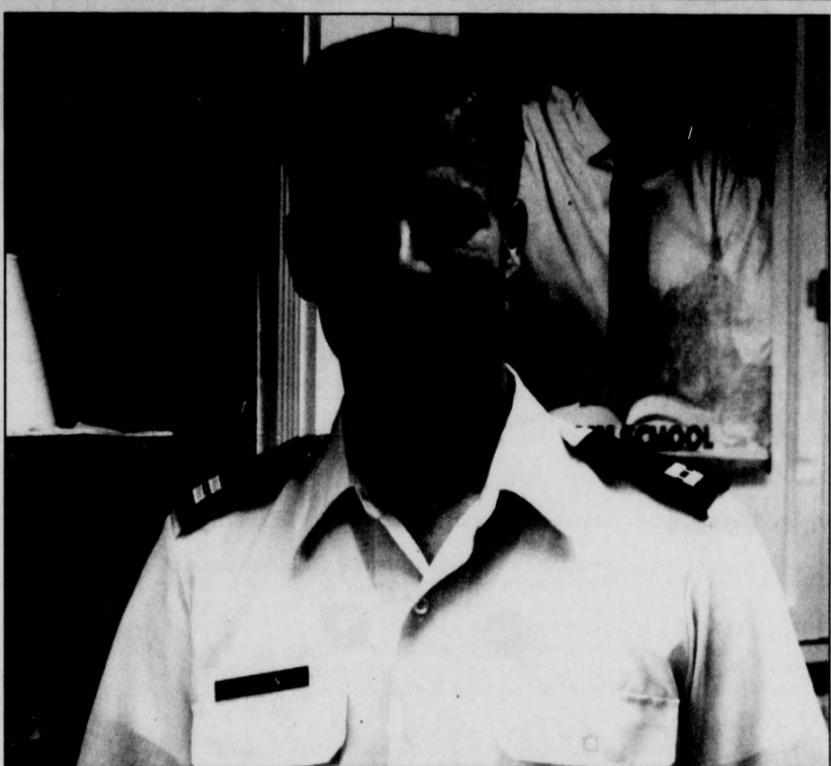


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Capt. Dondi Costin, an assistant professor of aerospace studies at TCU, will be an Olympic torch bearer in Fort Worth.

Horned Frogs to bear torch

Costin, Porter to achieve lifelong dream of Olympic participation

BY ROB SHERWIN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Taking part in the Olympic games has been a lifelong dream for two members of the TCU community. Now, they finally get their shot.

Capt. Dondi Costin, an assistant professor of aerospace studies and commandant of cadets for the ROTC program; and Horatio Porter, TCU alumnus, have been selected to carry the Olympic torch on its journey from Los Angeles to Atlanta.

Costin and Porter are two of 35 Dallas/Fort Worth area torchbearers that were selected by the United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County in recognition of their leadership and community service.

"I am totally elated at the prospect of carrying the torch," Costin said. "I have always wanted to be a part of the Olympics. The Dream Team never called, so this is the next best thing."

For Porter, carrying the torch gives him a second chance to participate in the Olympics.

As a star in track and field at TCU, Porter tried out for the U.S. team in 1992 but did not make it.

In addition to owning two national championship rings, Porter holds the TCU record in the 200-meter dash and set a national record as a freshman in the 4x100-meter relay.

"I tried out in '92, but it was at the same time I was trying to graduate," Porter said. "I wasn't focusing as much on the Olympics as some of my counterparts were."

"It would have been a tremendous honor had I made it, but I kind of knew going in that track was a short-term deal," he said.

The Atlanta committee for the Olympic Games and local United Way groups were able to pick 5,500 people nationwide under the "Community Heroes" program.

Those selected by the United Way were nominated by other members of the community in a 100-word essay explaining the candidates' achievements and community service.

Costin, 31, was nominated by two men from his unit, Lt. Col. John S. Householder and Capt. Johnny Summers.

As a unit recruiting officer at TCU, Costin increased

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Minor accident raises questions about safety

Worth Hills, Berry intersection site of other wrecks

BY RYAN J. RUSAK
AND KIMBERLY WILSON
TCU DAILY SKIFF

A TCU senior was involved in a two-car accident Wednesday morning while crossing West Berry Street at an intersection Campus Police say is notorious for wrecks.

Both drivers were treated at the scene for minor injuries, but no one was hospitalized.

Alison Lorimer, an accounting major, said she was attempting to leave Worth Hills via Pond Drive when her dark-green 1995 Toyota Camry was broadsided by an elderly couple in a blue Chevrolet Cavalier traveling west on Berry.

Lorimer said she suffered a cut above her eye; Campus Police Corporal Ervey Garcia said the other driver had a bruised hand and aggravated chronic back pain.

Lorimer said she was mostly worried about her car, not her head, and that the couple in the other car was upset.

"The lady said a few nice expletives," Lorimer said.

Lorimer said her view of the other car was impaired by a Bronco turning into the Worth Hills lot.

"The other car was in its shadow, and I didn't see it,"

she said.

Lorimer said police did not issue any citations at the scene.

Campus Police Sergeant Connie Villela said Lorimer's accident was not the first in that location.

"We've had more wrecks down there, and people keep getting hurt really bad," Villela said.

Lorimer echoed Villela's sentiment.

"It's a dangerous intersection," she said. "There have been so many wrecks there before. Something needs to be done about it."

Steve McGee, Campus Police chief, said he was also concerned about the intersection of the Worth Hills driveway and West Berry.

McGee said students turning left often speed around the corner.

"Students who are running late for class tend to push it a little" when crossing the intersection, McGee said.

Den Mills, vice chancellor for the Office of Student Affairs, said the issue of safety at the intersection has been raised in the past.

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TCU endowment growing

Chronicle ranks university 46th out of 460 in nation

BY ANDREA DAUM
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Among the 460 college and university endowments ranked by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, TCU is number 46 with an endowment of \$440.842 million.

Colleges nationwide earned an average of 15.5 percent on their endowments this fiscal year, with none reporting negative returns.

Bronson Davis, vice chancellor for university advancement, said that TCU is very happy about its returns.

"Having a better return enables TCU to help along our top priorities such as: increasing faculty to enhance freshman seminar experience and reduce overall class size, campus security, women's athletics, increase salary, hiring of more minority faculty and funding more minority scholarships," he said. "It gives us opportunities to better ourselves and keep up with improvements needed at TCU."

The endowments consist of gifts and university assets which are invested to

Texas University Endowments

1995 Rank	Institution	Market Value (in thousands)	
		June 30, 1994	June 30, 1995
2	U of Texas	\$4,549,214	\$5,043,333
7	Texas A&M	2,055,808	2,220,016
13	Rice	1,278,524	1,529,982
40	SMU*	434,497	482,981
46	TCU*	403,695	440,842
59	Trinity*	343,490	367,389
66	Baylor*	318,914	340,764
91	U of Houston	203,740	236,454
160	Texas Tech	96,936	119,361

Source: Chronicle of Higher Education

*As of May 31

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produce income for TCU and are regulated by the Board of Trustees, Davis said.

"We have a wide mixture of investments in our investment portfolio including fixed income investments, the majority of which are domestic

(stocks and bonds) but a percentage of which are also foreign and cash," he said. "They are generally viewed as permanent in the sense that the corpus of the endowment is not spent, only

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Fake ID's part of college life; more effective for women

BY JENNIFER LONGLEY
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Turning 21 is a monumental step in a person's life. On that day, you can walk into any bar or club legally and not worry about using a fake ID.

