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House to share retreat lessons

By DENA RAINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Executive Board of the House of Representatives will share at today's meeting the ideas and information they gathered at a student government convention.

Eight members of the House attended the Conference of Student Government Association Feb. 17-20 at Texas A&M University.

Shawn Groves, House treasurer, said the conference offered motivational speakers, workshops for student government leaders and networking opportunities for student governments across the nation.

The student governments were able to submit their practices and constitutions to generate ideas with other university representatives, Groves said.

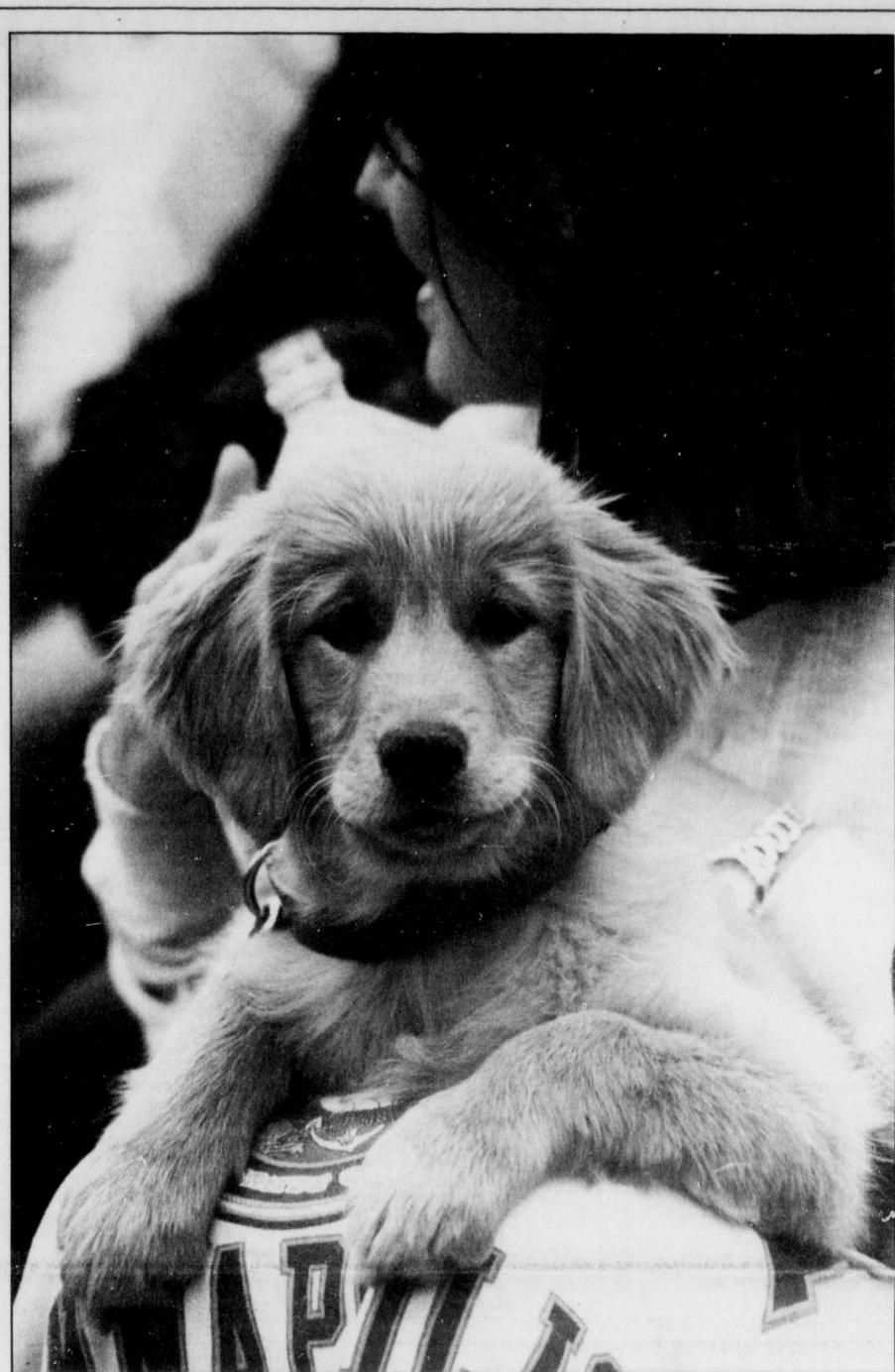
"We received a huge influx of ideas from other student governments," Groves said.

He also said the conference allowed TCU's House members to talk with other university representatives about "co-programming" events. Groves said he spoke with Baylor University, Texas A&M University and the University of Texas at Arlington representatives about co-programming, which would cut down on the cost for the universities to bring the same acts to each school within a short time frame.

Groves also said the House members learned how to get in touch with other student governments around the globe via the worldwide Internet. This will allow them to gather more ideas from other student governments and co-program more, he said.

Learning about computer tech-

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TCU Daily Skiff/Layne Smith
Gretchen, the 10-month old golden retriever, enjoys the baseball game this weekend with her owner, Allison Scott, a senior radio-TV-film major.

Fired officer files grievance

TCU has 10 working days to respond

By CHRIS NEWTON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A formal grievance for wrongful termination was filed with the university by a campus police officer who was fired on Feb. 23, said Pat Jolly, director of compensation at the Human Resources Office.

Michael L. Ashinhurst filed the grievance with Campus Police Chief Oscar Stewart, the Office of Student Affairs and the Human Resources Office on Feb. 24.

"I won't take legal action unless that is what I have to do to get my job back," Ashinhurst said in a telephone interview on Feb. 27. "I just want my job back."

Jolly confirmed that the university had received the grievance.

"I was told that we had received a copy of it," Jolly said.

Ashinhurst, who had been employed by the campus police department since Dec. 12, 1994, was asked to turn over his badge after reporting to work on Feb. 23, he said.

Don Mills, vice chancellor of the Office of Student Affairs, signed a letter written by Stewart recommending that Ashinhurst be dismissed.

The letter said Ashinhurst asked for computer checks on students without just cause, issued an unwarranted alcohol violation, and did not like campus police policy and procedures. It also said Ashinhurst broke the chain of command.

Ashinhurst said his grievance

refuted those claims and said he was fired because he questioned whether campus police policy dealing with domestic disputes and student

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Former officer

drunken drivers complied with Texas laws.

According to the TCU Grievance Policy, the administrator to whom the grievance was filed should give the employee a hearing, review the findings and render a decision in writing to the employee within ten working days.

Jolly said her office's role in the filing of a grievance was to facilitate the process.

"We are a neutral third party," Jolly said.

Jolly said the power to reinstate a fired employee rested within the Office of Student Affairs.

"That determination (of whether a fired employee should be reinstated) would most likely be made at the department or vice chancellor level," Jolly said. "That is not something that this office does."

Mills told the Skiff on Feb. 23 that he was unable to comment on matters concerning personnel.

ISA week to honor efforts of top scholars

By MICHA CORTESE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The university's celebration of International Week continues today with an induction of Phi Beta Delta members.

International Week

Students, faculty and staff will be inducted at the event from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Student Center Woodson Room.

Phi Beta Delta is an Honor Society for International Students. New members must have a grade point average of 3.2 or above and have experience in study abroad programs.

David Whillock, an associate professor of radio-TV-film, will talk about "Why Study International Film?" at the induction ceremony.

Whillock has taught at the university since 1991 and specializes in film history and critical analysis. He will show a video during the ceremony.

Janet Hildebrand is president of the TCU Beta Epsilon Chapter and is a communication specialist in the Center for Productive Communication in the M.J. Neely School of Business. Hildebrand said the chapter decided to have a February induction although most organi-

zations have their inductions in April.

"We wanted the new members to be inducted before graduation so they could do more with it than put it on their resume," Hildebrand said.

The new members will receive a certificate and a bronze medal at the induction, she said. The week-long celebration continues Wednesday when International and American students join together for the Ash Wednesday/International Week service to present and celebrate a multi-religious faith.

The service will be from 12 to 12:30 p.m. at the Robert Carr Chapel.

A Mini-Music Concert, featuring TCU international music majors, will also be Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

Iana Konstantinova, a freshman pre-major and chairwoman of the Mini-Music Concert, said the students would be playing international music on the piano and flute.

The University Baptist Church band, "The Illegal Aliens" will also play at the concert.

Refreshments will be served at a reception after the concert.

International Week is organized by the International Student Association and Department of International Student Affairs.

Junior Frogs bring big cheers to games

By CHRISTY HAWKINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The night before attending the TCU basketball game against Houston, one Junior Frog Club member told his mother he couldn't fall asleep.

"It was just like the night before Christmas," the child said to his mother.

Dolores Oelfke wanted to give more children the opportunity to share in the excitement of TCU athletics, so she asked adults to sponsor Junior Frog Club members.

Oelfke, a member of the Frog Club Membership

Committee and Student Employment Coordinator for TCU, helps fill the stands with Junior Frog Club members, age 14 and under.

Oelfke became involved with the Junior Frog Club after thinking of Christmas gift ideas for her daughter Gina's first grade students.

Oelfke offered to give \$5 per child if her daughter would match her donation and sponsor a Junior Frog Club membership for each child in the class at Mary Louise Phillips Elementary School in Fort Worth.

Since then, Oelfke has been actively campaigning to raise funds to sponsor children in other

classes at the school. Her list of sponsors includes head football coach Pat Sullivan, basketball coach Billy Tubbs, athletic director Frank Windegger and Chancellor William Tucker.

Junior Frog Club is in its first year of existence and already has 125 members, Oelfke said.

Hal Roach, executive director of TCU Frog Club, said Oelfke was an inspiration to a lot of people.

