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## Gen X trivia becomes source of entertainment

By JILL TAYLOR  
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If you know the non-George Michael component of the musical group Wham, you might be one.

If you remember the age of the extraterrestrial sitcom star Alf (within 100 years is close enough), you're probably one.

And if you can recall each and every film starring Molly Ringwald, chances are, you're definitely in the sector of the American population commonly referred to as Generation X.

What's more, you'd probably do quite well

at any of the various forms of Generation X and '80s trivia games, quizzes and brain teasers that are flooding the market.

The twentysomething segment of society is progressing quickly from playing motor skill games like Hi Ho Cherry-O and Barrel O' Monkeys (Remember that one? You probably owned it.) to participating in mind-stretching memory games. Trivia that caters to this unique generational experience is becoming all the rage — and all the more profit for the entertainment industry.

Parker Brothers-Hasbro, the board game company that produces Trivial Pursuit, was

quick to snatch the opportunity to profit from the Generation Xers' quest for entertainment. For several years it marketed a 1980s edition of its game.

A spokesman in Parker Brothers-Hasbro's public relations department said the '80s edition, like all of Trivial Pursuit's limited edition games, ran only for a few years. The spokesman declined to comment on the sales records, saying it was company policy not to disclose those figures.

While many young adults would likely enjoy and purchase a Trivial Pursuit Generation X edition, Parker Brothers-Hasbro has no

plans to release such an edition in the near future, the spokesman said.

But the toy store isn't the only place young trivia buffs can find a challenge: trivia is showing up in newspapers delivered directly to readers' doors.

A Generation X Trivia feature article appeared on the front page of *The Dallas Morning News* arts and entertainment section on Jan. 22. In 21 multiple choice and short answer questions, readers could determine their Generation X quotient by counting exactly how many quirky questions they answered correctly.

Jeremy Simon, the *Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph* feature writer who created the quiz, said the trivia was aimed to please not only himself — but all the other young professionals working in a baby boomer-dominated world.

Simon said the article came after a string of stories that were of interest primarily to his baby boomer editors.

"I realized that I couldn't care less, that I'd be more excited if Falco or Wall of Voodoo recorded another album, because that is what I

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Alissa Stephan, a graduate student in speech pathology, works out on a treadmill at the Fitness Connection.

## Rickel, health clubs offer exercise options

By JENNIFER LONGLEY  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The hectic daily schedules of students, packed with classes and meetings, leave many looking for a way to unwind. Exercising is one option available for students to relieve the pressures of campus life.

TCU's Rickel Building offers a place to work out, but many students choose to meet their fitness needs at off-campus health clubs.

A variety of equipment and facilities, as well as convenience, seem to be large factors in where students decide to exercise.

The Rickel Building offers an on-campus location for working out. Fitness equipment as well as aerobic classes are available to students seven days a week.

"The Rickel provides students with a way to stay on campus and meet all of their fitness needs," said Mary Ellen Milam, assistant director

of the Rickel Building.

The Frog Fit aerobics program, offered at the Rickel, continues to grow in popularity. Milam said there are more participants this year than in past years. Some classes have 30 to 40 students, she said.

However, Milam said the weight room is more heavily used by students working out in the Rickel Building.

Off-campus fitness clubs have their share of student members, as

well.

Fit For Life Center at 6125 S.W. Loop 820 is open 24 hours. This availability is very appealing to students, said Robert Dyer, owner of the center. Fit For Life has approximately 300 active student memberships, Dyer said.

The Health and Fitness Connection at 6242 Hulen Bend Blvd. is another health club frequented by

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## Senate discusses faculty shortage

### Special meeting called to find '97 freshman seminar teachers

By CHRISTY HAWKINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

TCU's Faculty Senate gathered for a special session Tuesday to discuss solutions for the lack of faculty who would teach fall 1997 freshman seminar courses.

Provost William H. Koehler said there are two ways to staff the seminars.

"One is to substitute," Koehler said. "Stop teaching certain things to teach this. The other is to take this on in addition. My sense is if we take it on in addition, we need help in terms of staffing. No doubt about it."

"The deans talked about how can we best address really two issues: staffing the seminars, and can we simultaneously reduce the dependency on occasional faculty," Koehler said.

Freshman seminars are academic courses designed for freshman to enhance their university experience. Freshman are encouraged to enroll in the faculty seminars, but are not required to do so.

Michael McCracken, dean of the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, proposed a combination of

tenure track instructors and postdoctorate instructors to staff the seminars.

However, due to budget constraints, a more realistic proposal is to utilize half full-time instructor positions and half non-tenure track, postdoctorate instructors, McCracken said.

McCracken said he made the proposal based on the response he got from talking with department chairpersons, other faculty and members of the administration.

"We already have a large number of occasional faculty," said Sally Fortenberry, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate and an associate professor of design and fashion. "That is a detriment to our faculty and students."

Fortenberry said she would rather have more full-time instructors on campus who have an office so they can be more accessible to students.

"We believe in enhancing the freshman experience, but let's not jeopardize the experience for our upper-class students," Fortenberry said.

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## Community leader implores minorities to remember past

By NEELIMA ATLURU  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The African-American community must remember and remind others of all the people from the past who have helped them get where they are today, said Roy Brooks, president of the minority leaders and citizen's council of Fort Worth.

Speaking to about 20 people Tuesday night as part of Black History Month, he told the audience it is now time to pay back all of the people who have sacrificed themselves, died and paved the way for the people of today.

"Our children need somebody's

shoulders to stand on," Brooks said. "We can pay the others back by helping them today."

He said the Civil Rights Movement challenged two centuries of degradation and was a time of celebration because black

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Roy Brooks

## House pays for trip, commends Marriott

By ALISHA LAROCHELLE  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A bill providing 10 engineering students with \$1,400 to attend a conference in San Antonio was passed by the Student House of Representatives at its meeting Tuesday night.

The House also passed a resolution by a vote of 25 to 16 commending Marriott Dining Services for excellent service.

Bill 96-1, which was introduced by Permanent Improvements Chairman Stoney White, passed 40

to 2.

David Meek, a sophomore engineering major, said the conference is an opportunity for engineering students to present research papers to a large audience.

Four students from the sophomore composition class for engineering majors will also attend the conference, he said. The class shows TCU is mov-



ing ahead of other schools even though the engineering program here is relatively new, he said.

Resolution 96-3 commends Marriott Dining Services for excellent service and recognizes improved communication between the students and the Marriott employees.

"They try their best to give us whatever we want from the suggestions we give them," said Vice President Clement Ouda.

The food service is better this semester, and

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## News Digest

### Pre-nup sets marriage guidelines

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Rex and Teresa LeGalley know what to expect from love and marriage — it's all there in fine print. Their 16-page prenuptial agreement spells out the rules of their life together, including how often they will have sex (three to five times a week), which gasoline to buy (Chevron supreme unleaded) and who does the laundry (Teresa).

"When you look at why people get divorced, the biggest reasons are money, sex, children or some pet peeve the other one just can't stand," Rex said.

### Man convicted of killing wife

OZARK, Mo. (AP) — A former banker and small-town mayor who testified that a masked intruder shot his wife was convicted Tuesday of killing her to collect on an insurance policy.

A Christian County jury returned the verdict against George Revelle after nine hours of deliberation over two days.

The jury still must decide whether to recommend the death penalty or life in prison.

Revelle, 37, was accused of murdering his wife, Lisa, on Sept. 28, 1994, to collect on a \$500,000 life insurance policy.

### Lawyers: HIV a 'deadly weapon'

AUSTIN (AP) — Prosecutors hope to show that a man's status as HIV-positive is a "deadly weapon" in an aggravated sexual assault trial that might include allegations of slavery and torture.

Testimony began Tuesday in the trial of Jose Fonseca Najera, 41, who is accused of raping a 16-year-old teen-age girl in 1995.

Police say the victim, Maria Escalante, died of exposure three days later after Najera ordered her and a 15-year-old boy to spray one another with a hose, then locked them outside all night in near-freezing weather.

### Moon's wife flees start of trial

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — Felicia Moon fled with her son Jeffrey and failed to appear in court as the misdemeanor assault trial began Tuesday against her husband, pro quarterback Warren Moon, prosecutors said.

"Mrs. Moon has fled with Jeffrey and left a note and said she would not come back and had no intention of coming to this court," Fort Bend County Assistant District Attorney Mike Elliott told Court-At-Law Judge Larry Wagenbach.

Moon, 39, is accused of beating his wife at their Houston home last summer.

### Military to cut 16,000 positions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 16,000 positions in Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps reserve forces will be eliminated and hundreds of units will close in the next seven months, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

The reductions are the third in a series of five major cutbacks designed to adjust the military to new defense requirements.

"In the future we will have a smaller force structure, but it will be one that is highly ready and well-equipped," Defense Secretary William Perry said in announcing the cutbacks.

## Campus Lines

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**TARRANT COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS'** monthly meeting will be 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Celebrations restaurant, Camp Bowie and Hulen. Former mayor Kay Granger, Ernie Anderson and Ed Harrison will be guests. Call Cliff at 370-7187.

**LEARNING DIFFERENCES SUPPORT** will sponsor informative meetings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at Starpoint School. The cost is \$2 for non-members. Call 737-4818.

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

**MARCH 1** is the last day for the registrar to receive names of May degree candidates. Students who plan to graduate in May should file their intent immediately with their academic dean.

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

**UNITING CAMPUS MINISTRIES** meets at 4 p.m. Mondays in Student Center Room 211. All students are welcome.

**THE ORGANIZATION OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS** meets at

5:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center Room 211.

**TCU CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL** meetings are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays in Student Center Room 205. Call Chris Alexander at 920-2458.

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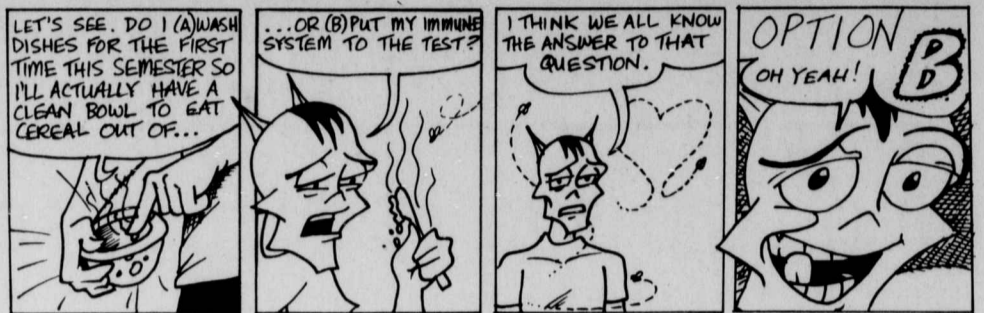
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## The Adventures of Superfrog

by Ben Roman & Adam Wright



## The Beaten Path

by P. D. Magnus



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by Don Frederic



## Purple Poll

Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?

YES	NO	MAYBE
40	56	4

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

## Weather Watch

Today will be increasingly cloudy with a high of 68 and a low of 44.

Thursday will be cloudy with a chance of light rain and a high in the upper 60s.

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## Correction

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## Senate

Koehler said the bulk of the staffing for the faculty seminars will be primarily from the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, followed by the College of Fine Arts and Communication, the Neeley School of Business, the School of Education and the Harris College of Nursing.

Fortenberry said six freshman seminars were offered during the fall of 1995, the first year of the program and 20 during the fall of 1996. Thirty would be needed for the fall of 1997, she said.

"I understand it is an issue," Koehler said. "There is nothing magic about the number 30. As we

feel our way along, we'll find out." Many of the faculty are frustrated by the lack of consultation and communication regarding the issue, said Andrew O. Fort, an associate professor of religion.

"We heard things like 10 tenure-track instructor positions have been requested," Fort said. "This came as a great surprise to many of us."

"If this is the route we are going to go, we would like to hear about it sooner rather than later," Fort said.

Fortenberry said, "The faculty at TCU would like to be in the loop of communication. The faculty would be much happier being more proactive than reactive."

The subject of lack of faculty in

general at TCU was also raised at the meeting.

For several years the Faculty Senate has recommended that TCU increase its faculty size in order to make freshman-level classes smaller, said John A. Breyer, a professor of geology.

Besides the lack of tenure-track faculty to teach the courses, another problem some members of the Senate see with the seminars is that not of them count toward the university curriculum core requirements. Therefore, students may not want to take them, Breyer said.

Koehler said, "No one is thinking about making this a requirement at this time."

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■ Ryan J. Rusak

## Buchanan surges; Gramm sinks

The people of Iowa are probably grateful that the nightmare that will soon hit the rest of the nation has left their state: the presidential horse race.

What, if anything, do the Iowa caucus results mean to the race at large? The final vote tally in Iowa may not mean a lick for those seeking the nomination. Instead, what really matters to the Mudville Nine is what President George Bush referred to as the "Big Mo" — momentum.

Simply put, Pat Buchanan has it. Phil Gramm lost it (in fact, he had negative momentum, if that's physically possible). Bob Dole needs it.

Buchanan was probably the biggest surprise of Monday's caucuses. It was highly improbable that he would pull down second in the race, but caucuses are generally dominated by the most politically polarized voters. Thus, Christian conservatives, abundant in Iowa, flocked to the Buchanan camp.

