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Nursing students absorb American culture, techniques

By RYAN J. RUSAK
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Dewi Oktavina and Nia Yuniawati, two Indonesian nursing students visiting Fort Worth and TCU, already know what they like about the American version of their trade.

"The clothes," said both students of the colorful scrubs American nurses wear. "We still wear the white clothes, caps and formal suits and

shoes (in Indonesia)," Yuniawati said.

According to Dr. Carolyn Cagle, associate professor at the Harris College of Nursing, the students are visiting Fort Worth in conjunction with the Sister Cities program.

"Fort Worth has five Sister Cities. Bandung is one of them," Cagle said, referring to the students' hometown in Indonesia.

Oktavina and Yuniawati cited sev-

eral differences between American and Indonesian hospitals, chiefly in technology.

The technology and the equipment here are much better, Oktavina said.

There are also numerous differences in patient care and the relationship with the patient, according to Cagle and the students.

Indonesian patients are often crowded into small rooms, sometimes "10 or 12 to a room," Oktavina

said. But the cramped condition does not hinder the nurses from doing their jobs.

The students also said Indonesian nurses are generally closer to patients than their American counterparts.

"The nurses there (in Indonesia) get more information from the patient about the patient, the family, and the costs," Yuniawati said.

Major similarities between medicine in the two countries are the gov-

ernment's role in health care and the contrasts in quality of care for the wealthy and the poor.

"The poor (in Indonesia) go to government hospitals," Oktavina said. "They are cheaper than private hospitals — much cheaper."

The Indonesian government is also sponsoring an immunization program for young children, as the country is still fighting outbreaks of some infectious diseases.

"Indonesia now has an international program from the Department of Health (that provides) general immunizations free for all children under five years old," Oktavina said. "When a baby is born, he is immunized for diphtheria, tetanus, measles, pertussis, TB, hepatitis B, and polio."

The students have stayed with four

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Sophomores Jimmy Holmes, a business major, Jennifer Dora, a premajor, and Amy Mills, a radio/television/film major, look over the candidates for Mr. Anchorsplash Tuesday afternoon in the Student Center. Money collected in the jars helps determine spirit points in the competition, sponsored by Delta Gamma.

Sorority fundraiser a 'sight for sore eyes'

By BLAKE SIMS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The plea went out from a table in the Student Center during the usual lunch time traffic: "Please give money so we can support our philanthropy!"

Iran Cespedes, a sophomore pre-major, and a host of other members of the TCU chapter of Delta Gamma Sorority staffed a donation

table today just outside the entrance to the Main Cafeteria as a part of their annual Anchor Splash event.

Anchor Splash, a week-long competition between campus groups, concludes tonight. This year, the baseball team and each fraternity fielded teams.

The groups competed for points in a "sign-hang," a talent show and several swimming events. Teams were also awarded points for spirit

said Jaime Taylor, sophomore nursing major.

Results of the "sign-hang" and talent show will not be released until after the competition ends with the water events tonight. The winning team receives a trophy.

Each team pays a \$60 entry fee and money is also collected in jars at the Student Center table. Anchor Splash is Delta Gamma's main fund raising campaign, Taylor said. The

chapter donates the money to its philanthropy, Conservation of Sight and Prevention of Blindness.

Heather Bennett, a senior speech communications major, said Anchor Splash raised approximately \$1,800 last year. Taylor said each year's goal is to raise more money than the year before.

Jennifer Reese, a senior dietetics

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2.0 GPA needed for athletic aid

Standard for athletes over a point lower than academic requirement

By SHANNON WALLER
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The minimum grade point average required to maintain a student's academic scholarship is 3.25, while the minimum GPA for scholarship athletes to achieve is 2.0. Although these scholarships are different in nature, the gap in grade requirements continues to raise eyebrows.

About \$9.5 million in scholarships are awarded to TCU students each year. These scholarships come in two basic forms: academic-based and performance-based.

Jack Hesselbrock, assistant athletics director and head of athletic academic services, said the GPA differences are partly due to exceptional time commitments demanded of athletes.

"If they didn't have athletics, and you just gave them the scholarship, they would have a higher GPA and more time," he said. "When you factor in an academic scholarship, you don't factor in working from two to seven (hours) each day."

For any type of academic scholarship, whether it is a freshman or transfer program, there is a 3.25 GPA

requirement at the end of each spring semester. Recipients must also complete and receive credit for at least 27 hours annually.

Performance-based scholarships can be divided into athletics and fine arts programs.

To maintain a Nordan Fine Arts scholarship, which encompasses art, dance, music, and theater, the recipient must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the area of the award. Beyond that area, the recipient is only required to maintain the minimum GPA required to stay off probation at TCU: 2.0. Students also must maintain satisfactory academic progress, and they are required to complete 24 hours each year.

Athletic scholars, on the other hand, who receive almost one-third of the scholarship money TCU awards each year, must maintain a 2.0 overall GPA and complete and receive credit for 24 hours annually.

The difference in requirements are viewed by many as uneven and slanted.

Sai Tuialii, a junior criminal justice major with a basketball scholar-

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Flu approaches TCU

Vaccination shot offered at health center

By SHANNON LOCKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The cold season is coming, and the TCU Health Center is gearing up to fight the flu. The campus health center is offering flu shots for \$10 now through mid-November, according to a health center official.

The flu shot lessens the risks of catching the influenza virus types A and B, said Dr. Burton Schwartz, TCU Health Center doctor.

"Flu strains vary year to year," he said, "and each year researchers try to predict what type of influenza will be prevalent in the U.S. the next year. They think types A and B will hit this flu season. So, the vaccine fights against these types."

The prediction is only an educated guess, Schwartz said. The vaccine may not be 100 percent effective if an unexpected strain came into the United States.

The flu season usually hits the Dallas/Fort Worth area in January, February or early March, Schwartz said.

"We have about two, maybe three, months before the flu season hits," he

said. "That's why students need to get their shots now."

The body takes six to eight weeks to build up immunity to these types of influenza after receiving the shot, Schwartz said.

"Many college students are not future-oriented and do not always plan ahead," he said. "The body needs time to build up antibodies."

By injecting influenza A and B antigens in advance of the flu season, the body's immune system builds up A and B antibodies to fight the virus, Schwartz said.

"The flu shot gives the body a 'taste' of the virus safely by injecting A and B antigens in the body," he said. "The body recognizes the foreign virus and makes antibodies to cancel out the antigens."

Vaccination of persons at high risk each year before the influenza season is currently the most effective measure for reducing the impact of influenza, according to a Connaught physician instruction packet. Connaught, a Pasteur Merieux Company, is the supplier

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Marriott uses student feedback to help revise service

By JONATHAN WALBURGH
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Marriott is making many changes in TCU food service procedures as a result of a new marketing plan and suggestions from students through the Food Service Committee, said Jim Fjelstul, senior food service director.

Fjelstul said the Marriott marketing plan is an attempt to communicate better with the student body.

"The basic goals are to create better lines of communication with students so they can make more informed choices and to create greater participation from off-campus students," Fjelstul said.

The marketing plan is made up of coupons and mailings sent to students and a calendar of menus and

events distributed to dormitory hall directors.

Fjelstul said the marketing plan has been successful.

"From this fall to last fall, participation is up 25 percent," Fjelstul said.

Marriott has also changed its procedures as a result of student suggestions relayed through the Food Service Committee, which is made up of TCU House of Student Representatives members.

Fjelstul said the committee's suggestions have been a great source of feedback for Marriott.

"A lot of what we're doing is related to the Food Service Committee," Fjelstul said.

Fjelstul said one of these changes is the addition of dietetic information to the salad bar.

