important game."



TCU Daily Skiff/Layne Smith

Tandra Hendricks, left, and April Ennis hurdle in unison as they prepare for the upcoming track season.

Track teams hope for a fast start

By DAVID KEENEY
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU track is off and running once again.

TRACK

The men's team is led by several returning speedsters. Seniors Donovan Powell, Jimmy Oliver, Lloyd Edwards, and juniors Dallas Cowan and Brashant Carter are all back.

Carter returns after a fantastic season in which he ran the 200-meter dash in 20.48 seconds, which was good enough to qualify for the NCAA Out-

door Championships in Boise, Idaho.

Powell is coming off a successful season in which he also qualified for the NCAA tournament. During trials there, Powell ran a 10.19 in the 100 meters.

Powell, Oliver, Edwards, and Carter make up the 400 meter relay team that finished with a 39.33 time during the Penn Relays in late April. The four runners return to try to best that mark.

Junior Casey Schultz will head up the attack in the 800 meters. Schultz had the top spot six times in the 800 meters on the team last year.

In the distance races, sophomore Cain Williams will pick up where he

left off in the 1500 meters and the 5000

meters. Along with Williams, sophomores Andres Gomez, Trent Pipher, and Newt DeBardeleben make up the rest of the distance team. Williams and Gomez will continue to run the 5000 meters — both of them ran it under 15:30 last season.

The women's track team has several runners returning to the team. Juniors LaKeisha Braziel and Yolanda Holiday are the top sprinters in both the 100 meters and the 200 meters.

Sophomores Kim Dooley and Melony Patterson will run in the middle distances. Dooley is coming back after a good season during which she ran the

800 meters in 2:13.

The season started on Saturday against Oklahoma.

The Frogs will continue their indoor season on Saturday against the Air Force Academy. After that, they host the Southwest Conference Tournament on February 17.

The outdoor season will not start until early March and will include opponents such as Baylor, Texas A&M, SMU, and UT-Arlington. The NCAA tournament will be held in Knoxville, Tenn., in late May.

With several runners on both teams returning this year, TCU track looks to have another successful season.

SPORTS DIGEST

NBA fines Mitchell

NEW YORK (AP) — Sam Mitchell of the Indiana Pacers was fined \$4,000 by the NBA Tuesday for throwing an elbow at San Antonio's Dennis Rodman.

Mitchell threw the elbow with 16.6 seconds left in the Pacers' 98-93 victory Sunday.

Indiana had a four-point lead and the ball when Mitchell was called for a flagrant foul.

Ruling favors NBA

NEW YORK (AP) — Antitrust laws cannot be used to stop the NBA or other employers from imposing work rules while a collective bargaining relationship exists, a federal appellate court ruled Tuesday.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals provided legal precedent for the NBA that is certain to be used by major-league baseball owners, who last month imposed a salary cap.

Cowboys promote secondary coach to replace Davis

By KATIE FAIRBANK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — Dave Campo was promoted from secondary coach to defensive coordinator for the Dallas Cowboys on Tuesday, becoming the third man in three years to hold the job.

The position became open when Butch Davis left to become head coach of the University of Miami.

The selection of Campo was coach Barry Switzer's first major coaching personnel move since he took over the Cowboys in early 1994.

"We wanted to keep continuity in our system," Switzer said at a news conference with Campo and owner Jerry Jones at Valley Ranch. "I wouldn't have thought about going outside."

The defensive coordinator job has been a short-term one recently. Before Davis, the job was held by Dave Wannstedt, who left in 1993 to become head coach of the Chicago Bears. Switzer and Jones said they considered the constant raiding of the Cowboys' staff a compliment.

"This is just a fact of life for the Dallas Cowboys," Jones said. "I hope the team will keep presenting Barry with this problem in years to come."

Campo, the secondary coach during the 1992 and 1993 Super Bowl-winning seasons, said he doesn't plan to revamp the defense but would tinker with it.

"There are positives that can be done at any time," he said.

Campo laughed when he was asked if he was getting a big raise along with bigger responsibility. He declined to talk about the length of his contract and added that he didn't know what his salary would be.