This latest showing, combined with a win in the wanna-be caucus of Louisiana, has focused a lot of media and political-pundit attention on Buchanan. He probably thinks this sets him up for New Hampshire, where he did surprisingly well in 1992 against Bush.

Another Iowa surprise was the resurgence of Lamar Alexander. "Flannel-Boy" is running an intriguing campaign — he has not used any negative ads,

and he has a few unique ideas about taxation, welfare and education. His 18 percent in Iowa was good for third place and could propel him to strong New Hampshire showings.

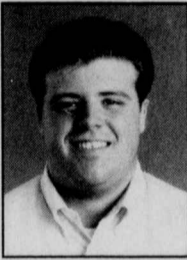
One supposed "loser" in the Iowa horse race was Steve Forbes. After dropping \$4 million of his own cash to attack Dole and Company as "the Washington Establishment," Forbes limped into fourth place with 10 percent. This seems to indicate that Forbes' flirtation with buying the presidency was rejected like a scorned lover.

But not so fast. Forbes will do much better in New Hampshire. His tax-cutting mantra will play well there, where voters consistently rank high taxes near Satan and Michael Bolton albums on their lists of least favorite things.

The biggest loser of all in Iowa, though, was unmistakably Phil Gramm. He said himself he would need to place in the top three to continue his candidacy. Thus, when he unexpectedly quit the race Tuesday, it proved that his presidential aspirations are as dead as Michael J. Fox's acting career.

It's surprising that Gramm pulled out so early, considering that candidates like Bob Dornan, who grabbed 131 whopping votes in Iowa, have not yet officially quit. Perhaps Gramm is more realistic; perhaps he wants to concentrate on his Senate race.

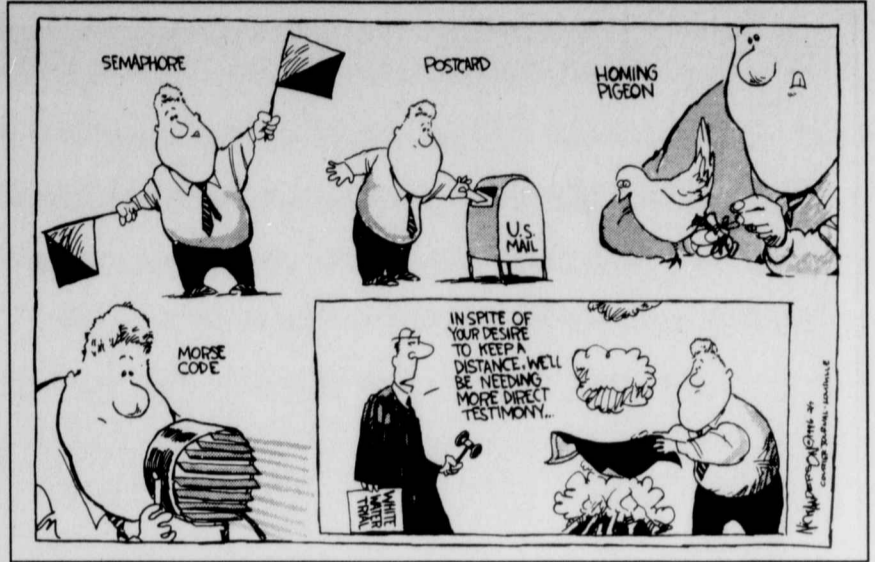
### From the Hip



What of front-runner Bob Dole? The Dole campaign confidently declared that "a win is a win," but they've got to be sweating bullets at the result. By anyone's count, Dole should have grabbed at least 30 percent of the vote in a mid-western haven like Iowa. His 26 percent, especially with so little breathing room between Dole and second place, does not bode well for Kansas' senior senator. Don't forget, Dole grabbed 37 percent of the Iowa vote in 1988, only to be trounced in New Hampshire by George Bush. Dole should be worried.

The race is on and will only escalate between now and November's battle with Bill Clinton. Stay tuned.

Ryan J. Rusak is a sophomore news-editorial and history double major from Benbrook, Texas and Skiff copy desk chief.



■ Kevin Arceneaux

## Cupid's V-Day arrow hits politicians with stupidity

It's Valentine's day, folks. The day for goo-goo-eyed couples to peer into one another's eyes, eat candy, get flowers and proclaim their undying and devoted love. Today is the day we celebrate Cupid and his infectious arrows of passion, which bestow the euphoria of blind love on his unsuspecting victims. To be pricked by Cupid's arrow is to become a foolish git pandering for your sweetheart's attention and love.

Well, with Mr. Cupid in mind, I think his arrow has touched a few people in the news. Except I think Cupid failed to put enough luv-potion on his arrows, because it's only made these people foolish.

Let's take Sen. Bob Kerrey and Sen. Ernest Hollings. Both are Democrats, you know, the party of which Bill Clinton is a member. Yet they feel free to make stupid remarks in the middle of an election year.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that when Sen. Kerrey says, "Clinton's an unusually good liar..." it ain't good. Of course, Kerrey doesn't have much to substantiate this, and he has even apologized. I realize he's still hurt over not winning that nomination in 1992, but at some point Bobby needs to be a big boy and stop pouting.

And then there's Sen. Hollings who felt free to say, "Clinton's as popular as AIDS in South Carolina." Thanks, Ernie. Since when did this old, cantankerous throwback from the segregation era obtain the ability and intelligence to conduct a scientifically valid poll — one which demonstrates within statistically clear guidelines how people in South Carolina view President Clinton or AIDS and whether they're even correlated?

While we're talking about politics, let's drop in on Sen. Phil Gramm. Mr. Gramm has spent months getting his supporters together to organize an earlier Louisiana Caucus, which was held earlier this year in order for it to become the first caucus held (Iowa's traditional place).

He told us he was a sure-fire winner. Hell, he was only running against two other no-names (Buchanan and Keyes), and he organized the whole thing. Yet, when the ballots came in the good people of Louisiana choose Mr. Pat Buchanan as their presidential nominee. Meanwhile, Phil has gained one of the poorest voting records in the Senate and missed a vital farm bill vote the people of Iowa care about.

Now let's take a trip to Haiti where just last week a new president, Rene Preval, took

### Entropy in Eden



removal of a military oligarchy, and with the help of American troops and the United Nations, he brought democracy back to this island nation.

Of course the entire time he was doing this, countless nay sayers, mainly conservatives, assailed it couldn't be done. American lives were going to be lost, and we would be thrust into another Vietnam. Umm, does this remind anyone of similar comments made today about U.S. troops in Bosnia?

Hey, but foolishness doesn't stop with politics. Why, we have Daniel Andre Green. You know, one of the men accused of killing Michael Jordan's father while he napped in his Lexus on a South Carolina highway. It seems Mr. Green wore a pair of the late Mr. Jordan's pants, which were reported as stolen after the killing, last week in court. Then a keen witness testified he did this. I wonder if the jury has any doubts now? Maybe someone, like this man's lawyer, should have told him wearing the pants he stole from the man he's accused of killing was a bad idea.

And before I go, let's focus our attention on the people of our beloved country, and see what we find. A recent newspaper poll found that only 24 percent of Americans can name their state's senators, only about 50 percent knew Newt Gingrich was Speaker of the House and 40 percent didn't know who the vice president was. And we let these people vote?

I could go on forever, but I'm out of space. I just thought I'd take time on this joyous occasion to prove Forrest Gump was right: "stupid is, as stupid does."

Kevin Arceneaux is a junior political science major from Fort Worth.

## He said

### Editorials

Let's be brutally honest: Valentine's Day is not a typical guy holiday.

It is, at its best, an opportunity for guys to spend enormous amounts of money on cute little organic things that will eventually die (like roses or puppies). These often go fully unappreciated by the opposite sex.

Thus, the men of the editorial board (that is, all two of us) offer the women of TCU the following suggestions to spice up Valentine's Day for both genders.

- Buy power tools as gifts. You may think nothing is more romantic than a bottle of Tommy

but, trust us, he would much rather have a Black and Decker router.

- Learn the difference between an inning, a period and a quarter and to what sports they correspond. Better yet, buy him a cool sports video, like "The 100 Greatest NFL Touchdowns."
- Just walk up to him and say, "You know, hon, I think Arnold Schwarzenegger is an incredible actor."
- Purchase a part for your car and tell him "I just thought this needed to be changed. Wanna help?"
- Isn't love beautiful?

## She said

Since this has turned out to be the Valentine's edition, we, the women of the editorial board, would like to address the holiday in a way only our gender can. Here are a few tips for you men:

- Never buy a gift that you would want for yourself. This is an entirely bad idea, because we may not enjoy a subscription to *Sports Illustrated* or the "cool sneaker phone."
- When picking up the date, open the car door. It's a must, and any man who doesn't should be immediately disqualified from the dating game.
- Don't buy candy for a girl who complains

about her weight, even if she weighs 95 pounds.

- Dress nicely. If you show up wearing your fraternity's party shirt or a baseball cap, she's going to feel stupid in a dress.
- Don't blow tons of money if this is the first time you've gone out with this girl. She may think you're creepy or overeager.
- Even if you already have a date, please remember your mother, sister and female friends. Some of them may not have a special someone, but it's still nice to be remembered and appreciated. Send a carnation, it won't kill you.

■ Leigh Anne Robison

### "Why did this local business use a dead child to roll out the carpets?"

## Amber's tragedy shouldn't be used for profit

Amber Hagerman has been dead almost a month now, but her tragic murder is bringing to life a flurry of public outcries that border on exploitation.

While driving on Loop 820-West, I noticed a new billboard. Approximately one-sixth of the board said, "Who killed Amber?" Underneath that, a reward was offered from CrimeStoppers for tips leading to the killer's arrest.

But the left half of the billboard said, in bright red paint, "Ged's Carpets."

What is that about? At first I thought, well, that's good that local merchants are taking an active part in the search for the infamous criminal. But then the more I thought about it, the more I began to feel like the people at Ged's Carpets were taking advantage of Amber Hagerman.

But what a brilliant advertising idea, right? Pull on the heartstrings of everyone with one ounce of emotion, and sell some carpets in the meantime. Wear your heart on your sleeve (or the nearest 40-foot-high billboard),

### Generation Why

win the admiration of Metroplex shoppers and your business will boom! Taking advantage of a nine-year-old's brutal murder in order to boost revenues is not noble.

Nor is the \$75,000 reward that CrimeStoppers is offering what the people of Arlington care about when it comes to punishing the perpetrator of this crime. That was just another eye-catcher, another business maneuver. So why did this local business use a dead child to roll out the carpets?

Another example of Amber's misused legacy comes in the form of a flyer written



by the man who found her body in the creek bed behind his house. I remember seeing pictures of this poor man in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and thinking how awful it must be to find the body of a violently-murdered child. His discovery brought horrible news; but at the same time, finding her was a relief and an answer to so many questions.

This man's latest efforts have been equally as dichotomous. The flyer he is distributing is meant as a message to Amber's killer. At the bottom are the circumstances of Amber's abduction, reward information and the phone number to the Arlington police department.

But the text which occupies the first two-thirds of the page is written in all capital letters and makes some pretty stiff accusations. It is an argument made out of passion, and some of the claims the author makes have a questionable amount of validity.

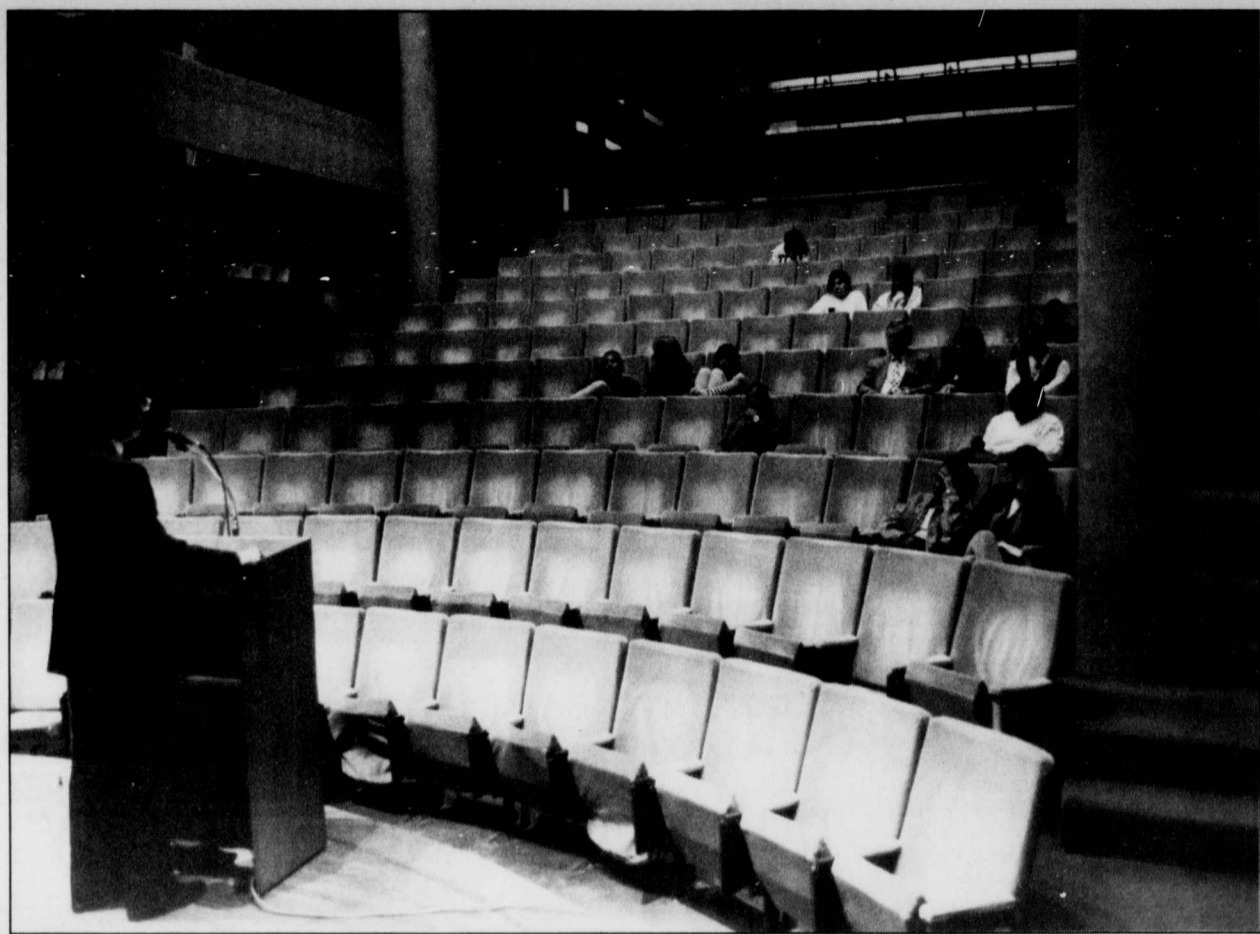
He writes, "You must be so powerful to torture, rape and murder someone so tiny, so weak, so innocent." By no means do I dis-