On that day, you can pass on your fake ID to some other poor soul who is underage and must scour for an ID that will get them into various clubs.

Fake IDs have been a part of college life for years. The methods of acquiring IDs range from borrowing and altering legal forms of identification to buying fake IDs.

Most students get their fake IDs from

friends who are over 21. Students search the campus to find someone who looks enough like them to get them in to clubs unquestioned.

"IDs are basically hand-me-downs," said Jennifer Appleton, a junior criminal justice major. "People give away their fake IDs and old licenses when they turn 21."

Another popular way of acquiring a fake ID is to simply buy one. Flea markets in Dallas and Fort Worth sell photo IDs with the person's actual picture and fake information. Even though these IDs include a disclaimer on the back stating that they are sold solely as novelty IDs, they usually serve their purpose well.

"No one ever turned my ID over when I would use it," said Appleton, who is now 21.

Many people use fake IDs with the idea that the worst that will happen is the confiscation of their fake. However, using a fake ID can result in several criminal charges.

Agent Sheron Day of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission said that misrepresentation of age by a minor is punishable by a fine ranging from \$25 to \$200 on a first offense. An offender can be charged with possession of more than one license, Day said.

If a person uses an ID belonging to another person, both parties involved

could lose their licenses as well, Day said.

A minor using a fake ID to drink will likely be given a minor-in-possession citation, Day said.

"And if the person is intoxicated, they are going to jail," Day said.

TABC provides bars and clubs with the ID Checking Guide to help them identify fake IDs. This book includes pictures of licenses from every state.

However, this reference does not help bouncers when customers use borrowed IDs.

Cliff Barnes, a senior psychology major

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News Digest

Man shoots his family, self

WELCH, W.Va. (AP) — A drunken man who flew into a rage over his daughter's refusal to return home hunted her down on a highway and shot to death the young woman, his sister-in-law and his nephew before killing himself.

Roger Williams wounded his 20-year-old daughter, Angela, in the arm during the attack — apparently by accident — and tore off his shirt to use as a tourniquet. She continued bleeding for several hours, however, and he eventually put a bullet in her head before doing the same to himself.

Shuttle manned by aliens

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Get ready for an invasion by space aliens.

When space shuttle Columbia blasts off on Thursday, foreign-born astronauts will outnumber American-born crew members for the first time.

Besides three astronauts born in Philadelphia and New York, there will be two Italians, one Swiss and one Costa Rican-turned-American.

During the flight, they plan to unreel an Italian satellite on an American tether 12.8 miles long.

Denny's hits fat slam, group says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The most popular breakfast at family-style restaurants has more fat and calories than two McDonald's Quarter Pounders, a consumer group said Wednesday.

A restaurant association dismissed the report as misleading, "the dumbest" of a series of headline-grabbing studies by the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

The center's latest survey found two days' supply of cholesterol, 49 fat grams and more than 1,100 calories in specials such as "Denny's Original Grand Slam Breakfast."

Shots don't fight ragweed asthma

BOSTON (AP) — Allergy shots appear to help only a little when people have asthma caused by ragweed.

The shots are clearly effective for relieving the misery of hay fever. But doctors are less certain about whether they ease asthma that is triggered by ragweed pollen.

To find out, researchers tested this common treatment, called allergen immunotherapy, on 77 patients. Half got the shots of ragweed pollen extract, while the rest received dummy injections.

Train derailment kills two

RED CLIFF, Colo. (AP) — A freight train derailed near a snowy pass in the Rockies on Wednesday, killing two crew members and spilling thousands of gallons of sulfuric acid down a mountainside and across a highway.

Rescuers trudged through waist-deep snow to reach the wreckage of the Southern Pacific Railroad train near 10,400-foot Tennessee Pass, south of this village.

"At this time we do not know what caused the derailment," said sheriff's spokeswoman Kim Andre, "but we are surmising snow may have played a major part in it."

CampusLines

CampusLines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the Skiff office, Moudy 2915 or sent to TCU Box 298050. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS (The French Club) meets at 5 p.m. today in Student Center Room 203.

THEATRE TCU will present Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood" at 8 p.m. today through Friday, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. TCU student admission is free. Call 921-7626.

THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S Fort Worth chapter will sponsor "Pieces of the PR Puzzle" Friday on campus.

THE 7TH ANNUAL PSI CHI CONVENTION will be this weekend. There will be a reception for Mortimer Mishkin of the National Institute for Mental Health from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Faculty Center of

Reed Hall. The research convention is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center.

FLOWERS FOR ZOEY, an alternative Christian band, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center.

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 211.

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

TCU UNIVERSITY CHAPEL is at noon Wednesdays at Robert Carr Chapel. All students are welcome.

TCU COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in University Ministries. All students are welcome.

FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION is available from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Student Center Annex. Call 921-7924.

CAMPUS CRUSADE has small group Bible studies at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Student Center 205-206. All students are welcome.

VOLUNTEER IN A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. Olivia Eudaly is running for Congress and she needs your help. Call 297-3838.

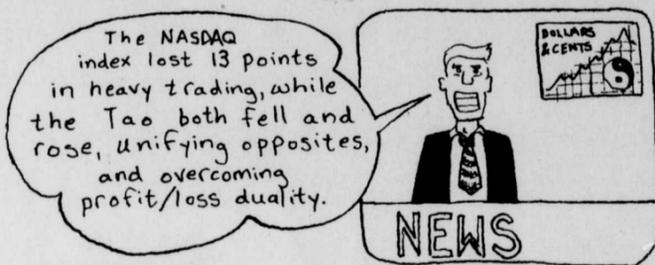
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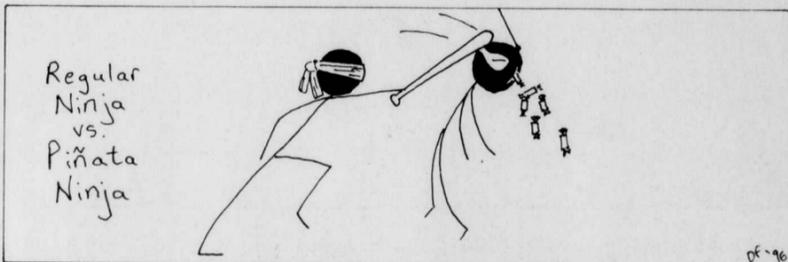
The Beaten Path

by P. D. Magnus



Ninja Verses

by Don Frederic



PurplePoll

Are you giving up something for lent?

YES	NO
40	60

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

Endow

part of the income that is produced each year. "Ideally, TCU attempts to achieve total returns of nine to 15 percent so that the endowment continues to grow, though six percent is taken out each year in the form of income," he said. Davis said the endowment can grow two ways: from contributions made and internally through successful investing. Since Chancellor Tucker has been at TCU, the endowment has grown from

\$40 million to over \$400 million. Davis said the growth is due to Tucker's careful management of the budget so that TCU does not incur any significant debt. Tucker's successful fund raising efforts have also added to TCU's endowment growth, he said. Twenty-five percent of TCU's income comes from endowments, which Davis said is very healthy. Schools like Tulane, that receive a low percentage of their income from endowments, must keep tuition high in order to compensate for the lack of funds, he said. Davis said that some people don't realize how important an endowment

is to a university. Though tuition goes up every year, it doesn't begin to pay for the expense of running a university. "We get electric and water bills just like everybody else," he said. "Every time you see a new computer lab on campus or there are new roofs, the money has to come from somewhere. Endowment money helps to pay for a lot of improvements made." Since 1980, TCU's endowment has gone from \$63.1 million to \$440.211 million, a 597 percent increase. That compares competitively to SMU, which has only gone up 468 percent, and Baylor, whose endowment went up 479 percent.

