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Items confiscated from Tom Brown Hall pile up in the evidence holding room at the Campus Police department Tuesday.

Students nabbed in campus thefts

Pranksters admit to saltshaker, utensil heists from Marriott

By CHRIS NEWTON and KRISTI WRIGHT
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More than 300 salt and pepper shakers, a neon Coca-Cola sign, and other property from Marriott dining areas were confiscated on Jan. 29 from the Tom Brown dorm rooms of two TCU students, according to a campus police report.

Jeffrey Winfield Deal, a sophomore Radio-TV-Film major, and Michael Carter Symons, a sophomore journalism major, said during an interview with the *Skiff* they took the items that were listed in the police report.

"The food sucks and it's over priced," one of the pranksters said during the interview. "We were just playing a joke to let them know how we feel."

The pair also said that last spring they took 1,759 forks from the Main to protest what they called poor food service.

"We were going to leave a note that said 'you didn't learn your lesson from the forks so here's another lesson,'" one of the pranksters said.

"We were going to give the stuff back," the other prankster said. "We did last time. We've written a formal apology to Marriott explaining that it (taking the salt and pepper shakers) was a prank."

An administration official, who asked that his name not be used, said the two students admitted to taking the items that were found in Tom Brown rooms 301 and 309.

Mike Russel, assistant dean of campus life, said the university is handling the incident internally.

"Marriott has asked that the university take care of it," Russel said.

Russel said though Marriott officials did not press charges against the pranksters, the incident will be handled seriously.

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1988 grad teams up to lead university's athletics marketing

By CHRIS HAYS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A TCU alumnus and Fort Worth native has been named the new director of athletics marketing.

Larry Teis will assume his position on Feb. 14, said Frank Windegger, director of TCU athletics.

Teis replaces Lois Kolkhorst, who recently resigned to join the Washington County Chamber of Commerce in Brenham, TX.

Teis, who received his bachelor's degree in business administration from TCU in 1988, said he was excited to come back to the university.

"When I was a ballboy for TCU in high school, I thought how it would be nice to work there in the athletic department," Teis said. "Coming back home to Fort Worth is like a dream come true."

Teis, 29, will be responsible for the marketing of all TCU athletic programs, including overseeing the program that successfully carried out the plans of the Committee of 100. That



Larry Teis

committee, a group of business and community leaders and TCU alumni and trustees, was credited with increasing local interest in TCU athletics, including a 42.5 percent increase in 1994 home football attendance.

Teis said he will meet with the committee during his first week on the job. He said he hopes the committee and other groups can work to build a strong season ticket base for all TCU sports.

"The main thing is to get people in the stands," Teis said. "Those season ticket holders hold the tickets you're guaranteed with."

TCU's move to the Western Athletic Conference will create a need for more

local support for games, Teis said.

"Marketing is more important in the WAC," he said. "There's not a lot of traveling parties in the WAC. We have to fill up those seats with local people."

Teis said he also wants to increase group sales and special promotion games.

Teis currently is the assistant director of the Lobo Club at the University of New Mexico. He has worked at UNM for three years. The Lobo Club directs athletic fund raising, marketing and special projects. UNM is also a member of the WAC.

Windegger said Teis' personality and TCU roots were contributing factors in his selection.

"Larry's spirit, experience in the profession and familiarity with the Fort Worth community and TCU all weighed heavily in his selection," Windegger said.

Before joining the staff at UNM, Teis served as public relations director for the San Antonio Missions minor league baseball club, and directed public relations for the Nissan Grand Prix of San Antonio racing series.

After graduating from TCU, he received a Master of Science in sports administration from St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla. Teis is currently completing his Ph.D. with an emphasis in sports administration at UNM.

House tables 3 bills; groups alter requests

By DENA RAINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Three bills presented to the House of Representatives Tuesday night were tabled pending further review by the House Finance Committee.

Bill 95-2, "A Bill to Fund the Experience India Benefit for Mother Theresa's Orphanages in India," asked the House to allot \$2,200 to include Marriott catering, advertisements and programs for the event, said Anitha Nair, author of the bill.

The *Skiff* erroneously reported yesterday that Bill 95-2 asked the House for \$500.

Bill 95-3, "A Bill to Help Fund Students to the Tech Leadership Academy," was also altered to fund only 10 students rather than the 23 that were first proposed.

President Scott Wheatley said the agenda of the House's weekly meeting is organized at their executive cabinet meeting Monday afternoon.

House Treasurer Shawn Groves said the changes "were no one's fault" and that they were made Tuesday after the *Skiff* was published.

Members of the House asked about the contradiction between the *Skiff* report and the bills given to members.

An additional bill asking the House to fund publication costs of the Student Escort Service was also submitted.

Bill 95-1, "A Bill to Fund the Student Escort Program," asks for \$55 to pay for the publication and distribution of information cards for female students.

All three bills will be tabled until next week. They will be submitted to the Finance Committee which will decide at 3 p.m. today how much funding they will offer the groups.

In other business, new appointed positions, members and Programming Council chairmen and chairwomen were unanimously accepted by the House.

Groves also reported that approximately \$6,000 is left in the House's Special Projects Fund.

Groves said the amount is more than the allotted \$5,000 a semester

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Experts argue execution

Death penalty's merits, detriments under scrutiny

By CHRIS THILGEN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Clifton Russell and Willie Williams were executed early Tuesday morning by the State of Texas for their roles in two separate robbery-murders.

But is the death penalty, which is available in 36 states, a reasonable and necessary part of our judicial system?

Fred Rabalais Jr., deputy chief of Tarrant County, said the death penalty is important because of its value as a deterrent.

"It might give some other people pause before they go and commit a robbery and kill someone," he said.

Michael Katovich, TCU associate professor of sociology said he disagrees.

"There is not one study that has shown once and for all whether or not the death penalty deters other murderers or doesn't," he said.

Katovich said the death penalty would most likely affect people who feel they have something to lose.

"Ordinary citizens would probably think twice about killing somebody if they knew there would be penalties that could result in death," he said.

However, Katovich said people who are going to kill will not care about the consequences.

"People who are going to kill other people are going to kill regardless of the punishment," he said.

Patrick Kinkade, assistant professor of sociology and

director of the criminal justice program, said the death penalty is not a deterrent.

"Most murders or sorts of crimes that end up in terms of a death sentence, are crimes of passion or crimes of pure calculation," Kinkade said. "In both circumstances people are not using the death penalty to decide whether or not they are going to be doing what they are doing. They are doing it for other reasons."

Katovich said he feels the death penalty is a ceremonial function of the state.

"It is something that people think we should have," he said. "They are not quite sure why we should have it, but the fact that murderers are murdered makes sense to some people."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, there has been a major reversal of public attitudes toward the death penalty in the last 40 years.

In 1965, about 40 percent of the population supported the death penalty for those convicted of murder.

In 1991, that number rose to 75 percent.

But is the solution to violence necessarily more violence?

Rabalais said in some cases, the death penalty is the only punishment that can vindicate a victim.

"There are some people in society that are just so mean and so callous and so sociopathic that no other penalty

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Hardwood courts shine in Rickel

By SHANA SMITH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Basketballs are bouncing a little higher in the Rickel Gym these days, thanks to recently installed hardwood gym floors.

Steve Kintigh, director of recreational sports, said the idea for the floors was proposed in 1986 but wasn't approved until December 1993. The new floors were installed Jan. 23.

The proposal was passed by the university's vice-chancellors and Board of Trustees as a special project, Kintigh said. The plan would have never been approved without the support of Don Mills, vice-chancellor for the Office of Student Affairs, he said.

The new floors cost \$120,000, and consist of one inch of suspended air between rubber feet and two layers of plywood. A layer of sanded maple lies on top of the plywood, Kintigh said.

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NEWS DIGEST

Grisham accused of plagiarism

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lawyer who represented executed serial killer Ted Bundy and wrote a book about it is suing best-selling novelist John Grisham for copyright infringement, claiming "The Chamber," his latest work — "was copied largely" from her book.

The lawyer representing Grisham called the lawsuit by attorney-author Polly Nelson "frivolous" and "a hustle." Nelson, who wrote "Defending the Devil: My Story as Ted Bundy's Last Lawyer," bolstered her claim with a lengthy list of "striking similarities" in the two books.

Search on for Alamo treasure

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An archaeological search is on for Alamo treasures and relics believed to be hidden in an old well at the famous shrine. Historical researchers and archaeologists begin digging Wednesday in front of the Alamo in hopes of locating gold or silver or perhaps an Alamo battle cannon or other 19th century relics.

