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Sixth-graders meet their pen pals, catch glimpse of TCU

BY ANDREW P. DESJARDINS
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Students from Fort Worth's Kirkpatrick and Morningside Middle Schools had the opportunity to meet their TCU pen pals yesterday and learn what it's like to be a Horned Frog for a day.

The middle-schoolers spent about three hours touring the campus and meeting their pen pals face-to-face.

Darron Turner, director of minor-

ity affairs, said the TCU pen pal program was established last year to help sixth-graders glimpse a small bit of college life.

"We want to help students think about college at an early age so that they can take the proper classes for the careers they would like to pursue when they graduate from college," Turner said.

Mikyha Martin, a senior social work major, helped coordinate this year's TCU pen pal program by sending sur-

veys to TCU students and middle school students from Fort Worth's Independent School District. Once the forms were completed and returned, the sixth-graders were matched with their TCU pen pal. Students were matched according to likes and dislikes, such as favorite television programs and favorite pet.

The students, in groups of four, toured the library, Moudy Building and Ed Landreth Hall. The students also attended lectures about drug awareness and the history of the university.

Traci Widler, a senior elementary education major, said she made sure to ask her pen pal what she wanted to visit on campus so she wouldn't be bored. Widler's pen pal said she would continue to write so the two can stay in touch.

After the tour and lectures, the potential Horned Frogs were given a pizza party on the patio of the Rickel. Pen pals were then given a chance to get to know each other and ask any last minute questions before heading back to school.

Stacion Sanchez, a sixth-grader at Kirkpatrick Middle School, said her favorite part of the day was visiting the library.

"It was so big and had a lot of resources," Sanchez said.

Adama Hudson, a sixth-grader at Morningside Middle School, said he liked the Taste of Asia event. Ernest Cary, also a student at Morningside, liked the martial arts demonstration in the Student Center lounge.

Clement Ouda, a junior business

major, said he was unable to attend this year's pen pal event, but was he participated last year.

"Last year when I got the chance to see my pen pals, one of them had no desire to go to college, but after seeing my room, eating in the Main and meeting some of the football players, he changed his mind completely," Ouda said.

Ouda said although he gets a new pen pal each year, he tries to keep in touch with the old ones as well.

Morales says headquarters 'a priority'

BY PEGGY FIRAC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Democratic Senate nominee Victor Morales says he can stand the political heat, but he can't wait to move his campaign out of his kitchen.

"I don't know how long it's going to take me to get a headquarters, but... that's a priority. I want that phone out of my house. I want the papers out of my house," Morales said Wednesday, a day after winning his party's nod to face Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm.

The Dallas-area high school government teacher, who took a leave of absence from his job to campaign, has already bested two Democratic congressmen in his shoestring effort.

U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman was eliminated in the primary. In the runoff, Morales beat U.S. Rep. John Bryant, despite Bryant's support from such Democratic heavyweights as former Gov. Ann Richards.

Morales has driven himself tens of thousands of miles around Texas in his pickup, with his wife serving as campaign treasurer and his kitchen as campaign central. He's got \$9,000 in the bank, compared with Gramm's \$3.5 million.

But that's about to change, as the Democratic leadership rallies behind Morales.

Despite his vow not to take political action committee money, Morales said he'll accept party money. Asked

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Members of the United Asian Community parade their costumes at the Asian Day Festival fashion show Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge.

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Chronicle: students don't take honors

BY JENNIFER LONGLEY
TCU DAILY SKIFF

There was a time when being selected for membership in academic honor societies such as Phi Beta Kappa was viewed as a tremendous accomplishment.

However, in recent years, college students across the country have adopted a more apathetic view of honor societies, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The March 22 issue of *The Chronicle* says that students selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa nationwide often decline

their invitations.

"There is a tendency, here at TCU as well as elsewhere, for students to turn down their invitations," said James W. Newcomer, vice chancellor emeritus.

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Children disperse M. J. Neeley estate

Descendants place businessman's collection with nearby furniture shop

BY JILL TAYLOR
TCU DAILY SKIFF

When M. J. Neeley died in January at age 97, he left behind a respected reputation as a keen businessman and generous benefactor, and a building on the TCU campus that bears his name.

And he left behind some more mundane things, as well.

Much of Neeley's estate was dispersed by his descendants following his death, and a considerable collection now decorates the shelves and walls of a nearby furniture and accessories shop.

James Owen, an associate with Choices on Park Hill, located at the intersection of University Drive and Park Hill, said the Neeley chil-

dren placed the collection with his store, which handles items on a consignment basis.

Nita Radominski, the store's owner, said that when someone brings an item in to sell, that person and store personnel set a mutually agreeable price. If the item sells, 60 percent of the profit goes to the consigner, while 40 percent belongs to the store, Radominski said.

Owen said the Neeley collection includes some pieces that might seem to hold sentimental value for family members, but, he said, "There's just no way they can hang onto everything."

Among the items he mentioned as sentimental was the grammar school diploma of Alice Snead Neeley, M. J. Neeley's wife, who died in 1986.

One of the first items visitors notice in the

Neeley collection is a large purple street sign that says "M. J. Neeley Drive." Did the esteemed businessman pull off a kleptomaniac college-kid stunt and steal the sign?

Definitely not, said Owen. The sign, along with a smaller green one, were only "commemorative" signs, not real ones.

Also eye-catching are three sculpted busts created by Alice Neeley in the 1960s or 70s, Owen said. The busts are each inscribed with a name: one says "Carl," another says "Joan" and the third reads simply "Alice Neeley."

Many of the items displayed are from the Neeley kitchen, such as the couple's wedding crystal and china sets.

Other decorative items include an anniversary

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Nathan Campbell, a sophomore history major, stands amid M.J. Neeley's treasures at Choices on Park Hill.

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News Digest

More kids get shots, study says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Immunization against childhood diseases has grown since 1992 from 55 percent to 75 percent of all children, the health and human services chief said Wednesday. HHS Secretary Donna Shalala said that's still not good enough.

"There are still over one million preschoolers in this country who don't have all their shots," Shalala told participants at the annual immunization conference of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "We cannot rest until they do."

Woman dies in gas well explosion

MARSHALL, Texas (AP) — A Beckville woman was killed in a natural gas well explosion as she and her husband were working on oil field equipment.

Zula Bess Jones, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene Tuesday night with extensive burns to her body, said members of the Harrison County Sheriff's Department.

Mrs. Jones' husband, Tommy L. Jones, was injured in the 7 p.m. blast at the well.

Jones, 52, who was also working on the well at the time of the explosion, burned his hands trying to pull his wife away from the fire.

Ham buyers get raw deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Swift-Eckrich is voluntarily recalling 15,000 pounds of canned hams that pose a health risk because some may have been undercooked, the Agriculture Department said Wednesday.

The 5-pound cans of ham bear the label "Swift Premium Fully Cooked Ham, Water Added" and are imprinted with the code "EST 543 6066" on the side of the can and "EST 543" inside the USDA inspection seal.

The department's Food Safety and Inspection Service says people should neither open the cans nor taste the product.

Chinese freezing in harsh winter

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese officials have distributed thousands of tons of flour and warm clothes and blankets to tens of thousands of Tibetan nomads threatened by their harshest winter in decades.

The freezing weather has killed thousands of yaks and sheep that provide the nomads with food and hides for tents.

Relief organizations said 80,000 Tibetans were in danger of starving and freezing to death. It said the extreme cold froze medicine, making it unusable, and nearly 30,000 people suffered from frostbite or snow blindness.

Foreign faith in Taiwan drops

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan may not have been daunted by China's war games, but U.S. and other foreign investors apparently were.

Foreign investment in Taiwan plunged 21 percent in the first three months of this year, the government said Wednesday. A 77-percent decline in U.S. investment accounted for much of the decline.

Tsai Lien-sheng of the government's Investment Commission attributed the drop to China's military maneuvers last month, the latest actions in a nine-month campaign.

CampusLines

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

HUMAN RESOURCES will host a brown bag seminar at noon Friday, during which Greg Stephens will cover tips for traveling in Mexico. Call 921-7790.

A **TCU BIOLOGY SEMINAR** will feature Peter Murphy of Michigan State University presenting "Tropical Forests as Resilient Ecosystems," at noon Friday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4. The public is invited.