agree with the sarcastic venom directed toward Amber's killer. However, autopsy reports released last week show almost definitively that the victim was neither raped before nor after she died. The writer goes on to attempt to scare the killer into confessing. Would that kind of tactic really emotionally affect someone capable of this crime? He makes a second-person description of the killer's every thought and act, with language so obsessive it's almost as scary as the crime itself.

I don't know any foolproof way of finding Amber's killer. Getting the community involved is certainly the best start, because I can't think of anyone who wouldn't want to see the criminal brought to justice. But turning a murder into a profit-maker is deplorable, and playing games with the murderer is frightening.

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Fewer than 20 people attended Tuesday's Black History Month presentation by Roy Brooks. Dionne Bagsby, the original speaker, had to cancel because of a family emergency.

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people were standing up for themselves.

"They faced physical injury as if they were impervious to death," he said. "Buses were burned and churches were bombed, but they marched on with a newfound dignity."

Despite gains African-Americans have made since the Civil Rights movement, Brooks said the conditions of the African-American community today have not improved much.

"The slogans 'black power' and 'black pride' were thought to affect change in our lives," he said. "But slogans do not bring about change."

Brooks said although the Constitution gave black people the right to eat in the same restaurants as white people, it did not ensure them equality in the workplace.

Despite the setbacks, Brooks said blacks made gains through voting for judges, mayors and state legislators.

He said the desegregation of colleges and universities raised the mental power of the blacks because the number of black professors, doctors and lawyers increased.

He provided a list of guidelines that would help improve the status of the African-American community.

"First, we must acknowledge and understand that Martin Luther King, Jr. is dead," he said. "If another of his kind appears, don't depend on him or her to resolve our problems. We can and must do it ourselves."

Secondly, he said the community is moving from an industrial-oriented nation to a service-oriented nation.

"We must realize there is no substitute for brain power," he said. "Our children must master the science and technology of today and tomorrow."

Thirdly, he said that institutes of higher learning should be held accountable for what they produce.

He said although a two-year degree might bring a decent job, a bachelor of art or sciences in business administration, for example, might ensure more success in the workplace.

Fourthly, Brooks said members of the community must prepare themselves to meet the challenges that confront them without hesitation.

"We must not be afraid," he said. "No sacrifice is too great for us in name of God and our children."

Finally, he said the community should focus on things that are important to its welfare and salvation.

At TCU, Brooks said students interested and determined in increasing diversity at TCU should reach out to the community and set an example for the administration.

"It's a matter of commitment of the institution to reach out and find those students who would not traditionally apply," he said.

Once TCU decides to increase the number of African American faculty, administration members and students, it should also provide the support that is necessary for these newcomers.

## Prof's alter ego: a German tabby

Breese relives European 'Cats' role

BY AMANDA BRONSTAD  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

taught by German teachers assisting in the production.

Five years ago, Steven Breese learned to sing in German, arch his back for long periods of time and use his tail as a microphone.

With the recent Fort Worth showing of the famous musical, "Cats," Breese, an assistant professor of acting and directing, was reminded of his days as a cat in Germany.

Breese was visiting his wife, who had gotten a role in the only production of "Cats" in Germany, when she encouraged him to audition for the musical. He did not speak German

and had only seen "Cats" once in his life when he landed the part of Rum Tum Tugger, a character based on Elvis Presley, he said.

"I'm so glad she talked me into it," Breese said. "I feel privileged."

Breese, who came to Hamburg, Germany, in the spring of 1991, arrived just after the Berlin Wall came down. He experienced that historical event firsthand when several East Germans were cast in the "Cats" production.

He said that while Americans seemed to think there was only "all love going around" in Germany, many West Germans exhibited a great deal of prejudice against the East Germans filtering into their country.

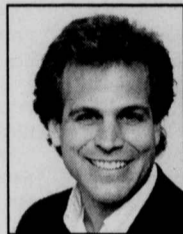
"Cab drivers would pass East Germans because they knew they wouldn't tip (them)," he said.

Many West Germans in the "Cats" cast felt annoyed at how lazy and unskilled the East German cast members were, he said.

The 60-member cast included people from all over the world: Australia, Yugoslavia, England, Hungary and the United States, he said.

Breese said there were many differences between a German production of "Cats" and an American production, the greatest of which is having to speak German.

He said he first learned to speak German phonetically, and then was



Steven Breese

Another difference between being in Germany as opposed to the United States was that the work ethic in Germany was more easygoing, and the director was more liberal about giving actors time off.

"If I went in with a sore back, they'd say I didn't have to go on tonight," Breese said.

He said while performers in America are usually on stage about eight times a week, he needed to be on stage only seven times a week in Germany. Also, there were two casts for the production in Germany.

Being in the musical "Cats" was challenging, Breese said, because he had to endure the physical hardships of acting like a cat for about 450 shows.

He said the actors had to study how cats move and behave. Cats seem to move effortlessly but, at the same time, can demonstrate great strength at any moment, he said.

The actors had to keep their backs arched for most of the show because that made their backs appear long like a cat's, he said. They also had to keep their knees bent often.

"Over a period of time, it becomes very painful," Breese said. "After two or three months, you begin to ache."

The role of Rum Tum Tugger, swooned by the female "Cats," was a lot of fun and extremely funny, he said. At one point, he used his tail as a microphone.

Breese said the musical, which has run for ten years in Hamburg, offers tickets for \$80 each, the most expensive theater tickets in the world.

Breese will be directing the TCU play, "Under Milk Wood," which runs Feb. 21-25. Tickets are free with a student ID.

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## HOUSE OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - HOW THEY VOTED

Taken from House Records - February 13, 1996

Town Reps	Bill 96-1	Resolution 96-3	Waits Hall	Bill 96-1	Resolution 96-3
Adrienne Elrod	absent	absent	Kathryn Bebensee	*	*
Martin S. Graul	absent	absent	Sara Carpeaux	*	*
Michelle Linn	absent	absent	Christine Spencer	yea	yea
David Quinlan	yea	yea	<b>Wiggins Hall</b>		
Leon Reed	yea	yea	Elise LaMontagne	yea	abstain
Angela Sifuentes	yea	yea	<b>Alpha Chi Omega</b>		
Amy Smeltzer	*	*	Julie Street	yea	nay
<b>Brachman Hall</b>			<b>Alpha Delta Pi</b>		
Danni Geleva	yea	yea	Lauren Dedecker	absent	absent
<b>Brite Divinity School</b>			<b>Chi Omega</b>		
Tracey Lawler	yea	yea	Dallas Walker	yea	yea
Monica Myers	yea	yea	<b>Delta Delta Delta</b>		
Jennifer Schooley	absent	absent	Caryn Conwell	absent	absent
<b>Clark Hall</b>			<b>Delta Gamma</b>		
Thomas Kunkel	yea	nay	Kim Jones	yea	yea
Ryan McNutt	*	*	<b>Delta Tau Delta</b>		
Geoff Mitchell	absent	absent	Chris Holbert	absent	absent
<b>Colby Hall</b>			<b>Fiji</b>		
Renee Foster	yea	yea	Todd Chiscano	yea	yea
Kristen Nygren	yea	nay	<b>Kappa Alpha Theta</b>		
Chanel Schrier	yea	yea	Libby Baird	yea	nay
<b>Foster Hall</b>			<b>Kappa Kappa Gamma</b>		
Heather Anderson	absent	absent	Monica Avila	absent	absent
Meredith Harrison	yea	nay	<b>Kappa Sigma</b>		
Nightingale Ngo	yea	abstain	Stewart Hamel	nay	yea
Janet Spugnardi	yea	nay	<b>Lambda Chi Alpha</b>		
<b>Francis-Sadler Hall</b>			Greg Leet	absent	absent
Karen Humphrey	yea	yea	<b>Phi Delta Theta</b>		
<b>Jarvis Hall</b>			J.B. Cheatham	yea	nay
Jennifer Bedell	yea	nay	<b>Phi Kappa Sigma</b>		
Elizabeth Faucette	yea	yea	Chris Brooks	absent	absent
Wanda Kadlec	yea	yea	<b>Pi Beta Phi</b>		
Mindy Markland	*	*	Christine Neiner	*	*
<b>Milton Daniel Hall</b>			<b>Sigma Alpha Epsilon</b>		
Giovanni Digiacomo	*	*	Brian Krpec	absent	absent
Mark Imig	yea	yea	<b>Zeta Tau Alpha</b>		
Mark Irish	absent	absent	Kiplyn Lively	yea	yea
Kevin Nicoletti	yea	nay	<b>MBA Association</b>		
<b>Moncrief Hall</b>			Eric Chang	yea	nay
Joe Briggs	*	*	<b>Voting Officers</b>		
Khadevis Robinson	*	*	George Fassett	absent	absent
<b>Sherley Hall</b>			Becca Gardner	yea	nay
Marny Brum	yea	nay	Theresa Hill	nay	yea
Andrea Kinder	yea	nay	Chad McBride	yea	yea
Morgan McGiffin	yea	yea	Clement Ouda	yea	nay
<b>Tom Brown Hall</b>			Ashley Russell	yea	yea
Kenny Baird	absent	absent	Brian Spindor	abstain	nay
Chris Haynes	yea	yea	Todd Watson	yea	yea
Willy Pinnell	yea	nay	Stoney White	yea	yea

Bill 96-1: to help fund the Society of Engineering Students trip to the Gulf Southwest Regional Engineering Conference.

Resolution 96-3: to commend Marriott Dining Services for excellent service

\* denotes no recorded vote

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Marriott is really trying to improve relations with students, said Theresa Hill, elections and regulations chairwoman.

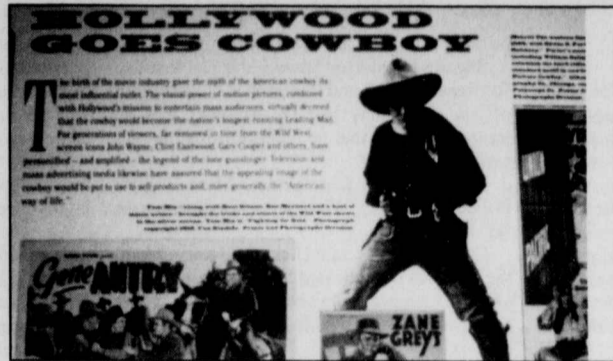
Libby Baird, Kappa Alpha Theta representative, said good service and customer satisfaction have not been achieved by the Marriott this semester. She said the resolution does not represent the views of the majority of her constituents.

Also at the meeting, Treasurer

Brian Spindor apologized to anyone who may have been offended by the "Dukes of Hazzard" resolution. He said that was not the intention of the resolution.

"The intent of the resolution was to make meeting a little more humorous," Spindor said. "I hope it did that."

## Exhibit gives life to cowboys



By TONY COVER  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Students can journey into the lives and legends of the urban cowboy in "The American Cowboy" exhibit on display in the Mary Couts Burnett Library.

"The American Cowboy" is one of about 12 different exhibits the library receives during the year as part of the Library of Congress Corner series.

"About every month or so, we're sent 16 panels on a number of subjects that staff members at

TCU Daily Skiff/ Keisha Knowles

The American Cowboy exhibit is on display at the Mary Couts Burnett Library until March 15.

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grew up with," said Simon.

Thus, the sudden prevalence of Generation X products tells of a larger and deeper change in the sociological makeup of America.

Michael Katovich, an associate professor of sociology, said the people born between 1965 and 1993, the 13th American generation, are those encompassed by the Generation X label. This group, which got its name as it achieved buying power in recent years, differs from that of its baby boomer predecessors.

