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Muslims celebrate month of fasting

BY AMANDA BRONSTAD
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Every day around 5:30 a.m., Amina Sodiq, a senior psychology major, wakes up for breakfast before sunrise as part of Ramadan, the Muslim traditional month of fasting which began Sunday.

"My schedule is rough with class every day," she said, "(but) you still have time to fast."

There are currently four Muslim students on campus, according to the fall 1995 data

from TCU's Institutional Research.

Sodiq, who is president of the Muslim Student Organization, said Muslims abstain from eating and drinking from dawn to sunset during Ramadan. She said Muslims also abstain from smoking and conjugal relations during the month, which lasts until Feb. 19.

Sodiq said Ramadan teaches Muslims four things: self-control over greed and laziness, experience of hunger in order to better relate to the poor and hungry, self-control over the love of comfort and self-control over sexual desire and anger.

Fatima Cumber, a junior pre-major, said many people do good deeds during Ramadan, such as volunteer work or just helping others.

Yushau Sodiq, an assistant professor of religion who is also Muslim, said Ramadan brings a person closer to Allah, the Muslim name for God.

"Ramadan teaches a compassionate attitude to all, especially to those who do not have (one)," he said.

He said Ramadan, which is one of the five pillars of Islam, is not based on specific dates but on the lunar calendar. Ramadan, the ninth

month of the Islamic calendar, lasts either 29 or 30 days, depending on the moon's cycle. Each year the actual date the month begins moves back eleven days, he said.

The night before a day of fasting, Muslims often go to the mosque to eat together and pray the tarawih, which lasts about an hour, he said.

He plans to take his "Introduction to Islam" class to the mosque Feb. 16 in order for students to witness those practicing Ramadan.

Cumber said many Muslims simply pray at home and often with their families. Children

usually begin to practice Ramadan around the age of 13 because it is too difficult for younger children to fast all day, she said.

Amina Sodiq said the month of Ramadan ends in a celebration called Eid-Fitr, a day of thanksgiving and forgiveness.

"Ramadan is an act, what you have to do," she said. "The celebration is at the end."

She said the Muslim Student Organization plans to celebrate Eid-Fitr by going to the mosque and thanking Allah for their food. She said it is usually a two-day celebration. "It's like a Christmas for us," she said.

Face reading, two-stepping, sign language classes open

BY ALISHA LA ROCHELLE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Ever wanted to take a class on face reading or learn how to two-step the correct way?

For half-price, students, faculty and staff can take non-credit courses like these through the Office of Extended Education.

This special rate does not apply to all courses, but most are included, Programs Specialist Suzie Mahony said.

The courses are open to anyone in the community, but Mahony said she wishes more TCU students would take advantage of the opportunity to enhance their education.

"The purpose of non-credit courses is to give people a chance to continue their education," Mahony said. "It's an opportunity for lifelong learning."

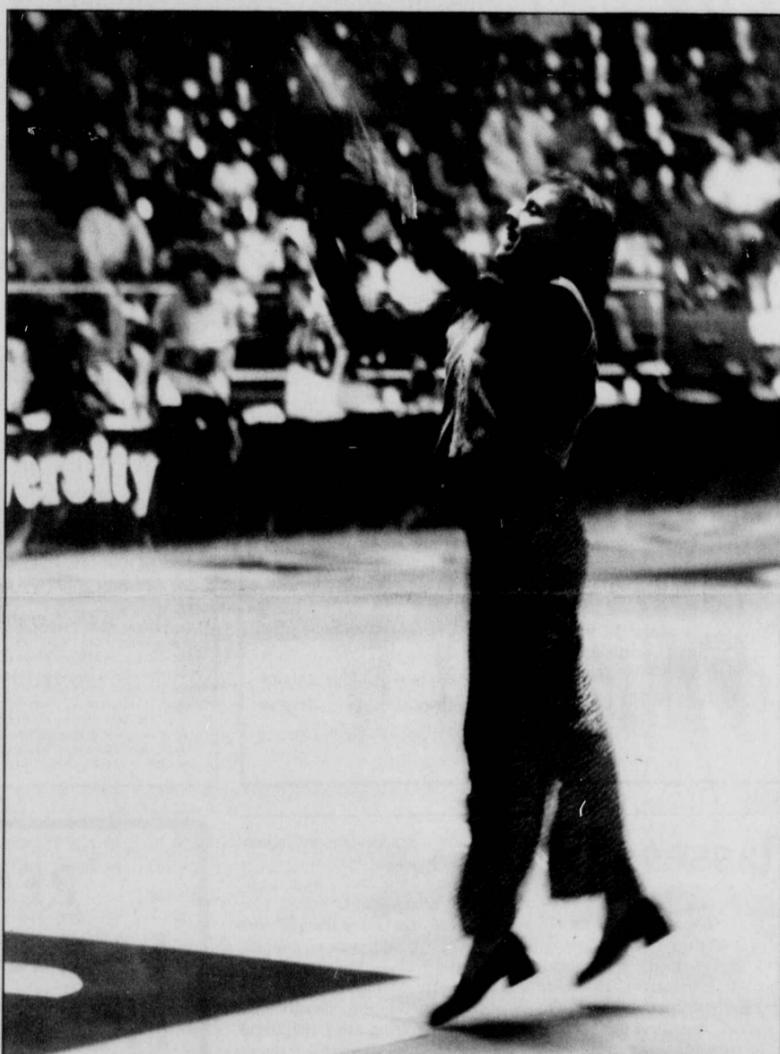
Registration for some classes is closed, but there is still time to reserve space in others, Mahony said. Registration is open until the day the class begins. Many classes fill up quickly, so waiting until the last minute is risky, Mahony said.

This year about 30 of the 80 non-credit courses being offered are new, Mahony said.

"Fort Worth Fiction," taught by Judy Alter, director of the TCU Press, is just one of the new classes. Students will read works by local authors and hear lectures from several guest speakers.

"Quit Smoking? Of Course You

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TCU Daily Skiff/ Rebecca Newitt
Graduate elementary education student Tracy Fielder shoots a free throw for a grab bag at halftime during Monday night's men's basketball game.

RA spots open for fall semester

Residential services hoping for more diversity, Greek applicants

BY TASHA ZEMKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Anywhere from 20 to 23 resident assistants will be needed for the fall 1996 semester, and the department of residential services is hoping to fill those positions with more Greek and minority students than in the past.

The vacancies represent more than one-third of the entire RA staff - and every residence hall will lose at least one resident assistant. Wanda Olson, associate director of residential life, said she wants to use the widespread openings to increase the diversity of the staff.

Approximately 14 women and eight men will be needed to fill the empty positions, she said.

"I want our RA staff to represent the student body, and I don't think we have that," Olson said. "I want students to identify with the resident assistant staff."

She said that in the past the university has had a better representation of Greeks and minority RAs, but those numbers have been low in recent years because not as many of those students applied for the positions.

This fall, there are 25 Greek-affiliated resident assistants - seven males and 18 females. The number of minorities is unknown.

"I just want a good mix," Olson said. "All majors, upperclassmen, underclassmen, out of state, in state."

Olson said she tries to ensure that no one group on campus is too heavily represented.

The spring RA selection process usually has more applicants than the fall selection. Olson said that last spring there were about 100 applicants.

Applications can be picked up in the office of residential services, Student Center 223, and are due back Jan. 29.

Last spring, applications were due in early February, but Olson said she wants the selection process completed by spring break so the newly selected RAs can make summer plans in advance in order to be back in time for fall training.

Students must have a 2.6 cumulative grade point average, must have lived in a TCU residence hall and must be a sophomore with good standing at TCU.

"We select the most qualified candidates and then match the strengths of RAs to the needs of the various halls," Olson said.

Characteristics of RAs do differ from hall to hall, she said.

For example, Olson said that RAs with a high level of enthusiasm, energy and patience are better suited for positions in freshman dormitories such as Colby or Sherley.

"Regardless, I look for dependability and those who take responsibility seriously," she said. "I want students who are mature, sensitive, and want to make an impact on others' lives."

Once chosen, RAs are responsible for overseeing anywhere between 45 and 52 residents, attending weekly staff meetings, fulfilling office hour duties, creating monthly programs for residents and generally being available for students.

Kappa Beta's numbers falling

Non-traditional students have little time for social activities

BY ANDREW P. DESJARDINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Kappa Beta, the TCU non-traditional student organization, is suffering from dwindling interest.

Larry Markley, Student Center director, said many adult students don't have the time to spend with extracurricular activities. Most "non-traditional" students devote their free time to family activities, he said.

Vicki Whitaker, president of Kappa Beta, said her group has seen the effects of this trend.

Rebecca Calvert, a senior accounting major and vice president of Kappa Beta, said, "It's very hard to participate

in programs like Kappa Beta because non-traditional students have families to take care of, and it is not uncommon for an adult to take a class during their lunch break. So attending college is a challenge in itself."

This group was established in 1992 and gives members the opportunity to meet a few times during the semester to socialize and participate in seminars. Topics covered in the seminars generally revolve around practical issues such as time management and studying techniques.

Previously, most activities have been scheduled at noon and 6 p.m. Because of the decreasing number of participants, no activities have been scheduled yet this semester, Markley said.

BSC honors King's memory

BY CHRISTY HAWKINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU's Black Student Caucus honored the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. last night in the Student Center Ballroom with song, praise and information about how King's dream lives on in generations to come.

The memorial celebration, titled "Remembering His Dream," included a candlelight march, performance by the Word of Truth

gospel choir, a dramatic interpretation by Stormy White and a speech by Rev. Charles Henderson.

The celebration was held one week late because many students were not on campus Jan. 16 when King's birthday was a federal holiday. About 30 people attended.

"We held the celebration today because all of the students weren't going to be here on campus last Monday and many of the members attended the Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference

last weekend," said Mary Baugh, a senior finance major and a former president of BSC.

Baugh said King will always be a role model.

"Very few leaders after him have had great ideas that transcend time," Baugh said.

Nicole Lee, a sophomore accounting major and the event's coordinator, said she hoped the memorial celebration would help

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News Digest

Interracial adoption under fire

AUSTIN (AP) — A civil rights group and the white parents of two adopted black children on Monday accused the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services of illegally holding up interracial adoptions.

The group wants to launch a class-action lawsuit allowing them to represent all non-white children in the state's custody awaiting adoption. The district judge declined to rule on the motion, questioning the motives of the Washington-based group and its ability to represent more than 11,000 Texas children awaiting adoption.

Jupiter not what NASA expected

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — The Galileo probe that plunged into Jupiter's atmosphere found it windier and drier than expected, with less helium and lightning - findings that may force a rethinking of the nature of the planet and how it formed.