PHI Upsilon Omicron's semester social is from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Don Carter's Southwest.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN meets at 5:30 p.m. at Luby's Cafeteria, 251 University Drive, on the third Wednesday of each month. On April 17, Attorney Art Bender will present a program on sexual harassment and discrimination laws.

THE FIRST ANNUAL TCU "SCHOOL IS COOL" JAM, a field day for 4th and 5th graders from Como and Dezavala Elementaries, will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 18 at the track field. Volunteers are needed to make this day memorable for these kids. Call Leticia Cavazos at 920-3591 or look for sign-up sheets with campus organizations.

AN ROTC REUNION will be held for all former members of TCU Army ROTC Horned Frog Battalion at 7 p.m. April 19 in Austin. Contact Nick Padilla at 512-418-9857 or Stephanie Anderson at 817-634-0540.

ALL STUDENTS PLANNING TO STUDY ABROAD during the sum-

mer and fall should stop by the Study Abroad office, Reed Hall 113, to obtain pre-departure information and academic approval forms.

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

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

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

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

CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL STUDENTS meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays for dinner, a program and an evening prayer.

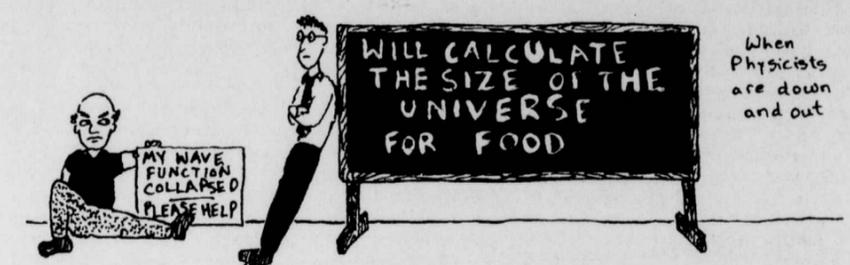
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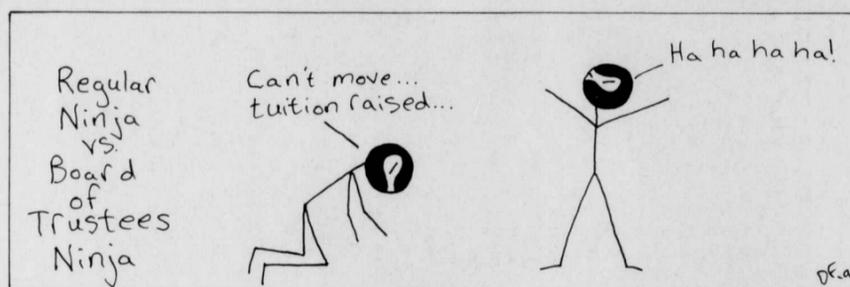
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Weather Watch

Today will be partly cloudy and windy with a high of 84 and a low of 61.

Friday will be partly cloudy with a high of 82 and a low of 62.

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PurplePoll

Did you vote in the Primary or Runoffs this year?

YES	NO
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Today's Purple Poll question was asked of 100 people in the Main Cafeteria last evening by a Skiff pollster.

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"This doesn't guarantee you a job, though," Ulrickson said. "It's plugging the students or alums into their (the volunteers') networks."

She said there have been success stories when the student found a job at the same company as the alum.

Ulrickson said when the Career Center created the database, it was a free-standing program and not connected to the Alumni Office.

In order to update the files, the Career Center was given a hard copy of all the updated alumni files. The staff at the Career Center had to sort through the files, looking for the names of the people on the ASK database whose information needed to be changed and then change it.

Ulrickson said the two computers were upgraded in January so they could handle the new information and also be connected to the Alumni Office computers.

"Now when their files are updated, we automatically have access to that information," she said.

Not all TCU alumni are in the ASK database.

Ulrickson said the database was piloted in the fall of 1993 in the Fort Worth-Dallas area when the Alumni Office asked for volunteers.

"We expected 150 to 200 volunteers," she said. "We had 800. Then we decided to go national."

Currently, the volunteer forms can be found in the fall issue of the TCU Magazine, but alums can join anytime throughout the year.

The Career Center, in collaboration with Alumni Relations, is also sending out letters to the 1993 and 1994 graduates asking them if they want to volunteer for the database.

As of Tuesday, the database listed 1,849 volunteers.

"It's frustrating that it's taken so long," Ulrickson said.

However, the updated computers are less tedious to use. Students can now search on more than one criterion at a time.

"It's one of the most valuable counseling tools we have," Ulrickson said. "Obviously we can't be experts on every subject and field so we refer the students to the volunteers."

Students who want to use the database need to talk to someone in the Career Center about it, because they need to follow some guidelines.

"We don't want it to be abused," she said. "We use it in our counseling."

Ulrickson said students are also given a handout about how to use the system and how to contact the volunteers. She said students can only take three names at one time and some alumni only want one referral a semester.

With the updated computers, she said the chosen alum will be sent a letter saying which student has been referred to them. They are asked to respond about whether or not the student contacted them.

Students may return to get additional names after they've contacted the volunteers.

"When we survey alumni about satisfaction, their big complaint is there are not enough students referred to them," Ulrickson said.

She said the National Alumni Board sees this as one of its top priorities.

Kristi Hoban, director of alumni relations, said she thinks it's a great program.

"We're behind it 100 percent," she said. "Now that they have the new equipment, we're working closely with them to expand it and keep in closer touch with the volunteers that are involved with it."

Neeley from page 1

sary clock, a hammered copper tea service, antique bottles, needlework and an old school notebook full of handwritten recipes, many of them attributed to Alice Neeley.

Also displayed are several books with a wide variety of titles and subjects — one is called "Sybil," and another is titled "All About African Violets." One book, called "A Year in My Garden Diary," was inscribed but never written in. Still another

volume was cryptically titled "The Love Machine."

Radominski said the items in the collection may be of particular interest to faculty and students of TCU's business school. She said the items were selling quickly, mentioning the recent sale of a dining room chair with an upholstered seat, several Victorian entry pieces, a rather large nude sculpture and pieces of needlework.

Owen said, "It would be really nice for graduates or faculty of the B-school to have a little piece of M. J. Neeley's history."

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■ Ryan J. Rusak

Registration process is a pain

Now that we've all invested hours upon hours preparing for the fall semester, it's time to highlight and repair two serious deficiencies in TCU's registration process.

Academic advising Let me preface my comments by saying I have had two advisers, and they have been absolutely wonderful. They were both helpful, available and prepared.

However, the advising process is a nightmare, for professors and students alike. Professors have to rearrange their schedules, put almost everything else on hold and deal with students who have little or no clue of what they're doing.

On the student side, I have only one thing to say: I can read! I am perfectly able to determine what my graduation requirements are and what classes will fulfill them. Furthermore, I usually end up going to my adviser with my classes and alternates chosen and having my choices rubber-stamped.

The solution is to make advising optional. Recommended advisers can be assigned, and students can make appointments during the two weeks before registration if they need help. The university should trust the rest of us (as 95 percent or more are legally adults) to be able to pick out what classes to take. It's not neurosurgery.

Class availability I used to think it

was only journalism that required specific classes and hardly ever offered them. But the debacle involving nursing students sleeping on the floor of Sadler Hall like they were waiting for Van Halen concert tickets is absolutely absurd.

Those students were in line almost 24 hours before they could register for a summer clinical class required for graduation. The class was the only section offered, and only 10 spots were available.

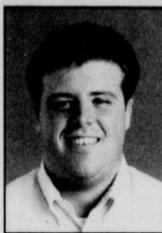
I fully appreciate the problem the university has paying staff and providing resources for these classes. But if those classes can't be offered enough to cover the needs of students, they shouldn't be graduation requirements.

Journalism is still a fine example of this problem. All majors are required to take Media Writing I and II before they can progress to any other classes. News-editorial majors can't take hardly any classes until they've taken the next in the sequence, Reporting.

This is perfectly logical from an education sense. Each class builds on its predecessor in a sensible manner. But Media Writing I is rarely offered more than once in a semester, and the department suggests freshmen take it in their spring semester.