Another area Marriott has addressed as a result of student feedback is students' complaints about Marriott's pricing techniques, such as alleged double charging of tax. This has led to a recent Marriott decision to give customers receipts of their purchases.

Food Service Manager James Hawks III said committee suggestions have also led to numerous improvements in The Pit.

"We have added chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, make-your-own pizza, and Monday Night Football specials of discount popcorn and nachos," Hawks said. "The Food Service Committee is helping us and we're making adjustments. It's been real positive."

Hawks also said he wants to intro-

duce yogurt into The Pit.

Other students' suggestions are being addressed, such as the reintroduction of Emperor's Gardens, an area serving Chinese food.

Hawks said the area could be reintroduced as a movable cart that could be transported from one area to another.

Students are invited to provide comments on the various bulletin boards and suggestion boxes located at the food service facilities, and they can also attend the Food Service Committee meetings. The committee will next meet on Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. The meeting is open to everyone and will address Marriott pricing. Marriott will present their pricing comparisons with SMU and other area colleges at the meeting.

NEWS DIGEST

GOP pushes official language

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans opened hearings Wednesday on legislation to make English the nation's official language amid charges from opponents that some of the measures would harm children who speak another language.

Education Secretary Richard Riley told a House education subcommittee it would be "sheer folly" to eliminate bilingual programs for children who don't speak English, as a version sponsored by Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., would do.

Vaccine change called for

ATLANTA (AP) — The government Wednesday recommended changing the way children have been vaccinated against polio for more than three decades, urging that the familiar sugar cubes and liquid be combined with two injections.

Under new federal guidelines, children would be injected in their first year with two shots of inactivated polio vaccine — a stronger version of the vaccine using killed polio virus.

The shots would be followed by two doses of oral vaccine in the second year.

Laws let teens skip driving class

HOUSTON (AP) — A new state law could soon have Texas roads overrun with teen-age drivers who have never met a certified driving instructor, the Houston Chronicle reported.

An amendment to the law, passed by the Legislature this year, was intended for teenagers who are educated at home. It allows parents or guardians of home-schooled teens to teach driving at home.

But the vague legislation apparently will allow all Texas families to skip the cost of driving school.

Gay partners to get benefits

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Fifteen Florida lawmakers are condemning Walt Disney Co. for extending health insurance to partners of gay employees, complaining the move endorses an "unhealthy, unnatural" lifestyle.

In a step welcomed by gay-rights activists, Disney told its 70,000 employees earlier this month that it will offer health benefits to live-in partners of homosexual employees, as well as their dependent children.

The policy, which takes effect Jan. 1, will not cover live-in heterosexual partners of employees.

Helms drops sanction provision

WASHINGTON — A Senate bill to tighten sanctions against Cuba appeared headed for passage today after its sponsors, faced with determined Democratic opposition, dropped a provision designed to dry up foreign investment on the island.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, announced his decision to drop the provision after two narrow defeats on procedural votes.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., expressed regret that Helms was forced to back down.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Thursday, Oct. 19

Delta Gamma Anchorsplash Harambee
PC Special Events: Hoops Mania
Women's soccer: TCU vs. SMU (here)
5 p.m.: International Student Association meets in Student Center 222
5 p.m.: TCU Catholic Community meets in the Reed Hall Faculty Center
5:30 p.m.: Wesley Foundation (United Methodist Campus Ministry) meets in the Wesley Foundation Building at 2750 W. Lowden
5:30 p.m.: Canterbury Episcopal Student Fellowship meets in Student Center 214

7:15 p.m.: Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship meets in Student Center 218

Friday, Oct. 20

Delta Gamma Anchorsplash
PC Films: Hoop Dreams
Men's soccer: TCU vs. West TX A&M (here)
Clark Society Weekend
Birthday of the Bab: Bahai

Saturday, Oct. 21

2:05 p.m.: Football game — TCU vs. Tulane at Amon Carter Stadium

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ORDER OF OMEGA will meet at 8 p.m. Oct. 23 in the Kappa Alpha Theta house. All members are required to attend.

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DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY will present a political awareness forum on affirmative action on Tuesday, Oct. 24 in Student Center 215. Dr. Michelle Briscoe will speak. Call Mekasha Jones at 293-7594.

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TCU TRIANGLE, the gay, lesbian, and bisexual student group, will meet this Sunday at 5 p.m. Call Priscilla Tate at 921-7160.

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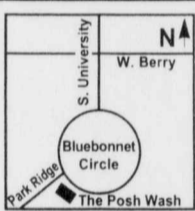
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ship, said most students do not realize the time commitments of athletes. "As athletes, our days are already planned for us," he said.

Cedric Allen, a junior criminal justice major with a football scholarship, agreed.

"We don't have all the time to take advantage of studying like regular students do," he said. "We have practice. It's just time-consuming."

Andrea Berry, a junior social work

major and Dean's Scholarship recipient, said academic scholars often have busy schedules that go beyond school work as well.

"Usually people involved in academics tend to be very involved on campus as well," she said.

Berry said this, in turn, takes away from time needed to maintain the higher GPA. She said she thinks there is a balance in the long run, though.

"I really do see where they're coming from," she said. "If you're in a theater play, you're up there all the time, and it takes away from your studying time."

Audrey Campau, assistant to the dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, said although the GPA requirements may be lower for fine arts scholars, the performance

requirements are strenuous. "They are performance-based, so their performance is expected to be above average in all areas," she said.

Beyond the grade requirements, Nordan scholars are reviewed each year in their specific talent. Art scholars must meet a faculty portfolio review, and dance scholars are subject to a faculty jury examination. Music scholars must demonstrate exceptional abilities and are reviewed annually by a faculty jury. Theater scholars are required to demonstrate artistic growth and are assessed by a faculty jury, as well.

Anne Ryal, a junior theater major and a Nordan scholar, said the performance majors put more time and effort into their areas than they get credit for.

"Theater is my life, and I give up a lot of other activities in order to dedicate my time to theater," she said.

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■ SCOTT BARZILLA

The House should spend more time debating their bills

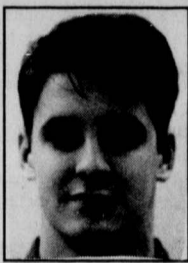
The TCU Student House of Representatives passed Bill 95-22 on Tuesday night with no one voting against it. Considering that there wasn't even a debate, I have decided to take on those responsibilities.

The bill funded a laser printer for the M.J. Neeley School of Business school. At first glance, the bill appears to be normal, but upon further review there are a few glaring problems.

The first is the issue of representation and taxation. The business school does not pay a student fee to the House. It is true that the students in the school pay fees, but it is important to see the separation.

In other words, the Neeley business school was given a laser printer, even when the school itself does not pay a "tax" to the House.

In all honesty, this is probably taking the



theory of representation a little too far, since the printer will benefit the students in the school. However, it is important because of the principle involved.

First of all, student fees are collected from each student. Every student is charged \$20 dollars for student fees.

Therefore, every appropriation made by the House should benefit every student since every student (theoretically, at least) pays for the appropriation equally.

In addition, organizations obviously do not pay "taxes," as it were, so it is prob-

lematic to fund something for an organization that does not contribute to the "kitty," so to speak.

Although there appears to be no abuse in this particular case, the House should still pay heed to the precedent they are setting for the other organizations on campus. What if the journalism department asked for a new laser printer? Wouldn't the House be obliged to fund that project as well?

In short, the House should carefully consider what precedents they set with their appropriations. Even if the present appropriation is warranted, it still may cause problems in the logistics of representation.

The second major problem with the bill is the amount of money they are spending on the printer itself. While there should be

no cap on how much the House can spend on a single bill, common sense should take over at some stage in the game.