Weather Watch

Today will be warm and cloudy with a high in the upper 80s and an overnight low near 60. Friday will be partly cloudy with highs in the 80s.

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ID's

and bouncer at The Flying Saucer downtown, said altered IDs are very common. "There are some pretty good ones out there," Barnes said. Most bars do not take fake IDs away from their customers. Bob Harshman, owner of the Pub at 3019 S. University Dr., said he just turns away people with fakes. Other bar managers echoed that policy.

"We don't take up their ID, but we ask them to leave," said Sherry Norton, manager of Rick's at 2411 N. Main St. "The only time we take away IDs is if a person presents a fake ID to a bartender," Norton said. The Flying Saucer, however, does take up IDs, Barnes said. During peak seasons like summer, incentives are offered for bouncers who take up fake IDs, Barnes said. The new Texas driver's licenses will make it easier for club workers to identify fake IDs, Norton said. The new licenses will have the date that a

person can legally begin to drink printed on the card, she said. Norton said the picture on an underage license will be placed differently than those on an over-21 license. Club owners are forced to take fake IDs seriously because they can be punished for accepting a fake as well. "Club owners who sell to a minor with a fake, non-valid ID can have their liquor license suspended or be heavily fined," Day said. The consequences require that club employees keep current with the ID Checking Guide, Norton said. "We keep a guide at both doors in

case there is a question about an ID," Norton said. Students who are brave enough to use a fake ID usually know where they can get in and which clubs are most lenient. But sometimes other factors play a part in whether one gets in the door with an over or under stamp. "If you are a girl, male bouncers are more likely to let you in," Appleton said. "Guys are definitely at a disadvantage in that respect." Sorry, guys.

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■ Matt Pearce

Let's kick the 'Gen X' label

We can't avoid it. It follows us wherever we go. When we think it's a passing fad and worn-out cliché, it only resurfaces.

It's Generation X. Generation X, the label the media have used to tattoo the inner core of young people in the 1990s, is being used to generalize and cover everything we remember from the past and to describe everything we do now and prepare for in the future.

The term "Generation X" was adopted as a label shortly after a young author named Douglas Coupland used it as the title of his first novel. The book chronicles the issues and problems facing the young generation in the 1990s, particularly people in their twenties. But don't blame Coupland for the use of the label.

Coupland is distraught at the exploitation of his book title. He never intended for it to be used as a generation label. Since the release of his novel and what it has caused, he has spoken out in vehement opposition of the Generation X label.

Today, the media are using the label to exploit and virtually spoil everything we enjoyed as children. Last year, when Schoolhouse Rock and 1980s pop music made comebacks, they were described as Generation X memories being brought back to life.

Children of the 1970s and '80s are now old enough to be able to market and present products they grew up on and document memories from the past. Unfortunately, the media label aspects of the past two decades as Generation X phenomena faster than we can remember them.

Recently, a wave of "Generation X" trivia games has hit the market. The games would be enjoyable if the Generation X label weren't ruining them.

Trivia games are neither the first nor the last attempts to exploit "Generation X." Two years ago, various beer commercials portrayed slackers and lowlifes discussing "Gilligan's Island" episodes and Meat Loaf songs. This week, a sci-fi drama titled "Generation X" debuted. I'm urging everyone to boycott the series. Considering it's on Fox, it shouldn't be too hard to ignore.

Those who continue to use the cliché argue that generation labels aren't new, so we shouldn't fuss over ours. Our parents' generation is called the baby boomers, which makes sense because after World War II, our grandparents began popping out infants faster than Ted Kennedy downs margaritas. Therefore, the baby boomer label is justified.

The Generation X label stereotypes our generation as being lost and clueless. While this is true about some of us, it unfairly slanders the rest. Part of

Mass Conceptions



the reason our generation has a bad rap is because we're the first ones to go through a declining educational system.

Does this mean the education collapse is our fault?

No. Students in this country don't rank below nearly every nation in test scores because they can't think. The poor results are the fault of educators who can't motivate students.

At first, the Generation X label was used only to negatively portray young people, but now it's gaining acceptance among all generations. If we continue to accept the label, it will remain a part of us forever. Unless you want the first president our age to be called the "First Gen X President" in twenty years, speak out against it now.

Ginger or Mary Ann?

Matt Pearce is a sophomore news-editorial major from Wenham, Mass.



■ Bob Turney

Colombia's Samper must give up presidential post

For those of you who have been following the news, you are familiar with the present situation involving the Colombian government. The president of Colombia, Ernesto Samper, has been charged with accepting drug money from the Cali cartel to finance not only his winning presidential campaign, but also other congressional races in which members of his Liberal Party were contesting.

Rumors of his involvement stretch back to the beginning of his campaign, but only recently has evidence been revealed that would seem to point toward Samper's guilt. The scandal began to unravel last year, when Samper's campaign treasurer, Santiago Medina, charged that Samper solicited drug money for his campaign. A congressional committee, conveniently packed with members of the Liberal Party, dropped the charges, citing insufficient evidence.

However, on Jan. 22 of this year, Fernando Botero, a close friend of Samper, current defense minister and former director of Samper's campaign, responded to Medina's charges by confirming them, leading to more calls for Samper's resignation.

Since then, all hell has broken loose. Ministers, generals and ambassadors have quit in protest, foreign dignitaries have cancelled visits, and calls have increased in the U.S. Congress for economic sanctions to be levied against Colombia. As things stand, the United States will probably not take such steps. However, Colombia's certification as an ally in the fight against illegal drugs is in question, and an announcement is expected by March 1 as to whether or not that will be revoked. Non-certification would mean an end to anti-drug aid for the Colombian government, as well as a loss of some trade benefits.

What can the U.S. do about this situation? Not much, really, beyond what I listed above. What can the government of Colombia do to resolve this crisis?

The obvious solution is for Samper to resign, to admit his guilt (assuming that he is guilty) and to allow the Colombian legal system to prosecute this case. Unfortunately, that doesn't appear likely. Because Samper is still the sitting president, he cannot be prosecuted in the legal system of Colombia. Instead, the prosecutor general of Colombia must issue what is formally known as a "denunciation," wherein he submits to Congress the evidence that he has and proposes whatever charges he

Arm Wrasslin' with Life



feels are supported by that evidence. Alfonso Valdiveoso, the prosecutor general of Colombia, did so on Wednesday, Feb. 14, charging Samper with illicit enrichment, electoral fraud and falsification of documents.

What comes next is less than certain. The same Congressional committee that refused to bring charges against him last year is once again responsible for hearing these charges. In fact, only the Congress can even charge Samper, so once again the net result could be absolutely nothing.

Assuming that the committee does decide to launch an investigation, then the lower house must decide whether or not to send the case to the Senate for action, and Samper would be forced to temporarily step down. Once again, the case could founder, partially because of the strong support for Samper in the lower house, and partially because 14 of those legislators are already under investigation themselves on charges of accepting drug money. If both the lower house and the Senate decide to continue the investigation, then the case is sent to the Supreme Court, and Samper must resign.