The problem? If a student chooses his or her major in his or her sophomore

From the Hip

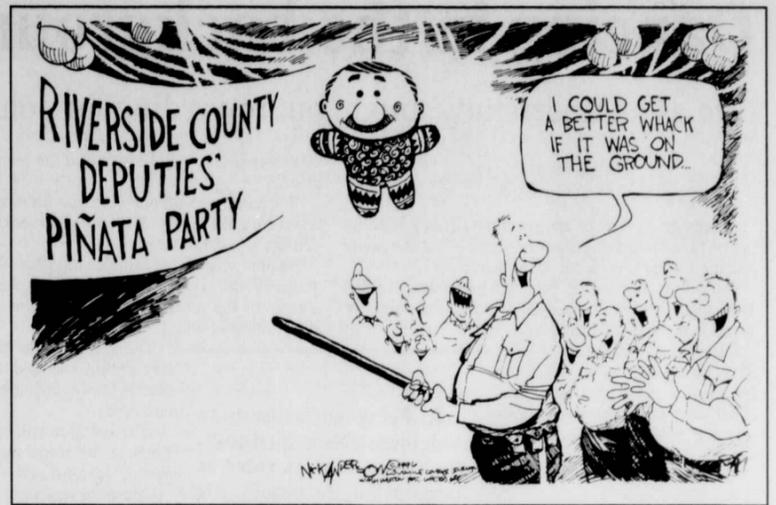


year, or an upperclassman pursuing a journalism minor decides to take the class, those freshmen are screwed! And the classes are offered so sparingly, if you don't get

into Media I early, you have little chance of graduating in four years.

Something's got to give. A TCU education simply costs too much money for unavailable classes to push students into a fifth year. If the classes are going to be required, they've got to be offered with flexibility. Increase the number of students allowed in each class, or hire adjunct faculty to teach more sections of the course, or don't require courses in a particular order. Either way, the university's got to quit playing God with the fates of its students.

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■ Matt Pearce

Lack of talent drags down current 'musical' scene

There just isn't much in the way of good music these days.

What you just read is a phrase I once dreaded I would ever say. It's an idea my parents have tried to teach me, but now I've learned it on my own. It really hit me Thursday night on the way back from the AC/DC concert in Dallas.

AC/DC, in case you've been in a coma for the last 20 years, is known for its simple yet strong guitar riffs, unpolished vocals and unbridled political incorrectness when it comes to lyrics and stage antics. They and perhaps Aerosmith are the last of the good late 1970s rock bands who are currently running at the full speed at which they began.

Over the last few years, only a handful of rockers have come along who can expect to have long careers. With scores of bands turning to the so-called "alternative" movement, the creation of good music appears to be dead.

The band responsible for the popularity of crappy music is Nirvana. Despite obvious lack of talent, Nirvana somehow managed to succeed.

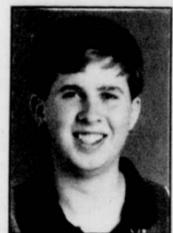
With all due respect to the loved ones he left behind, Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain had about as much musical talent as the cockroach I just stepped on. Every song he wrote was basically the same, and although his fans claim his lyrics came from the heart, they sounded more like they came out the opening further down the reverse end of his body. Since when do words such as, "Come as you are, as you were, as I want you to be," and "I wish I could eat your cancer when it turns black" bear any inner emotion?

I can't say I'm happy that Cobain took his life, but it's hard to dispute that Cobain's death was his best career move. Much like real musicians such as Jimi Hendrix, Cobain's record sales went through the roof after his death. If Cobain were still alive, his music career would likely have been burned out by now, and he would probably be scooping fries at Burger King now.

Nirvana's worst influence is currently being displayed by "musicians" who were closest to him. First there's Hole, the band fronted by his hideous widow Courtney Love. I don't think I need to comment on her. Then there's the Foo Fighters, led by former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl, who now thinks he can sing. Although Grohl's band is slightly more melodic than Nirvana was, it can't claim to be much more talented.

Half-cocked artists receiving way too much

Mass Conceptions



attention don't end there. The Stone Temple Pilots, for example, have gone pretty far by ripping off several Seattle bands. Let's not forget Bush, Britain's answer to the current wave of feeble alternative acts. After hearing a few tracks off their first (and hopefully last)

album, I began to realize that I'd rather wake up every morning to Sally Struthers' whining than ever hear Bush play another note.

The Dallas area is no stranger to talentless yet strangely successful bands. Tripping Daisy, for some unknown reason, has managed to make a career out of that I-feel-like-ripping-out-my-own-fingernails anthem, "I've Got a Girl." Then there's Deep Blue Something, a bunch of University of North Texas frat boys trying to sound cool.

When I saw Deep Blue Nothing at the Plaid Pig about a year ago, I gave them a life expectancy of two months. Since then, they've been plastered all over MTV and even scored an appearance on the "Tonight Show." This shows that talent is not prerequisite for fame.

Last, and definitely least, I need to bring up the Queen of Irritation: Alanis Morissette. I really don't care what inspired her to co-write that song "You Oughta Know." Her voice is often similar to out-of-tune bagpipes. When I recently saw her video for the song "Ironic," in which she pulls a cutesy school-girl appearance, I nearly coughed up a lung. My biggest wish in life is that the Mafia would kidnap the whiny Canadian and beat her until she can't sing anymore.

Until that happens, I guess I'll just have to remember and savor the days in which rock music was enjoyable and imagine how good life would be had Nirvana never existed.

Matt Pearce is a sophomore news-ed major from Wenham, Mass., and the author of "Will Someone Please Yank That Thing Out of Joan Osborne's Nose?" and "Alanis Morissette Must Die."

Victor Morales

Grassroots campaign is a breath of fresh air

In Tuesday's runoffs, a high school government teacher from Crandall, Texas, won the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

His name is Victor Morales, and some of you may have heard him speak at our campus just last Thursday. His trademark campaign tool is his pickup truck, which he has been driving all around the state in an effort to garner support and votes.

He is an average Texan who has been running a senatorial campaign from the kitchen of his own house. When he goes out to lunch with other politicians who could be potential benefactors, he goes to places even college students can afford: Bennigan's and Chili's.

This guy is a breath of fresh air in the political world. While not all of us on the editorial staff are

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prepared to endorse him in his run against incumbent and ex-presidential candidate Phil Gramm, we

appreciate Morales' grassroots efforts and sincerity.

Morales defeated Democrat John Bryant in the runoff, even though Bryant had the endorsements of former Governor Ann Richards and former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Jim Wright, both prominent Texas Democrats.

It seems Texas voters have given a nod to Morales' down-home style of campaigning. He's not making any grand sweeping promises that voters know he may be forced to break later. His pragmatic approach to politics is needed in a Congress that so often clashes.

Perhaps a Senate seat for Victor Morales is what Texans need after all.

Columnists too harsh

Imagine my surprise: I had just returned to TCU from an out-of-state conference and was catching up on the campus news by perusing the issues of the Skiff I had missed. Let's see here... Operating budget to increase by \$10 million next year, the largest increase in a decade... Ten new profs to be added, the largest one-year faculty expansion since World War II... 200 new student parking spaces...

Letters

... a tuition hike of only 4.67 percent, the smallest increase in a decade... two Skiff columnists call for the Chancellor's resignation... a new th-WHAT? For the Chancellor's resignation? For what? Why, for being "unresponsive" to student concerns, what else?

Excuse me, I know I've been out of town, but did I miss something here? I

mean, every news story leading up to these columns was about university activity in response to a clearly expressed consensus of student concern. Two columnists who display this insightful journalistic prowess and impeccable sense of timing were Kevin "Entropy in Eden" Arceneaux and Chris "Modern Angst" Smith (consecutive issues April 3 and 4).

Which suggests a warning to their

see Letter, page 8

■ Chris Smith

"We'll give you these shiny beads if we can decimate your culture."

Human rights abuse deserves recognition

Every year, millions look forward to the Oscars, Emmys, Tonys and the Golden Globe Awards. But all fall far short when faced with the first annual Geno Awards, or rather the Awards for Excellence in the Field of Human Rights Abuse, wherein history's most totalitarian regimes duke it out, insane dictators vie for the top of the heap and the most atrocious acts of humankind cut a swath in the minds of the world's citizens. Without further adieu... The Genos!