The need for appropriations should not be the only consideration when deciding to vote for or against a bill. Legislators should also consider *how much* the appropriations are.

Let me make this abundantly clear: it is not good enough to accept a guess or approximation when passing a bill. Legislators should not assume that the author of the bill and the finance committee did all of their homework. Perhaps they did, but what is the harm in asking? I think we all know what *assume* stands for.

The laser printer that the House funded for the school cost \$850. This, of course, was after the school got about a \$350 discount just for being the Neeley school. To

spell it out for those who can't add off the top of their heads, the original cost of the printer came to over \$1200.

There was no debating done on any of the bills. This is a serious problem. Each dime the House has should be spent carefully. This means someone should question not only the need for the bill, but if there could be any additional savings on what is being spent as well.

This lackadaisical method of spending money must stop immediately. When you represent someone else, you must be extra careful to spend their money wisely. Anything less would be an abuse of the "powers" granted to you.

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■ SHANNON WALLER

Farrakhan's message will divide people

Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam and organizer of the "Million Man March," has called for an end to white supremacy and a commitment by blacks to racial solidarity. The reactions to his message have ranged from outrage to full support, encompassing every degree in between.

There seems to be only one constant in these reactions. That would be the word "them." It comes from every side of the argument.

The ubiquitous use of the word "them" may not even involve blatant finger pointing. In fact, it is often just a differentiation between speakers and the groups they perceive to be different. Pretty innocuous, right?

But isn't it this very practice of differentiating that has gotten this country, and perhaps the world, into so much trouble? Is the word "them" used any differently by the Bosnian Serbs when they refer to Muslims? Did the word "them" have a different meaning when it was used by the Nazis in referring to the Jews? How about when the American settlers used it in reference to the American Indians?

It is clearly a hard-to-resist tendency of people to focus on each other's differences, whether they involve physical appearances, religious beliefs, or ways of everyday life. Perhaps it is an element of survival of the fittest; perhaps it rests in some sort of biological difference, and then again, maybe it is just a manifestation of that human element of self-destruction.

Regardless of its root, this tendency is tearing us apart. We have been so intent upon seeking out our differences that we seem to have forgotten we are basically all the same and, for the time being, we are forced to live together on this planet.

Farrakhan called for black men to continue to reject the historic efforts by whites to impose division among blacks. Is this really something that is being imposed upon blacks, or is this the most convenient way for one charismatic and persuasive man to account for the desperate circumstances of young black men right now? There are just too many successful, responsible black men in this country who can discredit that statement.

That is certainly not to say some of Farrakhan's ideas are not a good starting place. If his message helps black men unite for a general peace, that's super. But, if his message simply serves to unite blacks in a movement against whites or Jews or any other group, aren't we just back to square one?

A "human cause" does not necessarily mean letting go of individual cultures, either. There is no doubt a fine line existing between acknowledging and respecting one's ethnic or racial culture, and abusing it. If a particular group has been the subject of inequality in the past, is there really any point in using that facet of cultural heritage to perpetuate discrimination?

There really is not a competition running in this country to determine which group has suffered the most. More importantly, there is no reward to be reaped by the winner of that contest — only further separation.

This world is shrinking fast. Every day, we get closer and closer to people who believe different things than we do, people who look different from us, and people who think we are just as strange as we may think they are.

They may be intruding upon our world, but we are intruding upon theirs as well, and the view from their side is just as frightening and disconcerting as it is from our side.

What a charismatic leader like Farrakhan needs to be preaching at a time like this is simple human respect — not a specific respect of this group or that group. He should use his powerful position to call for basic human respect, recognition and acceptance of our differences, but mostly he should try to foster in people an overriding respect for what makes us the same.

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■ BOB TURNERY

The march will not get past the issue of racism

What a week, huh? I mean, so much is happening, and here I am faced with the responsibility of boiling it until soft and then spoon-feeding it to you, to make sure you get it. So strap in, kick back, and hang on, because here we go.

Let's focus on the most controversial event of the week, that being Louis Farrakhan's "Million Man March," which brought blacks from all over the United States to Washington, D.C. It was a march symbolizing unity, power, dedication and commitment. It was a march that also symbolizes anti-Semitism, racism and sexism.

I won't deny that some good was intended and will result from the march, but its organizer and motivating force represents all of those negatives that I listed. Farrakhan is on record for his anti-white rhetoric, which Colin Powell, potential presidential candidate, has likened to the anti-black tirades of Mark Fuhrman, star witness in the O.J. Simpson trial.

But let's not focus on us mean, greedy, evil, overclass oppressors. Let's instead hear what Farrakhan has to say about a perpetually downtrodden race that has faced numerous persecutions over thousands of years — the Jews.

Farrakhan's anti-Semitism has been well documented by organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Farrakhan continues to condemn Jews for their participation in the slave trade, conveniently not producing any proof for his accusations. At the same time, he ignores the fact that slavery existed in Africa long before the arrival of Europeans and was a practice of the indigenous tribes. It was these tribes that sold the first slaves to the early explorers.

Farrakhan also expressed blatantly sexist attitudes about the role of women in the accomplishment of his great gathering. Perhaps basing his comments on his misinterpretation of the validity of women in his Islamic rhetoric, he said the best way for women to help out in the march was for them to take care of the children and explain the significance of the march to them.

Funny, because he also said this march was a way for blacks to show their economic power by not buying from merchants. But if the man is in charge and has the job and is working all the time, who is doing the grocery shopping? Who is buying the children clothes? The women are. Who has the economic power now, Farrakhan?

Do all of the people who came to Washington support this agenda of hate? I don't think so. However, Leonard Muhammad, spokesman for the Nation of Islam, said, "The people that are coming to Washington, D.C. . . are coming because they support the honorable Louis Farrakhan."

In fact, there was confusion in the black community about what message was being sent. Benjamin Chavis, ousted head of the NAACP and executive director of the march, originally endorsed that statement. Later, though, he distanced himself from it, saying, "Minister Farrakhan himself will tell you that this is not a Farrakhan march. This is a black people's march."

Whatever the truth, this much cannot be denied. It was an epochal event for the modern black community. At the same time, the pure spirit of the march was weakened by the presence and unspoken and maybe unintended support that it showed for Farrakhan. Don't replace one injustice, one racism, with another.

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■ EDITORIALS

TICKET SACKS TCU

Station switches to another game at halftime

KTCK 1310 AM, otherwise known as The Ticket, is the official radio station of TCU football.

The Ticket and TCU made an agreement two years ago that the radio station would broadcast all TCU football games. Apparently, the station feels that agreement is not that important.

Apparently The Ticket felt that pre-game festivities of Texas/OU weekend made for more important radio than the Frogs' contest at Rice. The game was cut off at halftime, which left TCU fans hoping to keep track of the game stuck.

KTCK feeds TCU games to three other stations, including 88.7 FM, KTCU. But 88.7 FM doesn't reach very far outside Fort Worth.

There has been a push in the past couple of years to expose TCU athletics to the Metroplex and to get fans interested in Frog football. Getting the

deal with The Ticket helped bring exposure, but what is the station saying about its commitment to TCU when it cuts off a TCU game in favor of another contest?

The Ticket made a mistake by not broadcasting the TCU game in its entirety. The Frogs, who are currently 4-1, are enjoying one of their best seasons in years. The game at Rice was a big comeback win for TCU, but The Ticket didn't feel it was all that important.

There is a stipulation in the TCU/KTCK contract that a Frog game can be preempted by a "major sporting event." Texas/OU is a major sporting event, but it was an event that also happened to be broadcast on another station. The Ticket should have recognized this and stuck to its commitment to TCU.

NEW RESOURCE

House graphic provides important information

This year the *Skiff* introduced a new innovation in its coverage. We have added a graphic that shows how every representative voted on every bill.