"Even if it's just junk from the battle, that would be a treasure for history and for San Antonio. That would be more valuable than any precious metal we could recover," said project director Frank Buschbacher.

Rivers surge in Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Dozens of Dutch hamlets became ghost towns Tuesday as 70,000 people fled surging rivers that threatened to breach dikes and flood farmlands. At least one person drowned.

Flood waters that killed at least 26 people in northwestern Europe earlier this week began to recede. But the flooding wasn't expected to peak until Wednesday in the Netherlands, where most land is below sea level.

Tens of thousands of farm animals also had to be shipped out to keep them from drowning.

Clinton changes Mexico aid plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing unyielding opposition in Congress, President Clinton scrapped a \$40 billion rescue plan for Mexico Tuesday and hurriedly assembled a substitute package combining U.S. money with international aid.

The plan was a gamble for Clinton; he shoulders all the political risk of supporting Mexico's nosediving peso rather than sharing it with Congress.

The new plan offers direct loans of up to \$20 billion from the U.S. and \$27.8 billion from international agencies to help Mexico.

Bill delays emissions test

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush's office said Tuesday he likely will sign into law a bill delaying for three months required auto emissions tests in four of the state's largest urban areas. Whitmire said the 91-day delay already has been OK'd by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Under the legislation, tests stop for three months and licenses can be renewed during that period without them.

During the moratorium, Texas will draft a new testing program that lawmakers say will be easier for motorists to comply with.

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.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES will host Mike Noack, TCU graduate and former FCA president at 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Varsity Club Room of the Coliseum. Everyone is welcome.

SPRING BREAK DATES The University Bulletin (Catalog) published incorrect dates for Spring Break 1995. Correct dates are Friday, March 10 at 10 p.m. to Monday, March 20 at 8 a.m. These dates are in the 1994-95 Student Handbook.

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH is happy to provide student parking in three lots: corner of University and Cantey, corner of Cantey and Rogers and corner of Rogers and McPherson. But students will be towed if they park in the North Lot of University Drive adjacent to the church. That lot is reserved for UCC activities.

HIGH ADVENTURE CLUB meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Student Center 222. Call Paul at 926-9510.

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 139 or call 921-7830.

STUDENTS FOR ASIAN INDIAN CULTURAL AWARENESS 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.

DISCIPLES STUDENT FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday nights at University Christian Church, 2720 S. University. Food is served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a program and fellowship. A \$2 donation is appreciated for the supper.

TCU CARES (Communities Actively Responding to Empty Stomachs) is looking for members. Call University Ministries at 921-7830.

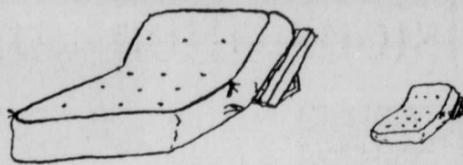
ANGEL FLIGHT rush will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. Tomorrow at 7 p.m. Angel Flight is holding a skating party at the Tandy Center. Call Misty McFarland at 731-1544.

STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOPS for TCU students over age 22 will be held Sat., Feb. 4, from 1-2 p.m. in the Rickle Building 106.

INTENSIVE CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held at 7 p.m., Mon., Feb. 6 in the Student Center 205-206. All students are invited to hear John Sherman speak in preparation for the "Personal Jesus" rally. Sponsored by Baptist Student Ministries.

BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRIES sponsors Noondays every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in Student Center 216. Bring a lunch and a friend for fellowship and Bible study on the Names of God.

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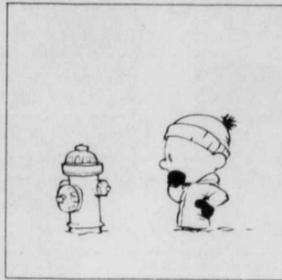
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by Bill Watterson



WEATHER

Today's forecast is sunny with a high in the lower 70s.

Thursday will be fair with a low in the mid 40s and a high in the upper 70s.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today
Noon, University Chapel, Robert Carr Chapel

Pick up 1995-6 FAFSA 7 p.m., Women's Basketball, at Arkansas

7 p.m., Black Student Caucus meeting, SC 205

Thursday
Pick up 1995-6 FAFSA 7:30 p.m., Word of Truth Gospel Choir practice, SC 205

Friday
Orientation Student

Assistant applications due

Resident Assistant applications due

Last day to withdraw at 50 percent refund

Pick up 1995-6 FAFSA

Saturday
Women's Basketball, TCU vs. Texas Tech, here

Sunday
Cliburn Concert

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If you didn't read it in the Skiff, it wasn't worth reading.

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The new floors were specially made to be durable and resilient and should last up to 30 or 40 years, he said.

Kintigh said the old floor had lost its resiliency, and as a result, there had been an increase in injuries such as shin splits, since 1990.

Along with the new floors, the Rickel has also received new tarps and volleyball equipment, Kintigh said.

The recreational sports department

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is now going to the House of Student Representatives for four new glass backboards, Kintigh said.

Larry Martin, director of intramurals, said these renovations are beneficial to the entire TCU community.

Kintigh said he thinks this overhaul works in favor of TCU and its potential students.

The Rickel has seen a 20 percent increase in gym use and participation, especially in intramurals, Martin said. Both gyms have been constantly full, he said.

The gyms are open to all TCU students and faculty 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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that is used to give funding for organizations that petition the House.

Parliamentarian Nathan Digby said it is not unusual for that to happen.

"It's a fairly typical amount," Digby said. "It's not like it's a hoard of money."

Wheatley said if any money is left in the Special Projects Fund at the end of the semester, it is "rolled over" into a reserve account which is used to "bail out" organizations in future years.

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■ BOB GREENE

Judges' decisions often ignore best interests of children

The child we are calling Joe is, at the age of 7, being evaluated at a mental health center to find out if he may be suicidal. At the elementary school, he is classified as a disabled person — "a danger to himself or others."

It is highly unlikely that Illinois Supreme Court Justice James D. Heiple is aware of this — or if he would even care. We have called Heiple several times in an effort to let him know what has happened to Joe; he has not responded to our messages.

Heiple, when he was an appellate judge, wrote an opinion that removed Joe from the home where he was to be adopted, a home where by every account he was happy and loved. We have reported what happened to Joe — how Heiple's opinion sent him at the age of 2 to friends of the convicted felon who gave him away at birth. Not to the woman herself — but to two of her friends, whom we



are calling Ronnie and Teresa Smith, one a convicted felon who served jail time for burglary and theft. How Heiple's opinion did not allow Joe to have a hearing on his best interests — and how Joe's life since has been unspeakably tragic.

In the last month alone, Ronnie and Teresa Smith have shipped Joe back and forth twice (they have divorced since Heiple gave Joe to them, and are living in separate counties; Teresa is living with a man convicted of criminal sexual abuse). Joe was living with Teresa and going to first grade at Erie Elementary

School in Erie, Ill., this winter when he broke down in class.

"He was out of control," said school official Bill Urban. "He was yelling and screaming, almost bouncing off the walls. Our principal, Kathy Heim, tried to get (Teresa) to come pick him up, but she said she couldn't. So Kathy drove him home."

"As Kathy drove toward his house, (Joe) tried to jump out of the car door, and then the car window. He threatened to kill her. Kathy got him to his house, and told (Teresa) she needed to get him help."

Instead of getting Joe help, Teresa told him he was going to have to go live with Ronnie Smith.

"At first (Joe) was all cocky with me when I said he had to leave," Teresa Smith told us. "He was Mr. Hard Core. But when the time came he actually had to go, he wasn't Mr.

Hard Core no more. He was bawling like a baby."

Ronnie Smith, who has a conviction for aggravated battery, told us: "Yeah, (Teresa) said she didn't want him no more. He was crying a lot when he got here. I told him this was where he was living now."

Within two weeks, though, he had been sent back to Teresa. "(Joe) got in trouble his first day at school over there," Teresa told us. (The child has been in six different schools during kindergarten and first grade).

"(Ronnie) threw all of (Joe's) clothes in a sack. He told Joe, 'You're playing your little (obscenity) games again — you're out of here.'"

And so that sad, confused little boy was packed up and moved again. Remember — this was a child who had a good home when he was loved and wanted, a wonderful future.

And he was taken from it and given to these two people, who were no relation to him. "That kid's mine," Ronnie Smith told us. "He was gave to me."

Yes, he was — by Judge James D. Heiple. Heiple may not care what his decision has done — but other people now must deal with trying to protect and heal this child as best they can.