"She is fantastic because she is exposing TCU to a lot of young people," Roach said. "Who

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Mardi Gras revelers party on despite violence

By MARY FOSTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — With more than 300,000 visitors in town for Tuesday's raucous climax of Mardi Gras, city officials reassured revelers that the city wide party was safe despite two shootings near parade routes.

Six people have been wounded in the gunfire so far — two early last week and four Sunday night during the highly popular Bacchus parade, in which television star John Larro-

quette was the grand marshal. Witnesses said the shooting was near Larroquette's float and he climbed down from his throne as other riders ducked for cover.

"This incident was in no way related to Mardi Gras," Mayor Marc Morial said Monday when asked about the latest shooting. "We expect Mardi Gras to be its usual rowdy but nonviolent self."

Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, falls each year on the day before Ash Wednesday and the 40 days of Lenten sobriety in this heavily

Roman Catholic city. It wraps up 11 days of bawdy Carnival parties and parades.

Despite the scattered violence and a threat of rain, city officials said this year's crowds appeared bigger than ever.

Tents, sleeping bags and lawn furniture lined the trolley tracks on St. Charles Avenue, the main parade route on Tuesday. Crowds in the narrow streets of the French Quarter have been shoulder-to-shoulder since Friday.

Both recent shooting incidents

erupted from what police said were private disputes. Police Superintendent Richard Pennington said 600 police were along the parade route and they quickly restored order.

Officers on the lookout for trouble confiscated 22 guns during the Bacchus parade, Pennington added.

There was one arrest in the Sunday shooting, none in the shooting last Tuesday.

"There's some violence in general in any city," Morial said. "I've long

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NEWS DIGEST

Activists cry foul over bird feast

NEWYORK (AP)—Animal-rights advocates cried "Poor taste!" after a French chef roasted about 20 tiny rare birds and served them to diners who, by tradition, held the creatures by their skulls and devoured them in one bite — beak, bones and all.

The bird dish was served Saturday at an elegant East Side restaurant. Ortolan is a bird the French government tries to protect.

The ortolan migrates between Africa and southwestern France, where it long has been served piping hot and eaten whole. The bird is not listed as endangered or threatened.

Marines return to Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — The U.S. Marines came back to the beaches of Mogadishu on Monday, returning to protect the last U.N. peacekeepers evacuating from Somalia's chaos. The Marines were there to mop up the remains of a humanitarian mission that fed tens of thousands of starving Somalis but failed to bring stability.

The United States and its Italian, French, British and Malaysian allies put together a force of 14,000 troops to protect the withdrawal of the last 2,400 Pakistani and Bangladeshi peacekeepers.

Army defends Gingrich

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's not a sound bite's worth of difference between lawmakers' free time on network TV talk shows and a cable station carrying Newt Gingrich's college course, Republican colleague Dick Army said Monday.

An ethics complaint, filed last week by House Democrats, accused Gingrich of accepting an improper gift because Mind Extension University carries Gingrich's college course. The cable channel's owner has an interest in bills before Congress, creating a conflict of interest, the complaint said.

Prisons institute smoking ban

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Texas prison inmates who smoke have just one more day to indulge in their habit: on Wednesday, possession of tobacco becomes illegal throughout the 100,000-inmate system.

Fitzgerald said the supply of cigarettes has been dwindling since the commissary stopped selling them about a month ago.

The impending ban applies not only to the system's inmates, but to its employees on state property as well. "From what I have seen there have been less and less of them standing outside the building smoking," Fitzgerald said.

Mother sues gov't after child dies

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A woman whose 5-year-old daughter died after a beating by three playmates will seek \$30,000 from the government, a newspaper reported.

Silje Marie Redergard died in October on a snowy playground in the central Norway town of Trondheim. Three boys — one age 5 and two age 6 — beat and kicked the girl until she was unconscious and left her to freeze to death.

The three boys underwent psychological evaluation. Norwegian law does not allow criminal charges against children under 14.

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 291S or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

PARABOLA is sponsoring Dr. Ken Richardson to speak on "Math and Music" at 3:30 p.m. today in Winton-Scott Hall 145. Refreshments and a jazz band performance will be from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in WSH 171.

TCU DEMOCRATS will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Check the Student Center Board for location.

FROG FORUM will be held in at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. Share your opinions and concerns about TCU and the world. Call Tedi at 732-7079.

LET'S GO ABROAD will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 7 in Reed Hall 101 to set up global issues focus groups. All are welcome.

PEER COUNSELORS are taking applications for Helping Skills Train-

ing Session. Applications are available at the Counseling Center. The deadline is March 8. Call 921-7863. **TCU'S STUDENT FOUNDATION** will accept applications through March 24 for the 1995-1996 school year. This is a student organization that volunteers in the Admissions, Alumni and Development departments. Applications are available at the Student Center information desk. Call 921-7803.

UNITED ASIAN COMMUNITY meets at 5 p.m. Mondays in Student Center 204. Call Dui at 263-6201 or David at 924-3905. All are welcome.

PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in Moudy 271S. The next meeting is March 8.

HIGH ADVENTURE CLUB is an organization to foster appreciation of the outdoors through planned activities. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center 222. Come or call Paul at 926-9510.

NOONDAYS are 12:30 p.m. Thursdays in Student Center 216. Bring lunch and a friend to learn about the names of God. Sponsored by

Baptist Student Ministry. **EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP** is forming at the TCU Counseling Center. The group will meet from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call Dr. Lisa Rollins-Garcia at 921-7863 for an initial screening appointment.

DISCIPLES STUDENT FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday nights at University Christian Church, 2720 S. University. Food is served at 5:15 p.m., followed by a program and fellowship. A \$2 donation is appreciated for the supper.

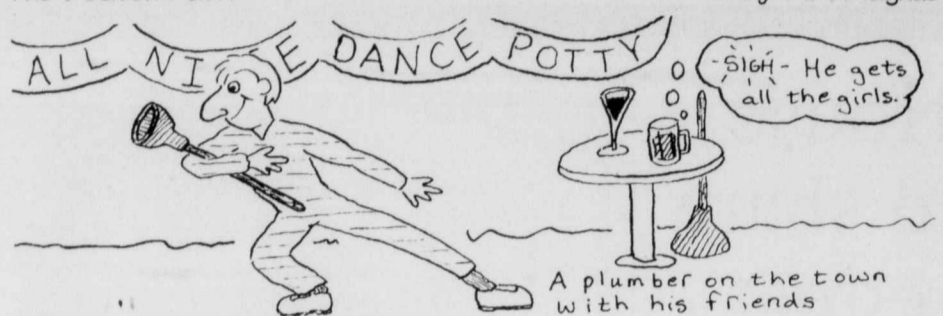
CANTERBURY Episcopal student fellowship meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays in the University Ministries office. A free dinner is provided, followed by a fellowship program. Call 921-7830.

ANOREXIA AND BULIMIA SUPPORT GROUP the anonymous, 12-step approach support group, will soon begin meeting off-campus. Call 926-1997.

RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT GROUP is forming at the Counseling Center. Call Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863 for an initial screening appointment.

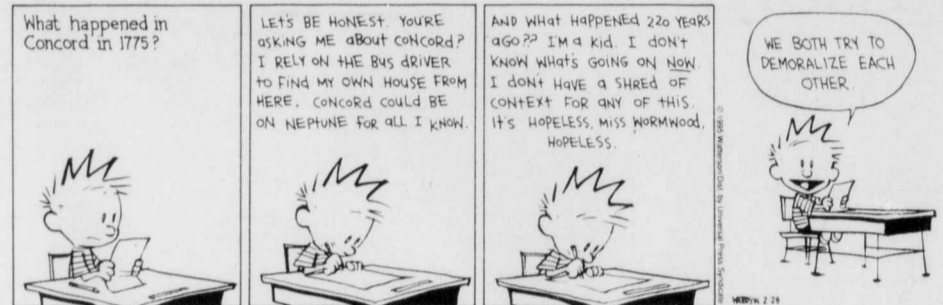
The Beaten Path

by P.D. Magnus



Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



WEATHER

Today's weather will be mostly cloudy and windy with a high of 58. Tonight will bring a low of 42 and a chance of rain.

Wednesday will be mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and a high of 40.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Today
3:30 p.m., Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars new member induction, Student Center Room 207
Safe Break Campaign

Wednesday
noon, Ash Wednesday and International Students Week Chapel, Robert Carr Chapel
6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Mini Music Concert by TCU International Students, Student Center Lounge

Submit 1995-96 Free Application for Federal Student Aid No Later Than This Date
7:30 p.m., TCU Symphony Orchestra Concert at Ed Landreth Auditorium
Safe Break Campaign

Thursday

Safe Break Campaign
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., International Student Association Taste of the World, Student Center Lounge

Friday
Safe Break Campaign
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., International Student Association Global Exhibit, Student Center Lounge

Saturday
Safe Break Campaign
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., International Student Association International Banquet and Talent Show, Student Center Ballroom
Men's Basketball vs. Texas Tech, here
Women's Basketball vs. Texas Tech, in Lubbock

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been a proponent of reasonable gun control and I definitely think that would have helped here."

Morial's assurances weren't enough for one New Orleans resident who said she would no longer go to night parades. She was standing among the Bacchus crowd with two small children when they heard the gunshots.

"I started screaming. I didn't know what to do. Everyone was going in a

different direction," said the woman, who asked not to be identified.

But Monday's revelers were for the most part oblivious or apathetic about Sunday's violence.

"No one around here was able to run by the time Bacchus got here," joked Bob Morris, of Camden, N.J., who staked out a parade spot early Sunday and was still there Monday.