"People in the Generation X category feel a more personal alienation than the collective alienation of people in the '60s, Katovich said.

This alienated group, then, with little power but lots of money, is the perfect target for games that foster its sense of subversion toward other generations.

For people who fit that alienated, ambitionless stereotype, but do indeed have a large memory bank of '80s knowledge, there's just one thing to do. Play a little Trivial Pursuit.

## Generation X Trivia

These trivia questions were taken from *The Dallas Morning News*, Jan. 21, 1996. They were created by Jeremy Simon of *The Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph*.

1. What TOY character, circa 1984, was Defender of the Universe?
2. Name the four TV SHOWS (besides *The Jacksons* musical variety show) in which Janet Jackson starred as a regular or featured cast member.
3. **Hands** Across America ... what was that for again (and in what year did it take place)?
4. How much **energy** was required to make the DeLorean in *Back to the Future* travel through time?
5. What was *Webster's* last name on *Webster*?
6. Who was the first major public figure to die of AIDS?
7. How much R A M did the first Macintosh have?

Answers:

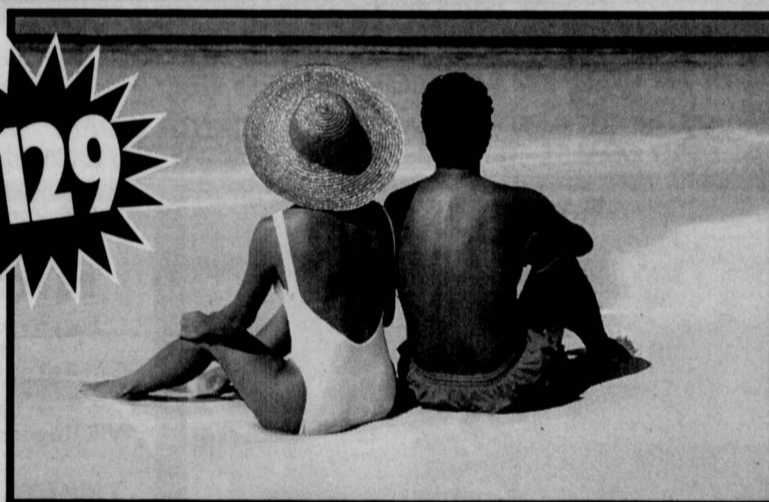
1. Voltron; 2. Good Times, Fame, Diff'rent Strokes and A New Kind of Family; 3. 1/8 of a megabyte; 4. 1.21 gigawatts; 5. Papadopolous; 6. Rock Hudson; 7. 128K.

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## Man indicted for beating baby

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONT BELVIEU, Texas — A case in which a Taiwanese man is accused of attempting to murder his infant daughter is complicated by a cultural belief that a "female child may be expendable," authorities say.

A Chambers County grand jury has indicted Jaiwen Liu, 30, a Louisiana State University doctoral student, on charges of attempted capital murder and injury to a child. The indictment was returned Friday in connection with a Jan. 24 incident.

Liu remained today in Chambers County Jail under a \$75,000 bond after undergoing a second round of psychological testing.

Passers-by said Liu was slamming his 10-month-old daughter, Karen, against a door jamb "like a baseball bat" when they rescued her. The daughter was flown to Hermann Hospital in critical condition on Jan. 24. Doctors said the child suffered a spinal cord injury that has at least tem-

porarily paralyzed her lower extremities.

She was transferred last week to The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research in Houston. An official said today that the daughter was no longer there and that no other information was available.

When Liu was first arrested, Mont Belvieu Police Chief Jerry Whitman refused to release his name.

City Attorney Firmin Hickey of Houston said the case was complicated by a language barrier and a Chinese cultural belief that "the father reigns supreme and the life of a female child may be expendable."

The child's mother, who first called for help, now apparently supports her husband and is resisting police efforts to get information from her, Hickey said.

Jaiwen Liu's father and two sisters have flown to Mont Belvieu from Taiwan to be with him and also decline to cooperate with authorities,

Hickey said.

Hickey's statements were made in a letter to Texas Attorney General Dan Morales to explain why a *Houston Chronicle* request for the father's name was denied.

Hickey contended that releasing the name might "endanger the lives of individuals involved and inhibit any further investigation."

*Chronicle* attorney Joel White responded that no clear explanation was ever given as to how anyone's life was being endangered since the child's name was already known and the father was incarcerated. White said withholding the name was only a delaying tactic, as the law has long held that such information is public record.

Morales had not responded before the father's name became public after he was indicted.

Assistant District Attorney Steve Greene would not comment Monday on the cultural problem surrounding the case or whether the mother is cooperating.

## Gramm quits race

Defeats eroded Texas senator's presidential chances, sources say

BY JOHN KING  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.H. — Battered by back-to-back defeats in Iowa and Louisiana, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm called top supporters around the country Tuesday night and told them he would quit the Republican presidential race, GOP sources said.

Gramm planned an afternoon announcement Wednesday in Washington.

Gramm's departure would leave an eight-man GOP field, with one week to go before the New Hampshire primary. It also would remove from the race a dogged conservative campaigner who early on was viewed by Sen. Bob Dole's campaign as the biggest threat to his status as the GOP front-runner.

But Gramm's campaign never realized its promise, and he was facing dim prospects in New Hampshire after being stunned by Pat Buchanan in Louisiana last week and then placing a distant fifth Monday in Iowa's caucuses.

Gramm abruptly canceled afternoon campaign events in New Hampshire on Tuesday and flew back to Washington to meet with friends and advisers and assess his prospects. By early evening, he was calling top supporters around the country and informing them of his plans to quit, according to three GOP sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Several top Gramm aides also were informing friends and associates, the sources said.

"When you run fifth in Iowa, an important state, you would have to be brain dead not to take a look at where you are and what you're doing," Gramm told reporters before leaving New Hampshire. "One of the things that we're going to try to do this afternoon and tonight is to take a look at where we are."

Several of Gramm's top supporters had urged him to quit the campaign and concentrate on his Texas Senate race. But a few advisers wanted him to hold on through the Feb. 20 leadoff New Hampshire primary in case Dole faltered.

Jim Courtovich, Gramm's New

Hampshire campaign manager, said earlier Gramm canceled only one event Tuesday afternoon and his morning schedule in New Hampshire on Wednesday.

"Tonight, Senator Gramm has to decide what to do," Courtovich said. "Tomorrow we're making an announcement."

Gramm's national chairman, Arizona Sen. John McCain, said earlier that supporters were "going through the options and I think in a day or so you'll see what the decision will be."

"You've got to figure out assets, you've got to figure out your chances," McCain told a Phoenix radio station.

Gramm started deliberations on his future as the disappointing Iowa results came in.

McCain told Gramm to stop dissecting what had gone wrong and try to honestly assess his chances in the next two weeks, according to campaign sources.

The sources said Gramm looked at three options: quit, retreat from New Hampshire to concentrate on a few Southern states, or retreat and make one last-ditch effort in South Carolina, which holds the first Southern primary on March 2.

At one point, Gramm said he would end his campaign if he did not finish in the top three in Iowa, but backed away from the statement in the weekend before the Iowa caucuses.

New Hampshire held little promise of a rebound for Gramm. He has lagged in the single digits in the polls, behind Dole and multimillionaire publisher Steve Forbes.

With moderates leaning toward Dole, Forbes or Lamar Alexander, Gramm has been left to compete with Buchanan for the smaller bloc of social conservatives in New Hampshire.

While Buchanan has remained loyal to New Hampshire, Gramm angered many Republicans by failing to rebuke efforts by Arizona and Delaware to encroach on New Hampshire's first primary.

Gramm can't blame a lack of money for his poor showing. He had raised \$25 million coming into the campaign, but critics say he has not used his money wisely.

## Police think man impregnated own child's daughter

BY MICHELLE KOIDIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — A 46-year-old mechanic believed to have fathered his daughter's 12-year-old daughter now is suspected of impregnating that child, police said Tuesday.

The man, arrested Monday on aggravated sexual assault charges, was being held at the Harris County Jail on \$300,000 bond.

He is charged with molesting the 12-year-old and her 10-year-old sister, whom he did not father, according to police.

The 12-year-old, who is 5 months pregnant, and her five younger siblings have been taken into the custody of Harris County Children's Protective Services.

"We have reason to believe that he's also the father of this unborn baby," Officer Kendal Clark said. "This is the first time I've had a (second generation) and possibly a third

generation of incest in one case."

Clark said the man denied he sexually assaulted the girls and fathered the 12-year-old. He told police he is not sure whether he fathered her 25-year-old mother.

CPS spokeswoman Judy Hay said social workers don't know if he's the one who impregnated the girl.

There is "a possibility that her child is his. There also could be the possibility of someone else," Ms. Hay said.

Relatives first alerted authorities of possible abuse in October 1993. The man and the 12-year-old, then 9, were living together at the time, while the mother and other children were living elsewhere.

The Harris County Sheriff's Department began investigating and CPS returned the girl to her mother and provided counseling, Ms. Hay said. Six months later, the agency

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## Inmates riot, set fires; no injuries in uprising

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CRYSTAL CITY, Texas — Dozens of prisoners set fires during an inmate uprising early Tuesday at the privately run Crystal City Detention Center, authorities said.

Area law officers rushed to the detention center in Zavala County after the trouble began about 3 a.m., said Sherri Deatherage Green, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The disturbance was brought under control by dawn, authorities said.

No injuries were reported, and damage was being assessed.

It was not immediately revealed what sparked the disturbance. The detention center houses inmates from Missouri and Utah because of prison crowding in those states.

Jack Ford, spokesman for the Utah prison system, said 43 Missouri inmates started the disturbance.

The DPS was told that 209 inmates had seized control of the detention center when the disturbance began, Green said. Officers from law enforcement agencies in Zavala,

Webb, Dimmit, Frio and La Salle counties were sent to help as were DPS officers and Texas Rangers.

Forty-two correctional officers from the state's Briscoe Unit at Dile were dispatched to the center with riot gear, said Larry Todd, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman.

Crystal City police dispatcher Tony Lopez said the police department received a call for assistance at the prison at about 2:40 a.m. Guards needed help with some inmates who were "rowdy," he said.

Firefighters also were dispatched to the detention center, located about three miles north of Crystal City in Zavala County, after there were reports some inmates had set fires.

"There were some fires. But it's pretty well quiet now," said a sheriff's department spokesman who declined to be identified. "They have the situation controlled."

After the disturbance was quelled some prisoners were transported to the Zavala County Jail, said a sheriff's department worker who would not identify himself or say why the inmates were being moved there.

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## Air Force breaks Sonic barrier

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TACOMA, Wash. — A McChord Air Force Base reservist says it was just coincidence that a November Air Force training flight stopped in two cities on nights the Seattle SuperSonics were in town.

Maj. Alan Kifer, 45, of Enumclaw, says he and others on that trip bought tickets with their own money and saw Sonics games on their own time. He said they are being made scapegoats in a misunderstanding.

Kifer made his remarks Sunday in San Antonio, where reservists from across the country gathered for training exercises the same weekend as the NBA All-Star game.

He said he chose the location to make a point. Many reservists were attending the games on their free time, Kifer said, "doing exactly what we are being punished for."

The Air Force on Feb. 5 announced plans for disciplinary action in the November C-141 stops at Charlotte, N.C., and near Indianapolis, where some crew members attended Sonics games against the Charlotte Hornets and Indiana Pacers.

The flights "to accommodate personal preference" violated regulations and incurred "unjustified additional expense," the Air Force said.

The Air Force announcement did not identify those penalized in the case, whose ranks reportedly range as high as full colonel.

Kifer is the first of the men to publicly identify himself.

"I still can't understand how or why

the allegations grew to what they became," he told reporters Sunday. "It came out in the media and it mushroomed. The next thing I knew, the Air Force chief of staff was on national television, agreeing it was an outrage."

Officials at McChord said they could not comment on Kifer's contentions until personnel matters in the case are handled.

Kifer said he did not attend the All-Star game, is not a basketball fan and before the November trip had not attended a professional game in 14 years.

Kifer said he planned the November mission and that the destinations were determined by training requirements of an aero-medical wing based in Salt Lake City, the tanker wing at Grissom AFB in Indiana and other aircraft participating in a low-level air-drop training exercise.

The nightmare began, he says, when the ground crew at Charlotte parked their plane next to the Sonics team jet.

A National Guard lieutenant saw the two planes from the Pacific Northwest side by side, drew a conclusion and called a local TV station to complain about wasted tax dollars, Kifer said.

Crew members hadn't considered attending the Sonics game until they saw the team plane, Kifer said. They bought tickets from scalpers and attended on their own time, he said.

The plane's pilot had advance tickets for the Pacers game in Indianapolis, where the Sonics played the following night, but he bought them

after the training plans were made, Kifer said.

A government van was used to get to the Indianapolis game, he said, but only because no rental vehicles were available. The crew paid for gas and parking, Kifer said.

"We are not criminals," he said. "We're scapegoats."

Punishment ranged from letters of admonishment to reductions in grade and pay for nine crew members and the unit's two highest-ranking officers.

"As far as our careers go, this is the kiss of death," Kifer said. "It means we won't be promoted, and that means we're out."