Best Social Movement. 1) Communist Russia. Add together a five year plan, the KGB and Stalin, and more than 40 million wind up dead. 2) Tsarist Russia. Purges to the left, Relocation to the right, minorities and peasants, Die, Die, Die! 3) Communist China. With 1.2 billion Chinese, probability is on their side. That still doesn't excuse over 100 million dead. 4) Nazi Germany. The sad thing is that the world waited around to get confirmation that this regime spelled g-e-n-o-c-i-d-e. 5) Revolutionary France. French nobility beware. And the Geno goes to...

Modern Angst

Communist China.

Best Institution. 1) The Catholic Church.

A few tons of indulgences couldn't buy these medieval hatemongers out of hell. 2) The British Empire. Two million Irish dead blamed on the potato and countless Africans and Pacific Islanders given the gift of British rule. 3) Roman Circuses. They almost killed off the entire regional lion population, so they started using people. 4) U.S. Government.

"We'll give you these shiny beads if we can decimate your culture." And the winner is... U.S. Government.



Best Special Effects (Creativity). 1) Inquisition. Torture devices that make the Marquis de Sade cringe. 2) Vlad the Impaler. Ten miles of a bunch of screaming guys impaled on pikes. Simple yet effective. 3) Menguista. Used Food Aid from the United States to lure hungry rebels into the open, then he had them blown away. And the Geno goes to... The Inquisition.

Best Leader (Female). 1) Bloody Mary. Persecuted many a Protestant in her short reign. 2) Elizabeth I. Persecuted many a Catholic in her enormously long reign. 3) Margaret Thatcher. Human Rights don't apply to Irish Nationalists. The best part is 99 percent of America thinks she is a saint. 4) Queen Victoria. Ruled for 63 years, so that's... 87 Irish dead a day. And the Geno goes to... Maggie Thatcher.

Best Musical Score. 1) Nazi Germany. People today still wince when they hear a tune by the "Goose-step Propagandas." 2) Communist Russia. Every song extolled the virtue of Stalin. Redundant but effective. 3)

Nero. Rome burned, he fiddled away. And the winner is... Nazi Germany.

Best Leader (Male). 1) Adolf Hitler. Kooky 'stache, pure evil. 2) Joseph Stalin. His five-year plan ensured everyone a bit of land... it's called a grave. 3) Mao Tse-tung. Chairman of the board when it comes to wiping out dissenters. 4) Chiang Kai-shek. His test for communism was to shoot first then ask. 5) Idi Amin. The guy ate his enemies. And the Geno goes to... Adolf Hitler.

Lifetime Achievement Award in the Field of Human Rights Abuse. This nation has had more revolutions than a wheel on a formula-1 race car. With an estimated 150 million dead due to purges and the like, this nation tops them all. But the clincher is that they still get to trade with great bastions of freedom like the United States. And the Geno goes to... China.

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Dancing in the background

Life as an understudy tough, but rewarding for Johnson

BY BETSY OLTMAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

On any given hour of any given day, Stacey Johnson can be found practicing dance routines — but she rarely gets the chance to perform any of them.

She spends, on average, 35 percent longer dancing than most other dancers, but she rarely gets the spotlight or attention that comes with being on stage.

Johnson, a freshman ballet major, is an understudy — a backup performer, so to speak. And while much of her work goes unnoticed, Johnson said she wouldn't trade it for the world.

"As a freshman, it is such an honor to be chosen as an understudy," she said. "It means that the director is honing you to be a lead in the future."

Understudies are cast for a part just in case the lead performer is unable to go on stage. They are used in most forms of live entertainment — including theater, musicals and dance concerts — and ensure that the show goes on, even when the main performers are unable to perform.

Johnson has spent her summers dancing in New York; Milwaukee; Aspen, Colo. and Columbus, Ohio. She was recently cast as the lead's understudy in a ballet performance in addition to being chosen for a solo.

Johnson says it can be frustrating to be an understudy because the instructors pay more attention to the primary performers.

Understudies must learn the same routine as the lead performers, but with much less instruction and direction, she said.

Often, an understudy must learn the pieces by observing, Johnson said. The director will instruct the principle dancers, and leave the understudies with the responsibility of adapting the instruction to their own talents and capabilities.

"It can be disheartening," Johnson said. "You work so hard and you feel like the directors don't notice — and sometimes they don't."

Understudies must be self-disciplined and have a natural desire to work hard, she said. Otherwise, they may

be unprepared if they have to take the primary dancer's place.

"It's hard to go all out when you know that everyone is watching the lead — it is easy to want to slack off, but you can't," Johnson said.

Despite what many audience members think, there is generally not a great difference between the performances of the primary dancer and those of the understudy, Johnson said.

The quality of the shows will be very similar, she said, but the audience is always much harder on the understudy.

"The audience will be looking for flaws in the understudy's performance," Johnson said.

This extra scrutiny places a great deal of stress on the understudy, especially because he or she has had less formal instruction than the principle dancer, she said.

Some dance companies do not use understudies. Instead, their performances are done with rotating casts. Dancers are divided into three categories: primary dancers, soloists and corps for each piece that is performed.

In this setup, primary dancers all learn the lead part. Soloists spend a little time in the spotlight, but less than the primary dancers, and corps members provide background or filler performances.

Dancers from each category are then chosen for each show. This system keeps the primary dancers from overworking themselves and eliminates the need for understudies.

"Being an understudy is an incredible responsibility," Johnson said. "You must work twice as hard for half the payoff."

Johnson said performing in front of an audience is not the most important thing about dancing, but it does help reaffirm her faith in her own abilities.

"Understudying is hard, but it's worth it," she said. "You have to keep telling yourself that all of the extra work is going to pay off sometime."

"You dance because you love it," Johnson said. "If the director isn't watching you, then you dance for yourself."

"Being an understudy is an incredible responsibility. You must work twice as hard for half the payoff...it's hard but it's worth it. You dance because you love it...you dance for yourself."

Stacey Johnson,
freshman ballet major

7-year-old pilot to cross continent

BY RICHARD COLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — A 7-year-old pilot dipped her wings in salute and banked toward the rising sun Wednesday on the first leg of her campaign to become the youngest person to fly across the continent.

"I'm not going to quit," 4-foot-2-inch Jessica Dubroff vowed before climbing up into the cockpit of her Cessna 177B four-seater with her father and flight instructor.

Wearing a cap reading "Women Fly" and a brown leather bomber jacket, Jessica spent an hour checking fuel, listening to weather reports, fielding media questions and going over her flight plan before taking off from Half Moon Bay Airport, 25 miles south of San Francisco.

She landed safely in Elko, Nev. about noon, and planned to fly on to Cheyenne, Wyo., where they will spend Wednesday night.

Her father, Lloyd Dubroff, is sitting in the back seat for the one-week circuit of the United States. Also flying is her instructor, Joe Reid, who won't touch the controls except in an emergency.

"If she can do this, she can do anything," her father said. "And it will expand her horizons. She's going to see the country slide by under her wing at 150 knots... and she's going to be able to say, 'I did that.'"

The little girl who needs aluminum extensions to reach the pedals was nonchalant about the flight.

"You've got to make sure you're not crashing or anything," Jessica said. "You have to concentrate on

the instruments, and you look out the window."

Jessica became interested in flying after going to an airport on her sixth birthday to watch the planes.

"I just like to fly," she said. "It's like floating."

"The Guinness Book of Records" has ceased recognizing the "youngest pilot" category for fear of encouraging unsafe flights. But if Jessica completes the journey, she'll likely be featured in the company's museum and exhibits, Guinness spokesman Paul Burns said.

Before Guinness stopped certifying the record, the youngest pilot listed after a transcontinental journey was 9-year-old Rachel Carter of Ramona, Calif., in 1994. Eight-year-old Killian Moss of Phoenix completed a similar journey last year.

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whether PACs could indirectly support him by giving to the Democratic effort, he said, "That's up to them to decide."

Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, chairman of the national Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, is spending three days in Texas on Morales' behalf. Among other events, Morales plans to attend a Democratic fund-raiser at Dallas' posh The Mansion.