Scientists disclosed the findings yesterday. Their release was delayed over a month by the budget impasse on Capitol Hill.

The Galileo probe parachuted into the planet's atmosphere in December, relaying a 57-minute report before it vaporized under the extreme heat.

Urbanites face greater cancer risk

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans living in urban areas are more prone to get cancer than people in rural areas, according to a new study by the Texas Department of Health.

The study is the first to examine urban-rural cancer differences in Texas, health department officials said yesterday.

The study's author, Health Department epidemiologist David Risser, said the findings were consistent with other national studies.

Cops look for pregnant 10-year-old

HOUSTON (AP) — Police asked the public yesterday to help them find a missing 10-year-old girl who is 8 1/4 months pregnant.

Cindy Garcia was placed in a shelter after authorities found her living with a 22-year-old man they believe is the father of her child.

The girl slipped away Sunday while attending church services with other shelter residents.

The 4-foot-8-inch girl weighs 120 pounds and police believe she may be with a Mexican national who works as a local laborer.

O.J. questioned in civil suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With Ron Goldman's father looking on, O.J. Simpson was questioned under oath yesterday for the first time about the slayings 19 months ago of his ex-wife and her friend.

The questioning took place at the law offices of Fred Goldman's attorney. Goldman, along with Nicole Brown Simpson's estate, has brought a wrongful-death lawsuit against the former football star.

Fred Goldman told reporters he was encouraged by the session, which was closed to the public.

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THE SOUTHWEST HIGH TECH CAREER FAIR will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the Infomart in Dallas. Call (214) 462-8807.

CAREER SERVICES will sponsor an interviewing orientation workshop at 7 p.m. tonight in Student Center 204 and at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Student Center 215. Anyone planning to interview on campus this semester must attend.

PROGRAMMING COUNCIL will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Student Center 205-206. All are welcome.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES will host Sam Tova at 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Varsity Club room of the Coliseum.

A STUDY ABROAD RECEPTION will be 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday in Student Center 205-206. All those interested in international education are invited.

APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENT ASSISTANT are available in Student Center 233. They are due Jan. 29.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES has applications for orientation student advisor, orientation office manager and orientation photographer in Student Center 220. They are due Feb. 2.

AUDITIONS FOR "TEXAS", a musical drama, will be held 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 11 at Southern Methodist University's Owen Fine Arts Center 1180.

FEB. 12 is the last day to choose the pass/no credit grading option for a course. Feb. 26 is the last day to withdraw from a class.

VOLUNTEER GUARDIANS, of Senior Citizen Services of Greater Tarrant County, will hold training sessions for those interested in being court-

appointed guardians for incapacitated elderly. Meetings will be 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Feb. 15, 22 & 29 at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Call Marne Stites at 338-4433.

APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 1996 STUDENT TEACHERS are available in the Bailey Building 102 or 304. Applications are due Feb. 28.

VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS, a World Wide Web site for physics students, has been established at <http://www.inegratedconcepts.com/virtualprof>.

THE RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVOR GROUP is now forming at the Counseling Center. Contact Dorothy M. Barra at 921-7863.

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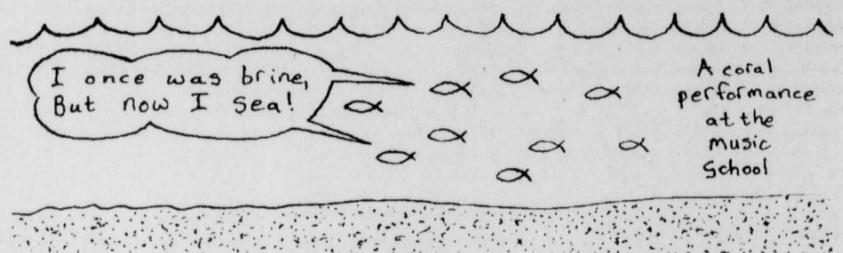
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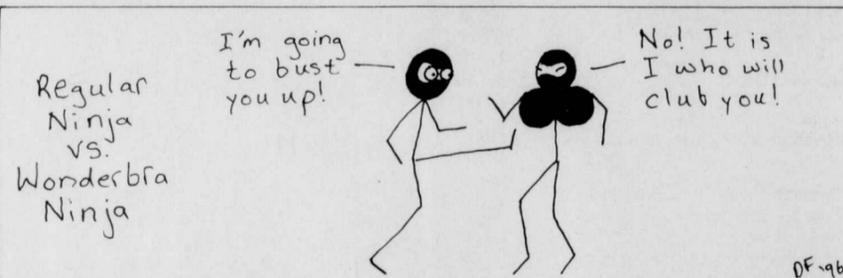
Have you gone to or do you plan to go to the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show (Fort Worth Stock Show)?

Yes	No
13	87

Today's Purple Poll question was asked of 100 people in the Main Cafeteria last evening by a Skiff pollster.

Ninja Verses

by Don Frederic



Crews halt flow of oil from ship

By TIM WHITMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I.—A ruptured barge that spilled 820,000 gallons of heating oil near a wildlife refuge stopped leaking Monday as crews drained more than half of the remaining fuel from the vessel.

Thousands of dead lobsters, clams and starfish washed up on shore, and dozens of oily birds struggled out of the ocean.

Damage to Rhode Island's marine industries is expected to run into the tens of millions of dollars, said Timothy Keeney, director of the state Department of Environmental Management.

Salvage crews pumped 1.8 million gallons from the North Cape on Sunday and Monday and planned to leave about 1.4 million gallons on the barge. The North Cape ran aground and sprang a leak 150 yards off the coast when the tugboat that was towing it caught fire.

The spill, the biggest in Rhode Island history, stretched for 12 miles. Some of it was cleaned up by oil-skimming vessels, and Steve Lehmann of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimated that less than 100,000 gallons remained in the coastal waters.

Shellfish beds remained closed

near the spill, and fishing was banned in a 105-square-mile area. The oil spilled near eight salt-water ponds that are breeding grounds for fish and migratory stops for waterfowl. Fewer than 200 birds were confirmed sick or dead, but the number was expected to rise.

Gov. Lincoln Almond dismissed complaints from some residents and environmentalists that emergency crews moved too slowly to stop the leak.

"You'd like to be able to do this in two hours, but it can't be done," he said. "We had a huge storm on Friday night and a huge surf on Saturday. How do you put people on a barge that's not really that wide when there are breakers coming right over it?"

The 340-foot North Cape barge ran aground off Moonstone Beach, a barrier between the ocean and Trustum Pond National Wildlife Refuge. It began leaking its 4-million-gallon cargo almost immediately.

Crews working on choppy seas removed the heating oil through giant hoses.

"Until you get out there and you're standing on a vessel in the middle of the ocean, you have no idea how much movement there is out there and what a tricky operation it is," Coast Guard Capt. Barney Turlow said.

Correction

In Friday's Skiff the article about personal trainers and massages in the Rickel mistakenly identified Steve Kintigh, director of Recreational Sports, as Steve Cummins. The Skiff regrets the error.

Weather Watch

Today will be mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and highs in the 60s.

Skies will clear Wednesday with highs in the 50s or 60s.

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One of the older but more popular courses being offered is "Face Reading." Mahony said another section was opened because the course filled up so quickly. Students will learn what facial expressions can imply about

personality, attitudes toward money and stress levels.

Mahony said that "Sign Language" is also a popular course. She said it was offered for the first time last semester and was so popular that "Intermediate Sign Language" is being offered this semester.

Lifeguard training, country and western dancing and language classes are also available through the Office of Extended Education.

Students, faculty and staff can register for the non-credit classes in the Office of Extended Education, located in Sadler Hall 212. The office is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

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Leigh Anne Robison

Shuttle tragedy shapes Gen X

Sixth-grade science class. Third period.

Where were you when the Challenger exploded?

Probably everyone above the age of 18 can recall the details of when they found out about the space shuttle. It's hard to believe Sunday marks the 10th anniversary of our nation's most devastating tragedy.

The Challenger disaster is to our generation what the Kennedy assassination was to our parents'. And although everyone who lived through that event can still vividly remember the white smoke spreading through that stark blue sky, the space shuttle explosion is the hallmark of Generation X.

In the years before our adolescence, we believed the world was good. Ronald Reagan was our role model because he reminded us of a nice, bewildered grandfather. Star Wars meant Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia, not building up our nuclear defense stash.

We watched the Smurfs, played Frogger on our Ataris and frolicked safely in the streets until dusk. The scariest thing we knew was Michael Jackson and the dancing undead in the "Thriller" video.

Then, seven astronauts died as they forged into the great beyond. In an instant, a young Generation X was

introduced to reality.

Phrases like "national tragedy" and "O-rings" forced us to take off those rose-colored glasses. From that moment on, Generation X inherited America.

And our generation is called an angry one. They say we're slackers who don't care where our country is headed.

That's crap. We're just as tuned in to the pulse of the nation as the Baby Boomers who preceded us. We don't have a Vietnam to protest, but we have issues our parents never had to face. And it's our parents who look at us and see a hopeless future.

We fight wars here on the domestic front against drugs and crime so rampant they choke the life from our cities. We have "designated drivers" and "CNN," terms our parents never knew.

The two sides of our legislature are so obstinate they would rather shut down the government than meet each other halfway. I know nothing's that simple, but their behavior is much too immature to operate the most powerful country in the world.

Generation X was initiated early. Record numbers of us are survivors of divorce, and the real world is not just a show on MTV. It's something we have lived in for quite some time.

Generation Why



The space program symbolizes our generational history. Our parents got it off the ground, only to have it explode in our faces. We keep going, a little less idealistic than before. If what they mean by "angry" is our determination not to repeat the mistakes of the past, then I guess we're angry.

The Challenger explosion helped shape our generation's attitude. On Jan. 28, 1986, the youth across America shared a common moment in history. While it was an inexpressible tragedy, it will enable us to navigate our country into the 21st century.

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Scott Barzilla

Mental incompetence dragging nation down

A wise man once said that "ignorance is bliss." Perhaps he was only joking. But it seems the plight of America today is the absence of thought.

A perfect example of this phenomenon would be the case of an Oklahoma murder defendant who complained it is too difficult to be considered mentally incompetent to stand trial. What a revolutionary thought.

Today we're raising millions of people who are mentally incompetent to handle life. America is a sad place these days. We have people who kill their neighbors, steal cars and rob banks, but have no idea what the budget crisis is or who is involved.

The answer given to all these atrocities is usually the same: "I didn't know it was wrong," or, "I have no opinion so I don't have to know." The mentally incompetent are running rampant, and there seems to be no end to the growth of their existence.