The TCU House of Student Representatives took a major step forward in doing this. In the past, it was impossible to know how each individual representative voted.

This was done with the student body in mind. This allows every student to know how his or her representative is representing his or her interests.

We invite you to take advantage of this if you have not already. You have a better opportunity to express your opinion to your representative.

We also do a preview of the House meeting on Tuesdays. This gives stu-

dents the opportunity to see what is on the agenda so they can express their opinion before the bill is voted on.

Students who are not representatives of the House are allowed to attend House meetings and to even debate on the bill that is on the floor. About the only thing they don't allow you to do is vote.

We will do the best we can to enlighten the student body on what its House is doing. Hopefully, the House will continue to make an effort to make information accessible to the student body.

The ball is in your court. It is your choice on how you use this new information we are giving to you. Student government will run better with your input. Your representative needs to know what you think.

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Indonesian nursing students, Dewi Oktavina and Nia Yuniawati, get help on the computers from Paige Hickerson, a senior nursing major, at 11 a.m. Tuesday in All-Saints Episcopal Hospital.

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families during their month-long visit, including Dr. Danna Strength, assistant professor at Harris College, and her husband Vernon, and Cagle. The students have also enjoyed several Fort Worth tourist attractions, as well as TCU functions.

They have visited Pioneer Days and will attend the State Fair, Cagle

said. Yuniawati said she specifically liked the Stockyards and Harris Methodist Hospital, and Oktavina said she had enjoyed TCU.

"How lucky we are, coming at the right time," Oktavina said. "We have music festivals, the football game, and Parents Weekend at TCU."

The students will return to Indonesia Saturday. Oktavina hopes to work in the maternity ward and Yuniawati prefers the pediatric ward. Both hope they can use what

they have learned in the United States to change and enhance Indonesian nursing practices — especially concerning the uniforms.

"We have nursing associates in Indonesia, and we can make a report to them so they will change the rules of nursing and dress," Oktavina said. "(This is important) especially for pediatric nurses, because the children knew if they saw a white dress they must be ill. They are crying and are afraid to look at nurses, so we have to change the color."

Rape still a problem for colleges

Alcohol, misunderstandings factors in campus rape problem

By MICHA CORTESE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Mary and John decide to go out on a date. They go out to dinner and have a few drinks, and then they decide to go back to John's apartment for a movie and another drink.

John turns simple flirtation into something more serious, and the situation eventually gets out of hand. Mary says "no," but by this point John isn't taking no for an answer.

Studies show that alcohol-related date rape remains a problem on college campuses. TCU is no exception.

Victor Larragoite, an assistant professor of criminal justice, said rape at TCU is not any worse than at any other college campus.

"Private schools are less likely (than public schools) to have rape occur because on a private campus everyone knows everyone, and it's a smaller campus," he said.

According to the TCU Campus Police department, there were no reported rapes on campus in the past two years.

According to a Fort Worth Police Department report, three rapes were reported in this area from January through August 1994. The area's boundaries are Park Hill Drive (north), West Berry Street (south), Forest Park Boulevard (east) and Simondale Drive — West Bellaire Drive (west).

Three rapes were also reported in January through August 1995 in the same area, according to the report.

Larragoite said rape is not as common as people believe. But most rapes that occur are committed either by acquaintances or by family members, he said.

Any kind of rape is considered rape, he said. Once the woman says no, it is flat-out rape, he said.

Larragoite said the most common scenario of date rape involves a misunderstanding between two people.

Date rape is more likely to happen when both people are confused and they each have their own intentions, he said.

"Alcohol lowers inhibitions and reduces rationality. People are more selfish the drunker they get," Larragoite said.

According to a Student Health Center publication at the University of Arizona, 75 percent of all men and 55 percent of all women involved in acquaintance rape were drinking or using drugs prior to the assault.

According to *Violence Against*

female actors than were the females.

Fraternities have been described as organizations that provide a cultural context that generates and reinforces beliefs and values that subordinate women and encourage sexual aggression, according to a 1993 study.

This same study, which was published in *Sex Roles*, explored the connection between sorority membership and rape-supportive attitudes and sexual victimization experiences. At the State University of New York in Plattsburgh, it was concluded that sorority women were significantly more likely than non-sorority women to have been physically forced to have sexual intercourse. Sorority women also had a significantly higher rate of non-consensual intercourse while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"There's always a couple of bad apples in organizations. A couple of guys given an opportunity — they're drunk, the girl is drunk, and they will seize the moment," Larragoite said.

There are several good programs out now, such as "No Means No" and Alcohol Awareness, he said.

Larragoite said controlling mixers with curfews would help the date rape problem.

"A sensible solution would be to educate men at orientation about alcohol and sexual responsibility so there will be no claim of ignorance," he said, "and to educate the women equally."

"No woman is responsible for her rape, but could she have reduced opportunity?" he said. "They could find out about the guy before they go out, go to public places or with a group for a while and maintain a platonic relationship for a while or until she feels comfortable with the relationship."

According to the National Crime Victimization Survey, 63 percent of the 70 percent of non-stranger rapes happen between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

"Alcohol lowers inhibitions and reduces rationality. People are more selfish the drunker they get."

VICTOR LARRAGOITE,
criminal justice assistant prof

Women, a pamphlet issued by the National Crime Victimization Survey, at least 68 percent of female victims of acquaintance rapes had offenders that abused alcohol before the incident.

A Wayne State University study, which was published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* in 1982, set up a situation where male and female undergraduate students interacted for five minutes while they were being secretly observed by another male and female couple of undergraduate students.

The outcome of the study, which matched the hypothesis, was that male actors and observers rated female actors as being more sexual than did female actors and observers. However, males were found to be more sexually attracted to and more eager to date the

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Students may be more susceptible to the 'flu bug'

BY SHANNON LOCKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Students seem to be a high-risk group for the common cold and other communicable illnesses, according to a TCU Health Center physician.

Many students do not take proper precautions to ensure good health, said Dr. Burton Schwartz, a TCU Health Center physician.

"Students make health decisions every day," he said, "but without help, they often make poor choices."

Students are often more susceptible to colds due to their living environment, Schwartz said.

"Students who live in dorms live with hundreds of other people," he said, "many of whom have poor health habits."

Colds and germs may be spread, not only through coughing and sneezing, but also through sharing a fork, a drink or even lipstick or chapstick, Schwartz said.

"It's almost as if students have a habit of getting sick," he said. "Fifteen people share the same glass or drink after one another and don't think about the consequences."

Schwartz said the more he practices medicine, the more he believes grandma really knew how to treat a cold.

Students can minimize the risks of getting a bad cold at the first sign of illness, he said.

"When a student begins to feel bad, he should prioritize time and

take certain health precautions," Schwartz said.

"To stay healthy," he said, "students need at least eight hours of uninterrupted sleep."

Staying up all hours of the night studying is one of the worst things students can do for their health, Rana Williamson, adjunct history professor, said.

"Lack of sleep, along with a few other factors, gives students absolutely no resistance to germs and colds," she said.

Students can actually better their immune system with the proper amount of sleep, said Susan Wilson, associate professor and associate dean of the Harris College of Nursing.

"The immune system is actually renewed when the body gets seven to eight hours of sleep each night," she said.

A proper diet is also necessary for a student to be healthy, Schwartz said.

"Many college students like to skip breakfast," he said, "but this is the most important meal of the day."

No breakfast, a salad for lunch and a small dinner is not good nutrition, Schwartz said.

Brent Teague, a sophomore pre-med student, said he agrees with Schwartz and tries to eat breakfast every morning.

"It's pretty simple," he said. "I try to get up and eat breakfast every morning because I know it's really

important. I think the best thing I can do is to eat lots of fruit."