And after being chronically late with his campaign finance reports, Morales said, "I have a lady now in charge of that. I'm so happy."

Although he left his pickup truck behind in his hometown of Crandall, Morales said he hasn't abandoned the campaign trademark.

"I will be driving the truck still. Not because it's my symbol — because I enjoy zipping in and out of

towns," he said. "I may not do it as much because hopefully, some money will be in our campaign chest where if I've got to fly, OK, we'll fly..."

Still, he's squeamish: "The thought of those small planes... It's quite scary."

Morales says despite hooking up with the Democratic establishment, "I'm going to remain the same person."

"If the big shots do want to take me to lunch, I said, well let's go to Benigan's or let's go to Chili's, because most people can afford that. We don't have to go to The Mansion," he said.

Morales says he also wants to resolve a flap over his wife's unpaid federal education loan. He has said federal officials wouldn't meet with the couple over their request for a hardship waiver on repayment.

"I do want to settle it. But it's not going to be to score political points," he said.

Looking toward November,

Morales calls Gramm vulnerable to the charge of hypocrisy.

"We're talking about a gentleman that's known to be a war hawk, and during the Vietnam war, he didn't go. We're talking about somebody that's always putting down government, but his whole life has been associated with government," he said.

Gramm spokesman Larry Neal, asked to respond, said, "This is Mr. Morales' day to bask in the warmth and glow of his election victory yesterday. We'll not intrude."

Morales also is looking at short-range personal plans. He's got his daughter's 11th birthday party to attend Saturday, he said, "Then Sunday, Monday, I may just sit there and stare at the walls."

He may contemplate the strain that comes along with campaign glory: He's used most of his family's savings, and with only his wife working, they've been on a tight budget. "We can't go to Red Lobster as often as we'd like."

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City council passes smoking ban in city parks

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BELLAIRE, Texas — Indoor smoking bans are not new. How about a smoking ban for the outdoors?

A ban on smoking in city parks was passed by the Bellaire City Council this month. The no-smoking ordinance has divided park visitors.

While some parents are happy for their children's sake, others who live in this 15,000-resident community surrounded on all sides by Houston disagree with it.

Rachel Wong, who brings her 2-year-old daughter to Evergreen Park believes it makes little sense for the government to regulate smoking outside.

"If you can't smoke outside, where can you smoke?" she asked. "It's not a deterrent."

The measure bans smoking or burning tobacco in city facilities and parks. A violation would be a misdemeanor that could carry a maximum fine of \$500.

Lisa Young often brings her young sons to some of Bellaire's nine parks. Sometimes when smokers are around, she says,

she has to leave, since the smoke bothers her contact lenses and a son has chronic allergies.

"Second-hand smoke, you don't have a choice about," Young said. "It's unfair to the children."

The ban came as a surprise to Christine Warren, who was in Evergreen Park Tuesday with her godson Colin and a pack of cigarettes.

"Gosh, no smoking in the park. That's funny," Warren. "I'll have to leave my cigarettes at home."

City Councilman Tom Phillips thinks the

new law makes little sense. He isn't convinced that smokers pose a health risk to other park visitors.

"It makes us look stupid," said Phillips, a former smoker. "It's ludicrous. It is a personal choice people can make. This is government going one step too far."

But four others on the seven-member council thought the ban would improve Bellaire's nine parks. Some mentioned complaints about cigarette smoke and the littering of butts in the parks.

They say Bellaire's parks are small and used frequently by children who shouldn't

be exposed to second-hand smoke.

City Manager Chris Brady said police officers won't be carting violators off to jail, but that the city will push for voluntary compliance of the new law through education.

"Smoking will not be allowed in the parks, just like alcohol is not allowed," Brady said. "The whole intent is to let others enjoy the parks without being exposed to second-hand smoke."

"People will find other opportunities to smoke. I don't think it will be a major issue."

Repeat offender assaults woman

Man gets life sentence for breaking paroles

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — A 31-year-old man has been sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting a woman at her home. The man had met the woman earlier in the day when he helped her wash her vehicle.

State District Judge Sid Harle sentenced Timothy Gomez Tuesday. Gomez pleaded guilty Monday to charges of burglary and sexual assault of a 34-year-old woman at her residence in northwest Bexar County.

Gomez must serve 30 years before he becomes eligible for parole.

Police said Gomez, a repeat sex offender, locked his three sons — ages 3, 4 and 6 — in his car trunk Sept. 10 while he went drinking, then left them to wait in the vehicle while he raped the woman.

Gomez had just finished parole for a 1984 conviction for sexual assault.

Court records show Gomez, who had been employed by a auto detailing

company that sent crews out to wash vehicles in clients' driveways, liked the appearance of one of his customers.

Gomez drove back to the home of the single mother of two and let himself in through an unlocked front door early the next morning.

The woman said that during the rape, the automatic outdoor sprinkler system went on, startling Gomez. She said she ran to a bathroom for a gun when he got up to investigate.

As they struggled, Gomez pushed the woman against a switch that turned on the lights, she said, and she got a good look at his face.

As he fled in his car with his sons, he struck a sign with the subdivision's name on it about a mile from the victim's house, police said.

Police said he abandoned the car, leaving the 4-year-old inside but taking the other boys with him.

Gomez became a suspect after sheriff's investigators came across his abandoned car with his son inside.

State justice's neutrality questioned in case

BY PEGGY FIKAC ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A week after the Texas Supreme Court heard arguments in a lawsuit against a pharmaceutical company, Justice James A. Baker's campaign mailed a fund-raising letter signed by a lawyer for the company, according to documents filed with the court.

The motion filed by parents suing Cincinnati-based Merrell Pharmaceuticals Inc. over their daughter's birth defect asks Baker to remove himself from deliberations in the case.

The lawsuit by Ernest and Marilyn Havner blames the anti-morning sickness drug Bendectin, produced by Merrell, for their daughter being born without fingers on her right hand. Havner took the drug while pregnant.

The Supreme Court hasn't yet ruled in the case.

Neither Baker nor lawyer John Hill Jr., a former Texas Supreme Court chief justice who argued Merrell's case and signed the letter, returned telephone calls

Wednesday from The Associated Press.

According to the motion filed with the court, Baker's campaign on March 26 mailed the letter soliciting political contributions from lawyers across the state. The Supreme Court had heard arguments in the case the previous week.

Baker, a Republican appointed by Gov. George W. Bush to fill a vacancy, faces Democrat Gene Kelly in the November general election.

"Justice Baker is clearly and widely thought to be the more qualified candidate by the legal community, but we need your help to ensure Gene Kelley's well-known name doesn't overcome Justice Baker's superior qualifications and abilities," says the letter signed by Hill and lawyer Tom Luce. A copy of the letter was attached to the Havners' motion.

"Will you please donate \$500 or \$250 to Justice James Baker's campaign today?" the letter asks.

The Havners' motion said, "John Hill's letter, mailed out on

Justice Baker's campaign stationery, causes Justice Baker's impartiality to be reasonably questioned in this proceeding.

"Justice Baker is currently considering a case that John Hill argued for Merrell, a case which will save Mr. Hill's clients millions of dollars should Justice Baker and a majority of this court follow Mr. Hill's direction," the motion said.

"There can be no serious debate that does not lead to the reasoned conclusion that Justice Baker must recuse himself from voting or participating any further in this matter," it said.

Merrell, formerly Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals Inc., has the trademark for Bendectin and was the sole manufacturer of the drug before halting production in 1983.

The company has maintained that the drug, first sold in 1956, doesn't cause defects. But it said its profits were outstripped by the cost of defending itself in birth-defects litigation.

A jury in 1991 awarded the Havners \$3.75 million in actual damages and \$30 million in punit-

ive damages. The punitive damage award — reduced to \$15 million because of a state cap — later was thrown out by the 13th Court of Appeals in Corpus Christi.

But the appellate court upheld the \$3.75 million award for actual damages, and Merrell appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.

A focus of the case is testimony given by an expert supporting the Havners' case, and whether it should have been allowed before the jury. Hill has argued that it didn't constitute reliable scientific evidence.

"Merrell Dow's position as presented by John Hill in this case is that a judge rather than a jury should decide the weight and credibility of expert testimony," said the Havners' motion.