The late author Erik H. Erikson once wrote: "Someday maybe there will exist a well-informed, well-considered and yet fervent public conviction that the most deadly of all possible sins is the mutilation of a child's spirit."

Joe, 7, was scheduled for further evaluations at the mental health facility this week.

Bob Greene writes for the Chicago Tribune.

■ SCOTT BARZILLA

ABC's Super Bowl coverage was too biased

Football fans and non-football fans in every place but San Francisco felt betrayed by ABC's coverage of the Super Bowl. After that game, I'll make sure to miss every ABC telecast — even if the Oilers make it.

The evening began with Brent (Why did I get fired from CBS?) Musburger, hatless sportscaster Lesley Visser and everlasting know-it-all Peter King. Don't forget the commercials about the new ABC show "Extreme," which seems to be little more than "Bay-watch" on ice.

The game began with ABC's version of "All in the Family" as Kathie Lee Gifford lip-synched the national anthem. Frank Gifford even introduced her and was overjoyed at the conclusion. Was that relief or jubilation?

The game began with the worst attempt at balanced broadcasting since Marv Albert's coverage of the 1994 NBA Finals between Houston and his hometown Knicks. Who's wearing the ring, Marv?

Dan Dierdorf could not have been more obvious if he had been wearing a San Francisco jersey and a Dallas Cowboys hat. When the 49ers scored right off the bat, he made sure to get in a wisecrack about the Chargers' inferiority.

There were spots of relief as ABC periodically had sound difficulties, and the rotten jokes by Dierdorf were muffled. Unfortunately, ABC quickly got the sound back, and Dierdorf would comment on how the 49ers were the best team assembled since the 1927 Yankees.

Did you know that Eric Davis was the only member of the 49ers secondary not to make it to the Pro Bowl? I can't see how anyone watching the game could have missed that with Al Michaels, Gifford and Dierdorf getting that fact in at least 10 times.

The best part of any Super Bowl is rating the advertising. The big winner among the advertising definitely was n't Doritos. Former governors Ann Richards and Mario Cuomo continued the Doritos losers' tradition, following in the footsteps of Chevy Chase.

How about those Close Encounter Taco Bell commercials? They managed to bomb worse than Doritos did. The big winners had to be McDonald's, Budweiser and Pepsi. Although Nike does get extra points for building up Stanley's speech.

Super Bowl halftime shows increasingly feature big-time entertainers like Tony Bennett, this year's choice. Whatever happened to the old-fashioned marching band?

The event organizers could have gotten Steve Young's sister to sing the national anthem if they had gone low budget with the halftime show.

Dan Dierdorf tried to make up for his transgressions in the first half by saying the Chargers could make up 30 points in the last quarter and a half. What an obvious play for ratings that was.

The next debacle was Dierdorf's suggestion to seed the teams instead of automatically bringing in an AFC team. Why didn't he just suggest that the Cowboys be moved to the AFC Central so the 49ers and Cowboys could play in the Super Bowl every year?

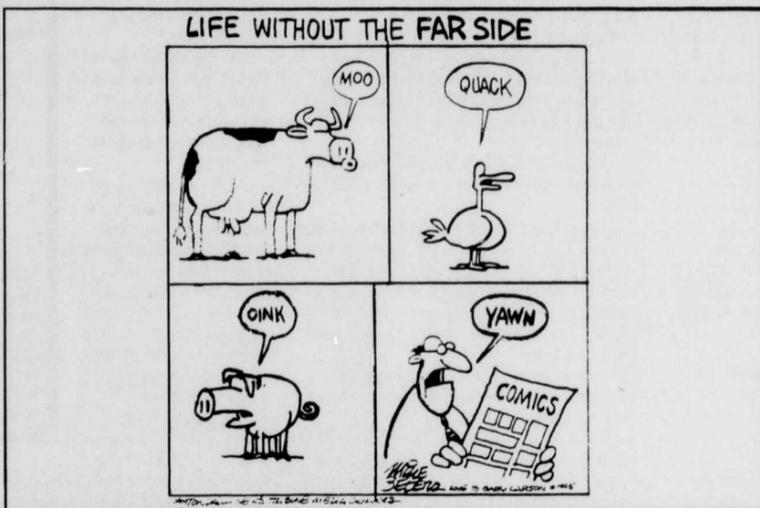
That would be the only unbiased coverage you would get out of Dierdorf, since he obviously thinks they are the two best teams in football history.

The rest of the telecast took a predictable turn as ABC could not decide whether to cover 49ers coach George Siefert's Gatorade bath or San Diego's pesky touchdown. Then Michaels, Gifford and Dierdorf actually complimented the ABC technical team after they forced them to go to mono at least 15 times and flubbed up that Gatorade/touchdown decision.

Even the ABC production team had had enough of Dierdorf as they muted his comments at the very end. The coverage had been outrageously and egregiously one-sided.

That just goes to show that the best way to watch an ABC Super Bowl is with a clear path to the mute button.

Scott Barzilla is a junior political science major from Houston.



■ EDITORIAL

POLLUTION

Students can help make air cleaner

The federally mandated federal automobile emissions standards has stirred up much controversy. These standards require vehicles to meet certain environmental standards to receive inspection stickers.

The Texas Senate recently approved a 60-day moratorium to delay the federally-mandated testing in several Texas cities to search for "alternative methods to the present testing program."

The moratorium was passed partly in response to angry reactions from Texans. Many Texans, as well as many state legislators want the emissions regulations scrapped altogether.

The testing was mandated by the federal government for several Texas cities, including Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston/Galveston, Beaumont/Port Arthur and El Paso, because the air in these cities does not comply with the federal Clean Air Act.

The political situation regarding the emissions testing is still foggy. But the problem of dirty air in these cities is very clear.

Texas has more pollution causing cars than any other state, according to Leo Newland, chairman of the university's environmental sciences program.

One way that TCU students can cut down on pollution while the emissions test situation is being sorted out is to make use of public transportation or car pool whenever possible. This would also have an additional, more practical benefit.

There's a reason why these Texas cities have significant pollution problems. Especially in the Metroplex and Houston areas, freeways are congested every day with thousands of cars, trucks and other noncommercial vehicles.

Car pooling or utilizing public transportation would help cut down on pollution in these cities. The Environmental Protection Agency wants to decrease pollution in the Dallas/Fort Worth area by 15 percent by 1996.

Reducing the number of cars on the road will help clean up the air faster, and make regulations less necessary.

■ LETTER

Balanced budget amendment needed

This letter is in reply to Kevin Arceneaux's column in the Jan. 26 Skiff. Mr. Arceneaux, your column on the balanced budget amendment is extremely misleading and shows a certain lack of knowledge on your part, as well as a rather unusual interpretation of economic realities.

First of all, the Republicans do not propose the balanced budget amendment as a simple cure for the problem. They propose it as a way of promoting fiscal discipline. Government programs such as entitlements are staunchly defended by those who benefit from them. Politicians are notoriously spineless when it comes to angering their constituents. The idea

of the balanced budget amendment is to provide lawmakers with a little more pressure to be responsible with our money.

A balanced budget amendment would not leave the government "helpless in times of disaster and crisis." No one suggests such an amendment without a clause permitting it to be violated by vote of the Congress, generally a 60 percent super majority. Currently, the government uses such a clause on a regular basis when it can't settle on a budget by the beginning of the fiscal year and simply votes to continue spending until a budget can be passed.

One of Speaker Gingrich's strongest threats right now is that he won't do that this year. He intends to have a budget passed, or he'll let

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■ JOHN J. LUMPKIN

Rejection of gift epitomizes school board's ignorance

In September, my home school district — the Richardson Independent School District, north of Dallas — turned down a \$250 gift because school board members didn't like the donor.

That donor — the AIDS Resource Center — awarded the money as part of a \$2,250 prize for an AIDS essay contest, won by J.J. Pearce High School graduate Becca Myers. Myers wrote about one of her Richardson elementary school teachers, who had died of AIDS.

The contest was called "AIDS: Why I Should Care." Under the contest rules, Myers got \$2,000 — which she kept — and Pearce — my alma mater — should have gotten \$250, but the RISD didn't want it.

Upon receiving the check, the school board unanimously voted to send it back. School board members who didn't want to accept the money said they believed the donor was a "subsidiary of the gay and lesbian lifestyle," according to Betty Stripling, RISD Board president.

Bull. The AIDS Resource Center is about education, not about "the gay and lesbian lifestyle," whatever that is. The Resource Center has presented prevention programs at more than 180 school districts in North Texas, according to Jamie Schield, director of the Center's community services and education programs.