"The only thing we saw was a fight on Bourbon Street," said Robert Savage of Orangeburg, S.C., who was visiting the French Quarter with his wife, Sheila. "The cops stopped it in no time.

They really did a good job."

Locals joining the swarms of tourists swelled crowds to what Pennington estimated at 1.2 million people.

Morial used a time-honored New Orleans measuring stick for gauging the size of the crowds: "It appears as though the amount of garbage produced thus far is double that produced last year," he said.

The shootings drew attention away from another Carnival controversy — public nudity.

It has been common in New Orleans for women to bare their breasts to entice parade riders or men on balconies to throw them strings of colorful, but largely worthless, plastic beads.

In recent years, however, men and

women have been flashing more than breasts, prompting complaints from some French Quarter residents and businesses.

Morial urged revelers to "use common sense," and added that public nudity laws would be enforced. However, he added, police have enough to do with more serious crimes. "We can't run around like the censorship cops."

The fact that nudity was illegal in New Orleans caught one couple by surprise.

"You couldn't tell it by what we've seen," said Diana Cruze, visiting from San Antonio with her husband Jimmy. "First, the women were dropping their blouses for beads, then everybody started dropping their pants — men and women."

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■ MICHAEL ROWETT

Republican budget cuts unfairly target America's poor

The House Republican Contract With America agenda is increasingly becoming a contract on America's poor and disadvantaged citizens.

Last week, several House Appropriations subcommittees, chaired by Republicans with Republican majorities, recommended \$4.3 billion in spending cuts affecting numerous social and child nutrition programs. The national school lunch and breakfast programs for poor children were targeted for elimination, with the money designated to be returned to the states in the form of lump-sum block grants.

If this plan is approved by the full House, poor children would no longer be guaranteed a free or reduced-price school lunch or breakfast. States would be given vast discretion on how to spend the block grants, and there would be no uniform



Republican John Porter, chairman of the House Health, Labor and Education subcommittee, was not troubled. "There's too much money . . . we have to cut something," Porter said in a Feb. 23 *Austin American-Statesman* article.

Children are overrepresented among the poor. In 1992, 22 percent of the nation's

national standards for the nutritional content of each meal.

There are also no guarantees that these block grants from the federal government would increase during tough economic times. But Illinois

But Republicans appear to have clear consciences. They voted to cut \$25 million from the Women, Infants and Children supplemental nutrition program, which provides food for pregnant women and formula for infants. They voted to eliminate a \$29 million education program for homeless youths. And they also approved a bill that would end cash assistance for as many as 200,000 mentally or physically disabled

children lived in poverty, compared to an overall poverty rate of 14.5 percent, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics.

Between 1989 and 1993, a new Census Bureau study shows, the number of children in poverty increased by three million children, from 12.6 million to 15.7 million. Currently, 14 million poor children receive free or reduced-priced lunches or breakfasts, according to the Census Bureau.

But the tourist project was spared after Bunn proposed cutting \$4.8 million from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program, which helps poor and elderly

children, as reported in the Feb. 27 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.

The GOP's willingness to balance the budget on the backs of poor and disadvantaged citizens, with apparently no pangs of guilt, is stark and chilling. Republicans are utilizing the smoke screen of "fiscal responsibility" to justify these cuts. But some Republicans have a strange sense of fiscal priorities.

Initially, one Appropriations subcommittee proposed to eliminate \$6.5 million in funding for a tourist center in the home state of subcommittee member Jim Bunn, R-Ore., as reported in a Feb. 23 *Washington Post* story.

But the tourist project was spared after Bunn proposed cutting \$4.8 million from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program, which helps poor and elderly

Americans keep their homes heated during cold weather.

At least one Republican legislator recognizes that many of his colleagues, in their ideological zeal to dismantle the Great Society, are going too far.

"Let us remember that we help our nation by strengthening our weakest link, not by crushing it," said Rep. Gary Franks of Connecticut in a Feb. 24 speech on the House floor. "Being compassionate toward the less fortunate is not a liberal or conservative concept."

Other Republicans should heed their colleague's wise advice. Their slash-and-burn budget cutting tactics aimed at the poor are simply unconscionable.

Michael Rowett is a senior news-editorial major and Skiff executive editor.

■ BOB GREENE

Writing Santa was no holiday treat for child

The grandmother — she is 62 years old and lives in Glen Ellyn, Ill. — was in a happy mood in the weeks before last Christmas.

Two of her grandchildren — 4 1/2-year-old twins, a girl and a boy — were very excited about Santa Claus, but they were too shy to go to a department store or a shopping mall to visit him.

The local post office in Glen Ellyn had mailed a newsletter to residents of the town, and included in the newsletter was an address for Santa Claus at the North Pole. The idea was that children could mail letters to Santa, saying what they wanted for Christmas, and



Santa would mail a letter back to the children, with a North Pole postmark.

So the grandmother asked the twins what they wanted to say to Santa, and wrote two letters for them, telling Santa that the children had been good all year. She mailed them off to the North Pole — specifically, to the address the local post office had suggested: Santa Claus, North Pole, Alaska 99705.

Soon enough, letters came back, addressed to the children. The grandmother gave the two envelopes from the North Pole to her daughter — the children's mother. She envisioned the mother and her children joyfully reading their letters from Santa.

So she was surprised when her daughter called her, upset and shaken, and, her voice trembling, said: "Mother, who did you write to?"

"I wrote to Santa Claus," the grandmother said. "Who gave you the address?" the children's mother asked.

"The post office here in Glen Ellyn," the grandmother said.

The children's mother said that the letter from Santa to the 4 1/2-year-old boy had been fine. But the letter from Santa Claus to the 4 1/2-year-old girl . . .

It was on a piece of paper with a drawing of Santa Claus on it. The handwritten letter read:

"Dear Brittany: I know you have been good this year. That why your getting 'nothing.' And there is no such thing as Santa, it's your parents getting your toys. So at night get out of bed and set traps to catch the jerk's. P.S. Santa hates little kids like you."

Next to Santa's mouth, the author of the letter had written: "Remember, Santa hates you. Ho, ho, ho."

The children's mother said that she was depressed and a little frightened. Exactly who at the post office was writing such things to children — and how was she supposed to feel, knowing that this person had her family's address?

The grandmother went to see Glen Ellyn postmaster Bonnie Gerdes, who said that all such letters to Santa are routinely sent on to the post office closest to the North Pole — which is the post office in Fairbanks, Alaska. She said that the letters are not opened or answered in Glen Ellyn.

In Fairbanks, postal officials said that the letters addressed to Santa — sometimes as many as 25,000 a year — are given to volunteers to answer. Many of the volunteers are older students at area schools — and their teachers are supposed to monitor and read over the letters before they are mailed to the boys and girls. One postal official said that some of the letters-to-Santa from children around the United States are sent by the post office to a correctional facility in Alaska, and are answered by inmates.

Fairbanks postmaster J.C. Thomas wrote a letter to the family of the 4 1/2-year-old girl, apologizing and saying "the letters need to be written under controlled circumstances . . . (We realize there is a) need for strict monitoring during the writing sessions."

As for the grandmother in Glen Ellyn, she has learned her lesson. "No more letters to Santa Claus," she said. "We're not doing that anymore. Isn't that something? You've even got to be wary about writing Santa these days."

Bob Greene writes for the Chicago Tribune.

■ EDITORIAL

PHIL GRAMM

Senator should prepare for national scrutiny

The race for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination began in earnest Thursday night.

Texas Sen. Phil Gramm raised \$4.7 million at a fund-raising event Thursday — a record amount for a single candidate at a single campaign event, according to the Associated Press.

Before the fund-raising dinner, Gramm already had \$7.5 million in his campaign chest, according to Federal Election Commission records. In terms of funds raised, Gramm's cash on hand makes him the overwhelming Republican front runner.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, widely perceived as the overall front runner, has only \$1.6 million in his campaign coffers, according to the FEC. Other potential Republican candidates, including conservative commentator Pat Buchanan, Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter and Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar, all have under \$500,000 in funds, FEC records show.

Gramm has effectively been running for president for several years, recently transferring \$4.8 million from his 1990 Senate campaign treasury into his presidential campaign fund. Many political analysts predict Gramm's huge lead in campaign funds will prove critical if he is to overtake Dole for the nomination.

But as Gramm deliberately enters the national spotlight, he should expect tough questions about his positions on

the issues as well as his record. Serious questions have been raised in the past about Gramm's draft deferments during the Vietnam War, as well as his fund-raising practices, personal finances and real-estate transactions.

Gramm argued in a recent *U.S. News & World Report* interview that it is "terribly unfair" for journalists to repeat old charges concerning his record. But press scrutiny is a way of life for presidential candidates, and Gramm should thicken his skin.

Gramm's positions on the issues also deserve examination. Gramm has pledged that if he is elected president, one of his first acts after being inaugurated would be to issue an executive order abolishing all federal affirmative action programs. This would reverse a 30-year trend in federal policy.

Gramm rails against the welfare state and excessive federal spending, but always finds time to support pork-barrel projects that funnel money to Texas — including price supports for goat ranchers who produce mohair, according to a Feb. 27 *U.S. News* article.

Phil Gramm is a serious contender for the 1996 Republican nomination, and should be treated as such. But the senator should prepare himself for the intense public scrutiny which will inevitably result from his decision to enter the national arena of presidential politics.