"This court now has an example of the dangers created when elected officials, who have to depend on the financial kindness and political influence of the lawyers who appear in front of them, begin to weigh matters meant to be decided in the jury box," it said.

HL&P owes cities \$220M, CPA says

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Houston Lighting & Power Co. dodged \$220 million in franchise fee payments to three Texas cities over the past 21 years, a certified public accountant says.

The revelation came Tuesday during a pre-trial court hearing in Houston.

CPA John Barnidge testified for Wharton, Pasadena and Galveston, saying his review of records indicated HL&P improperly excluded some \$41 billion in revenues from being calculated in with municipal franchise fees.

Barnidge says the omission of those revenues translates into about \$220 million in fee payments still owed to the cities.

However, HL&P attorney Daryl Bristow attacked the methods and assumptions used by Barnidge in his findings. Bristow said the reported \$41 billion in revenue was

properly excluded according to terms of its contract with cities in its service system.

It was the first detailed evidence on the financial scope of a lawsuit filed by the city of Wharton against HL&P and two companion companies last year.

The hearing Tuesday centered on requests from both sides to have each other blocked from discussing the case with other cities that are potential class plaintiffs in the case.

HL&P contends that the plaintiffs are distorting the issues to attract clients. Attorneys for the cities say HL&P is misleading the other municipalities in an effort to keep them from joining the lawsuit.

Halbach ended the hearing by granting a temporary injunction that restricts comments in the case by the utility and the plaintiffs, while still giving HL&P the ability to communicate with the cities about its normal operations. No trial date has been set.

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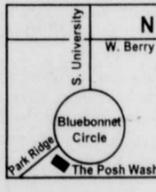
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GM strike leads to production decrease

BY JOHN D. McCLAIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The productivity of the American workplace posted its best showing in three years last year but was faltering as the year ended.

Many analysts believe productivity rebounded slightly in the quarter just ended, held back by winter weather and the effects of a strike at General Motors that rippled through related industries such as suppliers.

Robert G. Dederick, an economist consultant at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, said big employment gains in February and March combined with continued sluggish output to keep productivity from growing faster.

"Given the impact of the weather and the GM strike, there likely were some temporary problems... in the first quarter," he said.

Nonfarm productivity grew 1.1 percent during 1995, the largest gain since a 3.2 percent advance in 1992, the Labor Department said Wednesday.

While that was well above the previous two years, growth was less than half the annual increases in the 1950s and 1960s. Productivity increased just 0.2 percent in 1993 and 0.5 percent in 1994.

Productivity is considered a key element of Americans' standard of living, since increased efficiency means businesses can boost their workers' pay without having to mark up their prices.

A lack of productivity gains could lead to stagnant wages. Businesses would be reluctant to increase prices to pay for higher wages, fearing the added cost would price their products out of the market.

Economists argue over the cause of recent productivity gains. Some contend the improvement is the result of greater efficiency as businesses reduce and restructure their work forces and invest in high-tech equipment.

Others maintain that it merely is the result of the economic recovery and that as the business cycle matures and levels off, productivity gains will slow.

Output rose 2.7 percent in 1995 after jumping four percent a year earlier, while hours worked were up 1.6 percent following a 3.4 percent advance.

In the final three months of 1995, output dropped sharply to a 0.6 percent seasonally adjusted rate of growth from 4.7 percent in the July-September quarter.

Hours worked rose at an annualized rate of 1.6 percent, down from 2.9 percent in the third quarter.

Unit labor costs increased 2.5 percent, faster than the gains of 1.6 percent in 1994 and 2.1 percent in 1993. In the fourth quarter, they were accelerating at a 3.8 percent rate.

Hourly compensation rose 0.7 percent during the year, when adjusted for inflation, including a 0.4 percent rate from October through December.

He put his best foot forward in 'Pokey'

BY MITCHELL LANDSBERG
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Every schoolchild in America knows the Hokey Pokey. You put your right foot in, you put your right foot out, you put your right foot in... well, you know what it's all about.

What you might not know is who wrote the song. Larry LaPrise, aka The Hokey Pokey Man, died last week at age 83 in Boise, Idaho, after a career that brought him no fame, modest fortune, and a job with the Postal Service.

That's right. Someone actually wrote "The Hokey Pokey."

For many baby boomers and their children, the Hokey Pokey is simply part of the national legacy, right up there with Mother Goose and Twister.

"I just assumed it had been around forever," said a shocked Leyah Strauss of New York. Even before

LaPrise's death, Strauss, a jeweler, had been planning to stage a mass Hokey Pokey-in at some New York landmark like Grand Central station.

The Hokey Pokey, it turns out, isn't so old after all.

LaPrise, a Detroit native whose full name was Roland Lawrence LaPrise, concocted the song along with two fellow musicians in the late 1940s for the apres ski crowd at a nightclub in Sun Valley, Idaho. The group, the Ram Trio, recorded the song in 1949.

"The Hokey Pokey' is like a square dance, really," LaPrise said in 1992. "You turn around. You shake it all about. Everyone is in a circle, and it gets them all involved."

In 1953, bandleader Ray Anthony bought the rights and recorded "The Hokey Pokey" on the B-side of another novelty record, "The Bunny Hop."

"Everybody was doing the 'Bunny

Hop' before long, which meant that everybody was doing 'The Hokey Pokey,'" observed LaPrise's daughter, Linda Ruby.

There followed a steady succession of recordings: Jack Johnson and the Hickory Dickory Singers, Warren Covington with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Cliffie Stone, Jerry Marks, Chubby Checker, Annette Funicello, the Champs. ... In no time, the Hokey Pokey was everywhere.

Schoolyards. Brownie troop meetings. Bar mitzvahs. Weddings.

By the early 1990s, it had even turned up on a heavy metal album by the band Haunted Garage, alongside such classics as "Party in the Graveyard" and "Torture Dungeon."

Alas, the Hokey Pokey turned out to be the high water mark of LaPrise's musical career — in fact, maybe the only water mark.

"He wrote several other songs,

probably none of which you've ever heard," his daughter said. They included "Sitz Mark Samba" — "You know, the sitz mark is the hole left in the snow after you've gotten up from falling down skiing."

Ruby said she wasn't positive how much Ray Anthony paid for the song in 1953, "but I know my father always said they cut a fat hog, \$500."

After the Ram Trio disbanded in the 1960s, LaPrise, by then a father of six, went to work for the post office in Ketchum. About the same time, country star Roy Acuff's publishing company bought the rights to the Hokey Pokey.

"Roy Acuff had seen a lot of his material copied, so he was very conscious about songwriters getting the credit," Ruby said. "It wasn't until after dad had his family raised that he started getting royalty checks, which was a nice bonus for him."

LaPrise later retired with his wife,

Donna, to Wendell, where their daughter is a schoolteacher. He died last Thursday after a long illness.

Everybody has their own explanation for the Hokey Pokey's infectious popularity.

"The beauty of this one is there is no age barrier," said Steve Geyer, a DJ at parties in the Boston area. "You get them from three years to 93 years. Everybody gets involved with this one."

Jane Shattuc, a professor of mass communication at Emerson College, put it this way: "There are two ways to understand the Hokey Pokey. You can see it as a childish game, typical of Americans' fascination with being inane, or kind of a refusal of adulthood."

"But you can also see it as a celebration of taking pleasure in childhood irreverence. To paraphrase the song, I think that's what it's all about."

Women doctors earn less money

Lower income due to fewer hours, choice of specialty, study shows

BY DANIEL Q. HANEY
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BOSTON — Young women doctors make just as much as men — if they work as many hours.

A new study of physicians under age 45 finds that women average \$110,000 a year. This is \$45,000 less than men the same age make. But the difference can be explained entirely by women's shorter hours as well as their choice of less lucrative specialties and practice arrangements.

In other words, if women doctors pick the same specialties, work in the same practice settings and put in the same hours as male physicians do, they are likely to make just as much money.

"It's guardedly good news," said Lawrence C. Baker, an economist at Stanford University.

It's also a change from the early 1980s, when men doctors earned 13 percent more per hour than their female colleagues, even when everything else was the same.