In seemingly unrelated news, the Republicans and the Religious Reich (oops) are radically attempting to reshape and redefine the way our educational system works.

They want to decentralize public education (as if it could be any more decentralized). In addition, they want a national Christian prayer-and-values education based on "Christian" principles.

I suppose it would be a good idea to pray for the ability to think at this point, but I believe there might be a better way to get around that problem.

On the surface, teaching kids values seems to be a good idea, since kids continually claim they didn't know what they did was wrong. Of course, if you believe that, I have some land under a bridge I would like to sell.

Once upon a time, our children (and our adults) had enough intelligence to think before they acted. Instead of a happy ending, we have reached a world where people claim they don't know right from wrong, and the funny thing is, they're excused from that behavior. After all, they are mentally incompetent.

In fact, other people are often blamed for this incompetence. Instead of punishing those who commit stupid acts, we put warning labels on things people once automatically knew how to use correctly. This would make the company that produced the object pay for the mental incompetence of the individual. Sounds fair to me.

Blow up a government building? Couldn't possibly be my fault: the fertilizer company

Sermon on the Mount



didn't tell me not to make a bomb with its product. Swallow some gasoline? Heck, I didn't know I wasn't supposed to do that. A bunch of shortsighted morons running Congress? Hey, I didn't know, and besides, they promised to lower my taxes.

These are all cop-outs. People use these excuses only because our society lets them. However, the answer does not come from God, at least not in the context of the classroom.

It does not come in value-based education where we say, "Please follow the Bible, and for God's sake, please don't be gay, or you will go to Hell."

The answer comes when we as a society decide we do not want to tolerate a growing number of imbeciles. It comes when we decide to really make education a priority so our children will learn how to think, not just how to pray.

Incompetence runs deep into our society. It isn't just about idiots who commit crimes because they "didn't know what they were doing," or those who attempt to siphon gasoline by mouth. It is about people, including many on this campus, who still don't know even a minimum about what is going on outside the campus.

It is about a near majority not having an opinion on anything substantial. After all, an opinion would require thought.

Mental incompetence is the real problem in America. It isn't the decline of family values or the fact that prayer was taken out of the schools in 1962. People who blame their shortcomings on those things are guilty of the very thing they are trying to explain away.

The solution must come from thought. We should teach and expect people to think, and think often. If we do not, we will revert back to the monkeys that scientists claim we come from.

Scott Barzilla is a senior political science major from Houston who has never siphoned gasoline.

Allegiance

Meaning of pledge lost in casual overuse

Editorial

This week, some schools in the area are voting on whether or not their schoolchildren will say the Pledge of Allegiance every morning.

If the vote passes, the board will "strongly recommend" that students stand, face the American flag, place their hands over their hearts and recite the same couple of paragraphs every day.

What is the value of participating in this activity? Is there any value to saying the pledge?

We did it every morning of our educational careers before coming to this institution. Some of us had to memorize and recite the Texas Pledge of Allegiance, the American Code of Ethics or even sing "America the Beautiful."

Day after day, the pledge can become simply mind-numbing, especially to grade-school students who believe the United States is "... one nation, indivisible." The words lose their meaning altogether, and students often end up sounding like zombies.

Is this a display of patriotism? No, not if nobody understands what they are saying or even why they are saying it. Often the only children in school who pay attention to the meaning of the pledge are those who are so offended by it they do not participate.

By a ruling of the Supreme Court, no child can be required to say the Pledge of Allegiance. That's not the issue Irving schools are debating. No one

at those schools recites it as of now, but they simply want to give children the opportunity to express American pride.

Surprisingly, a majority of American public schools do not recite the pledge, according to a recent *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* story. Perhaps by leaving out a daily display of patriotism, those schools are using their time a bit more effectively.

We are not saying we think reciting the pledge is a waste of time. It becomes useless when nobody remembers why they are saying those 31 words.

When we pledge to the flag, we are paying tribute to our forefathers who fought and died to free the new world from English rule.

How often do you ponder the meaning of the words *United States*? "Indivisible" means that we believe there is nothing on earth that can break up the Union. Yet in the very same schools in which we daily recited the pledge, we learned that just is not the case.

Does the United States assure every citizen liberty and justice? The mere fact that we can debate that question endlessly makes reciting those lines somewhat futile.

When every man, woman and child who declares loyalty to the American flag understands and believes those words, then the Pledge of Allegiance is a significant piece of Americana. Until then, asking children to say it is pointless.

Todd Jorgenson

"Drivers in Texas seem to take defensive tips from the Cowboys."

Blizzard of '96 no excuse for bad Texas drivers

I would welcome you back to campus, ask you how your break was and see if you are in any of my classes this semester, but the truth is, you're probably not happy to be here, I really don't give a damn how you spent your break, and if you talk back to the newspaper, I won't hear you anyway.

I've got several gripes to share with you over the course of the semester, and since we are still within the rough winter driving season, I will try to give you a few tips from my experiences in the distinctly arctic northern plains states.

As *Skiff* film critic for the past few seasons, I have been around the Metroplex enough times to know the roads fairly well. I know the troublespots. And in winter, the potential for danger is magnified.

Now I know we don't get very much wintry weather around here. Words like "freezing drizzle," "sleet" and "slush" sound foreign in this neck of the woods. But I've heard far too many students say Nov. 28 was

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the first time they ever saw snow, saying, "It was a blizzard," when the snow melted by 10 a.m. I don't trust these people to be out on the roads with me when things get a bit slippery. That, my friends, is why driving in Texas with two inches of snow on the ground is worse than driving up north after a foot of snowfall.

Not to mention the fact that we northerners don't shut down our cities and go running to the Kwikie Mart for non-perishables the second a flurry touches our sidewalks or the



temperature drops below 20 degrees — above zero, that is.

And don't bother leaving a few minutes early when your windshield might be frosted. Just wipe yourself a porthole on the windshield and weave in and out of lanes on your way to class — people do it all the time anyhow.

Even during the typical fair (or at least more tropical) Texas weather, driving in the Metroplex can be hazardous. Now before all of you start crying about all of the construction — yes, it's frustrating — there are some things you can do.

Let me preface this by saying I'm not one of those old fuddy-duddies who drive in the right lane at 55 mph on the freeway. Following someone like that can be equally as maddening as someone trying to shove their way into your lane at 80 mph after crossing the double white line on I-30 approaching downtown Fort Worth.

I'm not going to lecture you about defensive driving techniques. It ain't going to

happen. Drivers in Texas seem to take defensive tips from the Cowboys. I do, however, have a message for all of you in your 1995 Ford Broncos, BMWs and Mazda Miatas who swerve in and out of lanes without even acknowledging the existence of turn signals, treating the city of Fort Worth as your own personal grand prix. Some of us in older, less fashionable — yet quite competent — cars are more knowledgeable about the rules of the road. And at least I can get a chuckle out of seeing the offenders' cars that look like golf balls after last May's hailstorm.

So, if you're coming out of Chili's on University one day and stick your car's nose out into that right lane just a little too far, and I'm the next car coming by, don't be surprised if you get a little nudge. Come to think of it, my old clunker could use a few repairs, and I would appreciate you picking up the tab.

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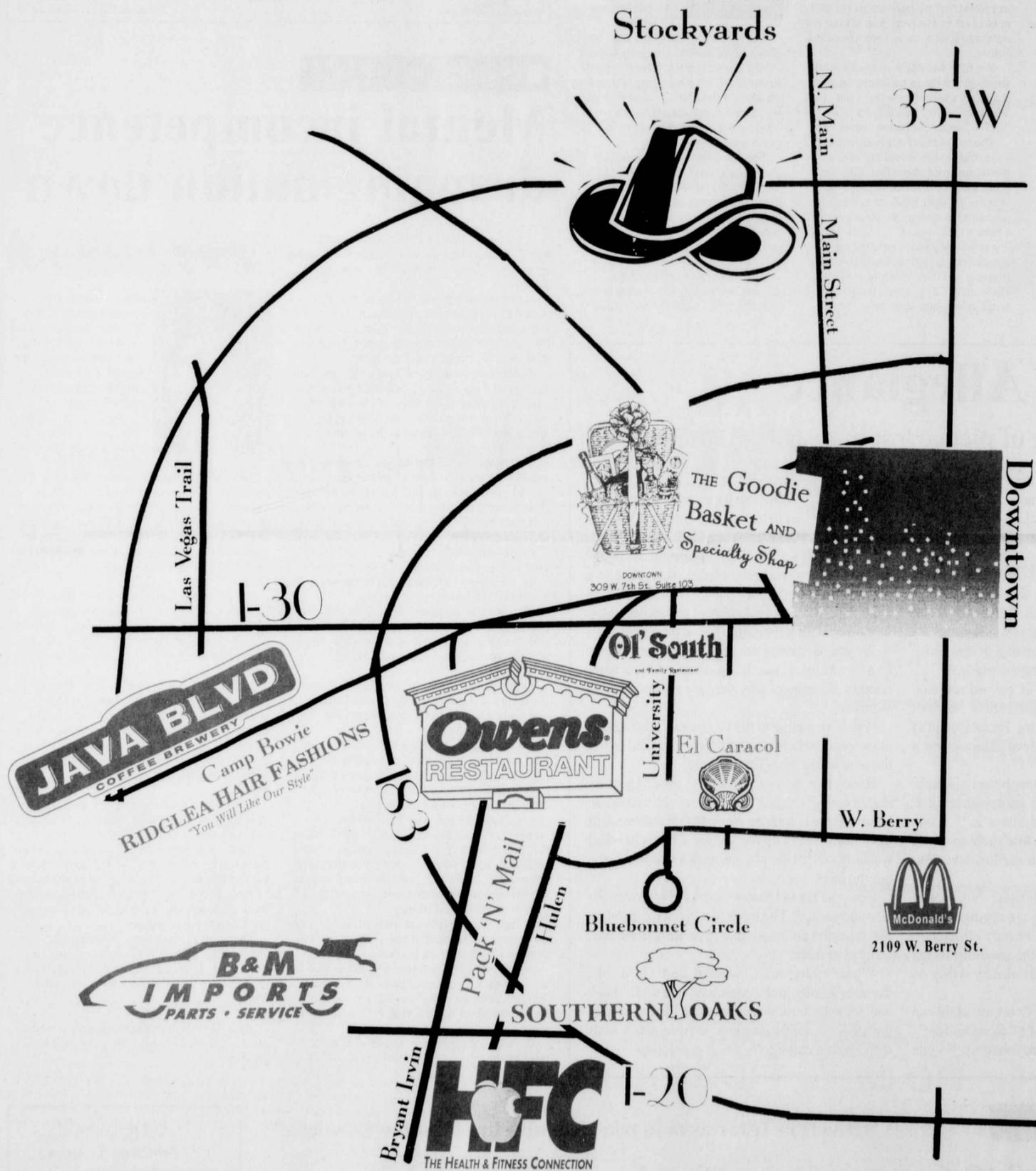
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Show highlights artistic abilities of staff, students

BY BRIAN WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The works of art and art history students and faculty will be shown together for the first time in the Annual Display of New Works, which runs through Feb. 2 in the North Moody Building.