In my opinion, that is way too many ifs, ands or buts. Samper stands accused of financing his campaign with drug money. His defense minister sits in jail and has turned in evidence against him. His campaign treasurer has made similar charges. His interior minister is also in the process of being charged in relation to campaign financing. Ernesto Samper should act in the best interests of the Colombian nation and resign. If he is vindicated, he can always run again. If he is found guilty, then perhaps Colombia can finally begin to put its long association with narcotics criminals behind it.

Bob Turney is a senior political science and history double major from Houston, who could be influenced to pull this column if the cartel offers him enough money.

Heroes

Alumni give school Olympic-size reputation

Maybe you noticed in today's Skiff that TCU has alumni so extraordinary that they are bringing us national attention.

No, it's not Larry Brown showing up on campus to get patted on the back by people who never knew he attended TCU before that whole Super Bowl MVP thing.

It's not Dan Rather, Betty Buckley, Rod Roddy or any other famous graduate.

Our campus is chock full of unsung heroes that we pass on the sidewalks every day. And now two of those people are being recognized by the United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County for their outstanding achievements within the community.

Capt. Dondi Costin of the ROTC program and

Horatio Porter, an alumnus, have been chosen to be torchbearers for the 1996 Olympic games this summer in recognition of their leadership and service. This honor is worthy of more than just a typical pat on the back. We all know what the Olympic games stand for, and now our school is contributing to their legacy of great athleticism, talent and sportsmanship.

People who have their faces splashed across the news for catching footballs or starring in Broadway shows do give the university a good name—but they're not the only ones. Every single person who offers a helping hand to someone else contributes to the reputation of the school.

Those are the true heroes.

■ Editorial

■ Letter

Arceneaux right

I usually enjoy Kevin Arceneaux's columns. After reading his on Wednesday, I must applaud him. I'm often baffled by politics in a capitalist nation with "Christian" pretenses. The fact that strict Communism and Capitalism aren't the only forms of government has been strategically overlooked.

While the "religious" right embraces candidates who intend to persecute

homosexuals (hardly Christlike) and are mostly divorced (Jesus was clear about his feelings on divorce and remarriage—Gramm, Dole and Gingrich), I've often wondered where the real followers of Jesus were.

I've found a few. They don't tend to be Republicans. Thanks for pointing out the major flaws in conservative policy. I'm glad someone acknowledges

the possibility of a religious left. The difference is the religious left acknowledges Jesus' compassion wasn't an accident, and God isn't legal tender.

Meanwhile, to all the wealthy so-called "Christians" out there, good luck getting the proverbial camel through the proverbial eye of the needle.

You'll need it.

Layne Russell
freshman, English

■ Chris Smith

"The TV and movie industry must force all shows to use the 'F' word."

Swearing has lost its edge in today's society

Damn it, bitch! Shocking? No, not really. Offensive? Maybe. Probably not. Curse words of today have been assimilated into pop culture like so many one-hit wonder bands. Nothing retains the flamboyance and ability to make one cringe.

Sure, some words in use would make Grandma toss her cookies, but for the most part, our generation has come to accept the curse word in all of its glory. But the dynastic cycle of the swear word is rearing its ugly head.

Once it was cute for an innocent child of three to yell out "Damn it all to Hell." Now it has become a common occurrence. The playground has turned into a David Mamet play, and the dinner table has cuss words passed around with the mashed potatoes.

Prime time TV has embraced the use of curse words, much to the chagrin of many conservatives. But nonetheless, they have become an essential component into witty dialogue. "Bitch" has been used umpteen times on such shows as "Melrose Place" and

Modern Angst

"90210." In fact, many of the characters are not referred to by their names but are known as "the bitch," "Damn" has lost all of its power, for it is now used with so much regularity its offensiveness joins the ranks of "Damn" and "Crap" in their descent into the archaic.

Ward and June Cleaver would have drawn and quartered the Beave upon hearing such language, but the Olsen twins could go on for hours like drunken sailors and still get ratings (eighth wonder of the world). Howard Stern has even used the slang for male and female



privates with relative impunity.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy using an expletive or two in everyday speech, but the effect has worn off. The "F" word still harbors some magnificence, but its use is becoming overabundant. What America needs is an entire revamping of the curse word genre. The complete and utter assimilation of all known curse words into society and an ushering in of a new list of offensive words.

The TV and movie industry must force all shows to use the "F" word and all of its subordinates. We need to bring back the Cosby Show and Full House, load them up with swear words, and put them on every night at seven. America's Funniest Home Videos must only show those home movies in which someone gets maimed (no change in policy here) and those that include large dosages of offensive words for genitalia.

Peter Jennings will be allowed to insert expletives after news stories (e.g. Hillary Clinton subpoenaed... "Bout F*#&ing time"). America Online must demand that all handles

begin with an offensive word for feces. Once the bombardment has ended, a new selection will be displayed. To get the ball rolling, I have a few suggestions of my own.

Moist. This is by far the most obnoxious word in the English language. The sound of the word alone is grounds for censorship. Example: "Moist off!" "What the Moist?" or "You smell like Moist!"

Beeauch. Snoop Dogg popularized this degrading term for women and homies, but it is so fun to say it has to be included.

Juicy. Many cringe at the sound of this devil word. Any reference to anything other than fruit guarantees the status of vulgar. Example: "Juicy!", "That's the Juiciest!" or "Don't be Juicing with me!"

Curse words were once the symbol of a rebel who refused to conform to language etiquette. Now it is a sign of conformity. Fight for the sanctity of the expletive. Viva la #*%!

Christopher Damien Smith is cool.

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Writers can win cash in contest

BY ANDREW P. DESJARDINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

For those who aspire to be the next Tom Clancy or Danielle Steele, there is an opportunity to enter the English department's annual Creative Writing Contest. The contest isn't only for English majors, but is open to all students.

Heather White, a 1989 graduate, said she entered the writing contest a few years ago because she thought it would be a rewarding experience for her. She said she liked the idea that someone would pay her for her writing.

White established her own contest category in 1991 to enhance the competition. She said her Satire Award is good for journalism students because it calls for a style of prose that directs humor at society and/or human nature.

Because White established her own category, she is also able to oversee its judging, although independent judges are brought in to judge all the categories.

In addition, White said she allocates her own funds to be used for award money in the Satire category.

Judges are usually TCU alumni, professionals from the local area, college professors or high school teachers.

In the past, winning essays have come from diverse sources, including a satire column that originated in the *Skiff*, to an original poem from a student, but most entries originate as class assignments.

There are 27 separate categories in

the writing contest.

Awards range from \$20 to \$150, and the total award money in the past has averaged around \$3,000 to \$4,000 annually.

Neil Daniel, chairman for the creative writing committee, said he encourages all students to participate in the contest. A physicist, for instance, may be an excellent poet, he said.

Most of the winning pieces will be included in one publication that will be distributed at an awards ceremony in May. The publication will also document contest results.

The awards program will be held at 3:15 p.m., April 18, in the Student Center Ballroom.

Those entering must be full-time students attending TCU.

For some contests, the student's credit-hour classification is also a specification. With the exception of Boswell Poetry prize winners, students who have won first prize may not enter the same contest again.

Each student may submit only one entry per contest, except for duplication in a portfolio.

Entries must be submitted in manuscript form. Along with the hard copy manuscript, entrants are requested to submit an MS-DOS Word Perfect 5.1 or ASCII (DOS text) file of the entry on a 5 1/4-inch or 3-inch floppy disk.