Last week, a lawyer representing an unidentified senior officer in the matter asked U.S. Attorney Kate Pflaumer in Seattle to force release of the full Air Force report.

Attorney Byron Holcomb of Bainbridge Island confirmed this morning that Kifer is his client.

"If the public could see this, they would know the whole thing is bogus," Holcomb said last week.

The request indicates "a fundamental misunderstanding of our role," Pflaumer said. "We don't tell the Air Force what to do."

Once personnel matters in the case are dealt with, the report will be released — minus personal information about the crew, said spokeswoman Capt. Anna Sullivan at the 446th Airlift Wing at McChord.

Holcomb said the disciplinary action could cost his client — a 17-year reserve officer — as much as \$500,000 in retirement benefits.

## Politics and potatoes

### Rotary club gives presidential candidates a forum — but only after lunch and the Pledge of Allegiance

BY FRED BAYLES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — The guy up there on the dais, picking at his haddock and potatoes, he may well be the next president of the United States.

Still, he's going to have to wait. First things first. The Pledge of Allegiance. A heartfelt chorus of "America the Beautiful." A benediction by the chaplain. A recitation of "The 4-Way Test." (Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR? Will it build GOODWILL? Will it be BENEFICIAL?)

Then, after a mention of members' birthdays, some business about the upcoming auction and the drawing of the winning raffle ticket by the guest of honor, only then will he be given time to explain why he should be president.

It's the way things have been done in a string of Thursday luncheons that trail back to 1923 when the Portsmouth Rotary Club, No. 1391, was chartered.

Luncheon speakers who come before New England's largest Rotary usually are mid-level efficiency experts, business executives and government bureaucrats.

But every four years come the pilgrimage of presidential candidates. They meet the members who wear big white buttons that proclaim first names in bold print. They roam the long, carpeted dining hall at Yoken's Restaurant to shake hands with BOB and BILL and MARY JANE and make a pitch for their candidacy.

"Lord, I don't remember the first candidate I saw," says Wyman Boynton as he picks at his fruit salad. Immaculately dressed in suit and tie, the 87-year-old retired attorney joined the Rotary sometime in the 1950s.

"They've been coming in for years and years and years," he says. "They didn't have folks running around quite as

much as they do now."

Boynton is taken aback when asked if he made a special trip this day to hear Sen. Bob Dole.

"No, I'm a member," he says in a tone that says it is a good enough reason to be here.

Phil Gray, a retired insurance man who listens to Dole with a rapt grin, remembers lots of candidates. Eisenhower. Nixon. McGovern. Bush.

"Kennedy was here. I don't remember Johnson, but, hey, he must have been here." Does this steady parade ever make one blase about hearing from another politician? "Oh no," he says, "not when they're running for president."

Dole finishes his speech and answers questions about campaign financing, taxes and Martin Luther King's birthday. Then he walks out among the members. All is orderly. The only pushing and shoving comes from the media horde that maneuvers its cameras and microphones through the fleeing Rotarians.

Dole leaves, taking the chaos with him. The rest of the members turn in their white name buttons. George Pierce, the town's assistant fire chief and the Rotary's sergeant-at-arms, is one of the last to leave.

A member for just four years, Pierce talks about meeting "Steve" and "Lamar" in recent weeks with a genuine enthusiasm for democracy.

"Where does that opportunity happen, you know, in some dinky little restaurant, in some dinky little town in a dinky little state," he says, standing in the February thaw outside the restaurant.

"It draws me into the politics a little," he says. "When you want to say, 'Who cares, they all say the same thing.' All of the sudden it's, 'Ohhh Steve Forbes is coming, Bob Dole is coming' ... it brings you back in. We're part of real-life America and I think it's a wonderful opportunity."



## Commission wants tax-exempt status

BY DAVE SKIDMORE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Republican-appointed tax commission — the one pushing a single-rate system with few deductions — wants the IRS to give it tax-exempt status so contributors can write off their donations.

The foundation set up to finance Jack Kemp's National Commission on Economic Growth and Tax Reform has asked the Internal Revenue Service to classify it as a Section 501(c)(3) organization.

That would make contributors eligible to deduct their donations from their income — the same break that taxpayers get when they contribute to charities such as United Way or educational organizations such as colleges.

The commission's report last month, while calling for a drastically simpler tax system, steered clear of specifically recommending the elimination of charitable deductions "at a time when America

needs a renaissance of private giving."

But two senior House Democrats say the current tax break for charities isn't designed for politically oriented groups such as Kemp's. They say taxpayers shouldn't have to subsidize it any more than they should have to subsidize the Republican or Democratic parties.

"They sound just like an offshoot of the Republican National Committee — headed by a political figure and composed of political figures, all of one party," said Rep. Sam Gibbons of Florida, senior Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax law.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., created the commission last April and named Kemp chairman. At the time, Dole was preparing to run for president and Gingrich was contemplating running.

Kemp, a former Republican member of Congress from New York and former secretary of housing in the Bush administration, had already decided not to run.

The commission's members include prominent Republicans such as former governors Pete du Pont of Delaware and Carroll Campbell of South Carolina, and Shirley D. Peterson, IRS commissioner during the Bush administration.

"Was this truly a 'national' commission or was it merely another Republican front? The evidence to date suggests the latter," said Rep. John Dingell of Michigan, senior Democrat on the Commerce Committee.

Grace-Marie Arnett, executive director of the commission, now working in Steve Forbes' presidential campaign, said the panel's purpose was educational, not political.

It conducted a study, which it has offered to the public, and solicited views from a wide range of people, including House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., and Sens. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., and Bill Bradley, D-N.J., she said.

The IRS has not yet ruled on the commission's request to be declared tax exempt, and experts said it poses difficult legal questions.

## Dealers nabbed for selling illegal coin

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Secret Service agents arrested two coin dealers as they prepared to sell an illegal rare gold coin for \$1.5 million, authorities said.

Stephen Charles Fenton, 43, of North Harrow, England, and Jasper Parrino, 49, of Lee's Summit, Mo., were arrested last week when they met with a prospective buyer who turned out to be a Secret Service agent, authorities said Monday.

It is illegal to own the coin they are accused of trying to sell — an Augustus Saint-Gaudens double

eagle \$20 coin — because it never went into circulation. Secret Service spokesman William White-side called the coin "one of the world's rarest."

The sting Thursday was set up after agents got a tip the men were looking for a buyer. The seller was allegedly a European owner; the men were said to be seeking \$1.5 million.

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# TCU, TCJC to make honors programs compatible

By ROB SHERWIN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The honors programs of TCU and Tarrant County Junior College will team up Thursday to sign an agreement combining the two honors programs.

Representatives from both schools will sign an articulation agreement that will allow TCJC honors graduates to join the TCU Honors Program.

The articulation agreement will ensure that students who complete the TCJC Cornerstone program will be able to transfer courses to TCU without loss of credit or recognition for approved courses within the TCU Honors Program.

"It provides good encouragement for the Cornerstone students to continue honors level study as they enter a four-year university," said Alison Trinkle, assistant to Kathryn McDorman, Honors Program director.

"The agreement is great because the Honors Program will provide those students a home," Trinkle said. "They will automatically have a family of sorts."

She also said it saves students the hassle of going through an extensive application process.

According to the agreement, the transferring student must have completed all the Cornerstone requirements and graduated TCJC with at least a 3.4 grade point average.

The TCU Honors Program will then recognize that the transferring student has earned credit for all but one course of the Lower Division Honors Requirements.

The agreement also requires that the transferring student take a three-hour class designated 'Honors' in the first semester the transferring student attends TCU.

Trinkle said McDorman learned about articulation agreements while attending the National Collegiate Honors Conference

shortly after McDorman became the program director in June 1994.

"We found that one indication of a fully developed honors program is to have the articulation agreement in place with local junior colleges and other educational institutions that feed into the university," she said.

TCJC already has a similar agreement with the University of North Texas.

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## Exhibit from page 5

the Library of Congress work out for display for libraries around the country," said Hugh Macdonald, coordinator for public services.

"All the panels are laminated with text and pictorials from the Library of Congress archives," he said.

The display, located in the library's lobby, examines topics from multi-cultural cowboys to the influence of the Wild West in Hollywood movies throughout the history of the United States.

"The exhibit has a great educational value to TCU students and adds something decorative in way of an exhibit throughout the year in the library," he said.

A yearly subscription to the series costs \$600 and comes out of the library's general budget.

Macdonald also said the library is asking to be a sight for a major exhibit focusing on the American frontier being prepared in Chicago.

"This exhibit is on a much larger scale and should fill the lobby," he said. "It would have guided tours and a festive opening with ribbon cutting and speeches. But we haven't heard whether our application has been accepted or not."

"The American Cowboy" is scheduled to run through March 15.

The next exhibit, titled "The Open Road," examines America's love affair with the open road through literature and film.

## Fitness from page 1

TCU students. Club director Darren Allen said students like the variety of equipment his club offers.

"We offer more free weights as well as different and better types of equipment," said Allen, a former TCU student. "The facilities in the Rickel do not have the same quality of equipment."

Allen said students vary in their workout routines. Male students tend to use free weights more and female students do more cardiovascular exercises, he said.

"Students perform the biggest mix of cross-training," Dyer said. "They utilize everything more than any other segment of the population."

Health clubs also accommodate students economically by offering student rates for memberships. Both Fit For Life and Fitness Connection have student rates of \$129 per semester.

Some students choose to work out off campus in order to target special fitness needs. Jennifer Appleton, a junior criminal justice major, is a member of Cosmopolitan Lady at 5505 S. Hulen Street. She said she joined the club because it is specialized for women.

"I joined the club because all the machines are geared toward women and all the employees are women," Appleton said.

These aspects help her meet her workout needs better than a co-ed gym, Appleton said. The club is also more convenient since she lives off campus, she said.

Some off-campus students still find the Rickel Building more appealing for working out. Milam said many off-campus students use the Rickel after class before leaving campus.

- Laura King, a junior French and history double major, said she uses the Rickel because it is free for students and because she is already on campus for classes.

Jennifer Hooks, a senior fitness promotion major, said working out on campus saves time and is more convenient.

"Working out in the Rickel gives me a chance to see my friends and I feel like I know everyone," Hooks said.

However, Dyer said the opportunity for a change of scenery is another factor that draws students to off-campus health clubs.

"Sometimes students just don't like working out with the people they are around all day," Dyer said.



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## Cricket teams fear attack at World Cup

By DILIP GANGULY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CALCUTTA, India — The message to U.N. headquarters in New York was most extraordinary: Could some observers scoot down to war-scarred Sri Lanka, review security and decide if it was safe to play cricket there?

International cricket administrators were facing what they considered a serious threat — a bitter dispute that was threatening the upcoming World Cup, and the very gentlemanly demeanor of cricket itself.

Twelve national teams from four continents have assembled to compete for the World Cup, cricket's World Series. Hosted by Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan, it begins today.

After a Jan. 31 bomb attack killed 83 people and wounded 1,400 in the worst terrorist attack of Sri Lanka's civil war, the Australian team refused to play in the country's capital of Colombo because it feared similar attacks. The West Indies followed suit.

Many Sri Lankans and Indians were dumbfounded at the promise of boycott from two teams widely considered the best in the sport.

"What a pity," wrote M.J. Akbar, editor of Asian Age, an Indian newspaper. "Australia was

known for the quality of its courage, its determination to fight. It is now becoming more famous for the color of their liver."

Never before has the tournament, in its sixth year, been embroiled in disputes that have sparked such name-calling, dirty politics and mudslinging.

"This has become a very sensitive issue, a very serious one," said David Richards, secretary of the International Cricket Council, the game's governing body. "One loose word can spoil everything."

Cricket is a passion of people on the Indian subcontinent and in former British colonies elsewhere. In lanes and back alleys across India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, children use makeshift equipment, hitting a leather ball with a wooden bat.

Like baseball in America, cricket is big business — the highest-paying, most commercialized sport in the region, with international corporations such as Coca-Cola sponsoring many tournaments.

When the Australian and West Indian teams arrived in Calcutta for the inauguration of the tournament last week, the issue hit the top of the agenda for the International Cricket Committee, cricket's governing body, and the front pages of

many newspapers.

Many cricket fans and some officials believe Australia is using the bombing in Colombo as an excuse to stay away. Sri Lanka's recent tour of Australia generated much acrimony — including charges and counter-charges of cheating — and Australia would have faced a hostile crowd in Colombo.

To reduce Australian anger, the Sri Lankan government offered to give the team security befitting heads of state.

The organizing committee also asked the United Nations to send observers to Sri Lanka.

"We thought that if the U.N. certifies that it is safe to play in Colombo, the Australians would change their position," said Jagmohan Dalmia, top administrator of the Sixth World Cup.

But the committee never received a response.

Unable to persuade the Australians to reconsider, the International Cricket Committee met in Calcutta on Saturday. But five hours of discussions that produced a couple of proposed concessions proved futile.

The Sri Lankan foreign minister sent his Australian counterpart flowers and asked for his help, but no breakthrough was reported.

## Nazi criminals elude war trials

### Suspects too old, sick for hearings

By GEORGE BOEHMER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFURT, Germany — The last Nazi war crimes suspects in Germany may never face trial because they are too old or sick to be prosecuted, the chief war crimes prosecutor said Tuesday.