The biggest factor in men's fatter paychecks is the number of hours they work. Men doctors average 62 hours a week, and they work 47 weeks a year; women put in 51 hours for 46 weeks.

Men doctors are also more likely than women to opt for such high-paying specialties as cardiology and surgery, while women more often go into family medicine, which is traditionally near the bottom of the physician pay scale.

Male doctors also are more apt to be self-employed, either in solo or group practices. These arrangements pay better than staff positions in hospitals or health maintenance organizations, which are more likely to attract women doctors.

"It's hard to know why men and women choose different practice settings and specialties, but that seems to play a big role in the earnings differences," Baker said.

His findings were based on a 1991 survey of 6,053 doctors sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. It was published in Thursday's issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Baker found some exceptions to the pay equality. For instance, in family practice, female doctors make 13 percent more an hour than their male colleagues, even when such factors as experience, malpractice claims and practice setting are taken into account. On the other hand, in internal medicine subspecialties, women doctors make 26 percent less per hour.

In other areas, such as surgery, radiology and obstetrics, men and women

make about the same.

"This is a trend I would have expected. Groups are willing to pay equally for men and women to practice," said Dr. Bonnie Tesch of the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The number of women physicians in the United States has more than quadrupled over the past two decades, and more than 40 percent of medical students are now female.

In an editorial, Dr. Ruth L. Kirschstein of the National Institutes of Health noted that women doctors still trail men in winning top positions in medical schools and professional groups, although this is changing.

Grand jury clears Va. Tech players

BY DAVID REED
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BLACKSBURG, Va. — A grand jury found Wednesday that there was insufficient evidence to indict two Virginia Tech football players accused of raping a woman in their dormitory room.

However, Antonio Morrison and James Crawford remain defendants in a lawsuit filed by Christy Brzonkala, who asked that her name be used in news stories.

Brzonkala claims Morrison and Crawford raped her in September

1994 while another player watched. She reported the alleged rape to campus authorities the next semester.

She claims Virginia Tech discriminated against her by favoring Morrison because he was a player.

A school panel found Morrison guilty of sexual assault. The charge was later reduced, and a two-semester suspension was vacated. Crawford was cleared of all school charges. The other player was never charged.

The lawsuit seeks \$10 million from Morrison and unspecified damages from the other two players and the university.

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TCU junior kicking like he means it

BY MATT PEARCE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

Joe Mannion, a junior psychology major from St. Louis, finished third in last year's tae kwon do Missouri state championships, which qualified him for a national tournament in May in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mannion said he was disappointed that he didn't win because he felt he should have.

"I wasn't thinking enough about what I was doing," he said. "I wasn't kicking like I meant it."

Mannion said he was also disappointed with the way the tournament was run.

"It was poorly organized," Mannion said. "They shortened the matches just so they could end the tournament earlier."

The air conditioning in the gym where the tournament was held did not work and the heat aggravated his asthma. Despite these misfortunes, Mannion said he still should have pulled off a victory.

Mannion said he was thankful to God to even have the chance to compete, because most people don't have that opportunity.

On April 9, Mannion was asked by Lee's Tae Kwon Do in Arlington to be on its elite team.

Mannion, a welterweight (156 to 167 pounds), won last year's Missouri state tournament, even though several people, including his trainer, advised him not to enter. In

July, he received his black belt. "I surprised everybody when I won," Mannion said.

Mannion said he hopes to be able to participate in the Olympics in the year 2000 or possibly 2004.

"I wouldn't say it's my goal if I didn't think it was possible," he said.

Mannion spends between 15 and 20 hours each week training and conditioning. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, he normally practices tae kwon do for three hours. On

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those days, he also runs about three miles and sometimes swims.

Such training can put a burden on social life and studying. Mannion considers fitting in time for other activities to be a challenge.

"It can stress you out," he said. "I just take it day to day. My friends are my strength."

But he still finds time to spare, and he spends it helping out with women's self-defense classes, which he said gives him gratification. He is also a member of Broth-

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Mannion said the most significant point in his comeback was in November 1994 when he went on a retreat with University Ministries. During the retreat, those present were told to grab a rock, use it to symbolize their fears and throw it.

Rather than casting his rock, Mannion decided to keep his. One week before last year's state championships, he placed it on the alter in Robert Carr Chapel to put it in "God's hands."

In addition to God and his friends, Mannion gives credit to one of his trainers, Javier Sanchez, a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team. Mannion said Sanchez, the national middle weight champion in tae kwon do, gives him plenty of motivation.

"He always pushes me," Mannion said. "I need someone to get in my face."

As much as he'd like to succeed further in tae kwon do, Mannion said he would like to be a hero for kids.

"Since the '50s, we haven't had athletic heroes who provide a good image," Mannion said.

He said in order to succeed, it is important to set goals and, more importantly, always dream. He cited the late North Carolina State basketball coach Jim Valvano, who said, "Be a dreamer. If you don't know how to dream, you're dead."

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Lady Frogs take second in tourney

Freshman drops from 1st to 4th place

BY TASHA ZEMKE
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The Lady Frog golf team is "glowing with confidence" after placing second out of 12 teams in the Susie Maxwell Bering Classic in Norman, Okla.

TCU finished with 945 strokes, only three strokes under the winner, No. 25-ranked Texas Tech.

"We did great," head coach Angie Ravaoli-Larkin said. "We shot 304 our last round, and that's the best tournament round (the team) has ever done. It's the first time we've broken 310, and we did it under pressure."

Freshman Susan Horton, who was in a five-way tie for first place after two rounds, finished fourth in the tournament with a total of 233 strokes.

Horton shot 77 during her third round on the par-72 course. Two women from Texas Tech shot a 72, and a woman from Tulane shot a 76, splitting up the tie.

But Larkin said she thought Horton performed well considering she had never been in that position before. It's nothing that time and practice won't remedy, she said.

"She played her game and was

a little nervous, but she brought it around and helped the team," Larkin said.

Three other Lady Frogs finished among the Top 25 at the tournament. Freshman Shannon Fisher took home fifth place with 234 strokes (she shot 80, 78, 76); freshman Amanda Workman tied for 10th place with 238 strokes (82, 82, 74); and junior Dana Schmid tied for 16th with 240 strokes (81, 82, 77). All women shot their best round last.

The team leaves Thursday morning for the Stanford Intercollegiate Tournament in Palo Alto, Calif. TCU, ranked No. 40 in the nation, will compete against 15 other teams, including the No. 2-ranked San Jose State, No. 3-ranked Arizona State and No. 7-ranked Stanford University.

Larkin said she thinks it will help the team to go straight into another tournament, especially with its heightened confidence.

"We've arrived at a good time," she said. "The women have confidence coming off of their best round and this tournament (the Maxwell Classic) proves it."

Top 10 Women's Golf Teams

1. UCLA
2. San Jose State
3. Arizona State
4. Duke
5. Arizona
6. Wake Forest
7. Texas
8. Tulsa
9. Stanford
10. North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Source: College Golf Foundation

The golfer that nobody knows

BY DENNE FREEMAN
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AUGUSTA, Ga. — Quick now, name the winner of the last major championship.

Clue: He's an Australian living in Texas who recently had his clubs stolen.

Not enough? He shot 64 in the final round at Riviera in August and had to win in a playoff over Colin Montgomerie. He's allergic to grass, plays at the prestigious Champions Golf Club in Houston, and has former Masters winner Jackie Burke as his guru.

Meet Steve Elkington, one of the best golfers in the world that nobody knows.

Not only did he win the PGA Championship last August but he's almost won the Masters — twice.

He was fifth last year and third in 1993 at Augusta National, which suits his game of long driving, solid irons, and good putting.

Last year he was also sixth in the British Open and 36th in the U.S. Open. Majors bring out his best golf.

Elkington, who also won the 1991 Players Championship, shrugs off his relative anonymity.

"I'm used to it by now," Elkington said. "I came from seven shots behind to win the PGA Championship last year, and two golf magazines didn't even rank it as one of the Top 10 rounds of the year. If Jack Nicklaus had done it, they probably would be building a monument right now at Riviera."

The unassuming Elkington, who spends his off-days working in his flower garden, is just happy his game has reached the stature where he is a threat to win each time he tees it up in a major.