When told about the board's decision, Myers said, "I can't believe it. That's totally ignorant."

Absolutely. Stripling's comment reflects a lack of comprehension and understanding that's common to many elected officials.

By her logic, the "gay and lesbian lifestyle" is some nebulous organization that backs AIDS centers, apparently because only gays and lesbians get AIDS. Wrong. AIDS is present in all segments of the population and is transmitted in more ways than just homosexual contact.

RISD Board member Paula Hibbs — one of many ignorant officials running my home district — said she thought taking the money would be against the district's "strong abstinence" sex education policy.

That doesn't make sense. Accepting \$250 from an AIDS education organization doesn't constitute an endorsement of sexual promiscuity.

As a recent product of the district, I sure don't remember any such "strong abstinence" policy. I just recall some rather eye-opening explanations in my ninth-grade health class, none of which contained the moral tone Hibbs describes.

A study of Myers' essay shows that it in no way counters this policy (if it exists), nor does the essay promote "the gay and lesbian lifestyle" (if it exists).

Instead, the essay describes a caring elementary school teacher: "We lost an excellent educator, a caring and gracious man and a loving friend when he passed away, and because of him, my life will never be the same."

"He cared enough to love us and teach us, on a teacher's salary. I also care because the statistics are frightening, the ignorance is frightening and we must start caring to put a stop to this disease."

Although the AIDS Resource Center and People Taking Action Against AIDS, the group that initiated the contest, recommended the money be used for AIDS education at Pearce, there were no strings attached to the money.

Certainly, there ain't no such thing as a free lunch (or 250 free lunches), but the Richardson school board members had just about the closest thing, and they blew it out of sheer ignorance. And that's sad.

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Break good for bonding; free water

It is great to be back at TCU once again, especially within the friendly confines of "The Lighter Side." The hiatus has been long — but not as long as the one to hit the television show "Fame" some 10 years ago (I swear they are going to bring it back).

This vacation allowed much time for R & R: Rest and Recurring Memory Loss. Everything I learned last semester for finals is permanently wiped away from my memory banks. If my brain was a computer disk, you might say that someone put their hands all over that disk part you are not supposed to touch. Basic educational skills like reading and cursive writing must be relearned.

But seriously (come on, this is the Lighter Side), the holiday break allowed me to enjoy the world outside of Fort Worth. Yes, this writer got to explore the farthest realms of our planet earth. I love to travel, so my break was spent way across the country in Dallas. It was a two day trip (luckily we shuffled between two drivers), and upon arrival at this blessed abode, I saw my parents and siblings, whom I had not seen since dead days.

After such a laborious venture and out of pure excitement, I decided to cook the family a special meal. To be honest, I went all out. We had Ramen noodle crackers (boiling it in water takes too much time so we just ate the noodles raw and dipped them in the seasoning packet) and toast with butter. Mom was impressed and commented on how my cooking had improved since my last trip home. That time we had bagels cut with a knife, milk in a glass and whole apples. "Four years of college have certainly done me good," was my reply.

My 13-year-old brother was excited that I was home. It was strange — over the past year he had suddenly become older than me, but that was okay. You lose touch of these things sometimes when you go away.

My 10-year-old sister was also visiting the family upon my arrival. It was nice to see her, even though mom was all upset that Katie's rent was late.

Family bonding was good, but seeing old friends was what I wanted this break to be about. It was just too bad that my old friends were unaware of my intentions.

Actually, there was one old friend that I did get in touch with: Phil. Unfortunately, Phil was my last choice because his birthday fell on December 29th. I was then automatically obligated to get him something right after the holidays. This was bad, because my credit cards were maxed out and the wallet was empty (spare some lint and my Gary Coleman fan club membership card). Yet, I had to do something, but it is just hard to spend money that you do not have.

Here is where the mind went to work. I could give him something that was mine and pretend that I bought it. However, I tried that two years ago and he still doesn't have much use for the sign I gave him that said "Peter's Room: Enter at Own Risk".

My second idea was to make him something, but I tried that last year and it didn't work. I gave him a shoebox that was wrapped with cartoon sections from the Sunday comics. He got all excited and thought it was a cool idea, but then tore the comics apart and opened the box. He ruined the whole gift.

I cannot believe he thought that there was more inside. It took me a solid week to find a shoebox that exactly fit those comics (I had to buy 3 different pairs of shoes) and then it took me another week to wrap it.

So that left me no other choice. I had to give him something that was free. That eliminated O.J. Simpson (just kidding), HBO and riding around on the Dallas Tollway. Then a novel idea struck my brain.

Denny's gives you a free meal on your birthday. Every year I wine and dine at Denny's on the big day and enjoy an exquisite shrimp dinner. Unfortunately, my birthday falls on a



PETER COUSER
THE LIGHTER SIDE

Communicating in Cyberspace

Internet access provides an express on-ramp to information superhighway and road to success

By **CHRISTOPHER THILGEN**
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Suddenly you awake in a cold sweat and realize you must know what the future holds. Will there be disaster, flood, famine in the world? You quickly run to your bookshelf and realize with dawning horror that you loaned your Nostradamus prophecy handbook to a friend.

You must know about the future *immediately*, but the library is closed and if you call anyone at this hour your own future will no longer be in doubt. Suddenly you spy your computer sitting quietly on your desk, minding its own business. "Eureka!" you shout. In just a few seconds you log on to the TCU library computer, select the internet menu, get a listing of internet subjects, punch in your social security number, select the Library of Congress' Global electronic library, choose the sub directory on philosophy and religion and select Nostradamus prophecies.

Text begins to flow over your screen. "Whew!" Back to bed. The information superhighway is running right through our campus, and students who are able to harness its resources have a tremendous advantage over those who can't. With a little help, traversing the world and looking for information is just a few key-strokes away.

So where does a student start? James Mayne, network system specialist for information services, said the first step students should take is to obtain a student account on the TCU mainframe, the VAX.

Students can apply for personal accounts

by filling out the form available in user services, located in the Sid Richardson Building, Room 180. The signature of a faculty sponsor is required before an account can be activated.

The first thing students should try is the mail program, Mayne said. Mail allows users to send mail to other students at TCU and other universities across the world, he said.

"Mail is definitely the most used application on the VAX," he said. If students want to try and contact friends at other institutions, they might want to try the phone book listings in gopher.

Gopher is available at the \$ prompt on the VAX and is a menu-driven interface that allows users to connect to different servers. The phone books option has listings for over 200 institutions that include internet addresses.

Mayne said that after students experiment with mail, the next largest internet resource is FTP.

FTP, or File Transfer Protocol, allows users to move files from one site on the internet to another. FTP is popular because users can copy application programs that they can run on their PC or Macintosh computers. The applications vary from simple games to small word processors.

Students should get familiar with FTP while still at TCU because it is free to students with accounts.

Once a student graduates, they can no longer have an account on the VAX. Online companies (such as CompuServe or America Online) that provide a similar FTP service usually charge an hourly rate.

There are literally hundreds of FTP sites on

the internet all containing different information and applications, but because there is no government body overseeing internet, a comprehensive list of sites is virtually impossible, Mayne said.

"Most people don't maintain those lists," he said. "What people can do, if they are looking for a particular piece of software, is use a service called Archie."

"Archie servers go out nightly and peruse anonymous FTP sites and collect names of files and keep them in a database," Mayne said.

Users can then search the Archie database for a particular title, or topic, and Archie will return the addresses of the FTP sites where that software can be found.

Armed with the address, the user can then use FTP to transfer the application to their account on the VAX.

The Archie server can be accessed through the gopher menu on the VAX. The user needs to select #5 which is internet file server (ftp) sites. Then a sub directory will appear that allows users to tailor a search of ftp sites with

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- Nursing Lab Bass 217
- Engineering Lab Bass 104

Many departments on campus have labs reserved for departmental majors or for students enrolled in specific classes.

Archie. These applications need to be transferred to the user's home terminal in order to be used, Mayne said.

The VAX supports several communication protocols, including Kermit, XModem and ZModem. These protocols are settings that the VAX uses to communicate with a particular communication package that the user has on his home terminal.

Another resource available on the VAX is the World Wide Web (WWW). The WWW is an environment that allows users to read and download information. What makes WWW so powerful, however, is its links to other databases of information.

Mayne said that the WWW is becoming very popular with

users because it is easy to use.

"One of the strengths of the World Wide Web

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TCU struggles to keep up with latest technology

By **KIMBERLY WILSON**
TCU DAILY SKIFF



Internet and the information superhighway have the capability of bringing the latest information to anyone's fingertips.