To ensure a proper, healthy diet, students should follow the food pyramid, Wilson said.

Vitamins do not take the place of a missed meal, Schwartz said.

Scott Hamilton, a junior physical education major, said he tries to eat as healthily as he can.

"I try to eat real meals and not just junk food," he said.

Proper clothing is also essential to being healthy, Schwartz said.

"I see students in shorts and shower shoes in 40 degree weather," he said, "and this is just an easy way to get sick. Girls running out to class in the morning with wet heads can also lead to a cold."

Exercise is also a key to good health, Wilson said.

"The American Heart Association recommends exercising 20 minutes

three times a week to have a healthy cardiovascular system," she said.

Teague said he finds it difficult sometimes to fit exercise into his schedule.

"I try to exercise as much as I can," he said, "but it just depends on when I have time."

Alcohol also lowers the resistance of the immune system, Schwartz said.

"Alcohol just adds another risk to the possibilities of catching a cold," he said.

Stress management may help in preventing illness, Wilson said.

"Stress can lower the immune system," she said. "Stress management prevents this."

When students do get sick, certain steps should be taken, Schwartz said.

"Students have to overhydrate themselves with lots of fluids," he said, "and this means no Coors or

Pepsi, just fruit juices. Anything with lots of Vitamin C is great."

Students should not take aspirin or aspirin-containing compounds if they have a fever, Schwartz said.

"Tylenol, Advil or any acetaminophen or ibuprofen product is safe to take," he said. "Just be sure to take the proper dosage."

Rest is vital to recovery, he said.

"Students should hang a 'do not disturb' sign on their door, close the blinds, send a friend to get some food and turn on Bach or Mozart," he said.

"You can't get better to Nine Inch Nails or Metallica."

Chicken noodle soup or other hot soups help relieve colds because the steam goes up the nose to help breathing, he said, and the protein can strengthen the body.

"If a patient is not hungry," he said, "I recommend six well-thought-out snacks throughout the day."

This year is the second year the health center is not providing excuse notes for class, Schwartz said.

"My recommendation is for students to call their professor in advance and tell them they will be out of class," he said. "I also think this idea works better if the student calls prior to being absent."

Williamson said, as a teacher, she feels like a target for colds.

"During the first three years of my teaching, I was sicker than I had ever been in my life," she said. "Over ten years, though, I think I have built up an immunity."

She said she prefers students to just stay home if they are really sick.

"If they come, they won't hear a word I say," she said. "Plus, they will infect the rest of the class and be absent longer when they finally break down."

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Ernest Jochim, a senior history major, wins the chess tournament by defeating finalist Kevin Lintz, a senior elementary education major, Tuesday night in the Student Center Ballroom.

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12.	Bb5+	Kf7
13.	Qh5+	Kf6
14.	Rfe1	g6
15.	Ng6	Bg7
16.	Bg5+	Kf7
17.	Nh8+	Kf8
18.	Qf7+	++



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Ryal said she sees a fairness in the system, though.

"You do what you love, and I think, even with an academic scholar, if you enjoy learning, then that's what you do well," she said. "I don't think anyone can really appreciate the other

until they've experienced it, because I don't know about the work and dedication that goes into it."

Allen said more people need that type of understanding.

"I wish people could go through a week of what we do and see how tired we are," he said. "We appreciate the scholarship, but it's not as easy as it looks. If it was easy, everybody would be doing it."

Flu

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of Fluzone, the influenza virus vaccine.

Only one dose is required for people nine years and older, according to the packet.

At one time, the government encouraged certain groups to be immunized more than others, Schwartz said.

"The target groups are more general now," he said. "This shot is safe for everyone except those who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant and those who are allergic to eggs or egg products."

According to the physician information packet, target groups include the following: persons over age 65, residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities, adults and children with chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems (including asthma), nurses, physicians, students or other persons in institutional settings, along with the general population.

Elderly persons and those who have severe respiratory problems or diabetes are high-risk groups and should get the vaccine, Schwartz said.

"Anyone who is crucial to society or those who provide services, including teachers, should get their flu shot," he said.

Students are more at-risk due to cramped living environments and unhealthy living habits, Schwartz said.

"With two or three people living in a room together, coughing and sneezing with no tissues," he said, "the germs just spread. It's the logistics of where people live and the amount of exposure."

Brent Teague, a sophomore pre-med student, said he will get his flu shot this year, more as a prevention method.

"I have gotten a flu shot every year since I was little," he said, "and it's worked for me. I haven't had the flu in years."

The cycle of colds and the flu are predictable, Rana Williamson, adjunct history instructor, said.

"The cycle usually begins with the first cold front that comes through," she said. "It usually corresponds with midterms, and then we get another round about finals time."

Williamson said she prefers not to get a flu shot.

"The last time I got a flu shot, I got the worst case of flu I had ever had in my life," she said. "I was in bed for two weeks."

Those who get the vaccine will not get the flu as a result of the shot, Schwartz said.

"Some people think that the flu shot can give them the flu," he said. "The case is usually that the flu virus is already in the incubation period of the viral illness when they get the shot, and shortly afterwards, they get the full-blown illness."

Many people confuse the average cold with flu, Schwartz said.

"The flu is a cold that is greatly magnified," he said. "Some people think they have the flu when they only have a severe cold."

Symptoms of the influenza virus include fever, achy muscles, sore throat and a nonproductive cough, according to the packet.

People who suffer from this virus often suffer from listlessness, a washed out appearance and fatigue, Schwartz said.

"The effect of flu on the respiratory system is magnified as compared to a regular cold," he said.

Many of the colds and allergies students are currently suffering from are due to the hay fever season, the

dry and unusual autumn this year and general climate changes for students from other areas of the country, Schwartz said.

No reported cases of influenza of any type have been reported in the United States at this time, a Public Health Department official said.

Most cold and flu symptoms can be managed by the patient, Schwartz said.

"If the student feels the need to be checked out by a physician," he said, "they can come to the clinic. We cannot cure a virus, but we can treat flu complications."

Complications such as sinus infections, ear infections and even pneumonia may accompany the flu and may be treated, Schwartz said. It is estimated that more than 20,000 influenza-associated deaths occurred during each of 10 different United States epidemics from 1972 to 1991, according to the packet.

Albertson's is also offering flu shots on Friday at the 3127 S. University and 5109 E. Lancaster stores. The cost is also \$10. Any interested person can get more information by calling 530-0413.

Local Eckerd's drug stores are also offering flu shots for \$10 on Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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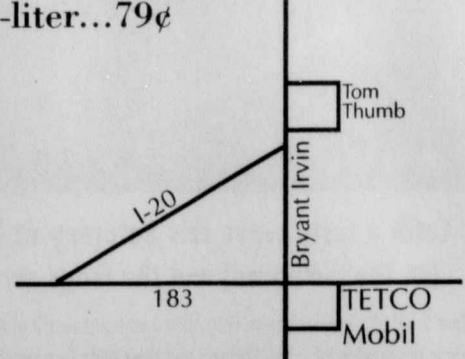
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Amendments to top November elections

Officials expect low voter turnout

By MICHAEL HOLMES
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AUSTIN — Texans, who elect 181 legislators to write laws, take lawmaking into their own hands beginning today.

That's when early voting begins for the Nov. 7 constitutional amendment election. The early voting period runs through Nov. 3.

Secretary of State Tony Garza predicted that only 10 percent of the state's 8.7 million registered voters would cast ballots.

"Quite frankly, that's not a number Texans should be proud of when you consider we're talking about amending our state constitution. I wish I could add another zero to that number and boast about our 100 percent voter participation," Garza said.