■ LETTER

Affirmative action has double standard

I am writing in response to Deidra Crawford's letter of Feb. 17. The purpose of my letter is to challenge the delusion held by some supporters of affirmative action that preferential policies do not produce significant double standards. Ms. Crawford contends that such disparities are minimal; they are analogous, as she put it, to the difference between test scores of 97 and 100. A cursory review of statistical facts is sufficient to demolish this view. Consider:

- 1) Typically, blacks admitted to medical school have lower average test scores than whites who are rejected.
- 2) The same holds true for law school. In a recent year at the University of Texas at Austin a "Texas Index" score of 189 or higher qualified blacks and Hispanics for presumptive admittance. A score of 192 or lower was a presumptive rejection for whites. (The "Texas Index" is a factored combination of LSAT and GPA).
- 3) At quality undergraduate schools, SAT scores also show wide variance. For instance, at UCLA in 1990, blacks and Hispanics had average scores 250 points below the average white score.

4) Admission to law and medical schools does not typically bring under qualified minorities "up to speed." During a recent year in New York state, 78 percent of white law graduates passed the bar exam on the first try; 31 percent of blacks did so. A recent article in *USA Today* also revealed that blacks fail the medical boards at higher rates than

whites.

5) Affirmative action is equally prevalent in the job market. "Race-norming" of test scores has traditionally been used by government agencies and some private companies to justify the hiring of minorities who would not normally qualify (this practice is currently in limbo). Many universities are scrambling to hire more minority faculty; some, such as Stanford, have limited consideration in new teaching slots to minority applicants.

6) Various and sundry other examples which would fill a book.

My statistics were taken from Jared Taylor's *Paved With Good Intentions* and the Oct. 17, 1994 issue of *The New Republic*. Analogous facts are available in many different reputable publications. My point has not been to disparage minorities. I apologize if I have offended with the brusqueness of my presentation. However, there is an acute need to dispense such empirical truths when so many people would deny them. As an example, consider the letter from the Rev. Jesse Jackson published in the Feb. 21 issue of *USA Today*. Jackson writes, "No one has ever gotten a job or into school because of affirmative action. Affirmative action only gets one in the applicant pool . . . one has to be qualified in the pool."

If Jackson would bother checking the facts, he would not make such embarrassing statements. Supporters of affirmative action must present a convincing normative argument in the face of well-documented double standards.

Matthew Flaherty
Senior, neuroscience

■ BRIAN WILSON

Baseball players should swallow pride, end strike

Every little kid, at some point in his life, dreams of someday becoming a Major League Baseball player.

This spring, with the regular players still on strike, 700 lucky men will realize that dream. In spite of the sacrifices they have had to make just for the opportunity to wear a big league uniform, the replacements have been treated like trash by the players' association.

Cleveland Indians catcher Sandy Alomar Jr. recently called the replacements an embarrassment to the fans.

As if that was not enough, Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson has refused to manage until the strike is resolved. I have a tremendous amount of respect for the accomplishments of Anderson, but he is still under contract.

His decision may be a ploy to bring the players back into camp, but Anderson should use his status as one of baseball's most accomplished managers to speak out in support of the replacements. That would be the best way for him to exercise his authority.

In the midst of all the bickering taking place between the owners and players, the interests of the fans have been completely disregarded. Without the fans, there would be no Major League Baseball. But instead of making the fans happy by doing everything within their power to end the strike, the players have begun to point fingers at their replacements.

The replacement players are fans too, so they realize the anger hard-working Americans who want to see baseball have been feeling toward the players' union.

The replacement players are not worried about how much they are being paid. They just want to play ball. In fact, many of these major league hopefuls have given up their jobs in pursuit of their lifelong dream. That is what I call sacrifice.

This idea of self-sacrifice was once prevalent among all Major League Baseball players. One doesn't have to venture too far into the past to find examples of this dedication. As recently as the 1960s and '70s, players' salaries played second fiddle to their performances.

Did Joe Morgan and Hank Aaron get elected to the Hall of Fame because of their salaries? No way! They were not paid \$5 million a year, yet they understood the role of hard work and dedication in the pursuit of excellence.

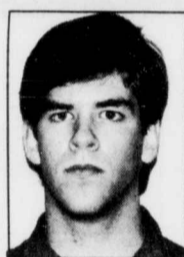
One replacement pitcher for the New York Mets personifies this desire. ESPN reported that this former minor leaguer, now working as a refrigerator delivery man, stopped off at Shea Stadium to try out for the Mets. As if that was not enough, he signed a waiver so that he could play with a hernia he had been stricken with on the job.

After hearing stories like this one, I finally understand why the players are feeling so much animosity toward the strike breakers. The players have completely lost touch with the fans. The average fan can no longer identify with the players.

So naturally, if the replacements open the season, they will command the respect of those who pay to watch the game. They have been blessed with the God-given ability that allows them to get paid to realize a kid's dream.

Contract disputes and salary caps have always been foreign to children who love the game. They just pick up a bat, ball and mitt, head for the nearest diamond and play ball. It is time for Major League Baseball players to follow suit.

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Balanced budget bill faces close vote

By JIM ABRAMS
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WASHINGTON — After a month of debate, the Senate this week votes on the balanced budget amendment that President Clinton is trying to head off. "I think it's a close vote," he said today.

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., said Sunday that backers of the constitutional amendment now had 66 votes, just one shy of the two-thirds majority needed for passage.

After quick approval in the House last month, the bill bogged down in the slower-moving Senate, where Democrats tried, unsuccessfully, to force Republicans to explain how they will balance the budget by 2002 and to insert language removing Social Security from future budget

calculations. A final vote is slated for Tuesday.

The fate of the amendment rests largely with five undecided Senate



Democrats: North Dakotans Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan and southerners Sam Nunn of Georgia,

Wendell Ford of Kentucky and John Breaux of Louisiana.

Clinton said he had talked to the undecided senators in recent days, and the issue now rested in their hands. "I'm not sure what else to do," he said.

Perhaps sensing momentum in the amendment's favor, the White House appeared to be playing down the consequences to Clinton if the measure passes over his objection.

"This is different from having maybe a top legislative priority on the line or his own piece of legislation or something," presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said. "But it is a measure he feels would have disruptive consequences for the economy and for the government's ability to address very specific needs that people have."

First Leadership Day opens with 'exceptional turnout'

By CHRISTI GIFFORD
TCU DAILY SKIFF

About 50 to 60 students attended the first TCU Leadership Day Institute held this weekend, said Laura Appling, a senior music education major and co-chairwoman for the event.

A dinner and panel of five community leaders kicked off "Learning to Lead" Friday.

On Saturday, students, faculty and staff gathered in Tandy Hall for leadership sessions. Students chose to attend four sessions out of 10 options.

Janice Castillo, a freshman nursing major, said she came to Leadership Day because she wanted to gain leadership experience.

"I wanted to expand on different people's ideas," Castillo said. "I know there are different leadership styles."

The sessions included ethical leadership, media relations, stress and

time management, obtaining consensus in diverse groups, dealing with conflict, using senses in leadership, creative leadership, team work and goal setting and exploring the leadership programs at TCU.

Faculty, staff and two student leaders presented the sessions.

Barbara Herman, director of student development services, said she wanted the leadership program not just to be student centered, but student owned and student operated.

Jay Young, director of leadership development, said Leadership Day was targeted for three groups: students in the leadership program, organization presidents or appointed members of campus groups, and freshmen who are not in leadership and want to get involved.

Appling and John Azzolina, a junior philosophy major, organized the event.

"We're on leadership council, which is split into committees tailored to our interests," Appling said.

Castillo thought Leadership Day would be a good idea because she wanted to be a resident assistant or an orientation student assistant, she said.

Jay Young said the event was planned very well by the students.

"I think, given the constraints we faced, planning was very well done," Young said.

He said some problems the planning group faced were a short amount of time and many other activities taking place simultaneously on campus. The idea of a student leadership development conference has been discussed since he's been at TCU, he said.

Despite being a pilot program, Young said, the turnout was exceptional.

"We'd like to make it bigger and better," Young said.

Benefit kicks off in style

Sorority holds fashion show for Women's Haven

By KRISTIN NEMETZ
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Alpha Chi Omega is having its third annual fashion show March 8 at the William Edrington Scott Theater in Fort Worth.

Proceeds from "A Night Among the Stars" will benefit the Tarrant County Women's Haven.

Ginger Roth, Stacey Son and Gina Blackstone, Alpha Chi members, are the chairwomen for the event.

"We recently changed our philanthropy to the Women's Haven," said Blackstone, a junior fashion promotions major. "Last year we raised \$1,100 and we hope that by getting the entire community of Fort Worth involved, we can raise even more this year."

"We wanted to get everyone on campus involved so everyone would come and support the show," Blackstone said.

Roth, a fashion merchandise major, said almost every group on campus was represented with two models from each sorority, fraternity and non-Greek organizations participating.

Blackstone said the show had been in the Student Center in past years. This year it is off-campus so students and Dallas and Fort Worth residents can attend, Blackstone said.

"We encourage everyone to attend," Roth said. "Tickets are only \$12 and it includes dinner. That's a small price to pay to help such a great cause."

In addition to dinner and the show, John Hannum, a senior marketing major, will be playing several of his works on the piano.

Blackstone said the event was important not just to raise money but also to increase awareness about the Tarrant County Women's Haven.

The sorority is also trying to get their alumni involved in the show, Roth said.

"I don't want to make it sound like this show is for females only," Roth said. "We want fraternities and all males to come too."

Jana Avery, a freshman pre-major and member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, is modeling in the show.

"I'm looking forward to it," Avery said. "I think it's important to help the Haven and this is a great way to raise money."

Tickets will be on sale in the Student Center during lunch until March 8.

Tickets are \$12 if purchased by March 1 and \$15 if purchased after that.

Students can call 346-8605 or 921-2270 to make reservations or for more information.

Ice-covered cliffs challenge climbers

By AMY SANCETTA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KINTNERSVILLE, Pa. — The ice-covered cliffs rising high above the Delaware River north of Philadelphia provide a special challenge to a growing number of climbers who are linking up via Internet.