College campuses across the nation are scrambling to provide their students with latest technology. But such equipment and software can be expensive, said Dave Edmonson, assistant vice-chancellor for information services.

And while TCU is not in the technological dark ages, many schools have gone above and beyond the university's current level by opening 24-hour labs, providing accessibility to dorm rooms and offering the latest programs — including the highly touted MOSAIC — on every campus computer.

MOSAIC is a program with many

capabilities. It allows students to watch movies, such as President Kennedy's inaugural address on their computer screen. Students can also use it to do chemistry and physics lab experiments while it simulates the results.

The main reason TCU doesn't currently have complete MOSAIC access is that the current system simply can't support something as massive as MOSAIC at this point, Edmonson said. And upgrading the system will be costly, he said.

"It will take some time for us to have the money to go out and upgrade all the computers on campus so that they're MOSAIC-compatible," Edmonson said.

Currently, TCU has e-mail, telnet, gopher, and World Wide Web and the information services department is working on getting MOSAIC on Internet.

"The problem with MOSAIC is that we have a network that's bogged down by a Windows application with DOS," Edmonson said.

Another problem is many of the computers on campus were purchased several years ago — before MOSAIC was created and do not have the capability to support such sophisticated equipment, he said.

Many TCU students who have lost a paper due to a computer "crash" in an on-campus lab or have visited other universities believe TCU's computer system is behind the times.

Josh Wilkins, a junior engineering major, said he used the University of Texas at Arlington's computer system when he did a research program there last summer.

"On the whole, our (TCU's) system is better than UTA's, but their Internet was better," Wilkins said. "They had a much nicer lab, it was more up-to-date."

"UTA's internet capabilities blow ours away," he said.

Chris Crosby, a student computer consultant at Duke University said Duke has a variety of computer options — some of which are not available at TCU.

"At Duke, we have MOSAIC, FTP, Gopher, World Wide Web, and WAIS, which are available to all students on all campus computers," Crosby said. "There is also an ethernet in every dorm room through which all students who possess a computer can access all of the Internet programs, including MOSAIC," he said.

"Modems allow students to get into the system from remote locations," he said.

Neal Paris, the acting director of Duke's Computer Assist Center said students can use on-campus labs 24-hours-a-day.

John Meaders, UNIX consultant for Southern Methodist University, said most personal computers at SMU have access to gopher, e-mail, FTP, and MOSAIC.

"We're looking at putting the phone directory for the campus online soon," Meaders said.

Dr. John Dinkel, Texas A&M's director of Student Computer Services said e-mail, Telnet, World Wide Web, UNIX, FTP, gopher, MOSAIC, UNICOS and WAIS, among others, were available to their students.

Keeping up with the latest technological advances and other universities are just some of the problems facing the information services department.

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State happy hour rule limits binge drinking

TABC restricts number, price of drink specials

By **JODI WETUSKI**
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Happy hour, the advertized, stress reliever for hard-working college students, was changed over semester break after the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission adopted some new restrictions to the after-work event.

On Nov. 28, 1994, the TABC added changes to its "Happy Hour Rule," which was adopted in 1986. These changes went into effect Dec. 20, 1994.

Main points of the amendment include: only one complimentary drink may be served to any customer during any business day, no more than two drinks may be served to a customer at one time, and no bar or club may charge a cover price and then sell discounted drinks.

These rules are in effect during happy hour only, said Rolando Garza, public information officer for the TABC. Happy hour is defined as any promotional scheme for the sale of alcoholic beverages at a reduced price, Garza said. These promotions may not be offered after 11 p.m., he said.

"Some ad schemes for certain places solicited all-you-can-drink for a coin specials," Garza said. "These marketing schemes

are questionable because they encourage people to drink more than they should."

According to a press release, some groups wanted happy hour abolished altogether, but the TABC thought that was too restrictive on businesses.

Convicted violators of the "Happy Hour Rule" may have their licenses suspended or be forced to pay a fine. Garza said the TABC has not had to punish any establishment since the amendment went into effect.

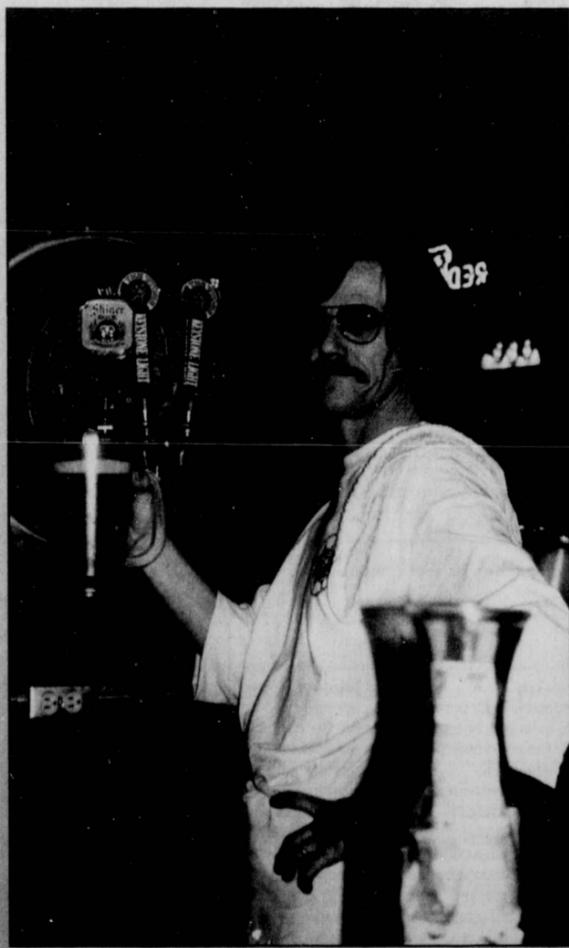
"We work closely to educate businesses about the rules and what they need to do to comply with them," Garza said.

Bob Harshman, owner of the Pub, said the TABC often sends out press releases to keep him informed about changes in the rules. About twice a year an officer makes a personal visit to ensure the rules are being obeyed, Harshman said.

"It is really up to the bar owners to stay educated about the regulations," he said. "Our bartenders are sent to certification school where they are taught all rules and regulations."

Garza said businesses have responded positively to the new restrictions. They recognize the need to discourage people from

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David Hamilton, bartender at 'Rail' can no longer serve more than two drinks per customer thanks to the new "Happy Hour Rule" adopted by the TABC.

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is that it allows users to go right to starting points instead of spending hours and hours going through the internet," he said.

Not unlike the internet, WWW retrieves information and documents from a variety of sources. The difference lies in its hyper-text connections.

For example, imagine reading a file about the history of the Constitution. There could be a reference to a paper written by a Harvard law professor, or to the actual Constitution itself.

The WWW allows users to reference these other sources directly from inside the original (i.e. a full-text version of the Constitution could be called up). The WWW does all the work connecting and disconnecting the user from these external sources.

Mayne said one of the reasons WWW is so powerful is that it allows users to access other gophers and FTP

sites. "World Wide Web can include a lot of the older protocols," he said. "This is one of the reasons why it has become so popular. It makes everything so easy to use."

More information about transferring files is available at user services.

A packet entitled the "TCU Internet Manual" is available from user services and gives detailed information about transferring files and utilizing the internet resources.

Students should try the library system before they get a regular account, Mayne said. He said the library offers internet, world wide web, gopher and TCU campus information. A student does not need an account to log in to the library system.

The username needed to log in to the library system is TCUCAT. No password is required.

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The current system is bogged down by inadequate computers that can't support the latest programs and slow network speeds, Edmonson said.

Students often complained about the network crashing last semester, but Edmonson said the system was just too slow to handle all the users. As a result, the machines wouldn't boot.

"The load on the network had reached saturation and nobody else could get on," he said. "It wasn't that it wasn't working at all; some people were using it — but nobody else would get on," he said.

Another campus-wide concern is a lack of software for the various departments on campus, Mayne said. "Microcomputing at TCU has been growing at a phenomenal rate," Mayne said. "But microcomputers are no good unless you have the software to run on them."

User services is currently trying to get approval to purchase software in the same way they purchase the mainframe computers.

However, there will be some noticeable changes in TCU's computer network soon, Edmonson said.

Almost \$100,000 has been allocated to the information services department to increase the network speed. The software was ordered before Christmas break and should be installed by the end of February, he said.

"It will increase the speed of the network tenfold from 10 megabits

per second to 100 megabits per second," Edmonson said.