The entry deadline is 4 p.m. Feb. 29. Entries must be brought to the English office in Reed Hall 314 or sent to the department's box, number 297270.

'Battle of the Bands' date set

BY NEELIMA ATLURU
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Battle of the Bands is an all day outdoor festival that gives recognition to TCU bands.

This year the festival will take place March 31 at Frog Fountain.

Greg Barron, a sophomore environmental science major and co-chairman of the Concerts Committee and one of the organizers of the event, said the festival is a good opportunity for the bands to get some experience.

"It's like a free audition to publicize and promote their band," he said.

Bands who are interested in competing can pick up an application package at the Information Desk in the Student Center. They can apply through March 11.

Barron said the main requirement for the bands is that at least one of the members be a full-time TCU student and that the band be unsigned.

Along with the application, Barron said the band

should submit a tape-recording of its music. He said the Concerts Committee and the Programming Council advisers will listen to the tapes and choose which bands will compete in the Battle of the Bands.

"We try to get a good variety of music," Barron said.

At the event, Barron said the bands are judged by four to five community members. The committee is not yet sure who those people will be, he said.

The first prize is \$500, second prize is \$300 and third prize is \$200.

Also, he said festival-goers can vote for their favorite band. The band with the most votes will be named the People's Choice band. This band will be invited to play at Howdy Week next semester.

Last year, Judah, a Christian alternative band, won the people's choice honors.

Aron Vaughan, a senior computer science major and keyboard player for Judah, said Battle of the Bands gave them good exposure on campus.

"It was a good day to hang out and listen to the

other bands," he said. "It was a positive experience."

Vaughn is the only member of Judah who attends TCU. He said the other members attend Dallas Baptist University.

Vaughn said he doesn't know yet if Judah will compete in the Battle of the Bands again this year because it is in the process of releasing a CD.

Barron said the theme this year is Spring Fling Beach Party. This is the first year the event has had a theme, he said.

A sno-cone machine, kiddie pools, palm trees and sand will be set up around Frog Fountain to provide a beach ambiance, he said.

Another new aspect to the event this year is a T-shirt graphic competition, Barron said. The applications for that can also be picked up at the Student Center Information Desk.

"Before, the T-shirt graphics was not an official competition," he said. "The people who knew about it put the word out and that's how we got the designs."

South Africa integrates schools for first time

BY DONNA BRYSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

POTGIETERSRUS, South Africa — Seven-year-old Karabo Kekana shook his head "no" when asked if he wanted to be one of the first black children to join 700 whites at Potgietersrus primary school. His mother had other ideas.

She woke him up from his afternoon nap Wednesday to register him

after a judge upheld last week's landmark ruling that the school's whites-only policy — a holdover from apartheid — was unconstitutional.

"I want my child to get a quality education, just like whites," said Meiki Kekana.

She and other parents defied the cold stares of whites who gathered to watch them register 16 children, who will begin classes today.

Police plan to guard the students

— as U.S. officers did during the American civil rights movement — and journalists are in place to record the students' arrival.

The school drew international attention last month, when a black family insisted on sending its children there, and the school replied that blacks were not welcome.

Parents fear allowing blacks will erode the culture of Afrikaaners, the South African Dutch-descended white settlers.

Government officials joined black parents in a court challenge to the admissions policy and won a judicial order last week for the black children to be enrolled. An appeal by school officials was rejected Wednesday.

The school's governing body said it would try to take the case to the nation's highest court, and that it believed its whites-only admission policy should remain intact until the case is finally settled.

Firefighters battle huge blaze

Fire wrecks havoc in Denton, Tarrant and Parker counties

BY MELISSA WILLIAMS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Firefighters brought in tanker trucks and earthmoving equipment to contain large grass fires that destroyed several homes in Denton County and damaged property in Tarrant as well as Parker counties.

"We have approximately eight fires going right now," said Bernadette Lambert, spokeswoman for the Denton County Sheriff's Department. "In four areas, there are known structures burning."

Three of the blazes were out of control, Lambert said. Denton County reported fires in the Marshall Creek area, near Aubrey, in Copper Canyon, near the intersection of State Highways 114 and 156, in a mobile home complex in the Justin area and in the northwest corner of the county in another mobile home complex.

No injuries had been reported, Lambert said. A challenge for firefighters is the rural nature of the area, where fire hydrants are not available and water must be trucked in. Lewisville was sending help, she said.

Earlier in the day, a 40-acre grass fire fueled by dry brush swept across acres of fenced pasture apparently missed nearby homes, Colleyville police said.

The blaze in the suburbs northeast of Fort Worth was under control around 2 p.m. after burning about 90 minutes, police said. It erupted during prolonged dry weather that had prompted the Texas Forest Service and other agencies to ban outdoor burning.

"It was very close to being a big disaster," said Colleyville City Manager Bob Stripling, adding that the fire chief was at home when sparks from an electrical line triggered the blaze about a block from his residence.

"Where the wires had rubbed together, sparks had run to the ground," he said. "It was so darn dry the grass

caught on fire."

No one had been injured in the fire.

"I got some outbuildings and trailers, but I don't think any residential structures" burned, said police Officer N.R. Cunningham.

Every fire truck from the northeast Tarrant County town was on the scene, as well as units from Southlake, Keller, North Richland Hills, Grapevine, Bedford and Euless.

Colleyville, a patchwork of rural ranchettes, older neighborhoods and upscale subdivisions, has had a couple of grass fires since dry conditions began in the last few weeks, said Amy Hughes, records coordinator for the Colleyville Police Department. At the peak of the fire, she said she could see the flames and smoke from her office.

Some residents rushed outside their homes with garden hoses, trying to soak their property to save it.

The fire was within the area bounded by Texas Highway 26, Precinct Line Road, State Highway 121 and John McCain Road. Colleyville is about 15 miles northeast of Fort Worth.

City code prohibits outdoor burning in Colleyville. More than 70 counties across the state have temporarily banned outdoor burning in unincorporated areas during the dry weather. Tarrant County will likely enact such a ban on Tuesday, County Judge Tom Vandergriff said.

Smaller grass fires burned Wednesday in south Arlington and Parker County. Crews have fought grass fires in Saginaw, Azle, Arlington, Fort Worth and many other communities in the past several days.

Only a slight chance of rain exists for North Texas on Friday and nothing else until next week — not nearly enough to heal several months of dry conditions.

Metroplex sees record heat

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — Sunshine poured across Texas Wednesday, sending temperatures into the mid-90s and melting records across West, Central and North Texas.

By 3 p.m., Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport had reached 94 degrees, breaking the mark of 84 set in 1925. The record fell at 12:01 p.m.

Austin, San Angelo, Amarillo, Waco, Abilene, Fort Worth, Midland, Lubbock and San Antonio all notched new records. At 3 p.m. in Austin, the temperature at Robert

Mueller Airport was 98 degrees, breaking the old record of 97.

The June-like weather stems from a combination of two factors, said Greg Machala, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

A weak high pressure ridge aloft is keeping clouds from forming, he said. And winds blowing in from the desert-like west and southwest are drying out the air. The relative humidity in the Dallas area was around 14 percent Wednesday afternoon.

"When it's this dry, the air heats up

very quickly," Machala said. "With dry west-southwest winds and lots of sunshine, we get unseasonably warm temperatures."

Meteorologists await a weak cold front Saturday to push high temperatures back into the 70s. Average highs in Texas normally reach the mid-90s in June.