"The new exhibition will allow us to present a range of works by the student body, from freshmen to graduate students," said Ronald Watson, chairman of the art department.

Several students are happy to have their works displayed for their peers to view.

"This exhibition displays the talents of students and faculty in visual communication, painting, screen printing, sculpture and other artistic measures," said Adam Wright, a communication graphics major who is displaying some of his work as part of the student open house.

Wright likes the open house idea

because it allows artists to benefit from each other, he said.

"Part of the artistic process is learning from other artists, just like any other field," Wright said.

Dick Lane, an instructor and photo lab coordinator for the art and journalism departments, said displaying student and faculty work together allows the two groups to relate to each other as artists.

"I think it is important to the students to know that the stuff we teach in class is not just theoretical because we're all practicing artists," Lane said.

Max Buja, a senior studio art major, said some of the pieces took nearly all semester to complete, so it's satisfying to see students showing their works to their peers.

Ben Roman, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, said one thing not often considered by the general pub-

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Abortion anniversary incites march

BY MARCY GORDON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Emboldened by the Republican majority in Congress, tens of thousands of yelling, chanting abortion opponents marched in protest to the Supreme Court building Sunday, the 23rd anniversary of the court's decision legalizing most abortions.

The marchers used the annual protest to exhort President Clinton to sign legislation limiting a woman's legal right to end a pregnancy.

As they demonstrated, however, the Supreme Court dealt a new blow to efforts to enact new abortion curbs. The justices ruled without comment that Pennsylvania cannot establish strict reporting rules for certain Medicaid-funded abortions.

An estimated 60,000 people participated in the march, U.S. Park Police spokeswoman Sandra Alley said. The March for Life Fund, the event organizer, claimed 125,000 participants.

This year's official turnout on a crisp, sunny day was up from about 45,000 at last year's march and from 1994, when 35,000 marchers braved an ice storm. An anti-abortion march in Washington in April 1990 drew the biggest crowd, an estimated 200,000, in response to an abortion-rights gathering a year earlier attended by 300,000.

Clinton, who supports abortion rights, threatens an election-year veto of Congress' first attempt to prohibit an abortion procedure since the landmark 1973 decision in Roe vs. Wade. The bill, which bans a rare process used late in pregnancy, passed

the Senate last month by a 54-44 vote.

The measure's author, Republican presidential hopeful Rep. Robert Dornan of California, told Monday's crowd that with elections scheduled in 288 days, the abortion foes' mission "above and beyond everything is to get a pro-life person into the job as executive leader of the free world."

Abortion remains among America's most deeply emotional and divisive public and political issues, despite the predominance of tax and budget matters on the campaign-trail debate in recent weeks.

Marchers came to Washington in chartered buses and carried signs on the muddy Capitol Ellipse bearing slogans demanding "Stop Abortion Now" and saying "The Natural Choice is Life." Dornan and several other GOP members of Congress challenged Clinton to sign the legislation.

"Bill Clinton is an abortionist, and we need to get him out of the White House today," Rep. Steve Stockman, R-Texas, said to cheers.

In the Supreme Court building, the justices refused without comment to let Pennsylvania apply new restrictive reporting rules for Medicaid-funded abortions sought by women whose pregnancies resulted from rape or incest or whose life would be endangered by giving birth.

Pennsylvania law would have allowed Medicaid-funded abortion only when rape or incest that caused a pregnancy had been reported to the police or when a doctor with no financial stake in the procedure certified that an only abortion would save

a woman's life.

This year the marchers appeared energized by the Republican-controlled Congress, where the House passed scores of anti-abortion measures last year, and by the prospect of a potential GOP takeover of the White House in November.

"We can get a president who is totally pro-life," said Nick Robinson, 15, a student from Rochester, N.Y.

Carol Long, director of the National Right to Life Political Action Committee, said the group's top priority "is to replace Bill Clinton with a pro-life president."

At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry said, "The president is confident they know his views on the importance of choice for women. They also know that he hopes that very divisive issues such as choice can be addressed by the American people in a way that minimizes hostility and violence and maximizes understanding and common ground."

Opponents, most of whom believe life begins at conception, want abortion outlawed as murder.

"Abortion is a crime against humanity," said Nellie Gray, president of the March for Life Fund. "Abortion is a heinous crime against the unborn, against man, woman, society and God."

But abortion rights advocates are equally united in the belief that the Roe vs. Wade decision is among the most important on behalf of women. The high court ruled in the case of a Texas woman that the right to an abortion is constitutionally guaranteed by a woman's right to privacy. The decision legalized abortion nationwide.

Family creates board game

Father and son use Texas community for inspiration

BY RUTH RENDON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA PORTE, Texas — Darrell Schiff has done away with buying Boardwalk, Park Place and Marvin Gardens.

Instead, he's aiming to purchase Askins & Armstrong, the Fair Porte Green Center and La Car Porte.

Over the holidays, the 7-year-old and his father, Richard Schiff, opted to forgo playing the popular and more traditional Monopoly and began playing "The Game of La Porte."

"We really got into it," said Richard Schiff, who spearheaded an effort to get the game produced for the La Porte Noon Optimist Club in that east Harris County town. "It's a Monopoly-type board game where you buy and sell businesses."

The game is fashioned so that players can purchase La Porte businesses using play money. The object is to invest "skillfully enough, and to buy and sell property shrewdly enough, to be the wealthiest wheeler-dealer at the end of the game," the rules state.

Although it is recommended for players ages 8 to adult, Schiff said his son has taken to the game. The two

have made it a habit of competing to buy the \$13,000 La Car Porte space. Schiff, owns that automotive business.

"He usually buys it and he usually wins," he said of his son.

Other high-dollar spaces include Dooling & Mabe CPA for \$50,000, Las Hadas Mexican Restaurant for \$40,000 and \$36,000 for Ken's Hometown Plumbing.

Although similar to Monopoly, the La Porte game can be played at four levels. The higher levels include investing at the Commodity Futures Exchange and tax audits.

Proceeds from the sale of the game go to Boys and Girls Harbor and the Optimist scholarship fund.

"I think it's real good," La Porte Mayor Norman Malone said of the game. "It has the businesses in La Porte and the money is going for a good cause."

Schiff said he got the idea of producing the board game as a fund-raiser after seeing an advertisement in the Optimist club's national magazine. The club paid about \$10,000 to Michael Glenn Productions of Romulus, Mich., to produce the La Porte game, which the company markets as "Wheeler-Dealer" when it is not modeled after a specific city. The group ordered 1,050 games and is selling them for \$16.95 each.

Pass 'em anyway

Texas school officials demand 'social promotion,' study claims

BY PEGGY FIKAC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Tens of thousands of students are being promoted from one grade to the next each year despite failing their classes, President John Cole of the Texas Federation of Teachers said yesterday.

He laid the blame for "social promotion" at the feet of administrators, citing what he called a straw poll of part of the TFT membership.

"The results of that survey confirm what many of us have long suspected: School administrators override teachers' grades and simply promote students from one grade to the next even though those students have failed their classes," Cole said.

His group estimates that at least

150,000 Texas students are promoted every year who "did not pass the course and . . . have not learned enough to pass the course material," Cole said. That's out of about 3.6 million students.

"Although social promotion has been outlawed in Texas since 1984, our survey reveals that school officials are ignoring the law," he said.

The current education law says a student "may be promoted only on the basis of academic achievement or demonstrated proficiency on the subject matter."

To promote students for other reasons hurts them because they fall behind each year and are at increased risk of becoming dropouts, Cole said.

"Why would a school official promote a student who has failed to pass

the course? For one thing, it is easier to promote that student than it is to deal with the problems that student may have," he said.

According to the Texas Education Agency, 172,000 students were held back a grade during the 1993-94 school year, the latest figures available. TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe said the agency didn't have a count on the number of students socially promoted.

Representatives of the Texas Association of School Boards and Texas Association of School Administrators didn't immediately return telephone calls from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Gov. George W. Bush said he shares the teacher group's concern, noting that much of the worry is over students who go through many years of school but cannot read.

"Yeah, I think it's a problem, and yes, I want it addressed, and I intend to address it," he said. "We should never graduate an illiterate child in Texas."



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Grand jury subpoenas first lady

By PETE YOST
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will testify under subpoena Friday before a Washington grand jury investigating the mysterious discovery of her law firm billing records in the White House residence.

Her testimony was requested by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr, the White House said. The appearance will be her first before the Whitewater grand jury, though it will be the fourth time she has answered questions under oath for the prosecutors.

Clinton, put on the defensive by Whitewater disclosures, offered earlier yesterday to supply written answers to questions from the Senate Whitewater Committee. The Republican chairman said the panel wanted more documents first.

The White House's statement on the grand jury said staff members and Clinton's personal lawyer also were subpoenaed and will testify. The statement did not identify the officials by name.

"As the first lady has always said, she is as eager as anyone to resolve questions regarding the billing

records, and she will continue to provide whatever help she can... to resolve these issues," the statement said. "Friday's testimony will offer the first lady the opportunity to tell the independent counsel what she knows about these matters."

Reacting to the continuing questions about Clinton's truthfulness regarding her work for a failed Arkansas savings and loan, the Clintons' personal lawyer sent a letter to Whitewater Committee chairman Alfonso D'Amato earlier Monday.

"Mrs. Clinton has responded" to the committee's written questions in the past and "she is certainly willing to do so again in an effort to bring your inquiry to a conclusion," David Kendall said in the letter.

In reply, D'Amato said the panel "looks forward to hearing Mrs. Clinton's responses," but only after investigators gather more evidence. They want electronic mail generated at the White House on Whitewater, for example, and documents on Clinton's work for the savings and loan owned by her Whitewater partner.

Committee Republicans were dissatisfied with the written responses they got late last year when they asked Clinton about a telephone call

she made the night of Vincent Foster's death.

Though she told the committee she recalled nothing about the call, White House aide Bill Burton remembered it in detail, describing how he informed the first lady that Foster had killed himself by putting the barrel of a gun in his mouth and pulling the trigger.

Senate Republicans expressed doubt that the first lady would have no memory of such a graphic conversation.