Information services is also trying to get computer access to all the dorm rooms via long-distance phone lines, Edmonson said.

Edmonson will meet with four long-distance companies next month and will select one to provide service by March.

"As far as I'm concerned, the residence halls are my top priority — installing MOSAIC is secondary," Edmonson said.

Janet Morrone, a freshman neuroscience and journalism double major, she is pleased action is being taken, but is concerned about the amount of time it will take to get these projects completed.

"Having MOSAIC on the computers and having computer access from your dorm room sounds like a great idea, but I hope to see this accomplished before I'm a senior," she said. "It makes me mad how slowly they get things done with such a big endowment. I mean where does it all go?"

Workers plead guilty to defrauding NASA

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON (AP) — Four employees of a Johnson Space Center subcontractor pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges of conspiring to defraud the space agency out of more than \$5 million.

Omniplan Corp., a Houston-based firm contracted to provide space shuttle support services, was accused in November 1993 of submitting invoices to NASA that were inflated or fraudulent.

Prosecutors also said the firm set up companies that were used to lease property and equipment from Omniplan.

Ralph Montijo Jr., chief executive officer of Omniplan, pleaded guilty to 179 counts in a 285-count indictment. The plea applies to charges of conspiracy, false claims, embezzlement, mail fraud, money laundering and criminal forfeiture.

In a plea arrangement with prose-

cutors, Montijo will serve two years in prison and forfeit most of his assets.

His wife and Omniplan's president, Guillermina Montijo, pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges along with Joyce Martin, an administrative assistant, and Nancy Montgomery, a trustee for one of the shell companies Omniplan set up in the scheme. Sentencing for the three was set for April 28.

Ralph Montijo and Ms. Martin were accused of making false claims to NASA amounting to about \$4 million and diverting an additional \$1 million from federal programs.

Montijo also was charged with stealing more than \$255,000 from the Omniplan employee benefit plan.

From 1986 until April 1993, Omniplan had two NASA subcontracts with Rockwell Space Operations Co. to create graphic designs and provide space shuttle support services.

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holiday, (Roman Polanski Day) so everyone is usually busy and I have to go by myself. But it's worth it. So Phil and I were off to Denny's.

Boy, was I in for a surprise. We entered and asked to be seated. "It's Phil's birthday," I told the waitress proudly.

No response. "Phil turns 20 today," I exclaimed thinking that she may have not heard me the first time.

Still no response. I felt a sense of urgency.

"Could we please have the special birthday menu?"

The waitress finally acknowledged me, "We don't give free dinners on birthdays anymore."

Wow! I was stunned. Denny's without free birthday dinners is like playing basketball without hoops, or "The Bill Cosby Show" without Bill Cosby. And Phil was obviously bummed.

Every year I have tried to do something special for his birthday, and

every year failure has stared me in the face. We just sat at our booth and lamented on our current hardship. How could I salvage this disastrous occurrence? Finally, I discovered that there was still something "free" that he could enjoy on his birthday — without leaving the comfort of Denny's.

And let me tell ya, Denny's still has the best water. Thank goodness we had a booth near the restrooms.

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drinking to excessive levels, he said.

"We work to help bars fully understand the spirit of these regulations and we work toward voluntary compliance," Garza said.

"We're not trying to interfere with business, we're dealing with social concerns."

Garza said the only concern he has heard from bars was that competitors would still conduct these questionable marketing schemes regardless of the rules.

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Instructor guides art lovers across nations, through life

By Heidi McIntire
TCU Daily Skiff

Taking students island-hopping in the South Pacific has become a favorite pastime for a TCU professor. But instead of searching for outback kangaroos, they explore the museums for art.

Gail Gear, an art history instructor, is hardly a beginning tour guide. During the past 13 years the McAlester, Okla., native has taken 25 groups of students to study abroad. They see art and architecture all over the world from Russia and China to Italy, Greece and Turkey.

"Studying abroad is a combination of vacation and learning at the same time," she said. "It brings history and art alive."

Gear said travel abroad is motivating for students.

"I have seen students who failed my course on campus become very excited to see where Michaelangelo lived and worked," she said. "History becomes easier to relate to."

Gear, 55, has taught at TCU for 19

years. She received her master's degree from North Texas University. Her husband, Don, often joins her on the trips.

"I learned not to take one person's word for anything and to keep asking until you get what you want."

Gail Gear,
Art History Instructor

It's much easier when he takes care of all the transportation and reservation details while I concentrate on teaching and students," she said.

And concentrating on students is what she does best, according to her colleagues in TCU's art department.

Mark Thistlewaite, art history professor and coordinator of the art history program, has worked with Gear for 18 years. He has also co-instructed with her on two of the summer trips.

"Students who have gone on her

trips talk about how her trips have been turning points in their lives," he said. "A lot of students want to be art history majors because of her course."

Gear's programs attract participants of all majors and ages. TCU students, faculty, staff, alumni, family and friends are eligible to take the courses. A class can be taken for credit, non-credit or can be audited.

Parents and siblings often accompany the student, Gear said. Sometimes parents will go the following year because the student enjoyed the program, she said.

Gear has loved to travel as long as she can remember. Her parents took their three children travelling extensively through the country when they were very young, she said.

Her first trip with TCU students was quite an adventure, she said. Eleven students from her art history class wanted her to take them to Europe.

"I had reserved first-class seats on a train, but the conductor insisted that I hadn't," she said. "He made us spread out in the second-class."

"Then the train disconnected!" she said. "Half the students were on another track. We were throwing luggage out the back of the train."

"In the confusion, we found our first-class seats were there all the time," she said. "I learned not to take one person's word for anything and to keep asking until you get the answer you want."

Students must be flexible and able to adapt to new environments, Gear said.

"Everything that could possibly go wrong has," she said. "But nothing that a flexible group can't deal with."

One time the group missed the flight to New Zealand because of a rainstorm.

"They just planned their extra day in L.A.," she said.

Problems are rare, Gear said. Her in-depth orientation ensures that most problems don't occur, she said. Participants learn what to take and the general "do's and don't's" of travelling.

Most of the problems involved students that missed the orientation, she said.

Gear's goal for her students involves learning about art, architecture and culture first hand, but it also involves learning about themselves.

"I try to make them aware of their own prejudices and to realize that they're not in the center of the world," she said.

There have been some things that students have done in Europe that should have been avoided, she said.

"You don't walk barefoot through the hotel lobby in swimming trunks drinking a beer, or place an ice cream cone on the altar in a church," she said.

Students must learn not to insult or offend the people of the host country, she said.

Gear must fill many roles besides that of instructor.

"If students are sick, I am a mother figure. If they have personal problems, I am a psychologist. I am a protectress because I keep my eye on all of them, and a peacemaker which is a big role in a large group."

"The role I don't like is an authority figure who has to discipline. Fortunately that doesn't happen often," she said.

Students from her trips say she fills other roles as well.

Valaria Kriete, a senior computer

graphics major, from El Salvador attended the "Art of Italy" tour in the summer of 1992.

"She wasn't like a teacher; she was one of the group, like a friend," she said.

Some students have taken two and three trips with Gear and were impressed with the amount of concern she had for her students.

Leslie Lambie, a senior management major, attended the "Museums of Europe" tour in the summer of 1992, and the "Greece, Greek Islands and Turkey" tour in 1993.

"We were her children abroad," she said. "She would donate an organ if we needed one."

Gear's next destination? Rome, Italy in May 1995. Her 16-day "Art of Italy" tour costs \$3470 plus tuition and fees. She reminds participants that financial aid is available. Those interested can contact the art history department.

The rewards of teaching abroad keep her plans for the future unchanged.

"I don't know what I want to be when I grow up," she said. "I'll probably keep teaching and taking trips until I retire. It's a fun way to teach and a fun way to learn."

Letter/ from page 3

many government offices shut down for a few weeks. The Congress would certainly never permit the Supreme Court to step in and take over the budget. They would, if worse came to worse, vote to allow deficit spending. And any crisis such as "The Big One" hitting California would be guaranteed to cause such a vote. The point is that that vote should only be acceptable to the public for emergencies.

To suggest that Reagan's policies were short-term and shortsighted while Clinton's are productive and long-term

is nonsense. Reagan's problem was that he cut taxes his first year in office as promised, then failed to get his government cuts passed his second year. Not surprisingly, the deficit soared. His military buildup would have caused some increase in the deficit, but nothing like what happened when the rest of his legislative program failed. Supply-side economics worked in stimulating the economy. Unfortunately, the money created went almost entirely to the top quintile of the population.