They are ice climbers, adventurers who scale slippery slopes just because they are there.

On a recent winter's morning, four experienced ice climbers — Mike Flood, Mark Ronca, Mark Gravatt and Ed Van Steenwyk — gathered at the Kintnersville slopes to practice their risky art.

Just last December, Flood was sitting in the climbers' base camp on the slopes of the active volcano Popo Catetepo outside Mexico City, trying to decide if there was too much sulfur gas in the air to make his ascent.

Ronca has just returned from a climbing trip with a friend to Switzerland and France. Gravatt is planning a trip to ice-climb in Utah and rock-climb in Arizona.

And Ed Van Steenwyk has been

teaching learning disabled students English in a classroom in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

All were thinking about climbing. Strapping crampons (spikes) onto his hiking boots, Van Steenwyk, 33, of Lawrenceville, N.J., looked up into an amphitheater of "fat" ice rising above the Delaware.

"Apart from work, this is what people like me do," he says.

Attacking an ice-covered precipice with crampons and ice axes takes a special breed of climber.

"There's a great deal more to know about ice than there is about rock — the temperature, the thickness, when it will fall — whereas rock is very stable," explains Ronca, 23, a carpenter from Springtown, Pa.

Ronca felt no apprehension about his climb. He has been climbing these same rocks since he was 14, and scaling them when they were ice-covered for the past five years.

Ronca and the other climbers don't take unnecessary risks. If the ice doesn't look safe, if the weather hasn't been cold enough for long enough, or if it just doesn't feel right, they don't climb.

Gingrich opts not to endorse candidate

By LEONARD PALLATS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — House Speaker Newt Gingrich said today he would not endorse a candidate in the race for the 1996 GOP presidential nomination because he would probably be chairman of the Republican National Convention next year.

Gingrich went against the precedent of his fellow Republicans in Georgia's congressional delegation, all of whom endorsed Sen. Phil Gramm.

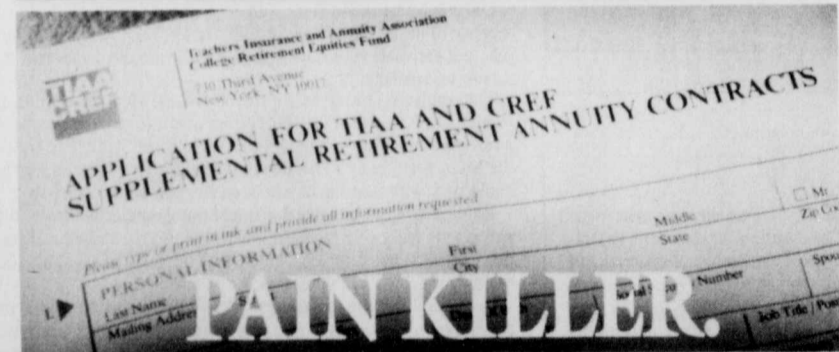
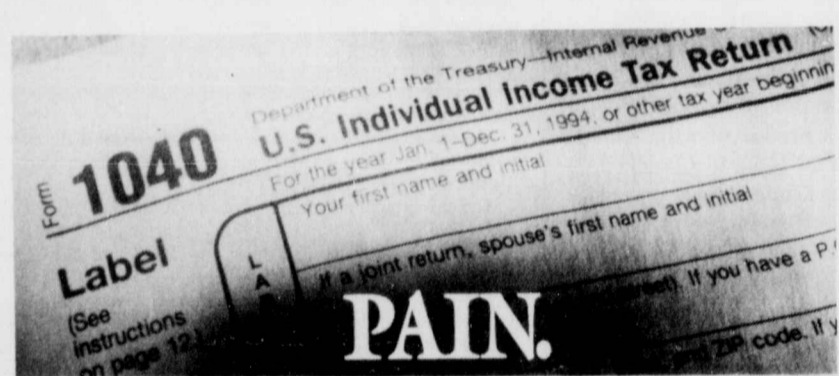
Gramm, R-Texas, formally announced his candidacy Friday, the first Republican to do so.

Gramm will be joined by former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, whose announcement is Tuesday. And Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole plans to formally join the fray April 10. Commentator Patrick Buchanan is tentatively set to announce in mid-March.

Asked about Gramm's promise to balance the budget in four years if elected president, Gingrich said Gramm was smart and aggressive. However, he added: "I think people run for president on promises."

Asked about concerns that balancing the budget could plunge the nation into a depression, Gingrich said concern for the economic impact was one reason why balancing the budget should be done over a seven-year period instead of four.

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Insurers request raise for benchmark rates

By DEAN STEPHENS
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AUSTIN — The insurance industry appealed Monday to Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer to increase the state's benchmark rates for automobile insurance.

Administrative law judges have recommended increases of 7 to 9 percent for personal automobile benchmark rates and 25 percent for commercial automobile benchmark rates.

Rate-regulated insurance companies can charge 30 percent above or below the benchmark set by Bomer.

A 60.3 percent increase in the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association rates also has been recommended. The TAIPA provides insurance to drivers who have been rejected by two or more insurers.

Bomer did not indicate when he will decide on the rates.

During Monday's hearing, attorneys for the Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office, State Farm Insurance and Farmers Insurance Group urged Bomer to accept the recommended increases.

"This case and its companion case

(the TAIPA rate case) represent the most thorough inspection of the evidence and careful determination of its meaning that has ever been conducted by the Texas Department of Insurance," Dallas attorney Richard Geiger said on behalf of TAISO.

The current rate has been in effect since 1991, but losses and expenses have increased, Geiger said.

"We do not agree with every decision that has been made by the judges, but we believe the inescapable conclusion is the one which they reached: benchmark rates must be increased," he said.

Laneth Cooper, of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, criticized the administrative law judges for disallowing his agency's testimony and evidence during hearings last year. The testimony was rejected because it was submitted after a deadline as rebuttal testimony instead of direct testimony.

Because of that, the proposed rates are based on insufficient information and constitute a "default win for the industry" in the case of the commercial rate, which was based on industry witness testimony only, Cooper said.

Herpes destroys cancer in mice, scientists say

By PAUL RECER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In a laboratory experiment on mice, researchers have shown that a genetically altered herpes virus is able to knock out brain cancer cells without affecting healthy cells.

The experiment raises the possibility of eventually treating one of the most lethal of human cancers, malignant glioma, by injecting patients with mutations of the herpes simplex virus, said Dr. C. Yancey Gillespie of the school of medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"Herpes is normally a dangerous virus in the brain," Gillespie said Monday. But altering the genes of the virus, he said, causes it to pose no threat to normal brain cells.

Gillespie said the studies showed that the altered virus would attack only cells in the brain that were dividing or growing.

"The only cells that are growing in the brain are the cancer cells," he said. "That means the cancer cells are infected, but not the others."

A report of the research is to be published today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The experiment used a mouse version of glioma. In humans, about 95 percent of all patients with gliomas die within five years, despite surgery,

radiation and chemotherapy. These survival figures have not improved in 20 years. About 5,000 patients are diagnosed annually in the United States with gliomas.

It is this grim background, Gillespie said, that led him and his associates to search for novel ways of treating gliomas.

In the study, the researchers found that mice injected with glioma cells but not treated all died within 15 days. However, mice injected with the cancer cells, but treated with the altered herpes virus were able to survive for up to 40 days, depending on the dosages used.

Microscopic studies showed that the virus did attack the cancer cells, but did not cause an infection in the normal, healthy brain cells, he said.

Gillespie said much more research needed to be done before the technique could be tried on humans.

"We still have a lot of safety issues to address," he said.

For one thing, he said, several more genetic variations of the herpes virus needed to be tested on mice to determine which is best for killing the cancer without causing infection. Then the technique would be tested on laboratory primates, such as monkeys.

Gillespie said it would take another year of research before the altered herpes virus could be tested in humans with brain tumors.

TB vaccine shows promise, doctors say

By PAUL RECER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A vaccine based on proteins made by the tuberculosis bacillus is able to protect laboratory guinea pigs from TB, one of the world's leading causes of death in humans.

Dr. Marcus Horwitz of the UCLA School of Medicine said injections of the special proteins appear to teach the immune system to attack and kill white blood cells that have become infected with the TB bacillus.

As a result, the patient is protected from developing disease even though there is an infection of TB, Horwitz said Monday.

A report on the research is to be published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Tuberculosis causes about 2.9 million deaths worldwide annually, and it is estimated that about 8 million new cases of the active disease occur each year.

The disease, which can attack and destroy the lungs, is spread by airborne particles from patients with TB. TB is usually treated with

antibiotics and bed rest in a therapy that may take up to a year. In recent years, a form of TB has developed a resistance to most of the commonly used antibiotics, making the disease even more deadly and difficult to treat.

Horwitz said the TB bacillus causes disease by growing inside of white blood cells, most commonly in the lungs and the spleen. Infected cells usually have on their surfaces certain proteins produced by the TB bug.

In order to attack the disease, the body's immune system must recognize the infected cells and then send out killer T-cells, one of the body's main means of defense against infection.

To boost this immune response, Horwitz said, he and his colleagues isolated proteins that are produced by the TB bacillus. This protein, in effect, alerts the body's immune system and causes it to produce more T-cells that will seek out and attack cells infected with TB.

In the research, Horwitz said a group of guinea pigs were injected with the purified TB proteins.

Then the treated guinea pigs and a control group of laboratory animals that had been not

been vaccinated were all exposed to a highly virulent strain of TB. The bacillus was sprayed into the animals' lungs, imitating the way the disease is most often spread.

Later, the treated and untreated guinea pigs were compared.