The state is thirsty as well as hot. The Dallas-Fort Worth area has received only about a quarter of its normal four inches of rainfall to date in 1996. More than 70 counties throughout the state have banned outdoor burning.

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Men fry Rice; women get threshed

Lady Frogs sluggish, lose 79-64 at home

By K.E. STENSKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Rice Lady Owls used a balanced offensive attack to down the TCU Lady Frogs 79-64 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum Wednesday night.

Rice had five players in double figures, none of which had more than 13 points for the game. The Lady Frogs put four players in double-digits. Junior guard Jackie Jenkins led all scorers with 20.

Although TCU went into the locker room at halftime behind by five, 35-30, Head Coach Shell Robinson said she wasn't pleased with TCU's play.

"They came out sluggish in the first half," she said. "But they picked up their intensity late in the half."

The Lady Frogs played close the first six minutes of the game. Freshman forward Jennifer Hickman's two free throws with 14:05 left in the half were the last TCU points for almost six minutes. Rice used a 14-0 run to go ahead 25-11. Jenkins' three-pointer at the 8:12 mark ended the scoreless streak, starting TCU on a 16-2 run of their own.

The score was tied at 27 with 1:18 left when Rice senior forward Stephanie Mundschau and sophomore guard Gina Cafagna hit back-to-back three-pointers. Jenkins answered with a trey of her own to cut the lead to three with 14 seconds left.

Mundschau then capitalized on a hurried shot by sophomore guard Leah Garcia to end the half with TCU behind 35-30.

A basket by Garcia and a Jenkins steal and conversion brought the Lady Frogs within one. It ended there. Rice embarked on an 18-3 run that brought TCU losing streak to 16. The Lady Frogs continued to scrap, but still fell short.

"We couldn't hit our shots," Hickman said. "They picked up on defense. We got a lot of good looks at the basket, but they wouldn't go down."

"I think we were mentally tired," Jenkins said. "We didn't have enough patience on the offensive end. I think the defense had a mental breakdown at key times."

Rice dominated the boards, outrebounding TCU 51-42. Cafagna had 12 rebounds to go with her seven points and eight assists. Jenkins and Price each had eight boards for the Lady Frogs. Garcia dished out six assists to go with her 14 points.

The Lady Owls raise their record to 12-12 (5-7 in SWC play). TCU is 2-21 overall. They continued their winless streak in the conference falling to 0-12.

"We have to learn from our mistakes and look at the next team as a challenge," Hickman said. "We're trying hard. We have to keep on pushing and pushing until we get a win."



TCU sophomore guard Leah Garcia is defended by Rice guard Jessica Garcia. Rice won the contest Wednesday night 79-64 at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Frogs stave off Owls' late rally, earn first road win

By ERNESTO MORAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The TCU men's basketball team won its first road game of the season, 70-67, against Rice on Wednesday night, holding off numerous rallies to snap a three-game losing streak.

The Frogs (12-14 overall, 3-8 in the SWC) took the lead early, led by as many as nine and consistently kept the Owls (13-11, 5-7) at a distance of four or more points for most of the contest in winning only their second game of the season away from home. TCU is 1-4 at neutral sites and 1-7 as visitors.

The Frogs had a solid eight-point lead with just over two minutes left, and seemed well on their way to the victory.

Junior guard Jeff Jacobs hit his first basket of the night with just over a minute left in the game to put Frogs ahead by the score of 65-59.

Freshman forward Damion Walker, known primarily for his offense, contributed on the defensive end with a blocked shot on Rice's subsequent position. Junior guard Anthony Burks finished the break at the other end with a layup to put TCU up, 67-59, with :57 left.

Burks was also fouled on the play, but after a timeout by Rice, he missed the free throw.

Rice then hit a three-pointer, TCU senior forward Byron Waits missed the front end of a one-and-one, and Rice guard Tommy McGhee hit a three-pointer with 15.9 seconds left to cut the Frog lead to one.

Jacobs was fouled on the inbound play, and hit both free throws for the final margin of victory.

Rice forward Robert Johnson's three-point attempt at the buzzer rolled in and out.

Walker led the Frogs with 17 points. Waits and sophomore forward James Penny scored 13 points each. Penny also added seven rebounds, three blocks, and four steals in his third consecutive strong showing.

Penny had 19 points, eight rebounds and five steals Feb. 14 against Houston, then followed it with a 16-point, eight-rebound, five-block effort at Baylor on Saturday.

TCU's overall defensive effort was outstanding. Rice shot just 31 percent from the field on 22-70 shooting.

The Frogs come home to face Southern Methodist at 3 p.m. Saturday at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The Mustangs are 6-17, 2-9 in the SWC, and are coming off 75-54 loss to No. 9-ranked and SWC-leading Texas Tech on Tuesday night in Lubbock.

Baseball searches for basics, balance

Baseball is a game where occurrences can usually be explained, and things that aren't supposed to happen usually don't. Well, your TCU

horned frog baseball team put aside these commonalities in their last three home games.

Louisiana Tech, a small fish in a Division I baseball ocean teeming with talent, managed to swim upstream and take a sweeping bite out of the Frogs to the tune of 11-5 and 7-1.

On Tuesday, however, the ferocious predators of Oklahoma University migrated south to face off against

that same Horned Frog team. To most everyone's surprise, the predator suffered a defeat from the seemingly outmatched Frogs by a 10-9 free-for-all score. Go figure.

As I have said before, and has become more evident than ever with this surprising win against Oklahoma, talent is not the baseball team's problem. It's doing the little things. These little things come in the

form of the inability of the pitching staff to throw strikes and hold runners on base. These are largely unnoticed acts that win or lose ball games.

Head coach Lance Brown really put this into perspective when he said, "How can our pitchers slide step or hold runners when they can't even throw strikes?" This makes perfect sense to me, but it is also a very chilling commentary.

TCU gave up 16 stolen bases against Louisiana Tech, largely due to an olympic broad-jump-sized lead offered by the TCU pitchers. In addition, 26 walks and 35 hits were run up by the last three Frog opponents. I will translate these three statistics into a real-life game situation.

When you can't throw strikes, you walk people. When you can't hold runners on, those walks turn into doubles. When a runner gets on

see **Baseball**, page 6



Gavin Millay
Sports Columnist

Mayor: New Spurs' arena possible

San Antonio might restructure contract to share concessions revenue with team

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio's mayor has softened his stance on a new arena for the Spurs, saying the city could justify building a new arena by 2003 because of convention business demand.

Mayor Bill Thornton also said he would agree to reopen the team's Alamodome concession contracts to help the Spurs increase revenues — something the mayor earlier had

vowed not to do.

"I think almost every single San Antonian recognizes that the Spurs are good for our community," Thornton said during a news conference Tuesday.

The city's burgeoning convention business alone could justify a new arena, said Thornton, who previously had been adamant that no public money be used for a new Spurs arena.

Such a facility "will not be for the

Spurs alone," Thornton said. "It will be primarily to build a facility for San Antonio, where the Spurs can be one of the major tenants."

Thornton said the city could find itself needing a medium-sized facility.

The city used to have HemisFair Arena, where the Spurs played and which seated about 16,000 people. But that arena has been demolished by the city to make way for convention center expansion.

The Spurs are now in the third year of a 10-year lease at the Alamodome, a stadium that seats up to 35,000 for basketball and up to 60,000 for football. Team officials aren't happy with the dome because they say it wasn't designed for basketball and it lacks adequate luxury suites.