Chief among any new questions would be how Clinton's law firm billing records suddenly appeared inside the White House residence — two years after investigators subpoenaed them and the White House said they could not be found.

Republicans also want to delve into the fact that Clinton in 1988 ordered the destruction of four files she kept on her work two years earlier for Madison Guaranty, the Arkansas savings and loan in question.

The billing records show the first lady did about 60 hours of work over 15 months for the S&L owned by the Clintons' Whitewater partners.

Republicans allege that contradicts some of Clinton's earlier

answers in the Whitewater affair, including that she did minimal legal work on a stock sale proposal at the S&L. The billing records show she had at least 22 conversations on the issue.

They also show she had at least 14 conversations with Little Rock businessman Seth Ward, an employee at the S&L involved in a 1,050-acre development that cost the institution some \$4 million.

Last Thursday, longtime Clinton aide Carolyn Huber testified how Clinton's long-sought billing records abruptly showed up on a table in the White House third-floor living quarters last August.

Clinton also faces having to answer written questions in the White House travel office matter. Rep. William Clinger, chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, is investigating the first lady's role in the 1993 firings of the entire travel office staff.

Separately on Monday, a private court argued in a federal appeals court for release of information about a legal defense fund set up for the Clintons on Whitewater and the case of Paula Jones, who has filed a sexual harassment suit against the president.

Clinton to deliver State of the Union

By RON FOURNIER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Touching up his State of the Union address, President Clinton said Monday he was prepared to declare, "The state of the union is strong."

In a possible preview of the fall presidential race, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole was preparing the Republican response.

One day before his annual report to Congress — which this year is also a sort of opening bell for his re-election campaign — the president told reporters, "I am absolutely confident and optimistic about our ability to meet the challenges that our country faces."

Aides expect a generally upbeat address that focuses on America's standing heading into the 21st century. "What I'm going to say tomorrow night is the state of the union is strong, and it can be stronger," the president said.

During a weekend campaign visit to New Hampshire, Dole said he expected the president's speech to stress themes Clinton will revisit during his re-election bid.

"It'll probably be a signal that the race is on. He'll probably bring out his campaign agenda for '96, be my guess," Dole said in an interview. "I assume he'll put the best spin on it he can."

The Republicans had asked the major television networks for equal time to give their response on Wednesday, but that idea was abandoned when several networks turned them down. Dole's response will immediately follow Clinton's speech, which begins after 9 p.m. EST.

Clinton aides expected few new

proposals from the president, who realizes he can get little through the GOP Congress. One of the few will focus on pension reform, the aides said.

The address was being pulled together in usual Clinton fashion: A jumble of drafts circulated Monday among aides and advisers who expected the president to make changes up to the moment he steps up to the microphone.

Clinton was up past midnight talking with Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin about the speech, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said.

Another trait of State of the Union addresses under Clinton has been the length. His 81-minute marathon drew jeers from Republicans last year, and aides aren't sure they can keep Clinton much briefer this time.

"I'm not taking any bets," McCurry said, recommending that Americans brace themselves for a long one. "I'm planning on making sure I make all the necessary stops before I sit down to watch it," he joked.

Above all else, the address is an important political event. Clinton's campaign team views the speech as a showcase for the president's record and a sounding board for his campaign message: Democrats and Republicans alike must face up to America's problems of crime, education and the economy.

The budget battle will loom over his address, which comes just three days before the expiration of a temporary measure keeping much of the government open. But McCurry has said he hopes the broader themes raised by Clinton make the budget fight "seem puny."

Snow shovelers drowning in soggy mess as blizzards turn to floods in northeast

By ROGER PETTERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Homeowners pulled up soggy rugs Monday and shoveled up the muck left by some of the worst flooding in the mid-Atlantic states in decades, while sump pumps chugged away, draining cold, muddy water from basements.

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eling out," said Linda Payne of Marlinton, W. Va. "Everything you open you've got to dump water out, dump mud out and then start cleaning it."

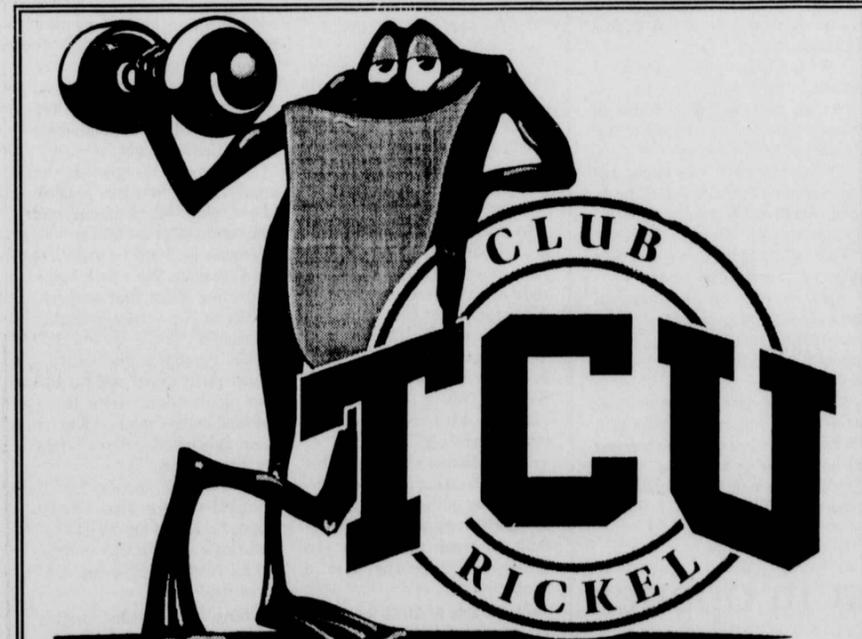
Discarded sodden rugs were strewn along the main street of Margaretville, N.Y., in the Catskills. High water there from the East Branch of the Delaware River also destroyed businesses.

"In the spring of '87 this area flooded, but nothing like this," said Brian Millen, owner of Catskill

Offerings, a department store. "This is your hundred-year flood. It's just devastating."

Flooding from the melting snow and last week's heavy rain had forced thousands from their homes in parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, Maryland and New York. An estimated 100,000 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., alone were

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Swimmers split at Rice

By SCOTT RUSSELL
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Freshmen played a key role this weekend for the TCU swimming and diving teams. The Horned Frogs defeated Rice in Houston 140-74 and broke Rice pool records, while the Lady Frogs fell to both Rice and Houston.

On the way to the Frogs' victory, TCU freshman Mischa Sommerville set a Rice Pool record in the 50-meter freestyle with his time of 21 seconds. This time currently ranks Sommerville fifth in the Southwest Conference for the 50 free.

"A 21 is a great time for Mischa at this point in the season," head coach Richard Sybesma said. "Rice has an old pool, and many teams have swum there, so it's really impressive to break their records."

In addition to Sommerville's record-setting performance, another TCU freshman, Jason Flint, won the 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2:07.28, just five tenths of a second away from another Rice Pool record. Flint's fastest 200 breast time this season, a 2:06.30, is also currently fifth in the SWC and would rank him first in the Western Athletic Conference at this point in the season.

"All of our men's times are really impressive right now," Sybesma said. "In fact, most of our top times would rank our swimmers within the top five in the new WAC."

Though the women did not fare as well this weekend, losing to Rice 115-84 and Houston 133-110, a TCU freshman pulled her weight for the team.

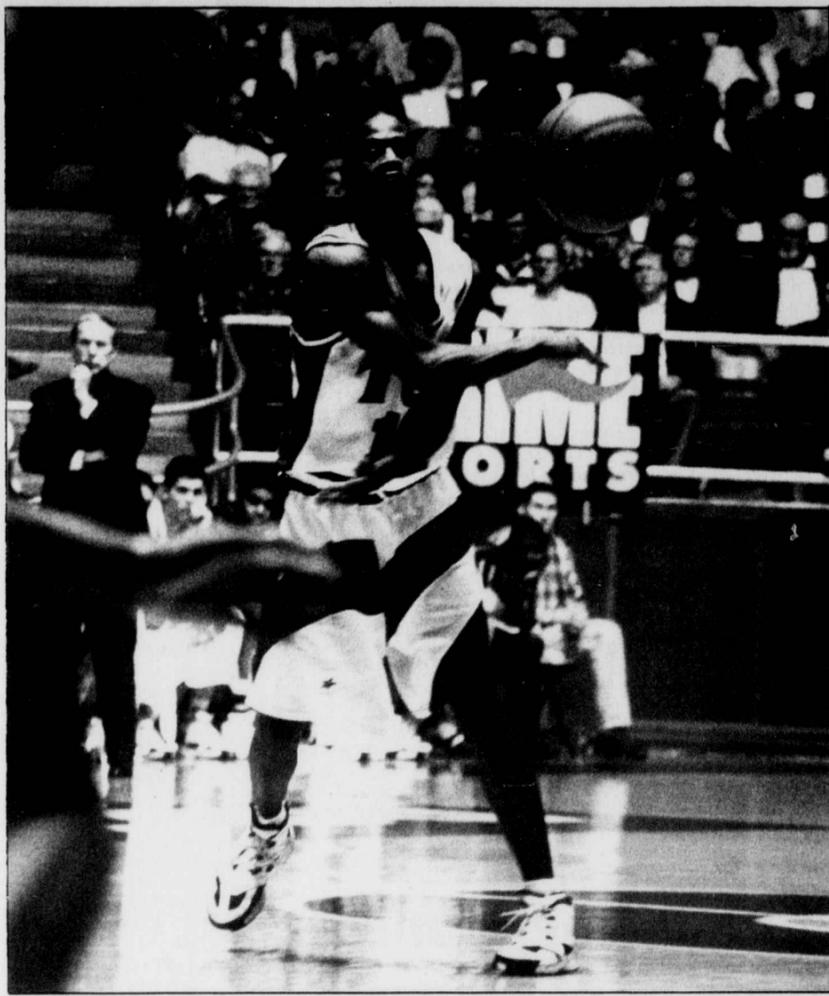
Freshman Maggie Topolski was able to defeat Rice's Ginny Farmer, last year's SWC champion, in the 400-meter Individual Medley. Topolski's time of 4:25.30 currently ranks the Lady Frog second in the SWC and 18th in the nation.

"Before the 400 IM on Saturday I was really nervous," Topolski said. "I knew that the girl from Rice had won Conference last year so I knew that I would have to swim a really good time."

"I was tired during the race, and I was surprised when I saw that I had gone a 4:25," she said.

The TCU men's team will return to action Friday night at 7 p.m. when it faces the No. 4-ranked Texas Longhorns at the Rickel Pool. At noon on Saturday, the women and men will face the Air Force at the Rickel Pool.