Clinton's policies, however, are definitely short-term. One of the biggest tricks he used was to shorten the average term of the national debt to take advantage of low short-term interest rates. Now that they have risen, deficit predictions have gone up.

The balanced budget amendment is just a way of pressuring Congress to do what it ought to be doing anyway. So pass it and see if it works. The only people it could hurt are lawmakers who would feel the people's wrath for not doing their job. But the budget must be balanced, so let them feel the public breathing down their necks and see what happens.

Nowlin G. Randolph
Non-degree student, mathematics

RA jobs available for next semester

By Jim Ladner
TCU Daily Skiff

If you're looking for a job and some extra money next semester, you don't have to go down to the local McDonald's, because there may be an opportunity on campus.

The TCU Housing Department is taking applications until Friday for positions as resident assistants.

Wanda Olson, associate director of residential life, said all students who have lived in a TCU dormitory and have at least a 2.6 GPA are eligible for an RA position.

The position also requires several other qualifications, Olson said. RA's must have common sense and a good head on their shoulders, she said.

"We're looking for people with strong interpersonal skills that are mature, have good leadership potential and have a strong self-esteem," Olson said.

The most notorious part of the job

includes enforcing university policies, such as alcohol violations. However, the job responsibilities also include being available for students, providing information about university resources and being a good role model, Olson said.

Applicants will first go through a two-day orientation on Feb. 8, where housing officials will talk about expectations and commitments. On Feb. 11, the selection process begins with group and individual interviews. Those who make it this far will have a personal interview with Olson. Students will be notified if they have received the job the week before spring break.

The position pays \$4.50 per hour for 15 hours a week the entire semester. The dorm room is free, provided a paying roommate can be found.

Applications can be picked up at the Residential Services Office, Student Center Room 223. For more information call Wanda Olson at 921-7865.

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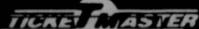
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Frog forward Waits stepping out of the shadows

By RICHMOND WILLIAMS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Most people would feel envious playing alongside an All-American who leads the nation in scoring and rebounding, and grabs headlines like an offensive rebound.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Most people aren't Byron Waits. Waits, a junior economics major, has been playing with senior center Kurt Thomas since he arrived at TCU in the fall of 1992 from Baton Rouge, La.

"Kurt's the go-to man, that's accepted by me," says the 6-8 power forward. "We wouldn't be where we are right now if it weren't for Kurt." The Horned Frogs probably

wouldn't be 13-5 and leading the Southwest Conference if it weren't for Waits as well. In the 1994-95 campaign, Waits has produced a solid effort, with 16 points and 9.5 rebounds per game, shooting a blazing 61 percent from the field. He also leads the team from the free-throw stripe, hitting 79 percent.

An all-stater at Baton Rouge University High School, Waits scored 26.4 points and 12 rebounds a contest. Subsequently, he was looked at by several big name programs, including every Southeastern Conference school, Southern California, and Boston College.

Like many prospective college students, however, Waits wanted to stay close to home, especially since basketball is a family affair for him. "My brother was basically my

biggest influence growing up," he said. "I watched him play high school ball, and he was the one who took me to the parks to play against his friends."

Ken Smith, an assistant under former TCU Head Coach Moe Iba, had coached Waits' brother at UT-Arlington, and helped Waits become a Horned Frog.

While the offense has undergone a major overhaul under first-year Head

Coach Billy Tubbs, Waits believes his role has remained the same.

"I support Kurt," he said, "but if he gets in foul trouble, it's my turn to step up and hit the big shot."

While Waits accepts his role as a behind-the-scenes producer, he sent a message to the rest of the conference on Jan. 25 that he was not to be ignored. While Thomas was double and triple-teamed most of the night against the SMU Mustangs, Waits poured in 31 points, including an incredible 12-of-12 from the field in the first half.

"If they decide to double-team Kurt, that's fine with me," the always-smiling athlete said, "but they ought to know, I'm right there too, and I'm not the sorriest player in the world. I can score also."

His coach, someone who has seen

dozens of great players, agreed.

"Byron is an excellent shooter," Tubbs said. "He really has an excellent touch."

"If they decide to double-team Kurt, that's fine with me. But they ought to know, I'm right there too."

Tubbs also noted the benefit of Waits' size, adding that he has slimmed down considerably since returning to school in September.

Being the lone junior on a club of 15 is also bound to carry some pressure. "He's done a lot for us this year,"

Tubbs said, "but I'm really counting on him to do a lot for us next year."

Waits will be sad to see his front-court mate leave, maintaining he is "tight" with Thomas.

Waits contributes to the basketball team in more ways than one, Tubbs said.

"Byron is the classic young man," he said. "I think he's a class guy, someone you want to be around."

Tubbs said Waits is a "smart" student who is capable of getting a degree.

Waits foresees that day as well, and looks forward to entering the business world in Baton Rouge or here in Fort Worth.

Until then, he'll just have to be content with taking a pass in the paint and playing hard-ball with his opponents.



Byron Waits



TCU Daily Skiff/ Brian Bray

Sarah Crawford gains a new perspective of the Rickel as she dives against Rice.

Swim seniors to be missed

By SCOTT RUSSELL
TCU DAILY SKIFF

In their last home meet of the year at the Rickel Swim Center, the TCU men's swimming and diving team was able to dominate Rice 137.5-88.5 to win their first conference meet of the year while the women's team lost by the close margin of 124-112.

SWIMMING & DIVING

The women's meet against Rice actually came down to the last competition of the day which was the 200-yard freestyle relay.

"Just as football is a game of inches, swimming is a game of tenths and hundredths of seconds," head coach Richard Sybesma said. "If our girl's 200-free relay team would have only swum 4 tenths of a second faster, we would have won the meet against Rice."

Many of the women's team mem-

bers, who also lost 162-136 to the Houston women's team on Friday night, feel as though they can still compete well at the conference championships despite their 0-5 conference record.

"Though we weren't able to pull off wins against Rice and Houston, I think we can beat them when it really counts at the SWC Championships just like we did last year," senior Tama Salter said.

Sybesma also said the swimmers are currently right where they need to be in respect to the Conference Championships on Feb. 23 to 25.

"Swimmers need to peak or swim their best times when it counts, so I feel that the swimmers recording their fastest times now will be at a disadvantage at the Conference Championships," Sybesma said.

Seniors Salter and Julie Musgrove said they felt nostalgic about their last meet in the Rickel as well.

"The meet against Rice was really sad because I can clearly remember

my first meet here as a freshman as if it were yesterday," Musgrove said.

Senior male swimmers said they also felt an emotional tie to Saturday's meet.

"This was emotionally the most exciting meet of the season for me," senior Trip Fell said. "With my fellow seniors and I swimming our last meet at the Rickel, we felt as though the team showed more spirit than any other meet of the year."

Many of the underclassmen on the team said they will miss the seniors on the team and their leadership.

Encouraged by the results of this weekend, Sybesma said that he is optimistic toward the Conference Championships and the rest of the season.

"I think the SWC Championships will be extremely close between us, Rice, and Houston, and who wins will be determined by who wants to win the most," Sybesma said.

SPORTS DIGEST

Volleyball tryouts begin

The TCU Volleyball clubs have announced an open practice and tryout.

The women will be having another open tryout this Wednesday night at 8:00 in the Rickel building. The tryout is open to all TCU students. Call Laurie Volkel at 263-8563 with questions.

The men will have an open practice Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Rickel building. For more information, call Kevin Timmons at 926-5488.

NBA All-Star reserves named

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Although their names did not appear on the ballot, Dana Barros of the Philadelphia 76ers and Tyrone Hill of the Cleveland Cavaliers will appear in the NBA All-Star game.

They were among 14 reserves added Tuesday to the teams. The game is to be played Feb. 12 at Phoenix.

Also added by the coaches from the Eastern Conference were Patrick Ewing of the New York Knicks and Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson of the Charlotte Hornets, Vin Baker of the Milwaukee Bucks and Joe Dumars of the Detroit Pistons.

Karl Malone and John Stockton of the Utah Jazz were picked for the Western Conference team along with Seattle SuperSonics' Gary Payton and Detlef Schrempf, San Antonio Spurs' David Robinson, Cedric Ceballos of the Los Angeles Lakers and Mitch Richmond of the Sacramento Kings.

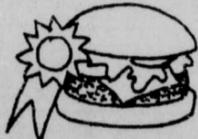
The reserves were selected by the 27 NBA head coaches, each of whom voted for seven players from his conference.