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Frogs beat Mustangs, improve to 5-0 in SWC

BY ERNESTO MORAN
TCU DAILY SKIFF

The No. 5-ranked TCU men's tennis team is winding down a remarkable season by blowing through Southwest Conference opponents.

The Frogs blasted Southern Methodist, 6-1, on Wednesday at Dallas. TCU improved to 18-2 overall, 5-0 in the SWC.

TCU head coach Tut Bartzan said he couldn't have asked for more from his team.

"We're finishing pretty much a perfect season," Bartzan said. TCU's two losses this year were at a neutral-site match against No. 2 Stanford and at No. 10 Pepperdine.

With one regular-season match left to play, the Frogs are on the verge of finishing with the best record and highest ranking of any TCU team in Bartzan's 22 years. The 1992 team went 20-4, and the 1989 squad ended up with a No. 4 ranking.

Against the Mustangs, TCU got off to a fast start by sweeping the doubles to take a 1-0 lead. Seniors Paul Robinson and David Roditi, the nation's No. 4-ranked doubles pair, beat Christian Danzell and Tim Radogna, 8-5, at the No. 1 doubles position.

"We felt real good about it because we knew they're a better team than last year," Bartzan said.

TCU won the other doubles matches by scores of 8-4 and 8-6. But as the singles play started, it seemed the Frogs were in for a fight. Only junior Jason Weir-Smith had an easy first set, as he

went on to dispose of Radogna, 6-2, 6-1, at the No. 5 singles spot.

Roditi said each player was aware that the others were battling.

"There were a lot of close first sets," said Roditi, who won at No. 2 singles by the scores of 6-4, 6-4. "It looked pretty close in the beginning. Then we won the big points and the big games."

The Frogs won five of six straight sets.

Bartzan said that while his lineup has produced from top to bottom the last few matches, the men will not take anything for granted when they visit Texas A&M at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

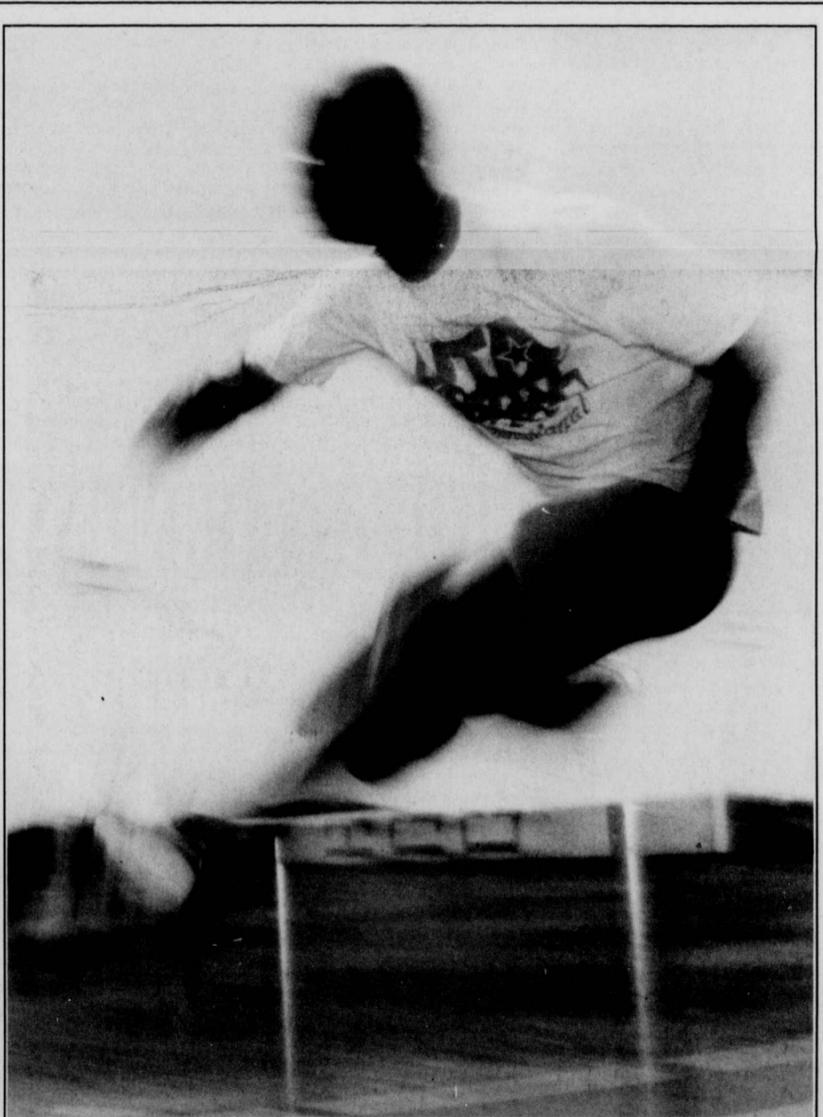
"I think we're playing well," Bartzan said. "We know it's going to be very tough down there."

Roditi said that for the upperclassmen, revenge will be a factor. Two years ago, the Frogs beat Texas late in the season and were in a position to win the SWC regular-season title outright, then went down to College Station and were upset by the Aggies in the regular-season finale to fall into a tie for first place.

The Frogs beat Texas, 6-1, on Saturday.

"A lot of us remember how we beat Texas and then blew it against A&M," said Roditi, who added that the post-game celebration — which included playing Queen's "We Are the Champions" over the PA system — has not been forgotten. "I've never felt (worse) in my years at TCU."

"We're going down there to kick their butt," Roditi said. "We're going to be pumped."



TCU Daily Skiff/Blake Sims

Clayton Brookins, a sophomore education major, jumps a hurdle at track practice Wednesday. Brookins runs the 400-meter hurdles and said he needs to cut only two seconds off his tie to qualify for the U.S. Olympic trials in June.

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Baseball revenues drop

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball owners lost more than \$700 million during the 1994 and 1995 seasons, according to financial data obtained by The Associated Press.

The 28 teams had an operating loss of \$376 million in 1994, when the players' strike wiped out the final 52 days of the regular season, the playoffs and the World Series. The teams lost \$326 million last year according to preliminary estimates compiled by the commissioner's office.

Baseball's 232-day strike appears to have cost owners more than \$900 million in revenue and cost players about \$350 million in pay.

Holmes to retire after fights

NEW YORK (AP) — Former world heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, unable to get his dream bout with another former champ, George Foreman, will fight twice more and retire, he said Wednesday.

The 46-year-old Holmes has a fight against Quin Navarre April 16 at Bay St. Louis, Miss., on USA Network. He said he would fight once after that and quit after fighting 70 times in his career.

"One historic fight, two guys of the ages, the geezers of Caesars, or whatever you want to call it," Holmes said on a conference call.

Walsh to QB for Rams

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Steve Walsh, who didn't throw a pass for the Chicago Bears last year after carrying them to the playoffs in 1994, will get a chance to become a starter once again — for the St. Louis Rams.

After looking at such free agents as Steve Beuerlein, Randall Cunningham and David Klingler, the Rams signed Walsh on Wednesday, ending the search for a replacement for Chris Miller, who cut short his career after a series of concussions.

Rams head coach Rick Brooks said, "When given the opportunity, he (Walsh) wins football games."

Runners tracked on Web

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — In this year's 100th Boston Marathon, each of the expected 37,500 entrants will be tied to the Internet by their shoelaces. Tiny black or yellow computer chips on their shoes will track their time from start to finish, activated when they cross a sensor in the road, and the results will be immediately posted on the World Wide Web.

The timing chips, which were introduced at the 1994 Berlin Marathon, can handle up to 1,000 finishers per second, according to their Dutch manufacturers. They were tested successfully last year in Boston's wheelchair division.

Van Exel fined \$25,000

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Nick Van Exel of the Los Angeles Lakers was suspended for the final seven regular-season games and fined an NBA-record \$25,000 Wednesday for shoving a referee, a message to the rest of the league to leave officials alone.

"I think everybody understands that if this happens again the penalty will be even more severe," said Rod Thorn, the NBA's director of league operations.

The L.A. point guard's suspension came less than a month after Chicago Bulls forward Dennis Rodman was suspended six games and fined \$20,000 for head-butting a referee.