Fourteen propositions are on the ballot, headlined by Proposition 10. That's the amendment that would abolish the state treasurer's post and merge Treasury functions into the state comptroller's office.

Treasurer Martha Whitehead, a Democrat elected last year after promising to eliminate a job that has grown obsolete, says she has no doubt Texans will agree that closing the Treasury is a cost-efficient reduction in bureaucracy.

"Any time the people of Texas have the opportunity for smaller government and government savings, they're going to vote overwhelmingly for it," she said recently.

Mrs. Whitehead and Comptroller John Sharp have estimated that merging the offices could

save \$22 million over five years and eliminate 160 state jobs.

Not everyone is so sure it's a good idea.

The State Republican Executive Committee adopted a resolution opposing Proposition 10, calling it an "ill-advised scheme."

The GOP leaders argue that having two finance-related posts — a comptroller to collect the taxes and a treasurer to manage state money — provides needed checks and balances.

"At present, the comptroller is not only the chief tax collector but also the chief budget forecaster for the state. The proposed amendment would concentrate still more power in one office run by a single official," Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, wrote in a recent newspaper essay.

Most of the other amendments being decided are bond issues, property tax exemptions and some miscellaneous bits of government business — such as whether to abolish the office of constable in three counties.

The Texas Constitution, which dates to 1876, has been criticized as too detailed and confusing. It has been amended 353 times, from a total of 521 amendments proposed. This year's lineup brings the total number of propositions submitted for ratification to 535.

According to the secretary of state, except for votes on the state lottery amendment in 1991 and the horse race gambling referendum in 1987, amendment election turnout since 1977 hasn't topped 14.1 percent.

Powell says he's changed his views

By JOHN KING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST BLOOMFIELD, Mich. — Colin Powell said Wednesday he has adjusted his tone on key Republican issues such as abortion and the religious right because his "thinking and views" have sharpened — not to cater to conservatives.

As if to prove his point, Powell said he believed the attention he has attracted during his book tour shows that the Republican Party "is a broader party out there looking for leadership than just the part represented by the very active right wing."

Powell did not deny refining his language on a number of issues prominent in Republican politics, from abortion to the House GOP's "Contract With America."

But the retired general said the shifts came simply because he was "sharpening my own thinking and views" as he travels the country and gets more involved in the day-to-day political debate.

His aides acknowledged that Powell, or associates acting with his blessing, have contacted several leading Republicans for advice on how to better articulate his views on abortion and other issues.

Nonetheless, Powell said, "I'm not trying to change my message from day to day to appeal to one constituency or another." He made his comments before a book signing session in suburban Detroit.

Powell applauded the activism of the GOP right, but took issue with those who say he would have little chance in party primaries because he is a "Rockefeller Republican" with moderate to liberal views on social policy.

"The answer I give to them is, well, find your revolutionary who gets more than 8 or 9 percent of the vote and let me know when you get it," Powell said.

He did not single out anyone by name, but the remark was an apparent reference to the poll standings of GOP presidential candidates who lag well behind Senate Majority Leader

Bob Dole.

Three in that group regularly compete for conservative support and have suggested they are best suited to carry out the 1994 Republican revolution: Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and commentator Pat Buchanan.

As he delivered his modest salvo, Powell said that he will decide whether to enter the race in mid-to-late November. His book tour ends this week and he wants to spend some time discussing his future with family and friends.

While Powell denied any political calculation in the recent tailoring of his language, the shifts have come on issues prominent in GOP politics.

At the outset of his book tour, Powell raised several objections to the House GOP agenda and said of Republicans in general: "There is an edge to them and a harshness to them which tends to hurt those who are in a minority status."

This week, Powell applauded the

ideological energy and commitment incorporated in the House GOP agenda. He said he wasn't opposed to its provisions as much as he was concerned that "You've got to have a sense of compassion that goes along with this Contract With America-revolution."

As if to answer questions raised by House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Powell forcefully defended the GOP approach to Medicare during a Monday television interview on "CBS This Morning."

Borrowing a favorite Gingrich line, Powell said Democrats were "demagoging on the issue" by suggesting Republicans wanted to use Medicare savings to pay for tax cuts.

Gingrich himself welcomed Powell's remarks, saying, "What he said the other morning was very helpful."

Powell also took pains this week to clarify his position on abortion. Without retreating from his support of abortion rights, Powell said he personally opposed abortion and opposed any federal financing of abortion.

Gingrich refuses borrowing extension

By ALAN FRAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Newt Gingrich backed away Wednesday from an offer to temporarily extend the government's borrowing authority, saying Clinton administration warnings of a crisis by Halloween could not be trusted.

In the latest exchange in a war of nerves, the Georgia Republican said Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin's projections that the federal debt limit would be reached Oct. 31 could be "a Halloween trick to try to scare people." Before agreeing to raise the debt ceiling for even a short time, Republicans would insist that Rubin provide details on the government's borrowing needs, Gingrich said.

White House spokesman Mike

McCurry, expressing administration chagrin, said the standoff over federal borrowing "is now apparently going to be a crisis because Congress won't act to extend the debt ceiling."

Both sides know that neither would benefit if a failure by President Clinton and Congress to break the impasse leads to an unprecedented default. The likely results would include higher interest rates, turmoil in the financial markets and possibly greater interest in a third-party presidential candidate.

Nonetheless, Republicans plan to tie the debt-limit increase to their seven-year package for balancing the budget and cutting spending and taxes. It is a strategy lawmakers have long used to force presidents to handle issues they would rather avoid.

The administration, on the other

hand, wants to see the debt limit extension separated from the budget issue, which would make it easier for Clinton to veto the GOP package. White House officials say that ideally, they would like to see the debt limit extended until after the 1996 elections, or at least until this Christmas, when the year's budget work may be completed.

Gingrich and Rubin spoke by telephone Wednesday and agreed to continue discussing their differences, said Treasury spokesman Howard Schloss.

But he added, "There's no agreement" on extending federal borrowing authority.

By law, the government's total debt cannot exceed \$4.9 trillion. The Treasury Department had said that limit would be reached Oct. 31, though the limited borrowing plans it

announced Tuesday pushed that back a few days.

Treasury can resort to other strategies that could avert default, some of which could keep the government paying its debts for months. But some of these, such as shifting large amounts of money from trust funds for Social Security and other programs, would be politically risky.

On Tuesday, Treasury said it would sharply scale back its short-term borrowing plans to help stay within limits. It blamed the disruption on recalcitrant Republicans.

Shortly afterward, Gingrich said lawmakers would agree to raise the limit until mid-November. That is when Republicans hope to have their balanced-budget package ready for Clinton, who has pledged to greet it with a veto.

Democrats say Medicare vote will be dangerous to the GOP

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
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WASHINGTON — As the man charged with reversing the electoral fortunes of the battered House Democratic machine, Texas Congressman Martin Frost is delighted by the House's impending Medicare showdown.

The Republican leadership's decision to have a stand-alone vote Thursday on the plan to reduce Medicare spending by \$270 billion over seven years won't allow GOP members any political cover, the Dallas Democrat said Wednesday.

Republican leaders "are exposing their own members to a clear-cut vote on perhaps the single most controversial thing that the House is going to vote on this year," the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee chairman said over breakfast with Texas reporters.

Frost's GOP counterpart, National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Bill Paxton, rejected assertions that the vote could hurt Republicans.

"Every time big change occurs in our lives we all get understandably

nervous," the New York lawmaker conceded. "But as the details become clear that we have saved Medicare, that we have balanced the budget, that we have delivered on our commitment to reform Medicaid and welfare and cut taxes, I think the public will be very pleased."

Both parties are engaged in a high-stakes battle over Medicare, the federal health care program for those 65 and older.