Picked as West starters were Charles Barkley of the Phoenix Suns and Shawn Kemp of Seattle, Hakeem Olajuwon of the Houston Rockets,

Latrell Sprewell of the Golden State Warriors, and Dan Majerle of Phoenix.

Voted to the East starting team were rookie Grant Hill of Detroit, Scottie Pippen of the Chicago Bulls, Shaquille O'Neal and Anfernee Hardaway of the Orlando Magic, and Reggie Miller of the Indiana Pacers.

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Bookstore sales increasing

By MICHA CORTESE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Cash registers are ringing a lot more at the University Store because of recent TCU athletic success, said store director Mike Gore.

"Results of football increased our business by 30 percent," Gore said. "I think the sales are positive, and it can't go anywhere but up."

Gore said football is a firm foundation for sales, and basketball merchandise is also selling well.

The bookstore has ordered nine new basketball T-shirt designs as opposed to just one or two, Gore said.

"We change 80 percent of the merchandise every year," he said.

Independence Bowl items sold very well, he said. The bookstore has also been swamped with phone orders from alumni, he said.

Over 2,000 Southwest Conference championship

baseball T-shirts, in three different designs, have been sold so far, Gore said.

TCU hats are also one of the hottest selling items, but sales are usually high throughout the year, he said.

To further increase sales, the bookstore has sold shirts and other various logo items at booths during home football and basketball games, Gore said.

"What we're doing is bringing the store to the public," he said.

Anytime the football team won a conference game, the bookstore had a 20 percent sale on logo items the following Monday. For each conference basketball game TCU wins, the bookstore will hold the same sale the following day, Gore said.

In another promotion, the bookstore is sponsoring a portion of the halftime contest during basketball games, he said. If the student chosen makes a shot from the half-court line, he or she receives free textbooks for the following semester, he said.

Thefts from page 1

"It's a serious case," he said. "Given the volume of things taken, it could be very serious."

According to the campus police report, Tom Brown hall director Dwayne Todd was informed by an anonymous source that Deal and Symons were collecting large amounts of stolen property from the Marriott food services and the university.

After arriving at Tom Brown, campus police officers located Symons, received permission from Russel to search rooms 301 and 309 and then searched Symons' room. The officers found in room 301 two hanging dolls from the Pit, one handicapped parking sign, one box of coupons, and two campus signs, according to the police report.

Items confiscated from room 309 included: more than 300 salt shakers, a neon Pizza Hut sign, a university phone from the student center, two hanging dolls, three International Student Association flags, an "excessive" amount of campus coupons, a Marriott sign, an Office of the Chancellor sign, and a cowboy hat, the report said.

Campus police also confiscated a list titled "Jeff and Mike — Goals and Achievements."

According to the report, the fol-

lowing was listed under the subtitle "Goals."

•"Shuttle Service from Worth Hills to Main Campus"

•"Get those damn Greeks to class on time"

•"Get New Food Service (kick Marriott out on it's ass) or little heiny"

•"Put Bar in the Pit for post test relief"

•"Work with Programming Council to bring Musical Act Nirvana and Comedian John Candy"

•"Increase security"

Under the subtitle "Achievements" the list included:

•"Both frequent winners of P.B. Max contest at Cheyenne Cattle Co."

•"frequent karaoke contest winners"

•"Food protest by taking 1,759 forks from food service"

•"Geology Protest — kidnapped valuable rocks and place (sic) them behind Moudy (sic) Coliseum at SMU."

Although Deal and Symons said they took the forks last spring as a prank, they said they did not steal the rocks taken from the university's geology department last fall.

Russel said the office will come to a resolution about appropriate punishment over the next couple of days.

After campus police confiscated the items, officers read Deal and Symons their Miranda rights, but the students were not arrested, according to the police report.

"They weren't arrested," said campus police chief Oscar Stewart. "Until we hear otherwise, the administration will handle it. I don't believe they understand the seriousness of what they've done. They are in a position in which they could be arrested at any time."

One of the pranksters said the neon Coca-Cola sign was taken from Pizza Hut during working hours, and that none of the employees noticed.

"We just walked over to the jukebox, acted like we were choosing songs, took the sign off the wall and left," one of the pranksters said. "There were at least 20 to 25 people there at the time."

The pranksters told the Skiff that next year they will run for president and vice president of the House of Student Representatives.

The story about the fork-lifts, which appeared in the Skiff on April 29 and received national attention, was hanging on the wall of Symons' room during the Skiff's interview.

Texas Monthly magazine gave the incident a "1995 Bum Steer Award" in its January issue.

Death from page 1

would be just," he said. "Some people need the death penalty. Period."

Katovich said the line between finding a punishment to fit the crime without committing a crime yourself is hard to discern.

"We need to find a way to punish without murdering anyone," he said.

Kinkade said these criminals may have committed terrible crimes, but once we have convicted the killer, our reaction to him is no longer in self-defense.

"Irrespective of what he did, it is now speaking about us and how we react to him," Kinkade said. "It is retribution and it is a statement about our society. I want to think our society is better than the people we are incarcerating."

Many experts said one of the inherent problems with the death penalty is that it is irrevocable. While a life sentence in prison can easily be revoked, death is final.

Kinkade said if a society is going to impose an absolute sanction such as the

death penalty against its criminals, then the system that determines innocence or guilt must be perfect.

"We don't have a perfect justice system," Kinkade said. "There are lots and lots of mistakes. Most people don't realize it, but the death penalty has been misapplied 139 times since the early 1900s."

Then is it possible to find a person truly guilty of a crime that would justify the death penalty?

Rabalais said the justice system favors the defendant so much, in cases where the death penalty is an option, that the guilt of the defendant is proven without a doubt.

"The selection of a jury in a death penalty case favors the defendant," he said. "If your client does receive a death sentence, then you have jumped through all the hoops to guarantee that the defendant has received all his constitutional rights. So that, if he does get the death penalty then there is no doubt that he committed the crime."

Both Kinkade and Rabalais said they agree the death penalty is more costly to the state than a life sentence because of the appeals process.

"Under the present scheme it is a lot more expensive to put someone to death than it is to keep them in prison for the rest of their life," Rabalais said.

Kinkade said the appeal process is also costly.

"The number of appeals that you need to go to through in order to carry out a death penalty are immense," Kinkade said.

Rabalais said there has been a movement to streamline the appeals process in death penalty cases to reduce the financial burden.

Kinkade said streamlining the appeals process might be a mistake.

"You don't want to start limiting the safeguards that are built into our system to protect against an irrevocable sentence that is being carried out," he said.

The appeal process may be long and expensive, but it has been able to release some people who have been wrongly imprisoned, according to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Education Fund.

From the beginning of January 1973 to the end of December 1992, 4,291 persons were sentenced to death. Executions were carried out on 189 persons, according to the fund.

Of the remainder, 2,676 were still on death row at the end of December 1992. However, 1,426 had been removed from death row as a result of appeal, stays by a governor or death while awaiting execution, the fund said.

Teen-ager dies in killer bee attack

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PANAMA CITY (AP) — A swarm of African killer bees killed a young Arkansas native, driving the teenager over a cliff, authorities said.

Andrew Nicholson, 14, died Saturday as a result of the bee stings, not from the 100-foot fall in Panama's Chame Mountains, an autopsy found.

Andrew was the son of Glenn and Pauline Vaughn Nicholson, who are Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in Panama. Nicholson is a former pastor of Brookland Baptist Church near Jonesboro, Ark.

Andrew was allergic to bee venom.

"Almost every square inch of his body was covered with bee stings," said Bob Hensley, chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Panama.

Andrew and a classmate, Andrew Scoble, 16, were on an annual school camping trip when hundreds of killer bees attacked them, said Richard Schweinsberg of the Foreign Missionary Board in Panama City. Schweinsberg is a dorm parent at the Escuela Hogar Misionera, a school operated by the New Tribe mission.

Witnesses said the boys ran, then Andrew Nicholson stopped and tried to swat at the bees swarming over his body before falling down a steep slope, Schweinsberg said. Several

other children, including his 16-year-old brother Nathan, watched the attack from another slope, Schweinsberg said.

Andrew Scoble was stung hundreds of times but was expected to recover, Schweinsberg said.

The dead boy's body was not recovered until Sunday. Bees swarmed a U.S. military helicopter that first tried to locate the body. U.S. Special Forces troops wearing protective clothing eventually used rappelling gear to reach the body.

Andrew Nicholson was born in Batesville, Ark., and had lived at Brookland and Smithville, Ark. His father had pastored churches in those towns as well as at Cotter, Ark.

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