Four Germans, all in their 80s, have been charged with Nazi war crimes, but have not been brought to trial because of their deteriorating health, said Alfred Streim, who heads the Documentation Center on Nazi crimes in Ludwigsburg.

"The charges were filed some time ago, but dates for trial have not been set," he said, adding that prosecutors were "waiting to see if their health condition improves or not."

Streim declined to identify the men or provide details of their alleged crimes.

Michel Friedman, an attorney with Germany's Central Council of Jews, said a suspect's age is not a good enough reason to drop prosecution.

"When an 80-year-old today kills someone, he is charged," Friedman

said. "If someone is sick, a court should decide if he is unable to stand trial."

Friedman also blamed justice authorities for being slow to pursue investigations in Germany.

"It took decades. The German justice system is at fault that it took so long," he said. "I can only insist and anticipate that the criminal cases will be pursued according to all constitutional principles as long as the criminals are capable of standing trial."

Streim said most Nazi war crimes suspects were about 35 years old at the time their alleged crimes were committed, and they have become "old and senile" in the more than half-century that has elapsed.

He said German courts have convicted and sentenced 6,494 Nazi war criminals since 1945, and he expects any future trials will take place outside Germany.

Erich Priebke, 82, a former Nazi SS captain, was extradited from Argentina to Italy in November, where he faces trial on charges he took part in killing more than 300 Italians in 1944.

## Honors from page 8

Trinkle said if the articulation agreement is successful, TCU will look to sign similar agreements with other junior colleges.

"We're trying this one on first to make sure it will work out," she said. "This is sort of paving the way, because North Central Texas has so

many junior colleges, and it can be a draw for good students."

Trinkle said McDorman has already talked to the honors director at Collin County Junior College.

The Articulation Agreement Signing Ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. in the TCU faculty center.

Those signing the agreement for TCU will be: McDorman; Leo Munson, dean of admissions; and Provost William H. Koehler.

## Pregnant from page 6

closed its case.

"We closed it because from our point of view we thought mom could protect the child," Ms. Hay said. "We never heard again of any danger in this home until we heard last week that she was pregnant."

Sheriff's Capt. Don McWilliams said no charges were filed in 1993 because officials lacked physical evidence that the girl had been sexually

assaulted. Despite numerous attempts, deputies weren't able to get statements from the mother and the girl.

"In the absence of physical evidence, the district attorney would not file charges without statements from the child and the child's mother," McWilliams said.

The sheriff's department shut down its investigation in November 1994.

"We spent 13 months and never got anything from them in the way of a complaint, so we had nothing to proceed with," McWilliams said.



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## VD-free: a great way to handle the holiday

Happy VD!  
Valentine's Day — the day many of us look forward to with the thrill of catching an infectious disease — is upon us again.

Calendars display it, radios blast it, card shops are crammed with it and most of our friends are in love with it. But before you fall prey to the horrors of VD, know the facts.

Valentine's Day, according to your local encyclopedia, has a colorful past — and although the source of this festering holiday isn't exactly known, here are a few of my favorite legends.

In ancient Rome, the festival of Lupercalia was observed on February 15 to protect the townspeople from wolves. During this delightful observance, young men struck people with strips of animal hide. Women were mostly the subjects of these blows because they thought it would make them more fertile. How romantic.

Another alleged origin of VD was attributed to a martyred Saint Valentine who was beheaded. Kinda makes you wanna go right out and buy some of those chalky candy hearts, huh?

The marketing gods gathered around a fire one night and discovered they could even make a little money from VD. And even though most of us are still broke from Christmas and New Year's Eve, that doesn't stop the price of roses from tripling in the month of February.

And what of chocolate? Those same marketing gods, realizing the genetic weakness of women for chocolate (ah, 'tis true), not only jack up the price of that forbidden pleasure, but they encase it within a giant heart.

It's kinda revolting if you think about it. And then there is the formidable "evening out?" Dinner reservations for this lovely occasion must be made at least a year in advance (money? what money?) and then you have to spend hours deciding what to wear. And does everything have to be red?

All of this seems like a lot of effort to celebrate some yahoo's beheadings.

Know the signs of VD. Card shops are emblazoned with red and pink paraphernalia dripping from every lacy corner. Radios dig up those sappy love songs that echo in your mind and make you remember exactly why you hate Air Supply. And your friends and roommates talk excitedly of who's going to get what — and soon it all turns into a twisted tale of selfish greed.

What a holiday. Let's face it. The main reason VD is so feared is because it's the day one feels obligated to express his or her feelings.

It's not like there's 364 other days in the year to show affection, but, no, they had to create a whole day for those without conviction.

But is there a cure for VD? Yes and no. You can sit around and hide, waiting for it to pass and then gripe to others about how you didn't get anything. Or you can be brave and face VD. It's just a day for those of us who are normally too frightened to tell or show someone that we care.

Ignorance is not the cure for VD — only conviction of the heart is. Know the facts. See the signs and learn the cure. Valentine's Day is just another excuse for mass-marketing and latent love.

Don't be fooled. Use your head and you too can become VD-free.

Amy Treadaway is a VD-free senior English major from Texas.



Amy Treadaway  
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# Roses are RED, AND BLUE, AND PINK ...

BY TASHA ZEMKE  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

**A rose is a rose is a rose.**  
Not quite.

Today's rose selection has more to offer the consumer. More variety, more scents, more color and more fun.

Although it is still not possible to send one's arch enemy a dozen black roses, (unless the roses are dead) possibilities have grown from the traditional long-stemmed reds to a color for almost every mood, every feeling.

With a rose market today offering more than 200 varieties, consumers need to know what is available, said Pam Wright, an employee at Amon's Flowers and Gifts, 5445 S. Hulen St.

"Roses have become the most romantic flower," Wright said. "Men think roses are a good gift for women. They're an association with love."

David Dodd, an assistant professor of library studies at the University of Colorado, said that the rose originated from Persia and was brought west by Alexander the Great.

"It was anciently a symbol of joy, then later one of secrecy and silence, but today (the rose) is usually associated with love," Dodd said.

Today the varieties of roses still reflect those ancient sym-

bolis. The most popular rose colors — red, yellow, white, peach, pink and coral — each have emotion associations attached to them.

So when consumers buy and send roses, the recipient will know the feelings behind the flowers.

Red roses have always been and are still the color choice, Wright said. Red roses connote love, passion, respect and courage, she said. There are different shades of red, but the typical red that most florists use stems from the Madam del Bard breed, which is deep red in color, Wright said.

Yellow and white roses are the next most-popular, Wright said. White roses stand for innocence, purity and secrecy. Yellow flowers connote friendship as well as envy.

The pink and peach categories are broken up into a variety of colors and color associations. The typical pink rose stands for grace, happiness and joy; coral roses connote desire and dark pink is a symbol of thankfulness.

Orange and lavender are two colors not typical of roses,

Say it with flowers, but first, know what you're saying. The color rose you send says a lot about you — and the object of your affections.

but they both have become popular lately, possibly because of the intensity of their fragrance, Wright said. Both colors are favorites of those newly in love.

Orange roses show fascination, she said. And although it's unusual, Amon's sells a bright orange rose that is quite vivid, she said.

Lavender roses, another newly popular color, mean "love at first sight," and enchantment.

Consumers can buy roses with mix-and-match colors. A popular choice is the red and white combination, which means unity, Wright said.

Some buyers want to buy roses that are very fragrant, or unique in color, Wright said. Contrary to popular belief, red roses are not the most fragrant; lavender are, she said.

Scents can be light, heavy, spicy fruity or have none at all, according to a "Rose frequently asked questions," page on the Internet by Bill Chandler.

Roses are often named after people. For example, the "Lady Di," a rose named after England's Princess Diana, is a pale peach, very soft rose, Wright said. Other rose names include "Mr. Lincoln," a dark red rose, "Double Delight," a white and red rose with a spicy scent, and "Fragrant Cloud," a reddish-orange colored rose.

A dozen roses usually cost the same price, regardless of color, scent or name, Wright said. Forty-five dollars is an average price for a bouquet, which would include baby's breath and a green filler in a vase.

However, during the Valentine's Day season, prices jump to between \$60 and \$95 a dozen because of the increased demand in February, Wright said.

The majority of the world's roses come from the South American countries of Colombia and Ecuador, which is where Wright said Amon's

buys its roses from.

According to the Floral Trade Council, 57 percent of roses sold in the United States are grown in other countries. U.S. buyers may find that foreign roses sell 21 cents per stem less than the typical California — grown roses, the trade council reports.

Which brings up the question: can one buy a dozen roses for less than the average florist price? The answer is yes.

Roses typically sell for \$3.50 a stem at a florist, but at a grocery store or chain store like 7-Eleven, rose stems can be as inexpensive as \$1.50 per stem, pricing a dozen roses at \$18.

Once one has made it through the process of deciding upon and paying for a dozen roses, the final step is maintenance.

Keep roses away from the sun and direct wind drafts, Wright said. Room temperature should be sufficient, but roses in the heat will die faster, Wright said.

Every 24 hours, the rose stems need to be cut and the water needs to be changed. Tap water is suitable. Stems cut at an angle will be more exposed to "drink" water, which is preferable, she said.

If all goes well, it will take three days for a bud to open and another five days before the roses start to die.

## Romantic dining ideas for the lovestruck and hungry

Tonight, many of you will pick up (or be picked up by) that special someone in your life. There may be any combination of flowers, candy or jewelry involved, but regardless of how you celebrate Valentine's Day, there will probably be dinner somewhere in the plans.

Because we care about our lovestruck and hungry readers, we are going to share with you some of our favorite romantic places to dine (just not necessarily with each other).

If you're looking to spice up your night with an ethnic flavor, there's a great Mexican restaurant at 400 Main St., down in Sundance Square called Mi Cocina ("My Kitchen," for those of you who are Spanish-impaired). It's the best Tex-Mex ever, with sour cream chicken enchiladas to die for. Their margaritas pack a punch like none other, and the prices will please those of you who went overboard on roses and chocolate.

If you want to go "that's amore" style, there is a chain of restaurants around the Metroplex called the Italian Oven. The closest location to TCU is on 5142 Rufe Snow Dr. in North Richland Hills. They serve raspberry lemonade through a raw pasta straw that you can eat when you're finished.

Free fried pasta crunchies come before the meal, and the choices of appetizers include some wonderful cheese-breads. The restaurant is pretty big, but the atmosphere is cozy. Like the Macaroni Grill, your waiters will supply you with crayons so you can decorate your paper tablecloth.

If you're looking for love, American Style, then the restaurant for you is Celebration, located at the corner of Hulen and Camp Bowie. You may have to wait, but it's well

worth it. For under \$10, you can get your choice of an entree and two sides. The great bonus is that seconds, thirds and fourths are free. And you don't even have to get seconds on what you ordered, as long as you choose an entree of equal or lesser value. If your date hasn't eaten in say, two weeks, this is the place for you.

Of special note is the Chicken St. Caroline, which is grilled chicken smothered with ham, cheese and mushrooms.

If contemporary cuisine with a taste of Texas is what you're hankerin' for, then Michael's is the place for you. Located conveniently near downtown Fort Worth at 3413 West 7th Street, it's a little more dressy than most of the Sundance Square eateries, but well worth your while.

Just to start, or maybe as a meal, depending on your appetite, the pizza of the day or the tortellini margherita are great choices. For heartier fare, be adventurous and put your fate in the hands of the chef with the chef's featured entree or the pasta of the evening. And for desserts, you haven't had pie until you've had the jalapeno apple pie with fresh basil ice cream.

If you're not a wimp, you like to roll up your sleeves, pick up your food and consume

so much that they have to roll you away from the table, then Cousin's Pit Barbecue, at 6262 McCart Ave., is the place for you.

It's hard to say where to start, but they have all your favorites, from brisket to ribs to

whole meal off.

The Water Street Seafood Company, located at 1540 S. University Dr., is a restaurant many people have passed by, and boy, are they out of luck. If you want some great seafood, then swing on over to this place. Fresh seafood is flown in daily, and it shows.

There's no better way to start than with a dozen oysters on the half shell or a pound of boiled shrimp. For a main course, the pecan trout is a great combination of two great things that go great together. If deep fried is what you live by (however much longer you do live), the No. 3 combination of three shrimp, three oysters and three embrochette gives you great variety along with all of your favorites.

If, for some reason, seafood doesn't catch your fancy, the chicken Rockefeller can't be beat. Also, as a side dish or as a meal, any of their pasta dishes are an excellent choice.

Regardless of where you end up, more important than what you eat is who you are with. May your Valentine's Day be happy and romantic, not for the flowers, the cards, the chocolate or the meal, but for the love between two people (hopefully you and your date, but hey, this is the '90s, so, oh well).



Leigh Anne Robison  
"LOVE BITES"  
Bob Turney

chicken to sausage. You can get it on a sandwich, or as part of a plate, with sides of beans, potato salad, cole slaw and all of your other favorites.