He was hired by Dallas in 1989 after spending two years at the University of Miami as secondary coach, helping the Hurricanes to a 23-1 record and a national title in 1987.

Mike Zimmer, a defensive assistant who worked with the Dallas nickel defense in 1994, has been given the job of defensive backs coach.

Prior to joining Miami, Campo coached at his alma mater, Central Connecticut State from 1971-72, where he was a defensive back; the 1973 season at Albany State; 1974 at Bridgeport; 1975 with the University of Pittsburgh; 1976 with Washington State; 1977-79 at Boise State; 1980 with Oregon State; 1981-82 at Weber State; 1983 at Iowa State, and 1984-86 at Syracuse.

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its shortcomings and was going to do something about it. But the master plan is a long-range plan, and it seemed as though the improvements would never take place. There was a brick wall and something major was going to have to happen to tear it down. I gave up the fight — I admit that and I carry guilt over it. My own medical problems, not to mention trying to get an education, took priority.

A bright spot in TCU's activities was the hiring of Jennifer Sweeney. She has done a great many things to help students with various difficulties. The communications between students and professors run smoother now. But on the structural problems, improvements were few and far between. I always feared that someone would have to be hurt before those improvements were made. I never dreamed someone would die.

The people at TCU, both faculty and staff, have become very important to me over the years. I truly hope that their dreams and plans for a better TCU do not get in the way of their actions.

Was the lift in Reed Hall up to safety standards? Was there a better one available? Why did it happen? I'm sure these questions are on everyone's mind. It's too late to help Eric, but it doesn't have to happen again. The challenge should occur inside the classroom — not trying to get inside it.

Karrie Huzenlaub
December 1994 graduate

Settlement reached in chemical lawsuit

By JOSH LEMIEUX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — Lawyers have reached a \$15 million settlement in a lawsuit alleging that hazardous chemicals caused birth defects among the children of workers at a now-defunct electronics plant in Matamoros, Mexico.

"Nobody's admitting to any liability. They are just buying their peace," plaintiffs' attorney Richard Palmer said Tuesday.

The settlement of five separate lawsuits remains subject to approval by U.S. Magistrate John William Black, who began hearings Monday on how the money would be divided up among 80 families comprising of about 280 individuals. Hearings are scheduled to continue this week.

"I think everybody's anticipating that the court will approve it," said David Garza, a local attorney representing the 10 defendants and other related parties.

Both sides have agreed to keep confidential the amount each defendant is willing to contribute toward the \$15 million total, attorneys said.

The case centers on a capacitor plant owned by R.R. Mallory Co. in the 1960s and 1970s. The plant was shut down in 1977, and ownership of the company has changed several times.

"You're talking about such a long period of time that it's hard to trace the corporate ownership," Palmer

said. Among the defendants offering to settle are Kraft Foods Inc. and Duracell International Inc., Palmer said.

Kraft spokeswoman Nancy Daigler said that when Kraft sold Duracell in 1988, it retained some of the liability for companies that had been linked to Duracell in the past, such as Mallory.

"We don't believe we were properly named as defendants in this lawsuit," she said.

"There's a real possibility that some of these defendants had nothing to do with it," Palmer conceded.

The lawsuits alleged that Mallory was negligent in failing to warn employees about the potential dangers of chemicals in their work place or to provide adequate safety equipment or ventilation.

The lawsuits asserted that many women who were pregnant while working at the plant subsequently experienced miscarriages or stillbirths. Some babies suffered from extensive physical and mental defects, the lawsuits alleged.

The plaintiffs said improperly identified chemicals often splashed over workers and that bitter-tasting liquids would sometimes fall into their unprotected mouths and eyes.

The company is now owned by North American Capacitor Co. of Indianapolis, which did not assume the plant's liabilities, spokesman said.

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percentages to grade reports. So that, if you were in a class of say 30 people, and you got an A, then it would say out of all the A's, you were at the top or you were in the 30 percent or whatever. Just getting a rank percentage of where you stand in class in relation to other people would give you incentive to want to do better — to do well in your classes and to study harder to get a better grade.