The Spurs also might be free to overhaul the Alamodome's seating configuration for the remainder of their stay in the stadium. Thornton said.

Gonzalez healthy, ready for 1996 season

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — After hitting 27 home runs last season in an injury-shortened 90-game run, Texas Ranger Juan Gonzalez is healthy and serving notice on the opposition.

"The last two years, I've had a lot of injuries," said Gonzalez, who this week arrived early at spring training for the first time in his career.

"But what happens when Juan stays healthy all year — 45 or 50 home runs? It's a new year, I have a new attitude and if I stay healthy, I'll be right there in the home run competition," he said.

Rangers management savored the encouraging

signs. Gonzalez weighed in at 229 pounds, nine pounds lighter than last season. And the still strapping outfielder was the only Ranger Tuesday to knock more than a couple batting practice pitches into a stiff breeze and out of the park.

"He put on quite a display," Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said. "And I was watching Juan in the outfield, and he has a brisk look to him. It looks like he's having fun and like he's happy to be here."

Gonzalez, who plans to lose another five pounds, said he looks forward to the change of pace to right field, where he hasn't played since early in his minor league career.

"It's all right, because The Ballpark in Arlington has a big left field and center field," he said. "I prefer to play right field because when I first started to play baseball, I played right. I never forgot the movement. I feel more comfortable there."

Back problems limited Gonzalez last season, but he still managed to place second on the team in home runs and RBIs (82). At 26, he is the team's all-time homer leader.

"Juan looks good and he has a great attitude," Melvin said. "And he walked right out to right field. He said he'll do whatever it takes to help the team. He's starting to show some leadership skills."

Sports Digest

Irving asks Jones for revenue cut

IRVING, Texas (AP) — This time, Irving wants a piece of Jerry Jones' action.

When Dallas Cowboys owner Jones asks permission Thursday to add 21 luxury boxes to the city-owned Texas Stadium, Irving will ask for a cut on the new revenues, Mayor Pro Tem Harry Joe said.

"Texas Stadium is owned by the residents of Irving, and they deserve their money," Joe said.

What exactly will be done to the 25-year-old facility isn't clear, but Jones' Texas Stadium Corp. is to present its plans. The company leases the building from the city.

Tech QB to face trial

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech quarterback Zebbie Lethridge will go to trial the week of March 11 on a misdemeanor charge of shoplifting, a court official said.

Municipal court administrator Thomas Trombley said the matter was set Wednesday for docket call March 4.

Lethridge, 21, was cited in May for shoplifting a pair of earrings from South Plains Mall. Shoplifting of items less than \$20 is a Class C misdemeanor that carries a \$225 fine.

Stockton breaks steals record

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — John Stockton, having added the NBA's steals record to his career mark for assists, now hopes to slip out of the spotlight he hates so much.

"I don't think about statistics..." Utah Jazz's eight-time All-Star said after breaking Maurice Cheeks' record during a 112-98 victory over the Boston Celtics Tuesday night.

Stockton entered Tuesday's game with 2,309 steals, one short of the record Cheeks compiled over 15 seasons.

Capriati wins comeback match

ESSEN, Germany (AP) — Jennifer Capriati said it wasn't easy. She almost made it look that way with her strong comeback to the tennis circuit she quit in despair in 1993.

Capriati emerged from a slide into tennis burnout, teenage rebellion and drug rehabilitation to beat Kristie Boogert of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-2 Wednesday in her first tournament match in 15 months.

The 19-year-old willed herself to her first victory in more than 2 years. Boogert, seeded seventh in the WTA tournament and ranked 32nd in the world, was overwhelmed.

Maryland to be 2nd Dallas defect

DALLAS (AP) — Larry Brown may not be the only defensive starter leaving the Dallas Cowboys for the Oakland Raiders. Thursday, he could be joined by Russell Maryland.

The Cowboys had been hoping to keep Maryland, but the Raiders made him an offer Dallas couldn't counter because it doesn't have enough room under the salary cap.

"Russell feels tremendous sadness to be leaving Dallas," agent Leigh Steinberg told *The Dallas Morning News*. "This is a situation where the salary cap penalizes a good team and a good player unnecessarily."

Licensed gun toter arrested in Dallas on murder charge

By JAIME ARON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — For the first time since Texans have been allowed to carry handguns, a licensed pistol holder was arrested on a murder charge Wednesday for shooting a man who had punched him following a minor traffic accident.

Gordon Reid Hale III, 42, of Grand Prairie, was taken into custody shortly after the 10 a.m. incident near downtown. He was being held in Lew Sterrett Justice Center, but had yet to be arraigned as of Wednesday afternoon.

Kenny Tavai, a 33-year-old delivery truck driver from Killeen, died shortly after being shot once in the chest by a .40-caliber handgun, Dallas police officials said.

Mike Cox of the Texas Department of Public Safety, which runs the gun-training programs, said this "is the first major incident, certainly the first incident we are aware of, that involves a fatality."

Dallas police said not only was this the first local shooting involving a permit holder, it was the first complaint of any kind against a licensed gun carrier since the law went into effect Jan. 1.

As of close of business Wednesday, DPS had mailed out 16,263 gun licenses. The agency has received 54,236 applications and 210,563 requests for applications. Nine applications have been denied so far.

However, police spokesman Ed Spencer stressed that the license was inconsequential to the murder charge because it was not a justifiable use of deadly force.

"If this same scenario had occurred prior to January 1st, the police department would've done the same thing and have taken him into custody on a murder charge," Spencer said.

The Texas penal code says the only time deadly force can be used against someone is "to prevent the

other's imminent commission of aggravated kidnapping, murder, sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault, robbery, or aggravated robbery."

Although he was being assaulted, Hale was not in imminent jeopardy of any of those acts to justify pulling a trigger, Spencer said.

"In this case, we had a man committing assault against a man who fired on him," Spencer said. "You just don't have an offense here that's covered in penal code . . . Really, the gun permit law is not a factor in this case."

However, that's exactly what handgun opponents feared — a situation where someone has a gun accessible, then uses it for the wrong reason.

"I have said from the beginning that it didn't seem like a good idea for people to be carrying concealed weapons in traffic when people can have fender benders and lose their temper," said Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, the staunchest opponent in the House. "It's simply not a good idea."

That exact scenario led to Wednesday's precedent-setting situation.

Hale drove up alongside a Marquis Messengers truck and the vehicles clipped rear-view mirrors. Tavai's co-worker, Curtis Jackson, said.

Although neither vehicle was noticeably damaged, Tavai approached Hale's truck.

"During the course of their talk, the (driver) reached into the arrestee's truck and grabbed him and punched him once; possibly even three times, in the head, face and shoulder," Spencer said.

Jackson said he didn't see the beginning of the altercation, but then "I look up, my driver was punching at him and he shot him."

Tavai was taken to Parkland Hospital. Hale was arrested at the scene.

Handgun legislation sponsor Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Houston, did not want to comment until he had further details about the incident, said legislative director Mark Seale.

Hutchison endorses Dole

Endorsement may boost Dole's chances in Texas

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AUSTIN — With the Texas primary looming as a major prize for Republican presidential hopefuls, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison backed Bob Dole on Wednesday.

A second top Republican, Gov. George W. Bush, emphasized he's still not taking sides.

The move by Hutchison was designed to help pump some momentum into Dole's campaign after his loss in the New Hampshire primary to commentator Pat Buchanan.

"There's only one candidate in this race that has the ability to keep the promises that we made and that is the candidate I am endorsing today: Sen. Bob Dole," Hutchison said.