The best part, though, is the old-fashioned attitude, right down to the real glass soda bottles (even Big Red!). And nothing could be finer than a big heap o' cobbler to finish the

For those of you who have not purchased a token of your affection for your significant other, here are some popular gift ideas from local stores:

**Balch's Flowers**  
♥ One dozen red roses — \$65

**Victoria's Secret**  
♥ Fragrance gift sets — \$30-\$35  
♥ Silk slips or boxers — \$30

**Bath and Body Works**  
♥ Toiletries (Lotions and Shower Gels) — 2 for \$12

**Godiva Chocolates**  
♥ 1 lb. assorted chocolates — \$33

**The Gap**  
♥ T-shirts — \$20  
♥ Heart shaped soaps, fragrances — 4 for \$12.50  
♥ Summer Dresses — \$40

**Borders Books and Music**  
♥ Poetry Collections — \$5-\$20

**Camelot Music**  
♥ "Romance and Roses" — 4 CDs for \$19.99  
♥ "Here's to the Ladies," Tony Bennett — CD for \$13.96

Or, for you creative types, compose a poem or song, write a love letter, make a card, or if all else fails, go to 7-Eleven and buy a candy ring.

## On-line romance makes for high-tech courtships

BY ANDREW P. DESJARDINS  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Valentine's Day is now officially here, and for those who are still alone there is a more high-tech version of meeting a significant other than the conventional way.

Through the Internet, matters of the heart are discussed day-in and day-out all over the world. Even people like Rush Limbaugh have met their spouses through online communication.

TCU students are not left out of this scramble for companionship through the networks of love. Teresa Louis, a sophomore move-

ment science and psychology major, met a person online last semester when she randomly sent an e-mail message to a graduate student at Boston University while investigating the possibility of transferring to a school in Massachusetts.

To this day she still corresponds with him, she said.

Louis said it is easy to become friends with complete strangers met on the Internet. She recommends that students use common sense and don't tell their inner-most secrets to every person they meet online.

There are several newsgroups on [see Online, page 12](#)

## Online with the Horned Frogs TCU alum creates internet sports page for fans and alums

BY TASHA ZEMKE  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Horned Frogs sports fans now have one more venue to satiate their need for statistics, game results and important names and data in the TCU wide world of sports.

Just type <http://www.dowell.com/dondowell/tcu/tcuhome.htm> and hook up to "On Line with the Horned Frogs," a World Wide Web newsletter updated weekly by a TCU graduate.

Don Dowell, who graduated from TCU in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in business, opened the sports newsletter in October 1995 because he said he "wanted to provide in-depth and up-to-date TCU sports information to fans and alumni all around the world."

Today, the Net site has had visitors from over 25 countries and over 30 states, and Dowell continues to see enthusiasm from TCU alumni who live outside of the Metroplex area, he wrote in a press release.

"I've had good feedback from the alums outside of Dallas Fort Worth because they wanted more than just scores and couldn't find them in their papers," he said.

Dowell said he updates the pages about every other day. He gets the information from sports tickers, faxes-on-demand and word of mouth.

"I've always been interested in sports and sports writing," he said.

The Net site is divided into different categories, which include pages on basketball, baseball and football, a page called Frog Fan Feedback, an audionet page where web-users can hear men's basketball games live, and a trivia-game page called Horned Frog Jeopardy, "for those who bleed purple."

The Jeopardy page is probably the most popular spot in the web site, Dowell said.

"It contains questions of all levels, from the rather obvious to the 500-point tough ones," he said.

Dowell said the greatest following

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**DON DOWELL,  
1986 TCU graduate**

is with the TCU football program, but basketball also has a broad audience. It has been hard covering spring events, but people want more coverage on baseball, so Dowell said he hopes to expand.

There were also a lot of fans who wanted to know what was happening with senior Andre Davis when he was sitting out games, and with sophomore Matt Moore when news hit about his paralysis accident,

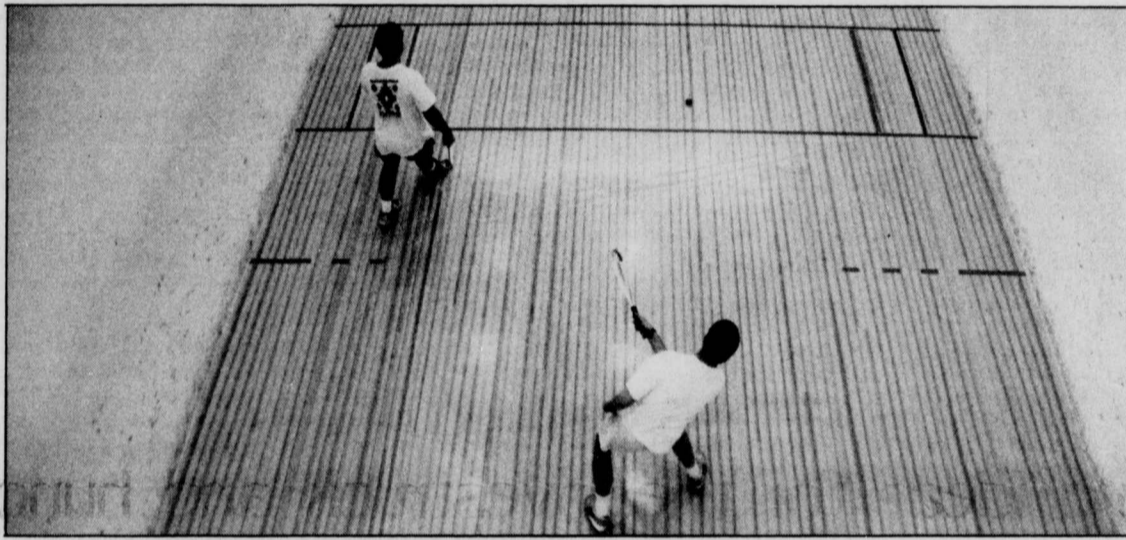
Dowell said. Information on both stories was found in Dowell's on-line site.

Dowell tried to gain cooperation from TCU, but when he never heard back, he just decided to start the pages himself. He already had space and access on the Internet, so it did not cost much to put the Horned Frogs sports page up, he said.

Glen Stone, TCU sports information director, said he thinks Dowell has done a great job with the pages and is surprised at how well and how often the information is updated.

Dowell's site is really the only one on the Internet that gives such thorough information on Horned Frog sports, Stone said.

"I hope that the page will continue to grow and expand its readership," Dowell wrote in a press release. "I have done no advertising, simply indexing the page in the various Internet search engines. It's a lot of fun, and I have met some new friends and alumni online."



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Ben Crawford, a senior finance major, and Chad Cantella, a senior advertising-public relations major, play racquetball Tuesday afternoon in the Rikel Building.

## Tubbs looks to snap second-year slump

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — TCU hired Billy Tubbs last season because in three previous coaching jobs he had proved that he could win, and win fast.

Tubbs was known as a second-year success story. With Tubbs in his sophomore season, Southwestern went 19-8, Lamar went 18-9 and Oklahoma went 22-11 and reached the Great Eight in the NCAA Tournament.

So expectations were understandably high at TCU this season after Tubbs went a personal-best 16-11 in his first year guiding the Horned Frogs.

"We didn't think we'd win a national champion or even be in the Top 25," Tubbs said. "We did think about the postseason."

Instead, overaggressive scheduling and injuries have set things back.

Entering Wednesday night's game against Houston, TCU was 11-12. That's one more loss than all of last season, with six regular-season games remaining.

"Last year was the best first-year I've ever had, so we've kind of reversed the cycle," Tubbs said.

The Horned Frogs were a great success story last year as they clicked under Tubbs. An even better story was Kurt Thomas' rise to become national leader in scoring (28.9 points per game) and rebounding (14.6 per game).

It's obviously tough to make up for that kind of production, but freshman Damion Walker has been a decent replacement by averaging around 22 points and nine rebounds per game.

Another blow has been a hamstring injury to sophomore guard Juan Bragg, last year's SWC newcomer of the year. He missed 11 games and even though he's back, Tubbs said, "He's half of what he was."

Several of the Horned Frogs'

losses were games nobody figured them to win, especially ones like Connecticut and Kentucky.

But what has really bothered Tubbs is that his teams didn't give enough of a fight.

"It's kind of crushing," Tubbs said. "Even at Lamar, we handled them a lot better than we did this year. I played DePaul with Mark Aguirre the very first day they were No. 1, and they beat us on last-second shot."

Tubbs said the disappointing season makes him realize how much more work he must do to prepare TCU for its move from the Southwest Conference to the Western Athletic Conference beginning next season.

"Maybe we rested on our laurels and thought it'd be easy with the success we've had," he said.

There's more hope for next season because Walker will be a year older, Bragg will only be a junior and Tubbs can unveil Prince Fowler. Tubbs recruited him to Oklahoma and he has transferred to TCU to play for Tubbs.

"I like his warrior mentality," Tubbs said of Fowler, who started 25 games for the Sooners last year. "He's little, but at 5-9 he plays like he's 6-4. His attitude is really the key."

Tubbs still has plenty of work left to mold the roster the way he wants.

"We've got bodies," Tubbs said, "now we need players."

They won't get them right away. There's room for only a few recruits next season. The big turnover will come after next season, when he graduates as many as five seniors.

"I think the people who we bring in to replace them will be key, but for now the foundation is Prince and Damion," Tubbs said. "That's a good inside and outside threat. It lends us something to build around."

## Women's tennis opens season with huge win

BY ERNESTO MORAN  
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU women's tennis team officially opened its season Saturday with a 9-0 thrashing of visiting Texas-Pan American at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

After disposing of North Central Texas College by the same score at a Feb. 6 exhibition match, the Lady Frogs thoroughly dominated UT-Pan American. TCU did not lose a set in the entire match.

Sophomore Annika Kjellgren won at the No. 2 singles position and teamed with Christina Stangeland for a No. 1 doubles victory.

Kjellgren said she likes the soft, early part of the this year's schedule, in contrast to last season's difficult start.

Last year, the team faced Oklahoma in its second match of the season and played

nationally-ranked Purdue and Indiana just three weeks later.

"I think it was good to have two easy matches to start (the season)," Kjellgren said.

She said the Lady Frogs will benefit from the light competition later on in the season.

"Since we have a young team, I think it's a good way to build confidence," she said.

Junior Deirdre Walsh was victorious at the No. 1 singles slot. Freshmen Natalie Batoutis and Rachel Niwa won at Nos. 3 and 6 singles, respectively, and Stangeland won at No. 4.

Sophomore Patty Vital, who won at No. 5 singles, said the victories will help the freshman relax.

"It gets them (the freshmen) loosened up," she said.

The Lady Frogs faced UTA late Tuesday and will host Memphis at 2 p.m. Friday at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center.

## NBA fashions continue history of ugliness

First of all, let's get one thing straight. The Fashion King, I am not. I am only a sports fan making my opinion on a disturbing trend that has surfaced in the National Basketball Association.

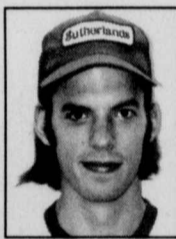
The trend I am speaking of is that of putting too many nasty colors on a basketball court and on uniforms.

It seems the trend began in baseball with the Chicago White Sox back in the mid-seventies. If anyone can recall those days, when the Sox were cellar dwellers, one will probably remember those horrible uniforms that were so outlandish it is difficult to describe.

"Sox" was inscribed across the abdominal region on a navy blue background with a red border on the top and bottom of the blue background. One word: Yuck.

Another baseball team that experimented with odd uniform colors was the 1978 Pittsburgh Pirates. Remember Dave Parker taking swings in poorly digested, up-chucked, mustard colors? And those hats. Who could ever forget the hats that looked like

the cardboard thingee was still in it with the yellow horizontal pin strips on the hat surrounding the "P", proclaiming Pittsburgh and Pirates.



Brett Van Ort  
Sports Columnist

Also challenging are the late '70s Astros uniforms. My color-blind roommate must have come up with the color scheme for those. Sorry, orange, red-orange, yellow and blue just don't look good when stacked on top of one another in fat horizontal stripes.

Now that we have delineated that bad uniform originated in baseball, we can move onto the more timely subject of the ugliness in the NBA today.

Let's start with another Houstonian franchise. The Rockets. I guess the consensus now is: if you win back-to-back championships, you get to invent ugly uniforms. Witness the Cowboys and the Rockets. The Cowboys have the double star on the shoulder thing which belongs in the trash, not on the field.

The Rockets have gone too far as well. Pinstripes on basketball uniforms does not work. Especially

**"I guess the consensus now is: if you win back-to-back championships, you get to invent ugly uniforms."**

when they are almost as fat as the numerals. I can't tell who is who on the Rockets anymore. The numbers just blend in. Hakeem is only discernible because of his size and the funky way he shoots.

The two newest members to the NBA, the Toronto Raptors and Vancouver Grizzlies, are obviously from another country with their ugly uniforms. I have to say that the growling grizzly on the side of Bryant Reeves' shorts makes me not want to look at "Big Country" even more. And a dinosaur bouncing a basketball? Sorry, 'nuff said.

The All-Star attire Sunday reached obscene proportions. Why those little artsy-type, horn looking things? What do they mean when placed next to the oblong basketball on the uniform?

But the Atlanta Hawks take the cake for the ugliest uniform in the world. It looks like Stacey Augmon was streaking down the floor on the fast-break and ran into an unfortunate red bird which splattered all over Augmon's abdominal section.

I'll keep knocking the Rockets and their horrible floor. Why paint the area inside the three-point arch blue? And why the stupid little rocket blasting off from Robert Horry's favorite spot on the floor?