The academic atmosphere is fine. It's not Harvard and I think we all understand that. I want it to be a better school and academics is something I have always taken very seriously. . . . It's something I would like to work on personally. But as far as having definite plans of action, right now we are just looking at general issues, as soon as we get a message from students as to where we want to go, we're going to take those steps.

Q: You also said you wanted renovations done to the dorms. What are those and how do you plan to go about them?

A: Dorm renovations are not just a vision any more for TCU. We met last semester with Swerdrup, an architectural firm. It came to TCU, took a look at the situation and offered a proposal to the director of Housing, Roger Fisher. We met — I'm on the committee, Facilities Task Force is what it's called. They also met with administrators.

After the firm heard what our vision was and what we saw as problems, it went back, drew up a proposal, and came back to TCU and showed us how we could go about making those changes. It's going to be a long-term project — it won't happen in a year; it won't happen in two years. It may well materialize in five. But, like I said, we're in for the short run so if we can get things started — get the ball rolling — then I think we're all the better for it.

One thing they have done is the chancellor has agreed to try to continue working with this firm and it is going to be surveying the situation and drawing up specific plans to present to the Board of Trustees. And that may or may not happen, probably not this spring but next fall. Definite things are happening. I couldn't

give you details as to how they're going to do it because as I said, I'm not an administrator.

Q: What things were targeted as needing to be renovated?

A: Well, as you know, about 60 percent to 55 percent (of dorms) are over 30 years old. We are coming from homes that offer more amenities than dorm life does any more. When these were built, I think they accommodated students fairly well. And now students are wanting to bring stereos with them, and computers and hair dryers and curling irons and TVs and refrigerators and microwaves. You try to throw things in one room and you're going to blow up the entire university. The electrical wiring is just one aspect.

Another aspect is space. A lot of these rooms are not very big and people expect and want and desire more space, more living space, more storage space. Something else the university doesn't offer to males is suites that they can share. I think there are one or two female residence halls that have suites in them.

We're also looking at a situation where people are growing up quicker. If I come in as a freshman, it may be OK to live in a residence hall

working on the budget, trying to find ways that we can cut back. . . . I'm in support of it. I think that if we can be more effective to the students, then we should. That's our job. It's the students' money. By the time the Finance Committee has formalized a

"It's imperative that the university recognize that the physical nature of our campus makes a statement about what is important."

budget proposal, hopefully a change will be made.

Q: Last year, as vice president, you did your University Retreat on volunteerism and had a lot of nay sayers about that. Do you still see volunteerism as a thing that you want the House to work on? How would you respond to your nay sayers?

A: Well, I still feel that volunteerism is a very important part of our society and that the retreat that we had — though it numerically may not have been as successful as past

retreats — the quality, I don't think, has been surpassed in a while. The whole atmosphere was outstanding. And the way we were able to build community —

"A lot of people at TCU agree that the educational system here is a good one and that it's just not known. It's a best buy in some sense of the word. We need to make it known how good of a school, how good of a university we do have."

out of not only TCU students, but between TCU students and the Diamond Hills community — was amazing. It's amazing what a group of people can do when they actually start dreaming together and learning together and living together. And we need more of it. So absolutely, volunteerism is important.

Q: Will the House be doing any of that this semester?

A: Well, as far as the retreat goes, probably not. (Vice President) Sharon (Selby) is putting out a survey to find out what the students' needs are and to find out where they want her to go with the retreat. I don't see her focusing on the same issue. We never do two retreats on the same issue.

But in any other aspects that we can be supportive for instance, we have been involved with Cook's Children Hospital, and I'm sure we'll continue that relationship. If there are any other avenues that we can be volunteers or encourage volunteerism, then absolutely. And I'll be the first in line.

It's imperative that the university recognize that the physical nature of our campus makes a statement about what is important. If they want to say studying is important, then they're going to have more study halls. If they want to say building community is important, they're going to have more social lounges.

Q: Your opponent in the last race, Jay Fishel, actually ran on the platform that the House was doing "idiotic spending" and that he wanted to get the House to spend more wisely and spread it out more. How do you respond to that?

A: I don't think that comment was unfounded. I believe there's some validity to it. I know that Shawn Groves, our new treasurer, is already

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