"The Texas meet will be our last SWC dual," Sybesma said.



TCU Daily Skiff/Rebecca Newitt
Anthony Burks fires the ball past a Rice defender during last night's basketball game. The Frogs defeated the Owls, 80-71.

Hoop dreams

Men's basketball downs Rice, 80-71

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's basketball team broke a three-game Southwest Conference losing streak and a four-game overall skid with an 80-71 win over Rice last night at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

With the victory, the Frogs climbed over the .500 mark overall to 10-9 and 1-3 in the SWC. Rice dropped to 9-7, 2-3.

"I'll just take a win," said TCU head coach Billy Tubbs. "It was an ugly game, but I like it."

TCU jumped out to an early 8-2 lead in the opening three minutes. But for most of the physical first half, it was Rice guard Tommy McGhee who led the way with 13 points. Rice led 25-18 with 5:11 left in the first half.

TCU then went on an 11-0 run to end the half. The Frogs used a full-court press to create turnovers and easy baskets and they headed to the locker room with a 29-25 lead.

"Defensively, in the first half, we were doing pretty good," Tubbs said. "We forced 18 turnovers."

The Frogs opened the second half with another 8-2 run to increase the lead to 37-27, and kept a 5 to 7 point lead over the Owls for most of the remainder of the game.

Junior guard Jeff Jacobs led the Frogs with 22 points and six assists. Sophomore forward Dennis Davis had a career-high 13 rebounds, and junior guard Anthony Burks held McGhee to only one free throw in the second half while scoring 10 points himself.

"I thought Anthony really was a

spark for us in the second half," Tubbs said. "He came in and made some big baskets."

Jacobs said that after the 0-4 slide, culminating with 124-80 loss at Kentucky on national television Saturday, the team sorely needed a victory.

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BILLY TUBBS,
TCU head coach

"We knew we had to get this win," Jacobs said. "We couldn't go 0-4 in conference and lose another one at home. It was just a good all around effort."

"Hopefully we'll make a stretch here where we can win 10 of 11 or even our last 11. That's our goal."

Davis, who played a season-high 29 minutes, said Tubbs told him that his performance would determine how much he played in the future.

"He told me it's up to me," Davis said. "As long as I stay out of foul trouble, get in there and get rebounds, playing time is up to me."

"My job is just to rebound and play defense — get in there, bang around and be physical."

Tubbs said he liked what he saw from the 6-10 forward.

"I thought Dennis was really good on the boards tonight," Tubbs said.

After their fourth game in 10 days, the Frogs get the rest of the week off before heading to Dallas to face SMU on Saturday night. Tipoff is at 7:30.

Lady Frogs lose to Baylor

By K. E. STENSKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Poor shooting led to the Lady Frogs' 99-50 defeat at the hands of the Baylor Lady Bears Jan. 20.

The Lady Frogs shot only 28 percent for the game while committing 30 turnovers. Baylor dominated the inside by grabbing 44 rebounds while allowing TCU to grab only 29 boards.

Baylor began the game with a 13-5 run. TCU was within eight points of a tie as late as 5:38 left in the first half. But the Lady Bears opened it up, and by halftime the Lady Frogs were down by 16 with a score of 37-21.

Two free throws by freshman guard Jennifer Hickman began the second half scoring. The Lady Bears then went on a 28-6 run that lasted for 9:40. During that time, the Lady Frogs were held scoreless for a 3:25 period before a jump shot by sophomore forward Stacy Price ended the drought.

The last 10 minutes of the game

saw TCU more or less trading baskets with Baylor.

Hickman, the lone Lady Frog in double figures, led the team with 22 points and five rebounds, including seven for seven from the free-throw line. Sophomore forward Rachel Holamon had eight points and three rebounds in her 13 minutes off of the bench.

"Rachel's been playing well for us," Archer said. "Against Baylor, she was doing things that needed to be done."

The Lady Bear defense shut down TCU junior center Shawanda Harps. After scoring 17 points and grabbing 12 rebounds against Houston, Harps was only able to contribute two points and three rebounds against the Bears.

"She got a couple of shots blocked and a couple of fouls early," Archer said. "When she gets those early, she struggles."

Baylor was led by freshman guard Amy Alcalá and her 16-point contribution, but the five Bear starters all shot in double figures.

Archer said the Baylor man-to-man pressure defense forced TCU to shoot more from the outside, which led to the Frogs' low shooting percentage. The Lady Frog defense wasn't as aggressive as it was against Houston, he said.

"We just didn't get out and cover people," Archer said.

Archer also said the number of transfers and freshmen accounted for the lack of game control.

"When you have four junior college transfers and a bunch of freshmen, you're not going to play well," assistant coach Rick Archer said. "What we're lacking now is someone stepping up and taking control."

Free throws were the only real strong point for the Lady Frogs. They finished the game shooting 18-26 (69 percent) including 13-18 in the second half.

"As a team, you have to find any silver lining you can," Archer said. "When you've lost eight in a row you try to get the (players) to believe they're human and they make mistakes and go from there."

Seles cruises to semis

Injuries don't stop No. 1 seed at Open

By STEVE WILSTEIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—One more nagging injury struck Monica Seles, though it didn't slow her down a step Tuesday on the way into the Australian Open semifinals.

Seles, beset by a groin pull after recovering from knee and ankle injuries and a mysterious virus, strained a tendon above her right ankle midway through a 6-1, 6-2 romp over Iva Majoli.

After streaking through nine straight games in pursuit of a fourth Australian Open title, Seles led 3-0 in the second set when she felt a twinge between her ankle and calf.

A left-hander, she had trouble pushing off on her right foot serving because of the injury, and she dropped that game with a double-fault on break point. But she shrugged off the pain to win in 58 minutes.

"I was able to finish the match pretty strong," Seles said. "I said to myself, 'That's OK.'"

In five matches, Seles has lost only 17 games — and that without being completely healthy or in the best shape. She's slightly overweight, she acknowledged, she's not as fast as she'd like to be and her groin pull is annoying.

"On a scale of 10, it's about a 4," Seles said of the groin injury she's been taping and treating with anti-inflammatory pills. "It's not getting better. It's not getting worse, which is great. It's

not going to get better until I rest."

Seles won't have any rest for a while. Her next match is Thursday against Arantxa Sanchez Vicario or Chanda Rubin, who played Tuesday night.

"It's pretty tough, maybe impossible, to beat her," Majoli said of Seles. "I think the only one who can beat her is Steffi."

Trouble is, Steffi Graf isn't at the Australian. She's back home recovering from foot surgery, leaving the No. 1 Seles appearing unbeatable.

"She's going to win the tournament pretty easy," said Majoli, who didn't notice Seles being bothered by any injury. "She hit some unbelievable shots when she was stretched."

Like Seles, men's No. 5 Michael Chang also hasn't dropped a set on the way to the semifinals. His latest victim, Mikael Tillstrom, fell 6-0, 6-2, 6-4 Tuesday.

Chang, a semifinalist in Australia a year ago, will play the winner of Tuesday night's match between No. 2 Andre Agassi and No. 8 Jim Courier.

Seles, upset at dropping serve to begin the match when Majoli drilled back winners, plunked down in her chair and flung a towel, then vented her frustration by taking the next nine games.

"The first game I was a little bit lost," she said. "I was expecting a slower pace, and all of a sudden here were these bazookas coming back."

Flyin' Frogs fall short against Houston in opener

By TASHA ZEMKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU Flyin' Frogs placed fifth out of six teams and the Lady Frogs finished last on Saturday in Houston at the Cougar Indoor Opener meet.

The men's team managed 56 points, which pulled it above last-place Rice but well under Texas's 119. The women fared worse, accumulating only 23 points. Rice won the women's competition with 117 points.

Five men and a relay team placed in top three positions.

Sophomore Khadevis Robinson won the 800-meter dash with a time of 1:53.38, and his distance-running teammates, junior Andres Gomez and

junior Cain Williams placed second in the 5,000-meter run (15:13.94) and third in the one-mile run (4:19.52), respectively.

Senior sprinter George Hackney ran 6.37 seconds to place second in the men's 55-meter dash; he was one-tenth of a second behind Louisiana State's Chris Cummings. TCU senior sprinter Brashant Carter ran 21.75 seconds to place second in the 200-meter dash, an event in which Carter is famous for finishing well. His best time last year in the outdoor 200-meter was 20.58.

The men's 4 by 400-meter relay team finished just under Texas with a second-place time of 3:15.67.

The Lady Frogs did not finish as well as the men. Only two runners finished in top three positions.

Sophomore sprinter Tinesha Jackson placed third in the 200-meter dash in 25.53 seconds, and freshman sprinter Chessna Davis placed third in the 55-meter high hurdles, running the event in 8.15 seconds.

The men's team is made up of primarily upperclassmen. Fifteen of the 23 Flyin' Frogs are juniors and seniors; three are freshmen. The women's team, on the other hand, is young. Only seven of the 21 members are upperclassmen; there are only two seniors, a sprinter and distance runner, on the team.

Both the men's and women's teams will be competing in indoor meets until March.

The Flyin' Frogs will run Saturday at the Sooner Invitational in Norman, Okla.

Sports Digest

Bucs get new head coach

TAMPA, Fla. — Tony Dungy's long and frustrating journey from the NFL's youngest defensive coordinator to a head coach ended today.

The long-time assistant, interviewed but passed over by four other teams in the last 10 years, will get a shot at trying to turn the Tampa Bay Buccaneers into a winner.

Dungy became the fourth black head coach in NFL history, behind Art Shell, Dennis Green and Ray Rhodes.

The Bucs haven't made playoffs or finished above .500 since 1982.

Sox acquire Tartabull

CHICAGO — The Chicago White Sox acquired outfielder Danny Tartabull from the Oakland Athletics for two minor leaguers today.

Chicago sent left-handed pitcher Andrew Lorraine and outfielder Charles Poe to Oakland. Tartabull, 33, split last season between the New York Yankees and Oakland, hitting .236 with eight home runs and 35 RBIs in 83 games.

In 1993, Tartabull hit 31 home runs for the Yankees. The right-handed hitter has a career batting average of .275 and a career slugging percentage of .498 in 12 seasons.

New Hornet waits to play

FORT MILL, S.C. — Would-be Charlotte Hornet Kenny Anderson spent day No. 3 in trade limbo Monday, trying to get as close as he can to a team that's still not allowed to officially embrace him.

Charlotte acquired Anderson from the New Jersey Nets in a four-player trade Friday. But all four players are barred from playing or practicing with their new teams until testing has been completed.

The Hornets, eager to fill a void at point guard, had planned to start Anderson in Saturday night's home game against Golden State.