All the animals were infected, but the control animals showed the most severe symptoms of disease, losing 11 to 25 percent more weight than the vaccinated animals. In one experiment, half the control animals died of TB, while none of the treated ones died. Mortality in another experiment was 33 percent for the immunized animals and 83 percent for the untreated animals.

Microscopic examination of the animals' lungs showed the unvaccinated, control animals had 10 times more TB infection than those that were treated, Horwitz said.

The researcher said the TB vaccine will have to be tested extensively on laboratory primates, such as monkeys, before testing could be conducted on humans. That could take another two years, he said.

If the vaccine is proven safe, said Horwitz, it would work on all strains of TB, including the types that are resistant to antibiotics.

Russia shows off hidden art treasures

By CANDICE HUGHES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Russia put art treasures plundered from Nazi Germany on display Monday, saying they had been "saved twice" — once by the Red Army and again by the museums that guarded the secret hoard for 50 years.

The 63 paintings now softly glowing on the walls of the Pushkin Museum span seven centuries and such luminaries of art as El Greco, Goya, Cranach, Degas, Renoir, Dauterive and Manet.

Some are from public or private collections in Germany. Others are from the collections of two prominent Jewish families in prewar Hungary. More than a third are described as "origin unknown."

The works are but a tiny fraction of the more than 2 million art objects the victorious Soviets took from Germany as war trophies.

Although looting went both ways, the defeated Germans had to return

their booty. The Soviets, however, hid theirs in secret museum repositories.

Long rumored, the existence of the vast cache was confirmed a few years ago. Now pre-war owners want their art back.

Most of the works haven't been seen in 50 years; some were thought lost forever.

Pushkin Museum director Irina Antonova, who spent much of her career guarding the secret, described Soviet trophy-taking as "an act of heroism" that preserved priceless treasures.

"The first time they were saved by Soviet soldiers. The second time by our restorers and art historians," she told a news conference.

A German Embassy spokesman, Rainhold Frickhinger, sharply disagreed. "They didn't need to be 'rescued,'" he said.

The show is controversial on several counts. The Pushkin is displaying art from Jewish collectors —

victims, not aggressors in the war. Secretive to the end, the Pushkin sprang the show on Germany and the world without warning. And it restored delicate works of disputed ownership.

"We think that without the consent of the legitimate owner, you should not touch works of art. You also should not exhibit them without consent," Frickhinger said.

But the greatest controversy is the fate of the works. Germany insists all trophy art must be returned under international law and treaties with both the Soviet Union and Russia.

Russia, which has not revealed the full extent of its trophy art holdings, is stalling. Both Antonova and Deputy Culture Minister Mikhail Shvidkoi said it is up to the Russian parliament to decide what to do with wartime booty.

Germany plundered and pillaged wantonly on Soviet territory in the war and there is strong public senti-

ment here for keeping the art works as compensation.

"It's impossible to forget the total destruction of Russian culture in the war," Shvidkoi said.

At the same time, he said Russia doesn't want money in exchange for its trophy art, worth billions of dollars at today's prices.

"We don't give them a Goya and the Germans give us sausages," he said. "No. Culture for culture."

Other countries, including Holland and Hungary, are also negotiating with Russia for the art.

The show is the first in a series of exhibits that seem aimed at portraying Russia as a responsible custodian of art treasures. The exhibits are also timed to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Nazi defeat, Shvidkoi said.

The Hermitage in St. Petersburg opens what promises to be a blockbuster show of 74 French paintings, including several Impressionist and postimpressionist masterpieces, in March.

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nologies prompted the House members to propose forming a Computing Affairs committee, Groves said.

Scott Wheatley, president of the House, said the committee was the brainchild of Sharon Selby, House vice-president. Selby has already established an ad hoc computing committee, he said.

"The committee will work with the university on issues dealing with technology and computing," Wheatley said. "We see a lot of deficiencies in the university (computing) systems."

Wheatley also said technology was the biggest area in which TCU falls behind "big universities."

"Ultimately we would want to upgrade to a system that could handle student body-wide E-mail accounts," Wheatley said.

Groves said the conference also led the House leaders to think more about advertising and public relations. The House is considering advertising events at other activities and doing more advertising on KTCU, the campus radio station, he said.

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Drinking and driving don't mix.

Landing marks 1st at DIA

By SANDY SHORE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — The huge new Denver International Airport got its first commercial landing this morning — a year-and-a-half late for the project that wound up costing \$4.9 billion.

A Federal Express plane landed at about 1 a.m. after a flight from Memphis. An earlier Fed Ex plane that was supposed to have been the first paying customer had to be canceled because no air traffic controllers were available to bring the aircraft in.

The arrival of the cargo flight came hours before today's final push to move thousands of pieces of essential equipment from the old Stapleton International Airport to DIA in time for the scheduled opening for passenger flights Tuesday.

Today's air-and-ground parade involves airplanes, 4,500 slow-moving tugs, carts and ramp equipment, nearly 1,000 moving vans and 500 flatbed trucks, said Jim Dunlap, deputy Denver aviation director.

Mayor Wellington Webb was on hand to welcome the plane. "You've made history," Webb told the crew.

Although cargo planes have landed at DIA before, the Fed Ex jet was the first to pay landing fees.

Today also saw a first class-action lawsuit filed in connection with the airport. The 44-page suit, filed this morning in U.S. District Court in Denver, accused city officials of providing "materially misleading" information to the purchasers of millions of dollars worth of DIA bonds.

The information showed the airport would open on time when officials knew it would not because of construction and baggage system delays, the lawsuit said. As a result, the market "significantly overvalued" the bonds, according to the lawsuit.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Campus Police reported the following offenses and violations from Feb. 16 to Feb. 23:

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Feb. 18: A student reported to campus police that his Milton Daniel dorm room window had been broken at 7:44 p.m. while he was gone. The student found pieces of apple on the windowsill and in his room. Police have no suspects at this time.

Feb. 17: A student reported that a tire on her vehicle had been slashed while it was parked in the Worth Hills parking lot between 3 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. A mechanic told campus police that the slash

had been caused by a knife. Police have no suspects at this time.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION

Feb. 28: A campus police officer reported observing a vehicle driving at erratic speeds at 3:30 a.m. in the stadium parking lot. The officer stated that the driver, a student, was not intoxicated, but had been drinking. The officer determined the student was a minor and wrote the student up for an alcohol violation.

THEFT

Feb. 20: A TCU baseball coach reported that an equipment locker had been broken into and several items had been taken. The lock had been cut and the door to the locker

pried open, according to the campus police report. Police are currently investigating to determine exactly what was taken from the locker.

Feb. 19: A campus police officer reported to campus police that his mobile phone had been stolen when he left it unattended in the Mary Coats Burnett library. When the officer called his stolen phone, someone picked up and then turned it off. Campus police searched the building, but no suspects were found.

Compiled by CHRIS NEWTON.

Hearing to seek cause of crash

By ANTHONY JEWELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — A four-day hearing into the northwest Indiana crash of American Eagle Flight 4184 began Monday with a computer simulation showing the doomed plane's last moments in graphic detail.

A transcript of the cockpit voice recorder also released Monday showed the two pilots fighting to control the plane as it rolled upside down and plunged to the ground.

All 68 aboard the ATR-72 prop plane died when it slammed into a farm field in Roselawn south of Gary on Oct. 31.

Officials have said the National Transportation Safety Board will likely not establish a cause of the crash in this week's hearings, though previous reports have said the plane apparently went out of control when ice formed on its wings as it flew through a storm.

The computer model shows that the plane, while in a holding pattern for Chicago's O'Hare Airport, dipped once to the right, began to level, and then turned belly-up just before it nosedived.

"A recovery was initiated by the crew," said Greg Feith, lead investigator for the NTSB. "However, the airplane struck the ground in a steep nose low, nearly inverted attitude, at a speed in excess of (400 mph)."

The transcript shows that less than two minutes before the plane began its nose-dive, a crew member said, "We still got ice."

Pilot Orlando Aguiar fought to

control the craft as it rolled sharply twice and began the dive, saying "mellow it out" at one point in an apparent reference to the sharp dive.

Aguiar, 29, a seven-year veteran of American Eagle, was assisted by copilot Jeffrey Gagliano, 30, who had worked with the airline for five years.

The transcripts show that pilots heard a beep signaling a warning, indicating that the plane was going too fast with its flaps extended, less than 34 seconds before the plane hit the ground. The warning was followed by a pilot saying "Oop" and the other pilot saying "We, I knew we'd do that."

"I'm trying to keep it at 180," the man identified in the NTSB transcript as Pilot 1, or the person in command. The number refers to the plane's speed in knots.

The transcript shows pilots heard a "repetitive thud sound" increasing in volume followed by a brief wailing sound immediately after that.

"Oh," Pilot 1 said.

The wailing sound returned seconds later, followed by Pilot 2 saying "Oops, (expletive)."

One second later, the cockpit microphone picked up the sound of three thumps followed by rattling. That was followed immediately by "three sets of repetitive, rapid triple chirps similar to autopilot disconnect warning," according to the transcript.

A computer model of the plane's final moments showed the plane began to dip toward its right wing at this instant.

The microphone then picked up a

horn thought to be an altitude alert signal. One of the pilots then said "OK," and the transcript said, "intermittent, heavy irregular breathing starts and continues until the end of the recording."

The computer model showed the plane had flipped over at this point and was beginning a nose-dive that the pilots never recovered from.

Thirteen seconds before the tape ends, a repetitive thumping sound is then heard, followed by a pilot's expletive and another horn thought to be an altitude alert signal.

"All right, man," Pilot 1 said at that point. "OK, mellow it out."