"In addition to being the right person to lead America, Bob Dole has been there for Texas," Hutchison said. She said Dole had supported legislation beneficial to the state and was backing the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Texas will send 123 delegates to the Republican National Convention, the second-largest total of any state.

Most of the presidential campaigns had assumed those delegates would go to favorite son Sen. Phil Gramm, but the Texan's withdrawal from the race last week has made the March 12 primary a major prize.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken said he sees no clear favorite in the state right now.

"I think it's a good debate that's going on within the party and it really livens up the Texas primary," he

said.

Pauken also said the New Hampshire results are a big boost for Buchanan in Texas.

"It's going to be much more competitive than people, including myself, had anticipated. He's now shown he can win a primary state," Pauken said.

"Texas is very much a conservative-populist state and he's appealing to a lot of those middle class Ameri-

"It's one thing to go up to Iowa and New Hampshire, where there's a lot of snow on the ground. But you come down here where it's hot and debate Texas issues on Texas soil. I can't wait to hear it. I'm holding my fire until I see the whites of their eyes."

Bush scoffed at reports that he and his brother Jeb, who narrowly lost a bid for governor of Florida in 1994, might make a joint endorsement before the two states' primaries.

"We didn't coordinate our campaigns together, nor will we coordinate our endorsements," Bush said. "Jeb is a very independent person. So am I. And I don't know what he's going to do, and I look forward to hearing what his opinion is."

Bush sharply disagrees with Buchanan on trade, as the governor is a strong supporter of the North American Free Trade Agreement and close ties with neighboring Mexico.

"My pro-NAFTA position is very strong. So I'll look forward to hearing what he (Buchanan) has to say when he comes to Texas."

Following her appearance in Dallas, Hutchison flew to Atlanta to repeat her endorsement with Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., and planned a similar event with Gov. David Beasley of South Carolina, where primaries will be held the first week in March. She was to fly to Arizona on Friday in advance of that state's primary.

Dole campaign manager Scott Reed said the senator's endorsement, along with those of several state legislators, showed the Kansan is a force to be reckoned with.



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second, it is safe to say he will score on a hit. Now if you can't throw strikes, walk a lot of people, can't hold runners and give up a lot of hits, yes, class, this equals mucho runs.

These statistics are fairly representative of the whole year for the "Armed and Ready" bunch. Starter Flint Wallace and relief pitcher Erik Brown seem to be the only pitchers that have shown up for TCU in '96. Wallace is 3-1, and Erik Brown seems to strike out everyone he faces. They offer some relief to a comatose staff. I do not mean comatose in a negative fashion; however, with the raw talent the staff possesses, they are bound to come to life. The question is when.

The bottom line is that the Frogs have a long season ahead of them. All of their Southwest Conference games have yet to be decided. An unexpected, bright, shining light leads the way for the remaining games. That is the Cinderella offense, led by Cinderella-story freshman Matt Howe (team-leading .391 batting average).

Six TCU starters are hitting above .300, with four of them hitting .365 or better. Senior Brad Wallace (.390) is pushing .400 along with Howe, and has been the team's main offensive catalyst lately. The TCU offense is pounding out more than eight runs a game.

In Zen Buddhism, one of the keys to achieving Nirvana is balance. TCU

must manage to forge a balance between offense, defense and pitching. Baseball is a game of hills and valleys. When one facet of the team goes down in a valley, the rest of the team must pull them out. The successful teams do this; teams that don't will come up short of their goals.

As a matter of fact, the baseball team conducts a prayer before each game. Maybe they can pray for balance, though not necessarily to Buddha. Coach Lance Brown said in a team meeting that he will give the team a little longer to find this balance. Otherwise, a team marathon run might be instituted to remedy the Frogs' problems. The problem, Brown said is "the players have other things on their mind beside winning."

The '94 SWC championship baseball team had a much less than enviable start. So a logical conclusion is that this team can do the same. I say yes and then some. An all-encompassing cure to the team's woes is confidence. The catch is when and how they come about harnessing this elusive team trait. Bloody though it was, the victory over OU may have sparked a flame of confidence that the Frogs can heat up to.

I don't mean to sound doomsday with my skeptical rhetoric. I am simply painting a picture of two scenarios into which the baseball team could easily fall; playing up to their potential and giving themselves a really good chance of winning the SWC title or settling for second best and wasting a plethora of talent.

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"We have concerns about traffic as it goes in and out of the campus," Mills said. "We've talked with students and police about how to control the traffic."

Steven Wheelock, past chairman of the Student House of Representatives Permanent Improvements Committee, said the House had not debated legislation concerning the driveway in the last two years.

Stoney White, current Permanent Improvements chairman, also said the House hadn't raised the issue.

"We haven't identified a problem," White said. "Of course we're committed to traffic safety, but we haven't done anything specific to Worth Hills."

McGee and Mills said there are two options for dealing with the safety issue — installing a traffic light on West Berry or closing off the Pond Drive-West Berry intersection permanently. Both options would require assistance from the city of Fort Worth. "Like any major decision, this has to go through the chain," McGee said. "We couldn't put up a traffic light without the city doing it."

Mills said the university could

request such action, but has not yet decided which course it wants to take.

John Craver, a transportation engineer for the Fort Worth Police Department, said TCU would have to pay for the spotlight because the driveway is a private entrance.

"Nobody's ever asked for it, to my knowledge," Craver said. "They would need to request that a study be done on the area."

Garcia said, "A caution light wouldn't hurt because the way you come around that corner you have to really be paying attention."

McGee said putting up a barrier would reduce traffic accidents in the Worth Hills area, and would also increase the security of the area.

"Anytime you limit access, you increase security," McGee said.

"My first choice would be to put some sort of barrier there," McGee said. "Sometimes you have to trade convenience for security."

The current street layout allows anyone coming from off campus access to Worth Hills directly from West Berry, McGee said.

The city would also need to enforce a no-parking policy on Kent Street behind Worth Hills, because it would be the only exit from the Greek area, McGee said.

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the size of the cadet corps from under 50 to about 110. Costin said that he was surprised to learn he had been selected. "I knew I was being nominated, but I didn't know what they had written," he said. "I certainly did not expect to be chosen."

Porter, 26, said he was also shocked when he found out. One of his co-workers nominated him when she saw in the newspaper that the United Way was accepting recommendations.

Porter told her to submit his name, but not to get her hopes up.

He said he got the notification call from a United Way representative. "I knew what he wanted as soon as he called. I was at work, so I couldn't scream — but I wanted to."

Porter, a certified public accountant and Arlington resident, is involved with numerous community groups, such as the United Negro College Fund, Junior Achievement and the National Associ-

ation of Black Accountants.

While at TCU, Porter was the president of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and participated in Leadership Development, Black Student Caucus, Minority Mentors and Adopt-A-School programs.

Porter graduated with an accounting degree in 1992 and earned his MBA in 1994.

The torch will begin its 15,000-mile journey April 27 in Los Angeles and arrive in Fort Worth on May 19, when there will be a celebration ceremony. The next day the torch will be carried across the Metroplex, starting from the Fort Worth Stockyards and leaving through Dallas.

Each person will carry the torch no more than a kilometer, or .62 of a mile.

"There is a big joke, because everyone says I need to start training again now that I am going to carry the torch," Porter said. "I haven't run competitively since '92, so I guess I need to get my jogging shoes back out."

The torch will reach its final destination in Atlanta on July 19.

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