Republicans contend it is necessary to pare \$270 billion over seven years to save Medicare from insolvency. Democrats counter that only \$90 billion in cuts are necessary to shore up Medicare, and accuse the GOP of raiding the program to fund \$245 billion in tax cuts.

Initially, Medicare was expected to be tucked into a huge package known as budget reconciliation, which includes the GOP's seven-year blueprint for a balanced budget, welfare and Medicaid reform, tax cuts, a farm policy rewrite and more.

But GOP leaders peeled Medicare out of the reconciliation package, which already is loaded down with a multitude of politically sensitive issues. Democrats suggest Republi-

cans did so to improve the chances of passage for both Medicare and reconciliation.

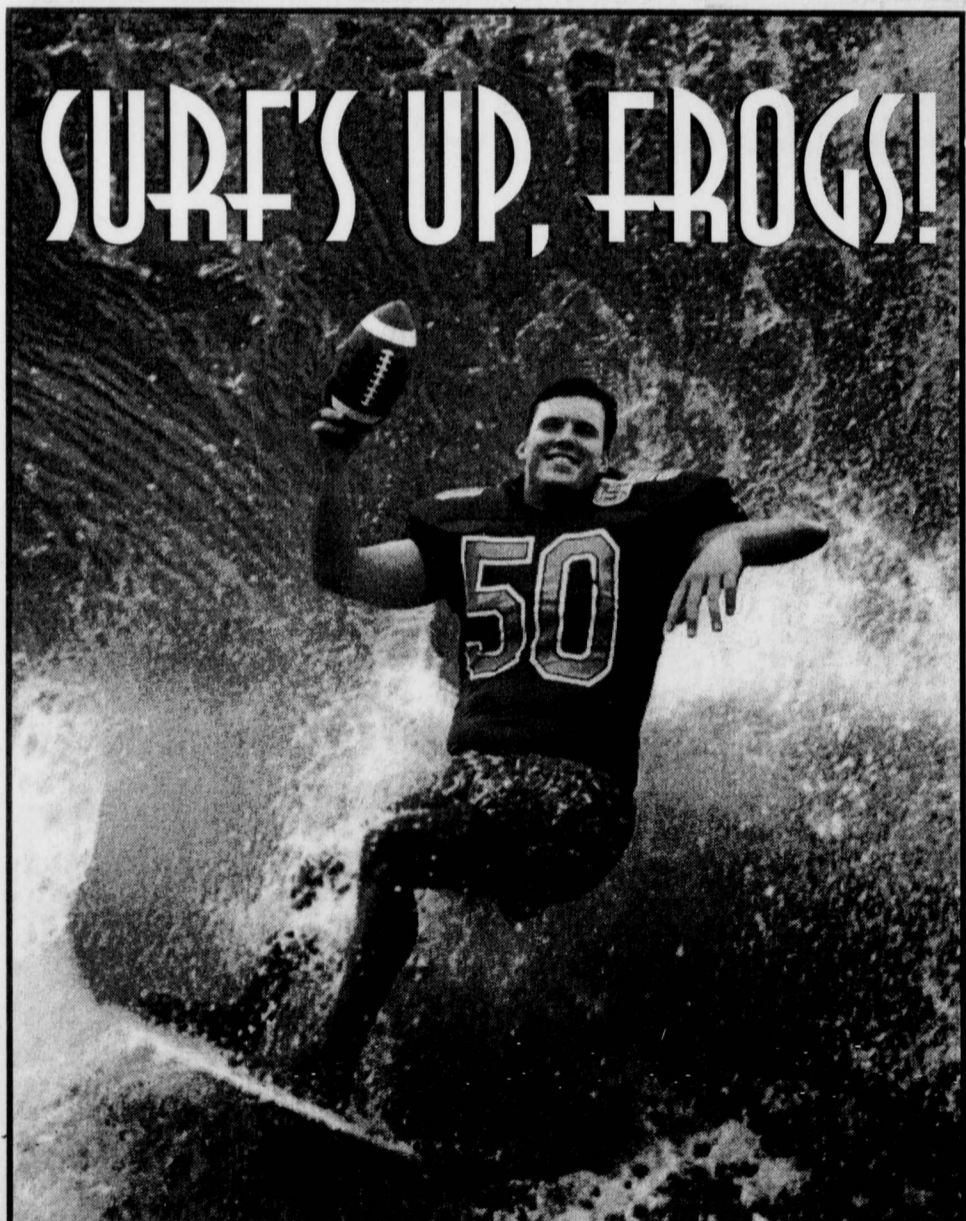
"I think they've figured out they can let a certain number of people off the hook on Medicare and they'll pass it and they let another group off the hook on reconciliation," Frost said.

"But I think it has enormous risk for them," he added.

Having a clear vote on Medicare, uncomplicated by the question of balanced budgets or farm policy or the myriad other issues addressed in reconciliation, will allow Democrats to put up a nearly-united front against the Medicare cuts.

That, in turn, will give the Democrats leeway to exploit the issue against Republicans, Frost acknowledged.

"In my position as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, I want every Republican member in the country on record on this issue," said Frost, who faces the uphill task of wresting control of the House from Republicans. Currently, the GOP enjoys a 233-199 edge over Democrats. There is one independent.



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Injuries leave Frogs with question marks

By THOMAS MANNING
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Assessing the Horned Frog injury situation heading into Saturday's game against Tulane is no easy task, even for head coach Pat Sullivan.

"We don't have all day," Sullivan responded Wednesday when asked to talk about his players' health status.

As the season reaches its halfway point, the main concern for the Frogs right now is simply getting guys to suit up for practice.

The 33-28 win over Rice last week left TCU decimated by injuries to the secondary. Thanks to injuries to defensive backs Mikyha Martin (still recovering from a broken leg), Cedric Allen (severe ankle sprain), Chris Staten (bruised shoulder), Chuckie McWilliams (bruised hip and concussion suffered against Rice), Manvel Hopes (bruised knee and ankle sprain) and Godfrey White (lower abdominal strain), the TCU offense has had a hard time finding live competition to face in practice.

"When you go to practice Monday and (safety) Rick LaFavers isn't there because he's in class, and you look around and only see three guys (in the secondary) who are healthy enough to practice it doesn't make you feel too good."

Sullivan said even he doesn't know who's going to be able to play against Tulane and who isn't.

"We're going to have enough bodies to play, but that's all I really know right now," he said. "We're going to have to do some mixing and matching in the secondary, and we're probably going to have to wait until Friday to see who we'll have to mix and match."

Martin, who just began practicing again this week, will not play Saturday. Decisions on the rest of the injured defensive backs could come as late as Friday.

Sullivan said the practice time the secondary players are losing this week is going to have an effect on the unit's play this weekend.

"You need to have consistency," he said. "Last week we played a

running-oriented team, but this week we're going to see a more balanced attack from Tulane. You need that practice time to adjust to what you're going to see in a game. Just like quarterbacks and receivers need that practice time to fine-tune their routes, the secondary needs to get their timing together too, and that's hard to do when you don't have the whole unit out there practicing every day."

The secondary is not the only concern for Sullivan as far as health goes. Fullback Koi Woods, who has been a key part of the Frogs' successful running game this year, is also nursing an injury. The senior hurt his knee in the first half of the game at Rice and hasn't been able to practice all week. He remains questionable for Saturday.

"What happened was he got hit early in the game, but as the game goes along you get that adrenaline pumping and you don't think about it," Sullivan said. "Then when the game ends and you sit down that's when the swelling shows up and you see something's wrong. We had the knee scanned Monday and all the tests came back negative, but he's still having trouble walking."

Sullivan said that if Woods is in any way able to go Saturday, his decision on whether to play him or not will be easy.