Repeating beeps, apparently from the plane's overspeed warning, started and continued until the tape ended.

The transcript showed the following exchange between the pilots over the last 10 seconds of the recording:

Pilot 2: "OK."
Pilot 1: "Mellow it out."
Pilot 2: "OK."
Pilot 1: "Autopilot's disengaged."
Pilot 2: "OK."
Pilot 1: "Nice and easy."

Two seconds later the tape recorded another cockpit alarm, followed by Pilot 2 saying "Aw, (expletive)."

Loud crunching sounds could then be heard as the aircraft then broke up, ending the cockpit recording.

"The onset of this was so rapid and so violent, it was well beyond the (ability) of this pilot or any pilot to do anything about it," said Paul McCarthy, chairman of the Air Line Pilots Association's national accident board.

Display recaptures American folklore

By JIM LADNER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

An exhibit featuring American folklore and folk life is now on display in TCU's Mary Coats Burnett Library.

The exhibit, "American Folklife: A Commonwealth of Cultures" is the second in a series presented by "The Library of Congress Corner" in the library.

Dennis Gibson, coordinator of the collection development division, said the exhibit was a "nice addition to the library."

Folklore is "traditional knowledge - such as skill, language, music, art, and craft - shared within each of the world's many ethnic occupational, religious, and regional groups," according to a pamphlet at the display.

In 1976, Congress created the American Folklife Center and placed it at the Library of Congress with a mandate to "preserve and protect American folklife," according to the pamphlet.

The display explains American traditions, ethnic customs, occupational distinctions and recreational pastimes.

The "Library of Congress Corner" series reproduces historic documents, photographs maps, prints, rare books and much more to describe an era in American history. Each exhibit is drawn from the library's vast collections and is complemented by a brief, explanatory text.

The exhibit is located in the entrance of the periodicals/reading room and will be on display until the middle of May, Gibson said.

Bush battles for bases

Texas military installations may be on closure list

By KELLEY SHANNON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Gov. George W. Bush toured two Air Force bases Monday and pledged to use his "bully pulpit" to fight to save threatened Texas military installations from closing.

The Pentagon is to release its list of bases targeted for closure or consolidation on Tuesday.

"The bully pulpit of the second most powerful state in the union will be used to make sure that these two bases, the merits of these two bases, are proclaimed loudly," Bush said.

Word leaked over the weekend that Brooks, Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Red River Army Depot in Texarkana and Corpus Christi Naval Air Station would be on the list.

Kelly and four other Air Force maintenance depots nationwide reportedly won't be listed for outright closure but could experience cutbacks. In all, 14,135 civilians and 4,826 active military personnel work at Kelly, the largest of San Antonio's five military bases.

"One of the reasons we're here is to say, 'We care about you and we want to fight for you,' regardless of whether one is a Democrat or one is a Republican," said Bush, a Republican, flanked by several state legislators and local political leaders of both parties.

As he toured the two San Antonio bases, Bush chatted with workers about their jobs. Joe Mendoza, 42, a civilian machinist at Kelly working on TF39 engines for C-5 aircraft, described his work crew as "a brotherhood."

"When I came to Kelly 13 years ago, I was hoping this would be the place I retired, and I hope it

stays this way. I love it here," Mendoza said.

About 2,400 civilians work at Brooks, where scientific research laboratories are located.

The governor said he also would be working closely with other Texas cities faced with losing military installations.

"There will be base hearings around the state. I intend to show up and work with the different communities, the different chambers of commerce, to articulate the case for each and every base in Texas that's being looked at," Bush said.

In Lubbock, Mayor David Langston pledged to wage a fierce fight to save Reese and its 1,700 jobs. "Do not get discouraged," Langston said. "This is not the last word."

For weeks reports have circulated that Corpus Christi Naval Air Station will lose the Naval Air Training Command and its personnel of 700 to Pensacola, Fla. There is some hope the station would gain some 1,500 personnel in helicopter units to make up for the loss. The helicopters would be assigned to the mine warfare mission of nearby Naval Station Ingleside.

In Texarkana, the 4,000 employees at Red River also were paying close attention to reports that the Army depot was a Pentagon "hit list" target.

"We of course have heard the rumors and have a degree of concern. But there's still a lot of contradiction," said depot spokesman Cecil Green.

Bush said he and U.S. senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison have met with the deputy defense secretary to lobby for Texas bases.

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TCU center fielder Jason McClure gives catcher Alan Wyles a high five as Steve Moses and Gavin Millay round toward home after Millay's fifth inning grand slam Saturday against Louisiana Tech.

Baseball on winning track

Frogs sweep Louisiana Tech in three game series

By BRETT VAN ORT
TCU DAILY SKIFF

After losing four games in a row, the TCU Baseball team swept a three game series from the Bulldogs of Louisiana Tech last weekend.

BASEBALL

The two teams played a doubleheader Saturday and a single game Sunday at the TCU Diamond. The Horned Frogs won on Saturday 9-2 and 5-1, then finished the sweep with a 14-2 victory on Sunday.

TCU's pitchers continued their dominance of opposing batters. Unlike the heartbreaking 1-0 loss in 13 innings to the University of Texas at Arlington last Wednesday, the Frog offense came alive, allowing TCU pitchers to throw three complete games.

"We have said since the beginning of the season that our starters are really strong this year," TCU head coach Lance Brown said. "We should have had four straight complete games in a row if it weren't for the extra innings last Wednesday. The offense made it easier for our pitchers this weekend."

TCU headed into the first game of the twin bill Saturday without having scored a run in 16 innings. Louisiana Tech starting pitcher Steve Rogers had a quick 1-0 lead to work with and kept the Frogs scoreless through four and one-third innings, extending TCU's scoreless streak to 20 and one-third innings.

In the fifth, the Frogs' offensive punch came back.

TCU loaded the bases with one out and proceeded to advance runners ninety feet at a time, scoring four runs.

With Rogers out in favor of reliever Mike Hinton, TCU left fielder Gavin Millay stepped up to the plate. On an 0-1 pitch, Millay drove Hinton's pitch deep to right. The ball cleared the fence for Millay's first home run of the year and the second Frog grand slam for the season.

TCU had an 8-1 lead and cruised the rest of the way to a spot in the win column.

The middle innings have been very beneficial for the Frogs so far this year. In the fifth and sixth innings TCU has scored 51 of its 76 total runs.

Coach Brown said his team often

puts together runs in the middle of the game because fatigue affects the arms of their opponents' pitchers.

"Our thinking is that pitchers are able to throw about 75 pitches until they get tired," Brown said. "Once he gets to that pitch count we try to take advantage of him. So we work the pitcher in the early innings so they can throw their 75 pitches quickly."

TCU starting pitcher Derek Lee threw well in his seven-inning complete game victory. Lee (1-1) lowered his ERA to an even 2.00 and allowed only four hits. The eight strikeouts he threw bumped his team-leading total to 24.

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Women's volleyball team cuts numbers

By SHANA SMITH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU Women's Volleyball Club is welcoming change this semester with smaller team numbers and new facilities.

VOLLEYBALL

Laurie Volkel, a senior sports recreation major and president of the club, said the most important change they made this year was cutting the number of people who could make the team.

After two days of tryouts, Jim Gribnitz, a sophomore Spanish major and head coach of the team, along with assistant coaches Dustin Conniff and Kevin Timmons, compiled the team rosters.

Twelve women out of the 22 women that tried out made the team,

Volkel said. Tryouts were based on their basic fundamental skills of volleyball, she said.

Having only a dozen girls makes practices run more efficiently, Volkel said.

"Everyone gets to work out," Volkel said. "No one has to wait in line to scrimmage."

Volkel said the team now had more serious players out on the floor who were interested in playing hard and winning.

Gribnitz said another change had come in the number of opportunities to play. This was the first semester the team had traveled for games and scrimmages, he said.

The team played this past weekend against the University of Texas at San Antonio's varsity team, and they will play at Southern Methodist University today at 4 p.m., Gribnitz said.

He said he hoped the team could

"establish connections with other teams for more playing experience next year."

Not only does the team have opportunities to travel for games, but they also have new equipment and facilities in which to practice, he said.

Gribnitz said along with the new hardwood floors in the Rickel Building, they also had received new volleyball equipment. These facilities now allow the team to host other volleyball teams, he said.

Larry Martin, director of intramurals and adviser of the TCU Women's Volleyball Club, said TCU would host a men's and women's volleyball tournament April 22-23. Teams from SMU, Dallas Baptist University and Hardin-Simmons University are scheduled to participate in the tournament, Martin said.

Players, owners resume talks

By RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — With vistas of majestic mountains to inspire them, striking baseball players and owners resumed their talks Monday, just two days before the start of the exhibition season.

"I hope we can get off on the right foot today," said Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington, who thinks a deal must be reached this week for major leaguers to start the season as scheduled on April 2.

Atlanta Braves president Stan Kasten said there was no chance owners would drop their plan to

use replacements culled from older minor leaguers and retired major leaguers.

"Until we have a deal, that's what we're going to continue to do," Kasten said. "We're not going to close down. If you do that, there are not going to be jobs for ushers, ticket takers, parking lot attendants, front office people. That is not an acceptable alternative."

The bargaining session was the first devoted to the issues since Feb. 7, when President Clinton summoned both sides to the White House only to see his efforts collapse without a deal. A two-day session between Fehr and Selig last week in Milwaukee

led both sides to agree to resume talks.

There was no set format. Instead of full bargaining teams, five-person delegations from each side met away from the hotel on Gainey Ranch — both acting commissioner and the parents of union head Donald Fehr have houses on the development.

Selig was accompanied by Harrington, Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris and management's two primary lawyers, Chuck O'Connor and Rob Manfred.