Charlotte and the beehive in the middle of the paint is absolutely disgusting. Market Square Arena and the basketball in the free-throw circle is dorky. And the Skydome and those little Raptors on the hardwood makes you wish Jurassic Park and Barney never existed.

Stand up and fight America, or you will be sorry when the Celtics, Lakers and the other traditional franchises bow to the gimmick of the uniform change. Don't you see? This is all a ploy to get the non-thinkers to buy the new fashionable stuff.

Come on, David Stern. They're paying you \$7 million a year now. Don't you have any jurisdiction? I plead on behalf of all clear-thinking basketball fans, "Stop the madness!"

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### Capriati pulls out of Open

PARIS (AP) — Jennifer Capriati pulled out of the Paris Open today, just before she was scheduled to play her first competitive match in 15 months. Capriati said she strained a muscle near her right hip and lower back while practicing earlier in the day.

"I didn't want to push anything and make it worse," she said. "I was really looking forward to playing here. It's very unfortunate. I came all this way and I felt like I was ready. There was nothing I could do. Something like this had to happen."

The injury occurred while Capriati was practicing with Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria.

### Cardinals acquire Eckersley

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals completed a long-rumored deal for relief pitcher Dennis Eckersley today, acquiring him from the Oakland Athletics for minor-league reliever Steve Montgomery.

Eckersley, 41, replaces Tom Henke, who announced last month that he would not return for the beginning of the season and likely has retired for good.

Eckersley is fourth on the career saves list with 323. With the Cardinals he is reunited with manager Tony La Russa and pitching coach Dave Duncan.

### Minor league teams drop season

DALLAS (AP) — It's strike three for the Mobile Baysharks and the Corpus Christi Barracudas. Competition from the Southern League and the inability to sell beer at one stadium has trimmed the Texas-Louisiana Professional Baseball League from eight to six teams for the 1996 season.

The league's teams in Mobile, Ala., and Corpus Christi, Texas, but hope to relocate for the 1997 season, said league spokesman Jack Lazorko.

The league will field teams in Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene, Tyler and Harlingen in Texas and Alexandria, La., next season.

### Astros sign Bankhead

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have signed veteran pitcher Scott Bankhead to a minor-league contract and invited him to spring training.

The team did not disclose contract terms Tuesday.

The 32-year-old right-hander started last season with the New York Yankees and pitched in 20 games, compiling a 1-1 record and a 6.00 ERA. The Yankees released him July 25.

Bankhead's lifetime record is 57-48, including a career-best 14-6 mark with the Seattle Mariners in 1989.

### Padres to play UH this spring

HOUSTON (AP) — The San Diego Padres, owned by University of Houston graduate John Moores, will play an exhibition against the UH Cougars this spring, the school announced Tuesday.

The April 4 game, set to last seven innings, will be played a day before the Padres open a three-game series against the Houston Astros.

The university's 4,500-seat baseball stadium, which opened last year, was built partly with a \$70 million donation from Moores. Another part of the donation helped build a huge new athletic center on campus.

## 'Boys visit Clinton for a third time

By Sonya Ross  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton greeted the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys for the third time on Tuesday and picked up a casual endorsement from team owner Jerry Jones.

"Ever since Bill Clinton got elected president of the United States, the Dallas Cowboys have been winning Super Bowls," Jones said. "We've got to get Bill Clinton re-elected."

"No way in my fondest imagination could I believe we could share this with you three times," Jones said.

Clinton acknowledged that traveling to the White House has become something of a habit for the Cowboys.

"This is beginning to be boring for them, I think," the president said.

"This is the only thing that happens at the White House as regularly as the State of the Union address," Clinton joked. "In some ways, it's better. It's shorter."

The Cowboys became NFL champions after defeating the Pittsburgh Steelers on Jan. 28 in Tempe, Ariz. They have won the Super Bowl three of the last four years.

"This was a good year for the Dallas Cowboys. Because of the way they won and the way they played and the obstacles they overcame, it was a good year for professional football," Clinton said. "Every one of us in America can cheer them for that great accomplishment."

Jones presented Clinton with a silver Super Bowl trophy, and the president received two white and blue jerseys: No. 95 from defensive end Chad Hennings and No. 22 from running back Emmitt Smith.

"Since you're going up for re-election this year, hopefully you can put this on and run with it," Smith said as he handed his jersey to Clinton.

Clinton congratulated "my long-time friend and fellow Arkansan," coach Barry Switzer, for his championship season.

"He was second-guessed so much, for a while I thought people had mistaken him for the president," Clinton said.

## Pirates bought for \$90 million

By Alan Robinson  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Kevin McClatchy's \$90 million purchase of the Pittsburgh Pirates was unanimously approved Tuesday by major league owners, ending an 18-month ordeal that threatened the franchise's very existence.

McClatchy, who at 33 will be the majors' youngest owner, was a decided longshot after he was given only two weeks to assemble an ownership group last fall. Cable TV franchise owner John Rigas' deal had collapsed, and the only prospective buyers were promising to move the team.

But the Sacramento, Calif., newspaper heir, despite being a virtual unknown in Pittsburgh, relied on a dogged persistence to raise \$70 million in cash from nearly a score of investors, many of them top corporate executives.

"Kevin isn't from Pittsburgh, but what he did is straight out of Pittsburgh," Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said. "It wasn't always pretty and there wasn't a lot of glamour, but no matter whether the deal was up or down or sideways, he kept at it. He got it done."

McClatchy also had the unswerving support of National League president Len Coleman, who was intent on preventing the first major league franchise shift since 1972.

"We were of the single mind to keep this storied franchise in Pittsburgh, this franchise of Wagner, Stargell and Clemente," Coleman said. "Kevin McClatchy is a dynamic leader... who was tested throughout this process, but proved every time he could keep this together."

McClatchy inherits \$70 million in debt and the majors' worst drawing team from the current ownership, which put the team up for sale in August 1994. He promises to boost attendance significantly, and points to nearby Cleveland as a blueprint for the turnaround of a struggling franchise.

"A few years ago, the Indians had the worst attendance in base-

ball, and everybody was saying Cleveland was a football town, not a baseball town, just like they're saying about Pittsburgh," McClatchy said. "But I guarantee you we'll make this a baseball town."

McClatchy senses Pittsburgh is ready to embrace baseball again following three tumultuous years filled with the departure of star players such as Barry Bonds and a fan-enraging labor dispute.

"Pittsburgh has had some tough years with the strike and the dismantling of the franchise, but we're going in the right direction now," McClatchy said, pulling on a No. 1 jersey given him by manager Jim Leyland. "The Pirates have one of the best traditions in baseball, and I'm honored to be the caretaker of that tradition. I'm not afraid of hard work."

He'll find plenty in Pittsburgh, which drew more than 2 million in 1990 and 1991 before becoming the only team in the majors not to draw 1 million last season. The Pirates also led the majors with 86 losses, and they still don't have the money to compete for big-name free agents.

McClatchy plans to keep the team afloat with careful spending, increased attendance and TV revenues and \$18.5 million in city-backed loans and lease concessions until a new, baseball-only stadium is built.

McClatchy's stadium lease allows him to move the team after three more seasons if funding for the new stadium isn't secured. The ballpark also must be completed within five years.

"The next step is to build the ballpark that will make the Pirates a permanent fixture in Pittsburgh," said Mayor Tom Murphy, who initially embraced McClatchy's group last fall.

Murphy recently attended a conference with the mayors of Cleveland and Houston, longtime Pittsburgh football rivals whose cities are losing NFL franchises.

"They don't have the same happy ending to their story that we have," Murphy said. "We went against the grain and kept our team, and we did it in a reasonable way."

## Track team improves times

By Brian Wilson  
TCU Daily Skiff

The TCU Flyin' Frogs continued to show steady improvement last weekend when they competed in the Daily Oklahoman Track Classic at the Myriad Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Sophomore Brashant Carter and freshman Chessna Davis led the Flyin' Frogs with strong performances in the men's 200-meter dash and the women's 55-meter high hurdles, respectively.

Davis continued to catch the eye of the coaches with a time of 8.09 seconds in the high hurdles, good enough for fourth place.

She has been performing exceptionally well for a freshman, Stratton said.

Carter edged closer to his goal of securing a spot in the national meet with his second place finish in the 200-meter.

His performance was good enough to secure him a provisional qualification for the meet, Stratton said.

In the distance races, the Flyin' Frogs were led by sophomore Dan Shaw, who finished fifth in the mile run with a time of 4:33.42.

Although freshman Alyssa Anes

finished tenth in the 3,000-meter run, her time of 10:54.27 was an improvement of more than 19 seconds over her time in the previous meet in Oklahoma last week.

The Flyin' Frogs' season has been defined by subtle progress like that shown by Anes, Stratton said.

"We've shown steady improvement each competition, and I expect that to continue."

The men's and women's next meet will be at the Southwest Conference Championships this Saturday and Sunday in Fort Worth. It will be an indoor meet.

## It's like a bad dream

### Opponents prepare for defeat at hands of U.S. team

By Paul Newberry  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The first five victims for Dream Team III got the bad news Tuesday.

The U.S. team, which includes such NBA stars as Hakeem Olajuwon, Shaquille O'Neal and John Stockton, will open the Atlanta Olympics against Argentina on July 22, followed by Angola on July 22, Lithuania on July 24, China on July 26 and Croatia on July 28.

Officials with the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) determined the preliminary basketball schedule by drawing the names of countries out of glass bowls.

"We're not going to take anyone for granted," said Lenny Wilkens of the Atlanta Hawks, who will coach the Americans.

But everyone else concedes the real race in the men's competition will be for the silver medal just as it was at the 1992 Games in Barcelona, where the Americans won all eight games by an average score of 117-74.

"We have a good team with a lot of talent," said Los Angeles Lakers center Vlade Divac, star of the Yugoslavian team that is the leading contender for the silver. "We know it's going to be tough to play against the Dream Team, but second is not bad."

On the women's side, the competition should be much tighter among the Americans, world champion Brazil and perennial power Russia.

"The women are a very balanced competition," said Renato Brito Cunha, president of the Brazilian Confederation of Basketball. "I think you could have eight teams with a chance of medaling."

The strongest competition for American men in the preliminary round is likely to come from 1992 sil-

ver medalist Croatia, which lost to the original Dream Team 117-85 in the championship game at Barcelona, and Lithuania, the bronze medalist four years ago and runner-up at the most recent European Championships.

The Croatians have Toni Kukoc of the Chicago Bulls and Dino Radja of the Boston Celtics, while Lithuania features Portland's Arvydas Sabonis and Seattle's Sarunas Marciulionis.

The other men's bracket includes European champion Yugoslavia, Americas champ Puerto Rico, Oceania champ Australia, first-time qualifier Greece, South Korea and Brazil.

"Yugoslavia is an excellent team," Wilkens said. "They have a quality player in Vlade Divac and they play more of a pro-type game. And don't count out the Lithuanians."

But no one can match the depth and talent of the Americans, who still have two slots to fill on a team that already has 10 of the best players in the world.

"It doesn't make any difference who are the last two men on the American team," Cunha said. "I don't think the United States team will lose any games and I don't believe they will have any tight games."

Wilkens predicted that the rest of the world may begin to catch up with the Americans in eight years.

"Certainly the quality of basketball is constantly improving around the world," he said. "I wouldn't want to coach the Olympic team in 2004. Somebody could be in for a real surprise."

But Cunha said that timetable was too optimistic.

"I don't believe it will be in 2004," he said. "I don't believe it will be in the next 20 years."

The U.S. women's team opens July 21 against Cuba, followed by European champion Ukraine on July 23, Zaire on July 25, Australia on July 27 and South Korea on July 29. The other bracket has Brazil, the defending world champion, along with Russia, Canada, Japan, China and Italy.

Each team will play five preliminary games, with the top four in each group advancing to the medal round. Games will be played at the 35,000-seat Georgia Dome and a new 5,700-seat gymnasium at Morehouse College.

While the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games said Tuesday's event would allow ticket-holders to learn which games they will be seeing, the drawing only determined the two brackets in each competition.

The times and sites of each game will probably be announced within a week, said ACOG spokeswoman Stacy Brown.

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the Internet that discuss romance. In the "Usenet" area of the Internet there is a news group called "alt.romance" where people post messages on a daily basis concerning relationships and dating. The news group is updated weekly.

Other areas concerning romance and dating include World Wide Web pages created by dating services such as Together Dating Service.

Debbie Tays, a representative at Together Dating, said the company

has a 75 percent success rate with their regular services. She said the company's new web page just began operation and there are not yet statistics to back up usage.

Inter Relay Chat, another dating company, has created an interactive chat line called "Love."

Although this may sound like a great way to meet people, there are pitfalls that lie in on-line dating, said a representative at Christian Singles Adults Dating Service, a Fort Worth dating service.

One disadvantage to on-line dating is that many times meeting an "on-line love" in person is disap-

pointing. Often that person doesn't live up to the expectations of the individual they are corresponding with, the representative said.

Another problem, he said, is the insecure nature of the Internet where confidentiality of a private conversation can't be guaranteed.

But some are willing to sacrifice privacy in on-line dating because more people tend to have busier lives these days, the representative said.

TCU's Network has no specific singles forum or computer dating service on-line, but many students communicate to their significant others either by e-mail or live chat rooms.



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