CBS sets NCAA football schedule

NEW YORK — Tennessee's chance for revenge against Florida will be among the highlights of CBS Sports' 1996 college football television schedule.

Last season, the Gators, who finished No. 2 in the final rankings, beat No. 3 Tennessee 62-37. This season's game will be played Sept. 21 at Knoxville.

The three-month regular-season, 20-game football telecasts begin Sept. 7 with UCLA at Tennessee, and it ends Dec. 7 with the traditional Army-Navy game at Philadelphia.

Bulldogs climb in hoops polls

Georgia is right back where it started in the women's basketball poll.

The Lady Bulldogs, who have won 12 straight, moved into the No. 2 spot in The Associated Press poll on Monday.

Louisiana Tech received 38 of 39 first-place votes after running its record to 16-0 with three lopsided victories.

Connecticut, Tennessee and Vanderbilt round out the Top Five. Tennessee (15-3) climbed two places to fourth and Vanderbilt (14-1) dropped three spots to fifth.

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Houston dealing to keep Rockets

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON (AP) — After losing their NFL team to Tennessee, Houston wants to be sure the National Basketball Association champion Rockets stay in town.

Mayor Bob Lanier said Monday he is negotiating with the Rockets to build a new arena for the NBA team near the downtown George Brown Convention Center. The Rockets still have eight years left on their lease with the city-owned Summit, but the mayor thought there was a good chance a deal could be made.

"I feel reasonably optimistic," he said.

Lanier declined to provide details, other than to say the convention center would share in the benefits and cost of such a venture.

The Rockets would not comment. "That's the position we've taken on this," spokeswoman Kathy Frietsch said.

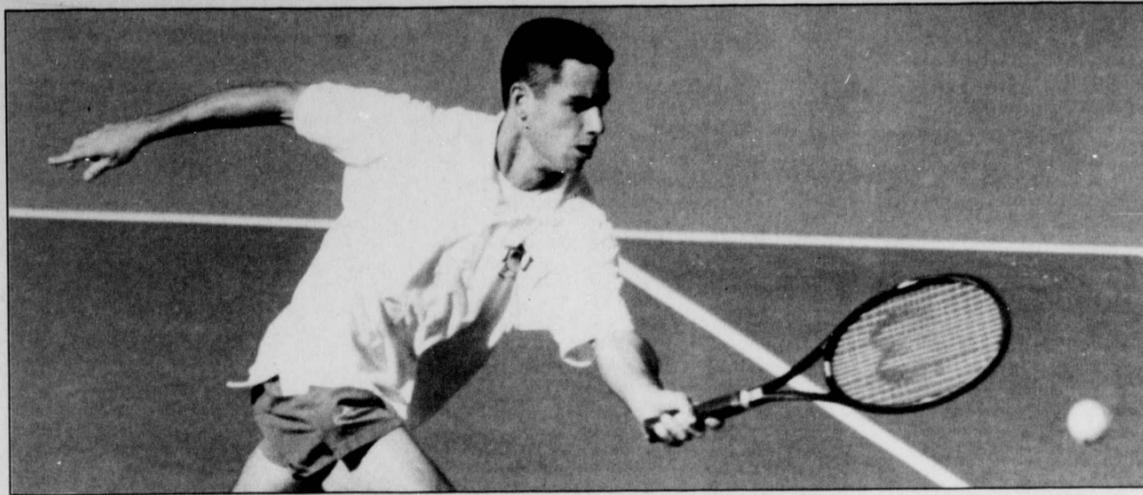
Lanier made his mission known in his annual State of the City address before the Greater Houston Partnership, where he repeated themes that handily clinched 83 percent of the vote last November.

"I think this city is in remarkably good shape," he told about 1,500 business leaders. "It's certainly a lot easier than four years ago."

Lanier noted that when he first took office, the city was staring at a 13 percent financial deficit, crumbling infrastructure, an exodus of residents from the core city to the suburbs and a crime wave.

He said the city budget now is in balance, streets, sidewalks and streetlights are being repaired, people are moving back into the city and the crime rate has decreased significantly.

As for his continuing feud with the Oilers, Lanier said he balked at suggestions from team ownership that the city build a \$200 million stadium from tax money.



TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

Junior Paul Robison, ranked No. 2 in the nation in men's singles, returns a volley against Gianni Von Nacher of UT Pan-American. TCU won Saturday's match, 7-0.

Trivia quiz tests Super Bowl savvy

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I — What was the name of the first "Super Bowl"? (5 points)

II — Who has the longest run from scrimmage in Super Bowl history? (5 points)

- a) Marcus Allen
- b) Emerson Boozer
- c) John Riggins
- d) Tom Nowatzke

III — Who scored the first points in Super Bowl history? (5 points)

- a) Don Chandler
- b) Max McGee
- c) Mike Garrett
- d) Elijah Pitts

IV — Name the five defensive players who have been awarded the MVP award. Hint: Two defensive players shared the award in the 1978 Super Bowl. (5 points)

V — Who has the record for the longest field goal in Super Bowl history? (5 points)

VI — Only one player has won the MVP while playing on the losing team. Who is he? (5 points)

VII — Who scored the first points for the defense in the Super Bowl? (5 points)

- a) Willie Wood
- b) Mike Bass
- c) Herb Adderly
- d) Terry Brown

VIII — Name the last AFC team to win a Super Bowl. (5 points)

IX — What player has been with three different winning Super Bowl teams? (5 points)

- a) Marv Fleming
- b) Jeff Rutledge
- c) Matt Millen
- d) Preston Pearson

X — True or False. No punt has ever been returned for a touchdown. (5 points)

XI — Name the only Super Bowl champion that had a losing record prior to its championship season. (5 points)

XII — Name the three Super Bowl champions that had a losing record after its championship season. (2 points each)

XIII — Name the only coach to take two teams to the Super Bowl. (5 points)

XIV — The 1972 Miami Dolphins are the only Super Bowl team to finish with a perfect season. Name the four Super Bowl champions that finished with one loss. (1 point each)

XV — Two players have won the MVP award in consecutive years. Name them. (2 points each)

XVI — Arizona is hosting its first Super Bowl. Name other four states to host one Super Bowl. (1 point each)

XVII — Four wild-card teams have played in the Super Bowl. Name the team that won its Super Bowl. (5 points)

XVIII — Which Super Bowl received the highest TV rating? (5 points)

XIX — Not counting the Jacksonville Jaguars, name the three AFC teams that haven't made a Super Bowl appearance? (2 points each)

XX — Name the three coaches that have four Super Bowl losses. (2 points each)

BONUS — Name the only player to be on five consecutive Super Bowl teams. (5 points)

ANSWERS:
I — The AFL-NFL World Championship Game.

II — A) Marcus Allen, 74 yards vs. Washington, 1984 Super Bowl.

III — B) Max McGee on a 37-yard pass from Bart Starr vs. Kansas City, 1967 Super Bowl.

IV — Chuck Howley, Dallas, 1971; Jake Scott, Miami, 1973; Randy White and Harvey Martin, Dallas, 1978; Richard Dent, Chicago, 1986.

V — Steve Christie, Buffalo, 54 yards, 1994 Super Bowl.

VI — Chuck Howley, Dallas in the 1971 Super Bowl.

VII — C) Herb Adderly of Green Bay returned an interception 60 yards for a TD in the 1968 Super Bowl.

VIII — Los Angeles Raiders, 1984.

IX — C) Matt Millen (Raiders 1981, 1984; 49ers 1990; Redskins 1992)

X — True.

XI — The 1982 champion (1981 season) San Francisco 49ers were 6-10 in 1980.

XII — 1982 champion (for 1981 season) San Francisco 49ers finished 3-6 in 1982; 1987 champion (for 1986 season) New York Giants finished 6-9 in 1987; 1988 champion (for 1987 season) Washington finished 7-9 in

1988.

XIII — Don Shula, Baltimore 1969; Miami 1972, 1973, 1974, 1983, 1985.

XIV — 1977 champion Oakland 16-1; 1983 champion Washington 12-1; 1985 champion San Francisco 18-1; 1986 champion Chicago 18-1.

XV — Bart Starr (1967-68) and Terry Bradshaw (1979-80).

XVI — Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas.

XVII — The Oakland Raiders beat Philadelphia 27-10 in the 1981 Super Bowl.

XVIII — The 1982 Super Bowl between San Francisco and Cincinnati had a 49.1 rating.

XIX — Cleveland, Houston, Seattle.

XX — Bud Grant lost with Minnesota in 1970, 1974, 1975 and 1977; Don Shula lost in 1969 with Baltimore and in 1972, 1983 and 1985 with Miami; and Marv Levy lost with Buffalo 1991-1994.

BONUS — Quarterback Gale Gilbert was on the Buffalo Bills roster for the 1991-94 Super Bowls and finally played in a Super Bowl with San Diego in 1995.

Scoring
95 or more — MVP

90-94 — First Team All-Pro

85-89 — Second Team All-Pro

80-84 — Hon. Mention All-Pro

65-79 — Starter

40-64 — Benchwarmer

0-39 — Preseason cut

Bushes debate play, pitch Astros' tickets in Houston TV spot

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Former President George Bush and his wife Barbara are making pitches for the Houston Astros.

In a television ad campaign set to debut Jan. 29, the former first couple recalls Bush's days as a first baseman for Yale University. Mrs. Bush recalls how she was scorekeeper for the team.

"I still can't believe you gave me an error in the Cornell game," Bush says in the spot.

"That was a playable ball, George," Mrs. Bush says.

"Was not. Was not," he says.

"Jeff Bagwell would have had it," she says, referring to the Astros infielder.

The playful spot is one of three featuring famous Houstonians that will air as part of the Astros' push to

sell 18,000 season tickets. So far, about 9,000 have been sold.

Dwindling ticket sales have forced Astros owner Drayton McLane to consider selling the team.

The other spots feature former Houston Oilers coach Bum Phillips and Houston Rockets guard Clyde Drexler.

The Bushes volunteered their time for the ad campaign, which was unveiled Monday.

In the Bush ad, the former president is seen placing an Astros cap on his head.

So what does son George W. Bush, the Texas governor and part owner of the Texas Rangers, think about his parents' support for the opposition?

"I'm sure the governor will have some witticism on the matter," said Jim McGrath, spokesman for the former president.

Texas Tech grad sets sights on Super Bowl

By JEFFREY WEISS
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

COOPER, Texas — As surely as he hauled defenders over the goal line in the AFC Championship Game, Bam Morris is carrying his hometown to the Super Bowl.