Fehr took along Paul Molitor, Terry Steinbach, Jay Bell and Lauren Rich, the union's No. 3 official.

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SPORTS DIGEST

TCU loses to A&M

Senior center Kurt Thomas got the first triple-double in TCU history Saturday against Texas A&M, but it was not enough to hold off the Aggies. The Frogs lost 85-80 in College Station.

Thomas had 23 points, 14 rebounds, and 11 blocked shots. The 11 blocks tied a Southwest Conference single-game record for blocked shots.

The Frogs were leading by as much as 12 points in the first half.

Freshman guard Juan Bragg had 14 points, while sophomore guard Jeff Jacobs and freshman guard James Penny had 11 each.

The Aggies were paced by forward Joe Wilbert, who had a game-leading 26 points, and Damon Johnson, who grabbed 15 rebounds, including 9 offensive rebounds.

Bridge team places second

The TCU Bridge team placed second in the College Regional Bridge Tournament at Texas A&M University on Saturday, said Xiaochu Shangguan, graduate chemistry student and captain of the team.

Other members of the team include graduate physics students Wei Xu and Jiandong Guo, and graduate chemistry student Dejian Xie.

Soccer tryouts continue

The TCU men's spring soccer team will continue their tryouts today and tomorrow for all those interested in playing this semester.

The tryouts will be held both days at 1:45 p.m. at the soccer field on the Worth Hills campus.

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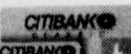

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Crews scoop tar off Padre Island

By JOSH LEMIEUX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cleanup crews hit the beach Monday to scoop up globs of tar that have washed up along 40 miles of Padre Island from a Norwegian oil tanker spill more than three weeks ago.

"Some of the tar balls are dime-size and some of them are basketball-size," said Bob Mann, spokesman for the Texas General Land Office.

Officials said some areas within the 40-mile stretch from near Port Aransas to about 15 miles north of the Mansfield Cut had no visible impact. Other areas had heavy concentrations of tar globs.

More than 300 workers lined the Gulf of Mexico side of Padre Island, using hand shovels and machinery to collect the batches of crude oil. Sixty workers initially were dispatched to Padre Island when tar balls first appeared during the weekend.

"It is larger, and it seems to be getting heavier that we thought it would be," Mann said. However, he said that nearly all of the 37,800 gallons of oil that spilled from the Berge Banker on Feb. 5 have already washed ashore.

The Berge Banker, owned by Bergesen dy As of Oslo, Norway, collided with a smaller Norwegian tanker about 55 miles offshore from Galveston Bay. The spill dispersed into smaller concentrations, with some globs traveling more than 150 miles before reaching land three weeks later.

Officials said the company's contractors tried to skim the spill offshore near the accident site, but much of the heavy crude sank below the surface.

"We skimmed up as much as could be found. But when it acts, as I call it, like a submarine, you

can't find it," said Frank Gonynor, a spokesman for Gard, the tanker company's Norwegian insurance company.

The blotches of oil first came ashore along Matagorda Island more than a week ago. Mann said the Matagorda cleanup is nearly completed, but efforts on Padre Island likely will last through the end of this week.

Gonynor estimated that the cleanup bill will total \$2 million. He said the company quickly assumed financial responsibility for the cleanup, which is being conducted by private contractors, the General Land Office and the U.S. Coast Guard.

"We've been here, and we haven't hesitated to get involved," he said.

At least eight birds were covered by oil, said John Lujan, a spokesman for Padre Island National Seashore, which covers most of the affected shoreline.

"We'll know more about the aquatic (life) as we get farther into this," Lujan said.

Officials said most of the pollution occurred between Bob Hall Pier, just south of the JFK Causeway, to the National Seashore's 30-mile marker, which lies about 20 miles north of South Padre Island.

"The farther you go south, the less work has been done," Gonynor said.

Some oil patches and sheens were reported on and off the coast of Mustang Island, the land office said.

As the crews worked on the Padre Island shoreline, a new spill oozed crude oil off the Texas Gulf Coast on Monday.

Lt. Dave Weimer of the U.S. Coast Guard the tanker Florida Express reported an explosion in one of its tanks at 11:40 a.m.

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knows, some of these boys and girls may be future TCU students and All-Americans. I hope others follow her lead and give more youngsters the same opportunity."

Oelfke said her favorite part of her involvement with Junior Frog Club was seeing the children's reactions.

Ryan Banks, a Junior Frog Club member, who was in attendance at a recent basketball game, said, "I'm going to TCU. My grandma will pay for me to go to TCU."

Junior Frog Club member Matt Boyts' father played basketball for TCU. Boyts originally wanted to attend Baylor, but after going to TCU basketball games, he told Oelfke he wanted to go to school here.

Junior Frog Club members also said they liked having basketball players autograph posters for them.

"Coach Tubbs looks much younger in person than in the poster," Boyts said to Oelfke.

Children can join the Junior Frog Club for \$10. They receive a T-shirt, their own Frog Club newsletter, a



TCU Daily Skiff/Layne Smith

Members of the Junior Frog Club show their TCU pride at the men's basketball games.

membership card and decal and admission to TCU Frog Club events for their money.

Junior Frog Club members have attended two home basketball games against Houston and Texas A&M and

plan to attend lacrosse, baseball and soccer games in the future, Oelfke said.

Waco siege spawns federal lawsuits

By MIKE DRAGO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Attorneys announced a pair of lawsuits — one seeking more than \$1 billion in damages — against the federal government Monday, two years after agents gathered in Waco for an ill-fated raid on the Branch Davidians' sprawling home.

The federal cases in Houston came a day before the statute of limitations for such civil actions was to expire.

Together, they seek over \$1.5 billion in punitive and compensatory damages for relatives of Davidians killed in the two-month confrontation between the group and federal agents.

Joe Kroviski, a Justice Depart-

ment spokesman in Washington, said officials hadn't seen the lawsuits and would have no comment Monday.

About 100 agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms arrived in cattle trailers at the home of David Koresh and his disciples on Feb. 28, 1993. They were attempting to arrest Koresh for alleged weapons violations.

Four agents and six cultists were killed in an ensuing gun battle. Seventy-nine Davidians, including Koresh and 18 children, died 51 days later, when an inferno engulfed the complex. The government blames Davidians for the fire; group supporters say government agents were at fault.

Nearly a dozen civil lawsuits have since been filed by both federal agents and Davidians. None have come to court yet.

One of the latest cases accuses the government of negligence that resulted in excessive force in the initial assault and the ensuing siege. It

also says officials ignored alternative strategies that might have shortened the standoff and saved lives.

Houston attorney Michael Caddell, whose law firm handled the case, said he had represented the estates of 28 deceased Branch Davidians, 74 relatives of those killed and 10 surviving group members. The case seeks more than \$1 billion in compensatory and punitive damages.

Caddell admits that the Davidians bear some blame for the tragedy, adding that, "What we're about is asking the government to accept its share of the responsibility for what happened."

"Our sorrow goes out to those families of the law enforcement officers who died ... just as they go out to the Davidians," he said. "All of those are victims of government abuse of power."

Caddell last year sued individual ATF and FBI leaders over their handling of the siege. The latest action amends that case to include the U.S. government under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

Another lawsuit filed Monday alleges that federal agents "willfully, wantonly and intentionally planned an illegal, violent, paramilitary operation which they knew or should have known would result in unnecessary violence, personal injury and loss of life."

Houston attorney James Bran-

non said he filed the case on behalf of New York lawyer and former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who represents 56 relatives of Davidians and a few surviving group members.

Brannon said Clark is seeking \$10 million in damages for each plaintiff and another \$7.5 million for the Branch Davidians at-large. Clark did not immediately return telephone calls from The Associated Press Monday.

The difference between the two cases is that while Caddell's suit alleges government negligence, Clark's lawsuit alleges government intent to kill the Davidians.

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In game two, freshman pitcher Scott Atchison followed up Lee's performance with another seven inning complete game.

Atchison had a shutout going into the seventh. He was not able to hold on to the goose egg, but did have a steady outing: In seven innings, he gave up five hits and one run, while pitching his first two walks on the year and six strikeouts.

Atchison, only a freshman, is leading the team in wins (3-0), compiling a 3.89 ERA, and striking out 15 in 16 2/3 innings thus far.

TCU scored the first five runs of game two. Center fielder Jason McClure went 2-3 with three RBIs, along with his first homer of the season. The homer came in the Frog fifth as Louisiana Tech starter Bill Tanksley threw his eightieth pitch of the afternoon.

In the Sunday afternoon contest, TCU's Toby Dollar started on the mound.

The sophomore transfer from the University of Miami (Fla.) allowed one run in the first two innings. From the third inning on, though, it was a walk around the diamond's basepaths for the Frogs.

Dollar, after allowing four hits and two runs in the first two innings, completed the nine inning affair. He batted down the hatches after inning number two, allowing only two hits the rest of the way.

TCU manufactured two runs in the bottom of the third to tie the score at 2-2. Third baseman Kerby Smith had an RBI double in the inning, the first of a few big hits for Kerby on the day.

In the sixth, the Frogs exploded with a five spot on the board. With runners at first and second with one out, leadoff hitter Brad Wallace faced Bulldog starter Gabe Ishee. Wallace grooved a 3-1 pitch from Ishee into the parking lot beyond the left field fence.

One out later McClure hit his second in two days, smashing a drive that probably would have reached Moncrief Dormitory on a few hops had there not been cars in the way. Kerby Smith followed McClure with a drive of his own. It was homer number three on the year for Smith who finished 3-4 with three RBIs in the game.

In the eighth, TCU churned out seven more runs. The scoring was capped by shortstop Sam Lunsford's two-run drive into the parking lot.

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