"If he is capable of playing we are obviously going to play Koi Woods," he said. "Koi is mentally tough enough to play, and the doctors have said he can't hurt himself any more by playing, so we'll wait and see if he feels good enough to go. If he can, he'll be in there."

Sullivan said that despite the injury problems the team suffered in Houston last week, the win over the Owls will prove to be a big turning point in the season.

"I think the way we won that game last week said a lot about this team," he said. "We got down early, but then we went out and created our own opportunities and won the game. I think our team gained a lot of confidence at Rice, and I know we're not satisfied. We haven't played our best 60 minutes of football yet."



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TCU's Jeff Sommer gets past UT-Dallas defender Keith Faulkner on his way to the goal in Wednesday's game. Sommer scored on the play, and the Frogs beat the Comets 5-1 to up their record to 9-3.

Discipline remains key for lacrosse team

By THOMAS MANNING
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Nearly halfway through the fall season, the TCU lacrosse team is still striving for consistency.

The team split its two games last weekend at a mini-tournament held at TCU. The Frogs lost to SMU Saturday, 15-11, then came back to beat Stephen F. Austin Sunday, 20-4.

Captain and defenseman Tony Stevens said Saturday's game against the Mustangs was difficult because of injuries and adjustments that had to be made.

"The first day was rough," Stevens said. "We were trying to run a new offense and we were struggling a little. Plus our goalie, Billy Brandenberger, was playing for the first time."

Brandenberger, who came to TCU after being one of the best high school goalies in Texas, broke his thumb earlier this season. The SMU game was his first action of the season, and he made 20 saves in the loss.

Head coach Buck Hoffman said he saw both positive and negative signs

over the weekend.

"It was hit or miss," Hoffman said. "SMU just outplayed us in the first game. And Stephen F. Austin wasn't really much of a test because four or five of their best players were injured. But I felt we did well all things considered."

Jason Benefield and James Korth provided the offensive punch for TCU over the weekend. They combined to score 19 of the team's 30 goals. Benefield scored seven goals and Korth six in the win over SFA.

"Those two guys were really the story of the weekend for us," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said the team still needs to learn discipline. Getting players to practice on a consistent basis is

becoming a growing concern.

"We've got four or five first-teamers here, and then we've got some real rookies," he said. "You can't expect to win if you don't come to practice. We've got guys who really know how to play the game, they just have to show up for practice so we can all work together as a team."

Stevens said the lack of discipline in coming to practice stems from one main factor.

Lacrosse is mainly a spring sport, and many of the players aren't used to playing in the fall, he said.

"Fall ball is something a lot of these guys aren't used to," he said. "In high school you've got football in the fall, basketball in the winter and lacrosse in the spring. What the fall is

really meant for is developing players and getting everyone in shape and ready for the spring."

The team does have more action this semester. Hoffman said he is taking four or five players to the Tulsa Tournament in Oklahoma next weekend. The team also has a match against Rice at home and a trip to the Texas A&M Tournament coming up in the next few weeks.

Hoffman said the team has the potential for success, but players need to get disciplined.

"You can be as good as you want," he said. "We've got a ton of good talent here, we just have to put it all together. I don't know what the problem is right now, but we're going to solve it."

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major, said Conservation of Sight and Prevention of Blindness is the national philanthropy of Delta Gamma Sorority. Reese said all the chapters in the country are committed to donating time and money to the cause.

"Last year our chapter was No. 10 in the nation in giving to our philanthropy," Reese said. "We gave approximately \$5,000 dollars."

"Every penny we make goes to our philanthropy," Reese said. "We don't keep any of it for our chapter."

Reese said in addition to donating money, every member of the chapter goes through a certification program so they can administer vision screenings in the community. The chapter is called on several times each semester to help with screenings all over the Metroplex, Reese said.

Taylor said Anchor Splash is open to all campus groups. The chapter will try to get more varsity sports to participate next year, she said.

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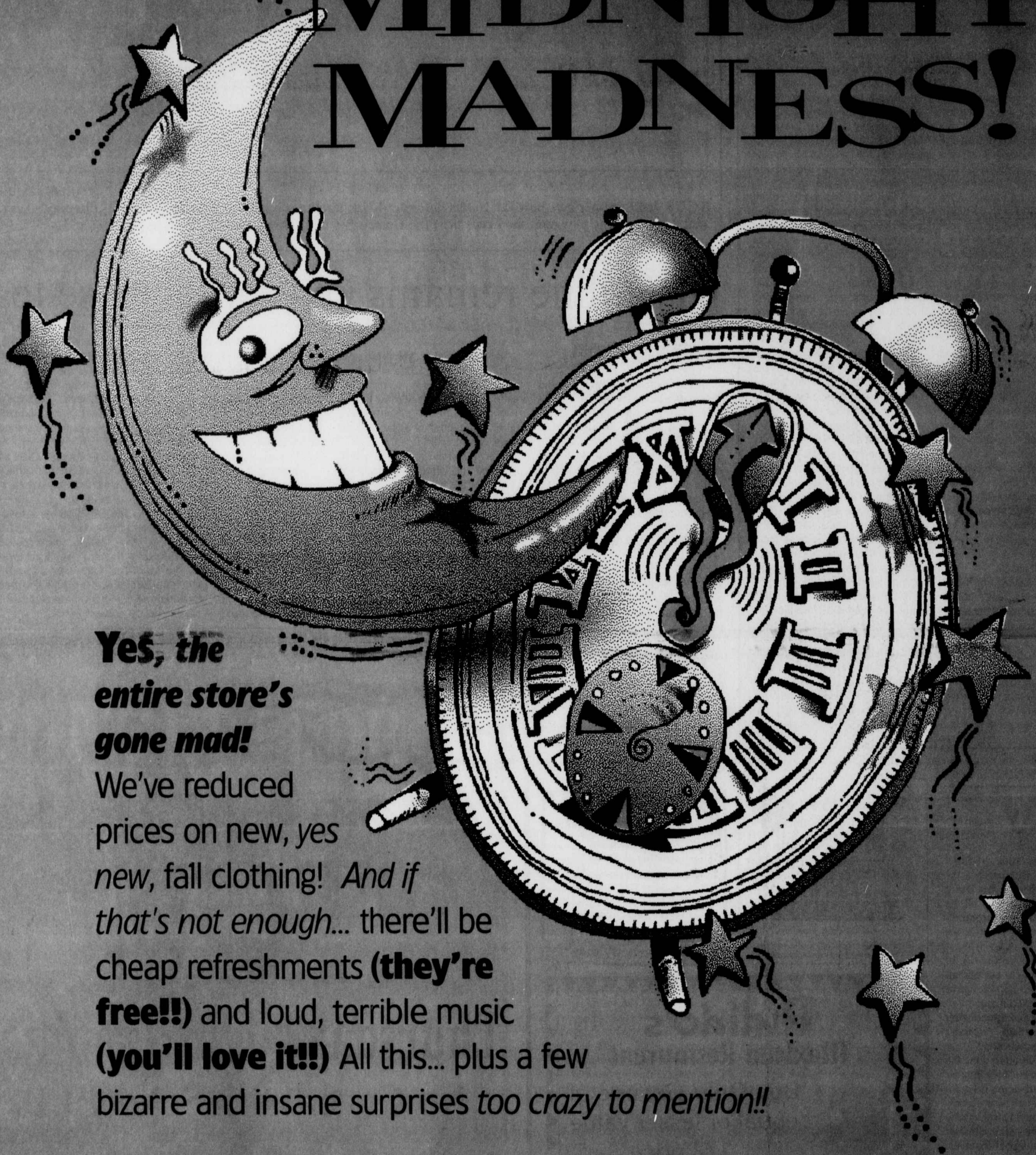
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