The star running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers is playing out the cliché of a small town lifted by a successful native son. Bam is a top topic in this northeast Texas town of about 2,400 between Commerce and Paris. He's the talk of the Dairy Queen, the bank, the high school and the local factory.

"When you're a small town, you don't have a lot of chances to have a big anything," said high school librarian Annell Patterson.

Bam Morris has been big for a while in Cooper. He starred for the Cooper High Bulldogs and won the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back as a junior at Texas Tech University.

Last year, Morris signed with the Steelers. Against the Indianapolis Colts, he scored the winning touchdown while covered with defenders. That score, and the Pittsburgh victory, landed his team in Sunday's Super Bowl against the Dallas Cowboys in Tempe, Ariz.

Morris' first name is Byron. But everyone — the mayor, former teachers, current high school students, his parents — just calls him "Bam." And they talk about him as if he were about to walk by at any moment.

That's because he might, they say. A few weeks ago, he was swigging down milkshakes at the local drugstore (where shakes are still made with real ice cream, syrup and milk). And he's not an uncommon sight wandering the halls of the high school, visiting a pep rally or picking up a soda at the convenience store.

"He's always been nice," said Mike Copeland, an electrician who runs an air-conditioning installation business. "He never thought that he was any better than anybody else."

Hometown folks reminisce about Bam's high school feats

Copeland will be rooting for Dallas on Super Bowl Sunday, Bam or no Bam. But he recognizes how Morris affects Cooper.

"My kids think Bam's just about IT," he said.

Bam is the youngest of 10 children reared by Marie and Marvin Morris. They married when he was 19 and she was 15. Neither graduated from high school. Both worked long hours for long years.

Marvin Morris did carpentry and roofing, ran cattle and drove trucks. Marie Morris worked as a medical aide at the local nursing home for more than 25 years — and attended every local sporting event in which any of her children participated.

The Morris' oldest child is 42. Bam, at 24, is the youngest.

Mrs. Morris picked her baby's big week to publicly correct the tale of how he got his nickname. Over the years, Bam had said an uncle gave him the name after catching him "bammung" another little boy on the head.

Nope, said Mrs. Morris.

That uncle gave all her babies nicknames while they were still in the crib. "Bam" owes more to Bamm Bamm of "The Flintstones" than to any fighting prowess on the part of young Byron, she said.

The Morris children all graduated from high school. Five went on to other schooling. One has a master's degree.

That success makes the people of Cooper just that much more willing to share in the happiness the Morris are getting from Bam, said Fred Wilkerson, superintendent of Cooper schools for 22 years.

"It's pride, but more than in their athletic ability. It's their character that we stand for and we stress," he said.

Being poor and black in mostly white rural Texas offered particular challenges, Mrs. Morris said. She listed several people in Cooper — a bank loan officer, teachers, friends — who helped the family during their years of struggle.

"I think they're just as excited as we are," she said. "They knew how hard it was to raise them."

The town is planning a reception for the Morris on Thursday in the school cafeteria, and maybe a nice send-off on the town square Friday morning when nine of them head to Tempe. Mrs. Morris hasn't decided

exactly who from her large family will join her and her husband with the nine tickets Bam sent her.

Ron Morris, five years older than Bam, was a wide receiver who played for Southern Methodist University and was drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1987. He played for six years, leading the team in reception yardage in 1989 before blowing out a knee three years ago.

The brothers are featured on a small billboard erected in July at the edge of town: "Cooper Texas," it reads. "The Boyhood Home of Chicago Bears Ron Morris and Byron Bam Morris Pittsburgh Steelers."

Bam seems to have left figurative footprints all over Cooper (pronounced KUH-per by the natives).

Manton Miller, owner of Miller's Drug Store, chuckled about the time years ago when the boy accidentally knocked out a window. And about the time last month when he showed up with two high school friends, ordered milkshakes and realized he hadn't a dime in his pocket.

J. C. Fisher, a retired salesman, recalled a high school game when Bam came over to his toddler grandson and offered to show the boy his football equipment.

"That just thrilled that little boy to death," Fisher said to smiling nods around the table at the Dairy Queen. The nods became more emphatic as Fisher recalled how, when the game started minutes later,

Bam ran past with two or three defenders hanging on him.

At the high school last week, an English class of a dozen senior girls squealed excitedly when asked if they cared about Bam going to the Super Bowl.

"We're his number one fans," said Léslee Zachry, 17, an All-State forward for the Bulldogs' basketball team.

"He's living the dream for a lot of the athletes here," said Judy Falls, one of Bam's former teachers.

"Bam is just like a big brother," said Mashunda Brown, 19, another senior at the school. She repeated a line said by many others in Cooper who tried to explain why they felt so

good about the far-away success of one of their own:

"Bam is just Bam," she said.

And Cooper is just Cooper.

This has always been a small farming community, city leaders say. Cotton, soybeans, corn, hay and some cattle can be found nearby. The land is flat. When the wind blows hard and cold, as it did one day last week, it blows dust high from the fields.

Many of the storefronts around the town square and nearby streets are empty or boarded up. Some roads are still unpaved. The Dairy Queen is the only fast-food chain in town.

A recent addition — a factory where car starters and alternators are rebuilt — employs about 260 people. A new park offers the chance to pick up tourism dollars from people looking to camp, hunt or fish at nearby Cooper Lake.

The now-popular saying that it takes a village to raise a child has long been second nature in Cooper, residents say. The relative peace and connection of small-town life is partly what made it possible to successfully

"He's living the dream for a lot of the athletes here."

JUDY FALLS,
Morris' former teacher

Floods from page 7

ordered out for much of Saturday; Pennsylvania officials estimated damage from the floods and the Jan. 7 blizzard at \$700 million.

In the hardest-hit areas of Pennsylvania, it was the worst flooding since Hurricane Agnes blew through in 1972. In that disaster, 220,000 Pennsylvanians were left homeless and 48 were killed.

At least 32 deaths were blamed on the flooding in the region, in addition to more than a dozen other deaths elsewhere over the past week that were blamed on cold weather and slippery roads.

Many of those who were evacuated had begun returning home Sunday.

"My first reaction — I was almost physically sick," said Sue Kelly, surveying her mud-filled basement on Water Street in Washington Boro, Pa. "Then I just sat back and chuck-

led. I mean, what can you do? You've got to make the best of it."

Steven Witkowski, an 84-year-old man cleaning his muddy home along the Mohawk River in Schenectady, N.Y., said the lesson is, "You don't buy expensive rugs, because you'll just have to throw them away."

In eastern Ohio, water pumping stations were submerged, and some 10,000 residents of Martins Ferry soon will be without fresh drinking water when storage tanks run dry. Some parts of the town already had no water.

Clayton Caprita, 19, said he had not taken a shower for "two days now and I'm going to work. So I hope I won't be working too hard."

There was still enough snow and ice left in Harrisburg, Pa., to block fire trucks when a fire broke out in an evacuated historic neighborhood. Firefighters had to wade through hip-deep water to reach the blaze, which destroyed four houses.

In West Virginia, hit harder than it was in 1985 when floods killed 47

and caused \$570 million in damage, the Ohio River covered most of Wheeling Island, home to some 3,500 people, with water up to nine feet deep.

Over the weekend, some island residents who didn't flee rowed boats through the streets, scaring flocks of ducks. On Monday, the cleanup began.

"I could have cried," Maryann Musilli said of the office where she is a switchboard operator. "Inside there was dead fish on the floor, windows broken out, all the ceiling tiles came out. It's terrible."

In Marlinton, the Greenbrier River rolled through the narrow valley nine feet above flood stage on Friday.

Cheryl Cassell, helping her sister remove muck from her Marlinton home, described the process, "First you go in and hose the place down, and that's the first layer. Then you let that settle and dry, and you cry."

"And then you go in and get the second layer."

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students remember King's dream. "No one can replace him because he was such a strong leader," Lee said.

The event was publicized by putting up fliers in dormitories and hanging banners in the Student Center, Lee said.

Joe Mannion, a junior psychology major who attended the event, said King is his idol because of the inspirational way he delivered his message.

"He was so articulate in his speeches. I think that if people really knew what he was talking about they would know the underlying idea was the human spirit," Mannion said.

The Rev. Charles Henderson, a minister at the Star of Hope church in

DeSoto, Texas, said he hoped to jolt the audience with his keynote speech.

"I hope to disrupt the comfort of the men — black and white — in this room," Henderson said.

Henderson said it should be unacceptable for men to wear earrings and leave caps on while indoors.

He also said he is surprised by the amount of cursing he hears each day by both men and women, and that people make excuses for it by apologizing and saying it was only a mistake.

"Are these things a sign of the times or a slip of the tongue?" Henderson said.

Henderson said there are three things that people should do to make their lives better: destroy the evil in their lives, demote the importance of the expendable things in their lives and delight in the essential things.

Henderson said it was difficult for Rosa Parks, the black woman who would not give up her bus seat to a white person, to take on the fight against racism.

"She made a major commitment," Henderson said. "It is not easy to take a fight like that and say 'yes.'"

Henderson said King studied books written by Gandhi and Thoreau to learn about practices like civil disobedience.

He did not go out and watch movies like we in our society do now to learn, Henderson said.

"Life is not built on reality, but perceptions," Henderson said.

Baugh said she hoped the memorial celebration increased the amount of unity on campus.

"We want to revisit his dream and remember that if it wasn't for Dr. King we wouldn't even be students at TCU," Baugh said.

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lic is the amount of time the artists spend researching their pieces.

Roman said it would be nice if students with no connection to the arts could appreciate the hours of labor and research the artists have spent constructing their works.

The art exhibit is currently on display in the art gallery on the first floor of the North Moudy Building and is open to the public. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Baby rats starve on space shuttle

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Oh, rats.

Preliminary analysis of a biology experiment involving rats on board space shuttle Endeavour shows that grown rodents survive well in space, while babies don't.

"We've never flown rats at that (young) age," said Dr. Bill Heetderks, who specializes in biomedical engineering at the National Institutes of Health and served as one of the team leaders for the experiment.

The six adult rats returned in good condition Saturday, but there were deaths among groups of rats born four, seven and 14 days before

Endeavour's launch on a nine-day science mission Jan. 11.

Because all 10 in one group of four-day old baby rats died, physicians at first thought they had been rejected by their mother.

"The current thinking, the early theory is that they were not able to hang onto the nipples" in weightlessness, Dr. Heetderks said Monday.

Young rats that have flown in NASA aircraft all found the nipples and suckled, the physician said. He noted there's a difference between 25 to 30 seconds of flight and several days of weightlessness.

Either way, the babies apparently died of starvation.



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Members of the Black Student Caucus light candles in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., during a ceremony last night.

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